

June 18, 2023

# Summer Weekly



## Juneteenth: Remembering Freedom

Juneteenth is a holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. While President Abraham Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, slavery continued in Texas and Louisiana until word finally reached those states on June 19, 1865.

The formerly enslaved broke out in celebration. These were dangerous times. Even in the face of resistance and threat, the formerly enslaved Africans found ways to give voice to the wide range of thoughts and emotions at the announcement of the end of legalized slavery in the United States of America. (*ELCA Worship Resources*).

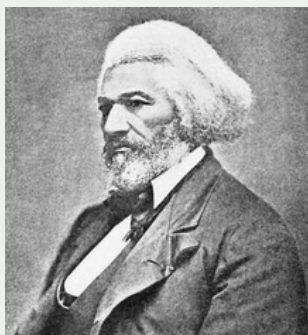
Juneteenth became a federal holiday in 2021, and a Georgia state holiday in 2022.

As Lutherans, we celebrate our freedom from sin, death, and evil and the freedom for a new life of service to God and others, given to us by the grace of God through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We also celebrate the right of freedom, with its responsibilities, for all people.

*"Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world. Now I've been free, I know what a dreadful condition slavery is. I have seen hundreds of escaped slaves, but I never saw one who was willing to go back and be a slave."*

**Harriet Tubman**



*"Liberty is meaningless where the right to utter one's thoughts and opinions has ceased to exist. That, of all rights, is the dread of tyrants. It is the right which they first of all strike down. They know its power. . . . Equally clear is the right to hear. To suppress free speech is a double wrong. It violates the rights of the hearer as well as those of the speaker."*

**Frederick Douglass**

*Pictures from New York Public Library*

## CALENDAR

### JUNE 18

*Father's Day*

8:30 am  
Traditional Service

9:30—10:45 am  
Fellowship Hour

9:45—10:30 am  
Adult Faith Formation

Pr. Ruth's Small Catechism  
Book Study  
Classroom 8

New Testament Study w/  
Marvin Huggins  
Conference Room

11:00 am  
Contemporary Service

### JUNE 19

Juneteenth

### ONGOING

Men's Group  
Wednesdays - 7:30 am  
In-Person or via [Zoom](#)

### JUNE 23

Ed Aebischer Memorial  
Good Shepherd Lutheran  
Woodstock, GA  
4:00 pm

### JULY 3-4

Office Closed

### JULY 12

Mary Sidor Memorial  
Holy Trinity Lutheran  
Marietta, GA  
2:00 pm

### JULY 10-13

VBS "Hero Hotline"  
9:00 am - Noon



[Worship Online](#)



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# UPDATES

## Happy Father's Day!

To all the dads and father figures, Happy Father's Day, and thank you! We hope you enjoy the candy bars!

## We Need You!

VBS is just one month away and we could use your help! Spend 3 hours for 4 mornings (July 10-13) sharing God's love with kids as you volunteer for VBS.

Open roles include: puppeteer; science, craft, and bible story leaders; and group leaders.

Email [Sharon Leon](#) to get involved!



## Church Council Installed

Newly elected and existing Church Council members were installed last Sunday. The Council is the governing body of our church, overseeing strategic and financial matters on behalf of the congregation. Thank you to our 2023-2024 Church Council:

Catherine Strate, President  
Deanna Topping, Vice President  
Elizabeth Shreiner, Treasurer  
LeAnn Haack, Secretary  
Kirk Gadebusch, Member at Large  
Darlene Lawrence, Member at Large  
David Meszaros, Member at Large  
David Price, Member at Large  
Michael Jelinek, Youth Representative  
Rev. Dr. Ruth Hamilton, Interim Pastor

## Breaking In The Deck

We enjoyed the food and community together on the newly renovated deck last Sunday!



***Special thanks to those who worked on this project!***

*Left to right: Andy Minard, Mark Brosch, John Osberg*



*Left to right: Charles Demosthenes, Ron Jolly, George O'Donnell, David Price, Kirk Gadebusch, Mike Mynhier, Richard Leon, John Whetstone, Bob Bear, Dan Steidle, Tom Glass, Ron Kostamo, Bob Wills*

## Women's Book Club

Add *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver to your summer reading list, then join our Women's Book Club to discuss the book at their Kick-Off Party Sept. 18 at 6:30 pm.

Want to learn more or make suggestions for upcoming reads? Contact [Cristi Minard](#) by July 7.