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“Our Father”

The disciples learned so much from Jesus. They learned as they watched Him. They learned as He spoke to them. They learned as He taught others. They learned what love and compassion truly is. They learned all about what forgiveness is. They learned about the power of God. Something very important that Jesus taught them was how to pray. In Luke 11 we read, “Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” And he said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.”

After Jesus rose triumphantly from the grave He appeared to Mary Magdalene. Mary was seeking Jesus and He comforted her and said to her in John 20, “Jesus said

to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

This month we celebrate fathers. The third Sunday in June is Father’s Day. All fathers are different. Different fathers have different strengths and weaknesses. But we all loved and respected our fathers. Those of us whose fathers are now in heaven look forward to the day when we will see our fathers again because of the sacrifice of Jesus for their sins and ours.

My wife, Lesley, wrote a wonderful piece about her father, my father-in-law, Oliver Wendell Braun and I would like to share it with you now:

“My father, Ollie, was a great father, a good friend to many, and admired by hundreds including myself. A days does not go by without me thinking of him. I can see a lot of him in me, which is wonderful, and I hope I am honoring him. My Dad was a caring, kind “go the extra mile to help you” person. He never went past a kid’s lemonade stand without

stopping, had a great sense of humor, he was a happy outgoing person. Both of my parents had numerous hospitalizations. One time a 2 ton asphalt roller fell on my Dad’s foot, he spent a month in the hospital that time. Even though he had an outgoing personality, it did not shine through in a hospital. “Why would anyone want to be around all those sick people.” he would say that every time on the way home when he was discharged.

My parents knew Jesus, both are in heaven with Him now. My brothers and I grew up baptized, confirmed Lutherans. I am sure that we all at some time have thought something close to what my Dad thought, who would want to be around all those sick people? As Christians, as fishermen of people, as people blessed by God, by His grace mercy and peace - we want to be around all those sick people. All the people who do not know Christ are sick, sick with sin. We want to be around all those sick people, to help them know how their robes can be washed clean in the blood of Christ.

We are the people who know that we ourselves have that

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- 6/2 – Nancy Jenkins
- 6/9 – Nancy Jenkins
- 6/16 – VBS – Hope Pappert
- 6/23 – Pam Shannon
- 6/30 – Pam Shannon



Our Father

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same sickness - who would want to be around us? We are sinners, we need the same prescription, the same treatments provide by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. During the Lenten season, we have had time to examine, test ourselves. We have had time to study our heart, our soul - our faith. We understand the diagnosis - without Jesus enduring the pain of the cross, we would be dying in the eternal damnation ward.

God provides treatments and prescriptions for us in the Bible, in His words. It is a comfort to know that the Holy Trinity are experts at life, forgiveness, love here on earth and eternally.”

I believe that each one of us have something wonderful to write about our father, of their love and care for us, that they wanted the best possible. As great as our earthly father’s love for us is, we know that the love our heavenly Father has for us goes beyond our imagining. He cares for us, supplies us our daily bread. We can go to Him with every care and sorrow. We thank and praise Him for every good thing, including our earthly fathers. We all believed that our earthly fathers could fix anything (Ollie could); our heavenly Father by His Son fixed our biggest problem, our sin.

We especially praise and thank Him for the grace given to us for the sake of our Lord, Savior, and brother, Christ Jesus.

A blessed Father’s Day

God’s Blessings - Pastor Dave L. Lesley



Do You Need a Christian Tune-Up?

If so, here are five tune-up specials for you:

1. Adjust your lights so others may see your good works.
2. Set your timing so as to be at the meeting on time.
3. Adjust the brakes on your tongue.
4. Align your direction so that you may stay on the straight and narrow.
5. Anti-freeze your heart and be fervent in spirit. Above all things, love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind.

Unless you’re a pluviophile (someone who loves rain), a stretch of sunshine-free days can seem drab and dreary. To make South Korea’s long monsoon season more colorful, art students created murals on some Seoul sidewalks with hydrochromic paint. It’s invisible on dry surfaces, but as soon as water hits, vibrant images appear. Rain transforms gray pavement into bright scenes of fish, whales and turtles.

Life’s storms, whether literal or figurative, can dampen our enthusiasm and even challenge our faith. Yet adversity often reveals God’s true colors — and ours. No matter what clouds pass overhead, God remains perfect, loving and steadfast. And by praising God “rain or shine,” we, as his artwork, reveal that our Creator and his every brushstroke are trustworthy.





- 6/3 - Myles Gaarder
- 6/12 - Sherlyn Theas
- 6/17 - Stacy Mason
- 6/19 - Caleb Brunnert
- 6/24 - Jessica Sheil
- 6/24 - Pierce Strauch
- 6/25 - Yesenia Estrada
- 6/30 - Allison Riley



- 6/9 - Matthew & Tenna Hazen
- 6/9 - Mike & Nancy Jenkins
- 6/15 - Merv & Marilyn Bettis
- 6/15 - Mike Rogers & Jean Memken
- 6/19 - Michael & Deanna Mandrick
- 6/28 - Joe & Hope Pappert



June 13, 2019, 5:00 pm
 - Trudie Sweet
 - Jean Memken



LWML Begins Year-End Wrap-up, Plans for Future

The LWML met on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 7 PM for our monthly meeting. We began by enjoying refreshments provided by hostess Pam Myers. She served angel food cake with strawberries and blueberries, German chocolate cupcakes, pretzels, almond bark covered pretzels, M & M's, and punch. The in-gathering was designated for the Ministry Center.

President, Lesley Oddi called the meeting to order at 7:15. Members present were Pam Myers, Marie Walsh, Liz Mandrick, Lesley Oddi, Twyla Hazen, Virginia McNair, Mary Ann Zanzie, Beth Goudge and Jean Memken. Liz Mandrick led us in a devotion entitled "Breathe, Beloved." We should remember with every inhalation who and whose we are! Jesus breathed on his disciples after his resurrection to give them the Holy Spirit. Breath is a significant image for God's Spirit in the Bible. The Spirit is the life giver. God breathed on the dust body of Adam to give him life. When life's challenges become overwhelming, we should take a deep breath and remember God's presence upholding us. Wind is another word describing God's Spirit. At the beginning – creation – the Spirit was hovering over the waters waiting for God's word, "Let there be..." to part the waters and create the air and dry land. The words "hover over" was used other times: 1) to compare God to an eagle "That hovers over its young" (Deut. 32:11) 2) in Genesis when Noah sent out a dove fluttering over the water looking for dry land. 3) "The Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him" (Matthew 3:16). God's wind is for us today. He parts the waters of sin and death and raises us to new life in His Spirit.

No guests, new members or birthdays.

Secretary's report – Twyla Hazen presented the minutes from the April 2, 2019 meeting. There were no additions or corrections. The minutes stand approved as printed and emailed. Twyla will save the minutes in a PDF format and resend as some people had trouble opening the attachment.

Correspondence – Spring 2019 newsletter from the Concordia Seminary Guild.

Treasurer's report – Virginia McNair presented her report which was then placed on file for review. See her report at the end of the minutes. Note that the NET income from the garage sale was \$2182.60. Bills were presented from Beth Goudge for Rally expenses totaling \$32.65 and from Pam Myers for pizza, water, etc from moving things from Art White's house in Tarkio for the rummage sale totaling \$43.44. Liz Mandrick made a motion to pay the bills, Marie Walsh made the second. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

1. Love Gift 1) white altar cloth, Jean will investigate costs and purchase. Had been on hold when discussion came up about maybe getting a free standing altar. No time frame for that so will proceed with purchase. 2) Activity bags for children have been well received. Liz washed all the bags and Jean filled them with items

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2. Rummage sale - We still have some of the big furniture items in the garage. We will try to sell advertising in the newspapers and swap shop. Twyla and Pam will work on this.
3. Lilies update – the arrangement looked very nice. Thank you Pam and Marie. In the future we may have the chimes ring as someone reads the names of those being remembered/honored with the lilies.
4. Confirmation reception for Andrea Riley – Awesome job! Thanks to all who helped. The High School graduation reception for Ashley Riley and Vanessa Pappert will be Sunday, May 19. Cake is ordered, and there will be blue punch and blue and white table cloths and decorations.
5. Nominating committee for officers 2019-2020 – still working on this.
6. Bethesda residents picnic – June 4 at 6 pm in the church basement.
7. Shepherd's kitchen dessert update – Liz, Pastor and Lesley still doing the meals on the 2nd Thursday. After discussion about having just one person make the desserts, we decided to continue with 2 people providing the desserts. A sign up sheet will be placed at the back of church to encourage congregation participation.
8. Stamps – we are still collecting stamps for LWML. They need to get to our Zone President, Carol Sharp, so that she can get them relayed to the District board meetings and the stamp lady – Carol Cook.

New Business:

1. VBS (June 15-16) LWML will help with dinner and a donation – Pam Myers made a motion to give \$150 dollars from the rummage sale (mission outreach) to the board of education to help with VBS expenses. Virginia McNair made the second. Motion passed.
2. Flower planting outside – Church pays for flowers. Pam Myers, Beth Goudge, Jean Memken and Liz Mandrick volunteered to plant them.
3. In gathering for the National Convention – Liz will provide a container for the collection. Pastor and Lesley will be driving so they can take items collected. Jean listed them in the bulletin. Gift cards are also needed.
4. Bible studies at convention – Early morning Bible studies were started at the last convention in Albuquerque. Liz attended and really enjoyed. Lesley also printed and passed out Convention Offering information to Liz and Twyla who will be attending.

The final meeting of our year is Tuesday, June 4 at 6:00 pm, and will be a potluck/picnic with the Bethesda residents at the church. Devotion leader is Lesley Oddi and in-gathering will be for the Children and Family Center.

Shepherd's Kitchen for May 9 - Beth Goudge and Lesley Oddi Shepherd's Kitchen for June 13 – Trudie Sweet and Jean Memken

Closing Mite Box Devotion – Jean Memken – 2017–2019 Mission Grant: Family Scholarships for Short Term Mission Trips; \$60,000. MOST Ministries has been meeting the physical needs of people around the world as a way to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Through connections with LCMS missionaries and Lutheran church leaders, MOST is building churches and schools, providing health care, and teaching marketable skills, all the while sharing the love of Christ and the Gospel of our Lord. MOST feels it is important to recruit families into mission work not only because of the positive impact it has on the lives of those they serve, but on the families themselves. Serving as a family opens the eyes of their children to see how other people live and gives them a perspective of how fortunate they are in the United States. We are all aware of the increasing costs of travel. This grant will help to offset the expenses of approximately 50% of a typical trip. When the families return, they will share their experiences with their churches, communities, district, and the women of the LWML.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Twyla Hazen, Secretary



“More marriages might survive if the partners realized that sometimes the better comes **after** the worse.”

—Doug Larson

Come, Holy Spirit

I think I might have used this as a title of an article before, but the phrase bears repeating, especially as we approach the season of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit—I say that little prayer every time I walk toward the altar for communion. Perhaps you do, too. But what are we really asking for when we say, “Come, Holy Spirit.” What do we really know about this somewhat elusive part of the Holy Trinity?

We have been studying the role of the Holy Spirit in relation to spiritual gifts in our Women’s Bible Study, and it seems the more we study the Holy Spirit, the more I realize how little I really know about this third person of the Trinity.

First, to be clear, God is present today with us in the form of the Holy Spirit. So we don’t really need to ask for His presence. We believe that the Holy Spirit is planted in the heart of a person when they are baptized. So asking God for the Holy Spirit doesn’t really mean you need His presence, but rather, you would like to *sense* His presence to a greater degree.

When we take communion, it is probably the closest we can get to God this side of heaven. We ask for God’s Holy Spirit to be present so that we can truly experience that amazing meal in the way God wants us to. When we pray, “Come, Holy Spirit” we are asking God to reveal himself in our lives as we partake of Christ’s very body

and blood. It is a prayer for reverence, wonder, and the comfort and peace only God can provide. It is a prayer asking God to reveal His power and will in our lives.

I was reading a commentary about the Holy Spirit and the author described a scenario where some Christians gathered together and prayed “Come, Holy Spirit” with the real expectation that the Holy Spirit would reveal itself in their lives. That is a wonderful and scary proposition all at the same time. Let’s take a look at what happens to people when they experience the Holy Spirit.

In the Old Testament, God’s Spirit is mentioned many times. We know it was present at creation. In Genesis 1:2 it says, “*Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.*”

The Holy Spirit came upon Sampson and gave him his strength. It says in Judges 15:13, “*The Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon him [Sampson].*” David was blessed with the Holy Spirit in his life. In 1 Samuel 16:13, it is written, “*And from that day on, the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David.*”

The idea of the Holy Spirit taking the form of a cloud “hovering” is frequent in Scripture. The children of Israel experienced God’s Spirit as a pillar of cloud during the day. After

Solomon built the temple, scripture says in I Kings 8:10-11, “*When the priests withdrew from the Holy Place, the cloud filled the temple of the Lord. And the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled his temple.*”

When Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit descends from the clouds above “*like a dove*” and hence, we use the dove as a symbol for the Holy Spirit, but we could just as well use a cloud as it seems like the Spirit manifests itself in that way throughout the Bible.

But why would experiencing the Holy Spirit be scary? Well, think about the first Pentecost. When God’s Spirit was poured out on the disciples, they experienced a rushing wind. They saw tongues of fire. They spoke in different languages. There were so many things happening that all who were present knew that this was

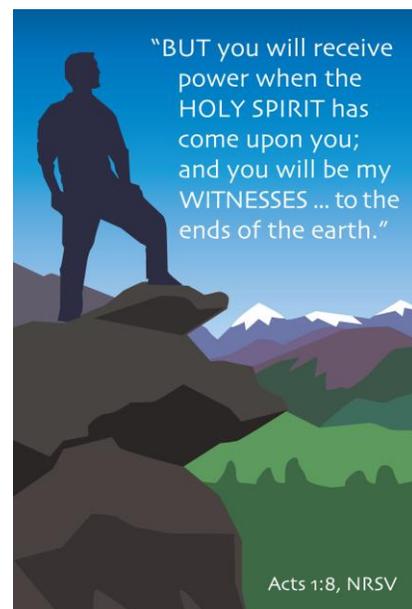
not mortal men’s doing, but God Himself was among them. We don’t know a lot about the reaction of the crowd, but they might have been a little scared.

With God’s Spirit as their guide, the disciples went throughout the area and performed many miracles, particularly healing the sick. Wonderful, but a little scary!

Once the disciples were gathered together and prayed for God’s Spirit to be present, and the room where they were meeting began to shake. I bet if that happened here at Hope, we would all be a bit fearful.

The Spirit the disciples called upon is the same Spirit we call upon today, and when we ask that Spirit to come upon us, we have to accept the way it comes and what it brings. And, even more importantly, we need to use the spiritual gifts it provides. That is a wonderful, albeit a little scary, truth.

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One of the best examples of a life given over to the Holy Spirit is that of Paul. Think of the transformation the Holy Spirit made in his life. Here he was, thinking he was doing God's will by persecuting the new Christians when he is struck blind by God and hears Jesus' voice admonishing him.

Once the Spirit takes hold of his life, Paul totally transforms, dedicating everything he has and everything he does to furthering God's kingdom and spreading the Good news about Jesus. What does Paul's example teach us about living a Spirit-filled life?

1. It brings Success – The Bible gives many examples of Paul preaching to the crowds, especially to the Gentiles, and many of them then believed and were baptized. God wants you to use your spiritual gifts for his glory and purpose, and when you do, you will succeed. Does that mean life in the Spirit is idyllic and wonderful and always terrific? Of course not, which brings us to our second point.
2. It brings Opposition – Just because God is with you in spirit doesn't mean you won't face trials and opposition from others. Although we face little or no persecution for our faith here in Maryville, Missouri, there are plenty of Christians who deal with persecution daily. Paul had plenty of instances where he was beaten, threatened, imprisoned, left for dead, etc. And yet, with the spirit's help, he went on doing what the spirit compelled him to do.
3. It brings Joy – In spite of all the opposition Paul faced, and right after he and his colleagues had endured a thorough beating in Antioch and were thrown out of the city, it says in Acts 13:52, *"And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit."* There is a deep joy that comes from having the spirit of God upon you. No matter what life throws your way, that joy cannot be extinguished.
4. It brings Boldness – Despite threats and persecution, the Holy Spirit emboldened Paul, so that he could not stop talking about Jesus. In Acts 13: 46-47, it says, *"Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: 'We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For this is what the Lord has commanded us: 'I have made you a light for the Gentiles that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'"* Also in Acts 14:3, it is written: *"So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there (Iconium), speaking boldly for the Lord, who confirmed the message of his grace by enabling them to perform signs and wonders."*

As I learn more about the Holy Spirit, I realize more and more what a tremendous privilege it is to be able to actually spend time with God. The devil has certainly put a lot of time wasters in the world today to tempt me, and I succumb to them much too often. But to spend time in God's presence, whether it be with others as we pour through Scriptures in Bible study or worship together at church, or by myself when I get out my prayer list and mention each person on it to God in prayer or read my daily devotion each morning, how much more renewed I feel each time I am with Him and He with me. It is my prayer that you sense that renewal and exhilaration as well as the Holy Spirit takes hold of your life and leads you to sense God's presence in your life. Come, Holy Spirit, yes indeed, Come!—jm



Vacation Bible School on a Mission to Outer Space

This year's VBS theme is "Miraculous Mission: Jesus Save the World!" and it will be a great time for all involved. As usual, it will be held at the Lake Mozingo Youth camp, starting at 1:00 pm on Saturday, June 15 with a pizza lunch. Then there will an afternoon of fun and games, Bible stories, crafts, songs, and snacks! The fun continues with a cookout/potlucks for everyone in the congregation at 6:00 pm, and then the infamous water balloon fight. If the weather is good, we might do a little stargazing, and then songs, stories and s'mores around the campfire. After a good night's sleep in the cabins, breakfast will be served bright and early on Sunday morning (congregation invited) at 8:00 am, followed by more VBS and then a worship service for all at 10:00 am. **Be sure to get your registration form filled out by JUNE 2, so you don't miss out on all the fun!**



Questions? Contact Karla Roush or any member of the Education Committee. Join us and bring your friends! All are invited!



Here are some of the things that were discussed at the last Church Council Meeting.

Elders: Dean Biermann reported that the Elders are going through training. Dean will be getting together with Pastor Oddi to update the shepherding list. He also reported the grill in the basement that was used on Easter needs to be cleaned and checked out.

Trustees: Larry Abbott reported that Andrea Riley will be taking over the cleaning position from Ashley Riley.

Finance: Mike Mandrick reported that the first quarter summary of contributions have been distributed.

Campus Relations: Pam Myers reported that Megan Clausen has been checked out of the LCC. The Council offered support for having the LCC professionally cleaned this summer.

No additional information from Education, Evangelism, or Long Range planning.

Old Business: As approved at the March meeting, two advertisements have been purchased for the Cats' Guide, a publication given to new students at Northwest and their parents which showcases businesses and services in Maryville. One ad is for the church and one is for the LCC.

The Church received some information for the Lutheran Church Extension fund, but it was decided not to make any contributions to them at this time.

New Business: There was no new business.



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- Weekly meals, Bible studies, social activities, study area
- Residence for Northwest Students (private rooms, off-street parking)

Lutheran Campus Center

Check out our Facebook page! Carpool to Sunday Worship.
Campus Center Director: Joyce Cronin

Phone: 660-582-2090

624 College Ave (by the University Adv. Office)

Here are two advertisements for our church and campus center that will be featured in the Cat's Guide, a NWMSU publication that is given to new students and their parents that features local businesses and services.

Andrea Riley Confirmed

On May 4, Andrea Riley was confirmed in the faith and became a full-fledged member of Hope Lutheran Church. She also celebrated her first communion with her family. Andrea's Bible verse was: John 10:27-28 – *"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."* Following the service, we celebrated with Andrea at a reception in the Bible Study Room. Congratulations, Andrea, and God's Richest Blessings!



We Celebrate our Grads!



What a joyous time of year this is as we celebrate the graduation of the young people in our congregation! On April 28, we honored (and said good-by to) our LCC student **Megan Clausen** (Pictured on the left). Megan graduated from Northwest with a bachelor's degree in political science. She will be continuing her education at Washington University School of Law in St. Louis. Congratulations, Megan!



On May 19, we celebrated with Jefferson High School graduates **Ashley Riley** and **Vanessa Pappert** (pictured on the right). Ashley will continue her studies at Creighton University in the fall, majoring in biology/pre-med, and will be participating on the Creighton Cross Country team. Vanessa will be studying at Northwest Missouri State in the fall, majoring in Early Childhood education. We are so proud of both of you, Ashley and Vanessa! Best wishes on your future educational endeavors.

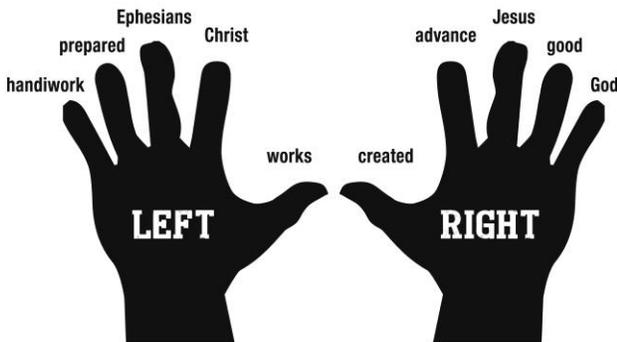
In addition, Hope member **Jonathan Rogers** graduated from Truman State University in Kirksville, with a degree in computer science. Way to go, Jonathan!



Handiwork to do good works

God has a special plan and purpose for each of us.

Directions: Use the finger-position clues under the blanks below to complete Ephesians 2:10, NIV.



For we are God's _____, _____ in
L pinky R thumb
 _____ to do _____,
L pointer R middle R ring L thumb
 which _____ in _____
R pinky L ring R pointer
 for us to do. _____ 2:10, NIV
L middle

Answer: handiwork, created, Christ, Jesus, good, works, God, prepared, advance, Ephesians

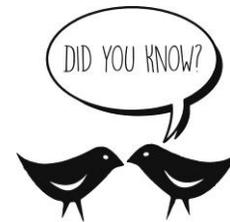
Moving to a Better Place?

A businessman ordered flowers to be sent to the opening of his friend's new branch office. When the businessman got there, he was shocked to see the flowers with the inscription. "Rest In Peace." He was so outraged that he stopped at the florist to complain.

"It could be worse," the florist said, "Just think: Today someone was buried beneath a floral arrangement with the inscription. 'Congratulations on Your New Location!'"



"I'll come to VBS, but can you take the word 'school' out of it?"



-- **Allison Riley** received recognition from the Nodaway Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for participating in their annual American History contest. Congratulations, Allison!

-- **Ashley Riley** was the valedictorian of her graduating class at Jefferson High School. Congratulations, Ashley!

-- **Ashley Riley** finished out her track career at Jefferson High by medaling in three events at the State Track meet in Jefferson City:: sixth place in the 4 x 800 relay race, second place in the 3200 meter run, and sixth place in the 1600 meter run. Way to go, Ashley!

-- **Matt Gaarder** was recognized for his support of Heroes for Heroes, a non-profit program that provides monetary and other types of support to Northwest Missouri veterans. We salute you, Matt!

