



MESSENGER NEWSLETTER
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

"The small church with a BIG heart: Ordinary people

With an extra ordinary message!

Pastor Ryan Groh (Church) (573) 395-4591

E-Mail: stjohnslutheranjcmo@gmail.com

Web Site: www.stjohnslutheranjc.com

Schubert
4409 St. John's Road
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Babbtown (Near Meta)
7075 Highway P
Westphalia, MO 65085

Volume 57, Issue 8

AUGUST, 2025

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Schubert and Babbtown Newsletter
Calendar for AUGUST 2025

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

BABBTOWN

Sunday Worship

8:00 A.M. Worship with (Holy
Communion)

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 GLANCE

- Aug 3 Backpack Blessing
Lutheran School Mtg.
Babbtown Voters, 6 pm
- Aug 4 Men's Bible Study,
6 pm
- Aug 10 First Day of Sunday
School Classes
- Aug 12 Work Day at Schubert
9 am
- Aug 16 Babbtown VBS,
9 am-3 pm
- Aug 19 Women's Bible Study,
10 am
- Aug 26 Work Day at Schubert,
9 am

Run the straight race Thro' God's good grace;

Lift up thine eyes and seek His face.

Life with its way before us lies;

Christ is the Path and Christ the Prize.

- TLH 447 "Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might"

Dear Friends in Christ,

The life of the Christian is one that is anything but easy; the path that leads to eternal life is indeed, as our Lord says, one that is narrow and hard (Matt 7:14). Danger awaits around every corner. Satan seeks to attack us, for we bear the name of the Triune God that was placed upon us in Holy Baptism. Those in the world who hate Christ and His Word will hate us simply because we are Christians.

But let this not make you hang your head low. As the hymnist, John Monsell, put it above, "Lift up thine eyes and seek His face. Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the Path and Christ the Prize." Dear Christian, lift up thine eyes. See the Lord's face which shines upon you, for you are His. He has purchased you with his own blood. He has marked you as his own child in the waters of Holy Baptism. And he is the prize that awaits at this life's end.

The path that leads to eternal life is not an easy one. There will be dangers, struggles, heartaches that lie ahead, but lift up thine eyes and see Him who is the Path, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, for when your eyes close to this age in death, you who have run the race by God's good grace will receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away, and you will live with Christ for all eternity.

To God be the glory,

Pastor Groh

SPEAKING FOR LIFE:

“God created every one of us to shine brightly in the world He made for us.

Each person is a candle, sustaining His light to share with others. When a baby is aborted, his or her candle is extinguished.

Clearly, that is not what God wants for us. None of us is unimportant to God; He cares about all of us, no matter our size, age, parents, gender, or disabilities. Every candle has a special purpose God designed.” *Christina, Missouri, Lutherans*

For Life Essay Contest – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •

lutheransforlife.org

Prayer Chain Tree

Prayer requests,
please text

Molly Boeckmann at
573-338-4309.

YOUTH GATHERING RECAP: St. John's Schubert were blessed to be part of the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans, Louisiana! We had five youths and one adult representing St. John's across three different groups – primarily with Faith Lutheran Church, Jefferson City. Faith Lutheran's group were friendly, welcoming neighbors to St. John's! All had a great week learning, worshipping, and diving into God's Word with 20,000 other Lutherans across the nation and the world. Through our theme passage of Hebrews 12:1-3 we learned what it means to ENDURE – to endure with Jesus, to endure as the people of God, and to endure to the end! THANK YOU to everyone for your help, prayers, and support!!

Looking ahead: Sunday, September 7, will be Christian Education Sunday. We will start Confirmation/Weekday Classes for the fall on Wednesday, September 10, at 6:00 p.m. All families are invited to be part of these Christian education opportunities!

Join us for
LUNCH
with
PASTOR & GRACE

Following Worship
SEPTEMBER 14

Let's show some St. John's hospitality
with an old-fashioned basket lunch!



WE HOPE TO MEET
ALL THE "NEW FACES" AT ST. JOHN'S
AND LET PASTOR AND GRACE
TELL US A LITTLE MORE
ABOUT THEMSELVES TOO!



Bring your favorite
dish (or two) with a
little extra to share
and enjoy some
Christian fellowship!

Great friends, old and new,
Great conversation and
Great food too...

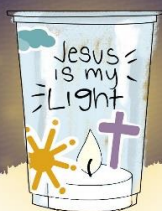
**ALL TOGETHER FOR A
GREAT TIME!**

One in Christ.

'For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them.'

Matthew 18:20

SHINE

FOR
Jesus

This easy and colorful craft helps kids remember that Jesus is their light—no matter where they go!

What you need:

- Clear plastic cup
- Battery tea lights
- Tissue paper squares (pre-cut)
- Glue stick
- Markers (optional)
- Stickers (optional)

**What you do:**

1. Use the glue stick to press colorful tissue paper squares around the outside of the cup.
2. Add a simple phrase like "Jesus is my Light" or use fun stickers to decorate.
3. Turn on the tea light and place it inside the cup.
4. Turn off the lights and let your lantern glow!

The Lord is my light
and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?

— Psalm 27:1, NIV



WHO AM I?

Did you know that some Old Testament books are named after prophets? Use the clues to figure out each prophet's name and write it on the lines. Then unscramble, use the circled letters to complete the sentence at the bottom.

1. I was called to preach to Nineveh, but I ran from God instead. My book is number 32 in the Bible.

I am _____.

2. I spoke God's message when the temple was being built. My book is number 37.

I am _____.

3. Israel's unfaithfulness to God is compared to my unfaithful wife. My book is number 28.

I am _____.

4. My book predicts punishment for wickedness and promises of comfort. It is book 23.

I am _____.

5. I had dreams and visions. My book is number 27.

I am _____.

6. I was often in danger because of my prophecies. I angered officials. My book is number 24.

I am _____.

7. I was a shepherd from Judah who called people to turn to God and leave their selfish lives. My book is number 30.

I am _____.

8. My book contains descriptions of strange visions. My book is number 26.

I am _____.

Prophets are _____.

Answers: Jonah; Haggai; Hosea; Isaiah; Daniel; Jeremiah; Amos; Ezekiel; Messengers.

AUGUST

Usher Schedule

Aug 3 Mike Forbis
Andy Beach

Aug10 Mike Forbis
John Hanes

Aug17 Mike Forbis
Skyler Haslag

Aug24 Mike Forbis
Matt Belcher

Aug31 Mike Forbis
Justin Householder

Communion Assistants

Aug 3 Allan Forbis
Mark Russell

Aug10 Jim Forbis
Gary Stroup

Aug17 Gene Walkenhorst
Mark Russell

Aug24 Russ Mueller
Gary Stroup

Aug31 Allan Forbis
Gene Walkenhorst

Acolyte

Aug 3 Brantly Carver

Aug10 Sawyer Dippold

Aug17 Hayden Smasal

Aug24 Haley Titus

Aug31 Claire Prohaska

Greeters

Aug 3 Linda Brenner, front
Lynn Lofton, side

Aug10 Donna Skelly, front
Jennifer Hanes, side

Aug17 Mary Vida, front
Mary Kuhlmann, side

Aug24 Linda Brenner, front
Lynn Lofton, side

Aug31 Donna Skelly, front
Jennifer Hanes, side

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

(Schubert)

Aug 1 John Hanes
Vickie Mueller

Aug 2 Kaelynn Haslag

Aug 5 Justin Mueller
Derrick Mueller

Aug 6 Max Stroup

Aug11 Ellen Boeckmann
Michael Forbis

Aug13 Teresa Wehmeyer

Aug15 Mace Stroup

Aug16 Isabella Larkins

Aug18 Trent Ludwig

Aug19 Elliott Grothoff

Aug23 David Forbis
Gary Stroup

Aug24 Marshall Gibson
Ava Willson

Aug27 Robert Skelly

Aug28 Chloe Baker
Claire Prohaska

Aug29 Taylor Titus

Aug30 Megan Goldberg

(Babbtown)

Aug21 Ava Bunker

Sunday School Offering

Aug 3 Ariana Skelly

Aug10 Kennady Grothoff

Aug17 Kaelynn Haslag

Aug24 Presley Haslag

Aug31 Henry Householder

AUGUST CHURCH CLEANING

Carol Pleus
Debra Rademan
ALTAR GUILD
Linda Brenner
Ronda Williams

SEPTEMBER, 2025 NEWSLETTER Items are due

AUGUST 24, 2025

Newsletter items may be
placed in Jan's mailbox.

Or they may be e-mailed to
stjohnslutheranjcmo@gmail.com

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