



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church July Newsletter

July 2018



Worship Schedule

Sundays:

- 8:00 am Divine Service
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Bible Study
- 10:30 am Divine Service

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Special points of interest:

- July Birthday's
- Monthly Calendar
- Pastoral Inspiration
- Education Report
- Worship and Those who Serve Schedules
- Minutes of the Deacon Council Meeting
- Financial Updates
- Misc. Information about our church and events



Please remember...
 If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, it is up to YOU to find someone who will take over for you.



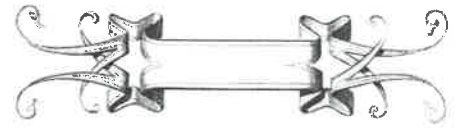
...Pr. Matthew P. Johnson

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On Sunday, July 22, the church commemorates St. Mary Magdalene. In the course of the history of Christian interpretation of the Bible she has regularly been identified with the sinful woman who repented and followed Christ (see Luke 7). However, the woman in Luke 7 is unnamed. That story is important as a test case to determine whether someone is reading Scripture in a Law-Gospel way, something uncovered by how the interpreter understands the love of the woman (does it cause Christ's forgiveness, or is it a thankful result of Christ's forgiveness?).

Though Mary Magdalene was not the woman in that story, she is a prominent follower of Christ. In Luke 8 she is mentioned by name as someone cured by Jesus from possession by seven demons (see also Mark 16:9, though note that this verse was not present in the earliest manuscripts of Mark's gospel). This Mary, from the town of Magdala, is not to be identified with the sister of Martha (and Lazarus), who lived in Bethany. According to the Gospels Mary Magdalene saw Jesus die and witnessed His burial. This last detail is important because when she and some other women went to the tomb early on the first day of the week (Sunday...the Lord's Day...Easter), she knew precisely where Jesus had been buried (and recalled that a large stone blocked the entrance of that tomb). Mary Magdalene was the first to see Jesus alive again after His resurrection. In fact, she was sent (i.e. the Greek word from which we get "apostle") by Jesus to announce His resurrection "to My brothers" (i.e. the apostles). Whenever the female followers of Christ are listed in the New Testament, Mary Magdalene is listed first (with one exception, at John 19:25; note a similar phenomenon with Peter's listing among the apostles as always occurring first).



A hymn regularly used on minor festivals (“By All Your Saints in Warfare”—LSB 517 & 518) has a stanza that nicely summarizes the biblical account of Mary Magdalene:

“All praise for Mary Magdalene,
Whose wholeness was restored
By You her faithful master
Her Savior and her Lord.
On Easter morning early
A word from You sufficed;
For she was first to see You,
Her Lord, the risen Christ.”



In this midsummer Mary Magdalene is a wonderful example of faith toward God (her presence at the crucifixion), love toward the neighbor (her caring for the dead body of Christ), thankfulness to Christ and love toward Him, all of which overflows into faithfulness (“go tell My brothers,” followed up by “I have seen the Lord”). In fact, if you study carefully the account in John 20 this occurs twice, the first time (John 20:1 followed up by John 20:2) Mary Magdalene is afraid and uncertain, while the second time (John 20:17 followed up by John 20:18) Mary Magdalene is joyous and bold, all due to the presence and Word of the risen Lord Jesus. These realities are likewise true for the Church today, according to the Word and promise of the risen Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit Who teaches us, as once with Mary Magdalene, “Jesus Christ to know aright.”

~Pastor Johnson



Deacon Meeting

Date: June 14, 2018

Attendees:

Present?	First Name	Last Name	Present?	First Name	Last Name
X	Greg	Christopher	X	Tom	Eversman
X	Peter	MacMillan	X	Mike	Gaffer
X	D.J.	Schilling	X	David	Huth
			X	Stu	Glock
	Steve	Kruse	X	Tom	Gardner
	Dan	Holthus		Pastor	Johnson
X	Kevin	Pomerence	X	Pastor	Moss
X	Rich	Oakland	X	Gary	Volberding

1. Meeting was called to order by Greg Christopher at 7:00pm.
2. Pastor Moss led us in theological study of the "Power & Primacy of the Pope", specifically the section of the "The Power and Jurisdiction of Bishops". This discussion was prompted because of the upcoming District Conference.
3. Deacon minutes from the May 7th Special meeting and the May 10th regular meeting were in the packet.
4. Church Secretary: Report in Packet. Reviewed New Members/Transfer Out List.

Transfers Out; Shelly Truwe & family. Pastor Moss was going to check with Pastor Johnson on this.

Transfers In; Adam & Brittany Stroschien were approved

5. Pastor's Report: Report in Packet.

Pastor Moss mentioned that Lea Johnson requested some financial assistance for Pastor Johnson's trip to St. Louis. The dormitory was under maintenance and he was going to have make other housing arrangements. Some funds to reimburse him for hotel stay was requested.

Pastor Moss also reminded us that he, and Peter MacMillan were attending the upcoming District Conference. and they would be voting on new District President, as well as mentioning some resolutions they would vote on.

6. Board of Administration: Report in Packet.

Discussed updated budget projections. Some concerns expressed in trend.

Discussed Church treasurer position. No new updates, no new candidates.

Discussed Simply Giving now changed to Gift Plus. Online giving with mobile app.

Discussed the status of completing employee contracts

7. SEWAC Board: Report in Packet. Steve was not present.

Greg had not connected with Al Mazurowski yet, but will contact him about filling in as interim SEWAC Deacon.

8. Parish Education: Report in Packet. No comments.

9. Principal's & School Marketing & Admissions Report: Report in Packet.

Gary discussed KO-AM Program that Mayer Lutheran does. It is a foreign exchange program between Us and Korea. Host families would be needed, they are still looking into the whole program.

10. Board of Education: Report in Packet.

Nathan Veach (West Lutheran High School) has agreed to come and do a 1/2 day ALICE workshop for the St. John's staff.

Discussed rolling ESP under BOE.

Calls out to Linda Kalk (Resource Position) and Alicia Oldre (5th grade).

11. Property & Grounds: Report in Packet. Resolution to discuss in New Business.

12. Technology Board Report: Report in Packet. No comments.

13. Congregational President: Constitutional Committee is up and running. They will work on Pastoral Call Procedures, Staff hiring procedures, and "Protecting Your Ministry" policies.

Date for Fall Congregational Assembly still up in the air. TBD.

14. OLD Business:

Discuss funds for daycare during Adult Instruction classes. Need better, more efficient way to pay the sitters.

15. NEW Business:

Mike Gaffer discussed the new reporting of Revenue and Deficits in the bulletin. Mike fixed the previous errors and will have cumulative deficit reported starting in July.

Resolution. From Property & Grounds, "Be it so resolved we approve the Property & Grounds "Proposal for Classroom Use 2018-19" as in attached document". Voted and Approved. See document for details.

16. Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm by Greg Christopher.

GIVE+ E-Giving at



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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 more information on 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



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 and find St Johns Ev Lutheran Church 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. (navigate to the online giving form: St. John's Church, Sharing, Give+ (formerly known as Simply Giving))



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.



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.

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



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 Wisdom 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



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!

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

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



CROSS...FOOD NEEDS: Each month CROSS collects food items to be donated to the needy. Items desired from STJL during the month of **JULY** are: Jello/Pudding and cleaners (Toilet, all-purpose, etc.) Thank you for helping when you can; your contributions placed in the narthex area are greatly appreciated.



welcome to come sew baby anytime 9am-3pm. *Lunch is included.* Gretchen Kliche 763-477-6136.

SAVE THE DATE: July 14th...This is our next Pro-Life Sewing Saturday. All are quilts or tie blankets for needy families. Bring sewing machine and scissors. Come *included.* Please RSVP for planning purposes to LeAnn Cummins 763-420-2317 or

NORTH STAR 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



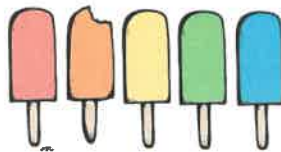
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL MEMBERS!!

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.

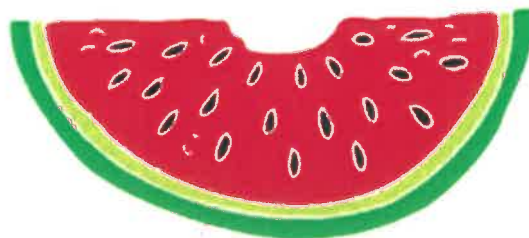


Eugene (7th grade, male) - Extroverted yet contemplative, this practical, warm, friendly, caring, and easygoing boy is curious about American culture and the education system. He would like to be either a computer programmer or a psychiatrist when he grows up, and he loves to make people laugh. Hobbies 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 Park at 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'.



Jr./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!



SCHEDULING

CHURCH AND SCHOOL EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S! Please remember to check with the church/school secretary about scheduling any event! The Secretary keeps a main calendar and all church and school events need to be coordinated through this main calendar!



Those Who Serve In July

Altar Guild

Theresa Gaffer 763-494-3294

Jill Gehl 612-203-9944

Money Counters

07/01 Scott Brockberg, Courtney Oakland,
Craig Schutte, Deb Weinand

07/08 Randy Bredenberg, Cindy Kiekow,
Scott Kulberg, Nichole Schilling

07/15 Ruth Droogsma, **Mike McFerrin**,
Paul Radintz, Mark Schutte

07/22 **Dave Giefer**, Tim Lodholz,
Bob Stashenko, Jack Wold

07/29 John Meyer, Bob Radintz,
Craig Schutte, Bill Walters

8 am Ushers

Larry Jobes, Rod Priebe, Jack Schalo

10:30 am Ushers

Joel Johnson, Ben Kemna,
John Meyer, Danny Schilling

(The summer acolyte schedule is still in process)

Acolytes 8:00 am

07/01 Matthew Koosman & Joy Koosman

07/08 2 acolytes needed

07/15 2 acolytes needed

07/22 2 acolytes needed

07/29 2 acolytes needed

Acolytes 10:30 am

07/01 2 acolytes needed

07/08 2 acolytes needed

07/15 2 acolytes needed

07/22 2 acolytes needed

07/29 2 acolytes needed

Acolytes Special Service:

Monday evening summer services 7:00 pm

07/02 1 acolyte needed

07/09 1 acolyte needed

07/16 1 acolyte needed

07/23 1 acolyte needed

07/30 1 acolyte needed



Worship Assistants 8:00 am

07/01 Jerry Rogge

07/08 Tom Eversman

07/15 Joe Koehler

07/22 Kevin Pomerence

07/29 Greg Christopher

Worship Assistants 10:30 am

07/01 Ed Kemna

07/08 Todd Haag

07/15 Ross Meyer

07/22 Dan Holthus

07/29 Jack Wold

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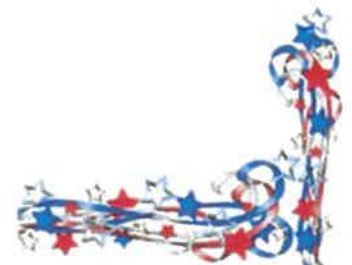
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07/09 Dan Kolander

07/16 Jerry Rogge

07/23 Ross Meyer

07/30 Dean Noren





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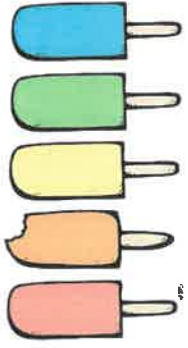
"No man, great or small, is a self-made individual. And no nation can make itself great. Nations and individuals depend on both the grace of God and His mysterious purposes in history. If any nation wishes to become great, it must bend to protect the least of its irreplaceable citizens, starting in the womb." ~James M. Kushiner, *The Fellowship of St. James - A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life*



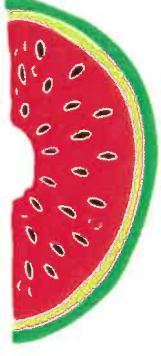
JULY BIRTHDAYS AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Mary Magnuson Angela Renner Lauren Rosso John Wicht III	2 David Kulberg Sawyer Say	3 Michael Orbin	4 Stacie Rogge	5 Brenna Koehler	6 LeAnn Cummins Joseph Koehler Dylan Talbot	7 Rick Foggia Sydney Kappel Jesse Maltrwig Thomas Vogt
8 Emmett Bahr Klaire Lindblad Steve Orbin	9 Jordan Glenn Angela Kruse Leandro Pagula Jordan Rainey	10 Emily Pace Lin Zelensky	11 Brandon Maurer Collin Philipp	12 Jacob Briel Layla Briel Jerry Oswald Wayne Schutte	13 Jonna Gehl Irene Rehner Hannah Thurber	14 Pat Kalk Emma MacMillan Sandy Meyer
15	16 Hannah Dufault	17 Jessica Bessel Ava Gapan Jufe Mazurowaki Abigail Pace Judith Renner Courtney Titwe (Glenn)	18 Jack Schale Luke Walton Linda Waterman	19 Scott Brockberg Brian Callahan	20 Eva Beck	21 Wesley Felber Nick Minnihan Philip Rehner
22 Brittany Anderson Angie Cale Isak Preus Mary Prubs Dennis Sweg	23 Samantha Bruehnen Alicia Bumes Adam Kiesow Benjamin Kiesow Piper Maltrwig	24 Aria Beck Jason Rainey Benjamin Theis Heather Votch	25 Joshua Gilmore Adela Hale Joseph Nadesau Justine Galtzman	26	27 Dylan Burke Alec Heggins	28 Ace Carroll Loren Windsperger Tracy Zinken
29 Emma Holtius David Hullb Brandon Kmeck Mike McFerrin Richard Radtke	30 Jenna Cummins Jamie Rainey Joy Rau Caleb Schwewecke	31 Christie Gordon				





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*Monthly events are subject to change

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Divine Service 7:00 pm North Star Boys Homecoming Concert	2 9:30 Boys Summer Basketball 7pm Divine Service	3 9:00 am Adult Bible Study	4 Independence Day (Office Closed)	5 Deacon Reports Due-noon 7pm New Member Class 7:15 pm Table Tennis	6	7
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Divine Services on Sundays are 8:00 am and 10:30 am
Bible Study is at 9:30 am



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).

LAST ONE OUT, PLEASE REMEMBER TO LOCK THE DOORS, PICK UP AFTER YOURSELVES.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!