

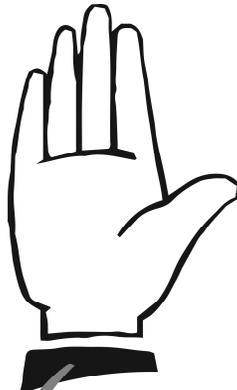
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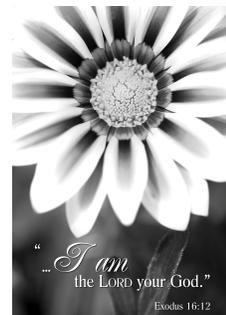
# St. John Eagle



VOTERS  
MEETING

**Sunday, August 19th  
11:15 a.m.  
St. John Sanctuary**

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Celeste Cummins

**CUSTODIAN:**  
Rena Norwood

## MONTHLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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### 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

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**Faithbuilders** does not meet during the summer months.



*Be in the Word*

**Adult Bible Class** meets at 10:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room (led by V. Winterhof). Pastor Lesemann's Bible Study meets in the library at the same time.

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ST. JOHN EAGLE



# FROM THE PASTOR

## Having Joy

My grandmother on my Dad's side of the family was an amazing woman who raised a family during the depression and in many ways continued to live her life in the light of the depression till she passed away in 1994. She always had a lesson to teach. My brother and I remember vividly one lesson as she took us to the chicken house which had a live sparrow trap. She said to us 5 year olds, "Spatsies (sparrows) are no good, they eat the chicken feed." Then she opened the cage, took out each sparrow one by one, wrung off their heads and fed them to the waiting cats. You can imagine that event etched quite a memory in our impressionable little brains. It made us realize that Grandma Lesemann was not someone to mess with or ignore!

My grandmother used to tell me a familiar saying, "*Laugh and the world laughs with you, cry and you cry alone.*" You see when Grandma's mother died, she was left to care for of the rest of the family. This was before she was even a teenager. Early on she learned that life has many problems, and sure, you could cry about all of them, but especially at that time everyone had problems. Rather it was better to save your crying for the big things, to try and make the best of your situation and dwell on those things that gave joy.

With that in mind, I went to God's Word for encouragement in dwelling on the reason for our joy. Jesus said, "***These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.***" (John 15:22) First and foremost we can be joyful even during difficult times, because we have a God who loves us and sent His Son to save us. And if we remain in Him and His love, He promises that we can have joy. Thankfully this not something we do alone. As it says in Romans 15:13, "***May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.***"

Secondly, we know from God's Word that this life is full of trouble (Job 14:1). Yet we have Jesus' promise that He will never leave us or forsake us and will help us through this life (Matthew 28:20). Know that Jesus is with us through good and bad and is comforting and encouraging and helping us. He IS with us!

Of course we know that not everyone has or understands this view. How can we help them? When we encounter others who aren't joyful, we should be sympathetic to their situation. As it says in Romans 12:15, "***Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.***" As we spend time with them, if they are willing, by the power of the Holy Spirit the love of Jesus and the joy of our salvation will eventually help them as well.

We truly do have good reason to laugh and have joy in this world. Of course there are going to be times when we will be sad as well, but we can always take heart knowing that in Christ we are never alone, our sins are forgiven and we have eternal life!

In His grace,  
Pastor Lesemann

## Nominations for 2019-2020 Church Officers

This is a preliminary nomination list, which is subject to change. All names submitted will go for election at the mid-year Voters' meeting which will be held on Sunday, August 19, 2018 at 11:15 am. Any questions, concerns, or additional nominations may be directed to Henry Hardt.

- Executive Director** – Henry Hardt
- Assistant Executive Director** –
- Congregational Secretary** – Denise Betts
- Treasurer** –
- Assistant Treasurer** – Diane Overmohle
- Director of Lay Ministry** –
- Director of Evangelism** –
- Director of Education** –
- Director of Youth/Youth Leader** – Jerry Johnson
- Director of Stewardship** –
- Director of Church Properties** – Jan Magnussen
- Directors of Parish Relations** – Lori Dicks and Deb Matasovsky
- Purchasing Agent** – Bob Fletcher

*There are no set amount of positions to the following boards, unless noted below.*

**Board of Lay Ministers** (10 positions)

Harlan Matasovksy	Jerry Johnson	_____	_____
Dale Phillips	Dan Coleman	Jim Zabloudil	_____

**Board of Education and Youth**

Jerry Johnson, Director	Dianne Johnson	
Lori Dicks	Amy Lesemann	Deb Matasovsky

**Board of Evangelism** (4 positions)

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**Board of Parish Relations**

Deb Matasovsky (Co-Chair)	Lori Dicks (Co-Chair)	Marilyn Mittelstadt	Diane Krueger
Lois Lytle	Marleen Otto	Celeste Cummins	Donna Truelsen

**Board of Church Properties (Trustees)**

Jan Magnussen, Director	Mike Overmohle	Bob Fletcher	Gordy Miller
Harold Redenbaugh	Dewey Betts	Kevin Jesse	

**Board of Stewardship**

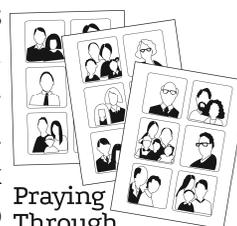
Karen Fletcher	Ladene Ponsor	Diane Overmohle	Celeste
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**HY-VEE RECEIPTS** - Remember to drop off your HyVee receipts during the summer. There is a basket on the table in the front entryway.

**MISSION SERVICE** - We are now collecting used school back packs to be filled with school supplies such as spiral two subject notebooks, pens, pencils, rulers, pencil sharpeners, colored pencils, construction paper, and glue sticks. These are being collected for Orphan Grain Train for the mission school in Nebraska for delivery now. We are also collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief. These need the special string book bags. All school supplies are needed. Since the school supplies are in the stores now, it's a good time to purchase these items. We are also collecting dark colored bath towels, tooth brushes, 2 soap bars (unopened), nail clippers, and large tooth combs - all new and unused in wrappers. Many thanks for your help. Marge Manteufel, Mission Service

**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



Praying Through the Directory

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 Josh, Hannah, & Abigail Norwood, Renae Norwood, Joann Oatman, Marj Otto, Bob & Marleen Otto, the Overmohle families: Joshua, Justin, Mike, & Diane, Krystal Page, Doug & Sharen Peters, Stan & Alyson Peters, Jennifer (Kelly), Ryan, & Carson Peterson.

**THRIVENT FINANCIAL MEMBERS** – Not only do your Thrivent Choice dollars help churches, church-affiliated organizations and other non-profit groups, but you can also participate in the Thrivent Action Team program to assist these organizations and needy people.

Each member has the opportunity to lead two activities a year. As the name implies, you must have a team of people and lead an activity that raises funds to help an organization or needy people. (Our Fourth of July food stand was one such project.) Qualifying projects include benefit meals for needy people or service projects where several individuals are involved and cost of materials are covered by the grant.

Applications for such projects must be made on-line; follow the directions on the Thrivent Financial site. If your project is approved, you will receive a \$250 Visa card to use as “seed money.” Plan ahead as the application must be made a month in advance, and you have 90 days in which to complete the project. If you have questions, contact Suzanne Winterhof.

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS: High School Youth Needed!** The IDW Youth Services Committee is seeking four youth entering 9th-11th grades for the 2018/19 school year to be involved and offer their voices in our district's youth ministry happenings. Information of what the Youth Services Committee is and does, expectations for youth involvement, future scholarships for service, and an application form with instructions can be found at <http://www.idwlcms.org/gotodownloadfile.php?file=1205>. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Jon Riggert, Youth Services Chairman, at [pastorriggert@trinitycherokee.org](mailto:pastorriggert@trinitycherokee.org) or 712-225-4332.

**LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT** - “The Lacemaker” by Laura Frantz. Historical romance favorite Laura Frantz is back with a suspenseful story of love, betrayal, and new beginnings. With her meticulous eye for detail and her knack for creating living, breathing characters, Frantz continues to enchant historical fiction readers who long to feel they are a part of the story.



“When colonial Williamsburg explodes like a powder keg on the eve of the American Revolution, Lady Elisabeth “Liberty” Lawson is abandoned by her fiancé and suspected of being a spy for the hated British. No one comes to her aid save the Patriot Noble Rynallt, a man with formidable enemies of his own. Liberty is left with a terrible choice. Will the Virginia belle turned lacemaker side with the radical revolutionaries, or stay true to her English roots? And at what cost?”

## Vacation Time

By: Celeste Cummins

Friday, July 20, 2018

Aaaahhhh! Summer! Long nights. Freedom from school. Time at the lake. Fun. Vacation time! At least that's the way most people view summer. We don't know if it was summer in Mark 6:30-44, but we do know this story begins where Mark 6:7-13 leaves off. The apostles rejoin Jesus and update Him on the adventures they had. Jesus' response to His friends is, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest" (v. 31). So, they all jump in the boat and head to a secluded place to be alone (v. 32). Perhaps they were singing the Go-Go's song "Vacation" as their boat drifted quietly along the water.

*Vacation - All I ever wanted*

*Vacation - Had to get away*

*Vacation - Meant to be spent alone*

But, these men were in for a surprise. Before they arrived at their destination, crowds of people ran ahead of them and were there waiting for them. Jesus had compassion on them and began to teach them (v. 34). As it got later, the disciples asked Jesus if they should send the crowd back into town so they could find something to eat, but Jesus told them to feed the people themselves. The disciples did some quick mental calculating wondering just how much money it would cost them to feed all these people at the local McDonald's (v. 35-37). But, Jesus had something quite different – and very miraculous – in mind. He sent the disciples out among the crowd to see how much food they had. Turns out there were 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish among all these people. Certainly, that was not enough food to feed all these people – there were more than 5,000 gathered there! But, God's abundant provision provided all these people needed – and then some!

Do you ever doubt that God will provide for you? Do you ever feel like He's on vacation and has left you behind all alone? Sometimes, we just feel like that – though, we have hope! God has assured us, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5). In Matthew 6:25-34, we are told, "Do not be anxious about your life." We should not worry about what we will eat or drink or wear because God has taken care of that. God has it all under control! We can rest and relax – whether it's summer and we're on vacation - or whatever time of the year it is!



St. John is a member of  
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**WE WELCOME YOU TO  
JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!**

Saturday Evening—6:00 p.m.  
Sunday Morning—9:00 a.m.

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**MUSIC  
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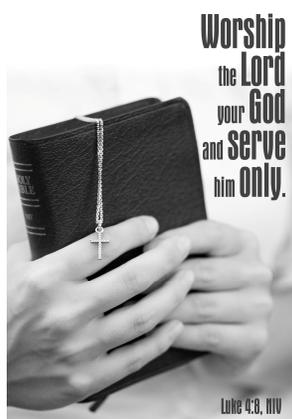
Musicians are encouraged to share their talents during our worship services throughout the year. If you play an instrument or would like to join the choir, please contact our music director, Suzanne Winterhof. New members are always welcome.

**August Worship Assistants**

**Altar Guild:** Dianne Johnson & Marleen Otto

**Bell Ringers:** **Saturday, 6:00 p.m.**  
Henry Hardt  
**Sunday, 9:00 a.m.**

The KAYL Broadcast for this month  
has been sponsored anonymously.



**Altar Flowers**

5th - Winterhof (Anniversary)

12th - In loving memory of Lowell & Joy Peters by Doug & Sharen Peters

19th - In memory of Chad Falck by Ron & Linda Falck

26th - Marvin & Laura Bumann Anniversary

