



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

MONTGOMERY, MINNESOTA

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JUNE 2014

Dear People of St. John,

There are five Sundays in the month of June and our gospel readings lead us in a variety of directions. June 1 is the 7th and last Sunday of the Easter season. I know that it seems like a long time since we celebrated Easter, but Easter is a season of 7 weeks, not just one day. So here we are, on the first Sunday in June still reading texts that remind us of what is central to our faith, the death and resurrection of Jesus.

June 8th is the Day of Pentecost. Jesus had promised his disciples that after he had gone from them that he would send another Advocate. The Greek word used here is *paraclete*. The word literally means “one who walks along side.” I love that image of a God who is so down to earth and personal. On the Day of Pentecost we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the conversion of 3,000 people, the birthday of the Christian church.

The 15th of June is Trinity Sunday when we read texts that remind us that God is one God in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Lutherans have always been a “second article people,” finding God’s clearest expression of himself in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Luther was fond of saying that if you want to know what is in the heart of the Father, just look to the cross and there you will see God’s love made plain for all to see.

June 22nd is the most normal Sunday of the month, simply known as the 2nd Sunday after Pentecost. But June 29th is another special day devoted to remembering the lives and teaching of the Apostles Peter and Paul. Both of these men were very outspoken as they told the story of Jesus to all who would listen. Peter was one of the insiders among the disciples and in the city of Jerusalem. It took some convincing for Peter to come to believe that the gospel of Jesus Christ was for everyone, not just for the Jews. But after a rather heated confrontation with Paul as well as a vision that he experienced, Peter came to believe that the Gentiles could become Christians too. Paul took that belief outside of Jerusalem, outside of Palestine and into Asia Minor and Europe. He established many congregations as he traveled and his letters to those congregations make up 1/3 of the New Testament.

So, June is a rich month for worship with a wealth of reminders about our roots as Christians.

Maryann and I enjoyed our trip to Anchorage, Alaska. We got to spend a week with our daughter, her fiancé, and our two grandsons. We were blessed to see our oldest grandson graduate from high school. We also saw the wonder, beauty and glory of God’s creation in a place we had never been before. Those of you who have been to Alaska know what I mean. Pictures just can’t do it justice.

But as always it’s good to be home and back to work at St. John. God bless each of you as you enjoy your own work and adventures this summer.

In His Service,
Pastor Bob Kaul

June Worship Helpers

Readers

June 1 Cindy Westerhouse
 June 8 Greg Westerman
 June 15 Jessica Westerman
 June 22 Kathy Westerman
 June 29 Cindy Curtis

Head Usher

John Helling

Ushers / Greeters

June 1 Mike & Maridan Nesmoe
 Don Marcussen
 Charles Richter
 June 8 Steve & Tammie Pan
 Gerry & Dianna Smith
 June 15 David & Dorothy Scheffert
 Kelle Schleis
 Eric Schroeder
 June 22 Lynn Schuknecht
 Jesse & Gail Skluzacek
 Myrna Terwedo
 June 29 Marc & Kathy Peterson
 Berlyn & Garie Teig

Communion Assistants

June 8 Gerry & Dianna Smith
 Garie Teig
 June 22 Cheryl Schulte
 Rhonda Solberg
 Kathy Westerman

Altar Guild

Kathy Derhaag
 Carol Kiekow

*If you are unable to help on the day assigned,
 please EXCHANGE with someone else
 and call the church office at 507-364-5002.*

Thank you for your help!

Have an announcement for the bulletin or newsletter?

Drop off or e-mail (stjohnelca@frontier.com)
 information to the church office by:

- ◆ Thursday for the bulletin.
- ◆ The 24th of June for the July/August newsletter.

Financial Corner General Fund - April

	April	Year to Date
Receipt	\$ 21,572.41	\$ 60,633.60
Expenses	<u>\$ 14,682.25</u>	<u>\$ 61,992.47</u>
Cash Flow	\$ 6,890.16	\$ (1,358.87)

Remember in your Prayers...

Jeff and Peggy Schaak, Terri Pekarna (Robert and Glenda Larsen's daughter), Jeff Klonne (Pat Boyle's brother), Nancy DeCoux (Cathy Stasney's mother), Scott Petersen, Bob Hauer, Harold Walters (Betty Jindra and Virginia Horejsi's father), Chad Solheid (Michelle Treka's brother), Opal Hartwig, Ethan Scheffert, Scott Collier, Adelle Shultz (Carol Kiekow's aunt), John Teig (Berlyn's brother), Arlene Washa, Reuben Svoboda, Braden Flicek, Lester Moen, Sandy Hajney, Mayme Jindra, Nancy Vollmar, Leona Winterfeldt and Todd Treka.

Remember those serving our country...

Kyle Eckstrom, Adam Minett, Kevin Baer, Jacqueline Sellner, Shane Morris, Damon Athey, Nathan Kubinski, Matthew Astorino, Adam Vlasak, Matt Nelson and Andy Moen.



Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Ellen Flicek and family upon the death of her mother, Lorraine Cemensky.

We extend our sympathy to the family of David Washa who passed away Tuesday, May 13.

Gifts

Gifts received in memory of Elmer Winterfeldt to be used for Feed My Sheep. Thank you.

Baptisms

Griffin Alan Denzer was baptized Sunday, May 11.

Griffin was born December 25, 2013 to Jeremy and Erica Denzer. His sponsors are Ryan and Shannon Denzer and Michael Masmar. God's blessings to Griffin and his family.



Thank you

Thank you to the seven ladies who worked so hard to put together 62 baby layette sets which have been delivered to the LWR warehouse.

Adult Education

Adult Education classes will be held Sunday, June 15 and June 29 at 10:15 a.m. in the Youth Room. All are welcome to attend.

Groups & Organizations that meet at St. John!

To ensure our calendar is correct and that we have the church open for your event, please inform Pastor Bob or Kay of your planned meeting dates.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Church Council Meeting

May 20, 2014 - 6:30pm

Present: Paige Nordling (1/15), John Grimm (1/15), Jeanne Anderson (1/15), John Helling (1/16), Dan Hardel (1/17), Kathy Peterson (1/17), Wendy Vargo (1/17)

Absent: Pastor Robert Kaul, John Krautkremer (1/16), Maridan Nesmoie (1/16)

The meeting opened with **devotion** by Kathy Peterson.

Secretary Report: Kathy Peterson, moved, Dan Hardel seconded to **approve the April 2014 meeting minutes.**

Motion carried.

President's Report: A discussion was held concerning back ground checks. Dan Hardel moved, Wendy Vargo seconded a motion requiring any adults taking part in church sponsored overnight youth trips will be required to have a current background check. Motion carried.

Vice President's Report: No report

Secretary Report: Jeanne will miss the next meeting, Paige has agreed to take the minutes.

Treasurer Report: John Grimm moved, John Helling seconded to **approve the Treasurer's Report** for April 2014.

Motion carried.

Old Business:

A. Head Ushers

June – John Helling	August 3 - Jeanne Anderson
July 6- John Grimm	August 10 - John Helling
July 13-John Grimm	
July 20-Kathy Peterson	
July 27-Jeanne Anderson	

B. Feed My Sheep: We are at minus \$131.74 at this time. We have 2 families in need who will be next on our list as funds grow. Dan is looking into the use of the Endowment funds to help families in need.

C. Parsonage Rental- Tenants moving in on May 24th

D. Constitution / Bylaws – waiting for synod approval

E. Audit Committee – Committee is established and will be meeting soon.

F. Nomination Committee – will convene in the fall

G. Ratify e-votes:

April 27th e-vote to donate \$1,000 from Feed My Sheep to two families in need.

April 27th to accept reduced rent for a prospective tenant.

John Grimm moved, Dan Hardel seconded to accept these e-votes. Motion carried.

New Business:

A. Can Recycling: Still collecting at this time

Committee Reports:

A. Stewardship Committee: John Grimm - No report

B. Evangelism Committee: Wendy Vargo

1. We are not planning to have a graduate breakfast this year. I will have Kay put their names in the bulletin and I will put their pictures on the bulletin board in the social room.

C. Education: Pastor & Jeanne Anderson

1. We ended the Sunday school year with the children singing/reciting during the service, then they were treated to root beer floats after a short lesson. Sunday School teachers, superintendent and staff were recognized during the service.

2. VBS will be held June 1-3 with the theme: "Splash into the Bible." Jessica Westerman is heading this up with a committee of volunteers.

3. 9th grade mentor dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 21. Fall retreat will be held at Gustavus September 13-14.

4. The challenges of space for Sunday School has been discussed.

5. Next Education Committee meeting is June 22, at 10:00 a.m.

D. Youth: Paige Nordling Luther League Committee- Last planning meeting was April 6th

1. Little League:

a. May Day event was held Thursday, May 1st after school – 6:00 p.m. About 10 kids attended.

2. Junior League: No report

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(Council Cont.)

3. Senior League:
 - a. Planning an outdoor movie / campfire night from 8 – midnight on Saturday, June 21st at church.
 4. Mission trip set for July 13 – 19th. This group served a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Lions on April 13th. The sending service for the mission trip group will be Sunday, June 29th
 5. Flower sales happened the weekend of May 2nd & 3rd. Made a profit of about \$1,800. Will make some changes next year including location.
 6. We cleaned at Pioneer Power on Wednesday, April 16th. About 10 kids attended.
 7. We are planning an all league activity out at Gregor's lake lot again this summer. It will be on Monday, July 28th 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 8. Boundary Waters Trip – August 2nd- 8th. Deposits are being gathered and registration forms completed. Another meeting will be held on Sunday, June 29th at 6:00 p.m.
 9. We are always looking for more youth involvement in the church services one Sunday a month. They can read, usher and do the Children's Minute. Emily would work with anyone interested in doing special music as well. Looking for volunteers!
 10. Youth Board Informational Meeting to gather more volunteers was held on Sunday, May 18th 10:00 a.m. No new adults attended. The Advisory Board is looking to rethink how our program is run. We are not getting the volunteers we need.
 11. Next Advisory meeting date is set for 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 26th.
 12. Next Events Planning Meeting will likely be in August.
 13. Community Service Ditch Cleaning – moved to Wednesday, May 21st 3:30-5:30 p.m. – adult volunteers to drive/supervise would be appreciated.
 14. 9th Graders Mentor Dinner – Wednesday, May 21st 6:30 p.m. – served by Youth Board volunteers.
 15. ELCA Youth Gathering 2015 – Detroit, MI – July 15th-19th 2015 – need to set an informational meeting for early summer – need commitments by September/October.
 16. Will be switching the ages of the leagues in the middle of the summer (new league group ages – Little League = 3rd and 4th, Junior League = 5th-8th, Senior League = 9th-12th).
 17. As of this date no graduating students appear to be eligible to be considered for our annual scholarship.
 18. Paige reported that Emily is ready to step down from her position. A discussion took place at the council meeting of what this will mean to the program. A committee will need to be formed to explore options for her replacement. Further discussion will take place at the June council meeting.
- E. Facility Management** – John Krautkremer
1. Watch stains in the bell tower.
 2. New bathroom fixtures are needed.
 3. Replacement lighting in the sanctuary is still being planned.
- F. Church and Society:** Kathy Peterson
1. Quarterly meeting was held. New members are Joanne Dawson and Lynn Heinzig.
 2. Kathy Peterson moved, Dan Hardel seconded to donate the Wesertman World Mission Fund yearly interest to our local mission trip. Motion carried.
- G. Communications:** Dan Hardel
1. Various automatic giving options are being considered and will be shared with the congregation.
- H. Fellowship:** John Helling
1. John reported that the Fellowship Committee offered a light supper after the Cantata. A free will offering was collected, and after expenses, \$231 remained. John Grimm moved, Paige Nordling seconded for these funds to go to the Fellowship Committee to fund future events. Motion carried.
- I. Worship & Music Committee:** Maridan Nesmoe
1. Next meeting is August 9th
 2. No scheduled events at this time.

Pastors Report: No report

Next meeting: June 17, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm and closed with “The Lord’s Prayer”

Submitted by Jeanne Anderson, Church Council Secretary

June Music Notes

We are changing the setting of our services to **Setting Three** on May 31/June 1. This is a familiar setting that was used in the Lutheran Book of Worship (green) hymnal. We started with **Setting Three** when we began using our new Evangelical Lutheran Worship (cranberry) hymnals in 2010.

After the Confession and Forgiveness on page 94-95 and after the Gathering Song we will continue the service on page 138.



Congratulation Class of 2014

*Danielle Glende
Danielle Roemhildt
Cody Sabin
Brad Studnicka
Allison Washa*



2014 Mission Trip

The Mission Trip to McDowell County, West Virginia is approaching quickly. The group will be departing on Sunday, July 13 and returning Saturday, July 19. The members of the mission trip are Haley Dietz, Cassidy Gilbertson, Kassidy Korbitz, Tyler Nesmoe, Meleah Schoenbauer, Ashley Stewig, Denise Gilbertson, Emily Hoefs, Maridan Nesmoe, Shirley Pumper, and Kathy Westerman.

We asked Haley Dietz to write a Mission Trip article for the newsletter. She submitted:

Thank you Lukas Dietz! After overhearing his mom and sister talk about the mission trip to West Virginia this summer he had an idea...His 10th birthday was soon approaching and instead of receiving personal birthday gifts from his friends he thought he would asked them to make a donation to his sister's mission trip. He said he already had enough toys and would like to help others instead. He received \$85 and a box of school supplies that will be taken on the trip by his sister Haley. Thanks Lukas for your generous donation.

On behalf of all the youth and adults going to West Virginia, thank you for your spiritual and financial support! If you feel moved to help out with a financial contribution, please fill one of the donation envelopes that can be found in the Fellowship Hall or send your donation to the church office.

Thank you for helping make this mission trip a huge success.

Stewardship

As you've likely noticed, our giving has been falling short of our budgetary needs. Specifically, to date our offerings have totaled \$68,373, while our budgeted weekly income should have been \$70,098. Obviously, we must strive together to rectify this.

The good news is that we can do it without undue hardship, by simply increasing our giving by one dollar per day. You must admit that each of us spends a dollar without much thought or sacrifice - on a cup of coffee, a lottery ticket or a candy bar. So please join me, by setting aside just one dollar per day to add to your regular offering each week.

We have a vibrant, inspirational ministry at St. John; together we must support it generously if we are to continue changing lives.

John Grimm

ST. JOHN YOUTH

Thank You

Thank you to the congregation members who worked at the dance recital concession stand. A big thank you to the Solberg family who went and bought all the food, set up and took down!

From the Mission Trip Group

Mission Trip 2014

We are seeking donations towards the upcoming West Virginia Mission Trip. The transportation costs for this trip are rather high and we are hoping that with the help of our generous congregation we can help reduce the cost for each volunteer that is going on the trip. The trip will cost close to \$1,000 per person and we have not yet met our fundraising goals. If you feel moved to help out with a financial contribution, please fill one of the donation envelopes that can be found in the fellowship hall. Thank you for helping make this mission trip a huge success.

Coffee Sales

We will continue to sell ground and whole bean coffee from the European Roasterie. They are available at \$9 per bag. If you are interested in purchasing, please find Emily Hoefs during coffee hour. Our current flavors on hand include Breakfast Brew, Jamaican Me Crazy, and Church Basement Ladies.



Pop Tab Collection

We will be collecting pop tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald House charities. Containers will be available to deposit your pop tabs in the Youth Room, Sunday School office, and church office.

Cell Phone Fundraiser

Please donate your old phone to the Luther Leagues. We send in the old phones to a recycling program and receive money in return. These funds help keep the events held at St. John Lutheran inexpensive and available to everyone. A basket for donations can be found on top of the coat racks near the church office.

