

The Epistle June 2015

For Your Devotions

Skeptics sometimes respond to an invitation to attend Christian worship with this criticism: “There are too many hypocrites in churches.” My cynical reaction is to say, “There is always room for one more.” But the better answer is that we are here not because we are so good, but because we are sinners in need of a Savior. The following recent devotion from Lutheran Church Charities addresses how we should react to failures from our church leaders and faults in our families of faith:

Love Your Church—Jesus Does!

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her Ephesians 5:25

The church isn’t made up of people who are better than everybody else. It’s made up of people who want to be better than they are, and who know that by the grace of God they can be. Have church leaders sometimes failed us? Yes, but Jesus Christ, the Head of the church, hasn’t failed us—and He never will! Christ’s church, of which your local church is a part, was planned by God before the world began (*Ephesians 1:4*). It was paid for in the crimson cash of Jesus’ blood, has been sustained through history by the sacrifice of the martyrs, is prophesied to be more glorious in its ending than its beginning, and is being prepared right now as a bride for

her Husband. John of Revelation describes it this way: ‘Rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready’ (*Revelation 19:7*). So before you attack the leadership, withdraw your membership, or withhold your stewardship, remember that nothing on earth is dearer to the heart of God than His church. The truth is, when you hurt any part of the body you also hurt the Head. And here’s something else to keep in mind: the only thing on earth that has a future is the church; all the rest is going up in smoke. And the church’s insurance policy is guaranteed by Jesus Himself, Who said, ‘I will build My church; and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it’ (*Matthew 16:18*). So love your church—Jesus does!

Prayer

Heavenly Father, as imperfect as my church may be – we are all redeemed sinners at Your feet. Help me be an active participant in Your Church. In Jesus’ Name, Amen

A Few Minutes for Meditation;

A Few Moments for Memorization

Buried in the middle of the Old Testament is a great passage describing King David’s preparations for the building of the temple in Jerusalem by his son Solomon. It is a wonderful description of what stewardship truly is, living a life of joyful faith and generous giving. We continue last month’s study with more passages from 1 Chronicles 29:

Verse 17a: “I know, my God, that You test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things have I given willingly and with honest intent.”

What does David mean by saying God can “test the heart”? _____

How might this all-knowingness of God affect the choices we make? _____

With what is God pleased? _____

What does this word mean to you? _____

It is said that our character is what we do when we think no one else is watching. I fear that our nation is suffering from a lack of integrity, that is, honest dealings, in the realms of business, politics, government, and personal relationships. We no longer can count on a person’s word as being his or her bond.

How does David describe his giving to the building of the temple? “_____ and with _____ intent”

While a congregation can come up with gimmicks, programs and guilt trips to squeeze money out of selfish people, a thankful person gives willingly and without the ulterior motive of getting something in return.

Verse 17b: “And now I have seen with joy how willingly Your people who are here have given to You.”

People will follow the good examples of their leaders. They knew of David’s commitment to the Lord through his gifts. They have imitated his actions.

To whom did the people give their gifts? _____

What one word describes David's response when he sees their gifts to the Lord? _____

Verse 18: "O Lord, God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep this desire in the hearts of Your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to You."

Notice the connection David makes in his prayer to the heritage of his people. They were not the first generation of God's believers (nor will they be the last). God had been working the wonders of His love among their ancestors for centuries. What we have today in our congregation has been handed down to us by the sweat and sacrifice of saints of God here over the previous 16 decades. We dare not drop the ball in our generations by losing the desire for the Lord that they displayed.

What does David ask God to do? "_____ their hearts _____ to _____."

Take a few moments to read verse 18 again and again until you have it memorized.

Welcome to Our Family of Faith!

May 24 Baptisms of Liam Jasper Langrehr and

Amelia Grace Langrehr

Rest in God's Peace

May 19 Funeral of Deborah Salger

May 27 Death of Paul Borger

From the Pastors' Desks

We recently celebrated the college graduations of our daughters Mary from the University of Missouri in Columbia and Chelsea from Concordia University-Wisconsin. While we were in Milwaukee, we went on a tour of the Pabst Mansion. It is the last of such homes built by the city's elites in the late 1800s. (There were no free samples in the house. There are also no free samples in this newsletter article. Sorry!)

Frederick Pabst emigrated from Germany to Chicago with his family as a boy. At age 14 he began work as a deckhand on a Lake Michigan steamship. By age 21 he became a ship's captain. During his ten years of doing this he met and married his wife whose father owned Best Brewery in Milwaukee.

Pabst and his brother-in-law bought the business and then Pabst took it over by himself after their father-in-law died. He gave the beer his family name. When it won first place at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893 he began calling it "Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer."

In 1890 he had this house built with the latest innovations of the day (indoor plumbing, electric lights, telephone, intercom system) with ten bedrooms and bathrooms and a first floor dedicated to entertaining. The projected cost of \$75,000 turned into a \$254,000 house.

In one corner of the first floor was his study, his version of today's "man cave." There he smoked cigars, drank wine (which he preferred over beer), and stored his books and papers in cabinets with secret latches. The

ceiling is the highlight of this room. He had worked into the oak wood his favorite German proverbs:

Learn: a feeling heart suffers pain

Strive: Bread eaten with thankfulness inspires a joyful heart.

Honor: Never have I found anything more priceless than a quiet and true heart.

Wait: Never soft, never loud what a friend has told you in confidence.

On his desk in that study is the original copy of a letter Pabst wrote to his surviving children (four out of ten) on how they should act after his death:

"Be generous and unselfish to each other in case of need, and above all, be honest and noble in all your dealings, not only with each other, but with the world.

I want you always to have a good name. It is better than riches, and your greatest happiness will come from your knowledge of doing right.

You must first of all be good to your mother. Do all you can to make her last days her best days.

Like many of our Lutheran ancestors, Pabst was from the Saxony region of Germany. His house sits across the street from a Lutheran church (ELCA). So I wondered if perhaps he had been a Lutheran. I asked the tour guide about his religious faith. She said they were dedicated Christians, but that they did not claim any denominational affiliation.

Though his sentiments do not quote Scripture, they do give evidence of the natural knowledge of God and His will for our lives that He places into each of our consciences. I would have liked the chance to enjoy a glass of wine and a cigar in Captain Pabst's study and to have talked about the Christian faith with him.

*Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Mark Alan Nebel*

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"I will speak of your statues before kings, O Lord, and will not be put to shame." (Introit Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, Psalm 119:46).

485 years ago on June 25, 1530 The Augsburg Confession was read before Emperor Charles V at the Diet of Augsburg. This day marked the beginning of the Church of that time returning to the truth of God's Word. Martin Luther called the Diet of Augsburg "the last trumpet before Judgment Day."

The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession changed the world. Some have suggested that the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession is as important as when Luther nailed the Ninety-five Theses on the castle door in Wittenberg in 1517. It was written by

Philipp Melancthon and approved by Martin Luther. The Augsburg Confession was read in German, not Latin, on June 25th by Chancellor Beyer. The Electors and Princes of the Holy Roman Empire, known as Germany today, signed the Augsburg Confession. George of Brandenburg declared, "Rather than deny my God and suffer the Word of God to be taken from me, I will kneel down and have my head struck off." Although the German princes who signed the Augsburg Confession did not lose their heads, others would lose their heads.

God blessed His Church as He led Luther and others to the truth of His Word. Many of them were willing to give up their lives rather than submitting to the heresies being taught by the Church of the time.

The Presentation of the Augsburg Confessions is a reminder to us to faithfully teach the truth of God's Word.

Pastor Russell Koen

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From the Principal's Pen

The school year of 2014-2015 is now behind us. I have to wonder where the year went! It has been a busy year, one with many blessings and just a few minor inconveniences. We will always remember this year as the building was in a constant state of change!

We are so blessed by the building addition and look forward to the next school year when we will be able to spread out and use all of it! The painting is almost completed, ceiling tiles and lights are being placed, the floors will soon be laid. Tiling in the bathrooms is being placed. Many hours of moving and rearranging our rooms to make the building flow with its intended uses will need to take place. The thought is both exciting and exhausting but we look forward to the challenge!

The month of May had lots of activities. The field trips are always enjoyed by the students and parents alike. The sports awards night highlighted our school athletic abilities. Guest speakers share their knowledge with us, demonstrations took place and short visits to local businesses make the days go by quickly. The Red Bud High School Band and Chorus entertained us with Mr. Junge encouraging our students to be active in the High School program. Mr. Junge is planning to expand our Band program at school which Mr. Palmer has started so we will see how this can offer our students in the upper grades more music options.

Many awards were presented on May 20 and 27. Please read about them in the North County News and on a separate page in the Epistle. We are so proud of our students and the achievements they have made. Graduation for our students took place on May 28 with 17 students earning their diplomas. We are sorry to say goodbye to these wonderful young ladies and gentlemen

and pray for God's blessings upon them as they enter their high school years.

I have to say that the highlight of our school year took place at our last early childhood service and closing service. Two students were baptized, Aaron Mardirosian and Olivia Gerald. What a blessing! This is why St. John's Lutheran Church and School exists, to bring children to know their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Our little missionaries here at school helped to witness to these students. To God be all glory and honor.

Registration Night is scheduled for July 8 from 4-8 in the Fellowship Hall. Please let the school office know if you are unable to attend. You may come in during regular office hours but please do so by July 31 to avoid a late fee.

The teachers are making plans for the new school year. This will be here before we know it. Many hands will be needed to get ready for the new school year so please help when called upon. We have a lot of work to do to move classrooms and offices and to prepare the playground for the students. They have been very patient this year without it but I know it is a top priority on their list! Blessings on your summer!

In His love, Deitt Schneider

4th Quarter Awards

Kindergarten

Ty Voss- Perfect School attendance; Eve Schwartzkopf- Perfect School attendance; Addelyn Rahn- Perfect School attendance; Liam Quintin- Perfect School attendance; Lucas McCarthy- Perfect School attendance; Kinley Macbeth- Perfect School attendance; Lacey Liefer- Perfect School, Church and Sunday School attendance; Kendall Crafton- Perfect School attendance; Kadence Koen- Perfect School attendance; Colby Voss- Perfect School attendance; Julia Whelan- Perfect School attendance

First Grade-

Grayson Herriman- Perfect School attendance; Luke Quintin- Perfect School attendance; Alexa Wegener- Perfect School attendance; Densil Cogar- Perfect Church and Perfect Sunday School attendance

Second Grade-

Christine Liefer- Perfect Church attendance; Samuel Roscow- Perfect Church, Perfect Sunday School and Perfect School attendance; Daniel Stapleton- Perfect Sunday School attendance; Jakob Biffar- Perfect School attendance; Olivia Gerald- Perfect School attendance; Sofia Jones- Perfect School attendance; Eva Kinney- Perfect School attendance; Natalie Korando- Perfect School attendance; Lucas Schwartzkopf- Perfect School attendance

Third Grade

Josie Meyer- Perfect School attendance; Trace Wagner- Perfect School attendance; Benjamin Whelan- Perfect School attendance; Olivia Schluter- Perfect Church attendance; Juli Stockton- Perfect Church attendance

Fourth Grade

Mitchell Fleming- Perfect School attendance and Highest Honors; Ashton Liefer- Perfect School, Church and Sunday School attendance; Madison Proctor- Perfect School attendance and High Honors; Kyle Loughner- Perfect School

attendance; Simone Liefer- Perfect Church attendance and Honors; Anna Wolter- Honors; Aubrey Piel- High Honors Logan Salger- High Honors; Noah Tepe- High Honors

Fifth Grade

Mason Kinney- Perfect School attendance and High Honors; Michael Watters- Perfect School and Church attendance and High Honors; Nick Fehr- Perfect Church attendance and High Honors; David Koester- Perfect Church attendance and Honors; Max Diewald- Honors; Allyson Fruth- High Honors; Lindsey Fruth- High Honors; Caleb Guebert- High Honors; Camden Langrehr- High Honors; Megan Henry- Highest Honors; Ashley Ottoson- Highest Honors; Katie Schneider- Highest Honors

Sixth Grade

Wyatt Cowell- Perfect School attendance and Honors; Claire Grohmann- Perfect School attendance and High Honors; Madilyn Hoock- Perfect School attendance; Avery Piel- Perfect School attendance and Highest Honors; Annelise Quinn- Perfect School, Perfect Church and Perfect Sunday School attendance, Honors; Brandon Voss- Perfect School attendance and High Honors; William Whelan- Perfect School attendance and High Honors; Dylan Roscow- Perfect Church and Sunday School attendance, Highest Honors; Makayla Whelan- Honors; Brendan Harms- Honors; Alicia Koester- Honors; Christian Stechmesser- Honors; Kaleb Barriger- High Honors; Sara Hewitt- High Honors; Jenna Salger- High Honors; Jordyn Mulherin- Highest Honors; Ethan Fritsche- Highest Honors; Adam Kiefer- Highest Honors; Benjamin DeRousse- Highest Honors; Merideth Whelan- Highest Honors

Seventh Grade-

Logan Cowell- Honors and Perfect School attendance; Tobias LaChance- Honors; Jayden Birkner- High Honors and Perfect School attendance; Alyssa Cowell- High Honors; Joseph Fehr- High Honors; Matthew Koester- High Honors and Perfect School attendance; Sophia Liefer- High Honors and Perfect Church attendance; Megan Schrader- High Honors; Lydia Wright- High Honors; Madalyn Valerius- Highest Honors and Perfect School attendance; Dominick Liefer- Perfect Church and Sunday School attendance

Eighth Grade

Nicole Allen- Perfect School attendance;
Gage Baldwin- Perfect School attendance and Honors;
Jessie Deterding- Perfect School attendance and Highest Honors;
Nick Guebert- Perfect School attendance and High Honors;
Alyssa Heller- Perfect School attendance and Highest Honors;
Tyler Koester- Perfect School attendance and High Honors;
Amber Mollet- Perfect School attendance and High Honors;
Bailey Montroy- Perfect School attendance and High Honors;
Michael Ratcliff- Perfect School attendance and Highest Honors;
Kole Liefer- Perfect Church and Sunday School attendance and High Honors;
Hannah Meyer- Perfect Church and Sunday School attendance
Jarrett Flemming- Honors; Caleb Langrehr- High Honors;
Callie Todaro- High Honors

All Year Awards 2014-2015

Kindergarten

Lacey Liefer- Perfect Church and Sunday School attendance

1st Grade

Densil Cogar- Perfect Church and Sunday School attendance

2nd Grade

Samuel Roscow- Perfect Church, Sunday School and School attendance; Lucas Schwartzkopf- Perfect School attendance; Emme Deterding- Perfect Sunday School

3rd Grade

Josie Meyer- Perfect Church attendance

4th Grade

Ashton Liefer- Perfect Church attendance and Perfect Sunday School attendance; Simone Liefer- Honors; Anna Wolter- Honors; Mitchell Fleming- High Honors; Aubrey Piel- High Honors; Madi Proctor- High Honors; Logan Salger- High Honors; Noah Tepe- High Honors

5th Grade

Nick Fehr- Honors; Mason Kinney- Honors; Molly Ellner- High Honors; Allyson Fruth- High Honors; Lindsey Fruth- High Honors; Caleb Guebert- High Honors; Camden Langrehr- High Honors; Taylor Luthy- High Honors; Michael Watters- High Honors; Megan Henry- Highest Honors; Ashley Ottoson- Highest Honors; Katie Schneider- Highest Honors

6th Grade

Madilyn Hoock- Perfect School attendance
Brandon Voss- Perfect School attendance, Honors
William Whelan- Perfect School attendance, High Honors
Annelise Quinn- Perfect Church attendance, Perfect Sunday School attendance, Honors; Dylan Roscow- Perfect Church attendance, Perfect Sunday School, Highest Honors; Wyatt Cowell- Honors; Brendan Harms- Honors; Sara Hewitt- Honors; Alicia Koester- Honors; Makayla Whelan- Honors; Kaleb Barriger- High Honors; Claire Grohmann- High Honors; Adam Kiefer- High Honors; Jenna Salger- High Honors; Avery Piel- Highest Honors; Ethan Fritsche- Highest Honors; Jordyn Mulherin- Highest Honors; Benjamin DeRousse- Highest Honors; Merideth Whelan- Highest Honors

7th Grade

Matthew Koester- Perfect School attendance, High Honors; Madalyn Valerius- Perfect School attendance, Highest Honors; Dominick Liefer- Perfect Church attendance, Perfect Sunday School attendance; Logan Cowell- Honors; Tobias LaChance- Honors; Megan Schrader- Honors; Jayden Birkner- High Honors; Alyssa Cowell- High Honors; Joseph Fehr- High Honors; Sophia Liefer- High Honors; Lydia Wright- High Honors

8th Grade

Hannah Meyer- Perfect Church attendance, Perfect Sunday School attendance; Kole Liefer- Perfect Church attendance, Perfect Sunday School attendance, High Honors; Gage Baldwin- Honors; Jarrett Flemming- Honors; Amber Mollet- Honors; Nick Guebert- High Honors; Tyler Koester- High Honors; Caleb Langrehr- High Honors; Callie Todaro- High Honors; Bailey Montroy- High Honors; Jessie Deterding- Highest Honors; Alyssa Heller- Highest Honors; Michael Ratcliff- Highest Honors

Congratulations Graduates!

St. John's Lutheran School- Gage Baldwin, Jessie Deterding, Jarrett Fleming, Nick Guebert, Alyssa Heller, Kole Liefer, Kambri Moffitt, Amber Mollet, Bailey Montroy, Michael Ratcliff, Callie Todaro, Tanner Valleroy, Austin Whelan

Motto: Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

Colors: Pink and Black

Flower: Pink Rose

Valedictorians: Nick Guebert and Bailey Montroy
Salutatorian: Jessie Deterding
Scholar Athlete: Alyssa Heller
President's Award for Educational Excellence (GPA at 3.5 or above or 85% in Math or Reading for four years): Jessie Deterding, Jarrett Fleming, Nick Guebert, Alyssa Heller, Caleb Langrehr, Kole Liefer, Amber Mollet, Bailey Montroy, Michael Ratcliff, and Callie Todaro
Years of Parental Service: Chris and Jodi Allen (2 years); Chad and Sue Todaro (3 years); Rick and Debra Ratcliff (6 years), Scot and Sarah Heller (12 years); Jamie and Kathy Valleroy (13 years); Paul and Erica Mollet (13 years); and Kalin and Kathy Liefer (25 years)

Red Bud Elementary School- Brianna Hudson
Prairie du Rocher Elementary School- Brittney Pensoneau
Red Bud High School- Nathan DeRousse, Riley Foster, Travis Henry, Jessica Langrehr, Samantha Lee, Elizabeth Moll, Meghan Mollet, Tailor Neuhaus, Adam Hunt Quinn, Alex Wild
Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School- Rebekah Laufer
Columbia High School- Derek Voges
St. Louis University- Kayla Kelley (Masters in Athletic Training) and Chelsea Koester (Masters in Occupational Therapy)
University of Missouri-Columbia: Mary Nebel (Bachelor of Science and Masters in Accountancy)
Concordia University-Wisconsin: Chelsea Nebel (Bachelor of Social Work and Bachelor of Arts in Spanish)
Southern Illinois University-Carbondale: Megan E. Grohmann (Bachelors in Arts & Science for Dental Hygiene)

Congratulations to St. John's member Nathan DeRousse who was one of four Valedictorians recognized at the May 22nd graduation of Red Bud High School. He also was an Illinois State Scholar, Prairie State Achievement recipient, and on the Honor Roll for four years. He is pictured here with his mother Shawn and his father Mike.



Sunday School News

Summer Sunday School Material

Again this summer we will offer take home material for children to do on their own and return for recognition on Rally Day. Parents will be given a choice of material to select.

"I Spy" will provide mysterious cases to be solved by reading the Bible stories. Colorful leaflets will provide the younger children activities to do based on the Bible readings.

"My Devotions" will provide older students daily devotions and journal projects that will be supplemented by weekly handouts based on one of that week's devotions.

Senior Youth Activities

Attention 8th graders: The senior youth group would like to invite you to become an active member. Our new member meeting night is Sunday June 7. The meeting time and location have changed. We are meeting at 6 p.m. at Ratz Memorial Park. We are planning a cookout and hope you can be there!

160th Anniversary News

We will welcome Rev. Jeremy Schultz of St. John's Lutheran Church in Arnold, Missouri as our anniversary preacher on July 18-19. He is a former member of St. John's and the son of the late Rev. Donald Schultz and Mary Schultz of our congregation.

Have you noticed the history inserts in the bulletin? We are covering the 160 years of our congregation's history in ten-year increments. This will continue through the first weekend in August. Then we will publish a simple booklet containing this entire history for you to have.

Confirmation Recognitions began on Pentecost weekend with all the classes confirmed in a year ending in 0. For ten weeks we will include the names of these confirmands and acknowledge them in worship services on those weekends.

A New Flavor To An Old Meal

Due to the renovation of the school kitchen this summer it would not be available to hold our annual Chicken Dinner. However, to save the first Sunday in June for future years, we will hold a barbeque on Sunday, June 7. It will be both dine-in and carry out. The menu will be pork steaks, brats, chicken, potato salad, slaw and Pastor Nebel's baked beans. Serving will be from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost will be \$9 for plates with sides; \$6 for sandwiches and \$2 for sides (please note changes from previous weeks). Assistance will be needed. Please contact Loren Harms if you can help.

We do not need donations of pie. To give your cash donation, please put it in the offering plate marked "Church Barbeque" or take/mail it to the office. Please

mark your envelope number on the envelope. Your donations are appreciated.

Many of your phone numbers have been disconnected as cell phone numbers have replaced home phone numbers. If you have not been contacted to contribute for the Barbeque, we would appreciate your contribution as well. In addition, please contact the school office to update your phone number.

Book Signing

Alan Guebert, son of St. John's members Rich and Twila Guebert, has written a book, "In the Land of Milk and Uncle Honey" with stories of growing up in our area. The Men's Club will host a book signing with Alan on Wednesday, June 10 at 7 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. Alan will make a presentation, sell and sign copies of this book. Refreshments will be provided.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School for children age three through sixth grade will be Monday-Friday, June 15-19 from 9 a.m. to noon. Due to construction at school we will hold VBS at church. "Camp Discovery: Jesus at Work Through Us" needs helpers. Please contact Laurie Wright (282-7734) or Christy Palm (618-214-1103) if you can assist.

Evening Guild News

There has been a **change** in the choice of a mission project for the fall World Relief gathering. Instead of doing the school kits, we will be collecting **SOAP**-- bars of soap in their own wrappers with seal unbroken. Bath size is preferred; however, any size bar will be accepted. When out shopping, watch for bargains on bath soap.

Remember to keep the face of any pretty card you might receive for crosses for the prison ministry. It doesn't have to be Christmas. If you don't want to cut crosses, feel free to drop off cards in the quilting room at the Fellowship Hall. Watch for blanket tie days in the church bulletin. There is none planned at present.

**SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!
GLORIFY HIS NAME!**

Assistants from the Altar Guild

Flower Servers: Janet Braun and Norma Preston
Communion Cloths: Olivia Schmitz

Summer Sight Ministries Center Dates

Thursdays in Baldwin (meet at 1 p.m. in our church parking lot to carpool): June 11 and 25; July 9 and 23; August 13 and 27.

Summer Adult Bible Class

"Islam" will be our topic in June during Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for refreshments before class. We meet from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

Acolyte Schedule

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| Sat. June 6 | 5 p.m. Adam Kiefer |
| Sun. June 7 | 8 a.m. Austin Whelan 10:30 a.m. Ethan Fritsche |
| Sat. June 13 | 5 p.m. Brendan Harms |
| Sun. June 14 | 8 a.m. Tanner Valleroy 10:30 a.m. Logan Cowell |
| Sat. June 20 | 5 p.m. Callie Todaro |
| Sun. June 21 | 8 a.m. Nick Guebert 10:30 a.m. Wyatt Cowell |
| Sat. June 27 | 5 p.m. Hailey Guebert |
| Sun. June 28 | 8 a.m. Kole Liefer 10:30 a.m. Alyssa Cowell |

If you are not able to serve when scheduled, please switch with another acolyte and contact the church office with the change.

Worship Greeter Schedule

We need more volunteers to welcome people to our worship services. This is an important and easy way to serve our Lord and benefit His people with a friendly smile, a kind hello and a welcoming handshake as they enter His house for worship. We have an opening the 8 a.m. service and for special festivals. Please contact the office if you are willing to help in this way!

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| Sat. June 6 | 5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried |
| Sun. June 7 | 8:00 a.m. Ken and Joan Voges 10:30 a.m. Jackie Aubuchon; Ron and Donna Burgdorf |
| Sat. June 13 | 5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller |
| Sun. June 14 | 8 a.m. Lois Mesnarich; Roger Hanebutt; Ken and Joan Ruwald 10:30 a.m. Ken and Karen Wetzels; Ron and Diane Kunkelmann |
| Sat. June 20 | 5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried |
| Sun. June 21 | 8 a.m. Milton and Mary Ann Weber; Clyde and Kathy Rowold 10:30 a.m. Carl and Flo Zschiegner; Gerald and Nancy Holmstrom |
| Sat. June 27 | 5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller |
| Sun. June 28 | 8 a.m. Wil and Martha Krick; Cindy Steele & Olivia Schmitz 10:30 a.m. Larry and Cindy Ebers Vernon and Evelyn Muench |



Where There Is A Will, There Is A Way To Witness

Do you have a will? If not, what will be done with those things God has blessed you with that remain here after He calls you to our heavenly home? In a will we have the opportunity to confess our faith in the resurrection to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. This witness will be shared with those who read/hear your will. Also, you have to chance to support Christian ministries that were so important to your faith life while in this life. Look for more information to come on assistance in your will-making process.

The Board of Elders, the Estate Fund Committee and their spouses will meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2nd, in the Fellowship Hall. This will be followed by a presentation from members of the LCMS Foundation on a program called "Transfer the Blessings." We are looking into the possibility of partnering with LCMS Foundation on establishing this ministry at St. John's.

Benefit Golf Scramble

Our Southern Illinois District 11th Annual Bob Streuter Memorial Golf Scramble to benefit our Student Aid Endowment Fund will be held on Saturday, June 13 at Roland Barkau Golf Course in Okawville. The shotgun start will be at 8:30 a.m. The cost for a team of four is \$320 (includes lunch). There will be a \$5000 Hole-in-One Contest. Registration is due by May 31. For \$50 you can be a Tournament Sponsor.

Registration forms are on the church bulletin board and by the school office. This past year almost \$30,000 in scholarship money was given to 19 young people from our district studying at a synodical school to become a professional church worker. See Pastor Nebel if you want to form a team.

Life Network Biking For Babies

Life Network of Southern Illinois will hold its 3rd annual Biking for Babies on Saturday, June 20 with registration from 8-9 a.m. Rides start at the Life Network office (722 N. Market Street in Waterloo). There are four routes of 5.5, 15, 30 and 50 miles. Entry fees are \$15 individual and \$35 per family for the 5.5 and 15 mile routes and \$25 individual and \$35 per family for the 30 and 50 mile routes. Register online at EVENTBRITE.COM (Search "Biking for Babies"). Free food, drinks and t-shirt. Call 939-4224 for information.

June Church and School Calendar

Tuesday, June 2-

5:30 p.m. LCMS Foundation Presentation
6:00 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting
7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meeting

Wednesday, June 3-

10:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

Saturday, June 6

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

5 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Sunday, June 7

8 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Church Barbeque at school

6:30 p.m. Last Adult Instruction Class

Monday, June 8-

On Vacation: Pastor Koen (to the 21st); Lindsey Pfanstiel (to the 11th; Julie Ratz (to the 12th)

Wednesday, June 10-

7:00 p.m. Alan Guebert book signing in the Fellowship Hall (sponsored by our Men's Club)

Thursday, June 11-

1 p.m. Sight Ministries Center (meet in church lot)

Saturday, June 13-

Noon: Wedding of Ray Kaaz and Linda Straight

5 p.m. Divine Service

Sunday, June 14-

8 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth & Adult Classes

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Monday, June 15-

9 a.m. to noon Vacation Bible School at church

7 p.m. Church Council meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, June 16-

9 a.m. to noon Vacation Bible School at church

Wednesday, June 17-

9 a.m. to noon Vacation Bible School at church

6:00 Building Committee meeting at school

Thursday, June 18-

9 a.m. to noon Vacation Bible School at church

Friday, June 19-

9 a.m. to noon Vacation Bible School at church

Saturday, June 20-

7 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

5 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Sunday, June 21-

8 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

Tuesday, June 23-

9:30 a.m. Red Bud Care Center Holy Communion

1:30 p.m. Garden Place Holy Communion Service

Wednesday, June 24-

10:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

Thursday, June 25-

1 p.m. Sight Ministries Center (meet in church lot)

Saturday, June 27-

5 p.m. Divine Service

Sunday, June 28-

8 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

4 p.m. St. John's Float in the Fireman's Picnic Parade