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St. John Eagle



Join us on Sunday,
August 13th to
honor
Pastor
on his 20th
Ordination
Anniversary

Worship at 9:00 am
Potluck/Program at 11:30 pm

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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

Faithbuilders will be taking a break in the summer. See you in the fall!



Be in the Word

Adult Bible Class meets at 10:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room (led by V. Winterhof) and Pastor Lesemann's Bible Study will meet in the library. (He's come back to us) 😊

ST. JOHN EAGLE

Pastor's COLUMN

The Great Command

In an attempt to “entangle Jesus in His words” an expert of the Jewish laws ask Jesus this question, “*Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?*” And Jesus said to him, “*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*” (Matthew 22:37-39)

Jesus’ answer is humbling. How can we love the Lord with all our heart, soul and mind and also love our neighbor as much as we love ourselves? I find these command impossible to follow! My sinful flesh cries out against this saying “No way, I can’t do it Lord!” And even if you think you can do what is stated in the verses above I have one more for you. “*You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.*” (Matthew 5:48) Ouch! That I know you can’t do!

So what is the answer? How can we rightfully say we are children of God if we can’t do what He asks of us? Well, God is quite aware of our inability to fulfill His demands. That’s why He sent Jesus who makes all the difference. Through faith in Him we are forgiven, declared righteous before God. Through faith in Jesus God looks at us as if we ARE keeping these commandments. And I write this article to remind you of this fact so you don’t get down on yourself after you have fallen into sin for the “umpteenth” time! Don’t let that rob you of the joy of your salvation!

It reminds me of my Dad and a conversation I had with him as a kid when I was struggling with my school work. He said that what they expected of me was that I would do my best and it didn’t matter if it wasn’t as good as my brother’s or anyone else, simply do your best. Now I am not going to equate my Dad’s words with God’s except in this way. My relationship with my earthly father was based on love. He loved me and therefore wanted what was best for me and wanted to train me to do what was right to the best of my ability. Not that I could do it perfectly but that I would strive for it out of love. In the same way God wants us to strive to follow His ways because that is what is best for us (Remember Matthew 6:33). And the reason we should do that is out of love for what God has done for us through His Son.

So remember, you keep the law through faith in Christ, and the reason you strive to do the Lord’s will is because He loves you, sent His Son for you and wants what is best for you. You are already perfect in His eyes because of Jesus.

In His grace,

Pastor Bruce H. Lesemann



VOTERS' MEETING - The date for the mid year Voters' Meeting has been set for Sunday, August 27, 2017 at 11:15 am in the sanctuary.

NEEDED: Interim Director of Church Properties (Trustees)

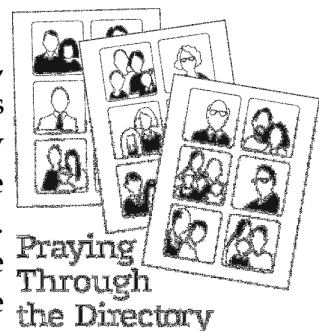
David Dose, after many faithful years of exemplary service as Director of Church Properties, has informed me he will be stepping down as Director on July 1, 2017. Please join me in thanking Dave for his contributions to St. John!

As such, I am soliciting applications and/or nominations for the position of Interim Director of Church Properties (The term of the Interim Director will end on December 31, 2018). For specific details as to the responsibilities of the Interim Director, please contact Dave Dose at (712) 732-5596 (home) or (712) 299-3296 (cell). If you have any questions, concerns, nominations, etc, please contact Henry Hardt at (712) 732-7998 (home) or hardt@bvu.edu.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Henry Hardt
Executive Director

PRAYERS FOR PEOPLE - Ephesians 6:18 states, "be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." With that verse in mind, we are praying our way through the directory (alphabetically). Families will be featured in each newsletter that everyone can pray for. Some items to include in your prayers might be if they are sick, ask for healing and patience; if they are active members, ask God to keep their faith strong; if they have



not been in church recently, ask God to help them reestablish connections with their faith; if they are near death, pray for God's blessings and assurance of their faith. The next members on our prayer list are Aiden & Brynlee Cady (and their parents, Mason & Stephanie), Brian Campbell (& family), Joshua Carlson (& his mom, Tiffany), Tom Carstens, Kyle (John) Cejka, and Jim Childs (Jody and Mason), Paul, Nyadak, Nyapal, Jangjuol, & Koad Chuol.



PLEASE NOTE - The St. John Choir will rehearse on Wednesday evening, August 2nd at 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to be present as we will sing for some special services in August. We also invite others who enjoy singing to join us. The first regular fall rehearsal will be August 30 so we are prepared for the September broadcast service.

THANK YOU from missionaries Rev. Stuart and Debra Freese (\$300.00) and Rev. Adam and Christine Lehman (\$5,000.00) for the money they received from St. John. They are both very appreciative of our support.

LUTHERAN HOUR NEWS - If you enjoyed hearing Rev. Dale Meyer and Rev, Kenneth Klaus on the Lutheran Hour - Good News! - they are coming back! Current Speaker, Rev. Gregory Seltz, has accepted a call to serve as executive director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty. His last broadcast will be recorded in Wittenberg and aired on Reformation weekend, October 29th. Following that, beginning on November 5, 2017, the weekly broadcast will feature either Rev. Klaus or Rev. Meyer. Klaus retired from being the full time speaker in 2010, but still records one sermon a month for the Lutheran Hour and writes many of the LHM's Daily Devotions. Meyer served as the speaker from 1989-2001. He is currently the President of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO. The Lutheran Hour airs on nearly 1,800 stations throughout North America and reaches more than one million listeners each week. The weekly broadcast can also be heard anytime online at lutheranhour.org or through a mobile app for iPhones and Android devices.

FUTURE GENERATIONS - "R. A. Torrey, the great Bible teacher, once said, 'A man's success as a Christian leader cannot be determined until one sees his grandchildren.' Dads, think about that - you're not just raising sons and daughters, you're raising future fathers and mothers. You're shaping lives today that tomorrow will be shaping the lives of generations to come. And in order to succeed you must take God with one hand and your children with the other." (Excerpt from <http://devotions.lcccharities.org> "Start a Tradition Dad - July 5, 2017" written by Tim Hetzner.

It Wasn't Me!

By: Celeste Cummins

It was the championship game for the 3rd/4th grade baseball team. Alta 1 had the best record in the division and already had three victories in the tournament that day. Could they make it four in a row and take the championship? The game see-sawed back and forth every half inning as they faced their opponent, the other Alta team. To the surprise of the fans and coaches, the game ended abruptly when the umpire called, "Line up!" as the boys were running off the field after the top of the 4th inning. Little league rules dictate if they have been playing 1 hour, 20 minutes, a new inning can't be started. Alta 1 was the home team and they were ahead 10 – 9, so there was no point in playing the bottom of the 4th. They were declared the winners and were given the championship medals! Proud parents and excited grandparents came onto the field to congratulate the players. It was a joyous moment as cameras captured the big smiles of the little guys on the field.

Then, my mind went back to the quiet way in which the 10th run, the winning run, was scored. I've loved baseball since I was the age of those boys that were playing (around 10 years old). The coaches I've been around want you to swing and hit the ball, not wait around for a walk. It was the bottom of the 3rd inning. The score was tied 9-9. The bases were loaded and there were two outs. If you've ever been in that situation, you know the pressure's on; it's do or die. The batter had already struck out twice in the game. The pitcher was feeling pretty confident, I would guess. However, the pitcher and the batter had a good face off, but in the end the batter walked forcing in the 10th run.

As I stood on the field with the boys all around me, I told my son, Matthew, "Never underestimate the importance of a walk. It was your walk in the bottom of the 3rd that scored the winning run." Matthew hadn't realized that.

In the parable of the sheep and the goats (Matthew 25:31-46), after putting the sheep on his right, the King tells them to come "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'" (Matthew 25:35-39).

Matthew's casual answer reminded me of the attitude that the righteous display to the King. Whether it was Matthew or the righteous, their words can be summed up as, "It wasn't me!"

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How often are we like them? We do something that we consider so little and insignificant that we think nothing of it, yet to the person receiving our action, it makes all the difference in the world. Maybe you opened the door for someone who had their hands full, or you mowed your neighbor’s lawn when they were sick, or you smiled at the cashier who was having a bad day.

God wants our attitude to be the same as Matthew’s and the righteous. He wants us to not even realize the impact our actions have on others, so that we do not seek the glory and attention for them.

The King told the righteous, “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40). Whatever we’re doing, whether big or small, we are doing it for the Lord!

LITURGICAL TERMS

Divine Service - The name given to the regular, weekly service that includes the celebration of the Lord’s Supper. It is derived from the German Gottesdienst (“God’s Service”) and has a double meaning. In worship, God serves us with His gifts of forgiveness and life and we respond to Him in thanksgiving and praise.

Doxology - From the Greek for “words of praise,” this expression of praise to God usually is in a Trinitarian format. The Gloria Patri is a common doxology used to conclude Psalms and many canticles. Many hymns conclude with a doxological stanza and are indicated with a triangle (see *LSB* 331).

Eucharist (YOU kahr ist) - One of the many terms for the Lord’s Supper. It comes from the Greek word meaning “thanksgiving.” As Jesus gave thanks when He instituted the Lord’s Supper, so we give thanks that our Lord Jesus gives us His body and blood for forgiveness and life.

Hosanna - The basic meaning of this Hebrew word is “to save.” Its function is a plea to God our King to have mercy on us and save us from our sin (*LSB* p. 161).

Invitatory (in VYE tah toe ree) - An antiphon preceding the Venite in Matins/Morning Prayer. This variable introduction concludes with the invitation, “O come, let us worship Him.” (*LSB* p. 220).



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**WE WELCOME YOU TO
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Saturday Evening—6:00 p.m.
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Musicians are encouraged to share their talents during our worship services throughout the year. If you play an instrument or would like to join the choir, please contact our music director, Suzanne Winterhof. The choir will rehearse on Wednesday, August 2nd and 30th at 7:30 pm. New members are always welcome.



August Worship Assistants

Altar Guild: Dianne Johnson & Marleen Otto

Greeters: **Saturday, 6:00 p.m.**

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Diane Krueger

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

Henry Hardt

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Emily Khamphasouk

Acolytes: **Saturday, 6:00 p.m.**

Delainey Hansen

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Hannah Norwood

The KAYL Broadcast for this month
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Altar Flowers

6th - Winterhof

13th - In memory of Maurice
& Dorothy Hansen by Doug &
Sharen Peters

20th - In memory of Harlan
Gutz by his family

27th - In honor of Martin
Mack (100)

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear,
but of **power,**
and of **love,**
and of a **sound**
mind.

2 Timothy 1:7