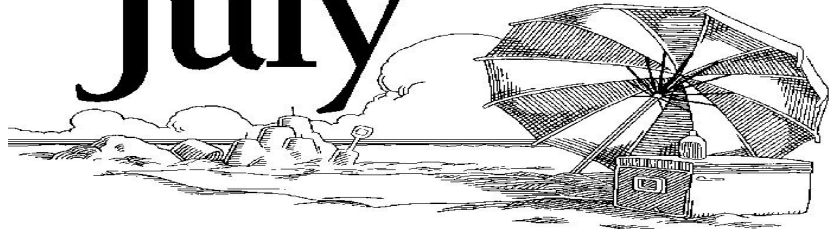


2015

July



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FOR YOUR SOUL THROUGH THE WORD

St. John Eagle

Come Join Us!!!

The 4th of July is coming fast!
In between the activities of the day, stop by
the St. John food booth for drinks, pork bur-
gers,
hot dogs, and other snacks!



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Psalm 33:12

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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

Why Do We Have the Liturgy?

We all know how important it is to pay attention when we are driving a vehicle. When we stop paying attention to driving and do something else, be it eating, drinking, texting, talking, sleeping, etc., we run the risk of getting in an accident or injuring or even killing someone! Thankfully, going to church and worshipping our Lord and Savior is a lot safer! Yet there still is the problem of distraction, of not paying attention as we worship.

Why does that happen? I believe one reason is that worship is becoming meaningless for many of us. We simply follow along not knowing, maybe not caring, why we do what we do in our worship service. Maybe it seems we should ditch some of the “old” stuff and do something new and exciting. Maybe you’re wondering why do we do so many of the same things week after week. So, to help combat this problem in the weeks and months ahead, we are going to put explanations in the bulletin to explain the various parts of the worship liturgy to help you understand “Why we do what we do.”

First, what do I mean by liturgy? The definition of “liturgy” is the “customary public worship done by a specific religious group, according to its particular beliefs, customs and traditions.” It basically begins at the hymn before the Invocation and closes with the hymn after the Benediction. Its contents and how it is practiced depends on the religion. For us the liturgy consists of things like the: Kyrie (“Lord, have mercy”), Gloria in Excelsis (“Glory to God in the highest”), Credo (“I Believe” or Creed), Sanctus (“Holy”), Agnus Dei (Lamb of God), to name a few.

Yet that doesn’t answer WHY do we do it? Well, although you may think it, the real reason is not just tradition! Yes, there is some tradition involved, but the real purpose of the liturgy is actually to teach us our faith. How does it do that? Stay tuned for our worship services this summer where we’ll explore each section of the liturgy, explaining what it means and why we use it.

In His grace,

Pastor Bruce H. Lesemann



A funeral service for LaVonne Hoffman was held on June 1, 2015 at 1:00 pm. Following the service, bars, cookies, lemonade, and coffee were served. Group 3 was in charge. Those furnishing and serving the food included Linda Falck, Laura Bumann, Deb Jesse, Janet Glasgow, Eileen Mandernach, and Audrey Gutz. Additional workers were Cliff Glasgow, Marvin Bumann, and Marge Manteufel. Thanks to everyone.

Members of the Christian Fellowship Society enjoyed a pot-luck picnic at the church on Sunday, June 21. Bob and Marleen Otto were in charge of arrangements for the meeting. Florence Goldsmith led devotions. She began by reminiscing about the “good old days” including the Saturday night outing to town to sell eggs and cream and to get the needed groceries. The evening might end with a stop for an ice cream cone. What a sweet treat! She reminded us that God supplies “sweet treats” in our lives in the blessings that He showers upon us.



The treasurer reported that the group had recently purchased the geraniums and mulch needed for church landscaping, the Portals of Prayer for the congregation, and had paid the \$200 challenge grant given the Sunday School children to match for Sudanese missions.

Plans were finalized for the FOURTH OF JULY FOOD STAND which is a witness and commitment to the community. The proceeds from the booth benefit the entire congregation, and we need the help of ALL MEMBERS to make it successful. In what way are YOU willing to help?

Ladies' Aid

The Ladies' Aid celebrated the close of its year with a Pot-Luck Brunch on Wednesday morning, June 3. Members and guests enjoyed the many tasty treats provided. Hostesses in charge of arrangements were Loretta Rehnstrom and Marleen Otto.

Roll call was answered by sharing a Bible verse that the member would remember as they "traveled" this summer.

"Heirlooms and Their Preservation" was the program presented by Suzanne Winterhof. Members brought and shared various heirlooms they cherished. All things deteriorate, but the group was informed of action one can take to preserve items made from various materials. While we cherish these inherited pieces, we were reminded that the greatest treasure we have is our Lord and Savior, and it is important that we also pass our Christian heritage and the love of Jesus to our children.

The National LWML Convention is June 25-28 and many of those present made contributions to sponsor Jan Magnussen in the Mission Walk.

The morning closed with devotions led by Diane Krueger.

Our next meeting is September 2nd. We invite all women of the congregation to become active "women in mission" by joining the LWML. St. John will host the Zone Fall Rally on September 28.



The St. John Food Booth will be up and running at the Star Spangled Spectacular on the 4th of July. Sign up sheets are available now at church so you can mark the time you are able to help in the booth as well as what food you would like to donate. If you are unable to help out, at least stop by and enjoy a pork burger or hot dog!

Summer Sorting

By: Celeste Cummins

You've heard of spring cleaning where you dust off your shelves, wash your windows, and exchange the winter clothes for the summer ones. I'm in the middle of something called "Summer Sorting." Since I moved to a smaller place, it's time to get rid of all the things I've collected over the years. But, why is getting rid of things so difficult? Maybe it's because I'm Lutheran, and after all, Lutherans joke that we can't change anything! Perhaps that's why we hang onto "stuff" that is not doing us any good. Often, we feel we may need it, so why get rid of it only to buy it again later? As a result, we accumulate more and more items. This is certainly not a new phenomenon.

Jesus told a lot of parables. One, in particular, was about a rich man who had such a bumper crop that it created a storage problem. The man decided to tear down his barns and build bigger ones. Then, he could sit back and relax since he would have enough bounty to be set for years to come. However, God called him a fool and told him he would die that evening (Luke 12:13-21). The parable ends by stating, "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God" (v. 21).

A pretty sobering story. It made me wonder if I am not following the path the rich man followed by accumulating more and more items and searching for larger and larger places to live to accommodate my growing pile of goods. Has my accumulation of possessions become a god to me? Did I value my items more than the One who made it possible for me to have all of those items? Maybe I did.

The advice given right before this parable caught my eye as well. "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15). That is similar to the advice Jesus gives us in Matthew 6:19-21, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." How we all know to follow Jesus' advice; yet, it's so difficult! Like the rich man, we want to enjoy the here and now. We want to have fun and accumulate all that life has to offer. After all, Heaven seems so far away.

Yet, is it? It certainly was not for this rich man. Jesus warns us, "You know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night" (1 Thess. 5:2). We are urged to prepare. We all need to evaluate our lives to see where our treasures lie. Is there anything "extra" in your life that you need to get rid of to make more room for God and those Heavenly treasures? Now is a good time to do some summer sorting to downsize and prepare for where our real treasure lies.

Profession of FAITH

On Sunday, May 17th Cham Deng, Abigail Lesemann, Georgea Luedtke, and Loggan Norwood were Confirmed at St. John. The answers to the first two statements they wrote prior to Confirmation were printed in the June 2015 issue. Their answers to the statement "My Baptism is important to me and I want to remember it everyday of my life because..." appear below.

"...on that day, God welcomed me to His family. He accepted me to be a part of His family. As it says in Titus 3:5-7 *'He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.'* I have become a member of His family and I have learned that He saved us, not because of the righteous things we have done, but because of His mercy."

"...that is the day I became a child of God. As He has risen from the dead and lives, so we will do the same and in faith live a new life daily in Him. The Holy Spirit works through Baptism, a means of grace, which produces faith in all who believe. By Baptism, we have been made to share Christ's death and resurrection. As it says in Romans 6:3-4, *'Or don't you know that all of us who were Baptized into Christ Jesus were Baptized into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through Baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.'*"

"...in Baptism my sins were washed away and I became a child of God. In Acts 22:16 it says, *'Get up, be Baptized and wash your sins away.'* Though we can come to faith through Baptism OR hearing the Word and believe, Baptism also serves as a reminder of our faith."

"...it reminds me that that was the day I was brought to Christ and that reminds me I am saved through Christ and that He will always be with me as it says in Matthew 28:19-20, *'Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you*



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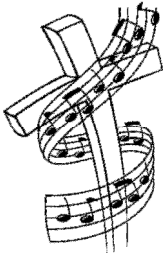
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We're on the Web! Http:
[//www.stjohnstormlake.org](http://www.stjohnstormlake.org)

Special Music

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

July choir rehearsals will take place on Wednesday, July 1st and 29th at 7:30 pm.



July Worship Assistants

Altar Guild: Dianne Johnson & Jan Magnussen

Greeters: Saturday

Sunday

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

Renae Norwood

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Lloyd Bumann

Acolytes: Saturday, 6:00 p.m.

Addy Hogrefe

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

The KAYL Broadcast for this month has been sponsored anonymously.

ALTAR FLOWERS

5 - In honor of Maurice & Dorothy Hansen by Doug & Sharen Peters

12 - In memory of George & Ardella Kenow and Clarence & Maxine Magnussen by Dave & Jan Magnussen

19 - In memory of Harlan Gutz by Audrey and family

26 - In celebration of Laura Greiner's 80th birthday by her daughter Celeste Cummins and her grandkids, Kristine, Matthew, and Sarah Cummins

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