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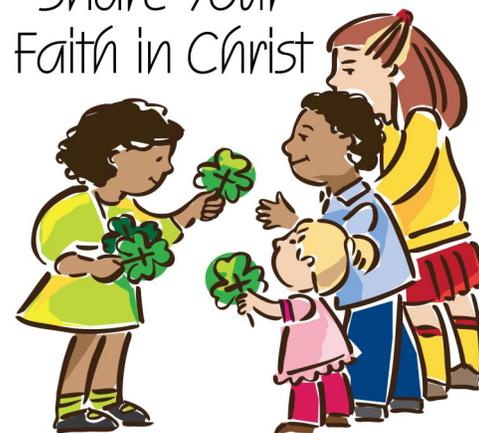
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August-September Newsletter

St. John—St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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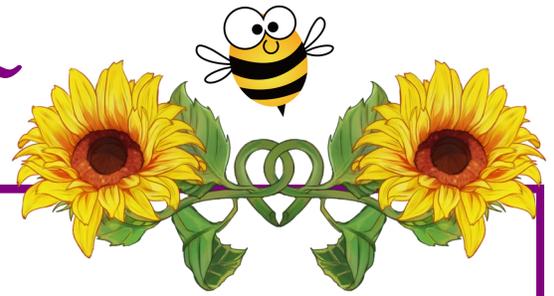
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August Worship Times—Thursday-6:30 pm ■ Sunday Outdoor Worship-9:00 am
Starting September 12th—Worship Times—Sunday Worship-8:00 am & 10:15 am

From Pastor Aden's Desk ~



WE NEED EACH OTHER

One of the themes that runs through the Bible is that our walk with God is designed by God to be a “community project.” In a world that practices Christianity as anonymous, consumerist, isolated, independent, and self-sufficient, God shows us the need for something different. Life in this fallen world is hard. No matter how capable we think we are, we each need a faith community of love and support. You and I were not created (“*It is not good for man to be alone*” Gen. 2:18) or re-created in Jesus (“*The body does not consist of one member but of many.*” 1 Cor. 12:14) to live all by ourselves. Recount how many times God tells us to “_____ *one another.*” The Lord urges us again and again to “love” “encourage” “serve” “forgive” “teach” “rebuke” “correct” “train” “spur on” “greet” “instruct” etc. one another as we live our faith and walk with the Lord to heaven. Living by faith and not by sight is not natural nor easy for us. We need him, and we need each other.

Nonetheless, we find two obstacles prevalent today. It is striking how many of us have become skilled at brief, impersonal conversations about the weather, sports, and politics. We have learned well how to give “non-answers” or spiritual sounding responses to people’s questions without really sharing anything of ourselves. Our “sunny” replies and “Wisconsin nice” means to often no one really know us beneath the well-crafted public personas we have created. It’s not sin, but it’s also not that helpful. The result is that we don’t really know each other or our struggles. Sadly since others don’t really know us, they can’t really minister to us, nor are we able to minister to them.

Secondly, we think we know ourselves, and we think we’re okay, forgetting the blinding power of sin. That’s why church is, for many of us, nothing more than a thing to attend on Sunday. Church is a form set of activities. Church is a place where music can be enjoyed and sermons can be heard. Church is what connects us to worldwide missions. Church provides wholesome activities for our children. As a result church is not an interdependent, connected-together community of personal care and grace focused support for most. (Then we tell ourselves, we’re connecting virtually, which we know is not the same and only helps us to perpetuate the personas that we think people want to see and know.)

~Pastor’s letter continued on next page



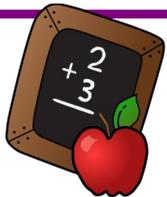
But the Bible is clear. When each part is working properly, the body of Christ grows to maturity in Christ (see Ephesians 4). We each need to live in intentionally personal, Christ-centered, grace-driven community. God intended this community to enlighten and protect. It is meant to motivate and encourage. It is meant to rescue and restore. It is meant to instill hope and courage. It is meant to confront and rebuke. It is meant to guide and protect. It is meant to give vision and sound warning. It is meant to incarnate the love and grace of Jesus when you feel discouraged and alone. It is meant to be a visible representation of the love of Christ. It is not a luxury. It is a spiritual necessity.

So I ask you to consider: With whom are you genuinely connected spiritually and how? Consider how you can deepen your connections with them, with others, and most importantly with Jesus. Let's strive to make taking care of each other part of our "new normal" in our SJSJ family of believers. I encourage you to look for and actively seek opportunities to do so this fall. We will be resuming many of our ministries and some new opportunities will be offered as well. May we "*be devoted to one another in love*" (Rom. 12:10) and enjoy the blessings God intended.

Pastor Darin Aden



(Many of the thoughts and some of the phrases of this article were taken from Rev. Paul Tripp's devotional book: "New Morning Mercies," which ironically I read each weekday morning with my wife.)



From Our Scrip Coordinator



The scrip program generated \$16,849.79 profit in the last fiscal year. This profit helps to fund different areas of ministry here at St. John St. James.

The church council has approved payouts of \$213.00 for an outdoor service wireless receiver.

The scrip program email address is scrip@stjohnstjames.com.

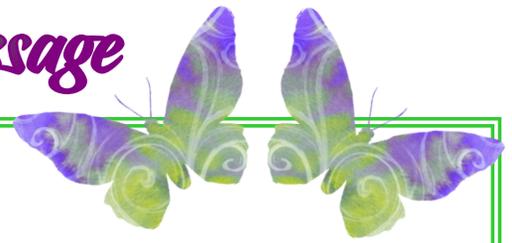
Please email a request if you would like to see the profit generated from your scrip purchases in the last fiscal year.

The scrip program has added Covered Wagon in Manitowoc to our inventory. They will be available to purchase in \$10 certificates. A revised scrip sheet will be coming out shortly.

The current scrip order sheet has the option to email the form (excel document) to Rodney Bubolz at scrip@stjohnstjames.com a half hour before the service. The member will bring the payment for the scrip order and we will have the order ready when you come in.

Scrip is sold by our school secretary through the week from 8:00am-3:00pm Monday through Friday from the secretary's office in the new entranceway. Scrip is also sold before church services from the secretary's office.

Church President's Message



Dear Fellow Christians,

We hope that everyone is having a wonderful summer. As usual, it seems to go way too fast.

Once again, we are having outdoor services this summer. Our members seem to enjoy them a lot. Our Gracious God has been good to us with the weather. We only had to move inside once this summer. Our outdoor services will end on Labor Day weekend. After that we'll go to our regular worship schedule with 2 services on Sunday morning.

Our Messengers outdoor concert will be held on Wednesday August 11th in the West parking lot. We're looking forward to having them proclaim God's word in song.

As you have heard, the Strategic Planning Committee has been conducting many interviews within our congregation. The thing that has come up the most is the need for a second pastor. The committee is putting together plans to bring to the church council. If it is approved by the council, we will be getting information out to the congregation sometime in August.

Tom Schwartz from Brillion has accepted our call to be our part time teacher for Principal Administrative time. We welcome Tom to our ministry team. We thank God that Tom has accepted our call. For those who don't know Tom, he is a retired teacher. He and his wife Nancy live in Brillion. He taught here part time about four years ago in the same position. He then accepted a one year call to teach math at MLHS. Tom was a Lutheran High School math teacher for most of his teaching career. He will be teaching math here at St. John-St. James.

And finally, our new church doors will become a reality. Tri City Glass had the same problems that all contractors have had this year. A shortage of materials. They plan on installing them on July 28th and 29th.

Yours in Christ, Daniel Duchow



Prayer Chain



A prayer chain is a list of people willing to pray for loved ones during troubled times. All prayer chain requests are kept confidential.

St. John-St. James needs volunteers at this time. If you are interested, please contact Judy Mangin at 920-775-4873 or 920-323-9408 to be included on the callers list.

~Judy Mangin



Divine Call Up-Date

A divine call for our part-time Administrative Teacher was extended and accepted by Tom Schwartz from Brillion.

Tom Schwartz has a Masters degree in mathematics and will be a wonderful addition to our Teaching staff! Welcome Tom to our SJSJ Ministry Team!

Grounds Keeper Position Available



We will be interviewing for the Grounds Keeper position for next year (2022). The job requires the ability to operate riding mower, walk behind mower, weed trimmer and leaf blower. Average of about 25 hours per week. Person must be reliable and responsible for the care of the grounds and all equipment. Choose your own hours as long as the grounds are kept up. Job description is available in the west office. If interested please contact Dan Duchow (920-860-9379) or Gary Bernhardt (920-629-5221)



Econo-Foods Receipts

Thank you to everyone for saving your Econo Foods receipts. Just a reminder that now the receipts are good all year long. Be sure to turn in your summer receipts. Also, we are still collecting Best Choice Bar Codes. Don't forget to leave the Best Choice on the barcode when you cut them out.

Student Hymnals



The Synod's new hymnal will be ready for use at the end of this year.

As we begin to use them in worship, we will also begin to use them in our classrooms. Our grade school students will need new hymnals, and the total cost for the 60 hymnals will be \$ 1,440.00.

UPDATE:

We are happy to report that our School Hymnal Fund has been satisfied. Thank you so very much, to all who have donated to help out our school children in financing their new personal hymnals!



Hot Lunch Volunteers



Do you have some extra time that you would like to share with us? Do you like serving our children? We may be able to help you out, come and have fun with volunteers like yourself!

With the start of a new school year we have begun the process of looking for people (Men or Women) to help with our hot lunch program. Come have a great time serving our children lunch that is provided by the Reedsville Public School kitchen. It is a great time to get to know our school children. If you'd like to be a sub or to volunteer weekly please contact Val Jean Link at 920-754-4414.

~Val Jean Link

Worship Committee News

Survey Results —* Winning Vote

Communion Registration

Laptop- 33
Registration Card- 42*
No preference- 44

Distribution

Current disposable cups- 63*
Going to the front of church as we did before- 45
No preference- 11

Outdoor Summer Services

Weekly Thursday indoor and 9:00 Sunday outdoor- 71*
Weekly Thursday indoor and 9:00 Sunday indoor- 20
No preference- 28

- ◇ **Worship schedule** – We will continue with Thursday evening services @ 6:30pm and Sunday outdoor services @ 9:00am through September 5th. After Labor Day we will no longer have Thursday services and we will return to normal indoor Sunday services @ 8:00am and 10:15am beginning September 12th.
- ◇ **Usher schedule** –We will return to the past schedule format where each team is scheduled two weeks in a row. This gives a team a longer break between scheduled ushering.
- ◇ The organ will be 25 years old this year and we will be scheduling a special service on October 31st with a guest organist Charlie Bonow.
- ◇ Next year Pastor Aden's ministry will celebrate 25 years of service. We will begin planning something special to honor his dedication to our Lord's work. Dates TBD for a special afternoon service with dinner to follow.
- ◇ Next meeting – August 3rd at 5:30pm

~Gary Bernhardt, Worship Committee Chair

MLC-MLHS Tuition Assistance Totals

Thank you for all the gracious gifts given to help out our youth and young adults who will benefit from all your help on their educational journeys.

Totals are \$5,455.00 in the MLC Scholarship Fund and \$3,090.00 in the MLHS Scholarship Fund.



MLHS Corn Fest

The MLHS “Sweet Corn Fest” is coming soon. The corn will be picked and ready for our congregation sometime from August 8th through August 15th. Please watch the bulletin and/or the newsletter for the exact timing.

To date, the MLHS Academic Voucher Committee has awarded 1535 vouchers to students in grades 5-8 that participate in the MLHS Academic Fair. Each voucher is worth \$100 of tuition to Manitowoc Lutheran High School. This program has been around for 13 years and much of the money raised has been through the “Sweet Corn Fest” each summer.

Thank you for your support in the past and we hope you make plans to participate in this great program.

Worship Service Up-Date



In an effort to try to transition back to a new normal for everyone, our last Thursday, (6:30 pm) Service will be on September 2nd. There will be no mid-week service until our next Lenten season begins which is on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2022

On Sunday, September 12th we will begin our 8:00 am and 10:15 am Worship Services. The 2 Sunday services will have communion available. The two Sunday services will continue until around Memorial Day 2022.

Thank your for your patience with us as we figure out how to move forward from our past Covid practices and continue to find our “new” normal.

~Gary Bernhardt, Worship Committee Chair

August/September Events

Sunday, August 1, 2021

9:00 am—Worship Service in the Reedsville Fireman's Park



Wednesday, August 4, 2021

6:30pm—Messengers practice

Thursday, August 5, 2021

6:30 pm Communion Thursday Worship

Sunday, August 8, 2021

9:00 am Communion Outdoor Worship Service



Monday, August 9, 2021

6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

6:30 pm Messengers Concert



Thursday, August 12, 2021

6:30 pm Thursday Worship

Sunday, August 15, 2021

9:00 am Outdoor Worship Service



Thursday, August 19, 2021

6:30 pm Thursday Worship

Sunday, August 22, 2021

9:00 am Outdoor Worship Service

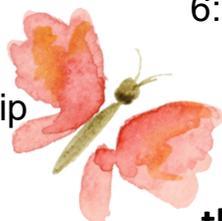


Tuesday, August 24, 2021

6:00 pm Back to School Night

Thursday, August 26, 2021

6:30 pm Communion Thursday Worship



Sunday, August 29, 2021

9:00 am Communion Outdoor Worship Service

Monday, August 30, 2021

First Day of School!

6:30 pm Spiritual Growth Com. Meeting

Thursday, September 2, 2021

6:30 pm (Last) Thursday Worship Service

Sunday, September 5, 2021

9:00 am Outdoor Worship Service (last Outdoor worship service)

Monday, September 6, 2021

Labor Day

Church / School Office Closed

Sunday, September 12, 2021

8:00 am Communion Worship Service

10:15 am Communion Worship Service

Monday, September 13, 2021

6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

Sunday, September 19, 2021

8:00 am Worship Service

10:15 am Worship Service

Monday, September 20, 2021

4:00 pm Ladies Aid Meeting

Sunday, September 26, 2021

8:00 am Communion Worship Service

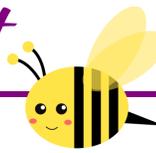
10:15 am Communion Worship Service

Monday, September 27, 2021

6:30 pm Spiritual Growth Com. Meeting

NOTE: Sunday School, Bible Study and CREW starting dates will be in the bulletin when it comes available.

Serving You in August



Thursday, August 5 & Sunday, August 8

THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers—Jeff Schneider, Jellane Schneider, Arlie Olp ■ **SUNDAY—9:00 am Ushers**—Dan/Jacob Bubolz, Gene Wagner, Eugene/Nathan Rosera, Jeff Doemel ■ **Church Cleaners**—Shawn/Melissa Behnke, Sheri Lau ■ **Flower Committee**—Kay Pantzlaff.



Thursday, August 12 & Sunday, August 15

THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers—Jeff Schneider, Jellane Schneider, Arlie Olp ■ **SUNDAY—9:00 am Ushers** —Glen Behnke, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim Bubolz, Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke ■ **Church Cleaners**— Terry/Karen Prochnow, Dale Barnard, Rod Bubolz ■ **Flower Committee**— Kay Pantzlaff ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down**—Suzanne Bubolz, Amanda Schrubbe, Michaela Bubolz.



Thursday, August 19 & Sunday, August 22

THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers—Gary Bernhardt, Dave Hoepfner ■ **SUNDAY—9:00 am Ushers**—Glen Behnke, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim Bubolz, Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke ■ **Church Cleaners**—Terry/Karen Prochnow, Dale Barnard, Rod Bubolz ■ **Flower Committee**—Kay Pantzlaff.



Thursday, August 26 & Sunday, August 29

THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers—Gary Bernhardt, Dave Hoepfner ■ **SUNDAY—9:00 am Ushers**—Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog ■ **Church Cleaners**—Adam/Melissa Bubolz, Andy/Bekah Bubolz, Nick/Amanda Schrubbe, Ray/Suzanne Bubolz ■ **Flower Committee**—Kay Pantzlaff ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down**—Suzanne Bubolz, Amanda Schrubbe, Michaela Bubolz.



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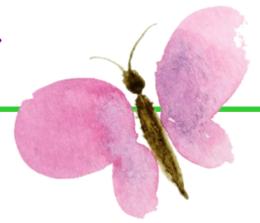
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2. Going to the front of church as we did before—45
3. No preference—11

Outdoor Summer Services

1. Weekly Thursday indoor and 9:00 Sunday outdoor—71*
2. Weekly Thursday indoor and 9:00 Sunday indoor—20
3. No preference—28

* **Winning Vote**

Serving You In September



Thursday, September 2 & Sunday, September 5

THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers—Scott Bubolz, Brian/Susie Bubolz, Bill Voeltz

■ **SUNDAY—9:00 am Ushers**—Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog ■ **Church Cleaners**—Adam/Melissa Bubolz, Andy/Bekah Bubolz, Nick/Amanda Schrubbe, Ray/Suzanne Bubolz

■ **Flower Committee**—Judy Hoyer & Audrey Duchow.



Sunday, September 12

Sunday—8:00 am Ushers—Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzlaff, Gary Bernhardt

■ **Sunday—10:15 am Ushers**—Andy/Zac Bubolz, Ray Bubolz, Adam Bubolz, Bill Hillmann, Matt Hillmann, Nick Schrubbe ■ **Church Cleaners**—Arlie/Pat Olp, Mary Fenlon

■ **Flower Committee**—Judy Hoyer & Audrey Duchow

■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down**—Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, Joan Sheahan.



Sunday, September 19

Sunday—8:00 am Ushers—Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzlaff, Gary Bernhardt

■ **Sunday—10:15 am Ushers**—Andy/Zac Bubolz, Ray Bubolz, Adam Bubolz, Bill Hillmann, Matt Hillmann, Nick Schrubbe ■ **Church Cleaners**—Arlie/Pat Olp, Mary Fenlon

■ **Flower Committee**—Judy Hoyer & Audrey Duchow.



Sunday, September 26

Sunday—8:00 am Ushers—Mel Mangin, Tim Mangin, Jamie Mangin, Gary Waack ■ **Sunday—**

10:15 am Ushers—Terry/Karen Prochnow, Fred Busse, Erwin Waack, Jon Waack, Randy/Sandy Waack, Dereck Waack and Todd Hickmann ■ **Church Cleaners**—Gary/Deb Bernhardt,

Joe/Judy Hoyer ■ **Flower Committee**—Judy Hoyer & Audrey Duchow

■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down**—Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, Joan Sheahan.



Membership Directory



2021 Membership Directories were emailed to all members who have an email address registered with us.

If you would like a hard copy of the directory there are some available on a table in the back of the church. We can also mail or email a copy directly to you. Please call the office at 920-754-4568 if changes need to be made to your information, or if you wish to have a copy mailed to you. Thank you for helping us update your important information!



Strategic Planning Updates



The Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) has been working to put together a long-term plan for our ministry at St John St James. We have started by interviewing Committees and Organizations of St John St James to better understand our current ministry and to gather ideas and receive input. As mentioned at the last voter's meeting, we also want to have conversations and receive input from all our congregation members.

We have had two informal meetings with our members. The first was a campfire conversation on June 29th at our new campfire area, and the second was held on Sunday July 18th after the 9:00 Service in our commons. We received good input and conversation from our members. We will have more informal gatherings in the future. Please watch the bulletin for information about these gatherings and come have some fun and share your thoughts.

Throughout the interviews and informal gatherings two common themes have surfaced. These themes are the need for a second Pastor and the need for more volunteers to help in all areas of our ministry. We are currently addressing the Why and How concerning the second Pastor, and in the near future, trying to understand how more members of our congregation can be involved in our ministry. There have been many ideas and thoughts brought forward from the interviews and gatherings, and we will work to organize and prioritize these ideas.

The SPC committee would also like to thank all of the Committee members, Organizations, Faculty and Board members we interviewed for their time and input. It is greatly appreciated.

We have a lot of work in front of us. We will always welcome feedback from our members. Please contact any of us if you have any questions or concerns.

In Christ,
Arlie Olp

Gary Bernhardt (920-629-5221)
Dave Hoida (920-851-0569)
Sheri Lau (920-323-9197)
Dan Duchow (920-860-9379)

Arlie Olp (920-629-0709)
Karin Hokkanen (608-515-9114)
Corey Marohn (920-809-9621)
Pastor Aden (920-277-0101)



Annual Reports



Our fiscal year ended on June 30, 2021.

We are now compiling the information needed to put into a report for the Annual meeting. If you have a report that needs to go into the Annual Report please have your report to Cindy by Friday, August 13th. Thank you!

Messengers Concert



**St. John -
St. James**
Lutheran
Church & School

2021 concert

with

MESSENGERS

WHEN: Wed, August 11 @ 6:30 PM

WHERE: SJSJ Parking Lot, 219 Manitowoc St. Reedsville

***** Please bring your lawn chair. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held in the gym. Refreshments provided.**



Messengers Concert Donation Board



In the vestibule of School and in the back of the church is a donations board full of items needed for the concert, as well as a glass jar/wood box for cash donations.

If interested in helping please take an item off the board and drop it off in the Church or School office any Monday-Friday 8 am—Noon, or before/after services on Thursday/ Sunday. We will accept donations no later than Sunday, August 8. Thank you for your help!