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# Parish Notes

## Welcome to Worship

June 18, 2023

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*Gathered and gifted to celebrate and share the love of Jesus*

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| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | 9:30 am  | -     | Worship<br>(Children's Sunday School during worship)   |
|                  | 10:30 am | -     | Fellowship   |
|                  | 11:00 am | -     | Adult Bible Study  |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | 9:00 am  | -     | <del>Friendly Ties Quilters (1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday's)</del><br>Off for summer |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | 11:00am  | -     | Bible Study  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | 1:00 pm  | -     | Book Club  |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | 1:00 pm  | -     | Shepherding Bible Study Group – <b>(3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)</b>                                   |
|                  | 6:30 pm  | -     | Church Council meeting – <b>(2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday)</b>  |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | 8:00 pm  | -     | AA and Al Anon   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 9:00am   | ————— | Choir Practice   |

**3rd Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Matthew 9:35 – 10:8**  
**Tips of Discipleship – Be on a Mission**  
**Focus Question – *How do you partner with Jesus on his mission?***

## June Birthdays

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Aaron Rhees     | 1  |
| Nicole Shane    | 5  |
| Devin Rhees     | 11 |
| Kay Gorsline    | 12 |
| Marian Scothern | 17 |
| Judy Sherman    | 19 |
| Todd Hart       | 24 |
| Kim Engelby     | 27 |

## Upcoming Events

- Jun 11** – Celebration of Life for Lonnie  
**Jun 15** – Shepherding Group @Bella's  
**Jun 18** – Father's Day  
**Jun 24** – Women's Group  
**Aug 6** – Reception w/Wendy Lee  
**Aug 20** – Rally Day  
**Sep 10** – God's Work Our Hands Sunday  
**Sep 14** – Rise & Shine Breakfast



Join us after worship for a wonderful piece of pie to celebrate Father's Day.

**Women's Group will meet on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>** at Golden Corral at 10AM. Bring a friend, a sister, a next-door neighbor and enjoy food and fellowship together.

# ELCA-LIRS World Refugee Day letter

6/15/2023 10:50:00 AM

*"The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God."*

—Leviticus 19:34

This year we mark World Refugee Day, on June 20, aware that welcoming refugees and asylum-seekers is more important than ever. Halfway through 2022, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) raised its estimate of the number of displaced people around the world, from 89.3 at the end of 2021 to 103 million. Families flee their homes for many reasons: conflict (as we've seen in Sudan and the Russia-Ukraine War), persecution, human rights violations, growing violence toward and exclusion of Indigenous and African-descent communities, and natural disasters intensified by Earth's climate crisis. Lengthy periods of displacement in camps wear on the uprooted, affecting their health, access to education, and financial security. We must live out the calling of our faith by seeking justice, peace and protection for our refugee and migrant siblings.

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The United States has been a global leader in refugee resettlement, welcoming people of diverse religious traditions and racial and ethnic backgrounds. Yet we can still do more to set a positive example in the world; last year, with an annual ceiling of 125,000 refugees, the U.S. welcomed only 25,465. God's intention, revealed through Scripture, is that all people will have life abundantly and experience well-being. We all want our families to grow up in the best possible environment so that they might flourish. God's power enables us to rise above fear and exclusion and to love as God loves.

Since World War II, Lutherans in the United States have responded to God's call by leading resettlement efforts, working hand in hand with the United States Refugee Admissions Program, and welcoming those who seek safety and security. Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) — the largest faith-based nonprofit in the United States dedicated to serving immigrants, asylum-seekers and refugees — has welcomed more than 500,000 refugees and asylum-seekers since 1939, working alongside dedicated Lutheran congregations and affiliates to ensure their resettlement in communities across the United States. Our advocacy is informed by the knowledge that we are all children of God, with inherent dignity given by our Creator. We work tirelessly to ensure that policymakers nationwide establish policies that acknowledge and affirm these principles.

The ELCA works closely with LIRS, Lutheran World Federation and other ecumenical partners to learn about and bear witness to the transformative power of welcome. It supports initiatives that benefit immigrants and refugees, and it empowers communities to welcome newcomers. With its AMMPARO strategy (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation, and Opportunities), the church has adopted a holistic, integrated way to accompany people who have been forced to flee their communities, walking alongside them in their countries of origin, in transit, in their destination countries, and when they must return. Welcoming and sanctuary congregations participate in resettling refugees, sponsoring asylum-seekers and advocating for refugees in their local communities.

ELCA social statements and resolutions affirm the church's support for a generous policy of welcoming refugees and immigrants. As the social statement *For Peace in God's World* (1995) explains, "the Church serves when it holds power accountable, advocates justice, stands with those who are poor and vulnerable, provides sanctuary, and meets human need."

In honor of World Refugee Day on June 20, the ELCA and LIRS advocacy networks invite their members to a national [day of advocacy](#), intended to build urgency for robust support for refugees, immigrants, asylum seekers. Participants will engage their elected representatives at the federal level, in person and over the phone. LIRS and ELCA remain committed to uplifting the voices and stories of people affected, many of whom will help lead our efforts on Capitol Hill. We urge all to learn more about refugee admissions in the United States, join [LIRS's 125 Watch campaign](#), accompany migrants through [AMMPARO](#), and advocate through prayer and action for our neighbors in need.

We pray that you will join us in welcoming all who seek refuge in the United States.

With great hope,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Krish O'Mara Vignarajah  
President and CEO

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

Please Lift Up in Prayer:

- The family of Tracy, Dorothy's brother in law
- Tracie Truitt, friend of Alyson's
- Kristy - Shari Morosky's daughter
- Cory, Nancy Gale's son
- Pam Burbank
- Jessica Stewart, Dick Graves's daughter
- Rebecca Rens and the Eyre Families
- Jefferson Barrett
- Maylan Chugg, Don & Dee's granddaughter
- Chris, friend of Alyson W.
- Judy Sherman
- Henry, Nancy G's grandson
- Sean Zeller, Pastor Gene's nephew
- Cheryl, friend of Alyson
- Mark Hughes and family
- Erik Thompson
- Heidi, Diane Shultz' sister-in-law
- Dick Graves
- Bob Peterson
- Dee Brown
- Toni, Pastor Debra's Sister-in-Law
- Lynn and Carol
- Roxanne, David's sister
- Cindy C.
- Carol Reopelle
- Kim, friend of Bob
- Jack, Pastor Debra's nephew
- Suzy and her family
- Bill, Linda's brother
- Scott Chapan, friend of Dick G.
- Alice, Anastasia, and all the people affected by the war
- Brian Washburn, Kamberlynn's dad
- Jeni, friend of Nancy O
- Kallee, Rachel's sister-in-law
- Bob, friend of James

- Terry, Dee Brown's brother
- Heidi, Linda Fallat's daughter
- Jamie, friend of Nancy Otto
- Charlie Tufts
- Jean Roberts
- Kim, Kelly's sister
- Cindy Day
- Bruce and Kathi Engelby
- Carol, Sharen Kamp's cousin
- Judy, friend of Shellie
- Grace Scothern
- Mary, Sharen's daughter-in-law
- Judy Sherman
- Don Hughes
- Bob Bezyack
- Stef Rhees
- Tanya, Friend of Pastor Debra's Daughter
- Dayle Young

†Praying for Loved Ones in the Military or deployed

- Steve Johnson
- Kaleb Tarr, Ethan Lee, Michael Connelly (deployed 13 July 17, 2021)
- Dariyan Edsinger
- Mason Bushey and his wife Ida, and family
- Brody Wilcock
- Renee Kiel
- Justin Kiel
- Kris Kiel
- Matt Malde
- Jason Chugg
- Cassie Barker (Callie Jo's mom)

If you would like to be added to the list of prayer warriors, please send an email to [jeffnkelly2@msn.com](mailto:jeffnkelly2@msn.com). Your email address is kept private in all prayer requests

**June**  
**Ascension Ministries**

| <br><b>SUN</b> | <br><b>WORSHIP ASST</b> | <br><b>ALTAR GUILD</b> | <br><b>USHERS</b> | <br><b>GREETERS</b> | <br><b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> | <br><b>COUNTERS</b> |
|---|--|---|---|--|---|--|
| June 4  | Nancy Otto   | Kim Engelby   | Todd & Renee Hart   | John & Diana Warkentin   | Cindy Day   | Renee Hart   |
| June 11   | Cindy Day  | Kim Engelby   | Patti Hall & Stef Rhees   | Joanna Wolf  | Cindy Day   | Mark Denniston   |
| June 18   | Katy Young   | Kim Engelby   | Sharen Kamp   | Stefani Rhees  | Cindy Day   | Paula DelCarlo   |
| Jun 25  | Linday Fallat  | Kim Engelby   | James Jimenez   | CJ Jordan  | Cindy Day   | CJ Jordan  |