

## RENOVATING: CHURCH & HEART

Do you feel the buzz in the air? The excitement is growing more and more each day as the date draws closer. It seems that the more I talk with people, the more excited everyone is getting about our upcoming renovations that will be taking place here in a little less than a month.

We have seen our Thermometer grow from our starting funds of \$35,000 to over \$63,000. That means we are within \$17,000 of our target goal of \$80,000. We're almost there — keep up the good work.

But before we can begin the remodel, we have some things to finish up first. Council needs to finalize the flooring for the altar area, the carpet for the pew area and hallways, get the right paint picked out, etc. While the list of things to do, may be long, it is not endless.

Just as we are eagerly preparing for the renovations of our Lord's House, so we also eagerly prepare our hearts each and every Sunday.

Every Sunday we come to the Lord's House and repent of our sins. Along with St. Paul, we confess **"I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out"** (Romans 7:18).

This is a confession that we have sinned against God and one another in thought, word, and deed; by the things we have done and left undone as well. God's Word is full of passages to remind us that we are sinners in need of God's mercy.

So with King David we cry, **"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me"** (Psalm 51:10).

Because of Christ Jesus' perfect life and all atoning sacrifice on the Cross, your sins - no matter how big or small, are forgiven.

**"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."** (Isaiah 1:18) Jesus has cleansed your heart and redeemed you. In [Jesus] **"we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of God's grace"** (Eph. 1:7). Therefore, your heart is cleansed, you are forgiven and restored with God. But that leaves us asking the good old Lutheran question, "What does this mean?"

What does this mean for us now as we live our everyday lives? What does it mean for us as we raise our family, go to work & interact with the community?

Well, quite simply it means that you live your life as a follower of Christ. You fill your heart with things that are God-pleasing; things that reflect whose you are.

Think of it this way, when you walk into a school you don't question where you are—for the things around you tell you where you are. You see pictures of the alphabet on the wall, you see math equations, text books, whiteboard, and even desks. The things around you tell you that you are

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# The Good News Gazette

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in the school. It's filled with things that reflect 'education' and no matter where you look—the child learns. They learn 'E' is for Elephant or '2+2 = 4'. The environment is filled with things that teach and educate.

The same should be true when we walk into the church, no matter where we look—it should serve as a place that teaches the things of God and strengthens our faith. So when we look forward, we see the Stained Glass Window and thus are reminded of Jesus' baptism and how we are united to Christ in our own baptism. We see the cross and are reminded of the price Christ paid for our sins. We see the eight-sided font and are reminded of the 'new creation / new life' we have that comes when our sin is drowned and died with Christ and we rise to new life. There are also banners hanging up pointing us to the season of the Church year. And then there is the ciborium and the chalice that hold the body and the blood of our Lord that have the image of the Lord's Supper on it. This reminds us of the meal Christ Jesus instituted for us, for the forgiveness of our sins. And even pastor's stoles have pictures on them that point us to the things of God, reminding us of His Word and promises.

Just as our own homes have pictures from weddings and family vacations, to school pictures, and photos of loved ones, all serving to remind us of something. So God's house is filled with things to remind us of Him and His Word.

So also we fill our hearts with things that remind us of God's Will for our lives. We place in our hearts "**love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control**" (Gal. 5:22-23), the gifts of the Spirit. And we use such gifts as we raise our family and interact in the world around us. We show love to those who hurt us, and we deal in patience with an ever increasing hostile world. Jesus said, "**Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven**" (Matthew 5:16).

As our hearts are cleansed through the confession of our sins, and we are absolved (forgiven) for Jesus sake, then

our ears and hearts are filled with God's Word and promises. As we partake of Jesus' very body & blood, it pierces our lips and purifies our hearts and souls, with the promise of forgiveness and the hope of eternal life. And as these things take place during Worship—your heart is filled with good things, Godly things, so that during the week "**your light [will] shine before others.**"

And as your light shines—there will be no question as to whose you are. For just as when one walks into the church and immediately can see the things of God, so when one looks at you—they see your Heavenly Father. By your dealings with others, the love of Christ Jesus is displayed. By your forgiveness to those who hurt you, others will know of Christ's forgiveness.

So as we prepare for the renovations next month, looking to freshen up the Lord's House with some new carpet and paint—but also filling it with things that point us to Christ Jesus and remind us of God's love. So that like the school house classroom, when one walks in, no matter where they look, they are learning about the Lord. May we also make sure to tidy up our hearts daily through devotion & prayer and weekly by coming to the Lord's House to receive His gifts in Word & Sacrament; gifts that "creates in [us] a clean heart and renews a right spirit."

I don't know about you, but I'm excited not only about the renovations of God's House that lends us a chance to point others to His gifts. But I am excited to know that God is working to create in me, and each of us, a clean heart, giving us all a fresh new start in Jesus. Amen



Do you know someone who is in Need of Prayer or a pastor's visit, please let the church office or Pastor Yaw know.

### **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE IN NEED ESPECIALLY:**

#### **SICK, ILL, OR REQUESTED PRAYERS:**

Larry Heckmann, Carol Holewinski, Arlin Johnson, Zach Kolzow, Herman Rhode, Sarah Scharenbrock, David A. & David P. Schmidt

#### **OUR SHUT-INS:**

Dewey & Shirley Folkman, Bob Hubbard, Gladys Nelson, and Gen Wilke

### **OUR MISSIONARIES:**

Pastor James May & family and the work of Lutherans in Africa.

Phil's Friends & their cancer support.

Pulaski Food Pantry and the many local families touched by their care.

#### **Peru Mission Team:**

Lynn Aprill, Amy Dyer, Linda Jicha, Pastor & Heidi Yaw



# St. John's ~ Elder's Corner

## ST. JOHN BOARD OF ELDERS

**PLEASE FEEL FREE  
TO CALL ANY ELDER:**

Families by last names  
& their assigned Elder

- ✠ **Aprill—Carlson**  
Elder: Neal Sharkey  
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Elder: Larry Slaght  
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- ✠ **Schlender —Ullmer, B.**  
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**HEAD ELDER:**  
GENE SCHROEDER

## ST. JOHN ELDERS — HERE TO SERVE YOU!

What is an elder & what should our congregation expect of its elders? Elders assist the pastor in matters pertaining to the spiritual welfare of the congregation, public worship, Christian discipline and restoration. Elders serve all members of the congregation. In order to perform such services, they concern themselves with the spiritual growth and well being of St. John's members through prayer and individual contacts.

Do you have a spiritual concern? In need of prayer or someone to listen to your concern? Contact one of the elders today! We are here to serve you; showing the love, mercy, and peace of Jesus to those in need.  
(See James 5:13-16)



## ASCENSION & PENTECOST



This month, we observe two very important Church Festivals: on May 5th the Ascension of our Lord and May 15th Pentecost.

Forty days after His resurrection, Christ ascended into heaven in triumph. We can well imagine the "welcome home" celebration He received. Now seated at the right hand of God, He continues to govern His church and all its members with grace and truth.

How great must have been the celebration in heaven when the Son of God, returned to His Father's house. The one who ascended had previously descended to earth. He had come to impart gifts to people – the gifts of salvation, forgiveness, and peace with God. It was not easy for Him to give these gifts. He had to go through a terrible war against Satan, an encounter that cost Him His life.

But Christ's death was not the end. The Heavenly Father raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in heaven as clear proof of His victory. Our Lord emerged from the deadly conflict as the obvious victor, the indisputable Lord of all.

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He gave more gifts to Christendom: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. These persons were appointed by Him to carry on the work of proclaiming the Gospel in all the world. Before the apostles went out to teach and baptize all nations, He sent the Holy Spirit as counselor and chief witness on Pentecost Day.

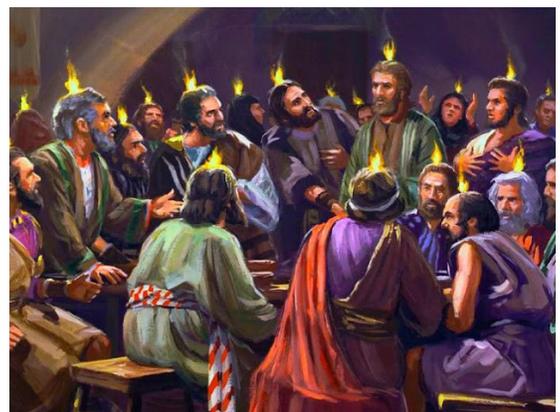
On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples, who began to preach to the multitudes. Peter specially set forth the meaning of Jesus Christ's crucifixion

& resurrection, calling on people to repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of their sins. Three thousand were moved by the Holy Spirit to respond.

The Holy Spirit and the Gospel through which He comes into our hearts have lost none of their power. They are still the divine dynamo and power line. If God so desires, He can convert a nation in one day. Most generally, however, the Spirit leads people to Christ one by one. That is how things went in later times as the apostles went on their missionary journeys.

In Philippi, Paul gained two people: Lydia and the jailor. In Athens, the converts were Dionysius of the Athenian court, a woman named Damaris, and a number of others. After Pentecost there seems to have been no mass conversions. The Holy Spirit caused the church to grow by one at a time.

So it is today. Individuals come to their Savior one at a time, not by their own reason or strength but by the Spirit's power through the Gospel. It was Pentecost on a personal scale when Saul was converted. It is a miniature Pentecost, an event celebrated by the angels of heaven, when the Holy Spirit leads a person to repentance and the saving faith in Christ.



# CALLED TO SERVE



**"As each has received a gift,  
use it to serve one another,  
as good stewards of God's varied grace"**

~ 1 Peter 4:10 ~

## CALLED TO SERVE IN PERU

Hearing our Lord's call to serve others with the various gifts we have received, this summer five members from St. John Lutheran Church, *Lynn Aprill, Amy Dyer, Linda Jicha, and Pastor & Heidi Yaw*, will be working with Most Ministries and traveling with the North Wisconsin District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to Lima, Peru on a Mission Trip June 25th - July 3rd.

While in Peru, they will spend a week teaching English to students in Lima who are eager to learn the English language. Days will be filled with lessons in Bible reading, grammar, vocabulary, idioms, and writing, but that is only half the fun! Arts, crafts, music, drama, recreation and a time of worship will also be provided. Students will vary in age from young children through adults, including many young professionals and older adults.

While this is an exciting opportunity to use our various gifts to serve the people in Peru, **WE NEED YOUR HELP** in making it to Peru. **SEE THE OTHER COLUMN ON HOW YOU CAN HELP.**



## 3 WAYS YOU CAN HELP

### 1) PRAYER

**"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."**

~ Philippians 4:6 ~

First and foremost, pray for our mission team. Pray that the Lord prepares our hearts and minds to serve Him and others during this wonderful opportunity.

Pray for our planning, our travel, our safety, and for fundraising efforts.

Pray for those whom we will be serving. That the Lord send His Spirit to open up hearts to be receptive to His Word.



### 2) FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The cost of this trip is about \$2,500 per person. That means we need to raise between \$10,000 and \$12,000. Consider making a donation of at least \$25 to help the team in their effort to get to Peru or sponsor one of the team members. Watch also for upcoming fundraising opportunities.

#### How to Donate:

To donate toward this trip, contact Pastor Yaw or go to the church website [www.stjohnpulaskiwi.org](http://www.stjohnpulaskiwi.org)

You can also give online through the Online Fundraising Page located at YouCaring; just type in the following link: <http://youcaring.com/wi2peru>



### 3) SHARE THE NEWS

Please share the information with family, friends, coworkers, etc. Encourage them to give toward this mission trip. Direct them to the YouCaring Link above. Post the link & information on Your Facebook and Twitter accounts or share via email.



## GRADUATING?

Are you or your child graduating from High school, College, or boot camp? Let us know in the church office (822-3511) so we can honor your achievement in the June Newsletter.

You can email the church office ([stjohn-lcms@netnet.net](mailto:stjohn-lcms@netnet.net)) with the following info.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADUATING FROM: \_\_\_\_\_

POST GRADUATE PLANS:

COLLEGE: \_\_\_\_\_

MAJOR: \_\_\_\_\_

WORK FORCE, WHERE: \_\_\_\_\_

MILITARY / BRANCH: \_\_\_\_\_

ANY REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

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**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT INFO.**

**MONDAY, MAY 23RD**



## RENOVATION FUNDRAISING UPDATE

The Fundraising Committee is tasked with "leading the congregation to raise up to \$80,000 to go toward our building repairs and renovations."

### SILENT AUCTION – MAY 1ST – MAY 22ND



Check out the Baskets we have available for a Silent Auction. Bids will be accepted now through May 22nd (Voters' Assembly).

We are still accepting Baskets and Donations.



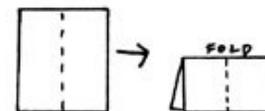
SUNDAY,  
MAY 22ND –  
10:30 AM

Semi-Annual  
Voters' Meeting

Join us for our Semi-Annual Voters' meeting following Sunday Worship Service.

Voters' Packets will be placed in your church mailboxes on Sunday, May 8th. Those not taken home will be mailed out on Monday, May 9th. So please save us postage by grabbing your packet.

If you want to keep your packet in your mailbox for the meeting, please refold them and place back in your mailbox like the diagram to the right. So that they do not stick out of your mailbox.



Items up for discussion include: Playground update, Peru Mission trip, Renovations, & Election of Officers

(To be elected: Congregational President, Board of Property, Board of Education, Board of Evangelism)

Take pride in your church and get involved today!

## BOOYAH SALE – FRI., MAY 6TH & SAT., MAY 7TH



Get the word out to the community that St. John will be having a Booyah Sale on Friday May 6th and we will sell anything left over on Saturday, May 7th during the Village Wide Rummage Sale. Purchase it by the bowl or by the quart.

## A GIFT FOR LADIES OF THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, MAY 8TH

The Board of Evangelism has a gift for all women of the congregation on Mother's Day Weekend. You don't need to be a mom to receive the gift. We thank the Lord for each of you, and the motherly love you share for St. John and her members.



# STEWARDSHIP

MAXIMIZING GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR HIS GLORY

## FREEDOM—FROM THE LAW, BUT WHAT FOR?

Do we Christians really have to tithe? Are we really under a compulsion to give? Aren't we free? Don't we have a freedom from the law that was purchased for us by Jesus Christ's death and resurrection?

The problem is that our sinful flesh uses our freedom for selfishness. Christ did not die and rise so that we could give less and do less good work in the world. He died and rose to free us from the compulsion of the Law, to free us from a burden we could not bear.

We are missing the point completely if we use the freedom from the Law that Christ won by His passion, crucifixion, and resurrection to give less, or to do less of any good work. Christ set us free to live in His image of faithfulness, generosity, and kindness. We are free from the Law's condemnation so that we can walk in the good works the Lord has prepared for us.

Our freedom is not given to indulge our sinful and selfish flesh. Our freedom was purchased and won by Christ so that we could serve our neighbors — our family, our society, our church.

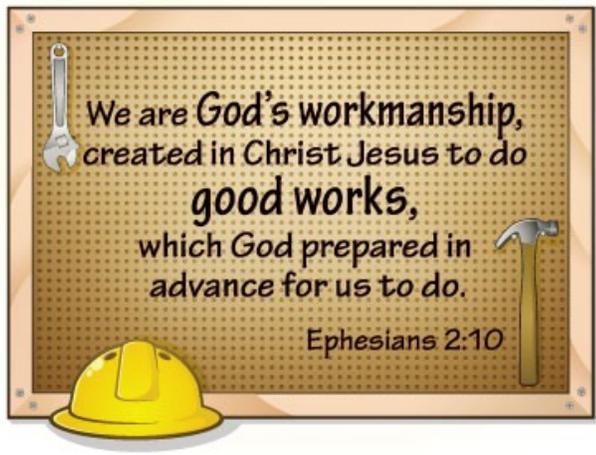
As a result, much of your freedom is not a freedom from, but a freedom to and for. You are not free from serving your neighbor. You are free for service toward your neighbor—willingly and without compulsion. You are not free from giving to your church; you are freed to

give to your local congregation in joy, willingly, and without compulsion.

The reason you are free to serve, the reason you are free to give is because of Jesus Christ and the forgiveness of sin He won for you on the cross, which He delivers to you in the Gospel and the sacraments. That is our motivation. **“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life”** (St. John 3:16).

And since God loves us in this way, by giving us His only-begotten Son so that we do not perish, we also love one another in this way, by giving what we have so that our neighbor does not perish.

If the God who has provided the sacrifice for your eternal salvation, the God who delivers that salvation to you in Holy Baptism, the God who continues to forgive you and show you His faithfulness, if that same God is the one who also promises to give you daily bread and take care of your earthly life, you can trust in Him, even in giving. After all, Jesus Christ is proof that God loves you and will take care of you.



### 2016

### FINANCE REPORT

In an effort to provide more communication regarding the church's financial position, a monthly report will be provided in the newsletter to indicate the year-to-date budget versus the year-to-date (YTD) actual amounts for both contributions and expenses. The information reported in the newsletter will be for the most recent fully completed month.



#### FOR THE MONTH ENDING MARCH 2016

YTD Contributions- Actual	\$ 58,509.01
YTD Expenses- Actual	\$ 51,426.22
<b>YTD Difference</b>	<b>\$ 7,082.79</b>

~ Questions or Concerns ~

Contact our Church Treasurer, Krista Brassfield

To meet our projected expenses for this year the Voters' Assembly passed in December the **2016 budget — \$228,975**



## Board of Evangelism

*To inspire the congregation to reach out through God's love, to serve the community, and to bring people to Christ.*



### WANTED — BOARD OF EVANGELISM LEADER

The Board of Evangelism is up for election as Lynn Aprill has filled her term and will not be running again.

We are seeking an individual who has a heart for Christ, a love for people, and a desire to share God's Word both within the church and within the community.

If you would like to learn more or you are willing to fill this position, please contact Pastor.



## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

**New Orleans Bound** — we have a group of 3 youth and 2 adults that will be attending the 2016 National Youth Gathering (NYG) this summer in New Orleans.

The cost to attend this trip is about \$1,500 per person. The youth are accepting donations for this trip. Consider sponsoring a youth or look for ways you can help them reach their goal of being able to attend.

Special Door Offering will be collected May 1st & 8th with matching donations up to \$1,500. Please consider making a donation above & beyond your general tithe to help the youth make it to New Orleans.

Those attending the 2016 National Youth Gathering: Aryan Brunette, Amy Dyer, Jean & Rylie Kohlmeyer, and ChaChi (Michelle) Wood



LCMS YOUTH GATHERING  
NEW ORLEANS - JULY 16-20, 2016

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School wraps up on Sunday, May 1st as we have our 2nd annual Field Day.

While May 1st was the last day of Sunday school for this school year, we will resume in the Fall after Labor Day weekend. However, we want to encourage you all to take time over the summer to read the Bible together as a family, remember to say prayers at meal time and bedtime. Use your child's 'My First Hymnal' as a guide for family devotions and even sing hymns together. If you need a 'My First Hymnal' please contact the church office. Also check out the great devotional resources in the church library as well as family friendly books, DVDs, etc.

Summer is a great time for family and faith and to grow closer together with one another and with our Lord.

### TODDLER/NURSERY ROOMS:

Parents: please feel free to take advantage of the toddler room or nursery that are available for your use during the services. During the Sunday school hours volunteers are available to watch your toddlers in the toddler room. Interested in helping support the toddler room, please contact the Sunday School Directors Lindsey Winn, 822-1440 or Heidi Yaw, 883-2692.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT

#### Bibles for Lutherans in Africa

Sunday School this year dedicated its offerings to purchase Bibles for distribution in Africa through 'Lutherans in Africa'.

Our goal was to be able to purchase at least 200 Bibles. We not only have met that goal — we crushed it. We brought in more than enough with our offerings (**over \$2,000**) to purchase over 240 Bibles for distribution in Africa. We will continue to raise funds for this project until the end of July.

### SQUEAKY

Please consider donating food items to the Pulaski Food Pantry on the 3rd Sunday with items like, granola bars, cereal, single serving size items and peanut butter. Food items can be donated anytime in "Squeaky" and will help the food pantry fill the nutritional need of those in our community.

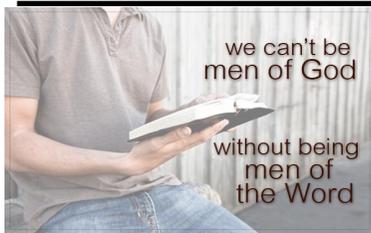


## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES



**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY BREAKFAST**  
**Wednesday 8:00 am at Pulaski Station\***  
*\*Formerly known as Neighborhood Kitchen*

Men of all ages are invited to join us for breakfast as we enjoy fellowship and studying of the Word of God. We look at the coming Sunday readings, discussing them while we wait for our food to arrive. If you can't make it weekly, that's alright. Join us when you can.



**MEN'S**  
**SATURDAY MORNING**  
**BIBLE STUDY**

**WE WILL BE TAKING A BREAK FROM MEETING**  
**FOR THE CURRENT TIME WHILE PASTOR**  
**REEVALUATES A FEW THINGS.**

**THANK YOU**

## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

**Will Resume in September**

Join us for one of the following events during May.

- May 8th—Mother's Day (treat mom to brunch)
- May 15th—Confirmation Sunday
- May 22nd—Voters' Assembly
- May 29th—Memorial Day Weekend

## TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

**Come for the coffee, stay for the study.**

**We are Looking at 'Heroes of the Faith'**

- May 3rd—No Class / Pastor at Conference
- May 10th—Solomon
- May 17th—Jeremiah
- May 24th—Timothy
- May 31st—Lydia



## **Ways to Support St. John** **while you shop!**

Did you know that there are many ways to help our church and youth program financially—just by doing what you are doing anyway?

One example is SCRIP. By using the gift cards purchased here for your regular shopping for groceries, home goods, clothing, or eating out, our school automatically receives anywhere from 2 to 10 percent of your purchase (*depending on the retailer*) goes toward our youth program. Order forms are available by the coat room.

A program you may not be aware of is "Amazon Smile." Amazon will give back 0.5% of your amazon.com purchase, if you go through Amazon Smile, at no extra cost to you. Go to smile.amazon.com and log in to your regular account. From there, you can choose a charity to support. Our church is part of this program.

On your first visit to smile.amazon.com type in the pick your own charitable organization box to search for "Saint John Pulaski". Select the church to receive donations from your eligible purchases before you begin shopping.

Amazon will remember your selection, then every eligible purchase you make on AmazonSmile will result in a donation to the church.

If you are an Amazon Prime member, this will still work. So do amazon gift cards (*which you can purchase in SCRIP*). If you shop at Amazon, please check this out. It is a very easy way to help. 0.5% does not sound like much, but if enough of us do it, it will add up pretty quickly. Every little bit helps!



Online Readers: to shop using AmazonSmile selecting St. John click on the Picture above now

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# Corner

**NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY, MAY 4TH – 6:30**

Jackie Brassfield will serve as the host of the next Ladies Guild Meeting. All ladies are welcome to join us at any time. We hope that you find time in your schedule for devotion and fellowship.

Several ladies attended the LWML rally held in Forestville on Saturday, April 23rd. The Christian Life Topic was 'This is My Story, This is My Song'.

A thought to ponder was what song is about your story? The guest speaker was Teal Van Lanen, from the Algoma Wellness Center, focused on: "from classroom to community, connecting others together through whole wellness".

Gifts of the Heart for JAK's Place located in Sturgeon Bay. If you missed the April newsletter, go back and read about it.



June 23-25 is the District LWML Convention which will be held in Eau Claire, WI. You'll hear more about that next month.



"You were preaching a 45-minute sermon in a 25-minute zone, Pastor. I'm going to have to see your license and ordination."

By Jean Kohlmeier

# Kids' Korner

Well it's finally starting to warm up. The early flowers are in bloom and the trees are budding, despite the snow that came rather late. You may have seen seed catalogs in the mail or heard your parents or grandparents talk about what they are going to plant in the garden this year.

So I thought we would talk about gardens and planting in the Bible. We can go way back to Genesis 2:8. This one you probably all know the name of. **"The Lord planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there he put man whom He had formed."**

Then the Lord God took man, put him in the garden of Eden to tend it and keep it. (Genesis 2:15) So despite the fact that a river flowed out of Eden to water the garden (Genesis 2:10) and no weeds grew, it still needed to be tended. It was after sin entered the world it became hard work: "Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; and you will eat the plants of the field." (Genesis 3:17-18)

Another garden you probably will remember is the Garden of Gethsemane. It means "oil press or olive press," since it was a garden of olive trees, there still today. This was a frequent meeting place for Jesus and His disciples and where He went to pray the night He was betrayed, just across from the Kidron Valley from Jerusalem. (John 18:2)

Jesus was buried in a tomb in a garden. **"Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. Therefore because of the Jewish day of preparation, since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there."** (St. John 19:41-42)

Some verses mentioning gardens, but not by name, can be found in: 2 Kings 21:18, 1 Kings 21:2, Esther 1:5, Jeremiah 29:5, Jeremiah 31:12, and Isaiah 1:30. Vineyards are often mentioned, a garden where grapes were grown.

In Luke 8:1-15, Jesus tells the Parable of the Soils. In Matthew 13:24-30, the Parable of Wheat and Tares, and in Matthew 13:31, the Parable of the Mustard Seed.

John 15:5 says: I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. (You can get a little deeper into this verse, by starting with the first verse of John.)

This weekend, I'm hoping to start my pepper plants inside, if I can find what I did with my seeds. As I plant my garden, I am reminded there is another kind of planting we can do. We can plant a seed for Jesus in someone who doesn't know Him, by sharing the story of His love and what He has done for us. Happy Planting!



**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN  
DOOR COUNTY WINE TOUR  
SATURDAY, JUNE 18TH**

**COST PER PERSON: \$ 40.00**

Price includes transportation, three winery tastings/tours, all inclusive brunch, shopping in Egg Harbor, a cheese tasting, and a ton of fun! Limited Space. Questions call: Lynn Aprill, 920-822-9853

**OUR AGENDA**

-  7:45am arrival at St. John-Pulaski church parking lot
-  8:00am depart from St. John  
(Bus courtesy of Woody's Wheels)
-  9:15am arrival at Door Peninsula Winery
  -  Winery Tour & Wine Tasting
-  10:30am depart from Door Peninsula Winery
-  10:45am arrival at Galileo's - Brunch  
(See Wine Tour Luncheon Menu)
-  11:45am shopping at Liberty Square, Egg Harbor
-  12:50pm depart from Egg Harbor
-  1:00pm arrival at Harbor Ridge Winery
  -  Wine Tasting & Cheese Tasting
-  2:00pm depart from Harbor Ridge Winery
-  2:15pm arrive at Simon Creek Winery
  -  Winery Tour & Tasting
-  3:30pm depart from Simon Creek Winery
-  5:00pm arrival back at St. John Pulaski

**WINE TOUR LUNCHEON MENU  
(PLEASE SELECT ONE ENTREE)**

**DOOR COUNTY SALAD**

Spring mix with toasted pecans, dried Door County Montmorency cherries, and award-winning Sartori Mont Amore cheese served with our house made cherry vinaigrette dressing.

**TROLLEY WINE SPECIALITY SANDWICH**

Chunks of grilled chicken, grapes, celery, apples and dried Door County Cherries in a seasoned mayonnaise dressing.

Served with crisp lettuce on a croissant. Served with your choice of chips or potato salad.

**PASTA WITH GARLIC BREAD**

Served with your choice of one of the following sauces:

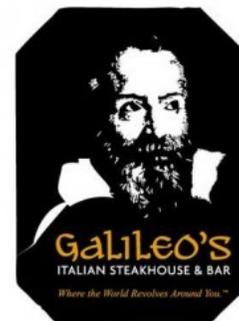
- Marinara** - A traditional tomato, garlic and herb sauce that we slow roast to perfection.
- Bolognese** - Our delicious marinara sauce flavored with pork sausage and beef.
- Alfredo** - A rich cream based butter & Italian cheese sauce.
- Arrabiata** - A spicy marinara sauce.

**DESSERT**

Door County Cherry Streusel

**BEVERAGES INCLUDED:**

Water, Iced Tea, Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Sprite Zero, Mello Yello, or Lemonade



**REGISTRATION FORM: ST. JOHN LUTHERAN – PULASKI DOOR COUNTY WINE TOUR**

Please seal form & payment in an envelope - Payment due by May 29th.  
Checks Payable to 'St. John Lutheran' Put in mailbox 214 or give to Lynn Aprill.

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE/EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

BRUNCH CHOICE: \_\_\_\_\_ SALAD ; \_\_\_\_\_ SANDWICH ; \_\_\_\_\_ PASTA (SAUCE) \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

**MUST BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD TO SIGN UP**



## SHOPPING

**Son:** Dad, do you know the difference between a pack of cookies and a pack of elephants?

**Dad:** No.

**Son:** Then it's a good thing Mom does the grocery shopping!

## TIME TO GET UP

**Mom No. 1:** How do you get your sleepy-head son up in the morning?

**Mom No. 2:** I just put the cat on the bed.

**Mom No. 1:** How does that help?

**Mom No. 2:** The dog's already there.

## COLD CREAM

Little Billy's mom was rubbing moisturizing cream on her face as Billy walked in.

"Mommy, what are you doing?" he asked.

"I'm putting cold cream on my face," she replied.

"Why, Mommy?" Billy asked.

"To make my skin look beautiful," she said.

When she started wiping the cold cream off her face with a kleenex, Billy said, "Gosh, Mom, you're giving up already?"



**"This one looks promising: "limited knowledge of contemporary culture, enjoys renovation projects and yard work."**

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## MOTHER'S DICTIONARY

### **DUMBWAITER:**

One who asks if the kids would care to order dessert.

### **FEEDBACK:**

The inevitable result when the baby doesn't appreciate the strained carrots.

### **FULL NAME:**

What you call your child when you're mad at him.

### **GRANDPARENTS:**

The people who think your children are wonderful even though they're sure you're not raising them right.

### **HEARSAY:**

What toddlers do when anyone mutters a dirty word.

### **INDEPENDENT:**

How we want our children to be for as long as they do everything we say.

### **PUDDLE:**

A small body of water that draws other small bodies wearing dry shoes into it.

### **SHOW OFF:**

A child who is more talented than yours.

### **STERILIZE:**

What you do to your first baby's pacifier by boiling it, and to your last baby's pacifier by blowing on it and wiping it with saliva.

### **TOP BUNK:**

Where you should never put a child wearing Superman jammies.

### **TWO-MINUTE WARNING:**

When the baby's face turns red and she begins to make those familiar-grunting noises.

### **WHODUNIT:**

None of the kids that live in your house.

# ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

May 6th & May 7th

Our Annual Rummage Sale will take place again as part of the Pulaski Village wide sale.

In addition to the Rummage sale, there will be a Booyah and Bake Sale as well.

All proceeds go to support 3 different areas of ministry and needs within the congregation. They are: Mission Team to Peru, Youth attending the National Youth Gathering, and the Renovations.

## **HOW ST. JOHN MEMBERS CAN HELP:**

### ✦ **Donate Items**

Do you have items around the house you have been looking to get rid of, then donate it to the rummage sale. Donations can be left off at church starting Sunday, May 1st.

### ✦ **Bake Goods**

Make some bake good items for the Bake Sale to be sold on Friday & Saturday. Drop off in the church kitchen.

### ✦ **Lend a hand**

We are in need of volunteers to help organize the clothing, price items, collect money, help with set-up & take down. If you can lend a hand during the week of May 1st or if you available to work a couple of hours on Friday or Saturday that would be greatly appreciated. Your support helps us provide for the various ministry needs.

### ✦ **Come Shop**

It's okay ladies, we won't tell your husbands!  
Besides you're supporting a great cause —  
St. John's ministries.

### ✦ **Share the Word**

Tell others about the Rummage Sale, Bake Sale, & Booyah Sale that will be taking place at St. John.

