

Our Pastor is Deliberating a Call

The Two Natures of a Divine Call

As many of you are aware, I have received a call from St. Paul Lutheran Church & School in Fort Dodge, IA to be their Senior Pastor. What does it mean for a pastor to have a call? What does it entail? How does God work through the call process? How does a pastor go about deliberating a call? These are all questions that are often asked by members of the congregation; as well as, the pastors themselves as they deliberate a call.

The Augsburg Confession (hereafter AC) IV, explains that the Church stands or falls on the article of justification. This article explains that salvation comes by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. As article IV says, *“To justify means ‘to declare righteous.’ God’s sure and certain declaration that we are righteous in His eyes is possible only because of our Savior, Jesus Christ.”* This statement is a summary of what we find in numerous passages in Scripture, for example Galatians 2:16, *“...know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ.”* Where does that saving faith come from? AC IV goes on to state, *“The Holy Spirit, through the means of grace, works in us saving faith, which personally apprehends what Christ has done for us.”* Saving faith is intimately bound up with the means of grace (Baptism, Lord’s Supper, and God’s Word). How does one know and obtain this saving faith? AC V states, *“So that we may obtain this faith, the ministry of teaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments was instituted.”* As Romans 10:14-15 records for us, *“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believe in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’”* We find that saving faith is also intimately bound up in our Lord’s institution of the Pastoral Office.

You see, man did not take it upon himself to institute the Office of the Pastoral Ministry; it is a gift from God. Like salvation, the Church is from above, a gift from God. We contribute neither to our salvation nor to bringing the Church into existence. Faith is born in us through the administration of the sacraments and the preaching of the Word. [Romans 10:17](#) goes on to say, *“Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ.”* [Acts 13:48](#) gives an example of how this happens, *“When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the Word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.”* Therefore, we are born into the Church through the waters of Holy Baptism, as [Titus 3:5](#) affirms, *“...He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.”* Our lives in Christ are sustained by the body and blood of our Lord as John 6:51 declares, *“I am the Living Bread that came down from heaven, If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.”* The Office of the Holy Ministry has been entrusted with the stewardship of these gifts ([1 Corinthians 4:1](#)).

God not only has instituted this Office; He also calls men to serve as pastors (see 1st Timothy 3:1-7). We might call this the **“divine nature”** of the Divine Call. That God does the calling is clear enough in [Matthew 9:38](#) where our Lord says, *“Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest.”* The Lord is the one who sends out laborers. That Jesus has in mind pastors is evident from the context, for prior to making this statement, Jesus has compassion on the crowds *“because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd,”* ([Matthew 9:36](#)).

That God is the One who calls pastors into this Office is also evident in [Acts 20:28](#), where, in giving instructions to the pastors in Ephesus, St. Paul says, “*Keep watch over yourselves and to all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, Be shepherds of the church of God, which He bought with His own blood.*”

The issue is that God does not speak directly from heaven when calling pastors to serve in the Pastoral Office. As we have noted, God is fond of working through means, bringing forgiveness, life and salvation through the means of water, words, bread, and wine. So it is with the Divine Call: God does not call pastors to serve His Church directly from heaven, but works through the means of His Church to place men into the Office of the Pastoral Ministry. This is where the “**human nature**” of the Divine Call comes in. The human side of the Call is evident in [Titus 1:5](#), where Paul instructs Titus to “*appoint elders in every town,*” (please note that the term “*elder*” or some translations have “*presbyter*” is used here to refer to the Office of the Pastoral Ministry).

When we consider the human aspect of the Divine Call, I would suggest this is the hardest and is sometimes less than prudent. When the Divine Call is issued from a congregation, there essentially becomes two Divine Calls that are set before the pastor. Deliberations are marked by an unsettling period for the pastor and his family; as well as, the congregations involved. In the midst of the anxious times, we can be rest assured that the Lord is at work. What are some of the things that a pastor and his family work through during deliberations? Ascertain whether there are selfish motives involved, both from a pastoral and congregational perspective. Is the congregation searching for a faithful pastor, or do they want someone who will do their bidding? Is the pastor making call decisions for godly reasons or selfish ones? Try as we may to suppress our sinful motives, we cannot rid ourselves of these entirely. A Call is in many ways like a marriage, and marriages have the best chance of success where the couple’s values and worldview are compatible.

From my perspective, vocational considerations are primary: where can I best put the gifts God has given me to use? Where can I best provide for my family’s spiritual, emotional, and yes, even financial needs? Common sense also plays a role here: after all, God has given us “*our reason and all our senses, and still takes care of them*” (*Small Catechism*, explanation of the First Article of the Creed). As we noted earlier, the presence of sin (from the human side) can complicate the call process, which makes it impossible for pastors and congregations to make decisions for purely godly reasons. Thus, we live in daily contrition and repentance and trust in the work of the Holy Spirit. God always accomplishes His purposes, whether it’s through us or in spite of us. So, knowing this, forms the basis for what is needed from me and my family during this call deliberation. Patience and understanding as my family and me try to work through this call. A prayer for safe travels and also clear heads as the deliberation ensues. Prayers for both St. Paul, Fort Dodge, Iowa and for The Lutheran Church of St. John during this unsettling time. Offer any thoughts and encouragements, knowing that I will be listening and taking to heart all of them. And most of all, through all of this, that the Lord’s will would be done to His glory!

Pastor Kendall Meyer

**SERVING THE LORD IN
SEPTEMBER 2019**

AT LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN

USHERS:

8:00:

10:30:

GREETERS:

8:00:

10:30:

ELDERS:

8:00: Paul Johnson

10:30: Rustin Otney

ALTAR GUILD:

Desiree Epping and Rhea Epping
Jenna Crabtree

SEPTEMBER VAN DRIVERS:

1 – Hugh Roderick

8 – Jim Waack

15 – Jim Waack

25 – John Schonarth

29 - Hugh Roderick



September Prayer Focus

Hearts Overflowing – Dreaming Big

We give thanks that the month of August marked the elimination of our debt. God has blessed us tremendously through the generosity of His people. Now we have an opportunity to use the additional resources for His glory. During the month of Sept. the congregation will have a chance to gather together to talk about what's next. Pray for those meetings and our leadership as we discuss the future goals of our congregation. Pray for Pastor Kendall as he deliberates on his call and what that means for our congregation. Pray for hearts overflowing both with thankfulness for what God has provided and hopefulness that God's people will maintain their commitments to the campaign that we might build up a reserve in our building fund.

ELDER LIST

Our church has eight Elders, and each Elder is assigned a portion of the congregation. The elders assist the Pastors in the spiritual life of the congregation. If you have a spiritual need or issue anytime or when Pastor Steve and Pastor Kendall are out of town, you can contact your Elder listed below.

Elder	Phone	Member Name
Paul Johnson	217-577-3669	(A-B)
Steve Barteau	660-349-8095	(C-E)
Rustin Otney	785-766-9776	(F-Hi)
Matt Dietrich	217-653-0944	(Ho-K)
Doug Allen	217-885-3129	(L-M)
Jason Watkins	217-257-2345	(N-R)
Peter Hummel	217-617-0063	(S-T)
Aaron Clark	217-209-1830	(U-Z)

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Pastor Kendall Meyer –

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Marilyn – secretary@lcosj.org

Jan Fritz – christiancaregiving@lcosj.org

Website: www.lcosj.org

Church office hours: Mon.-Fri.: 8:00am-4:00pm.

**The Church Office will be closed on
Monday, September 2 for Labor Day.**



The Oasis

With school in session and fall activities in full swing many are on the go. Considering adding the Oasis to your routine as a great opportunity to fill you up in the middle of the week Join us on Wednesdays at 6 pm for this brief devotional service complete with a cup of coffee!

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation instruction has begun. This year they are studying an overview of the Bible as they meet each Sunday at 9:15 am in the conference room. There will be a confirmation kick-off on Sunday, September 15 from 5-8 pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the month of July 31, 2019:

Income: \$ 31,305.32

Total All Expenses: \$ 33,288.21

Income less Expenses: (\$ 1,982.89)

In July, our expenses exceeded our income by approximately \$2,000. Through July, our expenses have exceeded income by \$11,275, mainly because our offerings are under budget. The very good news is the final mortgage payment was made in August, so we will not have the monthly mortgage payment going forward. PRAISE GOD!!

Congregational Boards

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Sunday School will begin
at a new time - 9:15am
in the Discovery Den.

This whole year, we're learning about God's story from beginning to end, and the beginning is WAY in the beginning—thousands of years before Jesus was even born. Week 1's story is one of those way early ones. It seems like SO long ago . . . because it is. And even all those years ago, people needed to trust God. Jacob needed to trust God. He needed to trust that God would be faithful to him—and God was! God promised Jacob that the whole world would be blessed through his family, and God kept

that promise. One of Jacob's descendants—that means his kids and their kids and their kids and on and on—was Jesus! That is so cool! Just more proof that you can trust God no matter what!"



Week 1: Dream On - Jacob's Dream

Genesis 28:10-22

BOTTOM LINE: You can trust God no matter what.

Week 2: Bad Day - Joseph Sold by His Brothers

Genesis 37, 39:1-2

BOTTOM LINE: When you think you're alone, you can trust God is with you.

Week 3: Steel Bars - Joseph in Jail

Genesis 40

BOTTOM LINE: When life doesn't make sense, you can trust God is with you.

Week 4: Under Pressure - Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dreams

Genesis 41

BOTTOM LINE: When the pressure is on, you can trust God is with you.

Week 5: God's Plan - Joseph Forgives His Brothers

Genesis 42-45

BOTTOM LINE: You can trust God has a plan.

MEMORY VERSE: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding."

Proverbs 3:5, NIrV

LIFE APP: Trust—Putting your confidence in someone you can depend on

Senior High – Come see the newly remodeled youth room and join us for our Sunday morning small group. We will gather at 9:15 am for coffee and fellowship. Then Kathy Roderick will lead us in a small group discussion covering some of the topics that are most interesting to you. Hope to see you on Sunday mornings.



CRADLE ROLL

There are nineteen children enrolled in the Cradle Roll. Children receive materials until age 3, that parents can share with them about God’s love. If you have a child in this age range that has been baptized at St. John’s, watch your church mailbox for materials that are brought for them. If you find a note, the corresponding materials will be placed on the shelf in the coat rack area, with your name.

One Added:

Christian Lennox Schnack
 Birthdate: March 19, 2018
 Baptized: June 13, 2019

September Birthdays:

Devin Lane Anders – 3 yrs. old on Sept. 26
 Beau Alan Cirrincione – 2 yrs. old on Sept. 25
 Maddie Jo Willing – 2 yr. old on September 28

--Wilma Tieman, Nursery Roll Coordinator

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS
 MISSION FOCUS**

Ruth from Guatemala

The donations help purchase school supplies and her uniforms to enable Ruth to attend school and receive an education.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN CAREGIVING

FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry served 356 households in the month of July. This included 1420 individuals with 558 of those being children. With the generous donations of our members and others. We received a check for more than \$1,800.00 from HyVee Stores that we can use for food purchases. We received 8 cases of packaged Cheesy Rice & Vegetable meals made possible by a joint effort from ADM, JM Huber, and Gardner Denver.

A special thank you to all of our volunteers that are here when the pantry is open, and on other days restocking shelves, picking up donations and unloading trucks.

When bringing in household items, please call ahead to make sure we have space or a need for it. Make sure all items are clean and stain free, especially clothing.

The Food & Clothing pantries will be closed on Monday, September 2 for Labor Day.

Jan Fritz



Open Hands Mobile Food Pantry

In August, Open Hands, our mobile food pantry, made its second delivery to a Quincy Housing Authority location, Indian Hills, where we served 125 individuals. Moving forward, we will make two deliveries each month, one to a rural location and the other to a Quincy Housing Authority location. On September 14, we will deliver for the first time to Lampe Hi-Rise Apartments. On September 28, we will deliver a second time to Rushville. Our six deliveries through August have served over 800 individuals with food. God has blessed us abundantly to enable Open Hands to do this. Please pray for the ongoing work of our mobile food pantry. If you would like to volunteer to help, contact Bill Keller or Jim Totsch.

MANNA MEALS - If you or a loved one could benefit from having a couple of home cooked meals a week during a time of illness or after being hospitalized, please let Jim & Janet Totsch, Pastor Steve or Marilyn know and these can be arranged for 2 or 3 weeks. If you would consider taking meals to a church member in need, please let Jim & Janet know via email jtotsch@hughes.net or call 779-8603 or 779-3303. Each person usually makes 2-3 meals a year.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

PAID IN FULL!!



Thank you so much for your continued support of the *Hearts Overflowing Debt Reduction Campaign*. Donations of **\$647,400** received through August 11th have enabled us to pay off our mortgage principal from over **\$666,000** at the end of May 2017 to **\$0.00** after our August 2019 payment. We have reduced our debt by the full **\$666,205.58** since the Campaign started in May 2017!

Praise God for His grace and mercy and you for your benevolent giving to this Campaign. **And a special thank you to all who made a special donation to the Campaign in August, enabling us to avoid any more mortgage payments from the general fund after July!**

The Campaign continues through May of 2020 with additional donations going into a reserve in the Building Fund for future maintenance and repair of our beautiful facility. Please continue to pray that God would bountifully bless the Lutheran Church of St. John through this Campaign.

“DREAM BIG”

Our Church Leaders will be holding a Leadership Retreat on **October 3rd**. With the mortgage paid in full on August 16, 2019, we want to give every member of the Congregation the opportunity to **DREAM BIG** for the future God has planned for us. The Board of Stewardship will be hosting the following forums in September to give you the chance to share your ideas and desires with our leadership in preparation for the Retreat. Please make time to participate in one of the following events:

- **Tuesday (9/10/2019) @ 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room with Board of Stewardship**
- **Thursday (9/12/2019) @ 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room with Board of Christian Care Giving**
- **Tuesday (9/17/2019) @ 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room with Board of Elders**
- **Wednesday (9/18/2019) @ 10:00 a.m. in Oasis**
- **Wednesday (9/18/2019) @ 6:45 p.m. in Oasis after Worship Service and with Boards of Christian Education and Youth & Family Ministries – childcare available**
- **Thursday (9/19/2019) @ 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room with Board of Evangelism**
- **Sunday (9/22/2019) @ 9:30 a.m. in Oasis**

Thank you for joining us for these important discussions.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM

HORIZON’S – Serve meals.

Volunteers are needed to help serve meals on every 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the office. Sign September and October. Hot meals are served 11:30am – 1:30pm. They are located at 224 S. 8th Street.

CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS

SERVICE SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29

Our mission statement reminds us that we, having been filled with God's love and grace, should let God's love and grace flow out of us to the world around us. On **September 29** we will again have opportunity to outflow God's love and grace as we release God's people for service. We will not have a 10:30 worship service but will serve in different projects around the community. We hope families and all ages will participate.

At 8:00 am, there will be a breakfast for all of our people, followed by a 9:00 am unified worship service. Immediately following the worship service there will be a sending of all of our volunteers to various projects which will take place throughout Quincy. The projects will start at approximately 10:15am and continue to approximately 1:15pm or completion, if earlier, but you can come serve for as long as you are able. We hope all of you will sign up for one of the projects listed below to be part of this exciting opportunity. Our goal is to have no less than 125 of our members serving in one of the projects. There are projects which can be done by all ages so families can serve together if you desire.

There is a separate sign-up for the breakfast so please sign-up indicating how many in your family will be attending. Although we hope everyone will participate in one of the projects, you do not have to work a project to attend the breakfast, so we encourage everyone to sign-up and attend the breakfast with your church family.

Project Coordinator volunteers are still needed for several projects. The following pages have the projects available on September 29th:

VOLUNTEERS – Volunteers can serve in many different ways at LCOSJ. Your help with the Worship services as Ushers, Acolytes, Greeters, Nursery/Toddler Rooms, and the Altar care gives you an opportunity to not only serve the church but also to serve God. Serving meals at Horizon's or in our Food Pantry enables us to serve others in our community. Please consider putting your name down for service on one or several of the sign-up sheets by the office.

VAN DRIVERS

If you would like to help with transportation to and from worship for some of our non-driving members, you can talk to John Schonarth or the office on what licensing is required to drive the church van.

BOARD OF YOUTH & FAMILY **MINISTRIES**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS



UPCOMING FAMILY EVENT!!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4: The Board of Youth & Families are planning a **DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT**. Mark your calendars and watch for more details in your weekly announcements, www.lcosj.org, and the September and October Broadcasters.

Due to scheduling considerations, the date was changed from September to October.



Youth Activities – Starting soon our youth will gather every month for fun activities. Watch your announcements. Come out and bring a friend.

BBO and Sing Along With Veterans at the Illinois Veterans' Home in Quincy – The

Veterans' Home in Quincy is home to almost 400 veterans who have served their country. We will have an opportunity to barbecue for and serve them a special lunch at the Veterans' Home as a way of saying thanks to all of them for their service. We will need about 25 volunteers to work this project. Our volunteers will barbecue the meat and serve the lunch. In addition, some veterans will need someone to push their wheel chair from their room to the lunch and then back.

In addition, we will again have a Sing-Along with the veterans. This will be a very fun project and is a great project for families and volunteers of all ages. (coordinator – Bill Keller).

Chaddock - Chaddock provides quality treatment and education for children who deal with the after effects of trauma. As of now, we do not know the work which our group will be assigned. On prior Service Sundays, we have done some landscaping and maintenance care to the grounds and gardens, painted and wash vehicles. Volunteers of all ages are welcomed. We will need 10-12 volunteers to work this project. (coordinator – _____).

Illinois Veterans' Home Memorial Garden - The Illinois Veterans' Home serves almost 400 men and women who have served our country. They need assistance in their Memorial Garden. Volunteers will do some fall gardening, including mulching, planting, clean –up, and distributing landscape rocks. If you have any, volunteers should bring work gloves, shovels, rakes and hand garden tools (mark with your name to avoid confusion). We will need 10-15 volunteers to work this project. (coordinator - Janet Enroth).

Letter writing to Shut-ins- The group will meet in the Oasis and write notes to our shut-ins. Supplies you need will be furnished. (coordinator – _____).

City Bus Stop Shelters - Many residents of Quincy rely on public transportation. We will again brighten their time waiting for a bus by cleaning the bus stop shelters around the city. This is a good project for families. We will need 8-12 volunteers to work this project. (coordinator – _____).

Neighborhood - We want to be good neighbors to those who live near the church, so to show our kindness, we will share a battery for a smoke detector with about 75 neighbors living in the Lincoln Hill area not far from the church. You can help distribute the batteries with an invitation to attend one of our worship services. Families and volunteers of all ages are welcome. We will need 12-20 volunteers to work this project. (coordinator – _____).

Teen Reach at Frederick Ball – We have partnered with Teen Reach for the Mobile Food Bank's food distributions to people who live in the Frederick Ball neighborhood. We will assist Teen Reach in setting up tables and tents for a clothing give-away and then assist them with the give-away and other activities available to the people attending. We will need about 8 volunteers to work this project. (coordinator – _____).

Quincy Park District. The Quincy Park District maintains many parks for people to use for recreation and miscellaneous outdoor activities. To date we do not know the project which will be assigned to our group. We will need 8-12 volunteers to work this project. (Coordinator – Mick Gooding).

Quincy Downtown District – Volunteers will help the District and the community by picking up trash in Washington Park and around some streets in the District. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. We will need 6-10 volunteers to work this project. (coordinator – _____).

Food Pantry and Closet of Grace - Each month St. John's serves 1200 to 1500 individuals with food and clothing. We will help to prepare by folding clothes (if needed), stocking shelves and portioning items to be given away. We will need 10-15 volunteers to work this project. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. (coordinator –).

***GRACE OVERFLOWING
IN SERVICE TO
OUR COMMUNITY***

Connection Point Café

Located in the OASIS

Stay after worship, come early before Sunday School and Bible Class, or before worship and enjoy some coffee, tea, or hot chocolate along with some breakfast treats and a chance to meet and visit with fellow members. This is a great opportunity to welcome visitors. Sign-up in the office if you would be willing to provide some breakfast treats one week. **Sunday, September 1st** will be Donut Sunday.



BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS begins at 9:30am in the Oasis. Grab some coffee and/or donut/treat at the Connection Point Café and join us. Join us every Sunday or one.

KELLER MONDAY NIGHT STUDY GROUP

The Monday night Bible study group will begin meeting at 7:00pm on September 9th, and each Monday following. Anyone is invited to join us at 2711 Curved Creek Road for fellowship, study of God's word and prayer time.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday morning women's group will be meeting all Tuesdays in September. We are currently doing Jen Wilkin's study of Genesis 12:50, "God of Covenant", in the Oasis at 9:30am. We will discover how God is working everything together for His glory and for the good of His people. Join us; we'd love to have you.

WEDNESDAY MORNING Adult Bible Study will meet in the Oasis at 10:00am. Join us this week as we study of Book of James.

MENS BIBLE BREAKFAST

This group of men meets on Thursday mornings at 6:30am in the Family Life Center, for Bible study and breakfast, and some of the best coffee in Quincy. Enter through the kitchen on the south side of the building.

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

MARY & MARTHA GUILD

Let's get together on Tuesday, September 3rd. Join us at 6:30 pm in the Oasis. We will discuss the Fall Rally on September 17th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at Clayton IL. All ladies of the congregation are invited. Hope to see you there!



LADIES' AID SOCIETY

The Ladies Aid members do not meet in August. Mark your calendars to join us on **Wednesday, September 4th at 12:30pm** for fellowship & refreshments provided by Ruth Baker and Sharon Kuhlman. Their meeting will begin at 1pm. They will discuss the upcoming Fall Rally on September 17th at Clayton.

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club's next get-together is on **Monday, September 16th, 7:00pm at St. James.** Ray Muegge will be the Devotional Leader, with "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" as the opening hymn. Pastor Rempfer will present the topic of "Prayer". Dave Kleiboeker will serve on the Social Committee.

All men of the congregation are welcome to come to any meeting. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and to learn how this men's organization serves St. John's and St. James' and our community.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER – OCTOBER 19

Tickets available from any Men's Club member.



VOLUNTEERS for ALTAR SERVICE

Volunteers assist with preparation for communion and washing & putting away communion ware, clean and maintain Altar linens, paraments and flowers. If you would like to serve your church by being a part of this group, or helping out for one or two Sundays, join us at the meeting or sign up by the office. If you have any questions about this service, please see Marilyn in the office.

MUSIC MINISTRY

NEED VOICES - St. John's Choir and One Voice are always looking for additional Singers and Musicians for their next musical offerings. If you are interested, see Pastor Steve or Denise Percy with any questions, or stop in the church office.



NEWS & NOTES

St. James Lutheran School News

WE BEGAN OUR 168TH SCHOOL YEAR – How wonderful it was to see how much St. James Lutheran School means to the students and their families. From the first and following days, the joy and love seen throughout our school from students to grandparents was a thing to behold. People came to school with smiles on their faces, and expressions of love and gratefulness to be a part of our school family. The Quincy community is blessed to have a fine Lutheran school as St. James. Please visit us and experience it for yourself. We have an incredible staff who love their students and deeply care for each of them. Thank you for your continued support. St. James Lutheran School. It makes a difference in the lives of their students and families.

FIELD TRIPS – The example of Christ taking His disciples to places of action was a very positive demonstration of "learning by doing." They went to the Temple, the seaside, the desert and various villages. At St. James School we follow His example by exposing students to firsthand experiences with people, places, or things through different field trips like the Log Cabin, pumpkin patch, drama at QCT, Continental Cement, Cameron Caves, John Wood Museum, Lincoln Museum to name just a few. We are always looking for interesting places to go. If you have any ideas, please share them with Principal Landskroener.

TRIVIA NIGHT – St. James School is hosting a **Trivia Night Saturday, September 28th** at the Quincy Senior Center. Doors open at 6:00 pm, trivia starts at 7:00 pm. Come join us for a fun night. The theme of questions will be music, movies and mayhem. The entry fee for a 5 - 8 person team is \$100. Our goal is to have 20 teams! Additional information is upcoming!

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS – If you know of anyone who would like to be a substitute teacher at St. James, please put them in touch with Principal Landskroener.

HELP! –We have a family who loves having their children in St. James School. They are struggling (and sacrificing) financially to have their children in a school that teaches Jesus first. We have maxed out our tuition assistance needs and are looking for help in assisting this family with tuition costs. If you feel that you could help, please contact Principal Landskroener at your earliest convenience. Thank you!



WRAPPED IN HIS LOVE

The next *Wrapped In His Love* meeting is the **second Thursday, September 12, at 6:00pm in the Oasis.**

Quilter Barb Rees, from the Camp Point quilt guild Sew Happy Quilters, will be a guest that evening sharing a 'quilt-as-you-go' method she uses for many of her quilts. It will be an enjoyable presentation as well as informative. It should help us be more quilt-productive!

All *Wrapped* members are welcome but even sewists who do not normally join us are welcome to attend this special meeting. We have added a couple crocheters to our group and we hope to add a few more! Do you crochet or knit? Please join our monthly meetings! Our 'meetings' are very informal...we start at 6 and sew or crochet (or knit?) and talk a little until 8 or 8:30. Very simple but we usually get quite a bit done! Please think about joining us!

If you have any questions, contact Cheryl Kestner if you have any questions. 217-223-7659.



Who Gives A Crop??

Friday and Saturday, September 20th & 21st.

Susan Wilson will be holding a scrapbooking afternoon and evening in the Family Life Center. If you want to learn how to create your own scrap book or greeting cards, or you would like to spend an afternoon with others that enjoy this craft and making handmade greeting cards, contact Susan at 779-2663. Friday: 6:00pm-9:00pm. Saturday: 9:00am-9:00pm.



DID YOU KNOW???

The Lutheran Church of St. John is a Stephen Ministry congregation. It's an important way we care for one another. If you are going through a difficult time, consider having a Stephen Minister. If you know someone else who is facing difficulties, suggest that he or she request Stephen Ministry. Make use of it. Stephen Ministry belongs to you!

St. Paul's Missionary Journeys

**Led by Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb
September 7, 2019 at Camp CILCA
9 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

**Register by Sept. 1 for meal preparation with
Deloris Blessman, 24204 ECR 1850N, Topeka, IL
61567, delorisblessman@yahoo.com
Registration Fee is \$10 per person which may be
paid at the retreat.**

The apostle Paul set out into the Mediterranean world, telling the Good News of Jesus. No setting proved too formidable for him, no place too forbidding. Paul got his resolve from his message and his Master. Faced with the mission challenges of the 21st century, we will study how Paul by

God's grace met mission challenges in the first century. Please read Acts 13-20 ahead of time, and bring your Bible to the retreat! Co-sponsored by the CID & CID LLL.



Upcoming at CAMP CILCA

- ❖ **Chicken Fry & Auction: Sept 1**
- ❖ **Jr/Sr High Catechetical Retreat: Oct 4-5**
- ❖ **Men's Shooting Retreat: Oct 12**
- ❖ **Homecoming: October 26 (Capital Campaign Wrap-Up)**
- ❖ **Women's Scrapbooking Retreat: Nov 1-3**
- ❖ **Annual Banquet: January 26, 2020 (Celebrating 70 years!)**

Quincy Zone LWML Fall Rally Tuesday, September 17

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Clayton IL
\$8.00 Registration per person

Registration begins at 9:30am – Breakfast “goodies” served in Sunday School Room
 Rally begins at 10:00am in the Sanctuary
 Salad Bar Luncheon will be served in basement (A Chair lift is available along with steps).
 I-Gathering for Personal Care Items for the Community For Christ Assistance Center in Camp Point IL.

Make reservations by Sept. 10th to Edna Flesner.

Personal Care Items being collected in the office:

Bar Soap	Shampoo	Toothbrushes
Toothpaste	Deodorant	Razors
Shaving Cream		Diapers (all sizes)
Baby Powder		Feminine Products
Liquid Laundry Detergent (small bottles)		



LWML Mission Grant #2 –Teach Me Too – Preschoolers with Learning Needs in Austin

2019–2021 Mission Grant 2 — \$100,000

Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM) has seen a growing desire for early intervention support of children with learning needs. In 1976 LSEM began serving children with special learning needs in the Detroit area and has since expanded programs and services to include a presence in Lutheran schools nationwide. Their pilot program is Let It Shine Academy at Bethany Lutheran Church, Austin, Texas. The Teach Me Too program was designed to administer intervention strategies, address the unique needs of children with autism spectrum disorder and other unique needs such as hyperactivity issues, decreased or delayed social skills, developmental or speech delays, sensory integration difficulties, or other learning differences. As a resource for families, this program provides assessments, consultations, and materials to help children on an individual basis. This grant would help fund Teach Me Too, expand the Let It Shine Academy, provide teacher training, and offer scholarship funding for children whose families cannot afford the cost of the Let It Shine Program.



J is playing a large drum during music time. He is learning to share the drum with a peer and teacher while incorporating both of his hands to promote his coordination skills.

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FLOWER CHART

The *Altar Flowers*, each week, are a welcome offering to our worship. *Flowers* are alive. They are of God's creation. They are a symbol of new life in Christ. *Altar flowers* can be and are more than mere ornaments. They are the expression of our love for God as well as a means of glorifying His name in all the earth. Altar flowers may be dedicated to commemorate a special event, like a birthday or anniversary, or in remembrance of a loved one. Donations of \$17.50 covers the cost of one vase and \$35.00 covers the cost of both vases.

For all of these reasons, we give thanks to everyone who is moved to give toward *flowers* on a particular Sunday. You can sign up on the Flower Chart on the bulletin board outside of the Sanctuary, or notify Marilyn in the office. Dedications are listed in our worship bulletin.

Dates to Remember

September 2 - Labor Day

September 15 – Voter's Meeting

September 17– Quincy Zone LWML Fall Rally

September 29 – Service Sunday



SEPTEMBER

ANNIVERSARIES

	Wedding Date	Years
Rustin & Gigi Otney	9/2/2006	13
Scott & Lisa Hamilton	9/7/1991	28
Bill & Marilyn Humphrey	9/13/1975	44
Rick & Sandy Patterson	9/14/1974	45
Stephen & Amy Bangert	9/17/1994	25
Jerry & Sue Downs	9/18/1966	53
Kyle & Ashley Otten	9/22/2012	7
Casey & Brenda Hill	9/27/1997	22
Casey & Erin Kline	9/27/2008	11
Tim & Renee Mitchell	9/27/2008	11



September Birthdays

Rich Gastler	9/1
Nathan Hightower	9/1
Cohen Maas	9/1
Jesslyn Chew	9/2
Matthew Koontz	9/3
Jacob Cobb	9/4
Jaxon Scott	9/5
Scott Baker	9/6
Elisabeth Cory	9/6
Hayley Damewood	9/6
John Hamilton	9/7
Katie Meuth	9/7
Megan Goslin	9/8
Tracy Hanlin	9/9
Debbie Cobb	9/10
Dakota Brassfield	9/11
James Griffin	9/11
Craig Heming	9/11

Arnie Spielbauer	9/11
Taylor Turner	9/11
Riley Holthaus	9/12
Sullivan Holthaus	9/12
Les Kaufman	9/12
Brady Nierman	9/14
Charles Duesdieker	9/15
Cynthia Timme	9/15
Carol Zelle	9/15
Margo Miller	9/16
Brym Parrish	9/16
Dave Weiman	9/16
Frank Huber	9/17
Ken Wolf	9/17
Jacob Becker	9/18
Nancy Featheringill	9/18
Sterling Kragel	9/18
Levi Stump	9/18
Melannie Covey	9/19
Jon Waack	9/19
Scott Ruff	9/20
Mike Baker	9/21
Aaron Clark	9/22
Ralph Cleveland	9/22
Joni Epperson	9/22
Landon Epperson	9/22
Phil Featheringill	9/23
Abbey Holder	9/23
Denise Percy	9/23
Larry Hucklenbrick	9/25
Charlotte Johnston	9/25
Diane Herman	9/26
Isaac Lightfoot	9/26
Kennedy Scott	9/26
Justin Bangert	9/27
Karleigh Parrish	9/27
Marilyn Schroeder	9/27
Jennifer Campbell	9/28
Dean Ripper	9/28
Iverson Rust	9/28
Scott Koontz	9/29
Caleb Riutzel	9/29
Kayleigh Campbell	9/30
Carolyn Thuer	9/30
Jason Watkins	9/30

If your name is not on the Anniversary or Birthday list, or if you wish your name removed, please contact Marilyn at the church office. **The deadline for submitting an article in the September Broadcaster is Friday, September 20.**



Our member, **Arnold Spielbauer** will be turning 90 years young on September 11. If you would like to send him a card, send it to **1005 East 2400th St., Liberty, IL 62347.**

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Great River Genealogical Society
Adams County, Illinois

The Great River Genealogical Society will meet on **Thursday, September 12th, at 7:00 pm** as Hallie Yundt Silver will presents “2020 Census”. Join us to learn about our next federal census and how it compares to the Census documents from the past. The meeting will be at the Lutheran Church of St. John, in the Family Life Center. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. You do not need to be a member to attend, bring your friends. For more information about GRGS, go to www.gr-gs.org or The Great River Genealogical Society on Facebook.



Help us kick-off Homecoming Weekend 2019 at the 5th annual Homecoming Balloon Glow on **Thursday, September 26th**. This **FREE event runs 6:00pm – 10:00pm**. The QU homecoming parade starts at 6:30 (QU Stadium to Friars’ Field), followed by the pep rally, and the balloon glow at dusk. Watch balloonists fire their burners and light up at the same time for a spectacular hot air balloon display. www.quincy.edu/homecoming