



**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 October, 2021

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

BABBTOWN

Sunday Worship

8:00 A.M. Worship

(Holy Communion 2nd & 4th
Sunday)

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

OCTOBER AT A GLANCE

Oct 4 Schubert Elders, 7 pm
Oct 6 WkDay/Conf 6-7:30 pm
Oct10 Voters following
worship
Oct11 Columbus Day
Oct13 WkDay/Conf 6-7:30 pm
Oct20 WkDay/Conf 6-7:30 pm
Oct23 LWML Welcome Back
Celebration (Faith JC)
Oct25 Babbtown Bible Study
7 pm
Oct27 WkDay/Conf 6-7:30 pm

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

Can you ever get too much of a good thing? This is a penetrating question that leaves us thinking. The answer could be yes or it could be no-depending on what we consider a good thing.

Take for instance a tree in the back yard of the parsonage. Some time ago I ordered and planted a young tree that I had paid a small amount for. This tree came from a cut-rate nursery catalogue that I had received in the mail. I was intrigued by the description of this tree which was called a heart nut tree. The catalogue promised that it would bear abundant nuts at an early age. These nuts would be better tasting than the black walnuts and they would be easier to crack. Beside all this the nut meats were to be shaped like hearts.

Long story short, the tree grew nicely and it has begun bearing nuts (which look just like black walnuts, are still just as hard to crack and I can't tell what shape the nut meats are!) However, in the past few years it has had a good crop of nuts. This year is a bit different; the tree is loaded with nuts-more than I have seen before. You can't get too much of a good thing-so I thought until about 5 weeks ago. The heavy-laden limbs began sagging until they began breaking. As of today, about half have broken off or cracked under the load. In this case the abundance of nuts looks like a good thing but in the end, they have badly damaged this tree.

So also in our lives, the things that we might consider blessings: material things, abundant food, good paying jobs, extra free time, a bigger home, a new car, etc..... all can be considered good things-unless they over-burden us or cause us so many headaches and worries that we take our eyes off of God and quit trusting Him. When our blessings weigh us down or bring us to the breaking point-then we understand that you can get too much of a good thing. (Continued next page)

SPEAKING FOR LIFE

However, do not despair, there are some good things that we cannot get too much of. The good things consist of the love of God, His grace and mercy, the power of the Holy Spirit, the forgiveness of Jesus and the peace that He offers to us. We can never get too much of the hope that comes from God or the strength and fellowship that we receive as His redeemed children.

Remember what Jesus said of the Sermon on the Mount
Matt 6:19-21

19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Bring your heart to church where we share with you the treasures of heaven-the good things which you can't get t

In Christ's Love Pastor

"So follow Daniel ... Martin Luther ... the believers of ages past who have stood firm on Scripture alone, by faith alone, and by God's grace alone no matter what the cost. Spread the Word. Preach the truth.

Defend your faith. Pass it on to your children. God will bless you and keep you firm in the one true faith. With that comfort you can proclaim, 'Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen!'"

Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

During the month of October, we celebrate Fall with many activities centered around Harvest. We give thanks for the blessings in our lives and offer the first fruits of what we have to God – the same God who has given us all that we have. It's a time to step back and look at the amazing things that happen in our lives and give thanks. There are many in our congregation who remember and grew up in a time and place when the literal first fruits of the land were offered to God. Those lucky people among us saw the whole cycle of the farming year (and some still do!), from the sowing to the reaping.

We are blessed to have been able to restart our Sunday School and till the field that is our young believers. So many churches do not have the children to support a Sunday School or the Congregation to support the need for one. There is something amazing that happens when children come together around Jesus. All the divisions of the outside world melt away. This is when the harvest field is tilled and ready for planting.

As our children grow in love with Jesus in their midst, they become the tiny little seeds to plant the harvest field. As they come to Sunday School and see their parents, grandparents, caregivers and others go to church and love Jesus, the seed begins to grow until the crop pops up in neat rows across the field. As the church grows in Christ - the crop grows too, and the harvest becomes ever richer and more lovely. A harvest that is pure as the love of a child who loves Jesus.

So be thankful. Thankful for our harvest field. Thankful for God's love. That love is both the seed and the harvest. That love will feed you when you are hungry and it will never stop. It's worth the effort and the hard times. It's worth the sacrifice. Because that love is the ultimate harvest.

In Christ

Morgan Householder Sunday School Superintendent

Greetings in the Name of Jesus, in Whom we all belong,

Ten Blessings of Foster Care, by Pastor Michael Salemink:

"The Gospel means we belong! We belong to our Heavenly Father. We belong because He creates, redeems, and calls each one of us. We belong to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit from fertilization to forever. And we belong to each other. All members of the body of Christ suffer together and celebrate together.

Sometimes foster children may feel like they don't belong to anyone. Abortion attempts to solve this difficulty with death. Fostering may result from brokenness, but it also provides opportunity for Gospel-motivated courage and compassion. Here are ten blessings of foster care:

- 1. Fostering can save a life.** A foster child faces the danger of not receiving the provision and care necessary for survival. Foster homes intervene in this emergency and rescue the little ones.
- 2. Fostering can preserve a family.** Foster care often offers space and assistance to parents encountering crises. It secures a stable context for their child until the parents can recover a healthier environment into which they may receive their little ones back for good.
- 3. Fostering can prevent abuses.** Many foster children have suffered interpersonal trauma. Removing them from such situations protects them from violence and danger.
- 4. Fostering can deliver the Gospel.** Christian foster families get to share the truth and love of Jesus Christ. They get to take part in God's miraculous activity of taking lost human beings as His own children.
- 5. Fostering can make a lasting difference.** Foster parents impact and improve the rest of the child's life. Their servanthood even benefits descendants by breaking generational cycles of dysfunction.
- 6. Fostering can mean receiving love.** A foster child shares his or her life and self with a foster family. And the training and support for foster families also form relationships and communities.
- 7. Fostering can lead to adoption.** Every child constitutes a gift and privilege from heaven itself. Nothing compares to the delight of a forever family!
- 8. Fostering can relieve and heal hurts.** A foster family's kindness helps soothe and resolve the emotional and physical wounds a foster child carries.
- 9. Fostering can draw families and marriages closer.** Shared sacrifice brings brothers and sisters together. Overcoming adversity together makes better parents.
- 10. Fostering can inspire and empower others.** Acquaintances, neighbors, and relatives may follow one foster family's example. They enrich their congregations, our communities, and even the entire country!" (LifeDate, Spring 2021)

Have you considered serving the LORD of life through foster care? Blessings abound!

In Christ,
Sylvia Glenn

Feel free to call me (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, toll-free 888-217-8679 or 630-990-0909, email help@word-of-hope.org, or visit www.word-of-hope.org.



From St. John's Evangelism Committee

"Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall, Where Jesus Christ is all in all! A home that is not wholly His—How sad and poor and dark it is! Then here will I and mine today, A solemn promise make and say: Though all the world forsake His Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!"

"Oh, Blest the House," Lutheran Service Book, #862

We know from our study of scripture *all* that the Lord did for Israel. He set them free from slavery in Egypt, and settled them in the land He promised to them. Yet although the Lord had done so much for them, they were still tempted to worship false gods. So much so that Joshua placed a challenge before them: "Choose this day whom you will serve" (Joshua 24:15).

Today we face a similar challenge, and as many choices. We are surrounded by other religions and other gods. Some people create their own personal religions. Some who claim to be Christians reshape their faith to match their own opinions. Others prefer to exalt science or a particular philosophy or worldview. Christian families are faced with raising children in a world that is as spiritually challenging as the culture of the ancient Israelites—if not more so!

In these times – and at all times – the Bible says that we should "give ourselves continually to prayer" (Acts 6:4). Prayer drives people to God—and God is ready to listen and answer. What a wonderful privilege so many families miss out on. Prayer and the study of God's word can unify and energize the family unit. It can be a reminder that we do not have to go out into the world without the power of God going with us. Through this direct contact with God, we can receive the serenity and security that will enable us to be a witness for Him in a dark and confused world.

The practice of prayer also equips family members to pray effectively amid the pressures of jobs, school, and the world at large. Prayer and scripture is the best way to prepare for whatever is in store for us in the critical and testing times of life. When difficulties come, we don't have to be dependent on the circumstances around us, but on the powerful, hidden resource within us—God Himself.

A family may provide the best of everything to their children—food, shelter, clothing, education, and loving care. Yet if the Lord Jesus is not present in the home, the living foundation is missing.

Just as Joshua reminded the Israelites of all that God had done for them, Christian parents and grandparents (and other Christians) have the privilege and responsibility to instruct children in the Word of God, to teach and encourage them to pray, and to remind them of everything that God has done for them in Christ Jesus. They need to know that their Good Shepherd laid down His life to save them, and that He now lives and reigns as their King. They can be certain that Jesus will keep them in His care and that, by God's grace through faith, they will live in His presence forever.

Joshua challenged Israel to worship God alone, and then confessed the firm foundation of his own household: "As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15). In the homes of families and individuals, in every Christian household, by the help of the Spirit of God, the same foundation is confessed: "Though all the world forsake His Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!"

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, keep parents and children in Your care and help them to grow in faith. Amen.

This article consists of the Lutheran Hour Ministries August 21, 2021 Daily Devotion written by Dr. Carol Geisler, a portion of hymn, "Oh, Blest the House," found in the Lutheran Service Book, and other Christian education found on the worldwide web.



FROM PAULA

"Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing." Psalm 100 vs 2 KJV
"Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs." Psalm 100 vs. 2 NIV

I wanted to use Psalm 100:2 and say thank you to those who serve on a regular basis providing the live stream of worship. But when I looked it up in the bible I normally use (the NIV) it used the word "worship" instead of the one I thought, "Serve". So I got out my KJV, (confirmation Bible) and there was the word "Serve". I thought it was interesting that Worship and Serve were interchanged this way. This is something I will need to investigate more. But for now I want to say thank you to those who serve on Sunday mornings, which includes those who are there in person to Worship. Hearing the congregational responses and the singing helps those of us at home feel a part of the assembly. Last Sunday I can say the singing was joyful and uplifting. So your service, your worship and your joyful songs are much appreciated by those of us unable to attend. God Bless.

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid St. John's Schubert meeting day and time has changed. Starting Wednesday, November 3, 2021 we will meet at 1 p.m. and with quilting following if so desired.

The Jefferson City Zone Executive Board has invited the ladies to a "Welcome Back to LWML Celebration" to be held on Saturday, October 23, 2021. Faith Lutheran Church Jefferson City is hosting this event. The sign in time is 8:30 with breakfast and fellowship and at 9 A.M. we will move to church sanctuary for opening worship led by Pastor Eric Gledhill and our guest speaker will be Sue Hasselbring who is the Ministry Catalyst for International Student Ministry. There will be an offering for the youth of seminary students to attend the National Youth Gathering next year. Please let myself or Martha Klendienst know if you plan to attend by October 9th so we can let Faith know how many are attending.
 Yours Sister in Christ
 Jeannette Essen
 C.O.F.F.E.E. (Christ Offers Everyone Everywhere Forgiveness Forever)



Join us for the
 1st annual
 Mid-Mo Online
 Auction
 To benefit
 Lutheran
 Family and
 Children's
 Services
 Friday,
 October 22 at
 12 p.m. to
 Sunday,
 October 24 at
 8 p.m.
 The Auction will
 feature many

exciting items and you can bid with ease from your mobile phone or computer!

There is no cost to view the Auction and bid online, but we ask you to prayerfully consider a donation to the Children's Fund. Help us ensure that every child in Missouri has a bright future ahead!

Invitation and bidding instructions to follow

Learn more at ifcsmo.org/midmoauction

PART TIME PRESCHOOL AIDE POSITION

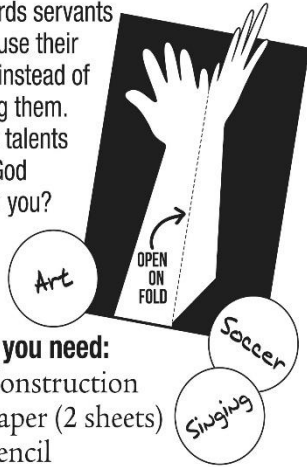
Immanuel Lutheran Honey Creek is looking for a part time preschool aide. The position is from 3:30 to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday. Responsibilities would be monitoring children till they are picked up by parents. This is a great after school position for high school students.

PART TIME MUSIC POSITION

Immanuel Lutheran Honey Creek is looking for a part time music teacher working just one day a week for 4 hours. Responsibilities would be teaching K-8 music, grading, and monitoring students. Day of week and time of day is very flexible.

FULL OF TALENT

In Matthew 25:14-30, the master rewards servants who use their gifts instead of hiding them. What talents has God given you?



What you need:

- Construction paper (2 sheets)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Gold crayon or pen
- Black pen

What you do:

1. Fold one sheet of paper in half lengthwise. Trace your hand and lower arm so your arm touches the folded edge. Cut out the arm and hand, keeping the folded edge uncut.
2. Glue the folded hand to the other sheet of paper.
3. In gold, draw five coins in the hand. In black, write the skills and gifts God has given you.
4. Open the fold and draw 10 gold coins in the two open hands. In black, write how you can use your skills and gifts to help others and honor God.

Puzzle!

Complete this Bible passage by adding the missing vowels.



F_r by gr_c_ y_ _ h_v_
 b_ _n s_v_d thr_ _gh
 f_ _th, _nd th_s _s n_t
 y_ _r _wn d_ _ng; _t _s
 th_ g_ft _f G_d — n_t th_
 r_s_lt _f w_rks, s_ th_t
 n_ _n_ m_y b_ _st.

_ph_s_ _ns 2:8-9, NRSV



Answer: For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9, NRSV

BABBTOWN NEWS

Calendar Dates

Oct 10, Voters meeting

9 A.M.

Oct 25, Bible Study

7 P.M.

Voters are encouraged to attend meeting following 8 am Sunday services at 9 am, Oct 10th. This will be the last meeting this year.

BAPTISM BIRTHDAY

October, 2021

Oct 16, Gary Schnack

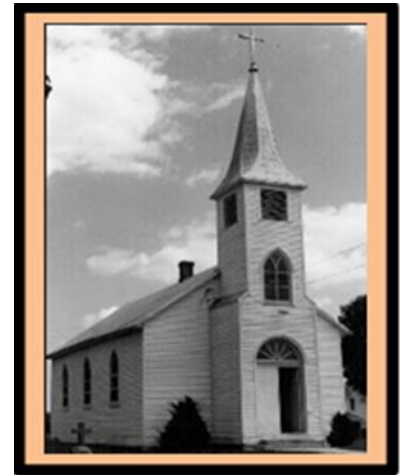
Oct 25, Arthur Mueller

Oct 26, Arnold Mueller

CLEANING FOR PARISH HOUSE

October, 2021

Skye and Kayla Schubert



Schubert

USHER SCHEDULE

Oct 3 Jerry Bartel
Andy Beach
Silas Luetkemeyer
Gary Lofton

Oct10 Jerry Bartel
George Kuhlman
Eric Lofton
Dale Schmutzler

Oct17 Jerry Bartel
Mike Forbis
Dave Mueller
Dale Ludwig

Oct24 Jerry Bartel
Kevin Lohraff
Berry Wiggins
Sherrie Russell

Oct31 Jerry Bartel
Mike Forbis
Ross Schmutzler
Bob Nienhueser



Oct 2 Henry Morris
Oct 7 Hunter Smasal
Oct 8 Landin Fowler
Oct 9 Graham Boeckman
Ryan Bohl
Oct14 William Householder
Oct17 Paul Haynes
Oct20 Wade Stroup
Oct22 Bethany Marble
Oct23 Brendan Larkins
Oct24 Adam Mueller
Oct28 Finn Lohraff
Kevin Fichter

OCTOBER, 2021

CLEANING CHURCH

The Bohl Family

Kayla Haslag

ALTAR GUILD

Karen Forbis

Deb Rademan

NOVEMBER, 2021

Newsletter Items are due

OCTOBER 24, 2021

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

Or they may be e-mailed to Pastor Schepeler—

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