

The Shorelines

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FROM THE PASTOR



'Cause I'm a country boy, I've got a four-wheel
drive
Climb in my bed, I'll take you for a ride
Up city streets, down country roads
I can get you where you need to go
'Cause I'm a country boy.

The above are lyrics from an Alan Jackson hit "Country Boy."

Words make sense for any of us that consider ourselves 'Country Boys.'" (Please note, country girls can be substituted for country boys.)

Look at the words, especially the part 'I can get you where you need to go.'

Country boys do take you where you need to go. No questions asked. Just taking people and doing for people what needs to get done.

Ever think of Jesus as a 'Country Boy?' I certainly do.

No, Jesus did not have a four-wheel drive, but think of who Jesus was and what he did and where he went.

Jesus spent most of his life either bare foot or wearing sandals. He traveled the countryside with approximately seven fishermen (could be a country boy of Lake Murray), a tax collector, and some tradesmen. (12 all told.)

He occasionally went to a city; but was more in the country with people. He walked just about everywhere he went. He did not need a four-wheel drive. (He could not buy gas anyway.)

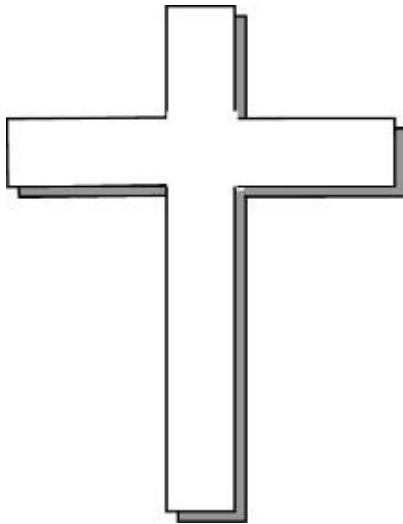
He was born in a manger with the sheep and goats. His dad was a carpenter. They were poor. They worked hard. Life was hard, but they had family and they had faith in God.

For me, it is easy to see that Jesus was a 'country boy.' The most important part of the above lyrics is not about a ride or a four-wheel drive or the location of city streets or country roads. The most important is when Jesus tells us, "I can get you where you need to go."

Jesus got the disciples where they needed to go and Jesus gets us where we need to go. That 'need to go' for all of us is loving God and loving each other. Jesus does not only tell us that, he lived it in all he did. Jesus worshipped, prayed, cried, grieved, healed, counseled, cared for, had compassion on, forgave, shared, and most of all gave himself for all of us.

Jesus was the ultimate country boy. He always gave his best and was always there for all the people. Today, Jesus is the same. He wants us to give our best and he is always there to help us. If the old saying is a country boy will never leave you, Jesus is the ultimate country boy. He shows us where we need to go.

Praise God for making all of us 'Country Folks.'





Quotes for Faith and Life

Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Matthew 28: 19 Eugene H. Peterson, The Message, the Bible in Contemporary English

No one ever hears the apology as loudly as they hear that initial biting, angry thought. Francis Chan

Impression without expression leads to depression. Rick Warren

You can trust that God has more to write in your story. Sharon Jaynes

Love the holy Scriptures, and wisdom will love you. Love wisdom, and she will keep you safe. Honor wisdom, and she will embrace you. St. Jerome

There are three of you. There is the person you think you are. There is the person others think you are. There is the person God knows you are and can be through Christ. Billy Graham

All your life, you will be faced with a choice. You can choose love or hate...I choose love. Johnny Cash

The more I learn, the more excited I get. Johnny Cash

I need to hear the Gospel every day, because we forget it every day. Martin Luther

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." Matthew 4: 19

Little league baseball is a very good thing because it keeps the parents off the streets. Yogi Berra

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus. Philippians 2:5

Any kid will run an errand for you, if you ask at bedtime. Red Skeleton

Don't shine so that others can see you. Shine so that through you, others can see HIM. C. S. Lewis

No one will ever, ever, ever love you more than Jesus. Unknown
(Should be all of us.)

Please send your favorite quotes so they can be included here!!!!

Summer Health for You and Your Family

Summer is a great time to think about self-care. With long sunny days and warmer weather, there are more opportunities than ever to switch up your routine and enjoy what the season has to offer. Use our self-care checklist to get some ideas for taking care of yourself this summer. We hope these suggestions will help you get moving, get outside and enjoy the sunshine!

Try these 15 ideas for summer wellness:

1. **Ditch the couch and relax outdoors.** Grab a blanket or lawn chair and something to read and set up camp on a shady patch of grass. Come to the lakeshore at Macedonia and fish with the kids.
2. **Go for a stroll.** A long walk can be a great way to clear your head and enjoy a warm summer afternoon. You can also grab a friend and get your exercise while catching up.
3. **Explore your local farmer's market.** Take advantage of seasonal produce and local vendors. A trip to the farmer's market can be a great opportunity to try new foods and incorporate healthier options into your diet.
4. **Start a garden or join a community garden.** Gardening can be a nice way to meditate, enjoy the outdoors and get some sunshine. It can also serve as a bonding time with your family or a way to make new friends. And at the end of the day, you can enjoy the literal fruits (and vegetables) of your labor!
5. **Tidy one small space.** Perhaps a drawer or the top of your desk – even having one space clean and free of clutter can help you feel calmer.
6. **Make a summer feel-good playlist.** Bring on the summer tunes! Music can be an effortless way to improve your mood and motivate you to get moving. Bonus points for listening while exercising or cleaning.
7. **Have a picnic.** Enjoying a meal outside can be an easy way to get some fresh air and sunshine and shake up your daily routine.
8. **Try a new exercise.** Getting those endorphins flowing can help calm your mind and improve your mood. Think about doing

something outdoors like hiking, tennis or swimming. Just don't forget your sunscreen and bug spray!

9. **Look for things going on in your community.** Search online or in the newspaper for events going on around town. Consider outdoor movies, yard sales, festivals, farmer's markets, concerts or dance classes. Making fun plans can help you feel excited and give you something to look forward to.
10. **Start or continue a journal.** Writing can be a great way to express how you feel and check-in with your emotions. Or, it can just be a place to doodle or draw. Make it whatever you need.
11. **Reconnect with someone.** Call an old friend – or even a grandparent or parent.
12. **Listen to Music.** Depending on what you like, music can relax us or pick us up. Contemporary Christian can do both and help tell you what is most important.
13. **Go exploring.** Pull up a map and find a new area of town or the lake that you have not been too.
14. **Prayer.** Tell God about all the things you are thankful for. Ask for guidance and listen.
15. **Do a needs assessment.** How did your last week go? Is there anything you could do to make next week better? Maybe you need more sleep, more social time or to prepare some healthy meals before your next busy week. Take a moment to reflect and think about how you can make time for whatever you need to best care for yourself.

Use these ideas to make your own self-care checklist this summer. Even small changes to your routine can improve your self-care practice and overall mood. Focus on new ways you can be active, get outside and get involved with your community.

Make VBS and church a priority in your life and let God show you how you can be an even more incredible person and disciple. God gave us the summer to enjoy and let's give all the glory to God.

(Note: Many of these were taken from the National Council for Mental Wellbeing.)

Worthy Reads:

When an old man died in the geriatric ward of a nursing home in an Australian country town, it was believed that he had nothing left of any value. Later, when the nurses were going through his meager possessions, they found this poem. Its quality and content so impressed the staff, that copies were made and distributed to every nurse in the hospital.

One nurse took her copy to Melbourne. The old man's sole bequest to posterity has since appeared in the Christmas editions of magazines around the country and magazines for mental health. A slide presentation has also been made based on his simple, but eloquent, poem. And this old man, with nothing left to give to the world, is now the author of this 'anonymous' poem winging across the Internet.

Cranky Old Man

What do you see nurses?What do you see?
What are you thinking . . . when you're looking at me?
A cranky old man,not very wise,
Uncertain of habit with faraway eyes?
Who dribbles his food and makes no reply.
When you say in a loud voice . . 'I do wish you'd try!'
Who seems not to notice . . .the things that you do.
And forever is losing A sock or shoe?
Who, resisting or not lets you do as you will,
With bathing and feedingThe long day to fill?
Is that what you're thinking?. .Is that what you see?
Then open your eyes, nurse .you're not looking at me.
I'll tell you who I am As I sit here so still,
As I do at your bidding, as I eat at your will.
I'm a small child of Ten . . .with a father and mother,
Brothers and sisters who love one another
A young boy of Sixteen with wings on his feet
Dreaming that soon now a lover he'll meet.

A groom soon at Twentymy heart gives a leap.
Remembering, the vowsthat I promised to keep.
At Twenty-Five, nowI have young of my own.
Who need me to guide . . . And a secure happy home.
A man of Thirty My young now grown fast,
Bound to each other With ties that should last.
At Forty, my young sons .. .have grown and are gone,
But my woman is beside me . . to see I don't mourn.
At Fifty, once more,Babies play 'round my knee,
Again, we know children My loved one and me.
Dark days are upon me My wife is now dead.
I look at the future I shudder with dread.
For my young are all rearing young of their own.
And I think of the years . . . And the love that I've known.
I'm now an old man and nature is cruel.
It's jest to make old age look like a fool.
The body, it crumbles grace and vigour, depart.
There is now a stone . . . where I once had a heart.
But inside this old carcass . A young man still dwells,
And now and again my battered heart swells
I remember the joys I remember the pain.
And I'm loving and living life over again.
I think of the years, all too few gone too fast.
And accept the stark fact . . . that nothing can last.
So open your eyes, people open and see.
Not a cranky old man.
Look closer see ME!!

Remember this poem when you next meet an older person who you might brush aside without looking at the young soul within. We will all, one day, be there, too!

Taken from a Facebook post shared by Alive After.

Recipe for A Happy Life

Serves: One

If you feel your best, you'll be able to enjoy your life at every stage and others will notice. Just like laughter, you'll be infectious and fun to be around.

The Recipe:

1 cup Acceptance

1 cup Positive Attitude

1 cup Moxie (Shy People May Substitute: Quietly Just Do the Things You Want to Do)

1 cup Healthy Outlook

1 cup Optimism

1 cup Activity for a Full Life

Mix well and serve up every day. Goes well with favorite foods, friends and family.

Recipe Note:

Flavor will vary from day to day.

Taken from Betty Crocker Cookbook for Women by Dr. Rita F. Redberg, Professor of Medicine, Director of Women's Cardiovascular Services, Division of Cardiology at University of California, San Francisco Medical Center

**A warm “welcome back” to the
Lakeshore Line Dancers! Such a blessing to resume
some of our activities!**



Youth News. . .

Congratulations to
John Douglas Cassady on his
November 2020 graduation, and
to our senior youth members
graduating in June 2021:
Tyler Alewine, Emma West,
and Tracen Hiller.











Cody Alewine and Noah Fulmer
were inducted into the Beta Club
at MCMS the last week in April.

Your church family is very proud of all of you!

Anniversary of your baptism

<i>Evan Ruff</i>	06/02/1996
<i>Tommy Brown</i>	06/12/1955
<i>Ruthie Hamm</i>	06/12/1955
<i>Jessica Seibert</i>	06/12/1983
<i>Kathy Fulmer</i>	06/15/1975
<i>J.D. Lindler</i>	06/16/1996
<i>Nolan Brooks</i>	06/16/2013
<i>Chris Metts</i>	06/19/2005
<i>Juanita Fulmer</i>	06/21/1936
<i>Charles Seibert</i>	06/23/1957
<i>Mack Amick</i>	06/27/1937





Date	Events
1	- 10:00 am Goldies meeting; trip to SC State Farmers Market and lunch
2	- 7:00 pm Choir practice; PLEASE JOIN US!
3	- 10:00 am Line dancing - 6:30 pm Dance Fitness with Julie
6	- 12:00 pm Walter Frick Reunion - 6:00 pm WELCA summer quarterly meeting – Kathy Derrick Circle
7	- 6:30 pm Dance Fitness with Julie
9	- 7:00 pm Choir practice; PLEASE JOIN US!
10	- 10:00 am Line dancing - 6:30 pm Dance Fitness with Julie
11-12	- WELCA Convention – Redeemer, Newberry
13	- 7:00 am Council meeting - 5:00 pm KFC & Youth
14	- 6:30 pm Dance Fitness with Julie
16	- 10:00 am Senior Bass Club - 7:00 pm Choir practice; PLEASE JOIN US!
17	- 10:00 am Line dancing - 6:30 pm Dance Fitness with Julie
20	- Holy Communion
21 – 25	- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!!
24	- 10:00 am Line dancing
27	- 8:30 am Congregational meeting; there will be <u>NO 10:30 SERVICE</u> - 5:00 pm KFC & Youth - 6:00 pm Cookout for Confirmands & Graduates hosted by WELCA
28	- 6:30 pm Dance Fitness with Julie
30	- 7:00 pm Choir practice; PLEASE JOIN US!

Happy Birthday To Everyone Born in June!



3 Justin Hughes
4 Charles Amick
4 Gay Rawls
6 Karen West
8 Jerry Alewine
9 Charles Moore
10 Vivian Glymph
11 Janet Alewine
12 Ben Hawkins
14 Mack Amick
14 Steve Griffith
14 Jason Ruch

15 Donnie Amick
15 Vicki Bowers
16 Alvin Shaver
23 Tanner Bundrick
23 Missy Hipp
24 Bibba Carter
26 Jeannette Ayers
26 LaDona Shaver
27 Larken Moore
28 Timothy Graham
29 Sharon Hundley
29 Bill Morris



<i>Date</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>Years</i>
1	Dick & Mary Witakowski	64
5	Chris & Jessica Brooks	11
5	William & Dottie Tolbert	45
6	Evan & Ashley Ruff	12
16	Allen & Judy Litz	20
20	Jerry & Janet Alewine	45
22	Patrick & Melanie Hawkins	25
24	Grady & Olivia Fulmer	37
24	Jamie & Jeanna Martin	19
25	Donald & Marilyn Wise	39
26	Dick & Katie Haug	39
27	Pat & Michael Dominick	1
28	Eddie & Debby Fulmer	47



- **YOU ARE NEEDED!!!** We would LOVE to increase the size of our choir, and we need your help to do that! You do not have to know how to read music or be a professional singer. All you need is a love for music and a desire to serve the Lord through choir! Please join us and help make a joyful noise on Wednesday nights at 7 pm for choir practice and Sunday mornings at service. Individuals middle school age and up are welcome!
- **Goldies will meet** on June 1st. They will travel to the SC State Farmers Market following the meeting and have lunch there.
- **From the Women's Corner...** The Macedonia Women of the ELCA were delighted to honor two bridal couples on Sunday, May 23rd at the 8:30 service, Rachel and Al Moore (May 15) and Hope and Alex Blackwell (May 29). We presented them a Couple's Devotional Bible. Congratulations and Best Wishes! We pray for God to bless and keep you always in His loving care!
- **The Macedonia Women of the ELCA** will have their Summer Quarterly Meeting at 6 pm on Sunday, June 6th in the Fellowship Hall! The Kathy Derrick Circle will host and present the program. All ladies of the church are cordially invited!
- **There will be a congregational meeting** on Sunday, June 27th, at the 8:30 service. **THERE WILL NOT BE A 10:30 SERVICE.**

Summary of April 11th Church Council Meeting

Church council met Sunday morning, April 11th. The following motions were approved:

1. Council approved the purchase on a new tablet at \$500 to \$600 if an existing tablet does not work. This is for live streaming our lakeshore services on Sunday morning or for live streaming any services that we have.
2. Council approved a bid of \$10,507.69 for audio and video equipment upgrades. Council cannot authorize this as it exceeds their limit for approving nonbudgeted items. The motion was tabled, as we need an additional amount for upgrading the sound board. The additional amount should be less than \$1,000. The motion was tabled until we get the additional quote. Once we get the full quote, the congregation will be notified that anyone can make a contribution toward this over and above their normal giving. To date, we have over \$4,000 committed to this project. If we do not get the necessary funds, we would have to have a congregational meeting to approve this project.
3. Lent offerings were approved to go to ICS. This is as we have done in the past.
4. VBS will be at night from June 21st through June 25th. More details are coming.
5. A member has volunteered to pay for the additional paving of a road and cul-de-sac in the cemetery. The paved area in the parking lot that had a water leaked will also be paved.

We have four youth that have been coming to our council meetings. We want to commend them on this and make certain they keep coming as a vital part of our congregation. They are Bethany Day, Caroline Ayers, Emma Bundrick, and Ben Hawkins. WAY TO GO OUR YOUTH LEADERS!!!!

Macedonia Lutheran Church
Statement of Income and Expenses
For the Four Months Ended April 30, 2021

	April Actual	4 Month Actual	4 month Budget	Over (Under) Budget
Income				
Offerings	\$31,056	\$120,746	\$89,104	\$31,642
Use of facilities	200	1,241	0	1,241
Total income	<u>31,256</u>	<u>121,987</u>	<u>89,104</u>	<u>32,883</u>
Expenses				
Professional - pastor	7,791	33,919	34,151	(232)
Professional - worship	1,893	6,824	6,824	0
Professional - administrative	1,971	7,932	7,884	48
Worship - outreach	7,500	15,205	15,783	(578)
Worship - witness	135	135	617	(482)
Worship - worship	674	2,144	1,750	394
Worship - growth in faith	508	508	2,667	(2,159)
Worship - property	3,622	11,705	14,380	(2,675)
Worship - administrative	702	3,707	3,380	327
Capital expenditures - property	32,000	33,317	6,667	26,650
Total expenses	<u>56,796</u>	<u>115,396</u>	<u>94,101</u>	<u>21,295</u>
Income less expenses	<u>(\$25,540)</u>	<u>\$6,591</u>	<u>(\$4,997)</u>	<u>\$11,588</u>

Offerings remained strong for the month of April. We have been blessed with your giving. We thank you for that. The church continues to monitor expenses and control them as we can. The \$32,000 under capital expenditures was for the roof on the chapel at the lakeshore. It was previously approved.

Since we do not do a monthly budget, the pastor calculated a four-month budget for this statement. If you want a more detailed statement, please contact the church office.

Let us continue to give to God with our offerings and talents for 2021.
God always blesses us and God bless all of you at Macedonia Lutheran Church.

We are so blessed that you have joined us here at Macedonia!

Jason Miller 05/05/2021

Charles & Terri Setzler 05/05/2021

Alvin & LaDona Shaver 05/19/2021

Your input is very important to us! If you would like to contribute to this publication by sharing your ideas, upcoming event information, photos and/or favorite quotes, please call the office and let us know, or send them to the church office email address – macedonialutheranchurch@gmail.com. Thank you!