

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that her warfare is ended,

that her iniquity is pardoned,

that she has received from the LORD's hand double
for all her sins.

³A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our
God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,

and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level, and the
rough places a plain.

⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth
of the LORD has spoken."

GRADUAL Jer. 1:5, 9b

Before I formed you in the womb I | knew you,*

and before you were born I conse- | crated you;

I appointed you a prophet to the | nations.*

Behold, I have put my words | in your mouth.

Second Reading: Acts 13:13-26

¹³Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem, ¹⁴but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. ¹⁵After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say it." ¹⁶So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said:

"Men of Israel and you who fear God, Listen. ¹⁷The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. ¹⁸And for about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. ¹⁹And after destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance. ²⁰All this took about 450 years. And after that he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. ²¹Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. ²²And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.' ²³Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised. ²⁴Before his coming, John had proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. ²⁵And as John was finishing his course, he said, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but behold, after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.'

²⁶"Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation."

Holy Gospel: Luke 1:57-80

⁵⁷Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son.

⁵⁸And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. ⁵⁹And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, ⁶⁰but his mother answered, "No; he shall be called John." ⁶¹And they said to her, "None of your relatives is called by this name." ⁶²And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. ⁶³And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And they all wondered. ⁶⁴And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. ⁶⁵And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, ⁶⁶and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him.

⁶⁷And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

⁶⁸"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and
redeemed his people

⁶⁹and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his serv-
ant David,

⁷⁰as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

⁷¹that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all
who hate us;

⁷²to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy
covenant,

⁷³the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us

⁷⁴that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,

⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

⁷⁶And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

⁷⁷to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of
their sins,

⁷⁸because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the
sunrise shall visit us from on high

⁷⁹to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of
death,

to guide our feet into the way of peace."

⁸⁰And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

DAILY READINGS

June 24: Prov. 30:1-9, 18-33; John 20:19-31; **25:** Prov. 31:10-31; John 21:1-25; **26:** Joshua 1:1-18; Acts 8:1-25; **27:** Joshua 2:1-24; Acts 8:26-40; **28:** Joshua 3:1-17; Acts 9:1-22; **29:** Joshua 4:1-24; Acts 9:23-43; **30:** Joshua 5:1-6:5; Acts 10:1-17.

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† Nativity of St. John the Baptist †

June 24, 2018

VERSE: Alleluia. He will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah to make ready for the Lord a people prepared. Alleluia. (Luke 1:17a, d)

PRAYER: O Lord Jesus, we ask You not only to assist us, not simply to prepare us, but to deliver us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, so that when our last hour comes we may leave this valley of sorrow and join You in the joy of the heavenly Feast. Amen.

Sermon: "Every Message Needs a Messenger" (Luke 1:76-77)

Preacher: Pr. Matthew Johnson

Liturgist: Pr. Matthew Moss

Organist: Duane Esterly

Prelude: When All the World Was Cursed (Busarow)

Offering: By All Your Saints in Warfare (Mansfield)

Postlude: With the Lord Begin Your Task (Culli)

Altar Guild: Deb Koehler

Worship Assistants: 8:00 am: Dan Kolander
10:30 am: Jack Wold

Acolytes: 8:00 am: 2 acolytes needed
10:30 am: 2 acolytes needed

Ushers: 8:00 am: Dan Kolander, Floyd Lieske,
Mike McFerrin, Rich Oakland
10:30 am: David Giefer, Ed Kemna, David Kliche

Money Counters: Duane Abraham, Jon Bode,
Dave Giefer, Mark Radintz

Those Serving This Week, Monday, June 25th:

Worship Assistants: 7:00 pm: Todd Haag

Acolytes: 7:00 pm: Jackson Kruse & Bradley Kruse

THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for Glory of Christ Lutheran, Plymouth, and Pastor Jeremiah Johnson and Pastor Kyle Krueger.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for Tech Board Deacon Tom Gardner & the Tech Board Members.

SCHEDULE FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER: At the Reformation the Lutheran Churches celebrated the Lord's Supper "every Sunday and on other festivals" (Apology XXIV, 1). We follow this fine custom and so offer the Lord's Supper every Sunday at both morning Divine Services. Individual glasses are used in the 8:00 a.m. Divine Service on the first Sunday in the month and in the 10:30 a.m. Divine Service on the second Sunday in the month. All other celebrations use the chalice.

TWO LARGE PRINT LSB HYMNALS NOW AVAILABLE: (4 NOTE-BOOKS) Please ask the ushers about the notebooks that are now available for those who have difficulties with small print hymns.

PARENTS: We're happy you've brought your children to worship today. Jesus says, "The kingdom of God belongs to such as these." If you must leave during the service for any reason, please be aware that there are also exits at the front of the sanctuary to the left and right; that you will be able to hear the service over loudspeakers in the entrance area and in the upper room to the left of the sanctuary; and that there is a changing table in the restroom near the elevator.

THE DIVINE SERVICE The Divine Service is the time when God serves His people with His forgiving grace in Word and Sacrament. It is not a time to be entertained. To show she is not a sect or cult the Lutheran Church retained the historic liturgy as much as was possible. The liturgical service makes no attempt to meet current cultural norms or personal needs but is the time when God comes in Word and Sacrament to meet our deepest spiritual needs. The Lutheran Church uses an ordered liturgy so that God's holy "priesthood" can participate and "declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9). The Augsburg Confession concludes, "It is quite clear that among us nothing in doctrine or ceremonies has been accepted that would contradict either Holy Scripture or the universal Christian Church (AC, Conclusion).

INTROIT Luke 1:68, 76-79; antiphon: Mal. 3:1

Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me.*

And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,*

for he has visited and redeemed his people.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;*

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

to give knowledge of salvation to his people*

in the forgiveness of their sins,

because of the tender mercy of our God,*

whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high

to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,*

to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,*

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me.*

And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, through John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, You once proclaimed salvation. Now grant that we may know this salvation and serve You in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

† Nativity of St. John the Baptist †

• Since the Lord's Supper is testimony of our unity in the faith, the Sacrament is reserved for members in good standing of congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

• Visitors from sister LCMS congregations who agree with our doctrine and practice should announce your desire to commune to a pastor before joining us at the Lord's Table.

• Members may prepare by reading Luther's "Questions & Answers for those who intend to go to the Sacrament" (LSB 329 – 330).

8:00 AM

OPENING HYMN: LSB 868

CONFESSION: LSB 184

INTROIT: (bulletin) – conclude with

Gloria Patri on LSB 186

KYRIE: LSB 186

10:30 AM

OPENING HYMN: LSB 600

BAPTISM LITURGY: LSB 268

SALUTATION:

P: The Lord be with you

C: And with thy spirit

COLLECT: bulletin

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Gradual: bulletin

Responses: LSB 190

CREED: LSB 191 (or inside back cover)

HYMN OF DAY: LSB 346

SERMON

OFFERTORY: LSB 192 ("Create in Me")

THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

COMMUNION LIT: LSB 194ff

DIST HYMNS:

LSB 518... vs1,18,3; LSB 635

CLSG CANTICLE: LSB 199 ("Nunc Dimittis")

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 869

**BIRTHDAYS THE WEEK OF
June 24 - June 30**

SUNDAY	THURSDAY
Caiden Cooper Tim Lodholz	Randy Bredenberg Kathleen Orbin Jamie Radintz Jack Stoffels
MONDAY	FRIDAY
Ronald Conley Maggie Franz Frank Maurer	Julie Anderson Leif Briel Ellyn Carroll Mike DeSplinter Paul Tillmann
TUESDAY	SATURDAY
Breanna Besel	Lydia Eversman Bryce Kliche
WEDNESDAY	
Gloria Burns Vicki Halfrich	

If you notice an update is needed, kindly advise the church secretary to make sure we have the correct information to publish.

Ir./Sr. High Youth

GET CONNECTED: Are you in 6th-12th grade? Are you a parent of a youth in 6th-12th grade? If you answered yes to either of those questions, then I want to hear from you! We have many youth group events throughout the year and I want to make sure YOU know about them. Please email me (Jayme Kruse) so that I can put you on the email list and keep you informed throughout the year! - jayme.kruse@gmail.com Also, be sure to request to join the "St. John's Youth Group" private group on FB!



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 -12:00 Monday through Friday

If you have urgent pastoral needs, please contact Pastor Matthew Moss:
pastor.moss@stjlutheran.org or 763-496-5350

**Please lock all doors before leaving this building.
If you unlock to enter, please lock as you leave!**

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Items received by midnight Wednesday will be included in the Sunday bulletin. Kindly please submit your request timely to ensure your announcement gets published as needed. email: secretary2@stjlutheran.org

† **The Nativity of St. John the Baptist** †
June 24, 2018

SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: *The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession (June 25), Sts. Peter & Paul (June 29- Acts 15:1-21; Gal. 2:1-10; Matt. 16:13-19)*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort— Rick Bymark (wife Jackie, son Hank), Lynn Slauson, Pam Linton (daughter of LaVerne & Arlene Bagne), Katie Titler (daughter of Joe & Cilla Nadeau), Troy Eder, Kristine Eversman, Bruce O'Hern, and Jan Stadler. Our Lord Jesus, who reached out to heal and comfort the sick and dying, continues to reach out with His healing Word through us. Cards, phone calls, and prayers are always appreciated. If you know of someone who is sick or hospitalized, please inform your pastors.

Our homebound members are Linda Bredenberg, Dorothy Cooper, Sue Erickson, Audrey Hansen, Marlys Johnson, Inez Koehler, Steve Orbin, Gerald Oswald, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, Betty Schmiege, and Ilene Shepherd.

All those serving in our Armed Forces— Agena Christophersen (Belgium), Nicholas Malikowski (California), Kevin Mazurowski (Idaho), Nathan Mazurowski (Texas), Brian and Veronica Pruhs (Hawaii), Joseph Radintz (home), Marty Schiltz (home), and Andrew Zupfer (home).

Those who have lost loved ones during the past year— the family of Caroline Christophersen, Mark Coombs & family (at the loss of his father Paul), Karen MacMillan & family (at the loss of her mother Yvonne Johnson), Scott Gehl & family (at the loss of his father William), the family of Alex Hansen, the family of William Dodds, the family of Caroline Lucht, and the family of Dorothy Schutte.

And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones — Paul & Diane Radintz (at the loss of their son Bill), John Malikowski & family (at the loss of his mother Frances), Cindy Cook & family (at the loss of her sister Jackie), the family of William Cahlander, and Kathleen Cooper & family (at the loss of her father John Giguere).

THE SERVICE OF INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION is available by individual appointment through the summer. Take advantage of this opportunity to hear God's Word of forgiveness spoken to you individually in Jesus' Name. "If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

EACH QUARTER: FIVE COPIES OF LARGE PRINT PORTALS OF PRAYER will be available to share with those who need this magazine in larger print.

"LUTHERAN HOUR" this week on WCCO 830 AM at 6:00 a.m., WWJO 98.1 FM at 7:30 a.m., and KRWC AM Buffalo at 9:30 a.m.

SCHEDULING CHURCH AND SCHOOL EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S:

Please remember to check with the church/school secretary about scheduling any event; all church and school events need to be coordinated through this main calendar. Thank you!
763-420-2426 email: secretary@stjlutheran.org

† Announcements †

BAPTIZED TODAY at the second service is Owen Joseph Kaiser, infant son of Eric and Laura Kaiser. May our Lord Jesus bless Owen as he is nourished in the faith by his parents so that he may join us at the foretaste of the wedding feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom. "May this child, Your mercy sharing, in Your arms be shielded ever, Yours on earth and Yours forever...Write the name we now have given; write it in the book of heaven." (LSB 592)

TRINITY SEASON – From ancient times the Church Year has had two halves: Festival Time (Advent - Pentecost) and Ordinary Time (Trinity Sunday - the Last Sunday of the Church Year). Our Historic Lectionary takes the Ordinary Time to group lessons together to teach on main topics related to the major festivals that occur during this half of the Church Year. So the first few weeks of the Trinity Season offer different doctrinal lessons on what the Church of the Holy Spirit (given at Pentecost) will look like.

The Church of the Holy Spirit:

- Hears His Prophets (June 3)
- Receives His Invitation (June 10)
- Rejoices over Repentance (June 17)
- and, Confesses the Faith & Catches Men (July 1)



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR MOSS: In our study of the Book of Exodus, we have reached the Wilderness. It should only have been a short stay at Mount Sinai to receive the Law, but things go wrong through Sin. God who is merciful and just, therefore, institutes a place of worship, The Tabernacle, where He might dwell with His people and forgive their sins.

This week: Tabernacle Worship: The Ark of the Covenant (Exodus 25)

Next week: Tabernacle Worship: The Tent & Veil (Exodus 26)

Video Recordings Available at: <http://tinyurl.com/lutheranbiblestudy>

THE SUMMER MONDAY NIGHT DIVINE SERVICE: Every summer we add a Monday night service at 7:00 pm which has the same liturgy, Scripture readings, and sermon as the previous day's Divine Service. The weekly summer evening services will run through Monday, August 27th.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: We study the *Book of Proverbs*, meeting Tuesdays at 9am in the Auxiliary Room. You can also watch live online using Facebook Live; just go to St. John's Facebook page. Join us as we reflect on Jesus Christ, the Wisdóm from on High. All knowledge *begins* with the Fear of the Lord and many practical insights flow from that knowledge- the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Thank you to everyone in making our VBS program successful again this year! Many people contributed time, talents, and props in enhancing the program...all of which are so greatly appreciated.
~Tara Eder, tara.eder@gmail.com

ABORTION CROSSES: Please come on Saturday, June 30th at 10:00 am to take down the crosses. Thanks for the prayers. We received some feedback from the community that they made a positive impact.

This Week at St. John's Lutheran

TODAY	8:00 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	9:30 am:	Bible Study
	10:30 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
MON:	9:30 am:	Boys Summer Basketball
	7:00 pm:	Commemoration of Augsburg Confession
TUES:	9:00 am:	Adult Bible Study (Auxiliary Rm)
WED:	9:30 am:	Boys Summer Basketball
	7:00 pm:	Adult Instruction Class (Auxiliary Rm)
THUR:	7:00 pm:	Adult Instruction Class (Auxiliary Rm)
FRI:		
SAT:		
SUN:	8:00 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	9:30 am:	Bible Study
	10:30 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	7:00 pm:	North Star Boys Choir Homecoming Concert

Those Serving Next Week, Sunday, July 1st:

Altar Guild:		Theresa Gaffer & Jill Gehl
Worship Assistants:	8:00 am:	Jerry Rogge
	10:30 am:	Ed Kemna
Acolytes:	8:00 am:	Matthew Koosman & Joy Koosman
	10:30 am:	2 acolytes needed
Ushers:	8:00 am:	Larry Jobs, Rod Priebe, Jack Schalo
	10:30 am:	Joel Johnson, Ben Kemna, John Meyer
Money Counters:		Scott Brockberg, Courtney Oakland, Craig Schutte, Deb Weinand

Those Serving Next Week, Monday, July 2nd:

Worship Assistants:	7:00 pm:	Barron Cate
Acolytes:	7:00 pm:	1 acolyte needed

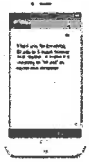


Ways to Give



In Person

Place checks or cash in an offering envelope and drop it in the offering plate as it goes by.



Text

Set up a one time or recurring donation by texting the amount you wish to give to St. John's New "Text to Give" # 763-225-2689



Giving App

Download the 'GivePlus Church' app to set up one-time or recurring donations. You can also manage and view your giving from the convenience of your smartphone!



Online

Visit www.stjlutheran.org to set up and manage your one-time and recurring gifts.

NIGERIA: Pr. Briel has been asked to return to Nigeria this coming September to teach several more classes at the Jonathan Ekong Lutheran Seminary in Uyo, Nigeria. Contributions toward his travel expenses and necessary text books for the classes he will be teaching would be greatly appreciated. God continue to bless his and all other missionary activities in our church as we seek to train indigenous pastors to bring the gospel to the nations. ...donations for this special trip should be made payable to St. John's, and designated as "Briel Nigeria Trip". Thank you for your generosity and continued support!



BOARD OF EDUCATION CALL UPDATES:



The BOE extended a Call to Alicia Oldre for 5th Grade Teacher and that call was accepted! Also, we have extended a contract to Linda Kalk for .6 time, Resource Teacher. We have also extended our Call to Gary Volberding for Interim Administrator, which he has accepted and a contract to Suzanne Haag for part-time Admissions, Communications & Marketing Director, which she has accepted. Thank you all for the prayers and support of the Board of Education, the existing Faculty, and the new Teachers coming on who have decided to serve God's people here at St Johns!! If you have any questions please contact BOE chair Brian Callahan , 763-242-3837, or brian.callahan@centurylink.com.

ADMINISTRATOR CALL UPDATE: After prayerful consideration, the Admin Call Committee and BOE are recommending we continue with our interim Administrator solution for the 2018/2019 school year. Additionally, the recommendation to the BOE is that the current Call committee be dissolved with a new committee formed this late summer/early fall that may start with fresh eyes and full hearts! If you have interest in serving on the future committee, then please contact BOE Chairman Brian Callahan at 763-242-3837.



THANK YOU: I'd like to give a big "Thank You!" to all of the members that have served on the Administrator Call Committee in various forms over the last 18 months! Your hard work and dedication over the countless hours is beyond appreciated. It's been amazing to witness first-hand the love these folks have for our school here at St. John's! I'd also ask that the Congregation continue to pray and support the BOE as they pick up this endeavor again in a few months. ~Dave Huth



PROPERTY & GROUNDS: We are starting to plan the parsonage window and door replacement project. We'd like to give any members who do this type of work professionally the first chance of bidding on this job. Contact one of your deacons if you'd like to discuss this. We are also in need of ~\$20,000 to pay for this project and we'd like to fund it through individual contributions rather than adding it as a line item in the budget. If you'd like to make a contribution to this project, please mark your envelope as such or contact one of your deacons.

~Kevin Pomeranke/Dan Holthus

CROSS...FOOD NEEDS: Each month CROSS collects food items to be donated to the needy. Items desired from STJL during the month of **JUNE** are: Kids Treats/Popcorn and Stew. Thank you for helping when you can; your contributions placed in the narthex area are greatly appreciated.



25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION for Pastor Loel Wessel of First English Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, July 22 at 3:30 at the church in Spring Valley, 217 West Grant Street. RSVP by July 6th: call Mary Ann 507-421-8275, or email FEL@mediacombb.net

LWML PROJECT: We will be assembling Baby Kits for needy families worldwide from items received through **TODAY** June 24th. Please place your generous donations in the collection tray located in the narthex. Appreciated items include:

- Unscented Baby Lotion, Baby Shampoo, Baby Wash, Baby Wipes
- Baby Nail Clippers, Combs, or Brushes
- Onesies: NB-24 months, Receiving Blankets
- Diapers: NB-size 5/6, Pull-ups, & Swimmers
- Formula
- New Pack and Play sheets
- New Baby Clothing: NB – size 3T
- Christian Storybooks & Lullaby CDs
- New Mom Christian tracts, devotions, etc.



ANDERSON FAMILY & FRIENDS: Join us for a FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN food packing date ~ June 29th from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at the Coon Rapids location, 401 93rd Av NW. See you there!

PRO LIFE SAVE THE DATE: July 14th our Pro-Life group will have another Sewing Saturday. Any age is welcome to sew baby quilts or tie blankets for needy families. Come anytime between 9 am and 3 pm. *Lunch will be provided.* RSVP LeAnn Cummins 763-420-2317 or Gretchen Kliche 763-477-6136.

NS BOYS' CHOIR CONCERT: The international award winning North Star Boys' Choir of Minnesota will present a *free* homecoming concert at St. John's, 7:00, July 1st. They are at their very best, having toured for three weeks to the Southeast and participated in a choral competition. Any boys interested in joining the North Star Boys' Choir, please contact us at our website www.NorthStarBoysChoir.org

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Sunday, June 17 th :	8:00 am: CT: 123 CM: 102
	10:30 am: CT: 100 CM: 70
Monday, June 18 th :	7:00 pm: CT: 46 CM: 36



FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>Last Week</u> 06/17/18	<u>Year-to-date</u> since 07/01/17
Offerings Received	\$ 10,073	\$ 704,863
Amount Needed	\$ 14,958	\$ 831,653
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ (4,885)	\$ (126,791)
% Ahead (-Behind)	-33%	-15%



Please contact Board of Admin Deacons Mike Gaffer (mtgaff@comcast.net) or Tom Eversman (Theversman@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

GIVE+



NEW GIVING OPTIONS: We are excited to now offer three electronic giving options for St. John's stewardship! *Online giving* has been in place for some time (formerly known as Simply Giving...re-branded as the Give+ electronic giving program of Vanco Payment Solutions), but now St. John's has introduced two more elements of that program: *The Mobile App* and *Text*. As

convenient alternatives to envelope offerings, all of these options are fast, more secure, and manageable for one-time or repetitive contributions, **and** you can direct your money to any of St. John's current giving funds! No longer do you have to carry cash or checks to make contributions – and, if you are unable to give in person while out ill, on vacation, or business, you can initiate a transaction anytime, anywhere! Additionally, when there are special giving opportunities, attending congregational social events, or responding to special appeals, your supplemental discreet gift can easily be submitted. When you participate in electronic giving, you may still want to demonstrate your stewardship during services; so our offering plate cards (that read "I give electronically") are available to drop in the offering plate as it is circulated.

In weeks to come, expect postings on Facebook and our website. While traditional envelope offerings are still an option, any donations made electronically provide accurate record posting, and do not require the tedious manual handling of the money counting process, or endure the physical environment of bank check processing. St. John's relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis; please consider setting up a recurring giving plan. By knowing what you are willing to commit financially, we are able to better plan for the future.

New members will be advised of our giving method options, and guests/non-members will have the ability to contribute anywhere, anytime and have a record of their donation. *You are encouraged to utilize any and all of the ways now available to you for giving to St. John's Lutheran Church.* Members will receive a statement at the end of the year that will reflect your total combined giving by fund distribution.

For detailed information on these options, please see the insert in today's bulletin, and check out the display in the narthex. Kindly be patient with the introduction and implementation of these new programs – it may take more effort to perfect the process! Comments or questions: secretary2@stjlutheran.org

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL MEMBERS!!

OPPORTUNITY TO HOST A STUDENT: Would you consider sharing America by hosting a student from South Korea? Host families are families who would like to experience an exciting cultural exchange and broaden their perspectives about the world. Host families are excited to share American culture, language, and values with a student from across the globe; and are therefore, the most important people in an exchange student's life. Their guidance and love allow the student the most memorable, unforgettable experience, not only by sharing their lives, but also by sharing God's love. What better way to make a difference in the world - one child at a time! We have a rare opportunity to have a student join our St. John's family yet this coming school year since he is already an American citizen. The future plan is to have St. John's Lutheran school SEVIS approved to accept students on a visa but that takes up to 6 months.



Eugene (7th grade, male) - Extroverted yet contemplative, this practical, warm, friendly, caring, and easygoing boy is curious about American culture and the education system. He would like to be either a computer programmer or a psychiatrist when he grows up, and he loves to make people laugh. Hobbies include ice hockey, flute, coding, chess, basketball, and baseball, and his favorite subject is PE. The oldest of three boys, he loves being on stage, and getting involved in activities/clubs; such as his school broadcasting team, table tennis, ice hockey, and tourist youth storytellers. He has won honors in Chess, World Olympiads, Flute, and English Debate. He would like to study in America for the 2018-19 academic year.

We invite your family to join in this memorable experience by becoming a KoAm host family. KoAm students arrive with round-trip airline tickets, complete medical insurance, tuition, school fees, and personal spending money for the duration of their stay. Exchange student shows appreciation to the host family with a monetary gift and reimburse expenses. Contact KoAm National Coordinator Haewon Parkat 651-300-2380 and 800-521-6640 or by email at administrator@koameduall.org. Please visit the KoAm website at <http://www.koameduall.org> and click on 'Apply to Be a Host Family'.



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