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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**BABBTOWN**

8:00 A.M. Worship  
(Holy Communion 2<sup>nd</sup>  
& 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

**SCHUBERT**

10:00 A.M. Worship  
with  
(Holy Communion)  
Also Streaming on  
Facebook

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

Quite some time has passed since we were on a regular schedule here at church. Even though we are able to gather again for public worship, we must do things differently and practice social distancing. This restricts us and keeps us limited in what we are able to do and how we are able to accomplish it.

Patience seems to be of utmost importance since we are trying to figure things out as we go along. We know that God is using these circumstances to bring about His will and to expand the work of the church and reach the lost.

We are challenged to continually sow the seeds of the Gospel in all circumstances. (This is reflected in the VBS lessons this year as we visit "God's Garden") We also remember the theme of our 150/175 anniversary last year, "Built on the past, planting for the future."

It is our job to do the planting; God brings about the growth and harvest- in His time and His way.

We have a reminder of this in the church yard. Last fall we planted the anniversary maple tree. When we planted it, the leaves all turned and red and fell off. After about 6 months of being bare and dormant, little flowers appeared and helicopter (seeds) formed and leaves sprouted. (This all happened during the "lock down") [Check out the accompanying picture] It is another reminder that God will accomplish all that He has promised, just listen to Him and

trust His promises and do what He says: spread the Gospel, plant the seed, and feed the flock. God will bless it in His own way and in His perfect timing

So keep on keeping on in Christ and serve Him in times of Covid Crisis, and in normal times.

Remember: we are “planting for the future.”



God’s Blessings!  
In Christ’s Love,  
Pastor

**SPEAKING FOR LIFE**

“So how do we handle Father’s Day? First, thank God for your father and for any lessons he taught you, either through positive or negative actions. (If Dad is still around, thank him too.) Second, thank your Father God that He fills in all the gaps where earthly fathers don’t always measure up.” *Linda Kerr, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL/CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**That’s Good—That’s Bad**

There is an old joke in which the teller describes situations and someone else makes comments about whether they are good or bad. “My uncle Francis passed away (bad) but he left me \$60,000 (good). No, that’s bad because taxes took about half of it (bad). No, that’s good because I still had enough to take flying lessons (good). No, that’s bad because I fell out of the plane (bad). No, that’s good because I was falling toward a big haystack (good). No, that’s bad because there was a pitchfork in it.” And so on.

Recently, in Sunday school, we read the story of Adam and Eve in the garden, which is certainly a “that’s good—that’s bad” story. God gave Adam and Eve a garden to live in. Can you imagine how glorious, lush, and beautiful God’s perfect garden must have been? (Good) But then, Adam and Eve disobeyed God and then blamed the snake, each other, and even God for their mistake. (Bad) God describes the consequences for this sin, which explains why our gift of life (good) is often filled with fighting, isolation, tears, and pain (bad). We certainly have the ability to mess up a good thing, don’t we?

In life’s difficulties and uncertainties, we can become confused about what’s good and bad. In God’s love and mercy, however, God gave us His Word so we can know what’s good, and He gave us our Savior, Christ Jesus, so we don’t have to deal with the bad things of this world forever. Bring your kids to Church and Sunday School VBS etc. and especially now sit down in family devotions and Christian instruction at home, take advantage of all the opportunities we have to feed on His Word so we can know what’s good and focus on it (good).

“ . . . Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.” Romans 12:9

God’s Blessings!  
Kevin Lohraff

START YOUR SUMMER WITH...

# St. John's Lutheran Church, Schubert

**This year, instead of bringing your kids to St. John's for Vacation Bible School, let St. John's bring VBS to YOU!**

With take-home material, easy-to-follow directions, online instructor-led sessions and videos, and other resources to help you, our program offers the perfect, safe, family-friendly way to bring Christ-centered fun into your own home.

With content designed for 3 levels – *pre-school, elementary grades, and middle school*, there will be something special for all young learners.



### What We'll Do...

- Prior to VBS, kids can pick-up (or have delivered) a packet containing material and instructions\* for each day.
- Videos will be posted on St. John's YouTube channel each morning for viewing that day.
- Class instructors will host ZOOM sessions each evening to highlight key learning points.

\*Parent involvement will be essential to a successful VBS experience.



Vacation Bible School  
June 15 - 17

GOD CREATED ALL LIVING THINGS AND EACH ONE OF US.  
WE NEED TO LET GOD'S WORD GROW IN US.  
AND SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S LOVE WITH OTHERS!

God's Garden  
Growing Faith



To ensure material is ready and available for everyone, please ENROLL ONLINE at [www.stjohnslutheranjc.com](http://www.stjohnslutheranjc.com)

If you need additional assistance, please call 573-395-4591.

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*Blessings to you in the name of God our Creator, Jesus our Redeemer and the Holy Spirit who sustains us,*

**God is good and in control.** That's important to remember when everything else seems out of control. When fear abounds, the words of Rev. Dr. Eugene Boe, Lutheran Brethren Seminary, are a comfort: *"Life is not ours to give nor is it ours to take....Indeed the cross of Jesus Christ makes the difference in facing and living through our end-of-life issues. Thanks be to God!"*

Pastor Chris Cordes also offers hope in the face of death of a loved one or oneself in the following article:

## LESSONS FROM A FUNERAL

"My father died recently. This is the first time someone this close has passed. Some of you have experienced it already. Sadly, some of you have experienced it multiple times. I feel for you now in a different way. I've coached and counseled people about it across nearly thirty years of ministry, but when it happens to you personally, the wound cuts deeper than words can express. The proverb is really true: **"Each heart knows its own bitterness"** (Proverbs 14:10).

"Dad's time was coming. He had battled cancer for several years. This summer the meds were hurting more than they hindered the cancer, so he finally took himself off medications so he could heal a little in these other areas. Three months later he was taking a sharp downward turn, and we knew his time approached.

"But like one of my church members said, "You think you're prepared, but you never are." When the news came, I went downstairs and told my wife. I then pattered in the kitchen by myself, and a sob seemed to come out of nowhere. I wasn't prepared. The mind can process and reason and stay collected, but the inner spirit, that deepest part of you that feels and knows things your mind doesn't realize - it has an agenda and a timetable of its own, doesn't it?

"Grieving is natural. Sometimes people chide themselves for being "dramatic" or "self-serving" when they sob and cry and sob some more. But when the wound is deep, it's--well--really deep! God did not originally design the world for losing loved ones. They get bonded to our spirit and, when uprooted, a hole is left behind. Grief is natural. And necessary. The tears seem to soften the edges of that hole and cause soil to run down into the bottom and smooth it out. Something has to happen so the hole is not so sheer and craggy on your inner landscape.

"And you cannot rush grieving. Some folks may tell you to move on and get over with it, but until your spirit has answered the pain with sufficient sniffles and sobs, gasps and groans, it's going to keep calling them out. So you have to take the time you need and grieve in the way your need, whether bawling and wailing or just blinking out another tear to fall down your cheek. It's okay to do it your way. And for however long it takes. They say you never really get over it. I guess I'll find that out, too.

"I found that grief is also answered or balanced by the sure hope of Paradise. It felt so good to remember how Jesus pulled all eyes to Himself when He said, **"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live even though he dies"** (John 11:25). He can say that because it works like this: If you've ever done anything wrong or missed doing something perfectly, then you are not truly perfect, and you are going to die. It would be without God, but Jesus takes that weight and sentence off your record, onto His own shoulders. Anyone who wants forgiveness from God, peace with Him Paradise opened---just look at Jesus. **"Everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him will have eternal life"** (John 6:40).

"My dad looked to Jesus this way. When the nurse asked him if he understood what hospice was, he said, "Oh, it's not so bad. It's the window through which you get to say 'Good morning!' to Jesus."

"I miss my dad. I'll see my dad again. In Jesus I really will. I say all this so you can know Jesus this way too and settle your soul in His life that conquers death." (Pastor Chris Cordes, **Lessons from a Funeral**, LifeDate, A Lutherans For Life publication, Winter 2015)

Rest in God's promise to be with us now and always, 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 Greetings in the name of Jesus, our resurrected Savior!

## Sharing and Caring During Social Distancing

A Message from the Evangelism Committee

Things have been different in recent weeks due to Covid -19. To take care of ourselves and others, we've been social distancing, staying home, changing our routine, and most likely putting some plans we made on hold. Some of us have stayed away from older or high-risk family members and friends to keep them safe too. It's only natural that people are wondering – and perhaps even worrying – what the future will hold.

The good news, of course, is that as Christians we know that God is mightier than our fear and anxiety. He is always with us wherever we are. He knows us and has a plan for us.

We're reminded of this good news each time we worship and study God's word. That's why during this pandemic, St. John's live stream services have been so important ...and why they will continue to be offered.

While many members will gradually return to services at St. John's, some may not be able to come back (at least right away). That's okay. The live stream services will continue to be available for anyone to access.

To add your name or someone else to our outreach communication for live stream services, please let Pastor or an Evangelism Committee member know.

### A little encouragement

As Christians, our message to others that a caring Christ is in our midst and in our hearts should be active and ongoing, especially now when so many are in need.

Remember that in addition to the telephone, social media can be a wonderful tool to help stay in touch with others while sharing the love of Christ. It takes only a few minutes to make a big difference. A simple message like, "I'm praying for you today," can offer comfort and reassurance.

And with your message, share information about St. John's – our webpage and our presence on Facebook – so that they can join us online for worship no matter where they are in the world!

We are all one family in Christ.

*St. John's*  
Lutheran Church, Schubert

BE JOYFUL IN HOPE  
PATIENT IN AFFLICTION  
FAITHFUL IN PRAYER  
ROMANS 12:12

GOD IS BIGGER THAN YOUR FEAR,  
ANXIETY, PROBLEMS AND STRUGGLES.

During these challenging times, and as we reflect on the risen Christ at Easter, keep strong in God's word. While we may be separated from friends, family, and even our physical church...

God never separates Himself from us.  
Romans 8:38

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LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP SERVICES

LEARN MORE AT  
[www.stjohnslutheranjc.com](http://www.stjohnslutheranjc.com)

FYI: St. John's placed this ad in the Jefferson City News Tribune on Easter Sunday to remind our local community about the always present love of Christ, and to invite others to join us for our live streaming worship services.

# ROAD TRIP TREAT

Make this snack necklace to enjoy during summer travels.



**What you need:**

- Dental floss
- Sewing needle
- O-shaped cereal
- Raisins
- Popcorn

**What you do:**

1. Carefully thread a yard of floss through the needle.
2. String a pattern of cereal, raisins and popcorn on the floss until only 4 inches remain on either end. Tie the two ends together.
3. Repeat to make necklaces for your whole family.
4. When you're ready to eat, simply bite off each "bead." Experiment with other non-perishable foods.



## Wherever we go

No matter where we journey, God always protects us.

*Directions: Use the map and compass to answer the clues. Then write the boxed letters in order in the spaces below to complete Psalm 121:8, NIV.*




**Start at the SHIP.**

Move 1 space N, 3 spaces E, and 2 spaces N  \_ \_ \_ \_

**Start at the WORLD.**

Move 1 space W, 1 space S, and 1 space SE  \_ \_

**Start at the SUITCASE.**

Move 1 space NE, 2 spaces S, and 1 space E  \_ \_ \_

**Start at the PLANE.**

Move 2 spaces SW, 1 space S, and 1 space W  \_ \_ \_

**Start at the CAR.**

Move 1 space E, 1 space N, and 1 space NW  \_ \_ \_ \_

**Start at the SIGN.**

Move 1 space SE, 1 space W, and 2 spaces NW  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

The \_ ORD will watch ove\_ your comi\_g and go\_ng  
both no\_ and for\_ vermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

Answer: plane, car, sign, ship, world, suitcase. The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

# BABBTOWN NEWS



## BABBTOWN THRIVENT ACTION TEAM

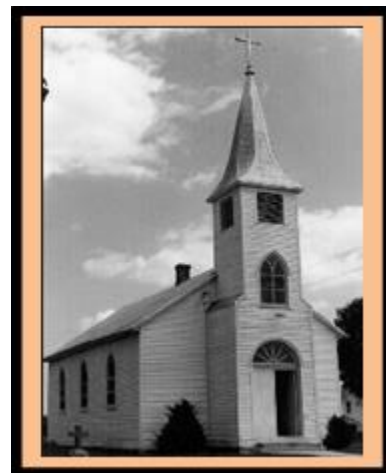
On Sunday May 17th we began a socially-distanced Thrivent Action Team event to build toiletries packs for homeless shelters in mid-MO. We purchased supplies with the \$250 Thrivent seed money grant and staged them in the parish house, along with leftover supplies from previous events. (We also received a \$30 donation from Walmart, which we use to buy Ziplocs bags.)

A few volunteers took supplies home to assemble packs; others signed up for times to come to the parish house & assemble packs there. The plan was that families or individuals could come in, work for about an hour, clean up, and leave. We had sanitizing products and two sizes of disposable vinyl gloves available for the workers.

Our sign-up roster spanned the entire week - but it turned out that all the supplies were used up by Monday evening! We produced more than 300 packs. We had more supplies left over than usual because our supplier stopped selling the disposable washcloths that we use, so we were limited to the number of soap & washcloth packs we had left over from our last event. (We now have a new supplier for disposable washcloths.)

We've been doing this for 4 years now - this is our 14th event to build individual toiletries packs. (We also make shave packs and large toiletries packs for Independent Living centers.) With this event we have reached a milestone - we have completed more than 5,000 individual toiletries packs!

We currently distribute our Individual Toiletries Packs to two Salvation Army shelters - Center of Hope in Jefferson City and Harbor House Shelter in Columbia, as well as The Rolla Mission in Rolla.



**CLEANING FOR  
PARISH HOUSE  
JUNE, 2020**  
Gabriel and April  
Schubert

**BAPTISM  
BIRTHDAY  
JUNE, 2020**  
June 3, Theresa Mueller

**Celebrating**  
  
**Pentecost**

## BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

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



If you notice some beautiful flowers around church it is partially due to a Thrivent Action Team.

Also there are some beautiful flowers around General Baptist Nursing Home in Linn, a sponsored activity by a Thrivent Action Team organized by Keith and Pam Bohl. Participants, Amos Barnabus, Deb Rademan, Pastor, Paula, Rachel Scheperle, Dale Schmutzler and Terry Walkenhorst.

Lots of Thrivent Action Team activities have benefited the congregation and community. Thanks to everyone.



Our prayers of blessings and our words of congratulations are extended to our High School Graduates:

Ellen Boeckmann  
Finn Lohraff  
Riley Marion  
Lathe Willson

May God continue to be the center of their lives as they pass this milestone.

**JULY, 2020**  
**Newsletter Items**  
**are**  
**Due JUNE 21, 2020**  
Newsletter items may be placed in either Pastor's or Jan's mailbox.

OR they may be e-mailed to Pastor Scheperle—  
[st.jschubert@outlook.com](mailto:st.jschubert@outlook.com)  
Any announcement: weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, personal notes, pictures or church related business are welcome.

**JUNE, 2020**  
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