

THE GOOD NEWSLETTER

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“God’s Love in Action”

*Pastor's
Note...*

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Years ago, while serving in Nebraska, I went with a group of youth and adults on a mission trip to New York City. We would be working at a soup kitchen and at a church that did a lunchtime sandwich line out on the sidewalk in front of their building. Most of the kids were really excited about going on the trip, being a part of the group, and serving people.... most of them. There was one youth on the trip (I'll call her Anna) who was very quiet. She didn't seem as enthusiastic as the other people in the group. I suspected that she had come on the trip because she wanted to see New York City, not because she really cared about serving all that much.

On the day we were working the sandwich line on a NYC sidewalk, we were given strict orders from the people in charge... ONE SANDWICH PER PERSON.... and no more, even if they ask! After we had been working about a half an hour, I looked around and realized that Anna was gone! Irritated, I started to look for her thinking she was being lazy and just sitting down somewhere or had wandered off to go shopping at one of the many souvenir shops in the neighborhood. I walked down the sidewalk and turned the corner. I saw Anna standing down the street with 4 sandwiches in each hand. She was giving them to a mother who had come through the line with 3 hungry children. Anna had wisely perceived that the sandwich line was probably breakfast, lunch, and dinner for this family. She knew that one sandwich apiece just wasn't going to cut it. So, she broke the rules and snuck them extras. I stood there with tears in my eyes and thought, "There's no way I'm going to reprimand her for breaking the rules." Later, I privately praised her for her compassion and told her how proud I was of her. This is what youth mission trips are all about, learning compassion and helping young people know what it means to love as Jesus loves.

Anna is old enough now to be sending her own teenagers on mission trips and passing that compassion and Christ-like love that she learned in New York on to the next generation. I really hope she is!

Next month 26 youth and 5 adults from St. John will be going on a mission trip to South Dakota to learn compassion and to love the way Jesus loves. They will take care of God's people and God's earth. Their activities will include: working for an assisted living facility, installing recycling bins and painting signs at Custer State Park, assisting the U.S. Forest Service with erosion control and widening trails, and picking up litter wherever they go. I'm so grateful for these young people and adults who are willing to give their time and energy to serve others. I'm also thankful for your regular generosity in offerings that has made this trip possible. When you support the mission of St. John, we're not just funding a trip, you're making an investment in the future. Thank you!

Peace,
Pastor Russ



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Our Generosity in April

Your offerings to St. John were shared beyond our walls in April in the following ways:

8% (1,561.49) went to support the mission of the larger church

2% (719.06) were added to the total donations for the Lutheran Disaster Relief

The First Quarter 8% of the Thank Offering (\$2,491.27) was designated to “Retrieving Freedom” to help fund a service dog for a local boy.

Thanks for your monthly generosity to the mission and outreach of St. John!

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Note...

Praise in the Park: St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church is ready to share our love of Christ with community! Join us on June 30th at 10 AM for worship with activities to follow.



An Opportunity for You: 2019 is the year of the Photo Directory. The plan is to have slots August 6-8, September 19-21 and October 24-26. The Communications Board would like some help with this: to sign people up after services, to be there to sign people in on those days and to give guidance to us if you have done this before. This is not hard work, just a bit time consuming and a lot for a few people to do; less if we have people to help us. If you can help please let Kathy know in the office and we will get a list going and will contact people later.

Stained Glass Ministry

We will meet in the choir room in the afternoons at 1:00 p.m. and evenings at 6:00 p.m. on June 6 and 20. In previous sessions we took some time to learn how to make small crosses to send with Stephen Ministry. Now that we have the groundwork, we will make more of them and expand into jewelry and sun-catchers. There will be a minimal cost for some supplies if you make something for yourself. Money raised on items we make for the Fall Festival will go into the 150th Anniversary Fund. We are glad to give those of you that didn't get a piece of our historical glass another chance. Please contact Janet at petefishj@mchsi.com or call the office at 641-228-3397 if you are interested in being involved with this project! Anyone can try, no previous experience needed, and we will show you what to do whenever you join us. All you need is patience. There are several steps to the process, but it is actually quite exciting to see what we can create.



If you are interested in joining **Altar Guild** or being a part of the **Prayer Chain**, please call Kathy in the office (228-3397).

ALTAR GUILD –JUNE 2019
Kathy Waldorf, Dorothy Parson

The Parkinson's Support group
Will **NOT** meet until September 5th.

Do Day Quilters
Meets June 13 & 27

St. John Lutheran Card Ministry will
meet May 13th at 1:00 p.m.

Fall Festival

We will be having a Fall Festival on October 27, Reformation Sunday. This is a joint effort between Stewardship and the Communications Board. There will be a special Service of Stewardship on that day and then a meal, maybe some talent, a silent auction and some stained-glass items will be for sale. Things are still in the planning stage, but the silent auction funds are designated for a Preschool Sign on the doors that face Gilbert Street. That is a \$3500 project. The stained glass will go to the Anniversary Fund and will be priced like last fall.

We will be looking for silent auction items, hand-made or new items, no used or rummage type things. Think about this as you are doing your hand work (quilting, knitting, carpentry, etc.), gardening, taking that hog to the locker, putting together a gift basket, making pies or whatever is your "thing". It's time to be planning for this and Thank You in advance for your hard work and talent.





June Birthdays

1 st	Jim Gambaiani	24 th	Helen Schmidt
15 th	Louis Streich	25 th	Shirley Hall
21 st	Clarice Leraaen	26 th	Mary Lindaman
23 rd	Lynn Poppen		

June Anniversaries

June 12, 1960	Bill & Marilu Wohlers
June 25, 1948	Bob & Eunice Tommingo
June 29, 1958	Bob & Helen Peterson
June 30, 1957	Ron & Connie Rasmussen

Celebrated...

*The baptism of
Harlow Ann Venz, May 5, 2019*

With sympathy...

*The Funerals of
Betty Jean Cordes Wendel, May 18, 2019
Marietta Bradley Sylvester, May 20, 2019
Emma Marie Loten Seckar, May 25, 2019*

Memorials were given in memory of...

*Jeanne Tomsic: Edna Stott
Helga King: Marlene Huffman &
Tilleen Litterer
Marietta Sylvester: Kathleen Schilling
Emma Seckar: Ruth Farmer
Marven Miller: Ruth Farmer*

Scripture Readers:

June 2

8:00 – Josh Johnson
9:30 – Michelle Grob

June 9

8:00 – Marcia DeVore
9:30 – Ryan Venz

June 16

8:00 – Marlene Holthaus
9:30 –

June 23

8:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m. Cherie Schafer

June 30

8:00 –
10:00 – Kady Korbel



*And He walks with me and He talks with me
And He tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known*

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:

CALLERS – **Barbara Tommingo & Karen Youngerman**. Thanks to our May caller **Sandy Hicks**, and to all who provided food and served.

HELPERS – Brenda Bailey, Jacque Brandau, Leslie Bechold, 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**



“I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”

Psalm 121:1-2

Blessings,
Laurie Heidebrink

YOUTH NEWS

The Youth Board is sponsoring a **summer mission trip to the Black Hills from July 8-13, 2019**. This trip is open to St. John students who have **completed 6th-12th grades** and their friends. Sign up on the bulletin board outside Laurie’s office by **June 5th**.

The Youth Board would welcome any donations toward the cost of fuel for the bus. (As of right now, we have more people going than will fit on our bus! So, we will have fuel costs for two vehicles. How awesome is that!) If you feel called to donate, stop in and see Linda in the Business Office.

Also, put **Sunday, June 2nd** on your calendar to attend our **bake sale** in the Narthex between and after worship services. The youth participating in the mission trip will again be baking pies and other goodies that we will sell between and after worship services. Proceeds from the bake sale will go to reduce the cost of the trip for the families.

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 2, 2019. 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 25th 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 13, 2019.

PARISH ED NEWS

SAVE THE DATES: July 30-August 2 will be **Vacation Bible School!** Registration will begin at 5:15pm on the 30th.

- Plan on having your kids attend from 5:30pm-8:00pm on Tuesday-Friday!
- VBS is open to kids in Preschool-5th grades. We will serve a light supper for the kids each evening.
- Our theme this year is **“Roar – Life is Wild*God is Good”**
- 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.

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!



June 2019

Greeter/Offering Assistant: Taylor Quade

Acolytes: 8:00 a.m. – Hannah DeVore
9:30 a.m. – Teagan Prigge, Anna Herbrechtsmeyer

Communion Assistants

8:00 a.m. June 2 & 23: Tino Tamayo, Colton Crooks, Koen Tibbitts
9:30 a.m. June 2 & 23: Deven & Brandan Castillo

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

**South Dakota Mission Trip
To the Black Hills!**

July 8 - 13

Open to St. John students from
6th to 12th grade & their friends.

Sign up on the bulletin board
outside Laurie's office!

**South Dakota Mission Trip
BAKE SALE**

**June 2nd in the Narthex
between & after worship
services!**

The youth will be making pies &
other baked "goodies" to help
fund their trip!

Donations to help fuel the bus for the Mission trip would also be greatly appreciated! Bring your donations to Linda in the Business Office.



St. John VBS will be July 30 - August 2 from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

A light supper will be provided each evening

VBS is open to children from Preschool - 5th Grade.

The VBS kids will be able to sing at worship on Sunday, August 4th.

Registration forms will be available soon!



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It’s hard to be unhappy when God blesses us with a beautiful springtime 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 MWF classes next year and are also anxious to meet many new friends. We do have a few openings in our program, but spots are filling up fast! Our **morning** class is open to any child who will be at least 3 on or before September 15, 2019. We are currently full in our 3-day class but are building a waiting list to HOPEFULLY open a 2-day option! So please let us know if you or someone you know is looking for a preschool for his/her 3-year-old! Our **afternoon** classes (there is a 3-day and 5-day option) are open to any child who will be at least 4 on or before September 15, 2019. 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 you can message me through our Facebook page or email me at wfranke@stjohncharlescity.com.

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









June 2019 Birthdays!!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Jim Gambaiani Mikaela Kreger
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Melanie Johanningmeier	Mike Cotton Randy Evans Sara Titus	Roger Jacobs		Angela Ayers Bob Dight Greg Heidebrink Morgan Kellogg Kash Kubik Derek LaBarge Roger Michael		Annemarie Hansen Jacob Vance
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Mike Brown Janice Dana	Tyler LaBarge Kyleigh McDonald		Alvin Marth		Linda Frascht	Joshua Johnson Louis Streich
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Hallee Hoeft Tyler Parish		Kip Hauser Cory Marth	Isaac Oetken		Gary Dana Randy Heise Clarice Leraaen	Gavin Connell Quinn Heidebrink Jeremy Heyer Lorne Johnson Addison Tracey
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Christian Kreger Sue McDonald Colleen Ortmyer Dennis Petersen Lynn Poppen	Sarah Bauer Helen Schmidt	Shirley Hall Kay Slindee John Swiggum	Brent Hinz Tyler Kubic Brandi Lantz Mary Lindaman Kari Unga Lori Wink	Dennis Brinkman	Sonja Cotton Benjamin Tracey	Wendy LaBarge Diane Sande
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Madisyn Millermon Gary Quade						

June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Communion Sunday	3	4	5	6	7	8
Youth Mission trip Bake Sale 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Parish Ed		5:00 p.m. Building & Grounds	9:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry 6:00 p.m. Deacons	1:00/6:00 p.m. Stained glass group 5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Synod Assembly
8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Stewardship 10:30 a.m. Youth board	1:00 p.m. Card Ministry	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible study 6:00 p.m. Council	9:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry 5:15 p.m. Family board 6:00 p.m. Communication board	9:00 a.m. Do Day Quilters 5:00 p.m. Finance		
16 Synod Assembly	17	18	19 Newsletter Deadline	20	21	22
8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship	 		9:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry	1:00/6:00 p.m. Stained glass group		<i>Wedding - Bailey & Ortmyer</i>
23 Communion	24	25	26	27	28	29
8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship			9:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry 10:00 a.m. Assemble newsletters	9:00 a.m. Do Day Quilters		
30	1-Jul	2	3	4	5	6
8:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Praise in the Park		5:00 p.m. Building & Grounds		Office Closed 