



ST JOHN AMELITH PARISH NEWS

November 2021

From Pastor's Desk

It looks as if the Fall season is finally upon us. In spite of more rain than is usual for the Fall, the harvest continues. And the church calendar is preceding on toward the Advent Season.

The harvest season reminds us of Thanksgiving. We will be giving thanks to God for the harvest and for the many other blessings He bestows on us each and every day of our lives. Especially we thank Him for the salvation we have through His Son. Come join your fellow saints as we give thanks on Thursday, November 25 at 9 a.m.

The Advent Season begins on Sunday, November 28. The first mid-week Advent services will be on Wednesday, December 1. There will be 2 services each Wednesday at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Holy Communion will be served in each service. The theme of the mid-week service will be "God Intervenes in Lives." Come join us for the mid-week services as well as the Sunday morning services. (The Christmas schedule of services will be in December's newsletter.)

Pastor Kurt Eichinger

*The steadfast love of
the Lord never ceases;
His mercies never come
to an end; they are new
every morning; great is
Your faithfulness.*

*"The Lord is my portion,"
says my soul, "therefore I
will hope in Him."*

Lamentations 3:22-24

There is a four week survey entitled, *Individuals in Sunday Worship* that will need to be filled out by every person in attendance in church for either our Sunday or Wednesday services starting November 3 and ending December 1. This is one of the steps required by the Michigan District for our Call process. Everyone in worship will need to fill out this quick survey each time you are in worship during these four weeks, The Call Committee will collect these short survey slips and compile them in a total report to send to the Michigan District along with our other data we gather. If you have any questions, please contact one of the Call Committee members. Thank you for your cooperation in this process.



*News
from
the
Call
Committee*



St John Class Field Trip to Johnson's Pumpkin Farm



Cardinal Connection

November is a special time in our Lutheran Schools. Teachers meet with parents to go over children's academic progress, celebrate achievements, and discuss concerns. While the traditional Parent - Teacher conference is not unique to Lutheran schools there is one aspect that is absolutely unique --- God's love is communicated with families. Before school even started this year, our teachers met with families in their homes to begin establishing Christ-centered relationships. Those relationships are central to our mission as the primary outreach agent of St. John Amelith. Yes, we provide a quality education for students and that's what brings families to our school. But by the Holy Spirit's power, we also provide a clear answer to God's calling to all Christians to go and make disciples. Please pray for your teachers, your agents of outreach into our community, as they meet with parents this month.

News from the Jensen Family

After a busy summer of preparations to move, Pastor Nathaniel and Emma (Ledford) Jensen made it safely to their new home in Germany. On October 17 he was installed as Pastor of Kaiserslautern Evangelical Lutheran Church (KELC) in Kaiserslautern "K-Town", Germany, not far from Ramstein Air Base. Their church ministers to many English speaking troops including American servicemen and women, as well as auxiliary military personnel.

They send their greetings and thank everyone for their love and generosity as they made this major life transition. They also ask for continued prayers as they begin this new ministry, that the Lord would work through them to bring others to God's saving power in His Word and Sacraments.

Finally, we congratulate them as they shared the wonderful news that a daughter is on the way, due to arrive somewhere around February 9th. Please keep the Jensen family in your prayers.

Treasurer's Report

October 2021

General Fund

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| Envelopes | \$32,645.18 |
| Tuition | 17,500.00 |
| Electronic Giving | 4,304.90 |
| Bulletin | 25.00 |
| Loose Donations | 20.00 |

Total (\$54,495.08)

Designated Gifts

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| Electronic Giving | \$1,077.45 |
| Missions | 1,265.00 |
| Insurance Premium | 700.91 |
| Cemetery | 435.00 |
| Tuition K-8 | 120.00 |
| Building | 100.00 |
| Audio | 75.00 |

Total \$3,773.36

Stewardship Report for September - Correction.

Designated Gifts such as cemetery, building, pastor moving, etc are separate funds that are used only for those purposes, but in the original report these totals were combined with the General Fund Amounts. The correct report is:

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| Home | \$28,218.25 |
| Tuition | 4,000.00 |
| Bulletin | 25.00 |
| Birthday/Anniversary | 95.00 |
| Loose | 15.37 |
| Total | (\$32,353.62) |

Needed for the four weeks of September was \$39,000.00. We were short \$6,646.38 of the needed amount for September.



Poinsettias for Christmas—Altar Guild will be taking orders for flowers to be placed in church for Christmas. Cost is \$14 and can be ordered either in honor or memory of someone. Checks need to be made payable to St John Altar Guild. Order forms are in your church mailbox. You can also order by contacting Mary Revord at revordmary1@aol.com or 989-225-3172. Orders need to be placed by November 17.



News Nugget

Glory to God for Blessings to Children and Families through Loving, Caring Ministries of our Lutheran School Teachers!

Perhaps, you are among many persons blessed by teachers of the twenty-one LCMS Lutheran Schools of Michigan's Great Lakes Bay Region. As such, you are likely a person who deeply appreciates the efforts, care and competence which you have tasted on receiving ends of the ministries of teachers and other educational leaders of our Lutheran schools. Praise God for these Lutheran school educators! How blessed we are. . . how blessed are our children . . . served by such loving, caring, and dedicated Christian school teachers!

Our "Lutheran Education Advancement Plan (LEAP) entity, representing area LCMS Lutheran churches and schools, recently took on a challenge/privilege of giving recognition to some area Lutheran school educators . . . awarding a "Glass Half Full" award to a positive area Lutheran school educator, a "Full Throttle" award to an energetic Lutheran school educator, and a "Salt and Light" award to a positive role model area Lutheran school educator. Plans are in the works to give similar recognition/awards later in the present school year.

Praise God for our Lutheran schools, and for His loving, faithful servants who minister in the Name of Jesus in these, our schools!



*Thursday, November 25
9 A.M.*

Thanksgiving Display It's time to think of all our neighbors who are in need of help. It's quite simple. . . just bring in non-perishable items, hygiene items, cleaning or paper products from now until Thanksgiving. Leave items in the Narthex by the display and watch it grow! All items will be given to local families who are in dire need of assistance.

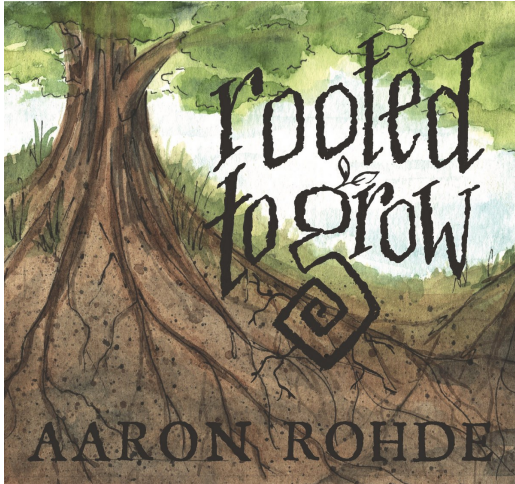


Valley Lutheran High School

- Senior Alayna O'Laughlin is representing VLHS by attending SVSU's Youth Leadership Institute throughout this school year.
- Auditors from Yeo and Yeo will be at school from October 25-29, 2021.

Covid-19 update

- A Pause was implemented after Wednesday, September 29, 2021 due to a high number of students absent – many as "not feeling well"
- Classes were moved to online learning beginning Wednesday, October 6, 2021. The delay was caused by shared time and the need for synchronous learning for Pupil Count Day on October 6, 2021.
- Absences are currently normal for students, but the current concern is for the impact Covid is having on our faculty.
- Saginaw Charter School High School Information Night for 8th Graders and parents – we are attending in order to share our mission



Concert!

On Sunday, November 7th at 2 PM St John Amelith will be hosting a concert featuring teacher, song writer, and musician Aaron Rohde, who grew up at St John Amelith and has now put down roots in rural Reed City, Michigan. His songs, however, tell of a story that cannot be held to one location. These original songs, as well as some aptly chosen covers, will provide for the listener a connection to God's love, forgiveness, mercy, and grace. The concert is free, with light

refreshments served afterwards. CDs and t-shirts will be available. Check out aaronrohde.bandcamp.com for a preview, or even to download some tracks ahead of time! Bring a friend and enjoy this special opportunity.

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