



+Christian Symbol+ SHELL

A scallop shell, often shown pointing downward with three drops of water falling from it, is a Christian symbol of baptism and the washing away of sin. The three drops of water represent the Trinity: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

From the earliest centuries of the church, the shell was connected with baptism because it could be used to pour water over a person's head. In a time when many baptisms took place in rivers, lakes or outdoor settings, a simple shell served as a natural vessel, reminding believers that God uses humble, ordinary things to accomplish sacred purposes.

Today, the scallop shell continues to appear in baptismal fonts, church art and Christian design. It quietly proclaims the message of baptism: washed by grace, claimed by God and welcomed into the family of faith.

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

**FREEDOM FAILS
WHEN PEOPLE
DECIDE THAT
IT IS THEIR
RIGHT TO TAKE
AND
NOT TO GIVE.**

— STANLEY MAXWELL



WHAT IS "IN THE BEGINNING..." ?

It's time once again for our summer program! Mark your calendars!

Tuesday, August 18 | 6:00 - 8:30pm

You won't want to miss this fun evening as we explore the story of the Creation from the book of Genesis! Great food, lots of fun, and a chance to kick back and enjoy the evening with your church family. Food will be provided! Desserts would be appreciated! Sign up on the church door!



Patrick, Noyes "Bart" Bartholomew, Dolores Brickman, The Brooks Family, Charlie Brown, Tony Calise, Mike Chapman, Bryant Rodriguez Cyriax, Carol DeMott, Marge Durdunas, Charlie Eidel, Amber Faison, Al & Barbara Frielink, Krista Fuchs, Debbie Geerlof, Cassandra Griffin, Mary Carolyn Harrison, Carol Hodgins, Carol & Hugh Lally, Dolores Lowack, Marie Lupinski, Linda McFate, Doris Robinson, Elenor Rogers, John Schaefer, the Vega Family and Janice & Dave Wedderman!

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STILL WORTH MORE THAN YOU KNOW



A speaker opened his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill and asking a crowd of 200 people, "Who would like this?"

Nearly every hand went up.

"I'll give it to one of you," he said. "But first..." He crumpled the bill tightly in his fist. "Who still wants it?"

Hands remained in the air.

He dropped it to the floor and ground it under his shoe. Then he picked up the wrinkled, dirty bill. "How about now?"

The hands rose again.

"My friends," he said, "you've just learned an important lesson. No matter what I did to the money, it never lost its value. It was still worth \$20." Life can feel the same way. We are dropped, crumpled and ground down by our choices and by circumstances beyond our control. At times, we may even feel worthless. But our value does not change.

In God's eyes, you are never less than priceless. Clean or dirty, wrinkled or whole, you remain precious to Him. As Isaiah 43:4 says in the NIV, "You are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you."

BIBLE QUIZ

About 450 years before Jesus, Nehemiah heard that Jerusalem still lay in ruins after the Babylonian invasion. The news broke his heart. After days of prayer and mourning, he stepped forward to lead the effort to rebuild the city wall. Despite opposition, the people pressed on.



A well-known verse describes their progress: "So we built the wall.

And all the wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to _____."

Choose the correct ending:

- A. be protected
- B. work
- C. serve
- D. live

Answer: B (Nehemiah 4:6, ESV)

JULY Assistant Schedule

JULY 5	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Terry Calise
Usher	Bill Jaichner
Altar Guild	
JULY 12	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Carrie Ralston
Usher	Anne Carman
Altar Guild	Gina Lally
JULY 19	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Pam Sakala
Usher	Linda Comery
Altar Guild	Linda Polise
JULY 26	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Pat Berinato
Usher	Margarete Denicola
Altar Guild	
Counter	Bill Jaichner

BIRTHDAYS

Bob Denicola	7/1
Marilee Kadonaga	7/6
Anne Carman	7/13
Jan Behnke	7/18
Bonna Kennedy	7/19



JULY 2026

Church (CH)
Fellowship Hall (FH)
Family Room (FR)
Office Building (OB)

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

			1	2	3 4th of July Parade Viewing (Office Lawn) 8:00am	4 Happy 250th Birthday America! Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am
5 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am VBS Planning Meeting (OB) 11:15am	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Presentation of Rev. Stover Crouthamel and Dolly Crouthamel Vander Plaat Memorial Scholarship	13	14	15	16	17	18 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am
19 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am	27	28	29	30	31	

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