



# The St. Johns Servant

St. Johns  
Lutheran Church

Park Rapids, Minnesota

October, 2021

## Celebrating LWML Sunday, October 3

“Our hearts in His hand” is the theme for this year’s LWML Sunday. On this day we recognize the work of the LWML in spreading the Gospel message across the world. We will have an LWML booth in the front lobby highlighting the work of the LWML. There will be drawings for prizes. LWML members will serve as ushers.



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an active and mission oriented organization that encourages women to use their talents and gifts in promoting the Lord's ministry to people of the world, community and church. Through the LWML they support projects at the international and district level with mite box offerings. We have two LWML groups here at St. Johns.



The Ladies Aid meets on the second Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the choir room. The meetings begin with devotions and Bible study followed by a business meeting.

St. Johns Evening Guild meets the second Tuesday of the month, September to May, at 1:00 p.m. in the church library. Meetings consist of devotions, Bible study, speaker or video, followed by a business meeting.

## Guest Speaker from Lutheran Bible Translators Here October 3 Also

On Sunday, October 3 we will have Rev. David Federwitz from Lutheran Bible Translators as our guest preacher. He will also tell us more about LBT during Bible study time.

Rev. David and Valerie Federwitz have been serving in Africa since 2003. They worked in Ghana with Komba-speaking people to develop a Komba language primer series. While David continues to encourage and support the Komba Literacy and Bible Translation Project, he is now LBT’s Regional Director for Liberia, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Nigeria, and Cameroon. He spends time with current and potential partner organization leaders in these countries and supervises the LBT missionaries who work in these countries, encouraging and advising them as they serve in their various locations and capacities.

Valerie manages their household, communicates with family and supporters, and is studying to be a Certified Nutrition Therapy Practitioner with the goal of helping her family and missionary colleagues maximize their health through balanced nutrition.

David and Valerie have four children: Michaela, Josiah, Micah, and JoyAnna.





## Youth Fall Fest

All youth in grades 5-12 are invited to join us for a fall fest here at church on Sunday, October 10 from 4:30—7:00 p.m. There will be snacks, too. Friends are welcome!



## You Can be A National Youth Gathering Shareholder

Several of our young people are planning to attend the National Youth Gathering which will be held July 9-13, 2022 in Houston, Texas and you can play a major role in sending them there by becoming a shareholder.

100 "shares" will be available for purchase at \$25 per share. If we sell all 100 shares we can do more! These shares will be available for purchase between services or in the church office starting this Sunday, September 19. Church members are encouraged to buy multiple shares and shares may be gifted to another person.

Share holders will receive a certificate with their name showing their commitment to the youth of St. Johns. If purchasing a share for someone else please let us know who's name should be listed on the certificate, along with their address or email address for the newsletter.

Shareholders will receive a monthly e-newsletter (paper copies can be mailed out for those without email) with updates from the youth.

Share holders will be invited to a sit down dinner on October 17 to meet the youth attending the Gathering in Houston in 2022. One share = one place at dinner (this is a fundraiser after all). Please RSVP by October 13.

Shareholders will be invited to a send-off for the youth prior to their departure for Houston.

Share holders will be invited to share dessert with the youth upon their return from the gathering to hear about their experience.



### † Baptism

09/05 Katherine Ann Michelle Newton  
Joel and Sarah (Ludwig) Newton

### † Funerals

09/02 Mick Colgrove  
09/11 Gary Jones (private family service)  
09/11 Bernice Hinds (family graveside service)  
09/12 Bill Valtinson





## Chaplain Bain is Going Back to School

Here's our latest update from Chaplain Bain:

I am presently serving in an educational setting. I am now assigned to the United States Army - Student Detachment. I have been selected from amongst my peers in the chaplain corps to pursue a Master Degree in Bioethics. Following successful completion of this degree program, I am projected to serve on the chaplain staff at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, as staff bioethicist.



For this present academic year, August 2021 through June 2022, I am a student at the Harvard Medical School - Center for Bioethics. This particular area of Harvard is located close to Fenway Park, in the southern side of Boston, and not on the main campus in Cambridge.

I am both humbled and honored to have the opportunity to prepare for my future assignment at this world class university. It is an amazing experience, and the busiest I have ever been while serving as a military chaplain. The course work is engaging with a robust amount of regular home work, papers, and projects. I will be well prepared for what lies ahead. I am also the first Army chaplain who has been in this program, which is quite interesting on its own. While my focus has shifted from direct soldier care this year, a fair number of my classmates have approached me to discuss church, religious, and spiritual matters. Always be prepared to give a reason for the hope that you!

We, Paulette and I, have never been to the Boston area. We are finding it to be quite nice. In many ways, it is like northern MN, except the trees are mostly maples and not pines. We were fortunate to secure housing at the Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford, MA. It's about 1.5 hour commute from the base to school using public transportation. I have been able to use that traveling time for reading, which has been a great help.

The base is located between Lexington and Concord, MA, right in the heart of the earliest Revolutionary War engagements. Just outside the front gate is the location where Paul Revere was captured on his ride to notify the Minute Men of the British troop movements. We have been able to visit some of these incredible historic sites on the weekends.

One of the greatest blessings of this assignment, has been the LCMS congregation in Bedford, MA, where we are worshipping. It's only five miles from the base! We haven't been this close to church in years. It's made it possible for us to regularly participate in worship, bible studies, and choir on a weekly basis. Thanks be to God!

That is quick update as to where we are and what we are doing this year. It is quite the unique military ministry experience.

Our address for this assignment is: 8 Kelly Ln, Hanscom AFB, MA 01731. We look forward to hear from you and our brothers and sisters in Christ!

Have a blessed day!

**CH (MAJ) Vince Bain, PhD**





## Stewardship Review—August

Avg. Sunday Worship Attendance: **181**

Total Offerings: <b>\$45,303</b>	Total Offerings, August, 2020: <b>\$39,583</b>
Total Expenses: <b>\$39,532</b>	Total Expenses, August, 2020: <b>\$35,884</b>
Difference <b>\$ 5,771</b>	Difference <b>\$ 3,699</b>

Avg. Weekly Offerings <b>\$9,061</b>	Budget/Week <b>\$9,855</b>	Total Offerings, year to date: <b>\$304,962</b>
Avg. Weekly Expenses <b>\$7,906</b>	Budget/Month <b>\$42,705</b>	Total Expenses, year to date: <b>\$299,505</b>
Difference <b>\$1,155</b>		Difference <b>\$ 5,457</b>

CNB Checkbook Balance as of 08/31/21: <b>\$86,203</b>	Our Healthy Balance Goal <b>\$74,000</b>
Less dedicated accounts <b>- \$4,559</b>	Raised so far <b>\$51,317</b>
Difference <b>\$81,644</b>	Still need <b>\$22,683</b>

Kitchen Payable **\$12,828**

## Volunteer for Living at Home

Living at Home has been serving seniors in our area since 1992. Their purpose is to mobilize volunteers and other community resources to enable seniors to remain in the home of their choice. They strive to provide dignity and quality of life for the elderly in our community.

You can help by becoming a volunteer. Volunteers provide transportation to appointments, minor handyman services, pick up groceries, run errands, make friendly visits, do occasional light housekeeping, build ramps and provide respite care. They can also share their interests and hobbies such as gardening and reading.



If you're interested, please contact them at 218-732-3137.

## GivePlus Mobile App Changing to Vanco Mobile



Vanco, our eGiving provider, has launched an updated mobile app called Vanco Mobile to replace GivePlus Mobile starting October 1. You can download the Vanco Mobile app for free from the App Store or Google Play. From there, you can make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving right through the app. Search for St. Johns or Park Rapids. Select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

If you have questions or need assistance with our new mobile app, please stop by the church office or call us at 732-9783.





# Sunday School News

## Perfect Attendance—September

- Kdg. Kellan Eidsmoe
- 1st Thatcher Eidsmoe, Grace Hockett
- 2nd Hunter Schroeder
- 3rd Sawyer Eidsmoe
- 4th Clinton Koch, Sophia Neubauer, Braden Schroeder
- 5th Zachary Harju, Khloe May
- 7th Maxwell Harju, Sawyer Harvey, Austin Lee, Aiden May

September Offering—\$35.20

*Great job!*



- 10/03 Brielle Knutson
- 10/06 Adelynn DeVore
- 10/14 Luke Eskola

## Baptismal Birthdays

- 10/02 Sophia Neubauer
- 10/07 Madelyn May
- 10/09 Tony Meier
- 10/23 Kellan Eidsmoe
- 10/23 Elsie Trandem



## MASTER MULTIPLICATION

Jesus tells a parable about faithful servants who multiply their master's money. How does the master respond?

*Directions: Solve the math problems. Find the letters that match the answers and write them in order to complete Matthew 25:21, NIV.*

⑤ x 3 =	⑥ x 6 =
⑦ x 4 =	⑨ x 3 =
④ x 6 =	③ x 8 =
② x 10 =	⑩ x 4 =
⑨ x 5 =	⑪ x 8 =

KEY		
A = 28	J = 50	S = 88
B = 35	K = 21	T = 45
C = 14	L = 63	U = 64
D = 25	M = 15	V = 32
E = 33	N = 24	W = 80
F = 72	O = 77	X = 56
G = 40	P = 54	Y = 20
H = 36	Q = 9	Z = 48
I = 27	R = 16	

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of \_\_\_\_\_ . Come and share your master’s happiness!’”

MATTHEW 25:21, NIV

Answer: 15, 28, 24, 20, 45, 36, 27, 24, 40, 88; many things

## Lessons this Month

- 10/3 The Pointing Prophet
- 10/10 A Temple Cleansing
- 10/17 The Born Again Truth
- 10/24 Living Water
- 10/31 A Mountain Top Wonder



## November Blood Drive Scheduled

St. Johns is hosting the **Vitalant Blood Drive on Monday, November 1 from noon to 6:00 p.m., and Tuesday, November 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** To make an appointment, please call Elayne Luiken at 218-255-4865 or go online to [www.bloodhero.com](http://www.bloodhero.com), sponsor code: parkrapids. **Please help us make a difference!**

## Breakfast in Bethlehem

The Evangelism Board is sponsoring a family orientated community outreach Christmas event on Saturday, December 4, beginning at 9:00 a.m. You are invited to bring your family and/or friends to St. Johns for a free breakfast. A brief dramatization of the Christmas story will be held after all attendees have been served. Following the drama, you are invited to view the Nativity Scene Gallery in the sanctuary. Children may choose to learn a Christmas carol on the Kazoo and create a Christmas ornament for their tree at home. An opportunity to have your family photo taken with a Bethlehem themed background will be available. We ask that you make a reservation to attend prior to the event. Visit [www.stjohnspr.org](http://www.stjohnspr.org) or call the church office (732-9783).



## Do You Have a Home Nativity Scene?



The Evangelism Board is searching for indoor Nativity sets to be used for our Breakfast in Bethlehem event on December 4. We are hoping that participants will be able to view a wide variety of Nativity sets that will be set up in the sanctuary for viewing after the breakfast. Our goal is to acquire 25 different scenes. If yours has any type of special meaning, please include that information on a card for us to share with the viewers. Currently, we only need to know WHO is able and willing to share their Nativity sets. We will include information on when to bring your sets to church at a later date. If you are interested in assisting us by sharing your indoor Nativity scene for the day, please call Connie Fondow (732-9236) or the church office (732-9783).



## Baby Shower Was An Intergenerational Event

Everyone had a great time at the baby shower the Board of Parish Fellowship hosted for the Newtons and baby, Katy. A huge thank you to the Board for putting all together-- the beautiful decorations, treats and cookies we had fun decorating.

Here's pictures of one of our oldest members, Darlene Wallick and Katy Newton, our youngest member and the cookies.





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