

Covenant *Tidings*

COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH | JULY 2025 – VOLUME 61

As we celebrate Independence Day this month, the Fourth of July, we celebrate freedom. The original 13 colonies, back in 1776, desired freedom from British rule. The United States of America was established with certain rights and freedoms like freedom of speech, the right to bear arms, and freedom of religion. We should never take those freedoms for granted. Those freedoms came at great cost and they are precious to us.

Many of you are no doubt familiar with the story of Harriet Tubman. She truly understood how precious freedom is. Harriet's grandparents were members of the Ashanti people of Ghana. They were kidnapped from their land in 1725 and sold into slavery. Harriet was the third generation in her family to live as slaves. But Harriet Tubman became a link to freedom, not just for her family, but for hundreds of other slave families as well. She became the most famous conductor on what has come to be called the "Underground Railroad."

Harriet's flight from slavery was sparked by rumors that there were plans to sell her and two of her brothers to a chain gang. So she decided to escape. She traveled mostly by night and hid in fields and barns during the day. There were designated stops along the way at the homes of those sympathetic to the cause of freedom. Her destination was the Northern states, or even Canada, where many escaped slaves made their homes. The fact that this lone woman successfully traveled to freedom is remarkable enough in itself. The fact that she chose to return to slave country hundreds of times to lead others on the Underground Railroad to freedom is astounding. She risked capture, beatings, jail time, and even death to help others out of slavery. Harriet Tubman was once quoted as saying, "I freed thousands of slaves. I could have freed thousands more, if they had known they were slaves."

Think about that. There are many people today who are slaves and don't even know it – slaves to dangerous and sinful habits, slaves to materialism and the desire for more and more things, slaves to self-defeating attitudes and degrading lifestyles, slaves to the false idea that our good works will get us into heaven. The Bible says that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). We all sin. By nature, we are all slaves to sin and captives of the devil.

Thanks be to God that Christ our Lord has set us free. Our freedom from sin, death, and the devil cost Jesus his very life. On the cross of Calvary Jesus died as the once and final sacrifice for our sin. He rose again in victory over death and the grave and now, by faith in Christ alone, we are forgiven and free. St. Paul says in Galatians 5, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free."

As you celebrate Independence Day this month, remember the rights and freedoms we enjoy as Americans. Remember also, and give thanks, for the freedom from sin and the gift of eternal salvation we have in Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steve Voigt

Official Acts

Baptism

June 1 - Penelope Faith Frank

Daughter of Gabriel Frank & Brianna Rivera

Sponsors are Gavin Frank & Sarah Hug

Ushers

9:30 a.m.

Keith Rosynek	Rick Winn
Everett Dassow	Bryan Meyer
Dale Meyer	Leann Meyer
Marcia Rosynek	Bob Schultz
Michael Weiss	

Altar Guild

Nancy Keck
Colleen Gottsacker
Judy Weiss

Greeters

July 6

9:30am—Len & Mary Ernst

July 13

9:30am—Tom & Jane Buck

July 20

9:30am—Phil & Traci Murphy

July 27

9:30am—Bob Schultz & Jim Williams

SPECIAL GIFTS

DCF Grant \$2,896
Helping Hands Food Pantry \$131

Anniversaries

July 2

Rev. Steve & Sherry Voigt

July 7

Joel & Jennifer Smith

July 12

Len & Mary Ernst

July 20

Mike & Julie Pergande

July 25

Dr. Tom & Jane Buck

Church Info & Staff

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Birthdays

July 1

Haydin Smith

July 2

Adrian Krueger

July 4

Marcie Dawson

July 5

Mary Ernst

July 8

Betty Rasmussen

July 9

Lorna Peterson

July 11

Collin Kruse

Jim Miller

July 13

Diana Lafford

July 15

Jackson Wilhelm

July 19

Jodi Winn

Maximus Zoesch

July 20

Jim Richter

July 24

Linda Bath

Linda Doby

July 26

Dale Meyer

July 28

Leann Meyer

July 29

Damion Evans

Jana McDonell

July 30

Dale Lafford

July 31

Andrew Degnan

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 1:30pm Communion Service	3 10:00am Bible Study 2:00pm St. Anne's Worship	4 Childcare Closed 7:30pm AA Meeting 	5
6 9:30am Worship Fourth Sunday After Pentecost	7	8 	9	10 10:00am Bible Study	11 7:30pm AA Meeting	12 
13 9:30am Worship Fifth Sunday After Pentecost	14	15	16 7:00pm AA Monthly Meeting	17 10:00am Bible Study 2:00pm St. Anne's Worship	18 7:30pm AA Meeting	19 2:00pm Voigt/Jacobs Wedding
20 9:30am Worship Sixth Sunday After Pentecost	21	22	23	24 10:00am Bible Study	25 7:30pm AA Meeting 	26
27 9:30am Worship Seventh Sunday After Pentecost 	28 1:00pm Prayer Team	29	30	31 10:00am Bible Study	 Family Camping July 23-27	

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