

# July, 2019

# St. John's Lutheran Church

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THE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Missouri Synod

**Our Mission**  
To Proclaim the Gospel  
of Redemption through Jesus  
Christ;  
& Demonstrate God's Love  
to One Another,  
the Community & the World.



grace.

Acts 20:24

*However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God's*

Greetings, and God's peace to you as we step into this wonderfully and not too busy (in the Church anyway) month of July.

Several thoughts came to me as I began to type this. First, concerning the verse at the top of the page. Acts 20 is rife with activity as we encounter Paul making his way back to Jerusalem. In this chapter he heads through Macedonia and Greece; preaches so long during a stop that a young man falls asleep and falls to his death...only to be raised back to life! Verse 24 occurs as Paul says his final farewell to the Elders at Ephesus. Even as hardship and persecution had always been a part of his ministry, he knows that much more still awaits. But even as his Savior had **"resolutely set His face for Jerusalem"** (Luke 9:51), so does Paul speak these words of faith.

I keep these words on a poster in my office. They serve as a reminder of the task God has given me...the task He has given us all as we are called into His family. As I will often point out from the pulpit,

we are called by Christ for a purpose; and that purpose is to proclaim His victory over death and the grave. And such proclamation is done wherever we are...and sometimes includes using words.

Secondly, as I look at my calendar for July I see little in the way of extra activities at the church, and that's okay. What isn't okay, however, is the idea that we are able to take a break from the church and thus from witnessing to God's love for us in Jesus. We're still blessed to be able to meet regularly each Sunday. We're still blessed to study His Word, receive forgiveness in His body and blood, and sing and laugh together. Which means we're also able to go forth, refreshed and ready to let the love of God spill out of our lives and into the lives of those God places before us.

Which brings me to my third thought. This thought is one I've had in my mind for well over a year, and it came to me from another congregation and it's called, **"Where's Eeyore?"**



You all know Eeyore. Winnie-the-Pooh's frumpy friend who always looks at life from a negative perspective. He generally thinks people don't care for him. Which is why the question: "Where's Eeyore?"

In the future, Eeyore will be somewhere in the sanctuary. Sometimes in plain sight but at others a bit harder to spot. He'll never be hiding...just sitting around waiting to be found.

The purpose of Eeyore is to remind us of those people in this world, some of whom we daily encounter, who don't necessarily stand out to us. These are the people we might be overlooking when it comes to sharing the Gospel. They, like Eeyore, might feel a bit forgotten or unloved. Whatever the case, the hope is that this little Sunday morning exercise will remind us to pay closer attention to the people we encounter; so that none might be overlooked.

So, in the future, be on the lookout for Eeyore in the sanctuary. And then for all the Eeyore's out and about in Stuttgart, Hazen, Ulm or wherever God might take you. And God's peace be with you as you are blessed to show them and share with them His love given us in Jesus! Have a great July!!!

Pastor White



7/09 Steve Stillwell  
7/10 Doug Blohm  
Neal Galloway  
7/11 Conrad Bulloch  
Damon Borchert  
7/13 Heather Bronson  
7/14 Elizabeth Rabeneck  
Gary Longnecker  
7/15 Frank Prislovsky  
Darla Meins  
7/16 Carolyn Mulloy  
7/19 Floyd Glenn  
Charlotte Young  
7/20 Maxine Leder  
Mallory Schroeder  
7/22 Lynda Staton  
7/23 Melba Rabeneck  
7/24 Delores Bunyard  
7/25 Dale Leder  
7/26 Pam Stillwell  
7/27 Robert Seidenstricker  
7/28 Nick Herring  
Tricia Bull



7/11 Jim & Georgia Worstell

7/11 Jeff & Amy Marek

7/14 Patrick & Sarah Bull

7/21 Mike & Catriona Oltmann

7/24 Jerry & Susan Sparrow

7/24 Gary & Alice Longnecker

7/31 Jeremy & Sunny Bueker





# YOUTH NEWS

The 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade and Junior High groups will be having a joint POOL PARTY on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at Scott and Elizabeth's home in England. We will meet at St. John's School at 1:30 pm and be back around 4:30 pm. Bring your swimsuit and towel!

The 4-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Group will have Bible Study and games on Sunday, July 28 from 1:00pm-2:30pm.

The Junior High Group will have Bible Study and games on Sunday, July 28 from 2:30pm-4:00pm.

Please keep our High School Youth Group in your prayers as we head to Minneapolis for National Youth Gathering, July 10-16. We will join over 20,000 youth from around the world to worship and learn more about God. We will be packing meals for Feed My Starving Children as our servant event while we are there. You can watch the Mass Events LIVE, July 11-14, at 8:30pm on the Gathering website, [www.lcmessagingathering.com](http://www.lcmessagingathering.com) and the worship service is streamed live at 9:30am on Monday, July 15.





Thank you to EVERYONE that helped at *Miraculous Mission* Vacation Bible School through prayer, sponsorship of a child(ren), donating supplies, baking goodies. It's true! Jesus saves the world!

Our VBS kids heard the good news that "Jesus saves the world!" Our God, who created our amazing universe, also loves each of us with a vast and amazing love. Jesus is the center of God's miraculous mission. As the promised Offspring, He was born to live, suffer, die, and rise again for you and me and the world!

A very special THANK YOU to our teachers: Rachel Ward (Storytelling), Mallory and Kelli Schroeder (crafts), Stephanie Prislovsky (games), Bonnie White (Music), LeAnn Scheiderer and Georgia Worstell (snacks). Also, a huge thank you for our team leaders: Laura Ellis, Sydney Nash, Jessica Sowell, Brice Boston, Catriona Oltmann, Lexi Lane, Tawnya Herring, Donna Galloway, Faith Stillwell, and Elizabeth Johnson. Our volunteers are such a valuable part of VBS being a success and we are so thankful for each of you!

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16



# Timothy Fund

As the 2019-2020 school year approaches, St. John's Lutheran School will be starting its 134th year sharing the good news of Jesus Christ to the students, families, and faculty and to the community. Each year, progress is being made. This year the projected enrollment is 112 students in K-6, and 80 in the Early Childhood Center.

God continues to bless our school with a growing enrollment, excellent teachers, administration and staff as well as support from each of you. Every year the Timothy Fund has been instrumental in providing funds to allow students to attend St. John's Lutheran School. In order to honor all 9 requests for Timothy Fund during the 2019-2020 school year, \$12,163.50 is needed. Currently, the Timothy Fund has a balance of \$2600.37. The balance needed for the upcoming school year is \$9563.13

Please prayerfully consider donating to the Timothy Fund, enabling all of the requests to be honored.




"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6



# JULY

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 ELDERS 7:00PM	2	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED 	5 PASTORS DAY OFF	6
7 HOLY COMMUNION WORSHIP 8:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15AM WORSHIP 10:30AM	8	9	10 NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING 10-16	11 LADIES AID BINGO AND PIZZA PARTY	12 PASTORS DAY OFF	13
14 WORSHIP 8:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15AM WORSHIP 10:30AM	15	16	17	18 CHURCH COUNCIL 7:00PM	19 PASTORS DAY OFF	20 LCMS NATIONAL CONVENTION TAMPA, FL 20-25
21 HOLY COMMUNION WORSHIP 8:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15AM WORSHIP 10:30AM	22	23	24	25	26 PASTORS DAY OFF	27 
28 WORSHIP 8:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15AM WORSHIP 10:30AM	29	30 VOTERS MEETING 7:00PM	31 			



# DUTY CALENDAR

	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	READERS	USHERS	COMM. ASSIS	ALTAR GUILD
SUNDAY JULY 7	8:00am CLAIRE MCENTIRE 10:30am COOPER MEEK	8:00AM M/M ALLEN DICKSON 10:30AM BARBARA COOK	8:00AM CATHY SEIDENSTRICKER 10:30AM PHIL SMITH	8:00am DOUG ABLE, STUART SEIDENSTRICKER, EMIL SCHEIDERER 10:30am DALE NEWKIRK, MARK MAREK, SCOTT SNOWDEN, RICHARD HEIEN	8:00AM NEAL GALLOWAY, DALE NEWKIRK 10:30AM HOTSEY LOCKHART MARK MAIER	COMMUNION (GREEN)  PAULA SMITH, MARY ELIZABETH
SUNDAY JULY 14	8:00am ANNA KATE BULLOCH 10:30am JEFF HENSON	8:00AM M/M SCOTT MEINS 10:30AM MR. SONNY HEIEN	8:00AM GWEN STEPHENS 10:30AM TAWNYA HERRING	8:00am SAM BOSTON, BRICE BOSTON, JASON SCHEIDERER 10:30am JIM WORSTELL, MIKE OLTMANN		(GREEN)
SUNDAY JULY 21	8:00am KAYLEE LOGSDON 10:30am COOPER MEEK	8:00AM M/M DOUG ABLE 10:30AM THE BULL FAMILY	8:00AM BONNIE WHITE 10:30AM RAY VESTER	8:00AM SCOTT MEINS, JIMMY JOHNSON, <del>REARD</del> DICKSON 10:30AM BRAD NEWKIRK, MARK MAIER	8:00AM NEAL GALLOWAY, DALE NEWKIRK 10:30AM HOTSEY LOCKHART MARK MAIER	COMMUNION (GREEN)  TINA AND LARRY BULL
SUNDAY JULY 28	8:00am LUCAS GIBBS 10:30am JEFF HENSON	ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE M/M <i>Stephens</i>	VOLUNTEERS FOR BOTH SERVICES PLEASE	8:00am SAM PRISLOVSKY, MICHAEL SOWELL 10:30am PHIL SMITH, STEVE STILLWELL, DOUG BLOHM		(GREEN)

