



The **St. Johns Servant**

**St. Johns
Lutheran Church**

Park Rapids, Minnesota

August, 2023

Vacation Bible School is This Month

We're looking forward to our VBS coming up Sunday-Thursday, August 6-10. We'll start with supper for the kids at 5:00 p.m. and wrap up each evening around 8:00 p.m. Here's our supper menu: Sunday—sloppy joes, Monday—mac/cheese and chicken nuggets, Tuesday—spaghetti, Wednesday—tacos, Thursday—burgers and hot dogs. You can register online by going to www.stjohnspr.org, and clicking the VBS tab or stop by the church to pick up a form. VBS is open to 4 year olds through 6th grade (just completed). There is a \$5 registration fee per student with a \$10 cap per family.



Ladies Aid Summer Potluck

All ladies are invited to attend the Ladies Aid potluck picnic here at St. Johns on Thursday, August 10 beginning at noon. We'll meet in the social hall. Come enjoy some great food and fellowship!

Lutheran Island Camp's Quilt Auction August 5

Viewing for the live auction will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Messiah Hall and the auction will start at 10:30 a.m. in the Rec Hall. You can also bid online August 5-11. This year they are introducing the "Handmade Treasures Boutique" which includes smaller items for sale. They always have some great food, too!

Lutheran Island Camp is located at 45011 230th St., Henning, Minnesota. You can get details by clicking the event tab at their website, www.islandcamp.org.



Finally! A Funeral Planning Worksheet



Way last June we did a Sunday Bible study on end of life issues. At that time there was a suggestion to have a form for people to fill out regarding their wishes for their funeral. It kept getting moved down the priority list but it's finally done! The form is enclosed with this newsletter and will also be available on our website. Once you fill out your form, you can bring it to church and we will make copies for you and keep one on file here. Taking the time to write down your wishes is a wonderful gift for your family and those who will take care of your arrangements. If you have questions about the form, please call and talk to the pastors or Ginny.



Pastor Berg's Ordination and Installation

Pastor Berg is officially here at St. Johns. About fifteen members of St. Johns were able to attend his ordination service at St. Andrew's in West Fargo. His installation service here at St. Johns was wonderful and the meal following was delicious! A huge thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it a success!

Pastor Berg has started settling into his office and new home. In an unexpected turn of events, he's putting his years of camp experience to use by helping fill a male counselor spot at Lutheran Island Camp for a week. He's looking forward to getting to know everyone and join the ministry here.





Stewardship Review—June

Avg. Sunday Worship Attendance: **189**

Total Offerings: \$33,123	Avg. Weekly Offerings \$8,281	Total Offerings, June, 2022: \$33,503
Total Expenses: \$38,941	Avg. Weekly Expenses \$9,735	Total Expenses, June, 2022: \$39,257
Difference - \$5,818	Difference - \$1,455	Difference - \$5,754

Total Offerings, year to date: \$222,486	Budget/Week \$10,807
Total Expenses, year to date: \$217,017	Budget/Month \$46,831
Difference \$ 5,469	

CNB Checkbook Balance as of 06/30/23: \$82,687	Our Healthy Balance Goal \$74,000
Less Dedicated Accounts - \$3,785	Raised so far \$62,637
Difference \$78,902	Still need \$11,363

Front Entry Payable **\$3,769**



What's On The Lutheran Hour

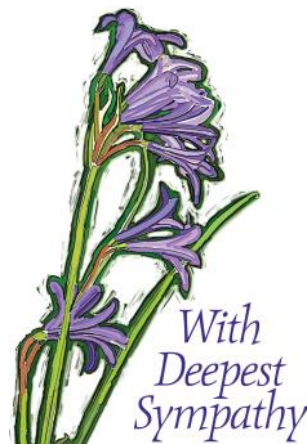
08/06 "Who is Jesus?"
 08/13 "How Well Does Jesus Know Me?"
 08/20 "The Latest Polls"
 08/27 "Raising the Praise"

Listen to the Lutheran Hour every Sunday on KPRM 870 AM at 9:30 a.m. or KTIG 102.7 FM at 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. You can also listen on Sirius XM Family Talk Channel 131, Sundays at 9:00 a.m. or any time on SENTRadio at lhm.org/sentradio.

The Lutheran Laymen's League sponsors the program on KPRM at a cost of \$51.50 each Sunday. If you would like to help sponsor the program your gift may be placed in the offering and earmarked "Local Lutheran Hour."

† Memorial Services

07/17 Brad Knapp
 07/22 Erna Kable





“Main Street Living North” for August

“MAIN STREET LIVING” is a locally produced TV program that includes a 30 minute worship service led by participating pastors of the Minnesota North and North Dakota Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30 minute Lutheran Hour program (normally “This Is the Life,” along with occasional church season specials). Programs are broadcast at 9:00 a.m. central time on FOX station KVRR Fargo-Moorhead Channel 15.1. Or you can watch archived episodes any time on their website at www.mainstreetliving.com (then click on “North (Fargo).”



Here’s the programs for August:

August 6: Rev. Thomas Marcis, Zion Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, presents the message: “Don’t Just Send Them Away” based on Matthew 14:13-21. *This Is the Life*: “No Laughing Matter” – A woman must learn to deal with her past in order to help someone else in her present.

August 13: Rev. Christopher Lieske, Trinity Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, MN, presents the message: “The Lord Who Saves” based on Matthew 14:22-23. *This Is the Life*: “My Husband, My Sorrow” – A man and woman must deal with whether they should consummate an adulterous affair.

August 20: Rev. Daniel Larsen, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Henning, MN, presents the message: “Jealous” based on Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32. *This Is the Life*: “The Cup” – The dilemma a trucker must face when a good friend dies trying to protect him.

August 27: Rev. Timothy Schmeisser, Grace Lutheran Church, Sebeka, MN, Zion Lutheran Church, Sebeka, MN, and Nimrod Lutheran Church, Nimrod, MN, presents the message: “Back To Basics” based on Matthew 16:13-20. *This Is the Life*: “Stranger at the Door” – Having given up a baby for adoption 22 years before, a man shows up on a woman’s steps saying he is looking for his mother.



If your cable doesn’t have KVRR, you can watch a different version (different pastors, mainly from Minnesota South) on WFTC out of the Twin Cities, Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Main Street Living receives no money from the Synod or any District budgets so donations are appreciated. To help support the ministry, send your check to Main Street Living, 821 5th Ave. S., Fargo, ND 58103.

We Could Do A New Pictorial Church Directory

Back during COVID it appeared that all the companies that did church directories closed those operations. However, we recently learned that one company, Universal Church Directories, is still doing them. The procedure is the same as it has been in the past. Photographers come to the church and take pictures of our members. The company puts together a proof for us and then prints copies and everyone photographed gets a directory.

We’re looking for someone who would be willing to head up this project. If you are interested in taking charge of creating a new directory, please call Ginny at the church office, 218-732-9783.





Sunday School Page



Use simple ingredients and your imagination to bake these fluffy, cloud-like treats.

What you need:

- 3 egg whites
- ½ tsp. vanilla extract
- Mixer
- 2 Tbsp. powdered sugar
- 1 Tbsp. cornstarch
- Parchment paper

What you do:

1. Preheat oven to 300°. In a mixing bowl, combine egg whites and vanilla. Whisk eggs with mixer at medium speed until frothy.
2. While whisking, gradually add sugar and cornstarch. Keep whisking at high speed until stiff peaks form.
3. Spoon mixture onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Create fun shapes.
4. Bake 20 minutes. Cool and enjoy!



Creator of the stars

The stars and sky testify to God's amazing power and creativity.

Directions: Use the clues and Bible passages to fill in the blanks. Then transfer the circled letters (in order) to the spaces below to complete a verse of praise.

God determines this and calls each star by name. (Psalm 147:4)

○ _ _ _ _ _

The heavens are the work of God's what? (Psalm 8:3)

_ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _

What does God bring out one by one? (Isaiah 40:26)

_ _ _ _ ○ _ _

God made two great lights to do this. (Genesis 1:16)

○ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _

God promised Abraham this would be like the stars. (Genesis 15:5)

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The sun, moon and stars have this. (1 Corinthians 15:41)

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The lights in the sky serve as what? (Genesis 1:14)

_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

The heave__s declare the __lory __f __od;
the ski__s __roc__aim the wo__k of his ha__ds.

PSALM 19:1, NIV

Answer: number, fingers, host, govern, offspring, splendor, signs; The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Psalm 19:1, NIV



8/18 Hannah Arola
8/18 Neveah Etter
8/18 Natalley Hall
8/24 Nicklaus Sowers

Baptismal Birthdays

8/11 Clyde Kimball
8/14 Khloe May
8/27 Knox LeGrand
8/28 Bonnie LeGrand





ABC Preschool News



Hop, Hop, Ribbit, Ribbit. It won't be long and the children will be hopping in for a great school year at ABC Preschool! We are beginning the year learning about "froggy friends", fellowship, having fun and faithfulness. The Christian acronym F.R.O.G. stands for Fully. Rely. On. God. Each day at school we emphasize how God is always there for us and how we use His strength for guidance as we prepare for a future of learning.

ABC Preschool has been a part of St. Johns for over 35 years!! The guiding verse we have used all these years is Proverbs 22:6 - "Train up a child in the way that he should go; when he is old he will not depart from it." The children at ABC receive a Christian based education through structured and non structured activities. We point the kids to Jesus and continue to teach Christian values in which all children are loved and cared for. We have a Bible story each week and devotions with the pastors once a month in the sanctuary. The word of God is taught and modeled every day!! I can't wait to see the children LEAP for joy as we begin our new school year.



We are grateful for the support of the church. We strive to keep our classes small for more personal learning. We like to use extra spaces throughout the church for a variety of out of the classroom learning experiences and love to take advantage of the wonderful outdoor spaces that allow for nature based learning.



To proceed with our mission, ABC needs your financial and spiritual support. Please keep the school, staff, families and children in your prayers as we teach and train young learners. In the past, St. Johns members have been very generous in providing school supplies to help reduce costs. Again this year, there will be a school supply board up at church with tags that list items that are needed. Back to school supplies are more than crayons and glue. Please carefully read the tag that lists the exact item, amount and size desired. Please don't substitute!! If you cannot find an item, please let Kim know. Please return items to church before Sunday, August 20. Thank you for your help in making ABC a "hopping" fun place to learn!

ABC will have an open house and registration day on Wednesday, August 16 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

We have a few openings at ABC for children ages 3-5. Classes meet 2,3,4 or 5 days per week throughout the school year (September through May). Members of St. Johns pay no registration fee. Financial assistance is available. Call the office for more information or check us out at abcpreschoolpr.com. We also have a Facebook page where you can see learning in action!!





Our current economy has been hard on all people and especially hard on families with young children and their ability to financially afford a private school education. We want to be able to offer financial assistance to help cover tuition and transportation costs. Please consider donating to the scholarship fund so we are able to offer help. A full scholarship is \$428 for the year. Full or partial scholarships are greatly appreciated! If you want to help with the general operations of the program, please make note of it on your donation as scholarship funds are different than operational funds.

Please remember to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to ABC Preschool. Your dollars go directly toward the ministry of ABC Preschool which helps prepare young children socially, emotionally, spiritually and academically for future schooling. Thrivent donations go toward maintaining and replacing large equipment and learning materials. The replacement of larger items is not usually written into the yearly budget. Your dollars go a long way in helping to keep the preschool up to date and helping to create an excellent learning environment for young children.



Puzzle!

Fill in the blanks with the correct words. Then transfer the letters to the numbered boxes below to complete Psalm 107:1, NIV.

- Shape that symbolizes love 31 15 7 18 5
- Part of a stove used for baking 12 3 24 39
- Color made by red and yellow 28 42 7 8 27 37
- A present 1 32 20 11
- Clothing a girl wears 19 22 43 44 33
- Something you open to go into a room 40 29 17 47
- Opposite of soft (sound) 34 17 41 30
- To take a long walk 14 2 9 38
- A high body temperature 45 50 49 48 42
- Items used to build or fix things 13 35 21 16 26
- Edge of the sea 10 23 46 51 4
- Home for a bee 6 25 36 4

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29	30	31	32	33	34	35	
36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43
44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51

Answer: heart, oven, orange, gift, dress, door, loud, hike, fever, tools, shore, hives; Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 107:1, NIV

Bible Quiz

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches. Which list includes a city that is not among those seven?

- A. Ephesus, Thyatira, Philadelphia
- B. Smyrna, Laodicea, Galatia
- C. Pergamum, Thyatira, Smyrna
- D. Sardis, Ephesus, Laodicea

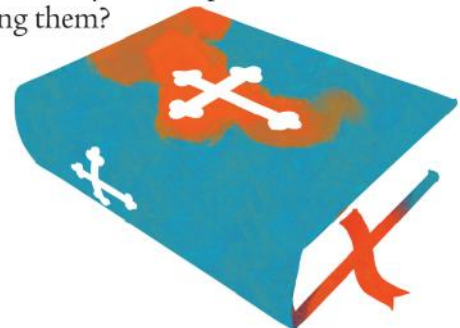


Answer: B (See Revelation 2-3.)

Bible Quiz

A few Bible books have only one chapter. Which of the following is not among them?

- A. Obadiah
- B. Philemon
- C. 1 John
- D. 2 John
- E. 3 John
- F. Jude



Answer: C



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