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June 2021

Abiding Hope Lutheran Church

"Life Together"

A newsletter from
your friends and family at



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Website:

www.abidinghopeerie.org

Interim Pastor: Karen Parsh

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

In-person Sunday services at
9:30 with COVID-19 protocols
in place. Sunday services can
be viewed, live-streamed, at
9:30 each Sunday on Facebook

[https://www.facebook.com/
pg/abidinghopeerie/posts](https://www.facebook.com/pg/abidinghopeerie/posts)

or anytime on the website.

www.abidinghopeerie.org



Exciting Good News from Church Council

We are thrilled to announce that **Pastor Karen Parsh** has agreed to serve as our interim pastor. She brings the Spirit of God with her and enthusiasm to get us back to normal. Add her wealth of experience, eagerness to know the members, make personal visits and join in our meetings, WE ARE BLESSED to have her. She will start Sunday May 30 by presiding at our in-person 9:30 service. Her office hours are yet to be cast in stone. We want to give her time to get comfortable and use her **20 hours** to best serve the congregation. Please show her the loving family we are and how thankful we are that GOD led her to us. **Church Council**

Message from Interim Pastor Karen Parsh

It is my delight and privilege to serve as your Interim Pastor during the coming months, as you work through the call process in selecting your future Pastor.



By way of introduction, let me share some of my work experiences... I'm a newly retired pastor from Salem / St. Paul's Lutheran Parish in Knox / Emlenton. Prior to that, I served as Associate in Ministry / Program Director for Luther Memorial's Youth and Family Ministries. I have also worked as a Therapeutic Recreation Specialist at Hamot's inpatient adolescent drug and alcohol program, and as an Activities Director at Twinbrook Nursing Home.

I care deeply about promoting Christian fellowship and healing in the community, building youth ministries, promoting service opportunities, and creating and nurturing growth experiences for all people as they come to know and serve God.

My husband of 44 years, Dave, is my chief support and best friend (even though he is a serial punster). We have two grown sons – Michael, who along with his wife, Katie, is raising our two wonderful grandchildren – Ben and Sam. Mike currently serves as Associate Pastor for Good Hope and Zion Lutheran Churches in Oil City. Our younger son, Greg, is working as a nurse at Presby Hospital in Pittsburgh, where he specializes in heart and lung transplant patients.

Through the coming months, I hope to support you in your quest for a new pastor. God is shepherding each of us on a journey that is certain to offer learning experiences and opportunities to serve God. May our time together be blessed with his presence as we seek to do his will.

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814-864-3797

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814-882-2830

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814-397-0990

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814-864-3797

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Jacque Holmberg
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Church Council

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Penny Gresh – 559-3254

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Congregation Worship Time Update and More

Dear Abiding Hope Family,

As you know we have started back to in-person worship. All of the CDC guidelines are being followed and the worship area and bathrooms are being disinfected weekly. The current service time is 9:30. We have had members reach out to council about reinstating the 8:15 service and the Saturday evening service. There is nothing that council would like better to offer all three service times again. Right now, the in-person attendance is not reaching our capacity. Would we have more in-person attendance if we had the other services as well? Council cannot answer that question, so a survey will be sent out asking for your input. With our interim Pastor working only 20 hours per week, keep in mind what the congregation's priorities are concerning her limited time frame. As always, we welcome your input and we do address them at our meetings. Going back to 3 weekly services would be fantastic. Can the Abiding Hope family make it happen?

Respectfully,

Analee Cree - Council Secretary

Call Committee Volunteers

Church Council is happy to announce the following 6 members have stepped up to be on the Pastoral Call Committee:

Judy Nordin, Bill Overmoyer, Rick Penn, Brian Gresh, Jeanne Tropper and Ed Whitbred. This group will be working on the process and steps necessary to successfully begin and complete the search for a new pastor. If you would like to be part of the Call Team, contact a Council member before June 8th. Abiding Hope is blessed to have these faithful members volunteer their time and experience for this important work.

Pastor Karen on vacation

Pastor Karen will be off camping on Sunday, June 20th. Ed Whitbred will preside that Sunday as LWL and Analee Cree will serve as Lay Distributor. Pastor Gesler will be on call for pastoral emergencies. Phone: 814-873-2682.

Pentecost Geranium Thank You

Special thank you to our members who placed geraniums on the Pentecost altar and for those who donated to the KAFP fund. Fourteen of the geraniums have been donated to the church and will be planted around the 2 largest trees near the upper parking lot to beautify our building throughout the summer. Thanks so much!



Council Recap for the May 11, 2021 Meeting

Council is back meeting in person in the room downstairs, following social distancing and wearing masks. Sure is great to be- ing back face to face. We are busy not only during our meetings, but also in-between with tasks that need done around the church and paperwork to complete the opportunity to welcome Pastor Karen as our interim Pastor. Here are some of the items discussed:



- Okayed \$300 from Building Fund to trim and stake the shrubs in front of the church
- Took the collection of socks to the VA and the "slightly" used shoes to Chosen (still collecting shoes)
- Working on obtaining bids to have the parking lot resurfaced
- Bishop approved our paperwork to ask Pastor Karen to be our interim pastor
- Need a Call Committee to start the search for a full-time pastor
- Need to gather information by next meeting to purchase a new computer

As always we welcome your questions and are still short one person on council and looking for someone to become the Financial Secretary.

Respectfully submitted - *Analee Cree* - Council Secretary - amc542009@hotmail.com

Marriage Encounter Weekends

If your marriage has had some struggles during the Coronavirus, you are not alone! The virus has put a great deal of stress on a lot of marriages, and others just need some time away to just be a couple; so now is the perfect time to sign up to attend a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend designed to renew and revitalize your marital relationship no matter whether you have been married a year or 60+ years.



The registration fee has been waived for this year, so you pay only the amount specified on the website for 2 nights in your group-rate hotel room and 5 meals for each of you. Also, scholarship funds are available for anyone in need. Simply e-mail or call us at the information below before you register.

Which Weekend will work for you:

- October 1-3, 2021 -- Heritage Hotel Lancaster in Lancaster, PA--Famous for its Robin Hood -inspired restaurant, Loxleys
- October 15-17, 2021 -- Hyatt Place, Pittsburgh/Cranberry--spacious modern decor guestrooms with couches--an hour north of Pittsburgh

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE LIMITED, so sign up NOW while there are still openings. Simply go to: www.GodLovesMarriage.org, For questions, please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, fjschamber@comcast.net or call: 724-325-3166.

June Scriptures

6/1 Acts 15:1-5,22-35
6/2 John 5:1-18
6/3 1 Peter 4:7-19
6/4 2 Corinthians 5:1-5
6/5 Luke 8:4-15
6/6 Genesis 3:8-15
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35
6/7 Revelation 20:1-6
6/8 Revelation 20:7-15
6/9 Luke 11:14-28
6/10 Hebrews 2:5-9
6/11 Hebrews 11:4-7
6/12 Mark 4:1-20
6/13 Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17
Mark 4:26-34
6/14 Galatians 6:11-18
6/15 Revelation 21:22-22:5
6/16 Luke 6:43-45
6/17 Acts 20:1-16
6/18 Acts 21:1-16
6/19 Luke 21:25-28
6/20 Job 38:1-11
Psalm 107:1-3,23-32
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41
6/21 Acts 27:13-38
6/22 Acts 27:39-44
6/23 Mark 6:45-52
6/24 2 Corinthians 7:2-16
6/25 2 Corinthians 8:1-7
6/26 Luke 4:31-37
6/27 Lamentations 3:22-23
Psalm 30
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43
6/28 2 Corinthians 8:16-24
6/29 2 Corinthians 9:1-5
6/30 Mark 9:14-29

Parish Staff and Leadership

Interim Pastor

Karen Parsh

Pastor Emeritus

Albert U. Gesler, Jr.

Office Assistant

Denise Miller

Coordinator of

Music Ministry

Sheryl Williams

Building Maintenance



2021 Church Council

President

Andy Saska

Vice-President

Penny Gresh

Secretary

Analee Cree

Treasurer

John Holmberg

Financial Secretary

Pat Wenzel

Council Members

Pastor Karen Parsh

Judi Pacileo

Lois Kuhns

Lon Jenkins

Dave Cuning



Pray with us and join with us as we seek to live in a loving community with one another and share the hope of Jesus Christ with those who need it most!

Prayer List ~ Please Pray for.....

Cheryl, Bob and family, Gene, Nadine, John Holmberg, Bishop Lozano, Bob Pacileo, Joe Pacileo, Carrie Fiske, Evelyn Senger, Jack & Marjorie Wonner, Joyce Hersperger, Teresa Burgess.

Prayer Requests: Please call or email Carol Whitbred with prayer requests. Phone: 814-866-6552 and email: cew6@psu.edu.

Names will remain on our printed lists for four weeks unless renewed.



In-Person Sunday Worship Services at Abiding Hope

In-person Sunday worship services at Abiding Hope. We will continue to email and mail weekly worship bulletins for all who worship at home. We will observe these guidelines when in the building to keep everyone safe.



- There will be only one service at 9:30 AM on Sundays.
- We will continue to live-stream on Facebook, then post the service to our web page.
- Masks are mandatory.
- Please use the provided hand sanitizer upon entering the church.
- If you have any symptoms, please stay home.
- Our seating arrangement will reflect social distancing with only families can sit together and pews taped off.
- There is a limit of approximately 25 people (depending on the number of families sitting together)
- Printed bulletins will be placed on the pews.
- We will **not** be sharing the peace.
- We will only be singing 2 verses of a song.
- Communion will be in the pews with the packaged communion wafer and wine.

Church Council is reviewing these protocols and will adjust restrictions and weekly service times as we move forward as a community toward herd immunity and a higher percentage of fully vaccinated adults.



Habitat
for Humanity®



ReStore

Cleaning out your basement or garage? Drop off unused remodeling supplies, tools, cabinets, and lots more on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM.
4922 Pittsburgh Ave.—Erie (off W Grandview Blvd)

814-463-8946

Lay School of Theology at Thiel College

Plan to attend this year's Lay School of Theology at Thiel College.

Registration deadline is June 1st.

- Friday, June 25, 5 PM through Sunday, June 27th, 1 PM
- 6 classes –1 1/2 hours each
- Taught by retired seminary professor, Robert Robinson
- Theme: "The Psalms"
- Housing in Thiel College townhouses

Come to learn more about the Psalms and enjoy great company, meals and fellowship.

For more information contact Judi Pacileo at 814-756-5383.



Packaged Communion Sets Available.....

for your use during worship services. If you worship online, please pick yours up at church on Monday & Tuesday 9:30 am-2:30 pm, or make other arrangements with any council member.



Graduation Season is Here!

Maybe you or someone in your family has a graduation coming up. If so, we'd love to share this good news with your Abiding Hope family. Just drop a note, or call the church office or Pastor Karen with their name - and include what their immediate, future plans will be (if you'd like). We will include these updates in the July **Life Together** newsletter. And ... Congratulations!



Aging Adults Quality of Care Opportunities

Many aging adults are unaware of the available care options and programs that can help them maintain their independence and quality of life. So a new free resource was created that provides comprehensive information on topics like financial support and in-home care options that are available in their area. You can read more about the work here:

<https://www.caring.com/senior-care/in-home-care/pennsylvania>

<https://www.caring.com/senior-care/in-home-care/>

Care Committee

Do you know a member of Abiding Hope who could use a card of encouragement or support? Our **Care Committee** will send a card. Contact Carol Whitbred of the Care Committee at cew6@psu.edu.



Finances at a Glance

\$8,212 current offerings received in April 2021
\$12,151 needed monthly to meet 2021 budgeted expenses (not adjusted for reduced pastor expenses)

YEAR-TO-DATE (as of end of April)

\$42,173 year-to-date current offerings received
\$48,604 year-to-date needed for **budgeted** expenses (not adjusted for reduced pastor expenses)



Giving to Abiding Hope online is easy. Just click on the secure Tithe.ly link below and giving is as simple as filling in the blanks.



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c=1548241](https://tithe.ly/give?c=1548241)

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June Birthdays & Anniversaries

6/1—Jane Penna
 6/1 – Traci Teudhope
 6/2 - Jack Wonner
 6/3 – Sharron Sontheimer
 6/4—Jared Samrau
 6/5 – Sally Zill
 6/7 – Mary Randall
 6/7—Jasper Samrau
 6/8 – Rev. Gail Zackrison
 6/8 – Chris Santabene
 6/13—Allie Leitzel
 6/14 – Megan Pacileo
 6/14 – Braeden Santabene
 6/15—Albert Gesler III
 6/16—Tom Korn
 6/16 – Alexis Powell
 6/17 – Penny Gresh
 6/17—Rebecca Silbaugh
 6/18 – Lee Farnsworth
 6/18 – Chantal Krause
 6/20 – Joyce Brucker
 6/25 - Mary Christie
 6/26 – Taylor Baughman
 6/29 – Kim Robinson



June Anniversaries

6/16— Robert & Tanya Plyler 14 yrs.
 6/17 – Brett and Nicole Woomer 15 yrs.
 6/19 – Josh and Kimberly Paris 22 yrs.

Child Abuse Clearances for Abiding Hope

Child Abuse Clearances and Background Checks - Suspect Child Abuse? Call 1-800-932-0313

Abiding Hope Lutheran Church follows the NWP Synod, ELCA recommendation to follow the PA State guidelines for all background checks and abuse clearances. The purpose for requiring clearances [the Child Protective Services Law (CPSL)] is to provide (the church) selecting volunteers with information to use as a part of a larger decision-making process when determining whether to hire someone as an employee or select them as a volunteer.

Are you a volunteer with Abiding Hope's Children and Youth Ministry? Is a copy of your current clearances on file in the church office? Clearances are required for an employee or unpaid volunteer at a minimum of **every 60 months from the date of the oldest clearance**. Please call the church office during regular office hours, or contact Jacque Holmberg (814.490.4470, jholmberg@roadrunner.com) to check the status of your clearances. We have paperwork dated 1998 – 2019 on file.

If you would to serve as a volunteer in this ministry and do not have any clearances, please begin the process. The required clearances may include: Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance, Pennsylvania State Police Criminal History Clearance, Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Criminal History Clearance (required for all employees and some volunteers). The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services provides information and links to all required clearances and background checks at <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/KeepKidsSafe/Clearances/Pages/default.aspx>.

The Department of Human Services' Office of Children, Youth, and Families' vision is for all children and youth to grow up in a safe, nurturing, and permanent family and community. Our mission is to support the provision of quality services and best practices designed to ensure the safety, permanency, and well-being of Pennsylvania's children, youth, and families. Mandated Reporter Training information released by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services is available online at <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/keepkidssafe/Pages/default.aspx>.

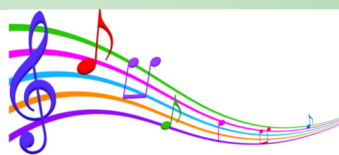
Summer Camp Schedule

Lutherlyn is a God-given place to be accepted, challenged, and sent. A week at camp is great for camper's self-esteem, independence, and faith development (not to mention REALLY FUN!) At Lutherlyn fun, friends, swimming, adventure challenges, cookouts, worship, campfire, nature activities, games, songs, crafts, and lots of fun surprises are combined into an unforgettable week. Each camper is sent back home and out into the world with the challenge and tools to let their light shine so that others may see the love of God in them.

Information about this summer's programs, dates, prices, and registration is online, or a large postcard is available at church. Lutherlyn follows all American Camp Association and CDC guidelines. www.lutherlyn.com/summercamp. 724.865.2161.



Music Notes



We have explored the history of several hymns during the past few months. I would love for YOU to request a few of YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS to sing at worship during the summer months. Please feel free to email me with your favorites!

sheryl4013@yahoo.com

CHOIR UPDATE

A few members of the choir have been meeting in the sanctuary on Wednesday evenings to start getting our voices back in shape. We have followed all CDC recommendations: singing with masks on, spaced at least 9 feet apart, and rehearse no longer than 30 minutes. We have worked on vocal exercises, breathing, and even learned a few anthems! Please consider joining us on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. for a quick and fun gathering, and hopefully we can grow the choir! New members are welcome ANY TIME!

Blessings,

Sheryl Williams ~ Music Coordinator (814) 882-2830 ~ sheryl4013@yahoo.com

Looking for Volunteer Opportunities?



How about **Financial Secretary**? Pat Wenzel's 5-year maximum term is up in 2022.

- The main duties are entering weekly contributions, composing monthly reports to church council and mailing out quarterly statements.
- The job averages about 2 hours a week...any day or time that is convenient for you as long as the office computer is available.

If this is something that interests you, contact Pat Wenzel and arrange to shadow her (in person or virtually) to acquaint yourself with the job. Contact her at RNWenzel@gmail.com or phone 864-1898.

How about helping with the **Food Pantry**? Volunteers are currently needed for to assist with unloading trucks and food distribution as well as completing reports and other parts of the operation. Training provided for all volunteers. Contact Bill Overmoyer at 814-836-1676 for more information.

Could you help with **church cleaning or maintenance**?

- Volunteer just an hour or 2 a week to help care for our church building. Contact Analee Cree at 814-397-6168 for more information.

With in-person worship being held each Sunday the **Altar Guild** is once again in need of monthly volunteers. Volunteers set up the altar and prepare the linens for Sunday service on monthly rotations. If you served in the past and would like to serve again or are interested in joining the Altar Guild for the first time, please contact Nancy Cuning at 814-833-3109. Training provided.

Thank you to all who serve our God and our congregation by sharing your time and talents.

Project Dignity & Kearsarge Food Pantry

continue to provide food and personal care items bi-monthly to the over 80 KAFP participating families in our area. Each month members are invited to donate needed personal care items for distribution the following month. A KAFP basket is in the Church Heritage Room.



June Item:
Hair
Conditioner

Mark Your Calendars...

**ERIE
GIVES
2021**



Erie Gives Day is
Tuesday August 10.

Please consider a
donation to Abiding
Hope.

More info in next month's
newsletter and at
www.eriegives.org

Pentecost—A Season of Learning

Pentecost is a time to hear diverse voices...

Luke writes in Acts 2 that on Pentecost, God sent the Spirit on Jesus' followers and they spoke in different tongues about the wonders of God. Some people listened and were amazed; others sneered and accused them of being drunk.

But Peter explained that the prophecy was being fulfilled:

*In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and
your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy (Acts 2:17-18).*

Children, youth, older adults and slaves are all bearers of God's visions and dreams—prophets of God's future. Can we listen to God where God chooses to speak rather than where we think God should?

Those who sneered were confused, not only by Galileans speaking foreign tongues but also by their having anything meaningful to say. Remember Nathanael's question: "Can anything good come out of Nazareth [in Galilee]?" (John 1:46).

For generations Lutherans have been trained to listen to Europe as a sort of primal source of good theology and to European and European descent culture (even within the United States) as the standard for what is Lutheran.

God continues to speak—not where we think God should but where God chooses.

For instance, getting a doctorate in Lutheran theology requires learning German and knowing writings by European and European descent theologians, but Latinx, Native, African descent and Asian Lutheran theologians are optional (as are feminist and LGBTQIA+ theologies). In fact, theologies that aren't Eurocentric are often viewed with suspicion and sneered at as a watering down of real Lutheran identity: "Aren't these from

Galilee?"

Yet the Spirit blows where it chooses (John 3:8). The story of Lutheranism began with the Spirit stirring a young monk to dare speak a new word—a word about the wonders of God's grace and a word in the vernacular of his people, with their peculiar accents, idioms and idiosyncrasies. Many joined. Others sneered, "Aren't these from Galilee?" The first Lutherans, too, were accused of watering down the tradition.

The Spirit of God has not ceased to blow. God continues to speak—not where we think God should but where God chooses. It is still Pentecost! Many have received tongues of fire and have a new word for the church and the world—a word of the wonders of God, of the liberating and healing power of grace, and a word of challenge for the church to dare risk it all and follow Christ into the places of great pain, to pour ourselves out as a healing balm on the wounds of our society and the planet.

Lent is a season of fasting, and Advent is one of waiting. Pentecost should be a season of listening. Let's listen with open hearts to the theologies, liturgies, practices, testimonies and music of different cultures, groups and traditions—including people with different disabilities—through which the Spirit is speaking.

If we listen carefully, we, too, will be amazed that we can understand what they have to say and be transformed by it. How can we hear them in our own language (Acts 2:8)?

And for those from minoritized groups, let us boldly proclaim what the Spirit is giving us. This Pentecost, let us listen to the voices within our own culture and traditions and be surprised by what the Spirit is doing among us—giving us dreams, visions and prophecies for the healing of our society and planet, and for the upbuilding of our beloved church.

By [Carmelo Santos](#) from Living Lutheran - May 21, 2021



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 DL to register for Lay School at Thiel (See page 5)	2	3	4	5
6 2nd Sunday of Pentecost Worship at 9:30 AM in-person or on Facebook or any- time on the web- site.	7 Al-Anon 7:30 PM	8 Council meeting 6:30 PM	9	10 Synod Assembly begins KAFP Volunteers 7:00am Drive-up distribution 8:45- 9:45am	11	12
13 3rd Sunday of Pentecost Worship at 9:30 AM in-person or on Facebook or any- time on the web- site.	14 ← 6/13 ConfirCamp Begins Al-Anon 7:30 PM	15	16	17	18	19  JUNETEENTH
20 4th Sunday of Pen- tecost Worship at 9:30 AM in-person or on Facebook or any- time on the web- site.	21 Newsletter deadline Al-Anon 7:30 PM	22  Summer Begins June 20th	23	24 KAFP Volunteers 7:00am Drive-up distribution 8:45- 9:45am	25 Lay School of Theology begins Newsletter mailed	26
27 5th Sunday of Pen- tecost Worship at 9:30 AM in-person or on Facebook or any- time on the web- site.	28 Al-Anon 7:30 PM	29	30			

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Mondays and Tuesdays
9:30-2:30.

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Thiel College Scholarship Program

Are you, or someone you know, from Abiding Hope planning to attend Thiel College during the 2021– 2022 academic year?



Each year at this time, Abiding Hope has the opportunity to nominate a member to receive **The Thiel College Dr. Albert Gesler, Jr. and The John Schlotter**

Scholarship. Nominations must be received by the Thiel College Advancement Office placed through Abiding Hope on or before June 30, 2021. Please contact the church office or Interim Pastor Parsh if you are planning to attend Thiel College for the 2021-2022 academic year and are interested in learning more about this scholarship opportunity.

Did You Know? Father's Day is a day of honoring fatherhood and paternal bonds, as well as the influence of fathers in society. In Catholic countries of Europe, it has been celebrated on 19 March as [Saint Joseph's Day](#) since the [Middle Ages](#). In the United States, Father's Day was founded by [Sonora Smart Dodd](#), and celebrated on the third Sunday of June for the first time in 1910. The day is held on various dates across the world and different regions maintain their own traditions of honoring fatherhood.



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