

THE GOOD NEWSLETTER

September 2018



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“God’s Love in Action”

***Pastor's
Note...***

We recently buried my 90-year-old great aunt, Doris. She was one of the most generous people I've ever known. Some years ago, she traveled to Wisconsin from Clarksville, Iowa to visit us. On her way back to Iowa, Doris bought a Wisconsin lottery ticket. To her surprise, she won money! But there was a problem; the ticket could only be redeemed in Wisconsin. So, Doris called us long-distance to let us know that she would be sending the ticket to us and asked us to cash it in for her and to give the money to our church. We agreed. A couple of weeks later, she called long-distance, again, to let us know that she had just put the ticket in the mail and that we should watch for it. She didn't want it to get lost or stolen ... that money HAD to go to the church!

Finally, the lottery ticket came along with a note reminding me, once again, that I was to put that money in our church's offering. I pulled out the ticket to look at it. I saw that this winning Wisconsin Lottery ticket was worth exactly \$2. She had already spent more than that on postage and two phone calls. Guess how much she paid for that ticket ... \$2. It would have been cheaper and more convenient to just throw the ticket away. She would have at least come out even. But to Doris, this wasn't about being convenient or taking the easy way out. This was about doing what was right in the eyes of God. It was about giving back to the Lord who had blessed her so much. It was about supporting the church, even if she had to make a sacrifice. Doris didn't have a lot of money, but she still made supporting the Church a priority.

I think it's important for us to remember Doris' example and the lessons that generations of faithful people before us have taught. Supporting the church needs to be a priority in our lives, too, even if it's not always convenient. The church is here today because of their faithfulness. May we honor their legacy and future generations by being faithful in our giving, too.

Peace,
Pastor Russ



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Of
Note...

**FALL WORSHIP
SCHEDULE
BEGINS SEPTEMBER 9TH
8:00 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Worship
9:05 a.m. Education hour will
start SEPTEMBER 16TH.**

Wednesday Night Schedule:
September 12th
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Orientation
September 19st
5:00 p.m. Supper
5:30 p.m. Carol Choir
6:00 p.m. Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Trinity Choir
September 26th
5:00 p.m. Supper
5:30 p.m. Carol Choir
5:30 p.m. Wind Ensemble
6:00 p.m. Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Trinity Choir

RALLY DAY!

Sunday, September 9th!
Worship: 8:00 & 10:15 a.m.
Picnic lunch & registration
for Sunday School/After
School program
in Parish Hall at 11:30 a.m.
Games will be set up in the
blue parking lot

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday, September 9th!
Both Worship services:
8:00 & 10:15 a.m.
All students, teachers and support staff
are encouraged to participate by
bringing your backpacks to be blessed!

AFTER SCHOOL

Begins October 3rd at 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. for
Preschool through 5th grade students.
Registration will be during Rally Day
activities or you can stop in the office!
The St. John bus will be available to pick
up kids at the schools.
Cost is \$10.00/Registration

MUSIC AT ST. JOHN

Trinity Choir will start rehearsals on Wednesday, September 19 at 7:00 pm. Trinity Choir will plan to sing about twice a month. Any new members, as well as past members are welcome to join us. Anyone from 7th Grade up is welcome. Students may use this for confirmation service hours and/or silver cord hours. This group is very non-threatening and enjoys having a good time while praising God. Please come join us. We would really like to see our numbers grow. Come and bring a friend. Any questions may be directed to Melanie Johanningmeier 641-330-0963.

Carol Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 19 at 5:30 pm. Erik Hofer is very excited to be leading Carol Choir and welcomes any children (1st grade-6th grade) to join Carol Choir. They typically sing at about one service per month. Any questions may be directed to Erik Hofer 641-330-4456.

Wind Ensemble will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 26 at 5:30 pm. If you play an instrument, you are encouraged to come and join this group. Wind Ensemble rehearses each Wednesday evening from 5:30 pm-6:00 in the Sanctuary. Wind Ensemble provides prelude/offertory music for services about once a month. They also do some community service by touring the nursing homes at Christmastime. This group occasionally accompanies worship. Any questions may be directed to Dr. David Schweizer.



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Note...

Wednesday Night Supper

September 19: Maid Rites, French Fries, Corn, apple crisp
September 26: Chicken Rice Casserole, Basil Green Beans, Cottage Cheese, Cake
Adults are \$4.00/Students \$2.00
This meal is for everyone!
(Take out is available)

St. John Lutheran Card Ministry will meet in September 10th at 1:00 p.m.

The Parkinson's Support group Will meet September 6th at 1:00 p.m.

Do Day Quilters
Meets September 13 & 27



The St. John book club will meet **September 24th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside room and will review the book *A Man Named Ove* by Fredrik Backman. A feel-good story in the spirit of *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* and *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand*, Fredrik Backman's novel about the angry old man next door is a thoughtful exploration of the profound impact one life has on countless others. "If there was an award for 'Most Charming Book of the Year,' this first novel by a Swedish blogger-turned-overnight-sensation would win hands down" (*Booklist*, starred review).

Coats for Kids will be coming October 13th

As you ready your children for the coming cold winter please consider donating new or gently used coats, snow pants, boots, mittens or hats. There are many children in Charles City who will love getting a "new" coat for winter!



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We have several people involved in our volunteer stained glass project, but it is open for anyone willing to make these items for sale to the congregation to pay for the 150th Anniversary stained glass project estimated at \$3,000.

There is now an account for anyone wishing to contribute to this project. The account could use a boost since the restored panels will need to be paid for as they are delivered. This is a mighty project as you probably realize and that's a lot of jewelry to make that \$3000 estimate.

We plan on having a silent auction throughout the month of October for the small restored panels as well as the sale of jewelry, ornaments and sun-catchers. We hope you can take home a bit of St. John history as we try to cover the cost of the Ascension Window restoration.

I know it seems a bit early for a 2022 project, but the stained-glass artist is supposedly retired, but agreed to take on this project for us, so we will use his time as he can work on it.

If you have an interest in making stained glass items or if you have expertise in stained glass art to share, we will meet:

Mondays: September 10, 17 and 24th at 6 p.m. **And also October 1** at 6 p.m. Other sessions to follow, but possibly not on Mondays in October due to my prior commitments. Come at these times or contact Janet Petefish if you have ideas for different times at petefishj@mchsi.com



Scripture Readers for September:

8:00:

Sep. 2 – Kiki Connell
Sep. 9 – Annemarie Hansen
Sep. 16 – Addison Tracey
Sep. 23 – DeVore
Sep. 30 – Darci Tracey

9:30/10:15:

Judy Hughes
Kurt Hoefl
Kady Korbel
Ryan Venz
Jackie Davidson



**SEPTEMBER
2018**

Peg Poppen
Arlene Thomas

September Birthdays

6th Larry Adelmund
6th Bob Tommingo
10th Bill Berns
11th Peg Poppen
12th Vera Hinz
17th Larry Brewer
21st Geraldine Spurbeck
22nd Harold Begemann
27th Doris Thorson
28th Donna Stewart



Celebrated...

The Baptisms of

Jada Rae Montagne, August 12th
Elliott Willard Chatfield, August 19th
Brinlee Faith Merrifield, August 19th

With Sympathy...

The Funerals of

Jean Braund Ellertson, August 11th

September Anniversaries

September 1, 1968 Gary & Sandy Marth
September 4, 1965 Bill & Sharon Bledsoe
September 19, 1959 David & Helen Hagen
September 22, 1964 Jim & Bev Jensen



Memorials were given in memory of...

Dorothy Mae Dvorak Hilgendorf: Ruth Farmer, Leon & Jan Mulford, Bob & Bev Friend, Robert & Marge Gardner, Kip & Judy Hauser, Greg & Rosie Pieper

Lenore Pauline Dickhausen Rodamaker: Karen Streich, Larry & Sondra Coen

James Dettmer: Darrel & Diane Steege, Karen Streich

Jean Ellertson: Thomas & Theresa McLaughlin, Greg & Rosie Pieper, Lorraine Duffy, Richard & Karen Perez, Leon & Jan Mulford, Gwen Senio, John & Jean Rima, Ron & Connie Rasmussen, Rickie & Cynthia Frascht, Larry & Ellen Brewer, Kip & Judy Hauser, Glenn & Diann Jacobson, Sue Ayers, Dave & Shirley Ripley

George Colwell: Randy & Jean Evans

Harold, Irma, & Lorraine Meyers: Eldon & Lynne Meyers

SEPTEMBER FUNERAL CALLERS & HELPING HANDS:

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

HELPERS – Mary Augustin, Carol Bauer, Nadonne Buseman, Wendy Castillo, Brenda de Buhr, Marian Dight, Lori Griffin, Liz Hamm, JoAnn Hervert, Doris Hibbs, Vicki Hoffman, Arlene Hollar, Jessi Holm, Mary Mooberry, Kay Tjaden, Doris Toebe, Marilyn Venz, Judy Wessell



"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for good and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." Jeremiah 29:11

Blessings, Laurie Heidebrink

PARISH ED NEWS

RALLY SUNDAY will be September 9, 2018

We will be celebrating the Blessing of the Backpacks Milestone during both services.

There will be a meal, and registration forms for Sunday School and After School Program in the Parish Hall following 10:15am worship.

There will be games in the blue parking lot (weather permitting.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS on September 16, 2018. Class from 9:05am - 10am

Installation of Teachers at both services

We will be celebrating the Entering Sunday School Milestone with 3-year old students at both services.

CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION will be September 12, 2018 at 6pm

Registration fee is \$10. This helps cover the cost of curricula and supplies.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES begin on September 19, 2018

ENTERING CONFIRMATION MILESTONE will be celebrated on September 23rd at both services. We will be recognizing the milestone of starting our confirmation program with the 7th grade students at both services.

CONFIRMATION FAIR will be October 3, 2018

We are inviting the congregation to come and visit with our 10th grade confirmands about their "Faith Boards" in the Parish Hall at 6pm

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY will be October 14, 2018

10th Grade students being confirmed, and their parents, will be meeting with the pastor at 11:20am in the Sanctuary on October 7th.

FAMILY BOARD

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING SWAP & SALE in the Parish Hall on September 22, 2018

This event will be held from 1pm-3pm and offers gently used children's clothing for 50 cents per item. Consider donating any items your children don't need anymore because donors get 10 tickets for 10 free items and get in early at 11:30am!

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM begins on October 3, 2018

This is a fun program from 3:30pm-5pm on Wednesdays for 4year olds (that are attending preschool) through 5th grade students. Older students are welcome as helpers.

Registration forms will be available on Rally Sunday in the Parish Hall.

The St. John bus will again be available to pick students up from school to bring them here.

The cost is \$10 per student.

Youth News!



September 2018

Acolytes: Sep. 16th 8:00 a.m. Koen Tibbitts
9:30 a.m. – Koen Tibbitts, Keaton Schmidtke, Alyvia Vance

Communion Assistants, Crucifer, & Banner Bearers

8:00 a.m. Ryan Hallett, Cameron Kakac, Josiah Hervert
9:30 a.m. Cory Marth, Ryan Hallett

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

Milestone Ministries!

3 Year Olds Entering Sunday School - to be celebrated Sunday, September 16th at both services.

7th Grade Students Entering Confirmation: to be celebrated Sunday, September 23rd at both services

Seeking Children's Clothing Donations!

The Family Board is putting on a "Clothing Swap & Sale" in the fall to allow families in our congregation and community to have affordable back-to-school clothing. We need YOUR help! Please consider donating any new or gently used children's clothing, outerwear, or shoes to the Church Office.

Seeking donations of size newborn - 14/16.

Those who donate will receive 10 tickets for 10 free items.

For details, please contact Laurie Heidebrink



Children's Clothing Swap & Sale!

Do your kids need affordable back to school clothing? Don't forget to mark your calendars for this great event!

When: Saturday, September 22nd from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Where: St. John Parish Hall

Cost: All items will be 50 cents

(Those who donate will get in early to shop at 11:30 a.m.)

For details, please contact Laurie Heidebrink





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It's back to school time at St. John Christian Preschool and we began our first day on Monday, August 27th. We are excited to have many new and returning little ones with us this year. The year started with a little apprehension and even some tears, but as time went on, we quickly moved on to many more smiles and giggles! ☺ We will be starting off the school year with a Dr. Seuss theme!

Although August 27th was the first day of school for our little ones, we already held two successful parent meetings back on August 13th. We offered these meetings for each class to give parents an opportunity to network with one another, to get to know the preschool staff and to learn about the preschool's policies.

We also welcomed all of our families to St. John Christian Preschool at our Get Acquainted Open Houses on August 20th and 21st. It was exciting to have all of our little ones stop by the preschool with their families and friends to drop off school supplies and to get his/her school picture taken.

Preschool is a big step for our 3, 4, and 5-year olds, but it is also a big step for parents. As a preschool staff, we consider our job one of utmost importance. Not only are we helping our little ones expand their academic, social, and developmental skills that will guide their paths in life, but also for some of them, we are teaching them about God's love for the very first time. We ask you for your prayers to help us along the way and we thank you for your continuing support of our ministry!!

In closing, we currently have a very limited number of spots available in our 3-yr-old program. If you know of someone still in need of a preschool for his or her little one, please give us a call at 228-7274 and we will try to help out!

OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD!
Whittney Franke





September 2018 Birthdays!!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Sondra Coen Aaron Garden
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Samantha Heyer	Hallie Kubik	Kari Klemesrud Yolanda Van Ausdall		Mackenzzy Bilharz Jenni Miller Angie Reams Bob Tommingo Emersyn Unga	Gloria Carr Lauren Connell Kylie Parson	Ravyn Knecht Norma McLean
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Lynn Brown Dax Johnson Stanley Mehmen	Bill Berns Carolyn Marth	Marcia Grimm Peg Poppen David Ripley	Kendra Buenger Vera Hinz Brandon Holthaus Brad McKenzie	Jim Reysack	Ethan Voelker	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Brenda Stone Matt Wolf	Dennis Brahn Larry Brewer Jenisha Garden Leland Lumley	Larry Coen JoAnn Hervert Becky Meyer	Frank Anderson Alex Litterer Malayne Meyer Jadyn Van Horn		Lynne Brunsting Tom Heddens	Harold Begemann Wendell Patten
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Cindy Davidson	Justin Heyer Kent Hoeft Kurt Hoeft	David Youngerman	Jack Murray Jean Rima	Sarah George Doris Thorson Karen Youngerman	Kristin George Carleen Laue Jolene Patterson Donna Stewart	Isaac Gassman
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Communion	3	4	5	6	7	8
8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship	Office Closed Labor Day 		5:00 p.m. Finance 6:15 p.m. Sunday School teachers' meeting	1:00 p.m. Parkinson's Support group		
9 Rally Day/Backpack	10	11	12	13	14	15
8:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship 11:30 Rally Day activities, meal & Sunday School/After School sign up	1:00 p.m. Card making at St. John 6:00 p.m. Stained glass	5:00 p.m. Building & Grounds 6:00 p.m. Council	5:15 p.m. Family board 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Orientation	9:00 a.m. Do Day Quilters	6:00 p.m. Wedding rehearsal	3:00 p.m. Wedding: DeBower & Ellingson
16 Communion	17	18	19 Newsletter Deadline	20	21	22
Installation of Sunday School Teachers Entering Sunday School milestone 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:05 a.m. Education hour 10:15 a.m. Worship 11:20 p.m. Youth board	6:00 p.m. Stained glass	6:30 p.m. Preschool board	5:00 p.m. Supper 5:30 p.m. Carol Choir 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Trinity Choir	5:30 p.m. Small group ministry 7:00 p.m. Communication board		12:00 p.m. Family board Children's clothing sway 
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Entering Confirmation Milestone 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:05 a.m. Education Hour 10:15 a.m. Worship	4:00 p.m. SJCP conferences 6:00 p.m. Stained glass 7:00 p.m. Book Club 		10:00 a.m. Assemble newsletters 4:00 p.m. SJCP conferences Wed. Night Activities	9:00 a.m. Do Day Quilters		
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