



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 May/June, 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

MAY/JUNE AT GLANCE

May 4 Pancake Lunch after
worship

May 5 Men's Bible Study, 6 pm

May11 Mother's Day

May18 Senior Sunday

May20 Women's Bible Study

May26 Memorial Day

May29 Ascension Day

June 2 Men's Bible Study, 6 pm

June 8 VBS Kickoff 5-7 pm

June 9-12

Vacation Bible School

6-8 pm

June15 Father's Day

June17 Women Bible Study 10 am

June22 Rummage Sale set up after
worship

June22-24

Missouri District LCMS

Convention

Columbia, Missouri

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

The early Christians began to worship on
 Sunday because it is “the Lord’s day,” the day Jesus
 rose from the grave on Easter. And why not choose
 this day? Without the resurrection, our faith is
 nothing.

**“For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has
 been raised. And if Christ has not been raised,
 your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.
 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ
 have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life
 only, we are of all people most to be pitied.” — 1
 Corinthians 15:16-19**

Every Sunday of the year is a celebration of the
 Easter event. We live our Christian lives every day,
 but we set aside one day a week, as God tells us to do,
 to meet together as his children, give thanks for the
 death and resurrection of Jesus, and allow God to give
 us his grace. Don't think of Easter as a “once a year”
 holiday. **“This is the day that the Lord has made,
 let us rejoice and be glad in it!” Psalm 118:24**

SPEAKING FOR LIFE

“We rightly honor our dead who are near to us in time, realizing this is but a passing phase of memory, that in another already-determined Time, all the graves shall be opened, and all shall rise to meet the Judge of the Living and the Dead, who’s Kingdom shall have no end.

Memory eternal.” *James M. Kushiner, Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Prayer Chain Tree

Prayer requests,
please text

**Molly Boeckmann at
573-338-4309.**

THANK YOU to everyone for making our Lent and Easter season a special one at the St. John’s congregations. Continue to celebrate the resurrection and life of Christ each Sunday, and take God’s Grace with you every day of the week.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Mark your calendars for June 8-12 for VBS at Schubert! Our theme this year will be “Gone Fishing”. We will begin Bible School week with a kickoff on Sunday night, June 8th from 5-7pm. We will continue with classes Monday thru Thursday, June 9-12, from 6-8pm. We need teachers and volunteers, so please contact Ginger Luetkemeyer if you are available/interested! More details will be coming, so spread the word and invite others to be part of the Vacation Bible School week at St. John’s!



Be sure to attend the worship service on Sunday, May 18 where St. John’s will honor the Senior Members (age 70 and older) of our congregation. Senior members will be honored with a special service and a take home meal.

IT’S COMING! The St. John’s RUMMAGE SALE will be held July 11 & 12, 2025. Gather kitchen items, home furnishings, clothing, tools, plants, etc. and bring them to church AFTER June 22, and NO LATER than Tuesday, July 8. Place items on the floor under the kitchen serving line. If you can have shirts, blouses, and dresses on hangers it would be helpful. (We’ll give you the hangers back if you want them.) We do not need extra hangers or plastic grocery bags, but we would like lots of newspapers for packing. Thank you!

We need help after church on June 22 to stack chairs and move tables, and for the following days to sort, price, and lay things out. And, we’ll definitely need help on the days of the sale, especially on Friday, July 11. Sale hours will be: Friday 7 AM-6 PM Saturday 8 AM - NOON

Please help for a few hours or for a couple weeks! It can be a lot of fun! For more info, check with Carol P, Ronda W, or Mary V . . . or just SHOW UP.

OUR PASTOR ELECT

In the Call Service on Tuesday, April 29th at Concordia Theological Seminary Fort



Wayne, Indiana, Seminarian Ryan Groh was assigned to St. John's Babbtown and St. John's Schubert as the next Pastor. He will be graduating from Concordia Seminary - Ft. Wayne on May 23rd. He is from Oklahoma City, OK.

He married his wife, Grace, in 2020 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbia, MO – where Grace's father, Rev. Brian Thieme, serves as Pastor.

Keep Seminarian Groh and Grace in your prayers – as well as the other called candidates, the churches receiving candidates, and those churches

whose requests for candidates will not be filled.

Seminarian Groh will be communicating with our congregation as he and his wife prepare to set their time-line for moving to the parsonage in Schubert, and tentatively planning an ordination and installation date.

As Jesus said to his disciples: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38)

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC) will be held on June 7-9, 2025 at Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Jefferson City, MO.

TEC is a three-day retreat for teens AND adults that allows them to encounter the presence of Christ in their lives in a unique way. If you want to find out more about this opportunity to grow in your faith, visit their website –

www.heartofmotec.com

The website has all the information and an online application. If you want more details, you can call or text Sam Ziegelbein at 573-680-6887 or send an email to heartofmotec@gmail.com

People are welcome to support this ministry with their prayers, by attending, or by donating needed items.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet Monday, May 5th at 6:00 PM with a meal followed by time in God's Word.

We will follow the story of Philemon and the letter Paul sent to Colossae that set a real-life example of Christian love and forgiveness for the family of God in Jesus, both then and now. All men of the congregation are invited to come.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet Tuesday, May 20th at 10:00 AM, taking a look at what God's Word says about Light and Darkness, and how the Bible uses this image to show his grace and mercy. All women are encouraged to come as you are able to share some time with each other and God's Word.

CONGREGATION MEMBER UPDATES: Included in this newsletter is an informational update we would like each of our households and members to fill out and turn in to the church office in the next few weeks. Please include all information you are willing to share.

OUR MISSOURI DISTRICT meets in Convention June 22-24. Our congregations will be represented by Mark Russell. We thank him for his time and attention to the work of our church at large.

YOUTH GATHERING: This July St. John's Schubert will be attending the LCMS Youth Gathering this July in New Orleans, LA! We will have 3 youth and 1 adult traveling with Faith Lutheran Church in Jefferson City. Those participants are Matthew Kollmeyer, Landon Marion, Haley Titus, and adult leader Samuel Luetkemeyer. The trip will last from July 17-24, with the Youth Gathering on July 19-23. The congregation has already graciously assisted with funds through the Youth Group's Pancake Lunches the last few months. As we near our fundraising marks and deadlines, look out for more sponsorship opportunities in the months ahead. Please keep the St. John's Youth Group in your prayers as they prepare for this trip.

Opportunities to Serve:

The Helping Hands Fund sends cards monthly to our shut-ins and to the unconfirmed children in our congregation who are celebrating their baptism birthday that month. All cards and postage are provided by the SOLA (Showing Our Love in Action) Committee. If this sounds like something you would like to help with, contact Linda Brenner to join this group of people who serve one month at a time.

Our Braille Workers meet monthly at Faith Lutheran to print books in Braille. No need to know Braille, just a willingness to help those who are blind. These books are made and sent to Lutheran Braille Workers in California and distributed to areas where they are needed. If this sounds interesting to you, contact Linda Brenner or Linda Kemmer.



A NOBLE EXAMPLE

Proverbs 31 describes a God-honoring woman. How are the women in your life like her? How can you follow their example?

Directions: Use the word bank to complete all the Bible verses. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Proverbs 31:30, NIV.



WORD BANK

bread, household, women, laugh,
children, clothed, speaks, husband, tongue



She is _____ with strength and dignity;
she can _____ at the days to come.

She _____ with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her _____.

She watches over the affairs of her _____
and does not eat the _____ of idleness.

Her _____ arise and call her blessed;
her _____ also, and he praises her:

"Many _____ do noble things,
but you surpass them all." *Proverbs 31:25-29, NIV*

Charm is _____eptive, and be_____ty is fl_____eting; but a
woma_____ w_____o f_____rs the Lo_____d is to be prais_____d.

Proverbs 31:30, NIV

Answers: clothed, laugh, speaks, tongue, household, bread, children, husband, women, Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Proverbs 31:30, NIV

Usher Schedule

May 4 Jerry Bartel
Andy Beach

May11 Jerry Bartel
John Hanes

May18 Jerry Bartel
Skyler Haslag

May25 Jerry Bartel
Matt Belcher

Communion Assistants

May 4 Gene Walkenhorst
Russ Mueller

May11 Jim Forbis
Allan Forbis

May18 Gene Walkenhorst
Mark Russell

May25 Jim Forbis
Allan Forbis

Acolyte

May 4 Ava Willson

May11 Matt Kollmeyer

May18 Mason Mistler

May25 Landon Marion

Greeters

May 4 Lynn Lofton, front
Linda Brenner, side

May11 Mary Kuhlmann, front
Mary Vida, side

May18 Donna Skelly, front
Jennifer Hanes, side

May25 Linda Brenner, front
Lynn Lofton, side

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**(Schubert)**

May 1 Heidi Schroeder

May 3 Niki Kelly

May 5 Camden Bohl

May 8 Corina Henderson

May10 Eric Lofton

May11 Troy Ludwig

May13 Tyler Walkenhorst

May15 Nathan Bohl

Cale Willson

May16 Pastor Scheperle

May17 Erik Gibson

Sean Gibson

May19 Claire Henderson

Nicole Jones

May23 Connor Henderson

Haley Titus

May24 Jack Kelly

May26 Paula Scheperle

May31 Robert Dippold

(Babbtown)

May22 Kurt Schubert

May30 Ethan Mueller

Sunday School Offering

May 4 Kennady Grothoff

May11 Kaelynn Haslag

May18 Presley Haslag

May25 Henry Householder

MAY
CHURCH
CLEANING
Mark and Sherry Russell
ALTAR GUILD
Linda Brenner
Ronda Williams

JUNE
CHURCH CLEANING
Linda Brenner
Rachel Marion
ALTAR GUILD
Linda Brenner
Lynn Lofton

Usher Schedule

June 1 Gary Stroup
Andy Beach

June 8 Gary Stroup
John Hanes

June15 Gary Stroup
Skyler Haslag

June22 Gary Stroup
Matt Belcher

June29 Gary Stroup
Justin Householder

Communion Assistants

June 1 Gene Walkenhorst
Russ Mueller

June 8 Jim Forbis
Allan Forbis

June15 Gene Walkenhorst
Mark Russell

June22 Jim Forbis
Allan Forbis

June29 Russ Mueller
Mark Russell

Acolyte

June 1 Brantly Carver

June 8 Sawyer Dippold

June15 Hayden Smasal

June22 Haley Titus

June29 Claire Prohaska

Greeters

June 1 Lynn Lofton, front
Linda Brenner, side

June 8 Mary Kuhlmann, front
Mary Vida, side

June15 Donna Skelly, front
Jennifer Hanes, side

June22 Linda Brenner, front
Lynn Lofton, side

June29 Donna Skelly, front
Jennifer Hanes, side

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS
(Schubert)**

June 1 Sarah Willson

June 3 Presley Haslag

June 5 Sylvia Braun
Georgianne Huckfeldt

June10 Bailey Barg
Kurt Boeckmann
Sawyer Dippold
Cassandra Gibson

June12 Darren Willson
June14 Ethan Schmutzler
Ross Schmutzler

June15 Brandon Brenner

June16 Jerry Bartel

June19 Carl Brandenburg

June20 Keegan Huckfeldt

June21 Gary Rademan

June24 Chase Toerper

June28 Russell Mueller

Sunday School Offering

June 1 Gabe Marble

June 8 Isabelle Marble

June15 Ariana Skelly

June22 Kennady Grothoff

June29 Kaelynn Haslag

(Babbtown)

June 1 Adelyn Wolf

June 3 Theresa Mueller

**July2025
NEWSLETTER Items
are due**

June 22, 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.