



August 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:

- August 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.

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church August Newsletter



...Pr. Matthew V. Moss

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The Church Has No Address

In every one of our Divine Service settings the editors of the hymnal have printed both the Nicene and Apostles' Creed. Beneath each in every service, they print the note about the proper meaning of the word "catholic," originally in these creeds. Although that word is used as shorthand for The Holy Catholic Apostolic Church in Submission to the Bishop of Rome ("Roman Catholic" for a more accurate shorthand), its proper meaning is "the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine."

We Lutherans are "catholic" in that proper use of the word. The "Lutheran" doctrine that we believe, teach, and confess is nothing more and nothing else than what the whole Church has confessed from Acts 2 till today throughout the entire world. In this catholic Church we have doctrinal unity. We don't create unity or make it happen. We recognize it where it is. Wherever the same biblical teaching is taught, there we recognize our unity of the faith, and share in the fellowship of our altars and pulpits.

This August is going to provide me, personally, with an apt reminder of this truth- that God's truth is taught in His *catholic* Church throughout the world. And so I want to share that with you that you may find joy in God's Work throughout the world.

The first weekend in August a daughter of our congregation will marry a fine young man and upon their marriage they will leave us for the Seminary in St. Louis where the groom is preparing to serve God's Church in the world. In just a few years a faithful congregation will call him to administer the same gifts that we receive here. And God alone knows where they will go. Yet thanks be to God!

That same weekend, Sunday August 5th, our congregation will host some visitors from England! These are friends of mine whom I met through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in England during my studies abroad- a joyous reminder that the Church is not limited to Minnesotans or Missouri-Synodians. There are Lutherans- even in England- with whom we have altar and pulpit fellowship because they believe, teach, and confess what we do- God be praised!

Pastor Moss' article continued:



That following week my wife and I will go on a long vacation. We will start by traveling to Arkansas to visit her grandparents. Their path to residence in Arkansas also reminds us of the ubiquity of God's Truth. My grandfather-in-law is a retired pastor whose ministry took their family from Victoria, British Columbia to Lakefield, MN and then to Hot Springs, AR. Who knew there were faithful, confessing Lutherans in the hills of Arkansas? God knew! We recognize it and rejoice in the fellowship we have with them.

From Arkansas we will drive across the border to Oklahoma and visit my vicarage congregation in Norman. That's right, even in Oklahoma you can find a confessional, Lutheran congregation who confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine. Via the campus ministry for Oklahoma University this congregation has the opportunity to host at their altar confessors of the Faith from around the United States and the world!

Once we return it will be time to begin the new school year. With that we welcome two new teachers who come to us confessing the same faith and promising in their installation to teach and confess it to our children. Praise be to Christ Jesus for providing us with these new teachers (one from nearby in Minnesota, another from far-away Florida!). They will stand alongside our veteran teachers proclaiming the Truth and preparing our children to confess the Faith and commune at our altar.

Finally, the month will end as I venture to Wisconsin for a three-day continuing education class. Now, the remarkable thing is not that we find altar and pulpit fellowship with a church ninety minutes away in Alma, WI. The remarkable thing is that the professor teaching the class is coming over *from Australia!!* The Rev. Dr. John Kleinig is one of my favorite, *living*, Lutheran theologians and I cannot wait to sit at his feet for three days and learn about the Book of Psalms.

Dear Friends, let's reclaim that word "catholic" and rejoice that the Whole Church confessing the Whole Christian doctrine is found all over the *whole* world- in Australia, England, and Canada; in Minnesota, Florida, Arkansas, and Oklahoma; and beyond! May God Almighty preserve His Church in the one true faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, and may He grant our congregation steadfastness to His Word that we remain in this one, holy, *catholic*, and apostolic Church.

Yours in Christ,
~Pastor Moss



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 ½ 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.

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: **Summer at Sinai-** The Adult Bible Study and Sunday School series is continuing through August in between services. It's not too late to join and learn about God's gift to His redeemed children. The children meet in the sanctuary and the adults in the fellowship hall.

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.



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH: Sunday September 9th - will be a BIG Sunday at St. John's. We begin the new Sunday School year, welcome new members from the summer's Adult Instruction Class, and will have a "volunteer fair" where you will have opportunities to serve our Lord in and through His Church. You won't want to miss this Sunday!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY IN THE FALL: This Fall our Sunday morning Adult Bible Study will take up a different topic each week. These topics will be controversial biblical teachings that have divided Lutherans and Christians for centuries. Although the debates are historic, the residue can still be seen to this day! Join us each Sunday in between services as we take up topics like: Free Will, Good Works, Holy Communion, Worship Practices, and more.

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!



FINANCIAL UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION:

As announced after services on July 15 and 16, the "Financial Update" section in the weekly Sunday Bulletin has been revised and changed effective as of the beginning of the new fiscal year on July 1. All St. John's General Fund revenue sources are now included in the "Total General Fund Receipts" line of the Update, including Church Offerings, School Tuition, "3rd Source" income such as fundraisers and Other Income. The biggest change to the Update is the inclusion of both the prior year cumulative deficit (\$136,101) as well as the prorated current year budget deficit (\$53,217) in the "Amount Needed" line of the Update. A deficit is defined simply as spending more than you receive. The deficits have been caused by flat revenues combined with slowly rising costs over the last several years.

So what does the General Fund pay for? The vast majority (81%) of the approximately \$1.5 million total fiscal 2018-19 budget is for our people-Pastors, Teachers, Principal, Aides, Custodians, Organist, Secretaries—ALL the people who do the invaluable work of God's Kingdom in this place. 9% of the budget goes for maintenance, utilities and insurance, 7% for the building mortgage and 3% for supplies.

To date, St. John's has funded the deficits by borrowing from internal dollars set aside for long-term programs, primarily for the School. In a sense we are robbing from our future to pay for the present. This is not sustainable. St. John's must grow current operating revenues (i.e. Offerings, School Tuition and 3rd Source funding) and eliminate deficit budgets, otherwise we will deplete our long-term cash reserves, jeopardize long-term initiatives and be forced to borrow from the outside, cut expenses, or likely both.

Please monitor the Financial Updates you see in the weekly Sunday bulletin and pray for the mission and work of St. John's Lutheran Church and School. Also evaluate, on an ongoing basis, your financial commitment to St. John's and the great work it does in bringing Christ to our children and our community. Finally, please give generously as you have been blessed both in your life and by St. John's. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



Those Who Serve In August

Altar Guild

Jan Stieg 763-420-3147
Lois Anderson 763-478-6082

Money Counters

08/05 Mike DeSplinter, Paul Dolan,
Scott Kulberg, Russ Reznecheck
08/12 Duane Abraham, Jon Bode,
Mike McFerrin, Mark Radintz
08/19 Scott Brockberg, **Dave Giefer**,
Courtney Oakland, Deb Weinand
08/26 Randy Bredenberg, Cindy Kiekow,
Nichole Schilling, **Craig Schutte**

8 am Ushers

Dana Christophersen, Tom Gardner,
Ray Kaiser, Don Kalk, Davey Kulberg

10:30 am Ushers

Mike DeSplinter,
Russ Reznecheck, Craig Schutte

Acolytes 8:00 am

08/05 1 acolyte needed
08/12 Reece Fish
08/19 Joey Heisler
08/26 Jeremy Kappel & Zach Kappel

Acolytes 10:30 am

08/05 Carson Dufault
08/12 Sophie Glock
08/19 Shelby Horning
08/26 Ava Kanz & Bella Kanz

Acolytes Special Service:

Monday evening summer services 7:00 pm

08/06	Jada Clifford
08/13	Leah Gordon
08/20	Gabriel Lodholz
08/27	Sophia Beck



Worship Assistants 8:00 am

08/05 Dan Kolander
08/12 Jerry Rogge
08/19 Tom Eversman
08/26 Joe Koehler

Worship Assistants 10:30 am

08/05 Barron Cate
08/12 Ed Kemna
08/19 Todd Haag
08/26 Ross Meyer

Worship Assistants Special Service: Monday evening summer services 7:00 pm

08/06	Joe Koehler
08/13	Dan Holthus
08/20	John Radintz
08/27	Erik Preus



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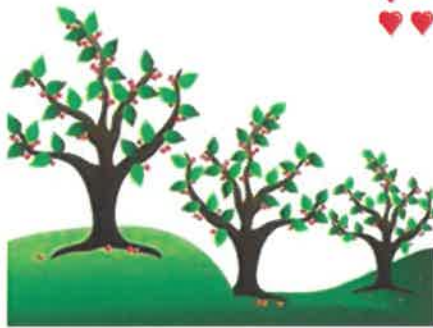
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~LIFE NOTES~

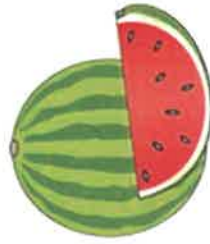
"No man, great or small, is a self-made individual. And no nation can make itself great. Nations and individuals depend on both the grace of God and His mysterious purposes in history. If any nation wishes to become great, it must bend to protect the least of its irreplaceable citizens, starting in the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



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Miri Kleak Joshua Pomeranke Emily Priebe Jack Wicklund	2 Andrew Lieske Christine Wood	3 Julie Christophersen Tammy Eastbourne-Ciamens Joy Koosman Arlis Peterson	4 Lois Anderson John Barrett Ray Kaiser Gayle Schlueter
5	6 Janine DeSplinter David Kalk Samantha McDowell Daniel Orbin	7 Carter Cate Kaylee Isaacson Steve Lucas	8 Sarah Bahr Rebecca Geller Cadence Kliche Laura Kothrade Tori Kuehne Andrew Taelia Hailey Wagner	9 Chelsea Briel Gery Volberding	10 Nick Baites Ally Locholz	11 Claire Bode Mackenzie Coombs Sarah Orbin Jillstah Phillips Stienne Swanson
12 Hannah Schwecke	13	14 Agneta Christophersen Mandy Gangelhoff Sylvia Gapan Janelle Kliche Conrad Meyer	15 Rysh Bahr Kirsti Holhus Angela Kaiser Griffin Melcalle Naomi Schilling	16 Abbie Galfaney Bryan Unke	17 Brodie Ellavsky Brodie Ellavsky James Lynch	18
19 Delina Magnuson Dean Moran	20 Greichen Kliche Ramona Von Ende Tiffanne Walter	21 Angie Picotte	22 Rebecca Branmer Melody Felber Jerome Firtz Carol Jobes Justin Maurer Mallory Nages	23 Travis Cook Amos Kuehne	24 Jake Eckard Mara Robinson	25 Leonie Meyer Alexa Zupfer
26 Greg Brantner Daniel Kappel Inez Koehler Katherine Rogge Debra Weinand	27 Linda Eckard Nate Wicklund	28 Duane Abraham Gina Dorethy LaVerne Franklin Joel Magnuson Steve Nelson Jerry Rogge James Wicht	29 Garrett Kothrade Jayme Kruse Robert Kruse Bette Lynch Marcia Schato	30 Brian Knutson Todd Lucht Hannah Schutte	31 Scott Geli	





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*Monthly events are subject to change

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Divine Service	6 7pm Divine Service	7 9:00 am No Adult Bible Study	8	9 7:00 pm Deacons Council Meeting 7pm New Member Class 7:15 pm Table Tennis	10	11
12 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Divine Service	13 7pm Divine Service	14 9:00 am Adult Bible Study	15 4:00-7 pm Back-to-School Night	16 DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER CHURCH NEWSLETTER 7pm New Member Class 7:15 pm Table Tennis	17	18
19 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Divine Service	20 7pm Divine Service	21 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm Board Meetings	22	23	24	25
26 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Divine Service	27 First day of School 8:30 Chapel 7pm Last Summer Evening Divine Service	28 9:00 am No Adult Bible Study	29	30 7pm New Member Class 7:15 pm Table Tennis	31 No School – Labor Day weekend	

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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!