



MESSENGER NEWSLETTER
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 With an extra ordinary message!
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

BABBTOWN

Sunday Worship
8:00 A.M. Worship

(Holy Communion 2nd & 4th Sunday)
Bible Study and Sunday School 9:10
A.M.

SCHUBERT

Sunday Worship
Sunday school
9:15 A.M.

Bible study 9:30 A.M.
10:00 A.M. Worship with
(Holy Communion)

Also Streaming on Vimeo and Facebook

MAY AT A GLANCE

- May 1 Elders 7 pm
- May 5 Choir practice following
Worship
- May 6 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm
- May 9 Ascension Worship 7 pm
- May12 Mother's Day
- May13 Ladies Bible, Blessings and
Beyond Bible Study 1 pm
- May15 Choir Practice 7 pm
- May18 Basement Reserved
- May19 Pentecost Sunday, Senior
Members Sunday
- May20 John Essen Interment
1 pm
Men's Bible Study/Supper
6 pm,
- May27 Memorial Day

Dear Friends and Members of St. John's Congregations, Brothers and Sisters in Christ Fellow Redeemed,

May marks another great celebration on the church calendar. May 19th is Pentecost Sunday. This Sunday is to honor the Holy Spirit and His work within us to bring us to faith, keep us in faith, and enable us to bear the fruits of good works to the Glory of God.

The day that the church has chosen to honor the Holy Spirit is the day on which Jesus sent the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles during the festival of Pentecost, 50 days after the Passion Sabbath as a fulfillment of what Jesus said in Luke 24:45-49:

- 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,*
- 46 and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,*
- 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.*
- 48 You are witnesses of these things.*
- 49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."*

This is further explained in Acts 1:3-5

- 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.*
- 4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me:*
- 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."*

Our celebration of Pentecost commemorates this event which is significant as it marks the beginning of the fulfillment of the Great Commission as well as the declaration that the work of missions and evangelism can only be accomplished by the Holy Spirit's grace and power.

We also acknowledge that we cannot declare Jesus as Lord without the work of the Holy Spirit.

We have reason to rejoice and give thanks to and for the Holy Spirit.

I encourage you to make it a special day by making every effort to attend church on Pentecost.

It is also the day that our Evangelism Committee has designated to honor our Senior Members (70 and above) as we fellowship with donuts and coffee and encourage each other in our walk of faith.

As a side to our celebration I encourage you to wear red—the color representing the work of the Holy Spirit.

AND

If you have red flowers blooming in your yard bring a bouquet to church—or you could bring a red blooming potted/bedding plant to grace the sanctuary on Pentecost. Let's make Pentecost a special spiritual day of joy and thanksgiving to God the Holy Spirit for bringing us to salvation and faith in Christ Jesus.

Let's have a genuine and wonderful Pentecost festival. Come one, come all, in Christ's Love, Pastor Scheperle

SPEAKING FOR LIFE

“May God send an army of angels to protect the babies in the womb from the laws being enacted in some states that are taking away protections for God's smallest, most vulnerable humans. May hearts be changed with the truths found in scripture. And may the influence the devil has on our society, with his culture of death, be deposed.” Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Call Committee Update

Brothers and sisters in Christ, members of St. John's Schubert and Babbtown:

Members of St. John's Schubert and Babbtown, we were blessed to have District President Hagan as our guest preacher last week, and grateful for the Q&A he provided at Schubert about the future Intentional Interim Pastor (IIP).

To briefly recap a few points:

President Hagan has two people in mind to serve as our IIP. He will make a decision on this and will let us know next month. The Call Committee will interview the person and bring the information and their recommendation about the person to each congregation.

Once the IIP arrives, he will perform regular pastoral duties while also meeting with/surveying members to gain an understanding of “who we are” as a congregation, as well as our strengths and areas for growth to better prepare us for a new pastor when the time is right.

President Hagan believes it would be best to work with the IIP for at least six months (minimum) before we consider calling a new pastor. He did say that it would be possible (depending upon our preparedness and feedback received from the IIP) to call from the Seminary in 2025 if that was the wish of our congregations.

He reminded us that once Pastor Scheperle retires—HE IS RETIRED. We must rely on the IIP, Pastor Whittle, or other designated pastors to address our spiritual needs. President Hagan encouraged all of us to enjoy the time we have with Pastor Scheperle and Paula prior to Pastor's retirement in June and to rejoice and give thanks to God for the many blessings poured out on each of our congregations.

In Christ,
The Call Committee

**EVANGELISM
UPDATE**

**Coming up for the
Evangelism Committee:**
May 19th, Senior Member
Sunday
June 30th, Pastor
Schepeler's Retirement
Celebration



Prayer Chain Tree

Prayer requests, please text
Molly Boeckmann at
573-338-4309.



The congregation is invited to join Lin and Kathy Bauer in celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 9th. Please join us after church in the basement for potluck dinner. Meat and drinks will be provided. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert. We look forward to seeing you there!

Vacation Bible School

Theme: Treasures of the Kingdom

An evening for the whole family!

Classes for ages 3 thru finishing 8th grade.

Class for adults.

Parents bring your little ones along and set them on your lap while we feed on God's Word.

We want you to attend!

We need you to invite your family and neighbors and friends

We need your help with –

Praying

Teaching

Help in the classrooms

Watching the playground

Decorating

Publicity

Cookies, Treats and Snacks

Cleaning, Set-up and Tear down.

Let Ginger or Pastor know where you can help

Thanks and God's Blessings

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST



SAVE THE DATE for the 2024 rummage sale, which will be on Friday and Saturday, July 19 & 20. Start gathering tools, kitchen items, clothes, plants, etc.

Set-up of the fellowship hall will be late afternoon on June 30. Please plan to help stack chairs and re-arrange tables. Thank you in advance!

**ASCENION WORSHIP
MAY 9, 2024
7:00 PM**

Come and join us for an Ascension gathering on May 9th at 7:00 pm. We will worship and feed upon the Scripture together and have some fellowship following worship.

We commemorate Christ's return to heaven 40 days after He rose from the dead. We know that He has returned to His divine glory while promising to be with us always. Come join us.

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC) will be held on June 8-10, 2024 at Faith Lutheran Church, Jefferson City, MO. TEC is a three-day retreat for teens AND adults that allows them to encounter the presence of Christ in their lives in a unique way. If you want to find out more about this amazing opportunity to grow in your faith, please visit our website, www.heartofmotec.com. The website has all the information and an online application – registration deadline is May 31. If you want more information you can call or text Sam Ziegelbein at 573-680-6887 or email TEC at heartofmotec@gmail.com. Please prayerfully consider supporting this important ministry with your prayers, by attending, or by donating needed items.

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is a three-day weekend experience for youth who have finished at least their freshman year of high school to 20 years old, led by Lutheran laypersons and clergy, and by youth who have already attended a TEC weekend. Interested adults and youth leaders are also encouraged to attend the retreat. Its broad objective is to enable older youth, at a time when they are making life decisions, to encounter the presence of Christ in their lives and to commit themselves to life under HIM. If you want to find out more about this amazing opportunity to grow in your faith, please visit our website, www.heartofmotec.com. The website has all information and an online application. If you want more information you can call or text Sam Ziegelbein at 573-680-6887 or email TEC at heartofmotec@gmail.com.

The setting is a fresh, different atmosphere away from home and school, in an accepting community of Christians who are willing to share themselves and their experiences – in talks, worship, prayer, fellowship, recreation, music, and activities – because they care...about how you see yourself, your ideals, your hopes, your problems.

Thousands of young people who have already participated in TEC retreats will testify to the benefits that they (and their homes and parishes later) have derived from this eye-opening experience.

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Thank you for reading this, and have a blessed day!

Samuel Luetkemeyer

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

May 2024

UP, UP AND AWAY

I'm sure you know that when filled with helium, a balloon floats in the air. And it's quite enjoyable when it does float away from you. It's fun to stand and watch as the balloon floats higher and higher into the heavens until it totally disappears. Not unlike what we did with bubbles a few weeks ago in Sunday School. The only way to really experience it is to not pop the bubble (or hold the balloon) and be willing to let it go.

We studied the Ascension a little early in our Sunday School calendar (because it would be hard to keep kids attention for 40 days after Easter), and learned that as Jesus was ready to go to heaven, He took His disciples aside to make sure they understand everything that had happened to Him. At first the disciples were sad that Jesus would be leaving them, but then the Bible tells us that Jesus opened their minds so they could understand. And then, it got even better, Jesus lifted up his hands and blessed his disciples. While He was blessing them he was lifted up and taken "up up and away".

Of course we don't know how this all looked, but the kids in class and I imagined that the disciples watched as Jesus ascended higher and higher until He disappeared from view. We practiced what this would look like as we watched bubbles and balloons go higher and higher into the sky until they fully disappeared from view. Were we sad? Perhaps a little, but then we were excited and stayed, watching and waiting for it to reappear. Just as we should be watching and waiting for Jesus to return.

KIDS ANSWER THE QUESTION:

Why should we thank God?

"Because he gives us tractors, and mowers, and excavators" - Elliott

"Because he makes bologna" - William

"Because he made the dinosaurs" - Harper

"Because he gave us Jesus" - Henry

"We just should." - Kennady

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday School, every week 9:15am
- tshirt Sunday/Dessert Auction, April 28th
- Vacation Bible School, June 2-6th

**Volunteers
needed for
Summer Sunday
School!**

VERSE OF THE MONTH

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

For more information on Sunday School:

**CALL/TEXT MORGAN
573.338.0505**



HEART-SHAPED breakfast



Treat Mom with this yummy, beautiful yogurt parfait.



What you need:

- Large heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Greek yogurt (any flavor)
- Toppings (mini chocolate chips, granola, shredded coconut, chia seeds, oats, slivered almonds, blueberries, sliced strawberries, raspberries, bananas)
- 2 teaspoons maple syrup

What you do:

1. Place cookie cutter on a plate. Spoon in yogurt, spreading it to the edges of the cookie cutter.
2. Add toppings, making a nice design. Remove cookie cutter.
3. Drizzle syrup around the edge of the plate.
4. Serve to your mom on Mother's Day!



ATTENTION SENIOR MEMBERS

Be sure to attend the worship service on Sunday, May 19th where St. John's will honor the Senior

Members (age 70 and older) of our congregation. Senior members will be treated with a token of appreciation, and a take home meal.

TRINITY ALUMNI ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

The Trinity Lutheran School Alumni Association will hold their Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at Trinity Lutheran School. Registration begins at 3pm, business meeting and award presentation at 3:30pm, social time at 4:30pm, and dinner (Sweet Smoke BBQ) will be at 5pm. Adults \$13.50, Children 5-12 years \$6.75 (children under 5 are free). Reservation deadline is April 29th. Checks may be mailed or dropped off at the church office at 803 Swifts Hwy, Jefferson City MO.

We hope to see you there!

Usher Schedule

May 5 Jerry Bartel
Andy Beach

May12 Jerry Bartel
John Hanes

May19 Jerry Bartel
Mike Forbis

May26 Jerry Bartel
Matt Belcher

Communion Assistants

May 5 Allan Forbis
Russ Mueller

May12 Allan Forbis
Jim Forbis

May19 Allan Forbis
Gary Stroup

May26 Allan Forbis
Gene Walkenhorst

Acolyte

May 5 Haley Titus

May12 Brantly Carver

May19 Isabella Larkins

May26 Ava Willson

Greeters

May 5
Mary Vida, front
Linda Brenner, side

May 12
Dorece Coulter, front
Mary Kuhlmann, side

May 19
Lynn Lofton, front
Jennifer Hanes, side

May 26
Mary Vida, front
Linda Brenner, side



May 1 Heidi Schroeder
May 3 Niki Kelly
May 5 Camden Bohl
May 6 Mark Schroeder
May 8 Corina Henderson
May10 Eric Lofton
May11 Troy Ludwig
May13 Tyler Walkenhorst
May15 Nathan Bohl
Cale Willson
May16 Pastor Scheperle
May17 Erik Gibson
Sean Gibson
May19 Claire Henderson
Nicole Jones
May23 Connor Henderson
Haley Titus
May24 Jack Kelly
May26 Paula Scheperle
May31 Robert Dippold

Sunday School Offering

May 5 Kaelynn Haslag

May12 Presley Haslag

May19 Henry Householder

May26 Gabe Marble

**MAY, 2024
CHURCH
CLEANING**
Karen Forbis
Linda Kemmer
ALTAR GUILD
Linda Brenner
Ronda Williams

JUNE, 2024 Newsletter

**Items are due
MAY 19, 2024**

Newsletter items may be placed in either Pastor's or Jan's mailbox.

Or they may be e-mailed to Pastor Scheperle—

st.jschubert@outlook.com

Any announcement:
Weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, personal notes, pictures or church related business are welcome.