



MESSENGER NEWSLETTER

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

"The small church with a BIG heart: Ordinary people

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

AUGUST AT A GLANCE

- Aug14 Ladies Bible, Blessings and
Beyond 1:00 pm
Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm
- Aug16 Schubert Elders 7:00 pm
- Aug20 Backpack Blessings
- Aug21 Men's Bible Study/Supper
7:00 pm
- Aug27 Christian Education Sunday
- Aug28 Babbtown Bible Study
7:00 pm

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

At the end of the Gospel of St. Luke, Jesus opened the minds of the disciples so that they could understand the scripture. He explained the reason for His death and resurrection and that repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name—to all nations. Jesus then states Luke 24:48: "You are witness of these things."

In the Book of Acts Jesus states in vs 8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth."

It is quite clear that God has given the church an important task—to be the witness about Jesus—specifically to the Salvation that He has gained for the whole world through His suffering death and resurrection.

The fact before us is: we are witnesses for Jesus. Many people are rather intimidated by this fact of our Christian faith. However, we are witnesses—whether we like it or not. We are witnesses for good or bad depending on our life. We are witnesses for things that we are interested in or things that we like to talk about. So when Jesus calls us His witnesses it is only natural to assume that our words and action reflect the love of God in us and through us because of the rescue from sin that Jesus obtains through the cross.

We should always look for opportunities and openings to share the Gospel message with others.

The Evangelism Committee is offering a tool that can help in our witness. Allan Forbis has once again designed a T-shirt which—aside from being very attractive—gives us the opportunity to witness to others.

The shirt has the beautiful passage from Joshua 1:9 (paraphrased) "Be strong and courageous God is with you wherever you go", and in the middle of the logo is a cross with the letters V.D.M.A. Here is Allan's explanation.

The letters VDMA surrounding the cross in the center of the shirt are from the Latin slogan; Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum, meaning, "the Word of the Lord remains forever," and was used throughout the Reformation. (Continued page 2)

So if someone just reads your T-shirt they receive sound witness. If they ask you what those letters stand for you can simply tell them about the importance of the Word of God. You can explain that it is the foundation of faith—never changing but always relevant. Then you can always speak about the Word made flesh—in Christ Jesus! The possibilities are endless and you can express your faith in your own words.

I would encourage all of you to take advantage of such a beautiful witness tool and to encourage our entire Christian family to intentionally witness to everyone about the great and wonderful things God has done for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

In Christ Love,
Pastor Scheperle

**“The word of the Lord
remains forever.”
(MDVA)**

Joshua 1:9 “Have I not commended you? BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your GOD IS WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.”

SPEAKING FOR LIFE

“Be as patient with others as you know God is with you. In so doing, you will be keeping your head in all circumstances’ (2 Timothy 4:5). You will find the resolve to remain calm and patient, even though ideologically you may become incensed. Theologically, you know what it means to be the object of perfect love. Let Christ be your role model.” *Rev. Robert Fleischmann, Director of Christian Life Resource – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



COME JOIN US

BIBLE STUDIES ARE STARING UP AGAIN

**Ladies Afternoon Bible Study
Bible Blessings and Beyond
Monday August 14, 1:00 P.M.**

We will resume the study of Daniel

Ladies Evening Bible Study

Monday August 14, 6:00 P.M.

We will continue to look at the Christian walk of faith.

Men's Evening Bible Study/Supper

Monday August 21, 6:00 P.M.

We will continue the study of Daniel

Babbtown Bible Study

Monday August 28, 7:00 P.M.

We will study one of the Sunday's Bible readings

New St. John's T-Shirts Are Coming!

Be one of the first to order your t-shirt with a NEW look!

The shirt will include a St. John's "pocket size" logo on the front and a larger inspirational message on the back.
It's a great way to witness to the community!

FRONT



BACK



CUT

The Shirt Design

The **FRONT** of the shirt has a square shaped grapevine design with SJLC in the center and a cross as the foundation.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHUBERT is on the top. **PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST SINCE 1844** is centered under the cross.

The scripture message on the **BACK** of the shirt is from Joshua 1:9: "Have I not commanded you? **BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS**. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your **GOD IS WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.**"

The letters **V D M A** surrounding the cross in the center of the shirt are from the Latin slogan: *Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum*, meaning, "the Word of the Lord remains forever," and was used throughout the Reformation. So, just like St. John's, the shirt has a lot of history!

Ordering Your Shirt

The t-shirt is available in **ADULT SIZES** and **YOUTH SIZES S-XL** at \$10.00 each.

Extended adult sizes are available at an additional cost of \$2.00 per "X" (2X = \$12, 3X=\$14).

Advance orders are being taken now to determine how many shirts to purchase.

PLEASE PAY IN ADVANCE BY CASH OR CHECK made payable to St. John's Lutheran Church. Place your order form with payment in an envelope marked "shirts" in the collection plate, or give it to Molly Boeckmann or Allan Forbis.

Indicate the **NUMBER OF SHIRTS PER SIZE** you would like to purchase in the appropriate box below.

ADULT SIZES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X
YOUTH SIZES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	S	M	L	XL		

NAME/FAMILY

Greetings in the name of Jesus who cares for the caregivers,

God calls us to care for those in need, especially disabled persons, those with an incurable disease or the elderly. He also promises to help those involved in care giving. Much of that help comes from fellow believers who come alongside the caregiver. Hospice care is one avenue for that help. Last month we considered questions to ask before choosing a hospice. This month we will consider other aspects of care giving as presented by Pastor Scott Licht, CFO/COO of Lutherans For Life, when he spoke about some end of life considerations at the Annual meeting of Lutherans For Life of MO.

Care giving can bring many conflicting emotions. Here are some, to name a few: **stress; satisfaction; frustration; love; anxiety; commitment; overwhelmed; inadequate; joy; grief; helpless; resentful; tired; angry; happy; opportunity; hopeful; fulfilled; obligated; honored.** As you can see the emotions are varied and run from one extreme to another. All these emotions can bring about "**caregiver stress**".

Signs of **caregiver stress** include

- Feeling overwhelmed or constantly worried
- Sleeping too much or too little
- Significant weight gain or loss
- Becoming easily irritated or angry
- Losing interest in activities that were enjoyable
- Frequent headaches, bodily pains, or other physical problems
- Abusing alcohol or drugs, including prescription medicines

There are ways caregivers can relieve their own stress and ways that others can help them. The caregiver can **PRAY!!!**

- Ask for/Accept help
- Focus on what one CAN do
- Get connected with community services such as transportation, meals or disease-specific education
- Be vigilant about one's physical, spiritual, and mental health.

Others can be God's hands in helping the caregiver. This is where the church steps in by **PRAYING!** One might also offer to provide respite care so the caregiver may go to work, get her hair done, get a massage, meet with friends, shop for Christmas presents, and attend choir practice, etc. Another might organize volunteers to provide respite care so that caregivers can get together as a group for mutual support and encouragement. It is also important not to forget the person being cared for by giving them opportunities to keep up with friends, etc.

Is there a caregiver that you can help today? Look around and be God's hands and feet.

Caring for all human life from beginning to end,

Sylvia Glenn

Feel free to call (573-592-7866) for information or concerns about life issues. For those who have had an abortion, there is a **word of hope!** "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3). For confidential *post-abortion referral, counsel, and reconciliation* call **WORD of HOPE**, 888-217-8679, or visit www.word-of-hope.org.

Sprinkle and split

A sprinkle of pepper and a dab of soap illustrate a big concept from God's Word.



What you need:

- Shallow dish
- Water
- Black ground pepper
- Toothpick
- Dish soap
- Bible

What you do:

1. With the dish on a table, fill it halfway with water. Don't jiggle the dish.
2. Sprinkle pepper on the water.
3. Dab the toothpick into a drop of soap. Then touch its tip to the center of the water and observe.
4. Read Psalm 103:8-12.
How does this experiment illustrate God's forgiveness?
5. Explain the science behind this experiment: The soap disturbs the water's surface tension. The soap molecules don't want to interact with the water. This repels the water molecules from the soap, causing the floating pepper to also move to the sides.

EVANGELISM UPDATE

Evangelism Chair: Molly Boeckmann 573-338-4309

- Friendship Sunday will be October 15th, with a basket dinner, look for updates and advertising to follow. The committee is in need of a Thrivent card for the event. If you have one available, please contact Molly Boeckmann.
- The next meeting will be September 10th, after church.
- The Evangelism Committee has completed the Prayer Tree. The prayer notifications will come out via text. Below are the different prayer groups. If you would like to be part of the Prayer Tree, please text Molly Boeckmann at 573-338-4309. Also, if you have a prayer request please text the request to Molly Boeckmann or Pastor.

	Last Name	First Name
Prayer Group 1	Bauer	Kathy
	Beach	Andy
	Belcher	Matt
	Belcher	Karen
	Brenner	Linda
	Essen	Jeannette
	Forbis	Karen
	Forbis	Kay
Prayer Group 2	Forbis	Allan
	Forbis	Jim
	Green	Sharen
	Householder	Morgan
	Kemmer	Linda
	Kuhlmann	Mary
	Lofton	Lynn
	Mall	Gene
Prayer Group 3	Mall	Lori
	Mueller	Anne
	Murray	Jennifer
	Payne	Kim
	Rademan	Deb
	Scheperle	Paula
	Scheperle	Pastor
	Stroup	Kathleen
	Tynes	Angela
	Vida	Mary
	Walkenhorst	Terry
	Wehmeyer	Teresa

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR POSITIONS
AVAILABLE**

**If interested, please contact the school office at
(573)-496-3766 or email Mr. Kopp at principal@midmoimmanuel.com.**

PART TIME 7/8 GRADE TEACHING POSITION

**We are looking for a part time teacher working about
15-20 hours per week. They would be responsible for teaching English
Language Arts and History, grading, and monitoring students. It would be an
afternoon position, but that can be negotiated.**

PART TIME PRESCHOOL AIDE (Wednesday ONLY)

**We are looking for a part time aide working 4 hours each Wednesday from
1:00-5:00 pm. Duties would involve helping students with playtime and
supervising them. It would also involve some light sweeping, cleaning tables,
and snack time clean up.**

PART TIME PE

**We are looking for a part time teacher about 4-8 hours a week teaching PE for
grades K-8. Teaching experience not required but preferred. It would involve
planning and teaching PE to grade K-8.**

Usher Schedule

Aug 6 Gene Walkenhorst
Andy Beach

Aug13 Gene Walkenhorst
John Hanes

Aug20 Gene Walkenhorst
Mike Forbis

Aug27 Gene Walkenhorst
Matt Belcher

Communion Assistants

Aug 6 Allan Forbis
Mark Russell

Aug13 Allan Forbis
Russ Mueller

Aug20 Allan Forbis
Gary Stroup

Aug27 Allan Forbis
Jim Forbis

Acolyte

August 6 Isabella Larkins

August13 Haley Titus

August20 Ava Willson

August27 Landon Marion

Greeters

August 6
Lynn Lofton, front
Jennifer Hanes, side

August 13
Linda Brenner, front
Mary Vida, side

August 20
Dorece Coulter, front
Mary Kuhlmann, side

August 27
Lynn Lofton, Front
Jennifer Hanes, Side



Aug 1 John Hanes
Vicki Mueller
Aug 2 Kaelynn Haslag
Aug 5 Derrick Mueller
Justin Mueller
Aug 6 Max Stroup
Aug11 Ellen Boeckmann
Michael Forbis
Aug13 Teresa Wehmeyer
Aug14 Mary Bisbee
Aug16 Isabella Larkins
Aug18 Dorece Coulter
Sharen Green
Trent Ludwig
Aug19 Elliott Grothoff
Aug23 David Forbis
Gary Stroup
Aug24 Marshall Gibson
Ava Willson
Aug28 Chloe Baker
Claire Prohaska
Aug29 Taylor Titus
Aug30 Megan Goldberg
Aug31 John Essen

SEPTEMBER, 2023
Newsletter Items are due
AUGUST 20, 2023

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

Or they may be e-mailed to
Pastor Schepeler—
st.jschubert@outlook.com

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

AUGUST 2023
CHURCH
CLEANING

Carol Pleus
Deb Rademan

ALTAR GUILD
Linda Brenner
Ronda Williams