



**MESSENGER NEWSLETTER**  
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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**BABBTOWN**

8:00 A.M. Worship  
(Holy Communion 2<sup>nd</sup>  
& 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

**SCHUBERT**

10:00 A.M. Worship  
with  
(Holy Communion)

Also Streaming on  
Facebook

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7:00 pm Wednesday  
Night Bible Study  
Also Streaming on  
Facebook

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

"I can't wait for things to return to normal." This is a phrase or a sentiment that is quite often expressed among the people that I talk to. I have often had that same thought come to my mind, but then I ask what is it that we consider to be normal? Is it just going about our lives doing whatever we want? Is it being free from the dreaded Corona Virus? Is it not having 'big brother' looking over our shoulder making sure we don't violate 'social distancing'? Is it not having an event cancelled because it is deemed too risky?

What is normal? That is a good question. If it means going back to the way things were then—maybe we don't want to go there! Now we are being told that we are striving toward a 'new normal'! One wonders if that can be a good thing-especially considering what we see going on in our society and the deterioration of people's values and sense of priorities!

It is my hope and prayer that things will not return to normal nor what we see around us becomes the new normal, but that we have had the opportunity to hit the "reset button", we need to begin anew.

As God's people we realize that this happens on a daily basis, yet it can only happen through the love and power of God almighty. We remember the words of God in the book of Lamentation 3:22-23:

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.*

*His mercies never come to an end.*

*They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

So as we go forth during these trying times, let's not go back, let's not get stuck in the present, let's begin anew in the unfailing love and mercies of God that are new each morning. Get a fresh start with your life, your family, your church. Start, continue and finish in the mercies of God through Christ Jesus our Lord.

*In Christ's Love*  
*Pastor*

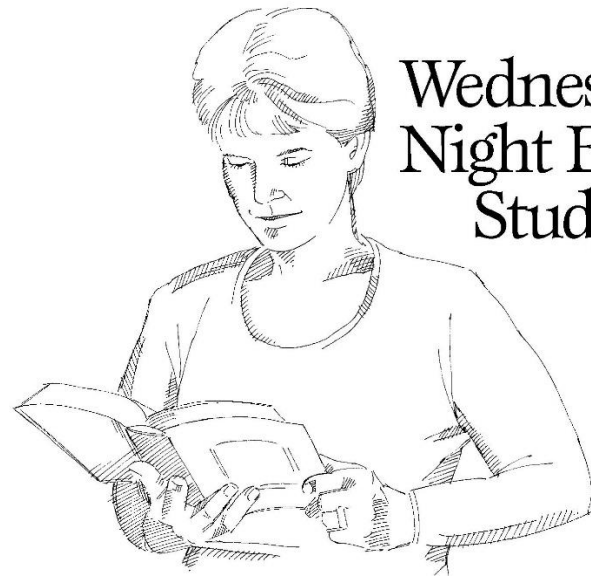
**SPEAKING FOR LIFE**

“What does it say to our neighbor when in our own families we care for our elderly, become foster parents, adopt children, care for the handicapped, or carry through with an unplanned pregnancy? What does it say to our community when in our churches we care and pray for each other, offer families respite care, visit nursing homes, or provide for the needs of pregnant women? It says that we are truly For Life because we are living it.” *Diane E. Schroeder, former president of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*  
 • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

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What a wonderful experience that was a result of the Pandemic!



**Wednesday  
Night Bible  
Study**

**FAMILY BIBLE STUDY**

We have added weekly Bible study to the calendar,  
 Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.  
 Join us live or live stream.  
 May God bless us as we spend time in His Word!



Since not everyone is able to join us for public worship on Sunday, it is easy to loose contact with families and individuals. Please check your email for bulletin announcements and newsletter.

Call Pastor if you desire private communion.  
 Call if you need special pastoral care.

May God bless our congregation as we minister the Gospel in these unique times.

*Blessings to you in the name of God our Creator, Jesus our Redeemer and the Holy Spirit who sustains us,*

Last month's article began with "**God is good and in control**". It's still important to remember when everything else seems out of control. God calls us to trust in Him in all circumstances. He also calls us to be informed citizens and participate in the government He has set before us. This month's newsletter article will begin with the first half of an article from Lutherans For Life entitled "*Is Abortion an Election Issue?*"

"So, Chris tells Jamie, "I just couldn't cast a vote for someone who supports abortion." And Jamie says, "You know, Chris, abortion's not the only voting issue. Other things matter to elections and politics too. Seems kind of narrow-minded for you to fixate on just that one."

"Have you ever heard a conversation like this? Have you ever had a conversation like this? Have you ever met someone like Chris or Jamie? Have you ever felt like Chris? Like Jamie? Is abortion an election issue? No and Yes.

No, abortion is never just an election issue. But yes, abortion is always at least an election issue. Here are ten reasons why:

**1. Abortion isn't just a political issue.** Abortion has to do with facts and truth about the science of human life—embryos and fetuses are living human beings as much as you and me. Abortion deals with the physical and psychological welfare of the most vulnerable among us—it kills children and makes mothers suffer. Abortion executes the injustice of discriminating against one another—unborn babies face deprivation and dying based only on their age, appearance, experiences, environment, or abilities. And abortion involves moral assessments and enforcements—who has the right to life, who has the authority to take life, when may we limit one's lifestyle because it infringes upon somebody else's survival?

**2. Abortion isn't just a single issue.** Abortion is a conclusion that comes from a whole set of principles. It relates to economics, medicine and health care, justice and civil rights. It shows how one understands the roles of government and law—shouldn't we protect the weakest? It affects one's sense of the community's commitments to our underprivileged and endangered—wouldn't we want to make up for what they lack rather than take even the little they have? It informs how one feels about our relationships to each other as citizens in a society—can't we care instead of discarding? And abortion has long-term consequences and global implications for both individual bodies and entire populations.

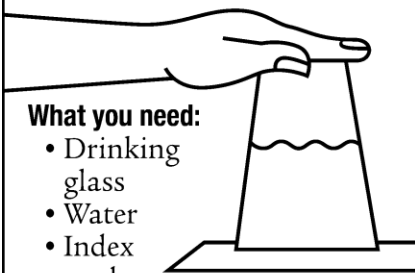
**3. Abortion isn't simply a popular-opinion issue.** Surveys cannot establish rights and wrongs. Polls cannot determine parental duties. Ballots cannot define a human life's worth and purpose. And even majorities cannot undo death. Of course, people have different perspectives and emotional disputes about abortion access. But none of these alters the logical, biological, social, and ethical realities of the matter. Abortion shapes the very nature of our nation and the makeup of our culture, not to mention the very lives of its victims." (Pastor Michael Salmink, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life, LifeDate, Summer 2020. Continued next month)

Be bold in your defense of life!

**Sylvia Glenn**

# UNSEEN BUT *active*

This experiment illustrates that although God is invisible, we can see his work all around us.



**What you need:**

- Drinking glass
- Water
- Index card

**What you do:**

1. Practicing over a sink, fill the glass halfway with water. Then press the index card snugly atop the glass with one hand.
2. With the other hand, hold the base of the glass and carefully flip it over.
3. Remove your hand from the card. It should stay on the glass, without spilling the water! The invisible air in the glass creates a suction with the card, preventing the water from spilling out. Research air pressure to learn more.
4. After perfecting the trick, amaze others with it. Then talk about how God, like the air in the glass, is unseen but active.



# PUZZLE

## WATER WORKS!

The gospels record Jesus' miracles, many of which involve water.

*Directions: Using the illustrated equations, fill in the blanks to describe each miracle. Use the Bible references for help.*



Water changes to

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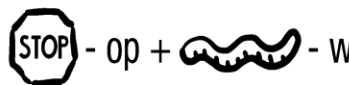
JOHN 2:1-11



Heals a man born

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JOHN 9



Calms a

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MATTHEW 8:23-27



Catch of

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LUKE 5:1-11



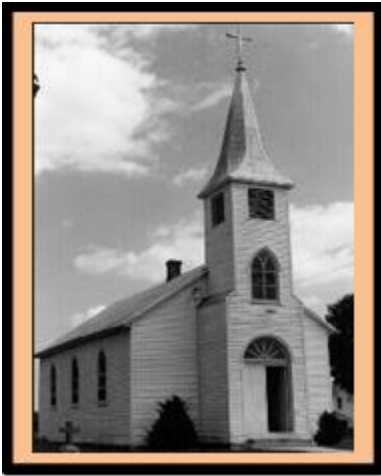
Walks on

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MATTHEW 14:22-33

Answer: wine, blind, storm, fish, water

# BABBTOWN NEWS



**CLEANING FOR  
PARISH HOUSE  
JULY, 2020**  
Cara Nilges  
Arline Mueller

**BAPTISM  
BIRTHDAY  
JULY, 2020**  
July 26, Steve Clark  
July 30, Skye Schubert

**Calendar Date:**  
**July 12, Voters Meeting-6:00 pm**  
**July 27, Bible Class and Ladies Aid**

**USHER SCHEDULE**

**July 5 Russ Titus**  
Andy Beach  
Silas Luetkemeyer  
Gary Lofton

**July 12 Russ Titus**  
George Kuhlman  
Eric Lofton  
Dale Schmutzler

**July 19 Russ Titus**  
Mike Forbis  
Dave Mueller  
Dale Ludwig

**July 26 Russ Titus**  
Kevin Lohraff  
Berry Wiggins  
Sherri Russell

## SCHUBERT

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

**July 2 George Payne**  
Jaxon Tynes  
Livia Tynes  
**July 10 David Gibson**  
Jeff Tynes  
**July 15 Gabriel Marble**  
**July 17 Richard Dippold**  
**July 18 Mary Vida**  
**July 21 Russell Titus**  
**July 24 Allan Forbis**  
**July 25 Rose Schroeder**  
**July 26 Isaiah Barg**  
David Verdort  
**July 28 Lydia Whipple**

**JULY, 2020  
CLEANING  
CHURCH**  
Ronda Williams  
Rachel Marion  
**ALTAR GUILD**  
Karen Forbis  
Debbie Rademan

**AUGUST, 2020**  
**Newsletter Items are  
Due JULY 19, 2020**  
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](mailto:st.jschubert@outlook.com)  
Any announcement:  
Weddings, birthdays,  
anniversaries, personal  
notes, pictures or church  
related business are  
welcome.