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May-June Newsletter

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Church/School Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 7:30 am to 3:00 pm

Sunday Worship—8:00 am and 10:15 am

Serving You In June

Thursday, June 1, 2023

6:30 pm Ushers—Scott Bubolz, Brian/Susie Bubolz, Bill Voeltz
Church Cleaners—(5/29-6/11) Shawn/Melissa Behnke, Sheri Lau

Sunday, June 4, 2023

9:00 am Ushers—Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzlaff, Gary Bernhardt
Church Cleaners—(5/29-6/11) Shawn/Melissa Behnke, Sheri Lau
Flower Committee—Judy Mangin, Jenny Jahnke

Thursday, June 8, 2023

6:30 pm Ushers—Jeff Schneider, Jellane Schneider, Arlie/Pat Olp
Church Cleaners—(5/29-6/11) Shawn/Melissa Behnke, Sheri Lau
Communion Set-Up/Take-Down—Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, Joan Sheahan

Sunday, June 11, 2023

9:00 am Ushers—Andy/Zac Bubolz, Ray Bubolz, Adam Bubolz, Bill Hillmann, Matt Hillmann, Nick/
 Jonathan Schrubbe
Church Cleaners—(6/12-6/25) Terry/Karen Prochnow, Dale Barnard, Rod Bubolz
Flower Committee—Judy Mangin, Jenny Janke
Communion Set-Up/Take-Down—Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, Joan Sheahan

Thursday, June 15, 2023

6:30 pm Ushers— Gary Bernhardt, Dave Hoepfner, Randy Denor
Church Cleaners—(6/12-6/25) Terry/Karen Prochnow, Dale Barnard, Rod Bubolz

Sunday, June 18, 2023

9:00 am Ushers—Mel Mangin, Tim Mangin, Jamie Mangin, Gary Waack
Church Cleaners—(6/12-6/25) Terry/Karen Prochnow, Dale Barnard, Rod Bubolz
Flower Committee—Suzanne Bubolz, Rebekah Bubolz

Thursday, June 22, 2023

6:30 pm Ushers—Scott Bubolz, Brian/Susie Bubolz, Bill Voeltz
Church Cleaners—(6/12-6/25) Terry/Karen Prochnow, Dale Barnard, Rod Bubolz
Communion Set-Up/Take-Down—Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, Joan Sheahan

Sunday, June 25, 2023

9:00 am Ushers—Terry/Karen Prochnow, Fred Busse, Randy/Sandy Waack
Church Cleaners—(6/26-7/9) Adam/Melissa Bubolz, Andy/Rebekah Bubolz, Nick/Amanda
 Schrubbe, Ray/Suzanne Bubolz

Flower Committee—Judy Mangin, Jenny Janke

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

Thursday, June 29, 2023

6:30 pm Ushers— Jeff Schneider, Jellane Schneider, Arlie/Pat Olp
Church Cleaners—(6/26-7/9) Adam/Melissa Bubolz, Andy/Rebekah Bubolz, Nick/Amanda
 Schrubbe, Ray/Suzanne Bubolz

Serving You in May



Sunday, May 7, 2023

8:00 am Ushers—Dan/Paula Bubolz, Gene Wagner, Eugene/Nathan Rosera, Jeff Doemel

10:15 am Ushers—Glen Behnke, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim Bubolz, Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke

Church Cleaners— (5/1-5/14)Yvonne Wenzlaff, Gail Denor

Flower Committee—Ida May Krepline, Carol Bubolz



Sunday, May 14, 2023

8:00 am Ushers—Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog

10:15 am Ushers—Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton/Nathan Kasten

Church Cleaners— (5/15-5/28)Rick & Sarah Zimmerman, Corey & Sarah Marohn

Flower Committee—Ida May Krepline, Carol Bubolz

Communion Set-Up/Take-Down—Pat Olp, Mary Fenlon



Thursday, May 18, 2023

6:30 pm Ushers—Gary Bernhardt, Dave Hoepfner, Randy Denor

Church Cleaners—(5/15-5/28) Rick & Sarah Zimmerman, Corey & Sarah Marohn

Flower Committee—Ida May Krepline, Carol Bubolz



Sunday, May 21, 2023

8:00 am Ushers—Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog

10:15 am Ushers—Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton/Nathan Kasten

Church Cleaners—(5/15-5/28) Rick & Sarah Zimmerman, Corey & Sarah Marohn

Flower Committee—Ida May Krepline, Carol Bubolz



Thursday, May 25, 2023

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

Church Cleaners—(5/15-5/28) Rick & Sarah Zimmerman, Corey & Sarah Marohn

Flower Committee—Ida May Krepline, Carol Bubolz

Communion Set-Up/Take-Down—Pat Olp, Mary Fenlon



Sunday, May 28, 2023

9:00 am Ushers—Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzlaff, Gary Bernhardt

Church Cleaners—(5/29-6/11) Shawn/Melissa Behnke, Sheri Lau

Flower Committee—Ida May Krepline, Carol Bubolz

Communion Set-Up/Take-Down—Pat Olp, Mary Fenlon



Ascension Thursday Service

Ascension Thursday Service will be held at 6:30 on Thursday, May 18. We'd love to have you join us.

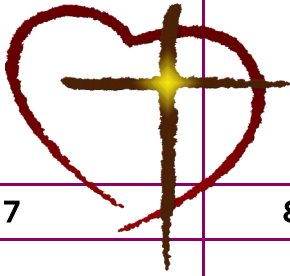







June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				6:30 pm Worship Service		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:00 am Worship Service	Office Closed	Office Closed	Office Closed	6:30 pm Communion Service 	Office Closed	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:00 am Communion Service 	Church Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm		 Flag Day	6:30 pm Worship Service		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:00 am Worship Service  Happy Father's Day				6:30 pm Communion Service 		
25	26	27	28	29	30	
9:00 am Communion Service  COMMUNION				6:30 pm Worship Service		

TEXT MESSAGING ALERTS

Would you like to receive text message alerts from St. John - St. James with important notices about church cancellations, updates, etc.? If so, please visit <https://stjohnstjames.360members.com/opt-in/texting> to opt-in. You will need to enter your cell phone number & click "Opt-In Now". You should then receive a text message asking you to reply "YES" to complete the opt-in process. Please contact the church/school office (920-754-4568/920-754-4432) with any questions.

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Senior Boble Study 9:30-10:30 am CEC Meeting @ 6:00 pm			Examination/Confirmation 10:00 am
	7	8	9	10	11	12
○8:00 am Messengers Sunday Service with SJSJ Youth ○9:15-10 am Adult Bible Class ○10:15 am Messengers Sunday Service with SJSJ Youth	Church Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm Parent Transport		Senior Boble Study 9:30-10:30 am Piano Recital 6:00 pm	 ...fins for Moms @ 7:30 am SJSJ Timber Rattlers Game @ 6:30 pm	◇Softball Tournament in Luxemburg Office ◇Closed at Noon ◇No School	 Krepline Strong Benefit 10:00 am-6:00 pm Softball Tournament
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
○8:00 am Communion Service ○9:15-10 am Adult Bible Class ○10:15 am Communion Service Mother's Day		◇LLL Track Meet (Grades 5-8) ◇No School (Grades 3K-4) Church/ ◇School Office Closed	Senior Boble Study 9:30-10:30 am E.C. Field Trip	Primary Track Meet @ 1:00 pm Ascension Thursday @ 6:30 pm		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
○8:00 am Worship Service ○9:15-10 am Adult Bible Class ○10:15 am Worship Service ○Door Collection for Befriend a Mission ○11:15 "Thank You" Gathering for Mr. Stuebs			Senior Boble Study 9:30-10:30 am EC Summer Send-Off 3K/4K Last Day of School	 8th Grade Graduation/Communion Service @ 6:30 pm Grades 1-7 Sing @ Graduation	11:50 am Early Dismissal K-8 Last Day of School	
28	29	30	31			
○9:00 am Communion Service	School/Church Office Closed Memorial					

Ladies of SJSJ,

Wouldn't it be great to be able to get together throughout the year and enjoy fellowship with each other, while strengthening our faith through devotion and bible discussions? Did you know our congregation already has a Ladies group, called Ladies Aid? This group has been looking for new members for years. A few of us would love to join and are hoping others would too. Because the number of members in this group has been declining, they have been meeting at 4:00 on the 3rd Monday of the month – about 4 times a year. They recognize that to attract younger members the time of the meetings may need to change. Here's where we'd love to hear from you. Ladies of the congregation, 18 years or older, please fill out the survey, found in the West Office of Church or on the following page, and return it by Sunday, May 14th , in the West Office (or email your completed survey to kenneke@tds.net), so that we can start planning! We hope you are excited to join us!

Sharie Mack, Joan Sheahan, Angie Kenneke

1. Are you interested in joining a SJSJ Ladies group?

- a. Yes b. No c. Not right now, maybe in the future

2. How often would you like to meet?

- a. Once per month
- b. Once every other month (6 times/year)
- c. Once per quarter (4 times/year)
- d. Other _____

3. What day of the week works best for you?

- a. Sunday b. Monday c. Tuesday d. Wednesday e. Thursday f. Friday g. Saturday

4. What time would work best for you?

- a. 4:00p b. 5:00p c. 6:00p d. 6:30p e. Other _____

5. Would you need childcare in order to attend?

- a. Yes
- b. No

6. Besides devotion and bible discussions, what other topics or fun would you like to see incorporated into these meetings? Examples include teaching younger ladies how to can, knit, quilt, make crafts, etc.

7. The group has been called Ladies Aid for years. Do you have suggestions for a new name for the ladies' group at SJSJ?



Worship Committee News



Confirmation service will take place on Saturday May 6, 2023 at 10:00 am

- AV booth volunteers still needed. If interested contact Gary Bernhardt at bebehardt@stjohnstjames.com or Randy Denor at rdenor@stjohnstjames.com.
- Summer service schedule will begin the week of May 25 / May 28. Services will take place on Thursdays at 6:30 pm and Sundays at 9:00 am thru August. All services will take place in the sanctuary with the exception of two outdoor Sunday services.
- Outdoor Services : there will be two outdoor services this summer.

Services will take place:

- July 2, 2023 service in the Park (held at Reedsville fireman's park pavilion)
- August 27, 2023 School opening/picnic (church parking lot)
*Weather permitting otherwise will take place in sanctuary.
- Any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me

Randy Denor

Worship Committee Chair

Summer Office Hours

Summer office hours will be 8am to noon Monday through Friday. Amanda will be in office most days, while Katie will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Feel free to reach out via email or call if you have any questions about time or availability.



SJSJ Camp Outing

The annual church/school camp outing held at Devil's River Campground is being planned for July 7th-9th. If you would like a campsite for this year's SJSJ Camp Outing, please contact Karie Robley at 920-772-4959 or email her at robley@tds.net.

DIVINE CALLS

Mr. and Mrs. Trimmer have returned the divine calls we extended to them to serve as our middle grades and instructional support teachers. We pray that God will continue to bless them and their family as they continue to serve in their current calls. We have made a request for a graduate to serve as our middle grades teacher. (Teacher Call Day will be May 13—our members Lynsey Marohn and Maya Aden will both be graduating and eligible for calls that day. Congratulations, ladies!) If there is not a graduate able to be placed among us, we would then seek a 1-year emergency teacher from the students at Martin Luther College (the WELS pastor and teacher training college). Let us continue to pray for God's guidance in meeting the needs of our students here at St. John-St. James.



Befriend A Mission



We have received our new BAM assignments.

1. World Mission Field: Rev. Wei Zhao, 967 Prairie Circle E, Eagan, MN 55123-1632.
2. Home Mission Field: Rev. Cale Mead, 159 Holly Mill Village Drive, Canton, GA 30114
3. Home Mission Field: Living Hope Ev. Lutheran Church -Chattanooga c/o Rev. Eric Melso, 6144 Veronica Drive, Ooltewah, TN 37363



Please pray for our assigned missions, missionaries, and their families.



We will be taking a special offering for these Missions on **Sunday, May 21st.**

Strategic Planning Committee-May 2023

The Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) is continuing to put together a long-term plan for our congregation. The SPC is focused on a 7 Year plan using a planning tool called the Visual Traction Organizer (VTO). We have asked other committees and organizations to review and complete the plan that we have brought forward. These goals will need to be completed to accomplish the vision/plan.

UPDATES

- Beyond Everyone Outreach Workshop Gathering (BEO)
- Had a great turnout and discussion
- Many more great ideas and interaction from attendees
- Working to prioritize and organize all information and goals on VTO.
- SPC will discuss timeline and oversight of long term goals for committees

FUTURE

- Continue to refine and update VTO
- Discuss Beyond Everyone Outreach ideas and follow up
- Update and discuss our future direction / plan

Gary Bernhardt (920-629-5221) Arlie Olp (920-629-0709)

Dave Hoida (920-851-0569) Sheri Lau (920-323-9197)

Dan Duchow (920-860-9379) Pastor Aden (920-277-0101)

Summer Worship Opportunities

Summer service schedule will begin the week of May 25 / May 28. Services will take place on Thursdays at 6:30 pm and Sundays at 9:00 am thru August. All services will take place in the sanctuary with the exception of two outdoor Sunday services.



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is Saturday, May 6th, beginning with examination at 10:00 am. Please join us in celebrating with these young Christians as they proclaim their faith in our Father in Heaven.

- † Michael Vallesky
- † Rachel Krepline
- † Jackson Meyers
- † Paige Busse
- † Addison Christensen
- † Rosalyn Hills
- † Ethan Marohn
- † Ava Stuebs
- † Elijah Zuberbier



TIME AND TALENT SHEETS

If you haven't already returned your Time and Talent sheet, please fill them out and drop them off in the west office of church. There are more available in the West Office of church as well, if you haven't received one yet.

MLC/ MLHS Tuition Assistance

We've all heard about the shortage of Pastors and Teachers in our Synod. Presently we have about 170 Pastor vacancies and approximately 215 Teacher vacancies. Right now the Baby Boomer generation is retiring. We don't have enough graduates to take the place of all these people.

We have some good news. Maya Aden and Lynsey Marohn will be graduating this spring and receiving their first call. Josh Aden, Michaela Bubolz and Hailey Marohn will be attending MLC this fall. They plan on becoming Called Workers in our Synod. This is a great blessing from our Gracious God.

For the 2023-2024 school year, the cost for attending MLC will be \$29,350.00. Approximately 75% of MLC students graduate with debt. This is a concern for our Synod.

MLC has a matching Scholarship fund. If the student's home congregation gives him or her between \$100 to \$1350, MLC will match it. Last year we were able to give each student \$2625 for the match. We thank you for your generous contributions. This year we are setting a goal of \$9000, which is \$3000 per student.

We have three MLHS students who don't receive financial assistance. Last year we gave each student \$2300. This year we are setting a goal of \$6900, which is \$2300 per student.

We will run this special offering from March 26 to June 4. You can designate which fund you'd like to contribute to. If you wish to make a contribution, mark your envelope, either MLC Scholarship Fund or MLHS Scholarship Fund. If you don't designate which fund, the offering will be split between the two funds. Please make out checks to St. John-St. James. We cannot cash checks made out to MLC or MLHS. If you have any questions, please call Dan Duchow at (920)754-4751 or email me at dduchow@stjohnstjames.com



From the Church President

May/June 2023

He is Risen Indeed!

Praise to our God for sending his Son to be our Savior and free us all from our sins. We should all be thankful and grateful for we are truly blessed. We all pray to God when we are in pain, in need, grieving or sick, and we should go to our God in times of trouble. I would ask that you please remember to also pray and give thanks to God for the many blessing he bestows on us daily. He provides for our physical needs like food, clothing and shelter and our spiritual needs through His Holy Word, His Grace and our Savior Jesus Christ.

Thank you Lord for the blessing I have the privilege to report. Amen

- 1.A new Church Basement Entrance is done, except for the cover which is being custom built. Thank You to the Stewardship committee for heading up this project and the quick resolution.
- 2.A committee has been formed to coordinate a “Thank You Dinner” for Phil Stuebs, in honor of his service for the past 10 years. Date of event is set for May 21st
- 3.Music stage – The Committee submitted their recommendation to the Council and it was approved. Work will begin this summer to add the stage (without a wall) including music jacks and electrical supply. It will be built on top of the current carpeted floor with finished plywood, painted black to match the piano, music stands and microphone stands. It can be covered with hardwood flooring in the future, if we so desire. Estimated cost is ~\$2,800.00
- 4.MLC/MLHS Scholarship Fund campaign has started and it will run for 6 weeks. Please consider helping our future Called Workers.
- 5.Our Time and Talent signup sheet is paying dividends. We reached out to everyone who signed up to help out with “Spring Cleanup” and 10 people got together and picked up pine cones and sticks so our groundskeeper could start cutting the grass. Thank you to all who helped with this so we can keep our grounds looking nice!
- 6.The west parking lot is in need of resealing - We are considering the project for this summer. Quotes from Wright way Seal Coating came in at \$4,530.00.
- 7.There will be a door offering to support “Befriend a Mission” on May 21st
- 8.Carpet have been cleaned – The Church, Pastor’s office, Choir room and Early Childhood rooms were done in March.
- 9.School Opening/Picnic – We are planning a School Opening and picnic celebration for August 27th. Thank you to the committee in charge of planning this great event!

And precisely because you picked just such a night as this, I come to you often to receive what you gave there and give us still. I will not delay until I am at my best—in any case, there is no such day for me. No, when I see myself stumbling after you, covered with shame, filled with the leprosy of my sin and crushed by my guilt, I come. When I begin to see again the horror of what I deserve, I will come for what I can never ever—not even in the slightest—deserve. I come not because I am holy but because you are. I come not because I merit anything but because you merit everything and that just for me. I come at my worst, a beggar about to become rich. I come with death in my bones and on my soul to receive life for now and forever. I come, in sum, aching in heart and soul as I make confession. And still I come with joy unbounded; for I am invited by your gracious Word and promise. So I come looking at you and away from myself to receive—yes, to receive—all that you are and all that you have done for my salvation.

Lord Jesus, how kind and how considerate of you to institute this Holy Sacrament when the disciples were not at their best but at their worst! That simple fact, connected to all that you have said this night, emboldens me always to come at your invitation to receive you as they received you. It is not my strength that give me courage to come, but your promise. It is not my merit that lets me dare to receive you here, but your inestimable kindness in calling and drawing me. And so, Lord Jesus, let me take the cup of salvation and worship and adore you forever for it. Amen.

Pastor Darin Aden

Bible Study Ideas



The Spiritual Growth Committee is looking for interests in additional bible study opportunities for the congregation when the new school year starts up this fall. There will be a survey asking for preferred topics, day of the week and time of the day, and types of studies—Small group bible studies, Men’s early morning bible studies, Women’s bible studies, and/or a combination of them. Please take the time to consider these study options. Any questions, call (920)323-2854 Jeff Schneider or (920)277-0101 Pastor Aden.

From Pastor Aden's Desk

IN THE UPPER ROOM

Karla and I read a devotion together each morning from a book called **Giving Advice to God** by Rev. Daniel Deutschlander. We recently read the devotion that follows. I found it such a great blessing in helping to enhance my celebration of Holy Communion that I want to share it with you. Here is his devotion and prayer...

I Co 11:23-26 "The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after supper he took the cup saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

If ever there is a time when we should be loath to give advice to God, surely it must be in this most holy week of weeks. For in this week God redeemed us by his blood, and he did so willingly, did it for all, did it alone and without any help—much less advice—from us.

But still, even with a shudder and a chill running down our spine, we just can't help ourselves (and how well that sums up everything!); we just have to open our mouths and say something.

For starters, on this most holy night in which he gives us the Sacrament, there are a thousand things that we might want to say and ten thousand things worth thinking about. Here are just a few:

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed—really?! On that night of all nights you give this greatest gift? It is a night on which the disciples and all the world are at their absolute worst: the night he was betrayed, the night they all forsook him and fled, the night of the denial with oaths and curses! It is the night when his church will curse and count him worthy of death for the sin of blasphemy. It is the night when the engines of the state will be set to call him innocent and then condemn him to death. Yes, it is the night on which only the icy arms of death and the hot breath from the jaws of hell itself are eager to welcome him.

Wouldn't it have been more fitting for you to give this great gift when the disciples, the church, and the state were at their best? How about giving it that day when so many went away from you but the disciples, with Peter as their spokesman, confessed, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God" (John 6:68,69)! What a beautiful confession. How fitting it might have been to reward it with the pledge of your abiding presence with them through this Sacrament. Or how about that time when you asked the disciples what they thought of you? Again, Peter, acting as spokesman for the rest, boldly declared, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16)! Wouldn't it have been wonderful for you to confirm that confession of faith with the gift of yourself in the Sacrament?

But on this night? This night the disciples are at their worst. They are quarreling about which of them is greatest. Not one thought to wash your feet in reverent attention to common custom for an honored guest; you ended up washing their feet. And if that wasn't bad enough, when you speak of your coming suffering, not one expresses sympathy. Instead, all you get from them are empty promises of loyalty, which you know full well they are about to break. You know full well that in the Garden of Gethsemane, they will all abandon you at the first threat of danger.

On this night you give them the most precious of gifts, on a night when they deserve it the least?

Yes—oh, most sublime truth! On this night—a night so heavy with the darkness of doubt and denial, of fear and failure, on this night when man is at his worst—you are at your best!!