



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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Calendar for July, 2022

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 Facebook

JULY AT A GLANCE

July 3 Pictures

July 4 Independence Day

July 5 Men's Bible Study 6 pm

July 6 Elders, 6 pm, Church
Council, 7 pm

July 10 Voters-Schubert
Setup Rummage Sale
Pictures

July 11 Ladies Bible Study, 1 pm

July 14-21

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

At the beginning of June, Keith Bohl and I attended the Missouri District's (Of the LCMS) Convention. It is normally held every three years, but because of Covid it was postponed a year. The theme of the convention was "Tell the Next Generation" based on PS 78:6-7. I encourage you to read the entire Psalm but pay particular attention to these words:

Psalm 78:

1 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth!

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,

3 things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.

4 We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

5 He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children,

6 that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children,

7 so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;

8 and that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.

This past Monday the Ladies Bible study discussed these words in context of all 72 verses of the Psalm.

We all would do well to pay attention to this Psalm and consider our position in the family of God as Fathers and Mothers, as brothers or sisters, as grandparents, or aunts or uncles, as friends in Christ who have been united to the family of our congregation. We must also consider our responsibility to teach the next generation the glorious deeds of God! We have a wonderful privilege and responsibility that God has entrusted to us to teach the next generation.

Where does it all begin?

It begins with you and your relationship with God and His relationship with you. This life of faith is at its best when connected directly to God's word and sacrament and the fellowship of believers in the congregation.

As we listened to the sermons and devotions and presentations at the convention I heard a statement that was made which I wrote down, which I want

each of you to consider as you examine your faith walk, your church attendance and your reception of God's word and the Lord's Supper.

"The person who attempts Christianity without the Church shoots himself in the foot, he shoots his children in the leg and he shoots his grandchildren in the heart".

Please contemplate the depth of this saying. We are struggling to get back after Covid disrupted our family life at church. Yes we survived but we have also picked up some dangerous attitudes. Yes, it is good to have the opportunity to worship at home. Yes, we can share the Word in places that we never dreamed of before.

But remote learning-while good-is not better than gathering with God's people, attending bible class, bringing children to Sunday school and VBS and visiting with the family of God as together we lift our voices and commune at His altar.

Don't just attempt to survive with your faith. Come and engage with God's family in Christ and thrive by the Power of the Spirit who united us in Jesus that we may grow together and bear His fruit—in all generations.

In Christ's Love

Pastor

SPEAKING FOR LIFE

“‘Therefore choose life,’ God said, ‘that you and your offspring may live.’ The way to choose life is to trust. Don’t panic. Did you think human life was going to be humanly possible? It’s not. It was never meant to be. Guiding a human being through the journey of life is possible only for God. That’s why the only way to choose life is to trust, to trust God. God gives no one a possible life. The call of God is to an impossible life. Otherwise, why trust? And life was created for trust.” Rev. Gary Blobaum, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oregon, Illinois – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE: St. John's Summer Sunday school

June 5 through August 14, St. John's Children's Sunday school programs have transitioned to Summer Sunday school. All children meeting for Sunday school will meet together for group activities as one class rather than split classes. We will restart our regular Sunday school classes including preschool class in the parish house on August 21.

Families are encouraged to continue to maintain a family worship routine through the summer, building life-long habits of regular bible study, worship attendance, and church community involvement!

Save the Date:

Back-to-School Backpack Blessings - Sunday August 14 during worship service

Return of regular Sunday school - Sunday August 21

Christian Education Sunday- Sunday August 28 after worship service



The St. John's RUMMAGE
SALE IS ALMOST HERE!

Please plan to stay after church
on July 10 to stack chairs and set
up tables. We will need help on
the days following the set-up to
sort and lay things out.

The actual SALE will be August
4-5-6, 2022. Gather tools,
kitchen items, home furnishings,
clothing, plants, etc. and bring
them to church after July 10, but
NO LATER than Tuesday,
August 2. Place items on the
floor under the kitchen serving
line. We do not need hangers or
plastic grocery bags, but larger
bags would be great, and we
would like lots of newspapers for
packing. Thank you!

We will definitely need your
help on the days of the sale,
especially on Thursday, August
4. Sale hours will be: Thursday
7 AM-6 PM, Friday 7 AM-6 PM
Saturday 8 AM - NOON

Please help for a few hours or for
a few weeks! It can be a lot of
fun! For more info, check with
Carol P, Ronda W, or Molly B . .
. or just SHOW UP. "Many
hands make light work"

GRADUATES FOR 2022

**We want to acknowledge and congratulate our
graduates.**

High School Graduates:

**Peyton Bohl and Cale Willson who graduated
from Blair Oaks High School in Wardsville**

**We also have Chloe Baker and Lars Marion who
graduated from Calvary Lutheran High School in
Jefferson City**

From College

**We have Amos Barnabas who has graduated
from School of the Ozark**

**We, as a congregation encourage each of these
young men and women and their families to
remain strong in God's word and Sacrament so
that as they each enter this new phase of their life
that they will walk with their Lord and Savior
Christ Jesus.**

**We pray that each one will shine brightly with the
light of Jesus in their heart as they continue
furthering their education or going out into the
work force.**

**P.S. If I missed anyone please bring it to my
attention—Thanks.**



NOTE: On the 5 Sundays of July Amos Barnabas has so graciously volunteered to take photos of all of our congregation (Schubert) family units in order to provide a new updated Pictorial Directory.

For your convenience he will take them after worship.

Please make every effort to participate at no cost to you. This is a great tool for ministry and useful for getting to know each other by name.

Plan now to participate—thanks.



Thanks so much for the generous gifts of diapers that we gathered between Mother's Day and Father's Day. It is a wonderful way to support life.



The Men's Bible Study is scheduled July 5th at 6:00 pm.

All men and their sons are invited.
Come join us for fellowship and study of God's word and guests are welcome.

Bible Blessings and Beyond
Ladies Bible Study is set for July 11, 1:00 pm.
All ladies and (daughters) are welcome.
Bring guests too!

Pastor's Vacation
I am planning on being on vacation July 14-July 21st. You can reach me in cases of emergency or important needs at my cell number 573-353-9540.
For hospital visits or cases of immediate need call Pastor Whittle at Stringtown, 782-3191 or Pastor Schlie at Trinity, 636-6750

SANDY SCENES

Make a scene with this fun summer craft you can create outdoors.



What you need:

- Play sand
- Spoons
- Empty jars
- Powdered tempera paint
- Cardstock paper and pencil
- Craft glue
- Paintbrush

What you do:

1. Pour a few tablespoons of sand into empty jars. (You need one jar for every color of paint you make.)
2. Add a small amount of powdered paint to the sand and then mix. Experiment with the amount, using more paint to create deeper colors.
3. Lightly sketch a design on cardstock.
4. Working in one small section at a time, paint an even layer of craft glue on the paper.
5. Use a spoon to sprinkle colored sand atop the glue. Tilt the paper so extra sand falls off. Repeat to complete the entire design.
6. Let dry on a flat surface before displaying upright.

Puzzle!

Solve this cryptogram puzzle, using the clues R=I and M=T, to complete Psalm 111:10, NIV.

M Y L C L O Q Z C M Y L
 P Z Q N R V M Y L
 H L D R F F R F D Z C G R V N Z U ;
 O P P G Y Z C Z P P Z G
 Y R V B Q L T L B M V
 Y O K L D Z Z N
 J F N L Q V M O F N R F D
 M Z Y R U H L P Z F D V
 L M L Q F O P B Q O R V L

PSALM 111:10, NIV

Answer: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise. Psalm 111:10, NIV

Greetings in the name of Jesus, who brings joys to all the "whatevers" of life,

God loves each person dearly and gives value to each person, not because of that person's ability or lack thereof. Each person has value because God created that person, Jesus died for that person and the Holy Spirit sustains that person. The following article by Sandra Brese Rice illustrates how the Bethesda Lutheran Communities reinforces that value that God bestows on each person:

God's Word for Whatever - Bethesada Lutheran Communities - Lutherans For Life

"Okay, I'll admit it; I'm a Hallmark movie junkie! Any time I watch I can count on a happy ending, and almost every scene in every movie is predictable. As a matter of fact, they are so predictable that my BINGO boards I made and distributed to friends during one Christmas season were a huge hit! I would get texts from them saying "almost kiss!" or "there is a prince!" regularly throughout December. Happy endings. Predictable lives. Not exactly the norm; not even close.

"Now, I realize that bad things happen in this world; sin shows its ugly face often. But why can't we just be nice to each other? Why do we hurt each other? Why do we leave people out? I'm not sure living inside a Hallmark movie would be the best thing for us, but there are times I do wonder how life would be if it were a bit more predictable. It would be nice if, when things don't go our way, our response of "whatever" was a positive response and not said as if we were deflated or discouraged. What if our "whatever" wasn't muttered with disgust but rather spoken with the joy of Jesus?

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (Philippians 4:8)

"At Bethesda Lutheran Communities, we not only support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live full lives in the workplace and community, we also support people in their faith. We work hard to make sure every person supported by Bethesda has a sense of belonging and knows how to praise God in all sorts of "whatevers." A perfect example of this faith journey is Alana.

"Alana first came to Bethesda not even knowing what a church was, and a few years later she was confirmed in Christ. What a story! It is certainly worthy of praise! To view her story, go here: [youtube/2OAFhhZmz5w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2OAFhhZmz5w).

"Alana reminds us to celebrate life, for we are all fearfully and wonderfully made and we all belong in the Body of Christ.

"For more information about Bethesda, go to BethesdaLC.org. If you have any questions regarding disability awareness or disability ministry, email us at ReligiousLife@BethesdaLC.org." (Sandra Brese Rice, God's Word for Whatever, LifeDate Fall, 2019)

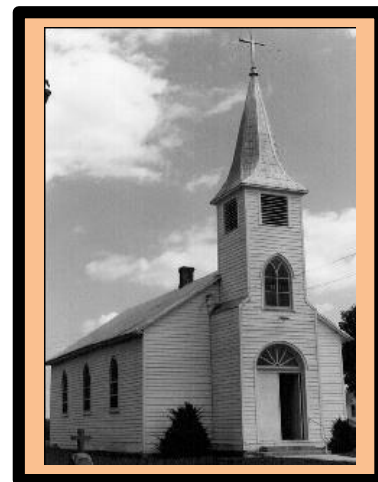
God gives value to every person He has created, redeemed and sustains. Celebrate life!
Sylvia Glenn

BABBTOWN NEWS



VOTERS MEETING

Voters meeting is scheduled for July 24th



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JULY, 2022

July 10, St. Cecelia Catholic
Church Picnic

**CLEANING FOR
PARISH HOUSE
JULY, 2022**
Will be announced

**BAPTISM
BIRTHDAY
JULY, 2022**
July 26, Steve Clark
July 30, Skye Schubert

Usher Schedule

July 3 Russ Titus
Andy Beach
Silas Luetkemeyer
Gary Lofton

July10 Russ Titus
John Hanes
Eric Lofton
Dale Schmutzler

July17 Russ Titus
Mike Forbis
Dave Mueller
Dale Ludwig

July24 Russ Titus
Matt Belcher
Berry Wiggins
Sherri Russell

July31 Russ Titus
Justin Householder
Bob Nienhueser
Ross Schmutzler

Communion Assistants

July 3 Allan Forbis
Mark Russell

July10 Allan Forbis
Gene Walkenhorst

July17 Allan Forbis
Mark Russell

July24 Allen Forbis
Gene Walkenhorst

July31 Allen Forbis
Mark Russell



July 1 George Payne
July 2 Jaxon Tynes
Livia Tynes
July10 David Gibson
July15 Gabriel Marble
July17 Richard Dippold
July18 Opal Lofton
Mary Vida
July21 Russell Titus
July24 Allan Forbis
July25 Rose Schroeder
July26 Isaiah Barg
David Verdot
July28 Lydia Whipple

August, 2022 Newsletter

**Items are due
July 24, 2022**

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.

JULY 2022

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