



**MESSENGER NEWSLETTER**  
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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  
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**JULY AT A GLANCE**  
 July 1 Set up for Rummage  
 Sale  
 July 4 Independence Day  
 July 19 & 20  
 Rummage Sale

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

This is the final newsletter article that I am writing to you before I retire. If my math is right this is about the 528th (+or-) article and I would guess you probably don't remember any of them.

Sometimes I have tried to be clever in my writing, sometimes I have tried to be cute, sometimes I have tried to be deep and profound, other times I have just tried to give you a practical spiritual message to encourage you in your walk of faith.

This month is different in one way and the same in other ways. It's the same because we need to focus our attention on our Savior and the gift of eternal life he offers to us by grace through faith. All that we do as fellow believers in Christ needs to point to Jesus.

It is different because I will be moving to a new position, they call it Pastor Emeritus, which means, "having retired but allowed to retain the title". I will be moving into the pews with Paula and all of you, seeking to continue to serve our Lord and eagerly feeding on word and sacrament with you.

Paula and I want to say that we love you and thank you for allowing us to serve in your midst for this past 4+ decades.

God's Richest Blessings to Each of You!  
 In Christ's Love, Pastor

***SPEAKING FOR LIFE***

“Let’s get back to the basics and drown out the ugly message that death is the solution to life issues. God loves life and His creation. He has no desire for any of us to take our own life or the life of someone else. Our days are in His hands, not our own. May your For Life work be blessed, and may you be filled with the joy that comes with doing the Lord’s work as a faithful servant.” Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

**EVANGELISM UPDATE**

**Prayer Chain Tree**

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



We here at St. John’s Schubert are blessed to officially welcome two more people into communicant membership. They are: Bob Skelly and Lorine (Lorie) Mall. They have reaffirmed their faith and recommitted their faith in Christ Jesus before the pastor and elders. We rejoice with them and pray for God’s blessings as we serve together in the body of Christ here at St. John’s.

**St. John's Lutheran Church, Schubert**

Taos / Osage City / Route J Exit Hwy 50 East 573-395-4591

**RUMMAGE SALE**



**July 19 & 20, 2024**  
**Friday 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM**  
**Saturday 8:00 AM - Noon**

Clothes, Tools, Kitchen Items, Home Furnishings, ETC.  
**Lower Level of Church / Air Conditioned / ADA Accessible**

**The St. John’s RUMMAGE SALE IS ALMOST HERE!**

The SALE will be July 19-20, 2024. Gather tools, kitchen items, home furnishings, clothing, plants, etc. and bring them to church after June 30, but NO LATER than Wednesday, July 17. 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. We cannot accept TVs, mattresses, baby beds, or encyclopedias. Thank you!

We need your help on the days of the sale, especially on Friday, July 19. Sale hours will be: 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, or Ronda W, . . . or just SHOW UP.

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Lin and I want to thank everyone for helping us celebrate our special anniversary! It meant so much to have our friends join us for worship and dinner. God Bless,  
Kathy and Lin Bauer

Hey kids! Let's have some fun at  
**Vacation Bible School!**

St. John's Lutheran Church  
Babbtown - 3 miles north of Meta

Saturday, July 13  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Learn about the  
**Treasures of the Kingdom**



Classes for ages 3 through 13ish

Invite your friends and have a fun day of crafts, singing, laughter, eating, and learning!

For more information, contact Donna Mueller at  
(573) 619-2152 or email [donnamueller521@gmail.com](mailto:donnamueller521@gmail.com).

We would love for you to register early, but we will accept all kids on the day of the  
event too!

Parents: Drop off your kids and have a day to get things done! Or stay with us  
and enjoy the fun!

## Usher Schedule

July 7 Gene Walkenhorst  
Andy Beach

July14 Gene Walkenhorst  
John Hanes

July21 Gene Walkenhorst  
Mike Forbis

July28 Gene Walkenhorst  
Matt Belcher

## Communion Assistants

July 7 Allan Forbis  
Russ Mueller

July14 Allan Forbis  
Mark Russell

July21 Allan Forbis  
Gene Walkenhorst

July28 Allan Forbis  
Jim Forbis

## Acolyte

July 7 Sawyer Dippold

July14 Landon Marion

July21 Haley Titus

July28 Claire Prohaska

## Greeters

July 7  
Linda Brenner, front  
Mary Vida, side

July 14  
Mary Kuhlmann, front  
Dorece Coulter, side

July 21  
Jennifer Hanes, front  
Lynn Lofton, side

July 28  
Linda Brenner, front  
Mary Vida, side



July 2 George Payne  
Jaxon Tynes  
Livia Tynes

July10 David Gibson  
Jeff Tynes

July15 Gabriel Marble

July18 Opal Lofton  
Mary Vida

July21 Russell Titus

July24 Allan Forbis

July25 Rose Schroeder

July26 Isaiah Barg  
David Verdot

## Sunday School Offering

July 7 Presley Haslag

July14 Henry Householder

July21 Gabe Marble

July28 Isabelle Marble

**JULY, 2024**  
**CHURCH**  
**CLEANING**  
Jim Backman  
Ronda Williams  
**ALTAR GUILD**  
Karen Forbis  
Deb Rademan

**AUGUST, 2024**  
**Newsletter Items are due**  
**JULY 21, 2024**

Newsletter items may be placed in Jan's mailbox.

Or they may be e-mailed to [stjohnslutheranjcmo@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnslutheranjcmo@gmail.com)

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