



Freedom of Civilization

Credit to Dan LaVine for sharing this opening story with me:

“Years ago, the anthropologist Margaret Mead was asked by a student what she considered to be the first sign of civilization in a culture. The student

expected Mead to talk about clay pots, tools for hunting, grinding-stones, or religious artifacts.

But no. Mead said that the first evidence of civilization was a 15,000-year-old fractured femur found in an archaeological site. A femur is the longest bone in the body, linking hip to knee. In societies without the benefits of modern medicine, it takes about six weeks of rest for a fractured femur to heal. This particular bone had been broken and had healed.

Mead explained that in the animal kingdom, if you break your leg, you die. You cannot run from danger; you cannot drink or hunt for food. Wounded in this way, you are meat for your predators. No creature survives a broken leg long enough for the bone to heal. You are eaten first.

A broken femur that has healed is evidence that another person has taken time to stay with the fallen, has bound up the wound, has carried the person to safety and has tended them through recovery. A healed femur indicates that someone has helped a fellow human, rather than abandoning them to save their own life. Helping someone else through difficulty is where civilization starts, Mead said”.

Dan and I were talking about this the other day, as I was thinking about a topic for this article. This past weekend we celebrated Independence Day, July 4. I’m sure that you all have your own traditions for the day, whether it means a day on the water, a day spent with family or friends, a day spent over the barbeque, and maybe ending watching an evening fireworks display; William made mention of “bombs bursting in air” as we sat on our driveway and took in the spectacular efforts of countless folks in our neighborhood.

It made me think of our independence, our freedom, that tenet we hold so dearly to, and has become a part of our national identity. It would seem to me that the conversation about civilization and the one about our nation’s independence are woven together. There are implied undertones of the idea Mead put forth about civilization written into those words we all know, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are, Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.”

The idea that our nation was founded, not by any one person, but by a group of people who themselves were looking for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Emphasis placed on the group.

Arnold Schwarzenegger, whether you like him as an actor, a politician or neither, tells a story of when he came to this country with a few dollars in his pockets, and eventually rose to be a star of the screen, and later a political figure, he said that he never proclaimed himself to be a self-made man, but rather it was the community that surrounded him in those early years that helped give him a hand up...this idea of civilization.

I, being of my Lutheran heritage, when I think of our freedom, I think of Martin Luther, specifically of his treatise on Christian Liberty, you may know it as *The Freedom of a Christian*. In it, Martin Luther makes

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VIDEO WORSHIP AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP

We continue to offer livestream of our in-person Sunday morning 9:00 AM worship service online through YouTube. Additionally, you may watch the recorded service at any time on our website, the [Video Worship Archive](#) page.

In-person worship with Holy Communion is available every Sunday at 9:00 AM in our Sanctuary.

In-person worship with Holy Communion is available every Wednesday night at 6:00 pm, starting April 14th.

FAITH Formation

Men's Bible Study ▶

Tuesdays 1:00 PM at TLC Meets weekly for reading and detailed, lively discussions. Our informal study is 1-1½ hours.

Men's Prayer Group and Bible Study ▶

Saturdays 7:00 AM at TLC Meets weekly for one hour, with breakfast on the first Saturday of the month.

Sunday Morning Adult Faith Formation ▶

Join us after worship on Sunday mornings. Join us at 10:15am downstairs as we continue with a study of the book of Ruth.

Women's Circle meets Tuesday, July 20th. We'll begin at noon with a potluck lunch of sides to go with the hot dogs provided. Our discussion will be on Truth through scripture. All women are welcome.

Please check our website for frequent updates, calendar information, faith resources, youth schedules, news and much more:
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some assertions based in Scripture, namely that every Christian shares in both a priesthood and a kingship. Before he makes these assertions though, Luther lays out two other propositions; I know I have shared them on numerous occasions, but I will share them again: “A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all.”

For sake of our time with this article, I want to only address the second of these propositions; because I do not think that we would find any argument against our freedom found in and through Christ Jesus. Luther writes, “From Christ the good things have flowed and are flowing into us...From us they flow on to those who have need of them, so that I should lay before God my faith and my righteousness that they may cover and intercede for the sins of my neighbor which I take upon myself, and so labor and serve in them as if they were my very own. That is what Christ did for us. This is true love and the genuine rule of a Christian life.” He goes on to say, “a Christian lives not in (themselves), but in Christ and in (their) neighbor.”

I am reminded in light of this, that our nation, our civilization is not something that was founded for the well-being of any one person, or just any one group of people, but rather that our success as a civilized people is bound up in the well-being of one another. Our freedom, fought for by those who sought out a better life, is not a freedom meant to be wrapped up in individual nationalism, but is most genuinely recognized when we, as a people place ourselves alongside of those among us who “have broken their femur” whose livelihood is threatened by circumstance.

Jesus aligned himself with those who were marginalized from society; the Gospels are full of stories where Jesus spoke out against the norms for what was right. This is being “subject to all.” That vision the founding father had for this country is most clearly understood when we take Mead’s lesson on civilization to heart and recognize we are at our best when we serve one another.

In Christ,
Pastor Dan Forsgren

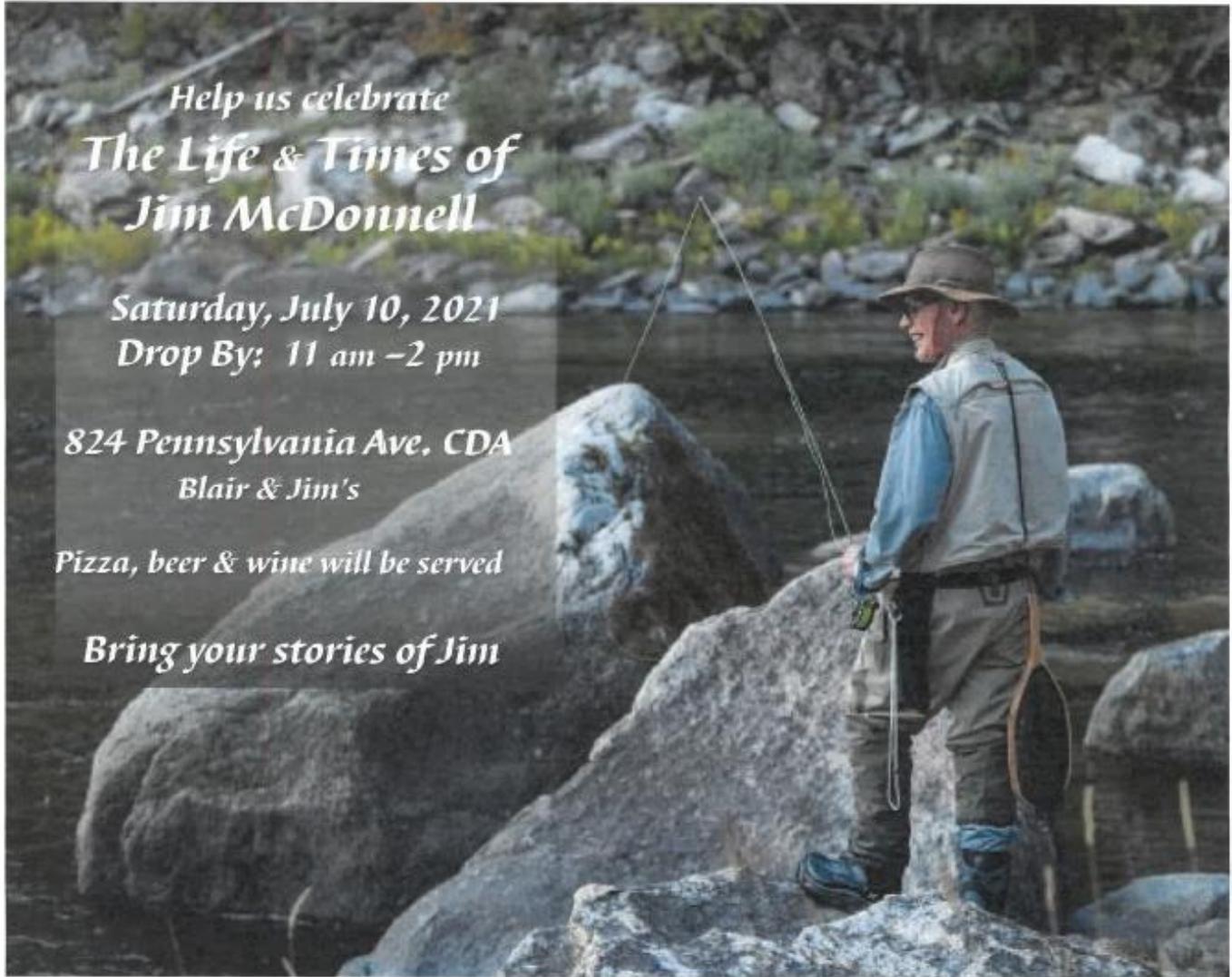
JULY MEMORIAL SERVICES
AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday, July 10, 2021, 10:00am - for David Bjerkestrand

Saturday, July 17, 2021, 11:00am - for Diana Bumpus

Reception of light refreshment to follow. Donations of Cookies & Dessert Bars will be appreciated. Please mark them for Bumpus Memorial Service. Thank you.

IN MEMORY OF JIM McDONNELL
AT THE REQUEST OF THE JIM'S WIFE, LESLIE:



FELLOWSHIP

The Singles Lunch Is Back on Thursday, July 15th at 11:30am! TLC is beginning to resume some of the fellowship events which occurred Pre-Covid Shutdown! So, we invite single adults of all ages to come to this monthly social time and delicious lunch provided by members of the TLC Outreach Committee and other TLC friends! We hope to see you on the 15th!

YOUTH

- **Middle School Youth** go to McPherson Cabin up the CDA River (a part of Lutherhaven ministries) July 12-13-14.
- **Kid's Club** on Wednesday, July 14th at 5:30pm
- **Penny Weiss will be at Lutherhaven** July 25-29-30.
- **Snacks Are Needed** to fuel upcoming summer youth adventures. Youth and adults would be grateful for donations of fruit snacks, protein bars, granola bars, trail mix, small pkgs of cookies/crackers, candy... Thank you from the youth!
- **TLC T-Shirts and Hats Are for Sale.** T-shirts are M, L and XL and come in several colors. Check the bulletin board outside of the office. Proceeds support the youth programs.

STEWARDSHIP

Ways to streamline your Financial Offerings ►

- Mail a check to Trinity at 812 N. Fifth St., CDA, ID 83814
- Go to the TLC website, www.trinitylutherancda.org and use the online Donate button located at the bottom of every page. You may use credit card, debit card or PayPal.
- Fill out a form in the office to authorize electronic fund transfers (EFT) from your account.
- Use the iPad on the front counter in the office to make a contribution with your credit or debit card.
- **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)**, up to \$100,000, direct from your IRA to the church, without paying tax on the distribution. You will need to complete the transfer by the 12/31/21 deadline. Talk to your financial advisor.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

- **Trinity Lutheran Council** will meet on Tuesday, July 20th at 4:30pm
- **TLC Learning Center** is seeking a new Lead Toddler Teacher - Energetic, licensed childcare provider, who can lead and teach 4-6 children ages 1^{1/2} – 2^{1/2} years. The full job description listed at <https://www.trinitylutherancda.org/learning-center>. Please email resume to Nikki Betts at directortlclc@gmail.com. If you have questions, please contact Krista Hartley, the Center's Board President, at 208-704-8330.
- **Donate a Can of Coffee!** Now that Sunday Coffee Hour is back, we certainly don't want to run out coffee! We would appreciate a donation of a large can every so often to keep an ample supply on hand for the many cups of "heavenly brew" to be consumed over the coming weeks! Your help is appreciated!
- **When at Worship Please Be Respectful** of others who have allergic reactions to fragrances. We know of a few people within the congregation who have severe respiratory reactions when entering a room that is heavily scented with perfume/cologne or scented lotions. This applies to product worn by both women and men. Thank you for your consideration in not wearing perfume/cologne or scented lotion when gathering at church!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE – JULY 2021

Thank you for your service!

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, kindly trade with someone else on the schedule when you have a conflict. Whenever possible, please contact the church office by Wednesday to inform Andrea of your change: 208-664-5743, or: office.trinitycda@gmail.com



9:00 AM	July 4	July 11	July 18	July 25
Altar Care	Paula Moore	Paula Moore Pam Hunt	Paula Moore	Paula Moore Karen Cook
Assisting Minister	Pam Hunt	Janet Gruber	Dick Jurvelin	Pam Hunt
Reader	Dolores Johnson	Doug Miller	Teri Venera	Jill Dougherty
Ushers	Paul Hunt Tad Johnson	Bob Ray Harold Fuchs	Bob Ray Gary Everson	Bob Ray Harold Fuchs
Communion Assistants	Paula Moore Dolores Johnson	Dick & Jill Jurvelin	Tom & Sue Thilo	Wanda Andrews Kathy Benson
Acolytes	HELP NEEDED	William Forsgren	HELP NEEDED	Jeremiah Benson



CELEBRATIONS & PRAYERS

June Birthdays

Dawn Menck	01
Curtis Nelson	01
Andreana Hagen	03
Shelby Ronnestad	04
Bob Schini	05
Dave McManus	06
Craig Leaf	07
Katie MacPhee	07
Debbie Sneve	09
Gary Rahm	10
Dick Jurvelin	11
Paul Muchow	12
Nancy Mylcraine	16
Dick Dale	17
Chris Hardy	17
Ella Erwin	20
Sadie Weiss	20
Tate Erwin	22
Will Wilbanks	22
Toni Wilson	22
Anne Capellen	23
Sally English	24
JoAnn Longwell	28
Margaret Aarhus	31
Wray Wilson	31

June Wedding Anniversaries

Craig & Jan Leaf	07/02/1983
Peter & Tyree Riggs	07/03/2010
Frank & Janet Selzer	07/26/1991
Justin & Katie Graupman	07/31/2010
Doral (Butch) & Connie McGee	07/31/1966

*Watch over your children,
O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide
them wherever they may be. Strengthen, comfort,
and raise them up if they fall, and in their hearts,
may your peace, which passes all understanding,
abide with them all the days of their lives.*

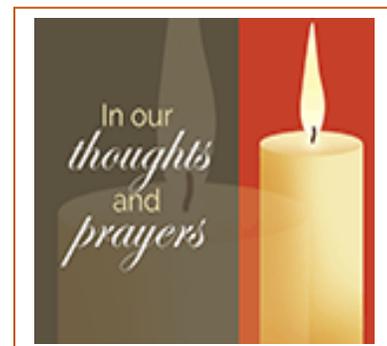
Prayers

***Please Hold In Your Prayers for Healing, Comfort, Peace
(The † symbol denotes TLC members)***

*Susan Kirkpatrick † Mavis Fuchs † Delores Luttrupp † Sally English
Marion Keating, † Lee Ray † Phyllis Bacon † Cindy McManus
Carol Price † Darla Tostengard † Shirley Belstad † Krista Hartley
Dave Nordby †
John Kinney (brother, Sue Baker)
Wes Deitz (brother, Yvonne Deitz)
Donna Cederwall (friend, Wanda Andrews)
Greg Johnson (father, Stephen Johnson)
Jim Korver (brother-in-law – Gerry Fairchild)
Micah Sharples (friend – Jill Jurvelin)
Glenda Amundson (sister-in-law – Ken & Darlene Amendson)
Sara Ripley (friend – Jack Riggs, Sandy Patano, Shannon Erwin)
Scott Eldredge (son – Martin & Karen Neller)
Darlene Eck (sister – Harold Fuchs)*

Deaths

*Family & Friends of David Bjerkestrand
Family & Friends of Pauline Gessner (mother-in-law – Terri
Gessner)
Family & Friends of Marilyn Ronnestad (mother – Rich Ronnestad)*



Worship Schedule

Wednesdays

Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Sundays

9:00 AM Worship Service

In-Person and

LIVESTREAM YOUTUBE

VIDEO WORSHIP ARCHIVE ON
OUR WEBSITE

www.trinitylutherancta.org



Family Promise Volunteers Needed - 2 Ways to Help Local Homeless Families

Both options are a One Night Volunteer Commitment

1. Meals for 2 families (1 volunteer needed)
2. Overnight Volunteers (2 volunteers needed)

Interested? Here's how to get started:

1. Contact Family Promise & let them know you can volunteer by providing a meal or staying at a designated church site & when you can help.

Overnight volunteers support our families by staying overnight at a designated church where the Family Promise families are being sheltered nightly.

2. Contact Family Promise with any questions, office@familypromisei.org or 208-755-5142.
3. Detailed instructions will be provided.

Choose an Available Date

- July 11-17: Meals & Overnight volunteers needed
- July 18-24: Overnight volunteers needed
- July 25-31: Overnight volunteers needed

*****Thank you for your continued support of our families in NEED!*****