

# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School (LCMS)

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# Important Announcements

## For those who watch services on Live-Stream during the Coronavirus Pandemic

**Stay Home when Sick:** If you are sick or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 please stay home. If you start to experience symptoms while in attendance at a service or out anywhere else, please go home immediately. If at a service, notify a Safety Team member on your way out so we may direct our cleaning and communication efforts.

**Singing:** At this time there are mixed studies on what effect singing may have on the spread of this disease. Due to this, the governor's office has made refraining from congregational singing a requirement. So we will speak the liturgy and the hymn of the day will be sung by the pastors. To make up for this deprivation in the Sunday Divine Service, we will add much music and singing to the Wednesday evening service which is still Live-Stream only. Please tune in early and stay late for the preludes, postludes, and sing with us the hymns that will be provided in the online bulletins.

**Maintaining Piety when Worshiping at Home:** The best way to get the most out of this temporary set-up is to keep things in your household as regular as possible:

- Print the bulletin or use your hymnals
- Dress like you would dress for church
- Stand when we stand, sit when we sit
- Sing along with the hymns
- Watch at the live time, Sunday morning, setting it aside as first priority instead of looking for whatever time is most convenient for you
- Limit the distractions, toys, and tech so that the time is truly "sacred" (set-apart) for Christ and His means of grace

These ideas can help you focus on the Service of the Word and will also help you prevent bad habits from developing during our temporary suspension of Divine Services

# † The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity †

September 6, 2020

*Special Note for the Live Stream: Because the Absolution and Communion are sacramental acts that require the in-person interaction of penitent & pastor and communicant & pastor, we will not Live Stream those portions of the Divine Service. If you desire a more detailed explanation of the status of the controversies in Christianity and the LCMS around these acts that have led us to this decision on this practice, your pastors are more than willing to discuss it with you.*

## Service of the Word

Hymn: 579 The Law of God Is Good and Wise

*sung by the Pastors*



1 The Law of God is good and wise And sets His  
2 Its light of ho - li - ness im - parts The knowl - edge  
3 To those who help in Christ have found And would in  
4 But those who scorn - ful - ly dis - dain God's Law shall



will be - fore our eyes, Shows us the way of righ - teous -  
of our sin - ful hearts That we may see our lost es -  
works of love a - bound It shows what deeds are His de -  
then in sin re - main; Its ter - ror in their ear re -



ness, And dooms to death when we trans - gress.  
tate And turn from sin be - fore too late.  
light And should be done as good and right.  
sounds And keeps their wick - ed - ness in bounds.

5 The Law is good; but since the fall  
Its holiness condemns us all;  
It dooms us for our sin to die  
And has no pow'r to justify.

6 To Jesus we for refuge flee,  
Who from the curse has set us free,  
And humbly worship at His throne,  
Saved by His grace through faith alone.

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### Introit

*Psalm 74:1-2, 19b, 21b; antiphon: vv. 20a, 21a, 22a, 23a*

Have regard for the covenant, [O Lord];  
let not the downtrodden turn back in shame.  
Arise, O God, defend your cause;  
do not forget the clamor of your foes.  
**O God, why do you cast us off forever?**  
**Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?**  
**Remember your congregation,**  
**which you have purchased of old,**  
**which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!**  
**Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt.**  
**Do not forget the life of your poor forever.**  
**Let the poor and needy praise your name.**

*sung by the Pastors*



☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

**Kyrie** *sung by the Pastors*

LSB 186

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**Gloria in Excelsis** *sung by the Pastors*

LSB 187

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with thy spirit.**

- P** Let us pray.  
Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*2 Chronicles 28:8–15*

<sup>8</sup>The men of Israel took captive 200,000 of their relatives, women, sons, and daughters. They also took much spoil from them and brought the spoil to Samaria. <sup>9</sup>But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded, and he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria and said to them, “Behold, because the LORD, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, he gave them into your hand, but you have killed them in a rage that has reached up to heaven. <sup>10</sup>And now you intend to subjugate the people of Judah and Jerusalem, male and female, as your slaves. Have you not sins of your own against the LORD your God? <sup>11</sup>Now hear me, and send back the captives from your relatives whom you have taken, for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you.”

<sup>12</sup>Certain chiefs also of the men of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who were coming from the war <sup>13</sup>and said to them, “You shall not bring the captives in here, for you propose to bring upon us guilt against the LORD in addition to our present sins and guilt. For our guilt is already great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel.” <sup>14</sup>So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the assembly. <sup>15</sup>And the men who have been mentioned by name rose and took the captives, and with the spoil they clothed all who were naked among them. They clothed them, gave them sandals, provided them with food and drink, and anointed them, and carrying all the feeble among them on donkeys, they brought them to their kinsfolk at Jericho, the city of palm trees. Then they returned to Samaria.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual

*Psalm 77:14–15*

**You are the God who works wonders;  
you have made known your might among the peoples.  
You with your arm redeemed your people,  
the children of Jacob and Joseph.**

### Epistle

*Galatians 3:15–22*

<sup>15</sup>To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. <sup>16</sup>Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ. <sup>17</sup>This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. <sup>18</sup>For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

<sup>19</sup>Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. <sup>20</sup>Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

<sup>21</sup>Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. <sup>22</sup>But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

**Alleluia** *sung by the Pastors*

LSB 190



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel**

*Luke 10:23–37*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>Turning to the disciples [Jesus] said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! <sup>24</sup>For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.”

<sup>25</sup>And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup>He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” <sup>27</sup>And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”

<sup>28</sup>And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup>But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” <sup>37</sup>He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed**

**C** **I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me *sung by the Pastors*

1 Je - sus, Thy bound - less love to me No thought can reach, no  
 2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul May dwell, but Thy pure  
 3 This love un - wea - ried I pur - sue And daunt - less - ly to  
 4 In suf - f'ring be Thy love my peace, In weak - ness be Thy

tongue de - clare; U - nite my thank - ful heart to Thee,  
 love a - lone; Oh, may Thy love pos - sess me whole,  
 Thee as - pire. Oh, may Thy love my hope re - new,  
 love my pow'r; And when the storms of life shall cease,

And reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly, Thine a -  
 My joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness from my  
 Burn in my soul like heav'n - ly fire! And day and night, be  
 O Je - sus, in that fi - nal hour, Be Thou my rod and

lone I am; Be Thou a - lone my con - stant flame.  
 heart re - move; My ev - 'ry act, word, thought be love.  
 all my care To guard this sa - cred trea - sure there.  
 staff and guide, And draw me safe - ly to Thy side!

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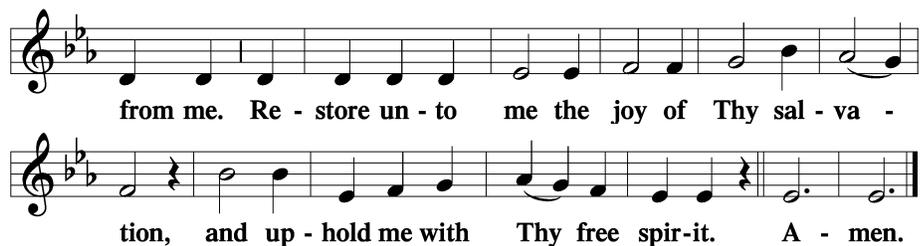
Sermon: *Are You Really Poor? (Psalm 74:19b and Luke 10:27)*

Stand

Offertory *sung by the Pastors*

LSB 192

**C**re - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



Stand

## Prayer of the Church

*Following the prayers the Live Stream ends and the Service of the Sacrament begins.*

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### **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), Ilene Shepherd, Brigette Ritter, Dr. Crystal Rossow, Charice McDowell, Mavis Kalk, Joyce O’Hern, Melvin Haag, Patrick Oberle, Ramona Von Ende, Bruce Hansen, Marlys Johnson, and Justin Brynjulfson. 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 John and Arleen Barrett, Sue Erickson, Marlys Johnson, Inez Koehler, Steve Orbin, Gerald Oswald, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, and Ilene Shepherd.

**All those serving in our Armed Forces**— Agena Christophersen (Belgium), Kevin Mazurowski (Arizona), Nathan Mazurowski (Arizona), Isak Preus (Florida), Brian Pruhs (Germany), Joseph Radintz (home), Emily Sawyer (Florida), and Danny Schilling (home).

**Those who have lost loved ones during the past year**— Mark Ellinger & family (at the loss of his mother Ruth), the family of Robert Malwitz, the family of Alvin Cook, the family of Betty Schmiede, Justin Bermel & family (at the loss of his father Douglas, and his brother Jeffrey), Rob Borcharding & family (at the loss of his mother Carol), the family of Rev. Greg Tyler (Pastor at St. Paul Lutheran in Osseo), Lisa Kolander & family (at the loss of her mother Lucy Fairchild), Jan Stadler & family (at the loss of her sister, JoAnne Hackbarth), John Meyer & family (at the loss of his brother Jeff), the family of Larry Jobes, Dan Kappel & family (at the loss of his father Francis), Joellyn Wicht & family (at the loss of her mother Frances Spielman), and Larissa Alvarez & family (at the loss of her grandmother Luci Correa).

**And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones**— the family of Fred Hunt, the family of Diane Lawrence, Gerald Anderson & family (at the loss of his father Dale), Joyce O’Hern & family (at the loss of her father-in-law Marland), Arlene Rogge & family (at the loss of her father George Hackler), Lois Foggia & family (at the loss of her brother-in-law Tom Hooker), the family of Vivian Kuns, Stephanie Haver & family (at the loss of her brother Brandon), Char Abraham & family (at the loss of her brother Russell), and the family of Linda Bredenberg.

**All expecting families and their unborn children**— especially Kyle & Abbie (MacMillan) Gaffaney, and Adam & Brittany Strohschein. If you would like to announce your pregnancy to the Church that we might pray for you, please contact one of our pastors.

**THIS WEEK:** The congregations in our circuit are praying for Concordia Theological Seminary (Fort Wayne, IN) and Concordia Seminary (St. Louis, MO).

**PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL:** This week we pray for our Custodial Maintenance Team of Noah Walton and Manager John Draskovich, and our Extended School Program (ESP) Director Tori Kuehne and all of the program Assistants.

## † Announcements †

**COVID-19 Preparedness Plan, Phased-Reopening:** *All St. John's events and activities have been cancelled or postponed until further notice, however, we now are able to hold Divine Services, weddings, and funerals that adhere to our protocols, as published in the pastoral letter of May 24, and available in our church's "Covid-19 Preparedness Plan". Please visit our website for the link to these documents and to stay informed as updates can happen quickly.*

**SOCIAL DISTANCING:** Please keep in mind your social distancing awareness and hygiene when entering the building and encountering other individuals; you are required to wear a mask as you enter, exit, or at any time when not social distancing. Our Custodial Staff has been working diligently maintaining disinfection measures throughout the building to help keep our limited staff & visitors safe.

**SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:** *no special feast days this week.*

**VIDEO BIBLE STUDY:** After we finish with Ephesians this week, we will begin study of The Book of Daniel in September. A video recording will be uploaded to the YouTube Channel "Matthew Moss" and shared on Facebook and our website. Enjoy!

September 6- Fellowship in Prayer, Commendation, and Blessing (Eph. 6:18-24)

September 13- *Getting Ready for the Book of Daniel*

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** has resumed as we take up again the Book of Acts. We will meet via Facebook Live at 9:45 am each Tuesday. This format will allow any questions you might have, simply post a comment and if it is seen it will be answered. We will take up Acts 21 and see Paul's arrival, arrest, and defense in Jerusalem.

**NOTICE OF CHURCH MEMBER'S PASSING:** It has pleased Our Heavenly Father to call home devoted church member Linda Bredenberg on September 2, 2020. Funeral arrangement plans will be posted once determined. Please keep her family in your prayers.

**CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY:** There will be two Congregational Assembly meetings on Sunday, September 20th, beginning at 1:30 pm. We will have the Spring meeting, which is typically held in March, for the primary purpose of approving our budget. Immediately thereafter, we will have our Fall meeting for the primary purpose of electing officers and selecting Deacons. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are taking a number of precautions to ensure members can attend and feel safe while doing so. Following are the procedures we will follow:

- Both meetings will be held outside - social distancing will be required
- In the event of inclement weather, we will hold the meetings in the gymnasium and masks will be required
- Each meeting will be limited to 30 minutes to limit the amount of time we are gathered as a large group
- The agendas will be limited to standard board reports and essential business; we will limit extraneous business/discussions
- Materials for both meetings will be made available in the narthex for two Sundays before the meeting
- All written board reports will be addressed at once
- There will be no oral board reports, but there will be an opportunity for questions on the written reports
- We will not be setting up tables or chairs for the meeting; if you wish to sit during the meeting please bring your own chair

**For the Spring Meeting:**

- In addition to the written board reports, there will be a 10 - 15 minute overview of the FY 20-21 budget
- We will vote on the FY 20-21 budget as presented in the March materials

**For the Fall Meeting:**

- In addition to the written board reports, there will be a 10 - 15 minute overview of the variance we have to the budget due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic
- We will elect the new officers (President, Treasurer, and Secretary)
- We will select the new Deacons

We appreciate everyone's understanding on these precautions and your assistance in helping us work through our essential business in a prompt and safe manner.

**NOTICE OF CANDIDATES FOR DEACON COUNCIL:** Per the Constitution & By-Laws of this congregation a Nomination Committee of both pastors, congregational president, deacon chairman, and an at-large member of the congregation have met and nominated qualified men to serve as deacons. These nominees were contacted and given the option to accept or decline their nomination. We may now praise God and share with the congregation two weeks before the selection is to take place that the following men have allowed their names to stand for selection:

*Rob Borcharding, Leif Briel, Todd Haag, Andrew Heinen, Dave Kiesow, Jessie Mathwig, Mark Radintz, Ted Schmidt, Phil Schutte, and Dennis Schwecke.*

If anyone has reason why one of these men is disqualified from the office of Deacon, let that person contact one of the pastors, deacon chairman, or congregational president as soon as possible for any investigation into the claims. Otherwise, let us thank God for raising up these men and their willingness to serve, especially those whose term of service is coming to an end: *Tom Eversman, Mike Gaffer, Stu Glock, and Dan Holthus.*

**SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** Joined in Holy Matrimony 40 years ago September 5, 1980 were Richard and Joy Rau, and 60 years ago on September 6<sup>th</sup> were Charles and Eileen Ballou. May God grant them many more happy years together. May their love and commitment for each other always reflect the deep love and commitment that Christ Jesus, our heavenly Bridegroom, has for His holy Bride, the Church. *“Gracious Savior, grant Your blessing to this husband and this wife . . . Make their love a living picture showing how You loved Your bride”* (LSB 860).

**ST. JOHN’S GOLF TOURNAMENT:** Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Rush Creek Golf Club, Maple Grove. See details outlined in the enclosed poster page. Tell your friends, neighbors, relatives and coworkers to join us!

**ATTENTION FAMILIES OF COLLEGE AGE STUDENTS:** Please send us your college age student's address (even if they are living at home) so that St. John's may keep in touch with them throughout the year. Email addresses to: [parished@stjlutheran.org](mailto:parished@stjlutheran.org) OR [sjmabrockberg@yahoo.com](mailto:sjmabrockberg@yahoo.com).

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** (September 6 – September 12) **Sunday-** Arlene Bagne/Rachel Kolstad, **Monday-** Joshua Haag, **Tuesday-** Bret McFerrin, **Wednesday-** Cathy Schmidt, **Thursday-** Wade Behnken/Floyd Lieske/Alexandra Meyer/Alexander Vetsch, **Friday-** Amy Murschel/Joni Wicht, **Saturday-** Leah Johnson/Makena Murschel

<b>FINANCIAL UPDATE</b>	<u>Last Week</u> 08/30/20	<u>Year-to-date</u> since 07/01/20
Total General Fund Receipts-All Sources	\$ 8,392	\$ 192,731
Amount Needed	\$ 37,192	\$ 292,335
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ (28,799)	\$ (99,605)
% Ahead (-Behind)		-34%

Current Building Mortgage Balance (August 31, 2020): \$251,412

Amount Needed above includes all budgeted revenues, including offerings, school tuition and third-source income, for the current budget year beginning July 1, 2020. There was no cumulative deficit as of July 1. Questions can be directed to Church Treasurer Mike Gaffer ([mtgaff@comcast.net](mailto:mtgaff@comcast.net))

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK (August 30<sup>th</sup>)** Total: 170 CM: 125

*Note: The pastors and kantor are only counted once in both figures above, but take up three of the 75 slots at each service. Also, Safety Team members are positioned in the halls, and do not count against the 75 available spots in the sanctuary, however they are included in the numbers of those present for worship and communing if they communed.*

SEVENTH ANNUAL CHARITY  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
RUSH CREEK GOLF CLUB  
MAPLE GROVE



SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER

★ 19 ★  
2020

COVID  
PRECAUTIONS:

No Contact  
Social Distance  
No Games  
No Dinner

### REGISTRATION

**\$125 per golfer**

for 18 holes of golf & cart

DEADLINE AUG 26<sup>th</sup> for online registration and payment. You MUST pre-pay as there will be no check-in table at the event. Go to [tinyurl.com/stjohnsgolf2020](https://tinyurl.com/stjohnsgolf2020).

### TIMING

The event will be a shotgun scramble at 2pm  
OR tee times will be assigned starting at 11am. Exact timing will be communicated 3 weeks prior to the event.

### QUESTIONS?

Contact Stu Glock [lizzystu@aol.com](mailto:lizzystu@aol.com) or  
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