

July 2018

Pastor's Message

Dear Friends and Fellow Members of the Body of Christ:

God bless America! Land that I love! Stand beside her, and guide her, through the night with the light from above! I don't think it's just me. As a nation we seem to be stumbling in the dark. We're angry. We're fearful. We're short with each other. We're forgetting some things, like-10 year old Jake reminded us in worship Saturday evening: "Seems to me that if people would just keep the Golden Rule, they would be keeping most of the commandments!" And we're forgetting that we are 'blessed to be a blessing.'

There's no easy way 'out!' But we can start by remembering who *we* are, and what *we're* called to be and do: We can remember we are God's own; that we belong to one another; and that the call to *love our neighbors as ourselves* has no boundaries. We can also remember that "We Are Church Together" and we have partners in our ELCA who will help us advocate for good policies. They'll remind us that people matter more than politics. *Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service* (www.lirs.org) has been at their task since WWII. They know the people. They know the issues. They know the scriptures. They can help us learn and help us act.

All of us have a duty to educate ourselves. We can talk with each other. We can reach out to members of Congress. We can remember the Golden Rule. And we can pray that God will guide this nation, *and that we might be ready to be guided, in Jesus' life-giving ways!*

-Pastor Paul

St. John's Question/Suggestion Box

Thank you for submitting your questions and comments! Questions and comments are posted near the suggestion box at the Welcome and Information Desk. Here are a couple of questions that have been addressed.



Upcoming Events

July 8-13 Confirmation Camp
July 18 Campfire Worship
July 25 Lunch Bunch

Updates 2018

+YTD General Fund

Receipts: \$ 82,077
Expenses: \$ 86,134

+YTD Building Fund:

Receipts: \$ 50,450
Expenses: \$ 54,351

+YTD ELCA Benevolence:

\$ 6,101 Goal for 2018: \$15,000

+YTD Missionary Sponsorship:

\$ 3,335 Goal for 2018: \$6,000

+YTD Average Attendance:

2018: 173/week; 2017: 190/week

We have several electronic giving options. Talk to Wendy Wolf for more information!

Thank you for your regular attendance and offerings!

Lunch Bunch

The next lunch bunch will be July 25 at 11 with lunch at noon. Please sign up at the Welcome and Information Desk!

America! America!
God shed his grace on thee!



Can we get reflectors on the posts at the driveway entrance? The Property Committee painted the posts with reflective paint. If that doesn't reflect enough, they will look into reflective tape.

Can next week's reading be put in the bulletin? Next week's reading is now listed on the bulletin back.

Can we have an electronic version of the suggestion box? The Tech Team will change the "contact us" button on the website to "We'd like to hear from you!" You can submit your questions or comments there. Note that the suggestions/questions will not be anonymous if submitted on the website.

Come
Join
Us!

Cookout/Campfire Worship – Wednesday July 18th

Monthly this summer we invite you and neighbors to a cookout, some lawn games, and simple campfire service! If it's too hot for campfire, we'll get out the sprinkler! We'll start at 6:00 and be done around 7:30. Bring a food item to share, if you can. Burgers and brats are provided! Invite some friends! The final campfire worship is August 15.

Confirmation Camp

Keep our campers and Pastor in your prayers as they join other church groups at Crossways Camp – Waypost in Hatley, WI the week of July 8th to the 13th! They always come back renewed and refreshed, and a bit tired!

Come to camp this fall, winter, or spring! Crossways is excited to offer programs for: Children & Youth in Grades 1-8, Men, Women, and Couples, Crafters: quilters, scrap bookers, and more! For more information or to Register for a program talk to Wendy Wolf.

Outreach for Hope Family Bike Ride – Sept. 8, 2018

The 2018 Family Bike Ride offers two locations: Waukesha and Ozaukee Counties, each supporting Outreach for Hope ministries in low-income communities throughout the Greater Milwaukee Synod.



Many ways to participate...

- Casual rider – includes families and children – a trail ride on the paved Glacial Drumlin Trail in Waukesha County and on the Interurban Trail in Ozaukee County
- Avid bicyclist – various trail and road rides available
- Everyone – catered picnic lunch
- Volunteers welcome! – see website for details
- Non-bikers – you don't have to ride to impact lives - simply donate at ofhbikeride.com

Please consider joining forces with hundreds of other bikers riding with a purpose. Visit the website for updates and registration information: ofhbikeride.com

Prayer Garden

We now have a Prayer/Memory Garden located near the cemetery. Thank you to that team for all their hard work! (And we're aware we have a major ground hog problem that will require patching up holes and graves! Thanks for your understanding and thanks for offering to help!)



Church Brewers Tailgating Event & Sunday School Rally Day – September 9th

This year we have decided to combine our picnic and Sunday school Rally Day on Sunday, September 9th. Since we celebrated our Packers last year, this year we'll have a Milwaukee Brewers Tailgating Event. We need a group of individuals to step forward to work together to plan a wonderful morning of fellowship. Call or email Wendy Wolf if you are interested (677-3176) or officestjohns@nconnect.net.

God's Work, Our Hands

Save the date! September 15 is the day to get involved in this year's God's Work, Our Hands day of service. "God's work. Our hands." Is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. "God's work. Our hands." day of service provides us a chance to serve our neighbors in new ways and with new partners. It also provides an opportunity to gain new insights, to be renewed in faith and to gain fresh strength for serving in all our daily callings.

What can you do now? We are collecting food for the "All People's Church" food pantry. Here is a list of items you can start bringing now. Canned vegetables, tuna, chunky soup, canned ravioli, hamburger/tuna helper, oatmeal, cereal, pancake mix, box potatoes, mac & cheese, rice, spaghetti, ramen noodles, cream of mushroom soup, canned fruit, bar soap, deodorant, shampoo & conditioner. We'll deliver all these items in September. Anything you can donate will help!

We will also be helping out the "Washington County Humane Society" by collecting empty peanut butter jars. Bring your jars and fill the bin near the food pantry shelf! We will also be making catnip toys and coloring dog bandanas!

Last year we delivered flowers to the patients at "Kathy Hospice" and was a very moving and rewarding experience. We intend to deliver flowers again this year.

A monetary donation to cover the cost of some of these items would be very much appreciated!

We will also be hosting a blood drive. Sign-up sheets will be at the Welcome and Resource Desk to donate or just walk-in to donate. In a medical emergency, often the most important element is the availability of blood. Your blood donation can help: trauma victims, surgery patients, premature babies, people with anemia, cancer patients, and many more. Giving blood is a quick, simple way to give back to your community.

Each of you has been blessed with one of God's many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. So use your gift well. 1 Peter 4:10

Called to Serve

Readers

(8:00 Service)

7/1 Heather Anders
7/8 Kassidy Bohling
7/15 Irv Brandt
7/22 John Breest
7/29 Scott DeChant

(9:45 Service)

7/1 Sarah Murray
7/8 Susan Heidtke
7/15 Jackie Gauger
7/22 Beth Mittermaier
7/29 Sarah Murray

Ushers

(8:00 Service)

7/1 Scott Novotny, John Breest
7/8 Kevin & Mary Bukovic

7/15 Pete Kutzora, Irv Brandt

7/22 George & Ryan Liberatore
7/29 Joel Wolf

(9:45 Service)

7/1 Rick & Cindy Uhlig
7/8 Judy Henrichs,
Don Meyerpeter
7/15 Reuben Heidtke,
Jim Kurtz
7/22 Dick & Peter Uhlig
7/29 Keith Heidtke,
Scott Adams

Communion Assistants

(8:00 Service)

7/1 Kären Keel, Carol Cler

7/15 Heidi & Hannah Hellesen

7/29 Scott DeChant, Joel Wolf

(9:45 Service)

7/1 Reuben Heidtke,
Sarah Murray
7/15 Karen Kraemer,
Ella Pickart
7/29 Sarah Murray,
Cindi Hankes

Greeters

(8:00 Service)

7/1 Darleen & Gerald Wanta
7/8 Pam & Paul Stahl
7/15 Roger & Donna Lamberg
7/22 Skip & Laura Bartelt
7/29 Scott & Don Christianson

(9:45 Service)

7/1 Staci & Perry Benz
7/8 Angela & Jason Pickart
7/15 Roger & Donna
7/22 Skip & Laura
7/29 Gary & Sue Kielisch



July Anniversaries!

July 7 Ken & Janet Hansen – 62 years
Jason & Jamie Stoecker – 11 years
July 9 Skip & Laura Bartelt – 35 years
July 12 Gary & Sue Kielisch – 43 years
Paul & Beth Mittermaier – 38 years
Bryan & Laura Scheunemann – 31 years
July 22 Jack & Lindsey Stern – 1 year
July 24 Butch & Sue Callum – 53 years
July 30 Scott & Mary Novotny – 24 years
July 31 Ken & Carol Jacobs – 47 years

If we missed your special day please let us know.

July Birthdays!

July 4 Amy Meyers
Aaron Abel
July 7 Connor Stoecker
July 8 Chuck Heer
Dave Gardipee
Susan Hollister
Randy Hellesen
Kiarta Siegert
July 10 Rick Corlett
July 11 Jessica Artz
July 12 Janelle Lisko
Kristy Young
Samantha Pietenpol
July 13 Ella Pickart
Owen Pickart
July 14 Sam Eisenhauer
July 15 Gary Zirtzflaff
Mary Glocke
Pete Kutzora
Staci Benz
July 16 Brett Abel
July 18 Ashley Liebner
July 19 Betsy Lauterbach
Hanna Bertucci
Monica Bertucci
July 20 Robert Hertzfeld
Warren Dhein
Robert Glorioso
Karla Mozdzen
Olivia Micksch
July 21 Sharon Adametz
July 22 Clint Corwin
Mike Starzman
Bob Bernau
July 23 Dennis Liebl
Nadea Oestreich
July 24 Samantha Kreis
July 25 Laurie Matthews
Leah Wagner
Karlie Binversie
July 27 Jaxton Goodman
July 28 Sue Schroeder
Heather Anders
Nicole Seatz
Isabella Weninger
July 29 Dennis Leist
Jamie Stoecker
July 30 Barb Miller
Lona Skyles
July 31 Heidi Kressin
Tracy Weninger

happy
birthday

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At St. John's we're privileged and challenged to *Welcome, Worship, and Witness* in Christ's name. Thank you for being part of this faith community and for the serving you do to the glory of God!

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Office hours: M-F 9:00am-1:00pm

Worship Services: Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:00 am & 9:45 am

Sunday School 8:30 am - 2nd Service Children's Church 10:00

Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th weekends each month.

