



Saint John Lutheran Church

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NEWSLETTER

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Greetings, dear friends in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven." And certainly there are many activities this time of year. We have officially entered into the unofficial beginning of summer with the Memorial Day holiday where we remember those loved ones who have passed on and even more those fallen soldiers, and service men and women who have given their lives in service to this great country in defense of our freedom. We thank all those who have served and continue to serve in the armed forces both at home and around the world.

Summer also means the end of another school year and so we congratulate our graduates of all levels of education and wish them God's continued blessings on their future endeavors. Summer also means Vacation Bible Schools for our church and many other churches around the country so we pray God would bless our VBS programs as well. Summer marks the beginning of travel and vacation plans so we pray for safe travels for all who are planning to be on the road and for a fun and blessed time spent with family and friends. Finally, summer means harvest and field work for those in agriculture as well as turning livestock out to pasture. We thank God for all our blessings but also pray for restoration for all who have suffered loss from recent storms. There are many needs around the country and world

VBS: Both St. John and Trinity just completed their Vacation Bible School programs this past week. We experienced good attendance with many kids and wonderful volunteer leaders, teachers, and helpers both in the classrooms and kitchens. We thank all who served so ably and thank parents for seeing that their children are brought up in the Christian faith. Our theme for VBS was "Go Tell it on the Mountain." We traveled from Mount Sinai where God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses and the people, to Mount Carmel, the Mount of Transfiguration, Calvary, and finally to fulfill our mission as witnesses by going and telling the good news of Jesus on the mountain and everywhere. In this God shows us who He is in Jesus Christ and how he has accomplished our salvation through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Summer programs and events: We will take a break from our Adult Sunday School and Bible Class programs and resume classes next fall in September when Week Day and Confirmation classes begin. Sonya and Ginny Buthenoff continue to teach Sunday School for the children at 9:30 on Sunday mornings before our 10:30 worship service. Sonya will once again hold "Mother's Morning Out" this year dates will be determined later and information will be placed in the church bulletin.

The Early Risers will meet once a month on the second Tuesday as opposed to the normal twice monthly schedule we follow the rest of the year. We are planning a fun evening and BBQ at the Buppenhoff Quarry Property this evening, Sunday, June 2, for the congregation and guests. The evening will begin at 5:00pm so bring your appetite for hamburgers, hotdogs, and all the trimmings will be provided. Hope to see many of you there. The property is located 1 mile west of the Catholic Cemetery on the north side of the road. Look for signs!

St. Paul's News: St. Paul's has been blessed with a Pastoral Candidate! We thank and praise God for sending a shepherd to St. Paul's. The pastor elect is Scott Kerns, age 26, single, and comes from Belleville, Illinois just across the Mississippi River from St. Louis and is a recent graduate of Concordia Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Scot is also currently serving in the chaplaincy program in the Air Force Reserves. He will serve a stint in Oklahoma from the first of June to the middle of July therefore an August installation service is planned. We pray God will bless Scott and St. Paul's as they prepare to walk together in mission and ministry.

Again I pray God will bless you and keep you safe this summer and as always: **we invite everyone to worship with us: Sunday School Classes, 9:30, Worship 10:30am.**

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, June 2, 9:30 SS/10:30am. Worship with the VBS program
- Sunday, June 2, 5:00pm. Quarry event and BBQ
- Friday, June 7, 8:30am. Mission of Love workday
- Sunday, June 9, 9:30SS/10:30am. Worship
- Sunday, June 9, 2:30 Lincoln Park Manor worship service
- Tuesday, June 11, 6:00am Early Risers
- Friday, June 14, 8:30am. Mission of Love workday
- Sunday, June 16, 9:30 SS/10:30am Worship
- Friday, June 21, 8:30am. Mission of Love workday
- Sunday, June 23, 9:30 SS/10:30am Worship
- Friday, June 28, 8:30am. Mission of Love workday
- Sunday, June 30, 9:30 SS/10:30am Worship