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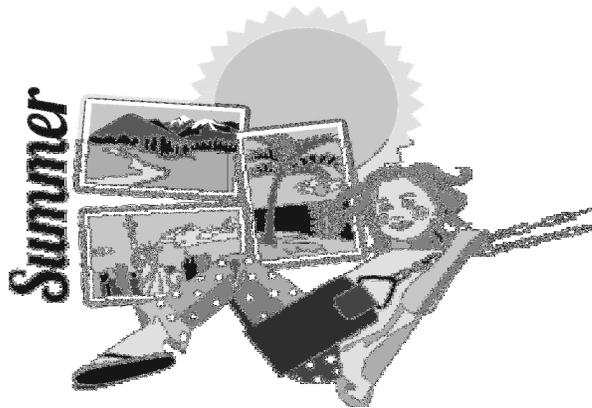
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FOR YOUR SOUL THROUGH THE WORD

St. John Eagle

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Enjoy the rest of your summer...



Wherever it takes you!

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Enjoy your
kids before
they go back
to school!



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MONTHLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday Services

6:00 p.m.

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Holy Communion

1st and 3rd Weekend

of each month

Sunday Services

9:00 a.m.

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Radio Broadcasts...

9:00 a.m. on 2nd Sunday

of each month

KAYL 101.7FM.

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Lutheran Hour Ministries

KAYL 8:00 a.m.

Every Sunday

SUNDAY MORNING— FAITHBUILDERS AND BIBLE CLASSES

Summer Faithbuilders, for ages 3 years thru 8th grade, meets at 10:15 a.m. on the 2nd Floor.



Be in the Word

Adult Bible Classes meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room (led by V. Winterhof) and in the Library (led by Pastor Lesemann).

ST. JOHN EAGLE

Message from Pastor Lesemann

And he said to them, “*Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.*” Mark 6:31 (ESV)

Have you ever felt that way? In the beginning text it was Jesus who spoke those words to His disciples. Why? They needed a rest from their work and the stress of the ministry. And not only had they had been working hard but added to that was the dreadful news of the death of John the Baptist. What’s more, what Jesus said to them was not a suggestion, but a command and literally means: “Come you yourselves privately to an uninhabited place and rest a while.”

Now don’t get me wrong, I do enjoy my Call and all my dealings with you my brothers and sisters of St. John but I have to admit that in the last few months it has once in a while crossed my mind that “I NEED A VACATION!”

Rest is such an important part of life and I thank YOU for allowing/giving your pastor and his family the much needed time away to rest and recharge. God Himself took time to rest on the 7th day. Jesus also took many opportunities to take time to rest, to pray, to regain strength and to get away from the stressful situations in His life. We should do the same.

So take time off, rest, do something fun (and God-pleasing) and enjoy the blessings that God has given you.

In His grace,
Pastor Bruce H. Lesemann



CHURCH  COUNCIL

Parish Planning Council

Sunday, June 28, 2015

Executive Director Henry Hardt called the meeting to order at 11:21 am.

Pastor Lesemann's opening devotion was based on Amos 3:8 and called "Preach or Plow." Everyone has a function and purpose for daily life. We are called to be salt and light to a lost world. God, help us to do it.

Board of Trustees — Dave Dose

The trustees are still trying to decide on a transformer pad for Mid America, as part of the church's electrical upgrade.

Modern Heating will be coming soon to install the new furnaces. Derrick Wall will be the electrician for this project.

Jim Zabloudil agreed to do the church's financial audit and did it. He reports that the books look good and are in good standing. He says that Karen Fletcher does a precise and impressive jobs as treasurer.

Treasurer — Karen Fletcher (in absentia)

All bills have been paid and are up-to-date.

Board of Lay Ministers — Harlan Matasovsky

The lay ministers have approved the transfer of Paul Lussman and Nicole Glover to Zion Lutheran.

The Endowment Fund has been audited and approved by Jerene Neir.

Board of Youth and Board of Education — Jerry Johnson

Grace hosted the Thailand Trek Vacation Bible School. Forty to fifty youth attended each day. Johnson thanked the St. John volunteers and donators.

St. John is hosting summer Sunday school through September 6. The theme is Clive and Ian's Wonder Blimp of Knowledge vintage VeggieTales and Crayonimation.

Teachers are needed for Faithbuilders, which begins September 13.

The boards are encouraging the youth to work at the St. John Star Spangled food booth and for them and their families to work on and/or ride on the float.

Any parent who would like to take over planning of the youths' participation at the July 16-20 Youth Gathering in New Orleans next summer should please talk to Jerry or Pastor. The cost for the gathering is \$1,200 per child.

By fall a new place is needed to store the St. John float, as big as a hay rack and with a door from fifteen to sixteen feet high.

Pastor Lesemann

Pastor will be gone on July 18 and 19, 25 and 26 (when Jerry Johnson will be the presenter), and August 1 and 2.

Pastor has been elected the chairman of the missions committee of Iowa District West.

Five adults will be confirmed on Sunday, August 9.

Executive Director — Henry Hardt

St John must nominate a lay person to act as the Storm Lake circuit's delegate for the summer 2016 national LCMS convention; the name must be submitted before the circuit meeting on October 9.

Hardt, Matasovsky, Dose, and Johnson will meet early in September to produce a workable and official child protection policy to satisfy our insurance company.

The next Parish Planning Council meeting will be Sunday, September 20 at 11:15 am.

The voters' meeting will be October 11 at 11:15.

Hardt adjourned the meeting at 12:10, and we closed by praying the Lord's Prayer.

Honoring Our Government?

By: Celeste Cummins

Some people are all worried about the state of the world because of the latest Supreme Court ruling legalizing same sex marriage. They fear God has abandoned us. However, as Caroline posted on Facebook, “This isn't the first time a sin has been legalized, and it won't be the last.” (Does Roe v. Wade sound familiar to you?). She also added, “The solution to sin isn't the government.” How true! Yet, what role does government play in all of this and in the lives of Christians?

The Epistle lesson for July 5th gives this advice, “Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution...for this is the will of God” (1 Peter 2:13a & 15a). This is similar to the advice given in Romans 13:1-7, where we are told to submit to authorities. But, some of the secular laws (such as legalizing abortion and same sex marriage) violate what God has commanded in Scripture. What do we do then?

In the footnote for 1 Peter 2:17, it states, “Even corrupt human authorities should be honored and obeyed as long as they do not command that Christians violate God's will” (*Lutheran Study Bible*, p. 2152). As this Bible note points out, we are first responsible to honor God. That advice comes not from the editors of the *Lutheran Study Bible*, but from the apostle Peter who said, “We ought to obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29, KJV).

The footnote for Romans 13:5 offers more advice on this subject. “Christians can, in good conscience, come to different conclusions about how to respond to governments that fall short of God's standard” (*LSB*, p. 1936). Just because the government has legalized abortion does not mean that a young teenage girl needs to seek an abortion if she finds herself pregnant, nor does it mean that I have to marry a woman just because the government has given me the legal right to do so! We, as citizens and Christians, have the freedom to respond in any way we choose to rulings that contradict our beliefs. Those choices can include writing editorials, posting comments on social media, educating others, or joining a protest. However, we need to be aware. “Believers may at times resist governmental authorities on account of God's Word, but they must be ready to suffer the consequences” (*LSB*, p. 1936; Romans 13:2).

Christians have become complacent. As the Confession and Absolution from Sunday, July 5, 2015 stated, “We have let the morality of the society around us speak louder than Your Word and will for us” (Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series B, Part 3. Copyright © 2015 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.) We let issues slide and build up until the “ignorance of foolish people” (1 Peter 2:15b) had a chance to take over. What can we do now that the damage has already been done? As Caroline put it on Facebook, we need to “start helping people cross the line into redemption.” That means, whatever the issue is that runs contrary to God's will, we need to speak up. Tell the person who is struggling why it is wrong. Encourage that person to repent. Remind them that sin is sin and God forgives them all. Will they all listen? Sadly, no. Some won't. The devil is a powerful source in this world. He will ensnare people into his clutches and not let them go. But, we still have that responsibility to witness to them, pray for them, and to show them the “knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4).

NEWS & Notes

ATTENTION THRIVENT FINANCIAL MEMBERS - Are you taking advantage of the membership privileges you have? You may have received notice that you have *Choice Dollars* to allocate. There are many non-profit groups to whom you may contribute these funds—including St. John Lutheran. Your gift to St. John is kept in a separate fund, and the Voter's Assembly designates these gifts at its meetings to special purposes at the church. The easiest way is to make the designation on-line, but you may also call Thrivent Choice at 800-847-4836.

THRIVENT TEAM ACTION GRANT - Do you know of a need for a non-profit organization (including churches) or a needy individual? Get a team together and organize an event to help the group/individual. For seed money to assist, you can apply on-line for a Thrivent Team Action Grant. If your project is approved, you will receive materials to help you in the project including a \$250 Visa card with which to buy supplies needed for the project. Application is done on-line, and a report following the project is needed. A Thrivent benefit member may apply to head two of these projects in a calendar year.

THANK YOU for the \$470 that was received for the mission work of Sarah Kanoy.



In our bulletin, we have begun to explain the parts of the liturgy. In each newsletter, we hope to provide a deeper explanation of each of these sections.

Invocation - “In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” These words bear witness to our identity as children of God who have been Baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus (Romans 6:3). In our Baptism, we have “put on Christ” (Galatians 3:27) and are now clothed with His righteousness for eternity. Even now on earth, as we worship, we can stand with boldness before the triune God who has claimed us as His own.

Confession and Absolution - Because we still live in this sinful world, we are tempted to ignore or minimize our sins. Confession and Absolution, however, keep us honest. We acknowledge our sins and shortcomings before God, so that He (through the Pastor) can forgive us and remove our sins as far as the east is from the west (Psalm 103:12). The word absolution comes from the Latin, *absolvere*, which means “to loosen, set free, or absolve” (John 20:23). In our Confession and Absolution, we are being readied for our appearance before Christ on the Last Day when our Lord will speak those words to us for the final time and we will bask in the eternal absolution of the Lamb.



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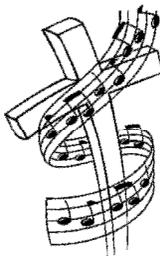
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We're on the Web! Http:
[//www.stjohnstormlake.org](http://www.stjohnstormlake.org)

Special Music

You are invited to share your musical talents in our worship services here at St. John.

The choir will rehearse on July 29th to prepare for August services. Their next rehearsal will be Sept. 2nd.



August Worship Assistants

Altar Guild: Laura Bumann & Jerene Neir

Greeters: Saturday

Sunday

Bell Ringers: Saturday, 6:00 p.m.

Henry Hardt

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Emily Johnson

Acolytes: Saturday, 6:00 p.m.

Addy Hogrefe

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Hannah Norwood

The KAYL Broadcast for this month has been sponsored by Amanda Emery.

ALTAR FLOWERS

2 - In memory of Joann Lussman by Dusty and family

9 - Manteufel/Kourakis Wedding

16 - Doug and Sharen Peters Anniversary

23 - In honor of Martin Mack's 98th birthday

30 - In honor of Marvin and Laura Bumann's Wedding Anniversary

**WE WELCOME YOU TO
JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!**