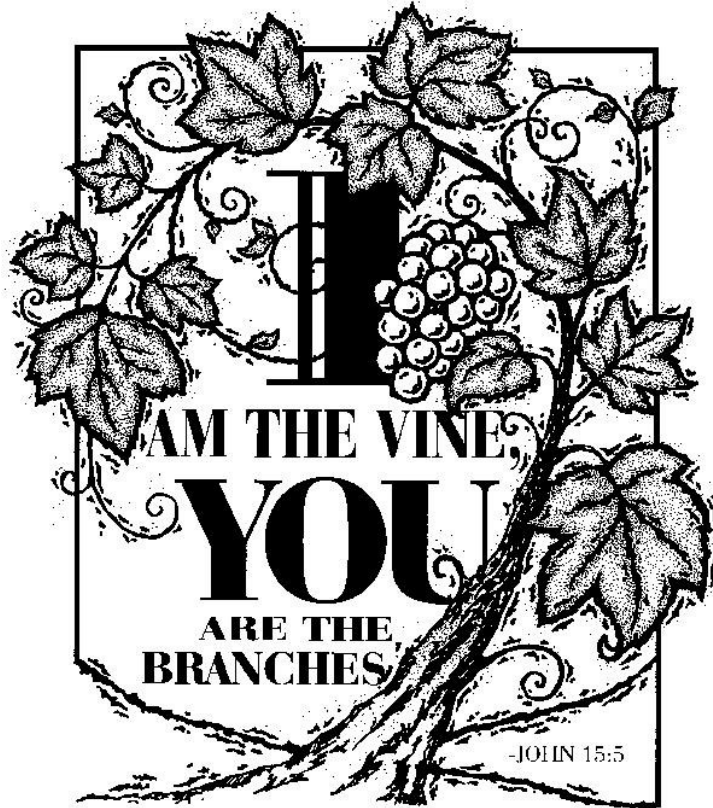


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Service of Prayer and Preaching from Lutheran Service Book

Prelude "Man on the Middle Cross"

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Hymn 605 Father Welcomes

Refrain



Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly



through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,



Life for - ev - er has been won.



1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly



is of these. Life and love I have to give,
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,



Refrain

Mer - cy for your sin.
Shall be born a gain.
Live in the peace of God.

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The Baptismal Family comes forward

HOLY BAPTISM OF NOAH ANDREW GROSZEK BORN MARCH 5, 2024

When candidates are unable to speak for themselves, the sponsors answer the questions on their behalf.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

The pastor addresses the candidate:

P How are you named?

R Noah Andrew Groszek

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:

P Noah Andrew Groszek, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✝ forehead and upon your ✝ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Noah according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him, which has been inherited from Adam and which he himself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, he would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

P Is it your intention to serve Noah as sponsors in the Christian faith?

R *Yes, with the help of God.*

P God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

G **Amen.**

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

The pastor places his hands on the head(s) of the candidate(s), and the congregation joins in praying:

Lord's Prayer

G **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Sit

The pastor addresses the candidate(s) and asks the following questions:

P Noah, do you renounce the devil?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

P Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R Yes, I believe.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

R Yes, I believe.

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

R Yes, I believe.

P Noah, do you desire to be baptized?

R Yes, I do.

The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:

P Noah Andrew Groszek, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

C Amen.

The pastor may place a white garment on the newly baptized while saying:

P Receive this white garment to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

The pastor lights a baptismal candle from the paschal candle & gives it to the newly baptized saying:

P Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

The newly baptized may be welcomed with the following:

A In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother(s) in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

Stand

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Noah the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as he has now become Your child, You would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- G** **Amen.**

One or more of the following collects may also be prayed.

- P** Heavenly Father, You sent Your own Son into this world as the child of the virgin Mary. We thank You for the life of this child entrusted to our care. Help us remember that we are all Your children and so love and nurture him that he may attain to the full stature intended for him in Your eternal kingdom, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- G** **Amen.**
- P** Lord and Giver of life, look with kindness upon the father(s) and mother(s) of this child and upon all our parents. Let them ever rejoice in the gift You have given them. Enable them to be teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism that they may share eternally with their children the salvation You have given them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- G** **Amen.**
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, since You govern and sanctify the whole Christian Church by Your Holy Spirit, hear our prayers for all her members, and mercifully grant that by Your grace we may serve You in true faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- G** **Amen.**
- P** Peace ☩ be with you.
- G** **Amen.**

All return to their places.

Opening Versicles

- P** This is the day which the Lord has made;
G **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
G **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- P** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
G **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C **Teach me Your paths.**

P Sanctify us in Your truth.

C **Your Word is truth.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Sit

Readings From Holy Scripture

Reading *Acts 8:26–40*

Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

A A reading from Acts, the eighth chapter.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Reading *1 John 4*

Test the Spirits

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

God Is Love

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Song Glorious Day / Living He Loved Me (*See Printout*)

Reading *John 15:1–8*

I Am the True Vine

[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

Responsory

- P** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- P** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Ten Commandments

- C** **You shall have no other gods.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

Apostles' Creed

- C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life \dagger everlasting. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Sit

Sermon

Song You Are the Vine *(See Printout)*

Offering Remain in Me *(See Printout)*

Stand

Prayer

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Collect of the Day

P O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Collect for the Word

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

Blessing

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

Announcements

Closing Song "Glorious Day" (*See Printout*)

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9:00 a.m. worship services with Holy Communion
on the 1st and 3rd Sundays
10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study



Birthday Blessings

SERVING IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

Preacher: Rev. Brian J. Nygaard
Elder: Chris Clausing
Acolyte: Hayden Klimowicz
Reader: Bill Eich
Organist: Suzanne Hale
Special Music: Praise Band

Altar Flowers: The beautiful flowers adorning the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God, by Doug and Nancy Wainwright in celebration of Doug’s 77th birthday and their grandson, Cole’s 17th birthday on April 23rd.



Noah Andrew Groszek, born March 5, 2024
son of Jacob & Allyson Groszek
will be received into the family of God
this morning through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

May all the gifts of faith bless his life in the years ahead.



Witness Statement John 15:1-8: Jesus is the Vine and we are the branches. Apart from the Vine, we can do nothing to please God. In fact, apart from the vine, we can do nothing at all! But, staying attached to the True Vine makes us productive branches who bear much fruit, including the fruit of sharing the Good News of Jesus with hearts that are afire for Him.

Field Trip— On May 5th at 10:45 AM, we are going as a congregation to **The Shrine of Christ’s Passion** in St. John. Club Cars are available for those not wanting to walk the whole grounds. Please sign up and mark if you need a car. No Sunday School or Adult Bible Classes on this Sunday.



The Lake County Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity will present their Spring Philanthropies Musicale on **Sunday, May 5 at 2:30 pm** in the sanctuary of Trinity Memorial Church. Featured on the program will be chamber music by the Flute Ensemble, the Elizabeth Quinn Recorder Consort, the Sigma Alpha Iota Chorale and solo performances. Please join us for an afternoon of beautiful music! Refreshments will be served following the musicale in the Fellowship Hall.



Spring Cleanup Day – Saturday, May 11th from 9:00 am ~ 12:00 noon we will gather to do some spring cleaning. Most of the work will be on the exterior of the church clearing out the weeds around the buildings, edging, preparing the garden area, and other odd jobs as needed.

SISTERS IN CHRIST ACTIVITIES

- ☀ Shipshewana Day on **May 14th** from 7 AM to 7 PM. Please sign up!
- ☀ We are going out to eat! Join us on **May 20th** at 6:30 PM at Asparagus in Merrillville. Please sign up if you can attend. See Celeste for more information.

FEED THE FLOCK TIME

Trinity Memorial will be preparing and serving lunch on **May 18th** at the First Presbyterian Church on Taft. We are going to try something different: Spaghetti, garlic bread, green beans, fruit cocktail and desserts. Please see the sign up sheet in the narthex. If you are just providing food items, please have them delivered by 9:00-9:15 am to our church. They will be picked up and taken over there for the meal. Please consider helping this endeavor. Thank you.

Congregational Survey

The TMLC leadership wants to hear from you as part of a Congregational Survey.

Please click the link below or scan the QR code to be taken to the survey.

<https://forms.gle/E31E28Bmy9kimNov9>

Please complete the survey by May 19th.



Book Club Will be meeting on May 21st at noon in the conference room to discuss "The Leisure Seeker" by Michael Zadoorian. Bring a lunch.

Interested in helping with an Outreach Event for Food Bank of Northwest Indiana

Contact Dr. Brian E. Thompson, 219-616-1655, betdvm@comcast.net



Mowing Season is HERE!

Please sign up to mow around the perimeter of the church. If you have any questions, see Mike Shultz.

Are you GRADUATING this year ?

We would like to know! Please send us your Graduation Information (High School, Military, College, or Career certification) and future plans to tmlamore@att.net for acknowledgement **on June 2nd**. Thank you!

There are two new ways for TMLC as a non-profit to earn donations.

Go online and sign up

- 1).** “iGive” is a program that is similar to AmazonSmile. If you online shop you can choose TMLC as the non-profit of your choice to earn your credits.
- 2).** The second organization is “Benevity”. Your volunteer activities and corporate matching donations allow you to choose TMLC as your non-profit cause.

Are you an online shopper,

iGive is FREE for your supporters and Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church. Your supporters' shopping turns into donations. Encourage your friends and supporters to get iGive - earn Double Donations for TMLC on all their purchases for the month of **May**.

Step 1: Become an iGive Member

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April 28, May 5, 12: Archery, hikes, boating, crafts, games, swimming, and many more activities are all a part of the summer experience at Camp. Come for one of our weekend camps, register for a week of youth or high school camp, or help Lutherhaven celebrate it's 75th anniversary! For 75 years, Lutherhaven has been providing the setting and resources for people to grow in their relationship with others and—more importantly—in their relationship with God. Come see what camp is all about! Register online today at www.lutherhaven.org, or call 260.636.7101 for more information.

Save the Date for **VBS**—June 24-28 See Dave Milan for questions
SCUBA—Diving into friendship with God