

**Helmar Lutheran Church
Newark, IL**

Sunday, June 7th, 2026
First Sunday after Trinity

Welcome

Missions Presentation: Mikayla Durland*

Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Scripture reading: John 8:31-36
Acts 15:6-11

Confession of Faith: Apostle's Creed

Communion

Praise Team: "By Faith"
"His Mercy is More"
"God, You're So Good"

Children's Church dismissed

Sermon Series: "The Goodness of God 250"
Part One: "The Motto of the Revolution"
Galatians 5:1

Benediction

Hymn: "Victory in Jesus"

Postlude

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\*Door Offering

Upcoming Events:

Tu: 6:30-8pm "I Love America" Choir practice in the lower level  
6:30pm Deacons/Trustees Mtg, 7:30pm Council Mtg

Wed: 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Southern Belle's

Fri: 9am Ladies Prayer Group  
5-7pm Food Pantry

Sun: 9:30am Fellowship  
10am Worship service  
2-4pm J2R Open House

The church Wi-Fi password is Helmar21  
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Registration is open for the **Family and Youth Bible Camp!** July 19-23rd at Cedar Lake, Indiana. Keynote speaker is Pastor Steve Larson and Don Davidson is leading an adult Bible hour this year. If you are a current HLC member, Helmar will help send you to camp. Reach out to Kristen or Jacob Mathre for more details. **Don't miss the June 15th camp T-shirt deadline!**

Register at <https://www.fybiblecamp.com/>

Pray for our Graduates! Confirmation/Jr High: Carter Chelsen, Ellie Chelsen, Brett Cryder, Payton Yaggie. Jr High: Hunter Stuber (Newark). High School: Lily Benjamin, Hannah Greven, Sam Niles. Liberty University Graduate School: Jim Osmond



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opening of our new office
We are looking forward to seeing you there!



June 7th, 2026

**“The Motto of the Revolution”
Galatians 5:1**

As we head toward the 250th birthday of our nation, we are going to spend the Sundays in June, and the first in July, focusing on the Judeo-Christian heritage of our country. As a people, we praise the LORD for His goodness to us and for His love. He has, indeed, “shed His grace upon us”!

I. Introduction—Jonathan Parsons, a powerful message...

II. What did _____ v. 1a

III. Why did _____ v. 1b

This is your opportunity to see the lovely Ministry House, which is the answer to prayer for a facility for the J2R ministry. Thank you to all those who have given time and talents to make this possible!

June 7, 2026

God Moves in the Unnoticed Moments

“Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin.” Zechariah 4:10 (NLT)

On June 7, 1776, something remarkable happened—though few remember it today. Before fireworks, declarations, and independence, there was a simple moment in a quiet room in Philadelphia. A man named Richard Henry Lee, not widely remembered by most Americans, stood and proposed a resolution that the thirteen colonies “are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States.”

It wasn't July 4th. There were no crowds cheering or pens signing famous words. But that day a seed was planted—a quiet beginning that would grow into the birth of a nation. What started as a small, unseen act of courage became a moment that shaped the course of history and inspired generations to come.

In much the same way, God often does His greatest work not in the spotlight, but in the small, faithful moments that go unnoticed. His purposes unfold in quiet obedience, gentle persistence, and trust that seems simple but is deeply powerful.

- Moses was tending sheep when God called him.
- David was forgotten in the fields when God anointed him.
- Mary was an unknown young woman when God chose her to carry His Son.

History remembers the fireworks of July 4th, but God remembers the faith and courage of June 7th—the day one man dared to speak up before anyone knew how it would end.

Maybe you feel like your life is in a “June 7th” moment—unseen, early, uncertain. You're doing your best to be faithful, but the results aren't visible yet. Be encouraged: God is already at work. What feels insignificant to the world may be the very beginning of something that changes everything. Every seed planted in faith, no matter how small, carries the potential for God's glory to bloom in its time.

Lord, help me to trust You in the small beginnings. Remind me that You often work in quiet moments and through ordinary people. Give me courage to take the next faithful step—even if no one else sees it—knowing You rejoice to see the work begin. Amen.

Mr. Micah Johnson
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AFLC Promotion for June is Evangelism and Discipleship

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Spiritual Disciplines Sheet

6-7-2026

Hide God's Word in your Heart

“So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, ‘If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.’”

John 8:31,32