

FROM PASTOR'S DESK



CRAVE THE FOOD OF GOD'S WORD

¹ Peter 1:23 **For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.** ²⁴ For, **“All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall,** ²⁵ **but the word of the Lord endures forever.”** And this is the word that was preached to you.

^{2:1} **Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind.** ² **Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,** ³ **now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.**

Food is good, right? Who doesn't like food? Don't we all have some food that they like to eat? Why do we like to eat? There are a lot of reasons, right? First, you need food so you can live, so you can grow strong, so you can have energy to do what you need to do. And then, it tastes good, too, doesn't it? And eating it is a way to show love and appreciation for the person who made it for you. There are lots of good reasons to eat.

Now, I want you to think about your *favorite* food. (What's your favorite food?) Now, imagine you were really hungry, you hadn't eaten all day, and I gave you that food that you are thinking of. Imagine I let you take your first bite, and as soon as you realized how delicious it was and how it was going to help you not be so hungry, I took it away. How would you feel?

OK-that's the picture God's Word uses in our reading from 1 Peter. He says that his Word is like that favorite food for your faith. It tastes good-because it tells you how much God loves you. And it is just as important as food is for your body-because the Word is what builds your faith so it doesn't starve. God wants us to want his Word as much as we want that favorite food. He wants us to ask for extra helpings. This food is found at church, at Sunday School, and anywhere we hear God's Word.

This month in our challenges to live a God-lived life, we are focusing on being a disciple, a learner, one who grows in God's Word. The more we listen to and enjoy God's Word, the more God's Word causes us to crave that pure spiritual milk. It is that spiritual milk, the Word of God, that helps us to grow in our faith so that by it we grow up in our salvation. Our challenge this month will be to use God's Word in our lives even more.

Our challenge card this month offers different ways of growing and learning in God's Word. Here are a few questions to consider as you strive to add more of God's Word into your life: What's your biggest motivation for spending time in God's Word? What's your biggest obstacle to spending time in God's Word? What can help you overcome that obstacle? How can you build Bible study and prayer time into your regular routine? (I've also included in the newsletter this month another resource called "My Personal Devotional Plan." It has more questions and ideas to help you be successful in keeping God's Word more a part of your daily life. Please consider using it as you commit yourself to a challenge this month.)

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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 add more of God's Word to life. (One last idea—I wrote the first half of this devotion in the style of a children's devotion. Perhaps you could use it as a family devotion and discuss as a family how each of you would like to challenge one another and fill out individual challenge cards—adults and children. We'll have more for you at church if you need them.) In October 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 September and a different challenge in October. If you do, bring two completed challenge cards.) We'd love to hear how you're challenging yourself and to pray for blessings in what you're doing to serve the Lord. May God bless the coming weeks as we commit to living a God-lived life of discipleship!

Pastor Darin Aden

God became man and lived life in our place. Christ lived the perfect God-lived life. Living as a Christian, a little Christ, we have the privilege of demonstrating what God looks like in how we live our lives, in living lives that show God. Over the last six months God's Word will be challenging us and we'll be challenging one another to live a God-lived life. In today's worship, the particular emphasis of the God-lived life is that of being a disciple, a learner, one who grows in God's Word. May God's Word cause us to crave that pure spiritual milk so that by it we grow up in our salvation.

This month, we focus especially on ways to strengthen our following of Jesus.

Our challenge card this month will focus on *growing and learning in God's Word*. What's your biggest motivation for spending time in God's Word? What's your biggest obstacle to spending time in God's Word? What can help you overcome that obstacle? How can you build Bible study and prayer time into your regular routine?

Mar/Apr: A Life Lived Shrewdly

May/June: A Life of Hospitality

July/Aug: A Life Lived for Others

Sept/Oct: A Life of Being a Disciple

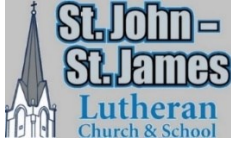
We look forward to our final challenge in the months ahead and sharing with you some of the results of our challenge. If you have a story about the impact these challenges have had in your life, please share them with us.

May God bless the coming weeks as we commit to living a God-lived life of discipleship!

MY PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL PLAN

1. Whom might I ask to be my personal Barnabas to be God's gift to help me put this plan into action and begin again (and improve the plan!) when I struggle?
2. What will help me make sure I am pursuing time in Word and prayer not as a "to do" done for God's benefit, but as a gift it is from my gracious God?
3. As you consider plans for time in Word and prayer, be sure to consider these specific questions:
 - What is the best time of the day for me to make this a regular part of my day?
 - How much time will I set aside?
 - What will come out of my schedule to make room for this?
 - Where will I spend this time so as to avoid as many distractions as possible?
 - How can I reduce distractions from other duties and tasks in my many callings in life?
4. What way will I seek to slow down and meditate on what I am reading?
5. What books or other materials do I want to use during my devotional time?
6. If I plan to study Scripture "directly," how will I determine what to read and how much to read?
7. How can I make prayer a more vital part of my devotional time?
8. If I intend to develop a plan for expanding intercessory prayer, how will I structure that?
9. What else could be a blessing to my time in Word and prayer? (Use of hymns, devotional books, etc.)

FROM THE CHURCH PRESIDENT



Presidents Newsletter Report August 2024

1. **Kelly Loberger** was installed as our teacher during the worship service on August 18th. We are excited to have Kelly on our staff to help with teaching our children in the way of our LORD. Welcome Kelly!
2. **Custodian position filled - Dan Vogel** has been hired as our custodian and will take over school custodial responsibilities. Please welcome Dan to our team!
3. **Church Directory** –Harman Studios will launch our Church/School Directory Event. The date for directory photo shoots will be November 1-2 & 12-14. We will be tying in the 150th anniversary with the directory highlighting the school’s history. A committee has been formed to assist with the event. Look for more information soon.
4. **School roof repairs** – There is a soft spot on the older section of the school roof and Jason has been getting estimates on the cost to repair it. We will need to identify funding to address this project before winter sets in.
5. **Budget deficit support**– Thank you to everyone who supported the budget deficit we had this summer. We were blessed with enough support to pay back the \$26,000 borrowed from the charities fund with ~\$4,000 to spare which we will leave in the charities fund for future budget support. The Stewardship committee plans to have a capital campaign next spring to build up our ministry reserve fund for potential needs again next summer.
6. **Woods management** – I met with Michael Nate, Administrator for the Reedsville School District, to discuss the dead trees in the woods that run through our property and their school property. They are looking at having them removed and offered to have our woods cleared at the same time. It would involve access through the back of our property. It would not cost us anything and we could even get paid for the wood depending on the quality of it.
7. **Annual Voter’s meeting** – The date has been set for September 22nd between services. Annual reports will be available prior to the meeting.

Gary Bernhardt, Church President

Worship Opportunities

We welcome you to join us in fellowship every Sunday at 8:00 am or 10:15 am beginning September 8th. We’d love to see you here! As a reminder, Communion is the 2nd and last Sunday of every month. We also have Adult Bible Study and Sunday School (between services). Watch the weekly bulletin for start dates. We’d love for you to join us!





**The Church/School office will be open
7:30 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Friday
on days that school is in session. Scrip will be
available to purchase during these hours.**

Ladies Aid Meeting -



Our next Ladies' Aid Meeting will be a "Ladies Night Out!" and is scheduled for Monday, September 23, 2024 at 6:00pm at the Manitowoc Street Pub. You will be able to order supper and we will plan to have a meeting and devotion.



ALL LADIES, 18+ YEARS OLD, ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AND FUN.



The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Fall Rally will be held on Saturday, October 5th at Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church in Kewaunee. Registration is from 8:00-9:00. The Rally begins at 9:00 and ends with lunch served at Noon. Guest speaker is Missionary Keegan Dowling from Member One Africa Team. All members, men and women, are encouraged to attend. All ladies of the congregation are members of the LWMS Shoreline Circuit. Watch for more information in upcoming bulletin announcements. Please keep our missionaries and their families in your daily prayers.

COATS FOR A CAUSE
Save the Date
October 2024

The Evangelism team plans to hold a winter clothing drive in the fall of 2024. As this winter comes to an end, we are asking that you hold onto your gently used winter clothing and/or look for end of season sales on new items. When you donate new or used winter outdoor clothing, it will help someone stay warm during the cold winter months.

COATS | GLOVES | BOOTS | SNOWPANTS

The SJSJ yard signs have arrived! There are enough available for one per household. The boxes are located at the back of church, the east entrance by the Pastor's office, and the vestibule inside entrance "A".

SAVE THE DATE!

We have partnered with Harman Studios to create our new St. John/St. James Lutheran pictorial directory.

PHOTOGRAPHY DATES:
November
1st - 2nd
12th - 14th
2024

More information to come.

Harman Studios
CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

SJSJ Outdoor Movie Night

Saturday, September 14th at 7:00pm



Join us for the movie **SING 2**. The movie will be projected behind the east parking lot. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, snacks, and drinks. If weather does not cooperate, the movie will be shown in the gym.



SJSJ Craft Show



The 3rd annual St. John-St. James Craft Show will be held on Saturday, November 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Do you have a skill or are good at a craft? We would love to have you as a vendor at our craft show this year! If you were a vendor at last year's craft show, we will be sending you a vendor application very soon. Vendor applications will be available in the west office or the school office in the next week or two. If you have any questions or would like an application sent to you, contact Dan Duchow at dduchow@stjohnstjames.com (920-860-9379) or Bethany Christensen at uncommongiggles@gmail.com (847-902-2527).



*St. John-St. James is welcoming new members on **Sunday, November 3rd** with a Potluck dinner to be served after the late service. The Evangelism Committee will provide ham & cheese sandwiches and potatoes. As we get closer to the date, a sign-up sheet will be placed in the West office for a dish to pass.*



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 Flitter, Gary Bernhardt, or Amanda Schrubbe.



Serving You in September

Communion Set-Up/Take Down:

Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, Joan Sheahan

Flower Committee:

Judy Hoyer, Audrey Duchow

Church Cleaners:

Sept 2 - 15: Terry/Karen Prochnow, Dale Barnard, Rod Bubolz

Sept 16 - 29: Adam/Melissa Bubolz, Andy/Rebekah Bubolz, Nick/Amanda Schrubbe,
Ray/Suzanne Bubolz

Sept 30 - Oct 13: Arlie/Pat Olp, Mary Fenlon

Usher Schedule:

Sunday, Sept 1 at 9:00am— Mel Mangin, Tim Mangin, Jamie Mangin, Gary Waack

Sunday, Sept 8 at 8:00am— Dale Barnard, Joe Hoyer, Chuck Kiehn, Bob Baribeau

Sunday, Sept 8 at 10:15am— Roger/Judy Hoida, Dave Hoida, Deven Krepline, and
Erick Zimmerman

Sunday, Sept 15 at 8:00am— Dale Barnard, Joe Hoyer, Chuck Kiehn, Bob Baribeau

Sunday, Sept 15 at 10:15am— Roger/Judy Hoida, Dave Hoida, Deven Krepline, and
Erick Zimmerman

Sunday, Sept 22 at 8:00am— Dan/Paula Bubolz, Gene Wagner, Jeff Doemel, and
Eugene & Nathan Rosera

Sunday, Sept 22 at 10:15am— Glen Behnke, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim Bubolz,
Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke

Sunday, Sept 29 at 8:00am— Dan/Paula Bubolz, Gene Wagner, Jeff Doemel, and
Eugene & Nathan Rosera

Sunday, Sept 29 at 10:15am— Glen Behnke, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim Bubolz,
Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke

Serving You In October

Communion Set-Up/Take Down:

Suzanne Bubolz, Amanda Schrubbe, Evelyn Schrubbe

Flower Committee:

Judy Hoida, Char Wagner

Church Cleaners:

Sept 30-Oct 13: Arlie/Pat Olp, Mary Fenlon

October 14-27: Gary/Deb Bernhardt, Joe/Judy Hoyer

Oct 28-Nov 10: Nancy Hillmann, Sarah Miller, Dan/Paula Bubolz

Usher Schedule:

Sunday, October 6 at 8:00am— Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog, Brad & Jade Busse, and Marshall Kirkpatrick

Sunday, October 6 at 10:15am— Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, and Delton & Nathan Kasten

Sunday, October 13 at 8:00am— Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog, Brad & Jade Busse, and Marshall Kirkpatrick

Sunday, October 13 at 10:15am— Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, and Delton & Nathan Kasten

Sunday, October 20 at 8:00am— Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzlaff, and Gary Bernhardt

Sunday, October 20 at 10:15am— Nick Schrubbe, Ray Bubolz, Adam Bubolz, Bill Hillmann, Matt Hillmann, Jonathan Schrubbe

Sunday, October 27 at 8:00am— Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzlaff, and Gary Bernhardt

Sunday, October 27 at 10:15am— Nick Schrubbe, Ray Bubolz, Adam Bubolz, Bill Hillmann, Matt Hillmann, Jonathan Schrubbe

September 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	
9:00am Sunday Worship	Church/School Offices Closed NO SCHOOL 5:30pm Worship Committee Mtg			3:00pm B-Team Volleyball Practice 6:00pm CEC Meeting		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:00am Sunday Worship w/Communion 9:00am Adult Bible Class 10:15am Sunday Worship w/Communion	3:00pm B-Team Volleyball Practice 5:30pm Stewardship Mtg 6:30pm Church Council Mtg	9:00am Fall Sports Pictures 4:30pm B-Team Volleyball @ SJSJ	8:30am School Picture Day  6:00pm Fall EC Event	3:00pm B-Team Volleyball Practice		Gr 5-8 Soccer Tournament @ MLHS 7:00pm SJSJ Outdoor Movie Night
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8:00am Sunday Worship 10:15am Sunday Worship	3:00pm B-Team Volleyball Practice	5:30 B-Team Volleyball @ Sturgeon Bay	K-8 Field Trip (Camp Phillip) 	3:00pm B-Team Volleyball Practice		Gr K-4 Soccer Tournament @ MLHS 
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
8:00am Sunday Worship 9:00 ANNUAL MEETING 10:15am Sunday Worship	PARENT TRANSPORT 3:00pm B-Team Volleyball Practice 6:00pm Ladies Aid Mtg "Ladies Night Out" 6:30pm Anniversary Committee Mtg	4:30pm B-Team Volleyball @ SJSJ	7:30am Donuts for Parents 	3:00pm B-Team Volleyball Practice		Gr K-8 Soccer Tournament @ New Holstein
29	30					
8:00am Sunday Worship w/Communion 10:15am Sunday Worship w/Communion	3:00pm B-Team Volleyball Practice					



OCTOBER 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		4:30pm B-Team Volleyball @ Kiel		3:00pm B-Team Volleyball Practice		B-Team Volleyball Tournament @ Wayside 
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:00am Sunday Worship 9:00am Adult Bible Class 10:15am Sunday Worship	Cross Country Meet @ St John's Two Rivers 5:30pm Worship Committee Mtg	9:00am 3K-4K Field Trip to Mulberry Lane 			A-Team Volleyball Tournament @ MLHS 	A-Team Volleyball Tournament @ MLHS COATS FOR A CAUSE 5:00pm Potluck Meal with MLC Choir 7:00pm MLC Choir Concert
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30	31		
8:00am Sunday Worship w/Communion 9:00am Adult Bible Class 10:15am Sunday Worship w/Communion			End of 1st Quarter			

St. John-St. James School 150th Anniversary

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

ANNIVERSARY KICKOFF

- ◆ Our anniversary kickoff was very well received by our members and guests. The outdoor church service was attended by 242 people. Our meal was also very well attended. The children enjoyed participating in the 1874 games and everyone really loved John and Carol Brodtke's 1915 Model T rides. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and gave of their time to make our kickoff a huge success.

ANNIVERSARY NEWS

- ◆ Anniversary mementos are now for sale. They are \$10.⁰⁰ each or 3 for \$25.⁰⁰. On Sundays they will be in the west office and you can leave the money in the box provided. During the week, the mementos will be available in the school office.
- ◆ Anniversary t-shirts – you can still place an order for them. The forms are located in both the west office and the school office.
- ◆ The Quarter War is now underway. The jars are in the back of church and also next to the school office. All funds collected will go toward the Building Fund.
- ◆ We will have a section in our Anniversary Booklet called 'Memories'. If you, or any family members who have moved away, have memories of our school, we would like to put it in the booklet. If you did not go to our school and also have some memories, we would like to hear from you too. You can email your story to either Amanda Schrubbe at aschrubbe@stjohnstjames.com or Dan Duchow at dduchow@stjohnstjames.com, or you can drop off a paper copy at the school office. If you don't type, bring a written copy and we will type it for you.
- ◆ We will be asking our members if they have any old school memorabilia to display for our BIG day on March 2, 2025. We will have more information on that in our church bulletin later this fall.
- ◆ The MLC Choir will present a concert in our church on Saturday, October 12th at 7:00pm. Before the concert we will have a potluck meal at 5:00pm with the choir members. We will have choir students sitting at every table and our members and guests can sit with them and have a chance to talk with our future pastors and teachers. Food sign-up and attendance sheets will be coming out in a few weeks.





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