

FROM PASTOR'S DESK



HE 13:1 **Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ²Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.**

In Genesis 18 God tells us the story Abraham showing generous hospitality to three strangers. Eventually it is revealed that they were actually angels. In the process Abraham experiences great joy and long-lasting blessings through their visit with him and Sarah. I encourage you to reread the story.

The passage above seems to have Abraham in mind. The passage is unclear about whether you will ever show hospitality to a stranger and have it turn out that you showed hospitality to an angel. It does tell that it has happened to some people. What is clear is that God does want us to love one another and specifically tells us one way he wants us to show that love. He says, **"Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers."**

In our *A God-Lived Life* sermon series we explored what showing hospitality means. It most certainly is what the passage from Hebrews speaks about—showing love to another. But it is more. It is not just doing things for others but opening our lives to others. God encourages us to bring people into our lives and "invest" in them. God wants us to spend time with others and get to know them. He asks us to offer one of our most valuable commodities—time.

God's intent is fairly simple. He wants us to spend time and energy on our relationships with others (and with God himself, of course). Building relationships with others is how we show love to others. It's also the way God intends us to find opportunities to show them even greater love by sharing the love of Jesus with them. Relationships is how God has always intended his Kingdom to grow. One person living their faith and sharing their faith with another.

Not surprisingly then, God tells us: **"Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers."** We do that with common sense, caution, and confidence knowing that God can use the love and kindness we show to others as a bridge for others to experience and know God's love through us. It's unclear if a stranger will ever be an angel, but it is clear that God wants us to show hospitality and he'll bring blessings when we do.

May God bless us this month as we challenge each other to show hospitality. Please take a look at the challenge cards included with this newsletter. Talk about them with your family or friends and challenge yourself to at least one way you'll love others by showing hospitality. In June we'll have another opportunity in worship to bring our filled in challenge cards and try a new challenge if you'd like (Maybe you'd like to try one challenge in May and a different challenge in June. If you do, bring two completed challenge cards.) We'd love to hear how you are challenging yourself and to pray for blessings in what you're doing to serve the Lord. May God bless your hospitality as you love another.

FROM THE CHURCH PRESIDENT



Presidents Report May 2024

As we celebrate our risen Savior with the “Resurrection Reality” service theme, we can have confidence to bring all our needs to our God.

1 John 15:14 & 15 - This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he will hear us. And if we know that he hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of him.

What a Blessing God’s Grace truly is! We can have confidence to ask him **anything** and we know he hears us! And then, knowing he hears us, we are assured **we have whatever we asked for**. God hears and answers our prayers. Not always with what we think we need, but with what he knows is part of his plans for us. Go to God in prayer and **he will hear every word and give you what you need** to fulfill his plans for you, every time.

Administrative Assistance – Until we fill the Amin position, Pat Olp and I will fill some of the duties. A big **Thank You** to Pat who is doing the lion’s share of the work. We have been able to get things done without a significant impact on Amanda’s workload.

Prep Singers Concert – The Luther Preparatory School Prep Singers put on a beautiful concert here on March 15th. Those in attendance were treated to a special night of moving spiritual music that will not be forgotten. Thank you to everyone who helped house the students, those that prepared and served the meal for them on Friday night and everyone who helped accommodate them with their service.

New councilmen installed: Brad Busse and Dan Bubolz were installed as the Worship Committee Chairman and the Stewardship Chairman. What a blessing to have them step forward and offer their time and talents to serve as leaders of our ministry. Thank you to **Randy Denor** and **Scott Skinkis** for their service in these roles.

Church/School Directory -We are going to do a new church/school picture directory this coming fall. We have an agreement with Harmann Studios to handle the setup of the photo sessions and to create the directory. We want all our members to be represented in the directory, so look for more information on the dates for photo sessions and how to sign up for one!

Examination/Confirmation—Saturday, May 4th at 10am here at St. John St. James the following 8th graders will be examined & confirmed in their faith; Hadley Bastian, Fredrick Busse II, Madeline Keil, Robert Krepline II, Zachary Prochnow, Tyler Ross, Adeline Schisel, Evelyn Schrubbe, Ryan Zimmerman, Christopher Zuberbier. We pray that God will continue to guide these young men & women on their confirmation day & always!

Upcoming Celebration—The school year opening service and the kickoff for the school’s 150th Anniversary will be held on Sunday, August 18th. The children’s games will be games that the children played in 1874. More details will follow. As part of the anniversary, the MLC Choir will present a concert in our church on Saturday evening, October 12th at 7pm. More details to follow.

LYA Live Auction Thank You! —The Lutheran Young Adults would like to thank everyone who attended their pancake meal & live auction this past Sunday. We greatly appreciate everyone who donated & bid on items during the sale. Special thanks to our auctioneer crew for making the sale a success!

Gary Bernhardt, Church President

St. John-St. James School 150th Anniversary

One generation commends Your works to another; they tell of Your mighty acts. Psalm 145: 4

This is our Anniversary theme. Our Anniversary will start with the 2024-2025 school year.

We have several events planned.

1. Our kickoff will begin with the opening service for our school year on Sunday, August 18th. There will be a meal. The children's games will be games that the children played in 1874. More details to follow.
2. The MLC choir will present a concert in our church on Saturday, October 12th at 7:00 P.M.
3. All church Sunday will be held on November 10th. This service will focus on our Anniversary. Following this service, pie and ice cream will be served which was an old German tradition in our church.
4. December 8th will be MLHS Sunday. December 8th is also the 167th anniversary of our first church service in 1857.
5. Our "Big Day" will be on Sunday March 2, 2025. We will have one service at 9:00 in the gym. We expect a very large crowd. Pastor Mark Schroeder, our Synod President, will be the guest preacher. More details will follow.
6. Our school was founded by Pastor Albert Kluge. Pastor Kluge served our congregation from 1866-1880. In 1867 the congregation decided to start a school fund. Each member was requested to contribute 25 cents for the acquisition of school equipment. In 1867, 25 cents was a lot.
7. The Anniversary Committee has decided to have a quarter war to commemorate this offering. We are asking alumni to participate in this offering also. We are going to have 4 jars numbered with 4 different age groups.
8. The funds from this quarter war will be put in the Building Fund. If you have any questions, please contact a committee member.
9. We will also be selling Anniversary T-shirts, sweatshirts and an Anniversary memento which will be a Christmas ornament. More details on this will be coming.
10. There will be Anniversary expenses. We are starting an Anniversary Fund to cover these expenses. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please mark your envelope "School Anniversary Fund".
11. The members of the Anniversary committee are: Daniel Duchow, Chairman; Marilyn Lentz, Secretary; Sarah Marohn, Sheri Lau, Amanda Schrubbe; Pastor Aden and Pastor Flitter, ex officio members.



MLC/MLHS Scholarship Fund



We've all heard about the shortage of Pastors and Teachers in our synod. Presently, we have about 160 pastor vacancies and approximately 243 teacher vacancies. Right now the baby boomer generation is retiring. We don't have enough graduates to take the place of these people.

Josh Aden is finishing his emergency call at the end of this school year and will be returning to MLC this fall to finish his final year. The cost of attending MLC for one year is \$30,095. Approximately 75% of our 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 \$1450, MLC will match it. We thank you for your generous contributions.

We put away \$3200 for Josh because he didn't have to use it this year with his emergency call. We want to keep the MLC Scholarship Fund going because it looks like we'll have some more students at MLC in the future.

This year we want to set a goal of \$2000 for the MLC Scholarship Fund for the 2024-2025 school year.

This next school year we will have seven students attending Manitowoc Lutheran High School who would benefit from financial assistance. Tuition at MLHS is \$7400. We are setting a goal of \$14,000 for the MLHS Scholarship Fund which is \$2000 per student.

We will run this special offering from Easter Sunday, March 31st to June 2nd . 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, it will be split between the two funds. Please make your checks out to St. John-St. James. We cannot cash checks made out to MLC or MLHS. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Duchow at 920-754-4751 or email at dduchow@stjohnstjames.com.

MLC Scholarship: Goal \$2000; Received \$1000; Still needed \$1000

MLHS Scholarship: Goal \$14,000; Received \$1050; Still needed \$12,950



SJSJ Camp Outing

The annual church/school camp outing held at Devil's River Campground is being planned for July 12th-14th. 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.

WELS Night—WELS Night at the Brewers is returning for 2024! Save the date and plan to join thousands of WELS members for an evening at the ballpark on Friday, July 12th to watch the Brewers take on the Nationals. Tickets for WELS members and guests continue to receive a discount of up to 50% and are reserved together. Individual tickets are available and can be purchased online at brewers.com/wels.



CONFIRMATION



Confirmation is Saturday, May 4th, beginning with examination at 10:00 am.
Please join us in celebrating with these young Christians as they proclaim their faith.

† Hadley Bastian

† Tyler Ross

† Fredrick Busse II

† Adeline Schisel

† Madeline Keil

† Evelyn Schrubbe

† Robert Krepline, Jr.

† Ryan Zimmerman

† Zachary Prochnow

† Christopher Zuberbier



The Ascension Thursday service w/Communion on Thursday, May 9th at 6:30 PM will be the same as the Sunday, May 12th Service @ 9:00 AM.

May/June Worship Committee News

Confirmation Confirmation service will take place on Saturday, May 4th at 10:00 am.

Graduation A graduation service will take place on Thursday May 23rd at 6:30 pm.

AV Booth AV Booth Coordinator and volunteers are still needed. If interested or have questions please contact Brad Busse at 920-450-1094 or bradbusse174@gmail.com

Summer Service Schedule

- ◇ Summer service schedule will begin the week of May 9th/12th.
- ◇ Services will take place on Thursdays at 6:30 pm and Sundays at 9:00 am thru Labor Day weekend.
- ◇ All the services will take place in the Sanctuary with the exception of one outdoor service.
- ◇ Due to the timing of 4th of July, there will only be one outdoor service this summer.
- ◇ There will **NOT** be a 6:30 pm Thursday night service on July 4th. That week we will only have one service and that will be on Sunday July 7th at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary.

Outdoor Service The outdoor service will be held on August 18th in conjunction with the back-to-school opening service.

Any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Brad Busse—Worship Committee Chairman.

BEFRIEND A MISSIONARY

The door collections in support of our Befriend A Mission assignments will be held on May 16th and May 19th.

1) Home Missions

Living Hope Ev. Lutheran Church, Chattanooga, TN, Pastor Eric Melso, 6144 Veronica Drive, Ooltewah, TN 37363. Please pray that Living Hope finds their “niche” in the community and continues to serve Chattanooga however best they can. You will find lots of information, including a bio of the family and the background of the church’s history at <https://livinghopechatt.com>

Christ the Rock (Mission Being Established), Pastor Cale Mead, 159 Holly Mill Village Drive, Canton, GA 30114. For Christ The Rock, the moment seems right and the mission is blessed with a 25 person launch group. They have been active in community connections in that growing area and began worship in November of 2023.

2) World Missions

Asia One Team, Pastor Wei Zhao, 567 Prairie Circle E, Egan, MN 55123.
Pastor Zhao is unable to tell us more about the work because of security reasons.

Please pray for and support these missions.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Summer Church/School Office Hours will be 8:00am to 12:00pm Monday through Friday. Amanda will be in the office most days. Feel free to reach out via email or call if you have any questions about time or availability.

The Church/School Office will be closed June 24th—28th.
Please watch the Weekly Service Bulletin for Scrip hours that week.



OFFICE ASSISTANT POSITION



SJSJ is still looking to fill our part-time Office Assistant position. If you are interested, please pick up a job description and application in the school office or the West office in church. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Aden, Pastor Fitter, Gary Bernhardt or Amanda Schrubbe.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

We have an immediate opening for an individual who enjoys children and the school setting. This position runs from 6:30 AM to 12:45 PM every day. There is the possibility of sharing the position. Duties would include: supervising children, assisting children with drop-off and morning routines, tidying the classroom, and assisting the afternoon caregiver with supervising lunch and preparing for naptime. Hourly pay starts at \$13.25 and increases based on education, past work experience, and the ability to take on additional responsibilities. Employees also receive paid time off based on their weekly hours. Please contact the school office or Karla Aden with any questions or to pick up an application. 920-754-4432 aschrubbe@stjohnstjames.com or kaden@stjohnstjames.com

Serving You in May

Communion Set-Up/Take Down:

Arlie/Pat Olp, Mary Fenlon

Flower Committee:

Ida May Krepline, Carol Bubolz

Church Cleaners:

April 29-May 12: Sheri Lau, Shawn & Melissa Behnke

May 13-26: Terry & Karen Prochnow, Dale Barnard, Rod Bubolz

May 27-June 9: Adam/Melissa Bubolz, Andy/Rebekah Bubolz, Nick/Amanda Schrubbe
Ray/Suzanne Bubolz

Usher Schedule:

Sunday, May 5 at 8:00am— Dan/Paul Bubolz, Gene Wagner, Eugene/Nathan Rosera,
Jeff Doemel

Sunday, May 5 at 10:15am— Glen Behnke, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim Bubolz,
Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke

Thursday, May 9 at 6:30pm— Andy, Rebekah, Zac, & Joe Bubolz, Jon Winkel

Sunday, May 12 at 9:00am— Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog, Brad & Jade Busse,
Marshall Kirkpatrick

Thursday May 16 at 6:30pm— Scott Bubolz, Brian/Susie Bubolz, Bill Voeltz

Sunday, May 19 at 9:00am— Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik,
Delton & Nathan Kasten

Thursday, May 23 at 6:30pm— Jeff/Jellane Schneider, Arlie/Pat Olp

Sunday, May 26 at 9:00am— Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzlaff,
Gary Bernhardt

Thursday, May 30 at 6:30pm— Gary Bernhardt, Randy Denor



Thank You to our Volunteers

Serving You In June

Communion Set-Up/Take Down:

Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, Joan Sheahan

Flower Committee:

Judy Mangin, Jenny Janke

Church Cleaners:

June 10-23: Arlie/Pat Olp, Mary Fenlon

June 24-July 7: Gary/Deb Bernhardt, Joe/Judy Hoyer

Usher Schedule:

Sunday, June 2 at 9:00 am— Nick Schrubbe, Jonathan Schrubbe, Ray Bubolz,
Adam Bubolz, Bill Hillmann, Matt Hillmann

Thursday, June 6 at 6:30 pm— Andy, Rebekah, Zac, & Joe Bubolz, Jon Winkel

Sunday, June 9 at 9:00am— Mel Mangin, Tim Mangin, Jamie Mangin, Gary Waack

Thursday, June 13 at 6:30m— Scott Bubolz, Brian/Susie Bubolz, Bill Voeltz

Sunday, June 16 at 9:00am— Terry/Karen Prochnow, Randy/Sandy Waack

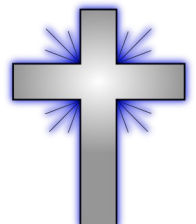
Thursday, June 20 at 6:30pm— Jeff/Jellane Schneider, Arlie/Pat Olp

Sunday, June 23 at 9:00am— Dale Barnard, Joe Hoyer, Chuck Kiehn,
Bob Baribeau

Thursday, June 27 at 6:30pm— Gary Bernhardt, Randy Denor

Sunday, June 30 at 9:00am— Roger/Judy Hoida, Dave Hoida, Deven Krepline,
Erick Zimmerman

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May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
						Examination/ Confirmation @ 10:00
					Confirmation	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:00 am MESSENGERS Sunday Worship 9:05 am Sunday School, Teen Bible Study, Adult Bible Study 10:15 am MESSENGERS Sunday Worship	PARENT TRANSPORT 5:30pm Worship Committee 6:00pm CEC Meeting 6:30pm Strategic Planning Mtg		Muffins for Mom @ 7:30 am 	G3K-3 Field Trip (Bookwork Gardens) Ascension Thursday Worship w/ Communion @ 6:30 pm	Softball Tournament	Softball Tournament
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00 am Sunday Worship w/Communion 10:15 am Bible Study MOTHER'S DAY	Piano Recital @ 6:00 pm  Church Council Meeting @ 6:30		Grades 3K -4th NO SCHOOL Grades 5th-8th LLL School Track Meet 	Primary Track Meet Worship Service @ 6:30 pm	NO SCHOOL Church/School Office Closed	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:00 am Sunday Worship 10:15 am Bible Study	Ladies Aid Meeting @ 6:00 pm	EC Summer Send-off @ 6:00 pm	3K/4K Last Day of School	8 th Grade Graduation w/Communion @ 6:30 pm Grades K-7 sing @ Graduation	K-8 Last Day of School  Early Dismissal @ 11:50 am	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9:00 am Sunday Worship w/Communion 10:15 am Bible Study	Church/School Office closed Memorial Day 			Worship Service @ 6:30 pm	Church/School Office Closed	

JUNE 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:00 am Sunday Worship Service 10:15 am Bible Study	5:30pm Worship Committee Mtg 6:30pm Strategic Planning Mtg			6:30 pm Worship Service w/ Communion		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:00 am Sunday Worship w/Communion 10:15 am Bible Study	6:30pm Church Council Mtg	2024 NWD Convention	2024 NWD Convention	6:30 pm Worship Service		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Track and Field



→ On Wednesday, May 15th our 5th-8th grade students will compete in the Track Meet at Municipal Field in Manitowoc. Please join us that day to cheer them on.

→ There will be **NO SCHOOL** for grades 3K-4th that day.



→ On Thursday, May 16th the SJSJ grades K-4 will compete in the Primary Track Meet at the Reedsville Track.



PIANO RECITAL



Please join us to listen and enjoy the Piano Recital of our SJSJ students on Monday, May 13th at 6:00pm in Church



The SJSJ 8th grade class will graduate on Thursday, May 23rd at the 6:30 pm service. Grades K-7 will sing at the service. The students graduating are: Hadley Bastian, Fredrick Busse II, Madeline Keil, Robert Krepline, Jr., Evelyn Schrubbe, Ryan Zimmerman, and Christopher Zuberbier. Congratulations!

Bluejay Bulletin All school families already receive the Bluejay Bulletin (school newsletter) emailed to them on a weekly basis. If any church members would like to stay informed of school events and receive our weekly Bluejay Bulletin in your inbox, please email Amanda Schrubbe at aschrubbe@stjohnstjames.com and let her know what email address to send it to. If you prefer a paper copy, they are available in the tract rack in the back of church near the church office or in the vestibule near entrance "A".



Gym Floor Resealing

The Gym Floor will be resealed this summer and cost estimates are ~\$3600. If you would like to donate to this project please label your offerings "Gym Floor". Current amounts received for this project are \$1455, the amount still needed is \$2145. Thank you for your continued support of our financial needs.



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Church/School Office Hours:

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

Summer Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am to Noon

Summer Worship—Thursday 6:30pm and Sunday 9:00am