

June Newsletter 2026



**Church
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Custodian	Denise Topp
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BCA Principal	David Topp

Pastor's Perspective

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

“No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.””

(John 3:13-17)

As we move into the Trinity Season after Trinity Sunday (May 31st), we see how the life of the church is to function and how she will express the mission of the Gospel here on earth.

Christ has ascended into Heaven and is restored in majesty. Now the Holy Spirit descends upon the Apostles at Pentecost and the church is established. We pray that she continues to be built up to the ends of the earth until Christ's return. On Trinity Sunday, we see the fullness of the Triune God and confess our faith in the words of the Athanasian Creed.

Christ has explained why he came and has actively fulfilled everything that the Old Testament prophecied. Eternal life cannot be found outside of him. The Father has revealed himself through his Son, and the Holy Spirit brings to light all things that are necessary for salvation.

John 3:16-17 expounds the fullness of the Godhead. The Father loves us, he sent his Son to die for us, and the Holy Spirit works faith in us to cling to Christ. Each person of the Trinity is co-equal and co-majestic. Yet, each person of the Godhead is distinct in his personhood.

As we approach Trinity Sunday, we begin our march as Christians into the Trinity season understanding each Sunday how God plays out his mission in the life of the Church.

Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Welmer

June Birthdays

Trey Selcer	6/1	Gabbi Beck	6/19
Diane Avriett	6/2	Becky Emmer	6/19
Scott Bumgarder	6/4	Elora Powers	6/20
Jackson Barber	6/5	John-luc Alonzo	6/20
Ted Engel	6/5	Jasley Montgomery	6/22
Lisa Freer	6/6	Elizabeth Medeiros	6/23
Chuck Fretwell	6/7	John Moselage	6/23
John Savor	6/7	Myla Gray	6/23
Randi Streufert	6/9	Ted Ryan	6/24
Linda Pingel	6/13	Noah Alonzo	6/26
Charlie Shamblin	6/13	Clara Hipp	6/28
Alice Turner	6/15	Teresa Seiberlich	6/30

June Anniversaries

	Yrs	
John Aaron & Zoe Jovaag	7	6/1
John & Peggy Moselage	62	6/6
David & Denise Topp	41	6/8
Michael & Jessica Powers	20	6/10
Cynthia & Ray Gill	10	6/10
Garet & Page Baker	4	6/18
Karl & Kathleen Dolloff	32	6/25
Jeff & Kathy Fisher	49	6/25
Tom & Vera Yarman	44	6/26
Daniel & Sarah Barber	16	6/26
Ed & Bonnie Vinson	13	6/29

Prayer Requests

Members

Family of Members

Sherry Emmer (*Emmer*)

Lynn Erke (*Randall*)

Friends of Members

Cari Chittick (*Morkert*)

Gene & Faye Edwards (*Tyson*)

Ava England (*Anderson*)

Charmaine Goines (*Petty*)

Stella Kuhn (*McMullen*)

Jollie Reeves (*Simmons*)

Jennifer Smith (*Hunicut*)

Rick Williams (*Williams*)

LONG-TERM

Members: Joan Ashton, Mariann Fretwell, Rose Grob, Ingrid Hall, Carolyn Kempson, Robert & Gwen Meyer, Walter Meyer, Peggy Moselage, Judy Nance, Paul Parker, Pastor Pingel, Stan Puterbaugh, David Ratchford

Non-Members: Robbie & Sue Barnes (*Hyde*), Bonnie Blair (*Nance*), Thomas Caines (*Lowe*), Bethany Dillard (*Johnson*), Marty Gray (*Gray*), Jeff & Michelle Hale (*Bumgardner*), Kris Hall (*Hall*), Ashley & Jim Koss (*Schlie*), Bern Langley (*Bumgardner*), Mia Marine (*Cox*), Lloyd Miller (*Uffalussy*), Avery Morkert (*Morkert*), John Rhoads (*Galik*),



Rev. Adam Lehman and his family (above) serve the Lord through the LCMS as missionaries in Puerto Rico, based in Bayamon. He will be the preacher at both services on June 7th and will update us on the ministries in Puerto Rico at 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall. There will be no Sunday school that day.

COMMUNITY Baby Shower

SUPPORTING FAMILIES
THROUGH CHOICES CHATTANOOGA

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CHATTANOOGA
PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

When parents walk in
and see shelves stocked
with love, they begin
to believe:

"I can do this."

Join us in supporting
moms, dads, and babies
in our community by
donating much-needed
baby essentials.



**THURSDAY,
JUNE 11, 2026**



CHOICES CHATTANOOGA
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Chattanooga, TN 37411



**DROP OFF DONATIONS AT
FIRST LUTHERAN IN THE NARTHEX
NO LATER THAN **JUNE 7.****

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- Wipes
- Diapers (Sizes 3-7 & Pull-Ups)
- Baby Clothes (up to 3T)
- Detergent
- Car Seats
- Strollers
- High Chairs
- Cribs & Mattresses
- Baby Hygiene Products
- Swings & Bouncers



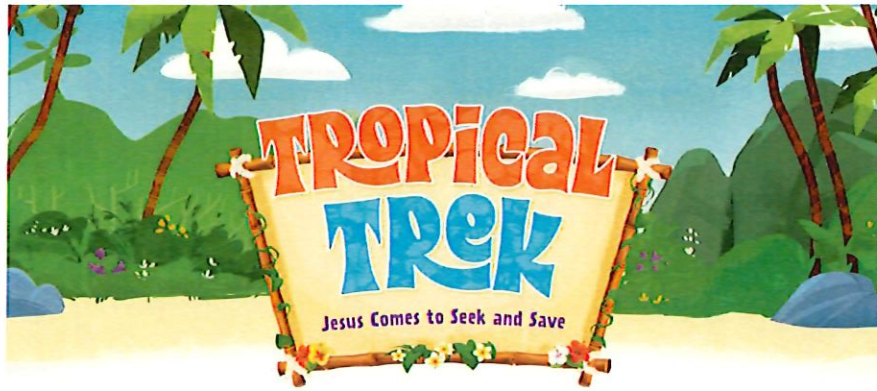
EVERY DONATION HELPS A LOCAL FAMILY START STRONG.



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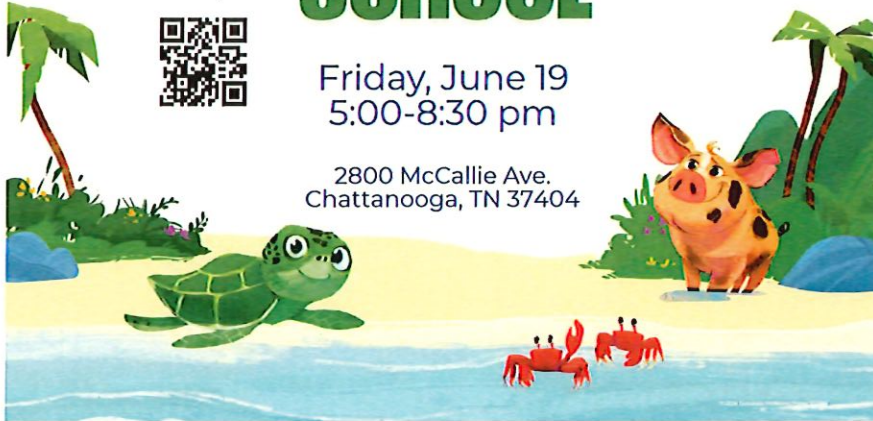
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Register here!



Friday, June 19
5:00-8:30 pm

2800 McCallie Ave.
Chattanooga, TN 37404





NOW HIRING:

Church Camp Caretaker



Our church camp is seeking a reliable and dedicated Caretaker to help maintain and oversee our beautiful camp property. This individual will play an important role in ensuring the grounds and facilities are safe, clean, and welcoming for our members, guests and groups throughout the year.



RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- General maintenance of camp buildings and grounds
- Light repairs and upkeep of facilities
- Lawn care, landscaping, and basic property management
- Monitoring the property and assisting with group arrivals and departures
- Ensuring a safe, clean, and well-maintained environment



QUALIFICATIONS:

- Dependable, trustworthy, and self-motivated
- Basic maintenance and handyman skills preferred
- Ability to work independently
- Comfortable working outdoors in various weather conditions



POSITION DETAILS:

- Housing available on camp property



If you or someone you know is interested in serving in this important role, please contact:



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*Serve God.
Serve Others.
Make a Difference.*



*Ladies' Fellowship
meets at 6:00 on
Thursday, June 18,
at Portofino's on
Ringgold Road.*



Men's Fellowship
meets at 6:30 on
Thursday, June 18
at Rib & Loin
on Brainerd Road.



JOIN THE A/V TEAM!

**Help needed in the
sound booth to run the
A/V on Sunday mornings!
Let Adam Weidman know
if you are interested.**

BCA



BCA 8th Grade Graduation

Congratulations to our 8th grade graduates. BCA welcomes them into the BCA Alumni family and wish them the very best as they begin high school this August! We are so proud of our graduates!

L to R: Ian Randall, Ashton Guthrie, Harmony Tyler, Brooklyn Harold, Fredrick Benton



Congratulations to the Senior Class of 2026!

Congratulations to the Senior Class of 2026! BCA recently held its third annual “Senior Walk” toward the end of the school year to allow the high school seniors who attended BCA for pre-school, elementary or middle school to visit former classrooms and teachers! The current students gave them a roaring welcome and congratulations as they went down memory lane! We’re so proud of the amazing and talented young men and women they have become! Along with their families and church support, BCA contributed to their academic success as well!

Students pictured in front row, l. to r.: J.A. Heard (home-schooled/Morehouse College); *Joseph McGee, McCallie/Mercer University; *Cruz Newton-Jackson (STEM East Hamilton/Chattanooga State); *Desmond Steinkirschner (Notre Dame/UTC); *Lexi Freeman (STEM East Hamilton/TETR Business College); Paige Sandlin (LFO/University of Alabama); *Edith McCall (Boyd-Buchanan/Concordia University, Irvine); Grace Tew (Silverdale/A

We appreciated the retired teachers and Pastor Sheets, retired from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, who also attended to celebrate with their former students!
Back row: Principal David W. Topp; Frank Streufert, retired principal/teacher; Randi Streufert, retired teacher; Becky Mietzner, retired teacher; Brittany Webb, current 2nd grade teacher and alumnus; Christopher Sheets, retired pastor from Good Shepherd

Lutheran Church; Erin McCall, current middle school teacher and Dr. Sarah Harr, music and technology teacher.



June Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 9-2 Food Pantry 1:30 Bible Class 6:30 Christian Ed Meeting	3 5:30 Children's Confirmation Class	4	5	6 10:00 Adult Catechesis
<i>7 1st Sunday after Trinity</i> Deadline for Choices Baby Shower Donations 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Presentation by Pastor Lehman 11:00 Divine Service	8 6:00 BCA Board	9 9-2 Food Pantry 1:30 Bible Class <i>Meetings:</i> 12:00 Evangelism	10 5:30 Children's Confirmation Class	11 10:00 LWML	12 6:00 Lookouts Game	13 10:00 Adult Catechesis
14 <i>2nd Sunday after Trinity</i> 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service Voters Meeting	15 <i>Deadline for June Calendar & Newsletter</i>	16 9-2 Food Pantry 1:30 Bible Class	17 5:30 Children's Confirmation Class	18 6:00 Ladies' Fellowship at Portofino's on Ringgold Rd. 6:30 Men's Fellowship at Rib & Loin in Brainerd	19 5-8:30 VBS	20 10:00 Adult Catechesis
21 <i>3rd Sunday after Trinity</i> Happy Father's Day! Choices Baby Bottle Boomerang Return 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service	22-26 Pastor on vacation				27 9-3 Camp Workday 10:00 Adult Catechesis	
28 <i>4th Sunday after Trinity</i> 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service	29	30		JUNE 2026		

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