



St. John – St. James Ev. Lutheran

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Some of you may have heard that we plan to resume our Communion worship schedule, offering Lord's Supper in the services for the second and last Sunday of each month. Because of a scheduling issue, **we will begin offering Communion for the services of July 23 & 26.** We are leaving the character of the three services as is —“blended” on Thursdays, “mask only” for Sunday early, and “no masks” for Sunday late. Below are a few details about what to expect for the distribution of Lord's Supper.

HOLY COMMUNION:

We will do our best to observe social distancing guidelines and other “norms” that our society has been using for safety. Therefore, we will not have direct contact with those administering Lord's Supper, we will not be offering the Common Cup, and we will distribute Lord's Supper in a “Continuous Flow” format.

All communicants are asked to approach the table from the center aisle at the direction of our usher. We will approach in a line, closer in family groups, but maintaining six feet distance with those in our family whether in line or while communing (A reminder that pews are three feet apart, so no matter where you are in the aisle you should be able to approximate a safe distance.).

The communion wafers will be in small paper “cups.” Please grab the edge of the paper cup and then grab and eat your wafer. For the paper, there will be a small waste basket as you near the wine. The wine will be spaced in the individual cup trays on the side that you were sitting. (Pastor will be near the front to direct communicants and say words of distribution.) After drinking the wine, you may proceed to the empty cup receptacle and then to your seat from the outside of your row. (If someone in your row did not commune, please do not “climb” over them. Rather use the empty pew near your pew or go to the back of church and access your pew from the center aisle.)

When we switch over to those sitting on the front side, there will be a slight pause as we move the wine vessels to that side of the sanctuary. When all have communed, Pastor will say the final blessing to the entire congregation, and we will continue with conclusion of the service.

This may feel complicated as we imagine it and begin, but I believe this will become comfortable (and perhaps easier) very quickly. I pray that our excitement and joy in returning to the Lord's Table will be able to outweigh the minor changes in our customs at this time. These “sacrifices” do not change the efficacy of the sacrament and allow us to resume Communion in a safe manner during these continued times of concern. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

All of our previous precautionary guidelines for public worship remain in place. So also, we will continue to offer opportunities to participate in worship from home. We realize some of our members may choose to remain at home but are interested in receiving Lord's Supper. Please contact the office to arrange private communion at church or for a visitor to bring Lord's Supper to you at your home. You all remain in my thoughts and prayers!

Blessings,

Pastor Darin Aden

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Announcements

VOTER'S BUDGET MEETING—Voter's Budget meeting took place on June 28, at 9:00 am between Services. Voters approved the budget and a 1 year call to Shelley DeCleene for Principal Administration time. The budget proposal and reports were emailed out. If you do not have email you can pick up a report in the office.

WEDDING—Congratulations on the Wedding of Holly & Andrew Christianson, Daughter of Robert and Marilyn Lentz, Sister to Amber Lentz and Granddaughter of Mary Ellen Hintz. Holly teaches at St. John's, Redwing MN. Blessing to the newly married couple!

GIFTS GIVEN—Holly Lentz Christianson has given a gift for the sound system for using our church for her wedding and Kelly Pantzlaff Curry has given a gift for the sound system in honor of her parents, Norman and Kay Pantzlaff for their 49th wedding anniversary. Thank you!

BAPTISM—Crue Jonathan Staudinger was baptized on Sunday, June 21 at the 10:15am service. Crue is the son of Caleb & Challise(Bubolz) Staudinger and grandson of Brian and Suzie Bubolz. Crue's sponsors are Hiram and Nicole Wooton, Andrew Booher and Jenna Jaeger.

USHER SCHEDULE – another interim usher schedule is out to cover the July services. When we return to 2 services a week, we will make out a schedule to cover the rest of the year.

MLC SCHOLARSHIP—Maya Aden, Josh Aden, Lynsey Marohn and Michaela Bubolz will be attending MLC this Fall season. They all plan on being Called Workers in our Synod. Good news! Everyone who contributed to the MLC Scholarship helped us reach the required \$4,000.00 that our students needed to receive the \$1000.00 match. Thank you so much!

TYPEWRITER—If anyone needs a nicely used typewriter or a computer desk we have one available in the office. Please contact Dan (920-754-4751) or the office (920-754-4432 or 920-754-4568).

COMMUNION - Starting in July our Lord's Supper will be offered on these dates: July 23rd and 26th with no Lord's Supper on July 9th and 12th. To limit contact we will be changing how it is delivered using a continuous flow. We will not be offering Common Cup but instead we will be offering Individual Cup for communion at this time. Ushers will release one family at a time and we ask that everyone maintain a safe distance from others when partaking of the sacrament. The elements will be placed in a way that everyone can help themselves and it will flow in the direction of your seating. Ushers will assist in directing you until we all get use to the new process.

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2020—Pastor Aden Confirmed 6 students on Saturday, June 27th with a service that included the Public Examination of the students, the Confirmation Rite and the Lord's Supper for students and their parents. They are as follows: **Braeden Kiesow** Parents—Mark Kiesow & Jamie Salm **Briana Kiesow** Parents—Mark Kiesow & Jamie Salm, **Kendra Kiley** Parents—Greg & Angela Kiley, **Keltyn Loose** Parents—Justin & Jessica Loose, **Andrew Pautz** Parents—Mike & Jessica Pautz and **Robert Resch** Parents—Josh Resch & Melissa Heinrich. Congratulations to our newly Confirmed Members of St. John—St. James!

IN MEMORY OF MILDRED MATZNICK—In honor of her mother, Deb and Gary Bernhardt have purchased a chainsaw and pressure washer for buildings and grounds and a tablet and computer for the new sound system. A member of St. Peter's in Collins, God blessed Mildred with 98 years until she was called home this past December.

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORTS— Please have your reports to Cindy by Wednesday, July 8, so we can have the report emailed to you by Friday, July 10.

FISCAL YEAR REPORTS DUE—July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020 reports need to be given to Cindy by Friday, July 31. These fiscal year reports are for the Annual Report in September.

SJSJ CONCERT—We hope you'll join us for an evening of worship with the SJSJ Contemporary Band, MESSENGERS! Wednesday, August 19@ 6:30pm. Lord willing, the concert will be held in the main St. John St. James Lutheran Church parking lot, so please bring a comfortable lawn chair. In the case of uncooperative weather, the concert will be held in the sanctuary. This is a free event, and is open to the community!

OUTDOOR SERVICE—Sunday August 2nd at 9:00 will be our annual Outdoor Worship at the Reedsville Fireman's park. We will have our Thursday evening service in the church.

St. John – St. James Budget Voter’s Meeting Highlights—June 28, 2020

- 1) There were 22 voting members and 23 total members present.
- 2) Treasurer Jeff Doemel reported on total income as of May 31, 2020 was \$737,167 and total expenses were \$666,628.
- 3) Total debt balance at the end of May is \$50,096.
- 4) The following membership acts were acted upon:
 - **Transfers in:** Amanda Kiesow received into membership via adult confirmation. Robert Resch received into membership by child confirmation
 - **Change to Communicant Status by Child Confirmation:** Braedon Kiesow, Briana Kiesow, Kendra Kiley, Keltyn Loose, Andrew Pautz, Robert Resch
 - **Transfers out:** Dennis and Lynn Behnke Transfer out of membership to St. John, Kaukauna, WI., Transfer to church triumphant of Vivian Herzog
 - **Releases:** Lindsey Behnke released from membership to her own spiritual care.
 - **Baptized Soul:** Crue Jonathan Staudinger
- 5) Principal Zimmerman reported that we were approved for 15.5 vouchers for the school choice program.
- 6) Charities Treasurer Dave Hoepfner reported the balance at the end of May was \$120,372.90.
- 7) The Building Project Fund balance as of May 31 was \$14,120.18.
- 8) The voters voted to extend a one year call to Shelly DeCleene for Principal Administrative Time
- 9) The voters voted to accept the current 2020/2021 proposed budget.

SJSJ Building Fund Account—June 2020		
Balance 06/01/2020		\$14,120.18
<u>Deposits</u>		
Interest	\$1.17	
Transfer from Charities (Memorial)	\$0.00	
6/8/2020	\$1,335.00	
6/12/2020	\$1,052.00	
6/17/2020	\$2,795.00	
6/25/2020	\$1,500.00	
Total Deposits	\$6,683.17	
<u>Withdrawals</u>		
Transfer to Loan (June Payment)	\$4,685.00	
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Transfer to General Fund (Offering Counting Error)	\$5.00	
Total Withdrawals	\$9,375.00	
Ending Balance		\$11,428.35
Outstanding DSB Loan Balance for Building Project — \$1,204,922.69		
Outstanding MEMBER Loan Balance for Building Project — \$311,000.00		

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE—JUNE 18 & 21

Church Attendance: Thur. 6:30 pm—38, Sun. 8am—29 & 10:15am—85, Total: 152 ■ Regular Offerings—General Fund: \$ 7,188.00*, Synod: \$ 346.50*, MLHS: \$ 316.50*, Total: \$ 7,851.00* ■ Special Offerings—Building Fund: \$ 1,625.00 (needed each week \$2,312.) ■ Debt Retirement—\$ 0 ■ MLC Scholarship—\$ 250.00.

* Electronic Giving is also in the totals.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE—JUNE 25 & 28

Church Attendance: Thur. 6:30 pm—58, Sun. 8am—41 & 10:15am—49, Total: 148 ■ Regular Offerings—General Fund: \$ 6,099.00, Synod: \$ 471.00, MLHS: \$ 188.00 Total: \$ 6,758.00 ■ Special Offerings—Building Fund: \$ 745.00 (needed each week \$2,312.) ■ Debt Retirement—\$ 0 ■ MLC Scholarship—\$ 595.00.