



ST JOHN AMELITH PARISH NEWS

June 2022

From the Pastor's Pen...



With Memorial Day behind us, summer is upon us. It presents the opportunity for us to enjoy the great out-of-doors. Our state of Michigan affords many ways to recreate. Some of us have cottages "up north." Others of us enjoy camping. Still others like to visit places; Greenfield Village, Tahquamenon Falls, Michigan Adventure, etc. The latter would be me. I prefer going from hotel to hotel and if the pool is outdoors, I am "ruffing it."

No matter what your plans are for recreation this summer, don't forget about re-creation for your soul. If you are away from St. John, take the opportunity to worship at another church in the area you are visiting. With nearly 400 LCMS congregations in the Michigan District, there is most likely one within a short distance of your vacation destination.

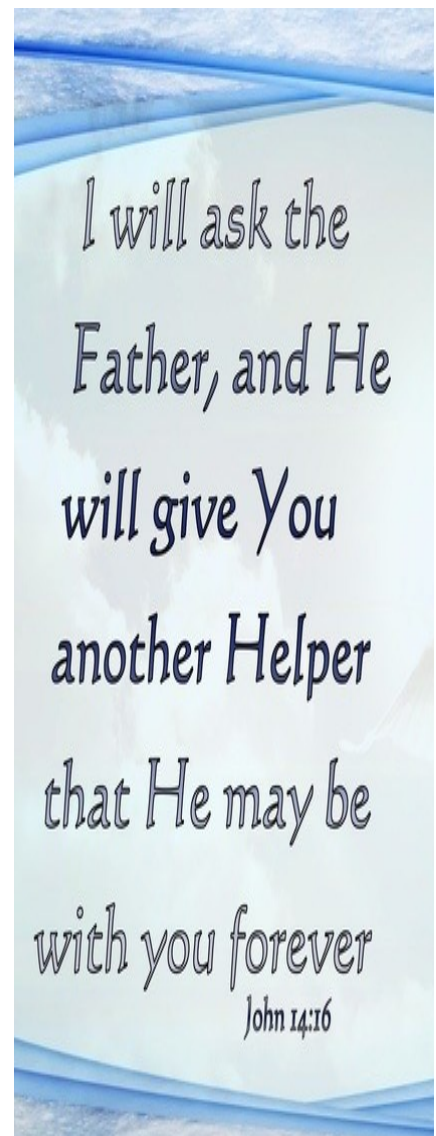
Remember also that St. John offers a worship opportunity every Wednesday evening at 6 pm. The Wednesday service is basically the same as the previous Sunday service with Holy Communion being celebrated at each service.

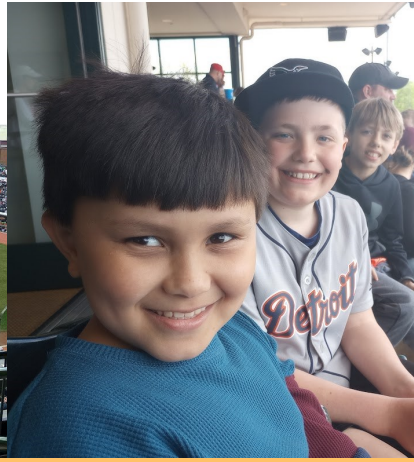
An important date to remember is June 26. It was on this date 170 years ago in 1852 that the first settlers of Amelith held their first service under the leadership of Pastor Sievers. We are planning a *Kirchweih* (church anniversary) service.

In conjunction with the anniversary service, we will be celebrating Concordia University, Ann Arbor Sunday. The preacher for the service will be Rev. John Rathje, Dean of Students at Concordia. Before becoming a pastor, he was a Lutheran teacher and taught in our school for two years in the late '80's. He will be available for a Q/A session after the service.

A blessed and safe summer to all.

Pastor Kurt





St John students received the royal treatment when they went on a school - wide field trip to Dow Diamond on May 17.



The final week of school is here and what a full week it is!

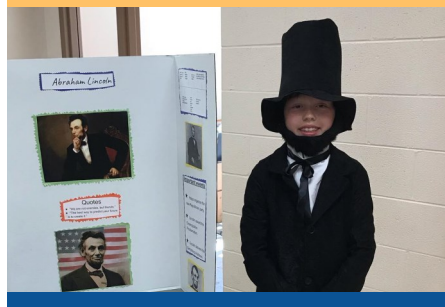
On Tuesday a guest from Saginaw's Field Neurosciences Institute will be meeting with classes to talk about Bike Safety and will fit each student with a new bike helmet at no charge. Then in the afternoon students will make good use of those helmets with some bike riding of their own. On Wednesday we will be holding our annual Field Day with many outdoor activities for our students to enjoy together. And, the final day of school will be on Friday with a closing chapel at 10 am. Please feel free to join us. At that time we will also recognize some of our preschoolers who will be moving up to Kindergarten.

Speaking of moving up, enrollment numbers are looking positive for the fall. We are anticipating over 60 students. We cannot thank the members of St John enough for their prayers and financial support of our school. This has become the new mission field, and the Holy Spirit is doing great things across the parking lot. Not only are students growing academically with leaps and bounds improvement on

benchmark testing, they are excited to learn about Jesus and are telling their teachers how they share the good news they hear with family and friends. Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow!

Positions available: St John Amelith is in search of a new Kindergarten teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. If you know of any candidates, please contact one of our School Board members or the school office at 686-0176.

St John is accepting bids for Church and School Cleaning for 2022-2023. Please submit proposals to Tom Rohde, Pat Hambaum, or the school office.



DISTRICT CHAMPS!! Congrats to the #1 State ranked girls VL Soccer Team on their 1-0 win over Nouvel to claim the District Championship! The Chargers will advance to the first round of regional play on Tuesday, June 7 with a record of 17-0 -2.

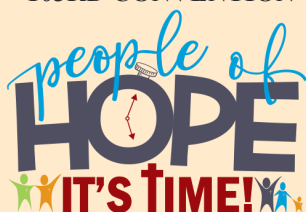




Vacation Bible School is fast approaching and we are in need of some goodies to serve our Treasured Children. Below is a list of what is needed. Can you help? If so, please contact Wendy Jacobs at 860-6628 for more information.

- veggie straws (5/person)
- rice crackers or various shapes of crackers (3/person)
- puffed rice cereal
- grapes (5/person)
- strawberries (1/person)
- mini marshmallows (5/person)
- rice chex cereal (total of 2 boxes)
- skittles (total of 54 oz.)
- puffcorn (3C./person)
- 6" corn tortillas (each person gets 2 tortillas)
- individual packets of butter (2/person)
- individual packets of fruit preserves or jelly (2/person)
- individual packages of mixed flavor fruit snacks (2/person)
- disposable plates, bowls, napkins, plastic spoons and knives
- napkins/hand wipes
- quart-size re-sealable plastic bags.

**MICHIGAN DISTRICT
103RD CONVENTION**



June 26-28, 2022

**Pastoral Delegate:
Rev. Kurt Eichinger**

**Congregational Delegate:
Mr. Tom Rohde**

St. John Amelith Invites you to Vacation Bible School!



3yr old Preschool – 5th Grade

June 27-30, 2022

2pm – 5pm

A Fellowship Dinner for all VBS students, families and church congregation following VBS at 5pm in the pavilion.

St. John Amelith Lutheran Church and School

**1664 Amelith Rd
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www.amelith.org/vbs

Please register online by end of day June 18, 2022

Register Online



Matthew 5:16 Let your light shine before others, so they may ... give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Have you been driving down Amelith Road lately at night and looked up? If not, please do! Our beautiful steeple is now visible through the darkness thanks to memorial donations given to St John and the hard work of Mr. Bob Klimmek who spearheaded the project. The lights are now LED efficient and provide significant savings to run. Many thanks go to everyone who made this possible.

Job 5:10 He gives rain on the earth and sends waters on the fields .

The Lord has provided some wonderful rains over the last few weeks, helping flowers to grow. As the summer progresses, hoses may need to be pulled out to give plants a drink or two. The water in the church cemetery has been turned on for use.

Kirchweih Celebration

"Komm dass du hörest"
Come so that you may hear!

We are blessed to celebrate our 170th year
anniversary since the first service held here at
St. John Amelith.

Concordia Sunday
Sunday June 26, 2022
9:30am

Guest Pastor John Rathje, Dean of Students at
Concordia Ann Arbor
and
Pastor Kurt Eichinger

Potluck fellowship dinner in the school
gymnasium following service along with a meet
and greet with Pastor Rathje.



Contact Us

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