

# *THE GOOD NEWSLETTER*

*June 2018*



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL  
— LUTHERAN CHURCH —

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**“God’s Love in Action”**

**Pastor's  
Note...**

**"God's  
Love  
in  
Action"**

During the summer months some people like to take a "vacation from church". But the summer is just as exciting at St. John as the rest of the year! There are many good reasons to come and worship with us in our air-conditioned sanctuary. So, here's a list of **Top Ten Reasons to Come to Worship This Summer:**

10. The Charles Theater isn't the ONLY place in town with a big screen.
9. The new pastor won't have to start learning your name all over again next fall.
8. Jesus wore sandals; so can you.
7. No ticks! (Except for the ones you bring yourself.)
6. If you get a hole-in-one on Sunday morning you can't brag about it to all of your church friends.
5. On July 8, you can hear the youth tell about their trip to Houston and find out if Pastor Russ snores.
4. Since Second Service starts at 9:30 a.m., you can still get on the water before noon and have fish stories to tell the next Sunday.
3. Our un-upholstered pews will feel nice and cool on your bare legs.
2. Pastor Russ' jokes might actually seem funny if you're suffering from heat exhaustion.
1. Worshipping God... isn't that, like, a Commandment or something?

Peace,  
Pastor Russ  
russleeper@yahoo.com



**Psalm 100**

*Make a joyful noise to the  
LORD, all the earth.*

*Worship the LORD with  
gladness;  
come into his presence  
with singing.*

Of  
Note ...

The group preserving the church's historical items would like to invite anyone interested to help us identify or even to tell us a story about some of the pictures we have found. June 6 at 9-11 we will meet in the choir room to put them and other historical items out for you to look at. There are many more than what were shown Memorial Weekend. Your help will put us in a good position to get some order to these items and to preserve them in ways that will make them last at least another 100 years. (Many things are at least that old). If there is interest we can expand the dates and times for people to look things over. I just need to know if there is interest. You can let Kathy know or contact Janet Petefish at [petefishj@mchsi.com](mailto:petefishj@mchsi.com). St John's 150th anniversary will be here before you know it. Let's get our history in order to celebrate it in a few years.

Finance  
Board  
Note...

*The Finance Board's mission is to keep the congregation aware of the church's financial situation.*

*As of March 31, 2018, our church's financial situation is:*

*Income = \$96,379*

*Expenses = \$119,074*

*Offering needed per week to meet budget = \$9,613*

*If you have any questions, feel free to contact a member of the Finance Board or Linda Hughes, the Business Manager.*



**June 2018**

**Bulletin Stuffer:** Sydney Hinz

**Acolytes:** 8:00 a.m. – Tino Tamayo, Kaleb Cotton

9:30 a.m. – Brandon Castillo, Alyvia Vance

**Communion Assistants, Crucifer, & Banner Bearers**

9:30 a.m. Josiah Hervert, Josh Laue

*Dates & times when the youth are serving are posted on the bulletin board outside the Business Manager's office.*

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**Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus!**

St. John VBS will be

July 31-August 3, 2018

from 5:30-8pm and we will sing during the 9:30am worship service on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

VBS is for kids in Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

You can register in the church office.

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**St. John Middle School Mission Trip to  
Prairie du Chien, WI, July 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>**

This trip is open to 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their friends.

**Sign-up deadline is June 5, 2018**

This mission trip should be a great opportunity to serve and to have some fun doing it! We plan to work at Wyalusing State Park, St. Feriole Island and Pike's Peak State Park. For fun we plan to visit some local attractions. If you are interested, please contact Laurie at 228-3397. The estimated cost is \$100 per person. Youth may use the funds in their family account at St. John to help pay for this trip.



**ALTAR GUILD –JUNE 2018**  
Kathy Waldorf, Dorothy Parson

**Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> is  
Synod Sunday**  
The Haiti Mission Trip participants will  
conduct the worship service!

**Scripture Readers for June:**



**8:00:**

June 3 – Ellie Gassman  
June 17 – Bennett Hansen  
June 24 – Annemarie Hansen

**9:30:**

Linda Johnson  
Jackie Davidson  
Michelle Grob

**The Parkinson's Support group**

will be on June 7 at 1:00 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church. Questions?  
Call Carol Quade at 641-228-5053 or 641-330-3268

**June Birthdays**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jim Gambaiani	24 <sup>th</sup>	Helen Schmidt
8 <sup>th</sup>	Irene Mehmen	25 <sup>th</sup>	Shirley Hall
15 <sup>th</sup>	Louis Streich	26 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Lindaman
21 <sup>st</sup>	Clarice Leraaen	30 <sup>th</sup>	Les King
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Lynn Poppen		

**Do Day Quilters**  
Meets June 14 & 28

**June Anniversaries**

June 12, 1960	Bill & Marilu Wohlers
June 26, 1948	Bob & Eunice Tommingo
June 29, 1958	Bob & Helen Peterson
June 30, 1957	Ron & Connie Rasmussen

**St. John Lutheran Card  
Ministry** will meet June 11  
at 1:00 p.m.

*Memorials were gave in memory of...*

*Alice Vera Mae Bunston Davidson* by Elaine Davidson  
*Eileen LaWanda Meyer Wegner* by Arlene Thomas & Marlene Zimmerman  
*Ricky Reysack* by Karen Thomas

*Celebrated...*

*The Wedding of  
Gregory Michael Wood & Breanna  
Michelle Stone on May 12, 2018*

St. John's Parent Support Group will be meeting on an **as needed basis ONLY**. Anyone who needs to meet should contact Jill Connell at 319-215-8252 or jillconnell@hotmail.com.

**JUNE FUNERAL CALLERS & HELPING HANDS:**

**CALLER – Arlene Thomas.** Thanks to our May caller **Arlene Thomas.**

**HELPERS –** Brenda Bailey, Jacque Brandau, Leslie Bechhold, Tara Dean, Marcia DeVore, Phyllis Foxen, Beverly Friend, Danielle Hillegas, Lorie Hoeft, Raina Kellogg, Jennifer Lessin, Tina Marth, Georgina Miller, Kay Slindee, Barbara Tommingo, Shannon Venz, Marilu Wohlers, Karen Youngerman



“By this all people *will know that you* are my disciples, if *you* have love for **one another.**”

*John 13:35*

Blessings,

Laurie Heidebrink

## YOUTH NEWS

The plans are being finalized for our trip to the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas from June 26-July 2, 2018. We are being joined by three youth and two adults from St. John in Nashua, so this will be a great chance to make some new friends! Thank you, again, to all who donated to our fundraiser! Now we ask for prayers while we are off on this adventure.

The Youth Board is sponsoring a Middle School mission trip to **Prairie du Chien from July 5-8, 2018**. This mission trip is open to St. John 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders and friends. Parents are welcome to participate, too. Registration forms can be picked up in the office. **Sign-up deadline is June 5, 2018**

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## CONFIRMATION

Those students who have finished the third year of our confirmation program are required to write personal faith statements to put on their display board for the Confirmation Fair on Wednesday, October 3, 2018. The writing of these faith statements will hopefully give the students an opportunity to reflect on what they have learned, what they believe, and how their faith will affect the way they live their daily life following Confirmation Sunday. The display boards will also contain some other information such as, reflections on their baptism, and their favorite service project. These faith statements are due Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> in the Youth and Family office, but will require some work over the summer. So, parents – don't let your student wait until school starts in August to get started! Confirmation Sunday is October 14, 2018.

## PARISH ED NEWS

**SAVE THE DATES: July 31-August 3** will be **Vacation Bible School!** Registration will begin at 5:15pm on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

- Plan on having your kids attend from 5:30pm-8:00pm on Tuesday-Friday!
- VBS is open to kids in Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> grades. We will serve a light supper for the kids each evening.
- Our theme this year is “**Shipwrecked – Rescued By Jesus**”
- There will be no cost for VBS again this year. Look for registration forms in the bulletins coming soon. Forms are available in the office now.
- Our hope is that having VBS in the evenings will make it more accessible for those who work during the day, both parents AND volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering at VBS, please contact Laurie.

Be watching for our VBS donation requests coming this summer. I can't thank this congregation enough for how supportive you are when we ask for supplies! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



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It's hard to be unhappy when God blesses us with a beautiful spring-time world! While it was sad to say good-bye to our little ones who are moving on to Kindergarten, it is a blessing to be able to continue touching the lives of new friends who will enter our preschool in the fall.

We are excited to welcome many of our preschool friends back for the afternoon classes this year and are also anxious to meet many new friends. We do have openings in our 3-year-old program. Our 3-yr-old Morning classes are open to any child who will be 3 on or before September 15, 2018. Please call the preschool (228-7274) if you would like more information.

We would also like to remind everyone that the preschool will be continuing to sell Kwik Star gift cards throughout the summer. We have amounts from \$5-\$100. The preschool receives 5% of the card's face value. If we do not have the card amount you would like, there is a form you can fill out and I will get them ordered. Gift cards will be available through Kathy in the church office OR just message me through our Facebook page (St. John Christian Preschool).

Thank you for the many blessings that you bestow upon our preschool program. Without your prayers and support we would not be able to do what we do. We love sharing God's love with our friends and we thank you for helping us share that important message!

In HIS Name,

Whittney Franke  
Director  
St. John Christian Preschool  
(641)228-7274







I question not if thrushes sing,  
If roses load the air;  
Beyond my heart I need not reach  
When all is summer there.  
~John Vance Cheney



# June 2018 Birthdays!!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					Jim Gambaiani Mikaela Kreger	Melanie Johanningmeier
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Mike Cotton Randy Evans Torie Kehret Sara Titus Linn Wolf	Roger Jacobs Bailee Wilts		Angela Ayers Bob Dight Greg Heidebrink Morgan Kellogg Derek LaBarge Roger Michael		Annemarie Hansen Irene Mehmen Jacob Vance	Mike Brown Janice Dana
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Tyler LaBarge Kyleigh McDonald Peter Rogotzke	Denise Bledsoe Aaron Sande	Alvin Marth	Michael Heiter	Linda Frascht	Joshua Johnson Louis Streich	Tyler Parish
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Kip Hauser Cory Marth		Dennis Dietrich Aaron Platte	Gary Dana Randy Heise Clarice Leraaen	Gavin Connell Quinn Heidebrink Jeremy Heyer Lorne Johnson Addison Tracey	Christian Kreger Steve Martin Sue McDonald Colleen Ortmyer Dennis Petersen Lynn Poppen
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Sarah Bauer Jeffrey Kisch Kelsi Schilling Helen Schmidt	Shirley Hall Kay Slindee John Swiggum	Brent Hinz Tyler Kubic Brandi Lantz Mary Lindaman Kari Ungs Lori Wink	Dennis Brinkman	Sonja Cotton Dylan Montagne Benjamin Tracey	Jaclyn Knutson LaBarge Sande Lucas Sharp	Wendy Diane Lester King Madisyn Millermon Gary Quade

# JUNE 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
						7:00 p.m. Meet & Greet at Lamprecht
3 Communion Sunday	4	5	6	7	8 Synod Assembly	9 Synod Assembly
8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Parish Ed 10:30 a.m. Stewardship 10:30 a.m. Communication board		5:00 p.m. Building & Grounds		1:00 p.m. Parkinson's Support group		
10 Synod Assembly	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Youth board	1:00 p.m. Card making at St. John	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible study 6:00 p.m. Council	5:00 p.m. Finance board 5:15 p.m. Family board	9:00 a.m. Do Day Quilters 		7:00 p.m. Meet & Greet at Hausers
17 Communion Sunday	18	19	20 Newsletter Deadline	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Youth Gathering Houston, Texas						