



**MESSENGER NEWSLETTER
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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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

SEPTEMBER AT A GLANCE

Sept 1 Elders, 7 pm
Sept 6 Labor Day
Sept11 Basement Reserved
Sept12 Christian Ed Sunday,
Back Pack Blessing
Sept15 Chapel, Honey Creek
Confirmation 6-7:30 pm
Sept18 Basement Reserved,
LWML Bd Meeting
Sept22 Confirmation 6-7:30 pm
Sept27 Babbtown Bible Study 7 pm
Sept28 Men's Bible Study/Supper
6 pm
Sept29 Confirmation 6-7:30 pm

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

What does your life sound like? This might seem like a very unusual or even odd question, yet it is a very important question which is based on the words of Paul to the Ephesian Christians, “Eph. 5:18-19”...be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord in your heart.”

Again we ask: what does your life sound like? What does it sound like to your friends and family? What does it sound like before the Lord? This series of questions might very well make us cringe or hang our heads in shame—realizing that instead of proclaiming psalms and hymns and spiritual songs we are sounding off with complaints and gripes, with anger and disgust, with disappointment and fear.

All that is spoken not only to those around us but also before our Lord above—who sees all things and hears all things! Certainly we humble ourselves in repentance for such failures, then we need to listen (once again) to these words as words of encouragement:

‘Be filled with Spirit.’ If you want your life to sound better then fill up—fill up with the Spirit. The only place that that can happen is through the Word of God and His Sacrament. When you are filled with God's Word then let it flow out of your mouth to all who are around you as you speak (and sing) psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. Then with your heart offer a continual melody and song of thanksgiving to the Lord.

That is what a Christian's life should sound like—to others and to God! Come and let's work on this together as children of light.

*In Christ's Love,
Pastor*

SPEAKING FOR LIFE

“God has put us in our roles as life-affirming Lutherans in this place at this time. We must continue despite the world’s resistance. We must lean on God because He will support us. We must remember He has the words of eternal life!”
Virginia Flo, Regional Director of Minnesota and National Conference
Director, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



Thank you very much for the items you donated to Birthright. These items will make a mother or baby very happy. God bless all of you for the work that you do.

Rosie Verslues
Volunteer (Birthright)

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

GETTING IN YOUR 10,000 STEPS

Thomas Edison reportedly tried to invent the light bulb 10,000 times before he found success. In reference to his long-awaited achievement, a reporter asked, “How did it feel to fail 10,000 times?” “I didn’t fail 10,000 times,” Edison answered. “The light bulb was an invention with 10,000 steps.”

As a parent of young children (Henry, 5 and William, 3) I sometimes feel like getting my kids to church (let alone to behave) is a lot like inventing the light bulb. A small container of cereal transforms into a pile of crushed crumbs underneath the pew. Crayons and a coloring book give way to a freshly illustrated hymnal. After innumerable trips in and out of church (that feel like 10,000 steps) with an unruly little Christian, I sometimes wonder, “Is all this effort worth it?”

Just as the light bulb was worth every step, so are your efforts. You are not failing, but instead trudging up and down the hilly path to success. The first step is to send your child (grandchild, godchild) to Sunday school. The Bible is God’s great gift for mankind to open, read and learn from, not just while we are school aged, or going through confirmation, but for our whole life.

As is normal with a change (thank you to Kevin Lohraff who led as Sunday School Superintendent for many years) we are making a few adjustments to our class breakouts and schedule for Christian Education and our Sunday school program.

The Lord’s blessings to our congregation are evident as we look at our various classes and children. There are 20+ potential students for our Sunday school this year! It is our prayer that we can reach many of them and encourage them to attend Sunday school. We are using some brand-new materials which will provide lots of opportunities for hands-on, visual, and active learning opportunities for our students.

Preschool will continue to meet in the Parish House for Sunday school. Opening begins at 9:15am.

Parents are requested to stay with their child.

Kindergarten and 1st grade will continue to gather for opening in the Parish House with the preschool class and then break off after to go to their Sunday school room.

2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th grades will meet for opening at 9:15am in the church basement and stay in the basement for small group discussion and activities.

7th grade and up are encouraged to go to Sunday school with their parents in the church sanctuary starting at 9:30am.

As we begin again, we will celebrate Christian Education Sunday with the start of our Sunday school session. We invite all members of the congregation to grab a donut and a cup of coffee (or juice!) in the church basement at 9am. Sunday school will begin at 9:15am with a joint opening before dispersing to the respective classrooms. During normal worship, and to set our children on a faith-filled path, we are having a Blessing of the Backpacks. Please have your child bring their backpack to church. During worship your child(ren) will come forward to receive a blessing for the school year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have regarding our Sunday school program for this year.

In Christ’s service,
Morgan Householder, Sunday School Superintendent
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Greetings in the Name of Jesus, who motivates us with His Gospel,

Do you wonder what motivates Lutherans For Life to "keep on keeping on" in the face of so much apathy and opposition? Pastor Michael Salemink, the executive director of Lutherans For Life answers that question in the following article entitled "*Gospel - Motivated*" found in LifeDate, the Lutherans For Life quarterly publication.

"Lutherans For Life equips Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life.

"Gospel-motivated means compassion. It means we don't shout in anger. It means we don't lash out in fear. It means we don't accuse, assume, or assert our superiority.

"Gospel-motivated means we speak because our Heavenly Father has spoken to us. He has spoken grace and mercy, survival and salvation, promise and power. Gospel-motivated means we act because our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has acted on our behalf. He has enacted substitution and sacrifice, forgiveness and freedom, resurrection and relief, healing and hope. It means we speak and act in gladness and gratitude.

"Gospel-motivated means we tell how Almighty God creates every human life as special, and that we treat them with that sanctity. It means we declare how He redeems every human life as precious, and that we demonstrate it to them. It means we proclaim how He calls every human life His own priceless treasure from fertilization to forever, and that we put in into practice.

"Gospel-motivated means concern not only for cute little babies and dear old ladies, but also for those who permit, promote, and participate in abortion and assisted suicide. It means we receive every neighbor, no matter what age or appearance or ability, even the ones who look strange or smell funny or vote different or otherwise get under our skin, whether they hold our faith or hate it, we regard each one as a gift and privilege from heaven. It means we seek not only to spare them from immediate deceptions and earthly threats but also to secure and safeguard their eternal existence.

"Gospel-motivated means we listen rather than just lecture. It means we lead to the truth instead of beat with the truth. It means we invite and embrace, courteous and considerate, rather than ignore. It means we assist, respectful and sensitive, instead of dismiss. It means we love and serve, humble and gentle, and not command and control. It means we give to meet material needs, generous and friendly, and not manipulate.

"Gospel-motivated means we don't make it our mission to defund Planned Parenthood. We don't make it our mission to reverse Roe v. Wade. We don't aspire merely to win arguments or prevail in debates. We don't set sights simply on endorsing the right legislation or electing the best leaders. We don't even devote ourselves just to ending abortion and preventing euthanasia. Of course, we work toward these ends and rejoice when God grants them. But Gospel-motivated means bringing all the blessings of Jesus Christ to the broken one right in front of us.

"Gospel-motivated means we aim for every member of our race to become our neighbor, and every neighbor to become our brother and sister for the age to come." (Pastor Michael Salemink, LifeDate Fall 2020)

Have you thought about becoming a Gospel-motivated voice For Life? Won't you consider joining a Lutherans For Life Chapter or Life Team near you?

You will be blessed!

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

Only in Christ, the Bible says, "are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:3).

Thinking will always be a critical part of living. And one of the reasons for going to school is to learn how to think. As a Christian, no matter what you end up doing with your life after your education...holding a job, raising a family, being active in your community...you will want to do it to the glory of God. It's likely this won't always be easy. It will require careful thought, sound judgment, often a good measure of courage, and a strong foundation in Christ.

Of course, if you hope to share and apply God's word in the world, you will need to know the world. So let each book you read, the assignments you undertake, and every person, student and teacher you interact with help you to learn and experience the world God has placed you in – the place to see Him, love Him, serve Him, and help others learn more about Him.

As you're doing this, it may come as no surprise that you will be in situations where you encounter others who don't share your Christian beliefs. School can often prove to be one of the biggest battlegrounds for faith. You may be ridiculed or left out of activities you'd like to be part of, or suffer in some other way.

Don't lose hope. God doesn't write anyone off, and He may have put you there so you can be a witness to Christ's truth and peace. Jesus said, "You are the light of the world...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16). In all things, even though at times it may be difficult, model Christ with joy, generosity, and service. Pray for those you encounter that God will open their hearts to Christ's truth. And pray, too, that God will help you share Christ by your words and the example of your life.

Still, the world is a big place. Many people, young and old alike, can be nervous about leaving the security of "home" whether for just a day, or for weeks or months at a time for college, military service, or work experience. You and those who love you might worry that new, exciting experiences, relationships and other temptations that offer enticing outlets to the stresses of school (and life) may cause you to lose sight of God. In these instances, it's important to remember that each of us has a friend with us at all times – and that friend is Jesus. If you try to battle any of life's pressures alone, failure is always a real possibility. But remember that God loves you and wants to help you – not just to resist temptation, but also to become the person He created you to be in the place He put you.

You will make many decisions in your life, but the most important one will be to admit that you need God's help. Never hesitate to invite Him to come in and take control of your life.

You might have a new computer, backpack or study partner as you begin this new chapter of your life, but always remember that your best hope for success this fall or any time is the gospel of Jesus Christ. And that is a strong place to be. So whether you're going to walk, drive, or Zoom your way to learn new things, prepare your heart and mind for the work ahead. Through it all, continue reading the Bible (daily), talking to God through prayer (always), and regularly going to church to gain strength by worshiping with other Christians.

By God's grace, this year could be a breakthrough in your understanding of Him, your ministry to others, and your readiness for a long life lived with and for Jesus.

PRAYER: Lord, I pray for your emotional, spiritual and physical protection as I begin this new day. Keep evil far from me, and help me to trust in You as my refuge and strength. Amen.



This article is a blend of ideas from St. John's Evangelism Committee coupled with various resources on Christian instruction found on the worldwide web.

FROM PAULA

Once again I would like to say thank you for all of the well wishes, thoughts, prayers, and get well messages from everyone. I wanted to share a quick update with you. The treatments are doing what they should so far and Pastor and I are grateful. The goal is to suppress my immune system so that eventually it will reset itself and I can get back to normal. It looks like it is an 18 month plan. So in the meantime I have been instructed to be very careful around anyone who may be sick with any virus, or contagious bug, as I won't have an immune system to fight it off. I will be avoiding most situations where I come in contact with larger groups of people. With masking and social distancing I can meet with a few or less. So while I may not be physically present with you my heart, thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless, Paula

Friendly Reminders

Confirmation Class

We are scheduled to begin confirmation class on Sept. 15th, From 6-7:30 pm. We will again meet in the church basement and will have plenty of room to spread out and be socially distanced.

Men's Bible Study/Supper

Once again we will plan to meet on Sept. 28th in order to fellowship and feed upon God's Word together.

All the men and their sons are welcome—guests are welcome.



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

Prayer bracelet

Make this craft to help you remember the Lord's Prayer.



What you need:

- Elastic string (12 inches)
- Colored beads (see below)
- Clear nail polish

What you do:

1. Knot the string at one end. Add beads in this order: blue, white, gold, green, yellow, red, black, orange
2. Tie the ends so the bracelet fits your wrist. Place a dot of nail polish to secure the knot. Trim excess string.
3. As you pray, use the bead colors as reminders of Jesus' words (see Matthew 6:9-13):

- **blue** = the Father
- **white** = God's holiness
- **gold** = God's kingdom
- **green** = the earth
- **yellow** = wheat (bread)
- **red** = Christ's blood (forgiveness)
- **black** = temptation
- **orange** = God's power to deliver

PUZZLE

Teach us to pray

In Luke 11:1-13 (NIV), Jesus teaches about prayer.

Directions: Add or subtract the letters indicated and unscramble the letters to form a new word, using hints from the passage. Then unscramble the circled letters to answer the question below.

party - t = p r a y (v. 1)

lady + i = l a d y (v. 3)

drab + e = d r a b (v. 5)

rod + o = r o d (v. 7)

bask - b = a s k (v. 9)

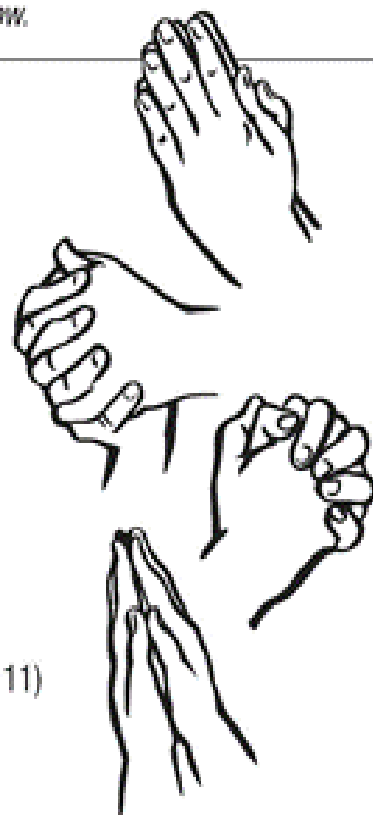
keeps - p = k e e p (v. 9)

define - ee = d e f i n e (v. 9)

shift - t = s h i f t (v. 11)

sneaky - y = s n e a k y (v. 11)

sift + g = s i f t g (v. 13)



What will the Father give to those who ask of him?

_____ (v. 13)

Answer: pray, daily, bread, door, ask, seek, find, fish, snake, gifts, Holy Spirit

BABBTOWN NEWS

Calendar Dates

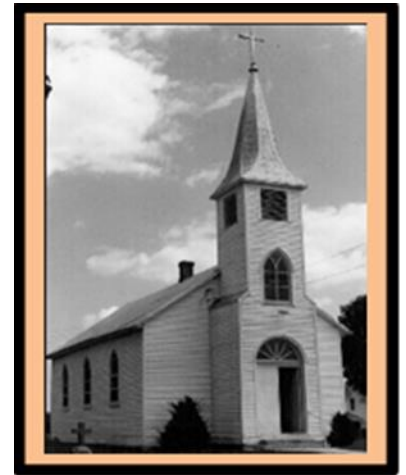
Sept. 19-Citizens Civic League-
Meta Fall Festival,
11 am – 7 pm
Dinner-in or Carry-out.
Sept 21, Meta Blood Drive
Sept 27, Bible Class 7 pm
Ladies Aid

BAPTISM BIRTHDAY September, 2021

Sept 16, Joyce Jarves
Sept 21, Ava Joy Bunker
Sept 23, Ricky Jarves

CLEANING FOR PARISH HOUSE September, 2021

Art and Donna Mueller



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USHER SCHEDULE

Sept 5 Kurt Boeckmann
Andy Beach
Silas Luetkemeyer
Gary Lofton

Sept12 Kurt Boeckmann
George Kuhlman
Eric Lofton
Dale Schmutzler

Sept19 Kurt Boeckmann
Mike Forbis
Dave Mueller
Dale Ludwig

Sept26 Kurt Boeckmann
Kevin Lohraff
Berry Wiggins
Sherrie Russell



Sept 1 Delma Goser
Jan Morris

Sept 2 Steve Brenner

Sept 3 Ashley Thoenen

Sept 9 Alexis Kremer
Autumn Kremer
Samuel Luetkemeyer
Silas Luetkemeyer

Sept14 Jeanette Wiggins

Sept16 Wilma Kollmeyer

Sept18 Josh Kollmeyer
Matt Kollmeyer

Sept19 Payton Bohl

Sept20 Ronda Williams

Sept23 Ashley Mueller

Sept27 Michael Dippold

OCTOBER, 2021 Newsletter Items are due SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

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

Or they may be e-mailed to
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Any announcement:
Weddings, birthdays,
anniversaries, personal notes,
pictures or church related
business are welcome.

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