

St. James News

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Dear souls of St. James, as I write to you, I do so on the porch of the parsonage. It has become a desired spot of mine. The cool morning breeze. The songs and chatter of birds of various varieties. The scurrying of a squirrel family in the buckeye tree. The chirping and screeching of various other animals and bugs. And yes, the hum, hustle, and rumble of the traffic on the street. But for me, it's a relaxing place that provides moments of rest and relaxation in the midst of days filled with potential busyness with church and school business.

As the schedule switches over from the summer flow to the school year go, it's no doubt true that many a family schedule fills up fast. Although, it could be argued that things really don't relax in the summer sun as much as one likes as there are plenty of comings and goings to and from activities and other events. But nonetheless, here comes another school year which brings about the reality that it will be Memorial Day before we know it!

Dear child of God, I simply want to encourage you to consider slowing down. And of course, the way in which I will encourage you to do so is to find rest where rest has been promised to be - in Word and Sacrament. Indeed, it's easy to take the blessings of the Lord for granted when the calendar is filled with this, that, and the other thing. Indeed, it's easy to lay aside the blessing that is God's Word as the false narrative of "I don't have enough to time," hardens the heart to daily devotions. Indeed, it's easy to ignore the responsibility and fall into the habit of "neglecting to meet together" (Hebrews 10:24-25) and grow more comfortable being away from the very source of nourishment for your faith. Indeed, it's easy to come up with any and every excuse to not be where God desires you to be.

But in the end, you know as well as I do, it's a matter of priority. What is a priority in your life? You have them. Everyone does. And even when the times of busyness hustle us through each and every day, you can look back upon your schedule and to do lists and see exactly where your priorities lay.

The encouragement (and yes, for some admonishment) today is to slow down, take a moment to recall what you know of God's love for you and where He has promised to continuously pour that love out to and for you. **"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."** (Matthew 11:28-29) This is what it's about, folks. Your pastor is not some mean curmudgeon that wishes only to make you feel bad and quilt you into coming to church. Far from true! What is true, is that your life in the church and regular attendance within is a matter of the soul! The idols all around us are fighting for your dedication and devotion full well knowing that if you are devoted to them, then you can't be devoted to the One true God who promises something greater.

Each and every Sunday there is a peace that surpasses all understanding dished up and out for you. It's God's Word and Sacrament. Here, in the safety of the ark, you find true rest. Here amidst the body of Christ, you find true fellowship and belonging. It may not always be fun and exciting or stimulating and exhilarating - and honestly, it's not intended to be. Your pastor and vicar may not always please you. The sermon may not always move you. The hymns may not always evoke the emotions you hope for. The liturgy may not always make sense to you. But remember this, the church and her opportunities of the Divine serving you aren't about what you want them to be. Rather, they are about God serving you in the way He has

promised to serve. Come. Seriously, folks, come. The pandemic is behind us. The fear is no longer warranted. The excuses of various kinds are old and repeated. Set aside the excuses that harden and come to receive the gifts that ensure - ensure you that you are, indeed, a blessed child of God. There is always a place for you! I look forward to seeing you in church.

Pastor Loder

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

The August 8th LWML meeting opened with devotions by Marlene, based on Isaiah 61:10. "For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation; He has covered me with the robe of righteousness." A simple sundress made from a pillowcase was a visual reminder that God covers our sinfulness and sees us dressed for a Heavenly feast. God has clothed me with His forgiveness and made me sparkle with the beauty of righteousness.

Guest speaker for the evening was Rebekah Schoenfeld, daughter of former St. James pastor, Martin and Janice Schoenfeld. She shared her spiritual journey, focusing on Immanuel: The greatest Love Story Ever Told. "I have given God a million reasons not to love me. None of them has changed His mind," Rebekah told the group. In an active relationship with God, a believer knows God hears, God sees, God cares, God rescues, and God loves unconditionally.

During a business meeting led by president, Barb, a motion was approved to give a \$100.00 donation to the Ergot Museum as thanks for the hospitality on LWML Tour day at the Dassel Museum. Members enjoyed lunch following the tour at the Garden Nook Tea House. A motion was also approved to give \$500.00 to Pastor Travis Loeslie and his family for medical expenses. Another \$500.00 gift will be given following the fall LWML dinner.

A fall rally will be held at St. James in September, with the date and speaker to be determined. The fall dinner and country store will be held October 16th. Viann and Marlene will co-chair the event. Pillow cases are being donated for sundress construction, with a goal of sewing 80 dresses in celebration of LWML's 80th birthday. Dresses will be donated to world relief with orphan grain train handling delivery.

"A day hemmed in prayer is less likely to unravel."

Our Church Records

Church Attendance

Sunday, June 26	106 & 58
Sunday, July 3	62 & 72
Sunday, July 10	100 & 60
Sunday, July 17	89 & 73
Sunday, July 24	85 & 79
Sunday, July 31	90 & 85
Sunday, August 7	85 & 62
Sunday, August 14	67 & 91
Sunday, August 21	73 & 61

Communion Attendance

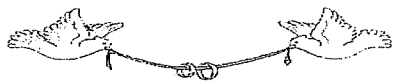
Sunday, June 26	41
Sunday, July 3	70
Sunday, July 24	59
Sunday, August 7	67
Sunday, August 14	61
Sunday, August 21	71

Transfer Out

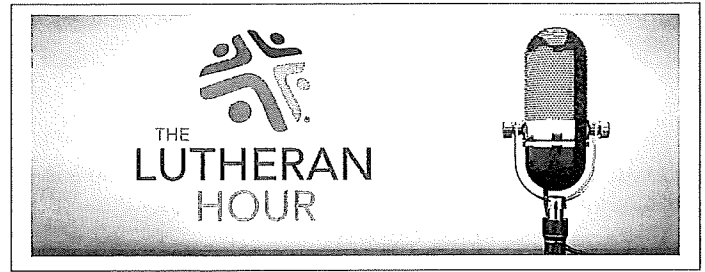
Ethel Wolff on July 5, 2022 to Zion Lutheran Church, Annandale, MN.



September: Edward Estrem, Andrew Gueningsman, Michelle Koosman, Kyle Klammer, Hallie Heller, Micah Reich, Karen Blanchette, Sean Droneck, John Horsch, Warren Anderson, Emily Linder, Derek Nikko, Kamryn Stueven, Denise Stoll, Amanda Stoll, Madilynn Yager, Christine Yukel, Gerald Burau, Jenna Davis, Robert Gruenhagen, Kirsten Heber, Greta Van Meeteren, Jody Menk, Susan Schlagel, Dolores Tyson, Jared Glessing, Bernice Pehl, Madisen Stillwell, Grant Wickesberg, Hannah Marschel, Dal Engel, Samantha Zillmer, Bryson Gueningsman, Mitch Montgomery, Adam Birkholz, Roland Krohn, Max Schlagel, Thomas Young, Arvid Uecker, Micah Loder, Dean Koosman, Lyla Lutter, Everett Hennen, Bradly Koosman, Molly Loder, Vayda Gilbert, Jeremy Stoll, Lillian Baker, Mark Schmieg, Abigail Jones, Benton Miller, Bonnie Engel, Drew Oestreich, Sara Kotila, Kaylee Lanars, Bruce Zander, Paul Utne,



9/2 Dale & Julie Burau
9/3 Marcus & Julie Linder
9/7 Chad & Kristal Stueven
9/7 John & Shari Zander
9/8 Jesse & Angela Cardinal
9/8 Josh & Nikki Diers
9/9 Dave & Kelly Gruenhagen
9/11 Don & Stacey Smida
9/12 Randy & Karla Marschel
9/13 Michael & Frances Luhman
9/13 Allan & Kathleen Uecker
9/15 Mark & Barbara Schmieg
9/17 Chad & Kelli Burau
9/18 Eric & Amanda Stoll
9/19 Steven & Janice Comstock
9/21 Michael & Lisa Goede
9/28 Mike & Heidi Thorson



The Lutheran Hour® Program Guide

September 2022

September 4

"Count the Cost"

Jesus offers a gracious buyout, even as He speaks of counting the cost of following Him. (Luke 14:25-35)

September 11

"Lost and Found"

When Jesus told stories about lost sheep and lost coins, He was really talking about lost people. (Luke 15:1-10)

September 18

"Fresh Start"

What does the canning of a corrupt and incompetent accountant teach us about the undeserved mercy of God? Hear Jesus' Parable of the Shrewd Manager, this week on The Lutheran Hour. (Luke 16:9)

September 25

"Take This Personally"

Jesus wants us to take His Word seriously, not as a personal attack but as a word of warning—and promise. (Luke 16:19-31.)

✠ *Bible Trivia* ✠

See answers below

1. What reason is given in the Bible for Isaac's preference of Esau over Jacob?
2. Who succeeded Eli as high priest of Israel?
3. What did Jesus order just after he had raised Jairus' daughter and she began to walk?
4. What did Jesus say a man would not give his son when he asks for a fish?
5. Complete the following verse about love or charity: (it) "Beareth all things..."

Answers: 1. Isaac liked to eat the meat that Esau got by hunting (Genesis 25:8) 2. Samuel (1 Samuel 1-3) 3. That she be giving something to eat (Mark 5:43) 4. A serpent (Matthew 7:10) 5. "believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." (1 Corinthians 13:7).

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod LCMS Stewardship Ministry –

Newsletter Article – September 2022

What is Stewardship?

What is a steward? Most people, when asked this question, will reply: "A manager." That is correct, but it is only half right. A steward is indeed a manager, but he is a manager of what does not belong to him. Someone else is the owner, and the steward manages the owner's property on the owner's behalf.

We are God's stewards. Our stewardship is that God has made us managers of what belongs to Him. For we have brought nothing into this world, and we can take nothing out of it (1 Tim. 6:7). Everything that we have and everything that we are comes from God's fatherly Divine goodness and mercy. God is the owner. Not only because, as the Creator, He created all things. But also, as the Redeemer, He has redeemed, that is, purchased and won all things. It all, therefore, belongs to Him.

We are simply managers of everything in this world. Like Joseph in Egypt, we are put in charge

of managing what belongs to God. What a privilege. Think about that for a minute. The all-knowing, all-powerful, all-wise God has asked us to manage His possessions on His behalf here on earth. And by doing this, He invites us to take part in the allocation of His good gifts. He wants us to give our input and advise Him in where His gifts are to be used. What a privilege indeed.

What a responsibility. For to whom much is given, much shall be required (Luke 12:48). We are not the owners. And while He puts us as managers, we are still to do with His property what He wants done with it. That means we need to know what His desire and will for His property is.

How do we know this? How can we know the will and mind of God? We find the will of God in the Bible. There God tells us what His will for all His gifts are to be used. He tells us how we are to spend our time and use our talents and treasures. He instructs us in the use of our minds, bodies, and souls.

There is nothing that we have that doesn't belong to Him. "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price" (1 Cor. 6:19–20). He informs us of the big picture, the overarching policy, of how we as His stewards – His managers and custodians – of His property are to do the managing.

And that is what stewardship is. It is simply doing what God wants us to do with what He has given us. As St. Paul said: "Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness" (Rom. 6:13). So, let's dive into the God's Word and listen to what the owner desires from His stewards.

Dearest Saints of St. James,

It has been an utmost joy to begin my year serving as your vicar as part of my education and learning process. Although we are not exactly close to Chicago, your warm reception has made it truly feel like home – only much better – here in Howard Lake and at St. James. It has been an absolute pleasure this first month-plus to get to know and to converse with more and more of you, from my welcome reception to Sunday services and from visits to in the office, and I very much look forward to that continuing, especially with school just around the corner.

Through conversations with Vicar Klumpp and with Vicar and Mrs. Dub after vicarage assignment day, I had heard only great things about this congregation and about community, sounding almost too good to be true. At this point I can confirm that everything they told me was genuine!

I owe thanks to all of you, both as a congregation and as individuals. It is such a blessing to be able to come up here and have a place to stay, not having to worry about securing a lease, and then for it to have been furnished so nicely and well! Between all that and having such helpful property managers in Luke and Ralph, I could not possibly offer enough thanks for making the move and transition as easy and efficient as possible. Many of you have so graciously supported me with food and gift cards among other gifts after I arrived up here and have certainly aided in keeping me afloat and going every day, and I thank you much for that! I have been further blessed with and am thankful for my great supervisor in Pastor Loder who has been a great help and influence while faithfully standing for all the right principles

and gently guiding me in areas for improvement in my preparation for the ministry while providing much opportunity to build more experience. And I am thankful for each and every one of you whom I have had the opportunity to worship with and to exchange a smile and greetings after church. It is an absolute blessing and delight to have this opportunity to live and worship among you this year!

I am absolutely looking forward to the remainder of my vicarage, being among you more and getting to know you all better and better. Thank you again for this marvelous opportunity to serve and to learn, for all the warm welcome and for allowing me into this congregation this year to praise our Lord and Savior together.

I thank God for all of you, and for bringing me to a lovely congregation and to this great community in Howard Lake!

In Christ,
Vicar Scofield

Making Disciples for Life is the theme for this school year based on the charge of Jesus in Matthew 28:18-20. Your school's administration, teachers, and staff are excited and ready to move forward having studied these verses and worked through the various ways in which they are able to serve the families who have entrusted their children into the care of St. James School.

Early Childhood: Mrs. Amanda Holz, who came on board during the 4th quarter last year has agreed to remain as the Early Childhood Director and will be teaching this year in place of Mrs. Kilpela who has moved on to another teaching opportunity. Mrs. Holz brings over 25 years of experience within early childhood and has made a great connection with our other preschool teacher, Mrs. Stacey Sparkman. Together they teach the 3 and 4 year olds and are working toward establishing a solid curriculum and routine for the preschool classes.

Single Grade Classes and a New Teacher: The lower grades at St. James are blessed with good enrollment and are back to single classes through 4th grade as this year 3rd and 4th grade were separated. Mrs. Chelsea Wagner, who taught 2nd grade the last two years has moved to 4th grade and Mrs. Pam Halverson, who comes to us out of retirement is teaching 2nd Grade.

With these adjustments there has been some moving around of teachers to different classrooms. 4th Grade is now in what used to be Mr. Baumann's 7th/8th grade classroom at the top of the steps with Mr. Baumann's 7th/8th grade now in the newer classroom across from the library, which used to be the Science room. Mrs. Loder will now be teaching science in the classroom at the bottom of the steps underneath the 3rd grade classroom. Mrs. Loder and Mrs. Butterfass will share that classroom as well as the room across the hall, which used to be the youth

room and is now the band/music room, as they teach band, music, and choir to all the grades.

Volunteers: There are many opportunities to volunteer at St. James. If you have time and interest in helping, please consider reaching out to Mrs. Butterfass or Pastor Loder to learn of various ways you can help!

Fundraising Campaign: With the beginning of the school year St. James also begins a year long fundraising campaign. The Making Disciples for Life Campaign is an intentional effort to raise \$75,000 above and beyond funds (above and beyond faithful stewardship of the members of St. James) to help cover operational costs at the school. More information about various ways to contribute will come out throughout the year. Please consider recommending employers or entities that may be willing to support the mission of St. James. Funds raised through this effort will go toward updating smart boards in the classrooms, maintaining Chromebooks and tablets in the classrooms, classroom supplies, and more.

Administration: Pastor Loder has completed and is certified by the Missouri Synod's SLED (School Leadership Development) training and education. The training and education was a year long immersion into all matters pertaining to administration and provided for positive interaction and networking with other administrators.

Praise be to God for another year and opportunity to serve the souls entrusted to the care of St. James School. Feel free to stop in at any time for a tour of the school or to chat with Pastor Loder if you have any questions.

Our Parish Nurse

SUPPLEMENTS

Are you taking some type of supplement?

Capsules, powders, gummies? More than 50% of adults ages 20 and older have taken, in the last 30 days, a supplement. This according to a National Health and Nutritional Examination survey. It is estimated that this percentage increases with age.

What many adults don't know is that taking some of these supplements **ALONG WITH PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS OR OTHER DRUGS** can have serious and even life-threatening consequences. Don't be fooled with the term "natural" it does not mean safe. Often some natural products such as vitamins, minerals, probiotics, herbs, and essential fatty acids are generally well tolerated, by most people, and have low risk of side effects- if taken as recommended. **BUT**, there are potential drug interactions. Herbal remedies contain active ingredients that have drug-like effects. Some can be very potent and interact either positively or negatively with prescription drugs. Herein lies the problem- You can be taking a supposedly safe supplement, only to have it counteracting against a prescription drug. It can be either increasing the effect of the medication or decreasing the effect. In either case, it would be harmful.

Some examples of this might be: Vitamin K and the drug warfarin. Warfarin is a blood thinner and Vitamin K helps the blood to clot, so they work against each other. St. John's wart is one of the most notorious supplements for causing problems with prescription drugs. Especially when used with antidepressants, birth control pills or blood thinners. Ginko, ginger, garlic, turmeric and high doses of vitamin E all could increase the risk of bleeding.

So, what does all of this mean? Not that you should not take **ANY** type of supplement! It is for your information and education. Be aware of all of the advertising out there and do your own checking. Always check with your medical provider and/or your pharmacist before taking any type of supplement. Some may be very beneficial to you, but it is always good to be sure it will not interfere

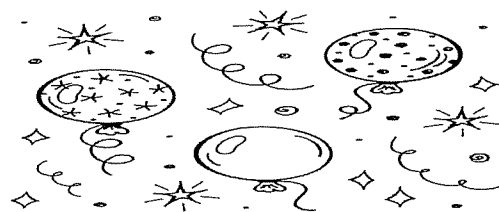
with any prescription drugs that you are taking. It is unbelievable the amount of money that is spent on supplemental products. Vitamins alone amount to hundreds of dollars each year. Eating healthy should be all you need- that means 6-8 servings of fruits and vegetables each day. I realize that is difficult for some people, this must be considered first before taking a supplement. Again, consulting with a dietician can be extremely helpful rather than just depending on a vitamin supplement.

FALL is in the air- prepare for flu and cold season. Additional viruses are out and about, staying healthy is very important. Eating right, exercising, getting enough sleep all are important. Wishing you a healthy and happy season.

Your Parish Nurse,
Darlene

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Come to



Rally Day

Sunday, September 11

9:15 AM St. James School

STUDENTS AND PATENTS are invited to join in celebrating with games, treats, songs and Bible Activities.

Students will sing "Jesus Loves Me: at the beginning of the 10:30 AM Worship Service

Your child's Sunday School Teachers and Staff welcome you!

WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION—SEPTEMBER 2022

Elders: 8:00 AM Dean Koosman and Tom Johnson
10:30 AM Bill Wickesberg and Al Montgomery
Ushers: 8:00 AM Dennis Frey, Jack George, Mert Diers, Paul Lindahl
10:30 AM Allan Munson, Terry Ostgulen, Randy Hatcher, Derek Nikko, Brody Hatcher
Video Camera: Jeff Schmieg

Sunday, September 4, 2022

Color: Green
Liturgy: 8 AM-Pg. 151; 10:30 AM-Pg. 235
Communion: 8:00 AM
Lessons: Is. 29:17-24, 2 Cor. 3:4-11, Mark 7:31-37
Sermon: Vicar Scofield
Sermon Text: Mark 7:31-37
Hymns: 849, 545, 846
Communion Hymns: 628, 635, 524
Organist: Nancy Butterfass

Sunday, September 11, 2022

Color: Green
Liturgy: 8 AM-Pg. 235; 10:30 AM-Pg. 151
Communion: 10:30 AM
Lessons: 2 Chron. 28:8-15, Gal. 3:15-22, Luke 10:23-37
Sermon: Pastor Loder
Sermon Text: Luke 10:23-37
Hymns: 940, 683, 981
Communion Hymns: 848, 641, 685
Organist: Molly Loder

Sunday, September 18, 2022

Color: Green
Liturgy: 8 AM-Pg. 151; 10:30 AM-Pg. 235
Communion: 8:00 AM
Lessons: Prov. 4:10-23, Gal. 5:16-24, Luke 17:11-19
Sermon: Vicar Scofield
Sermon Text: Luke 17:11-19
Hymns: 528, 849, 790
Communion Hymns: 632, 631, 628
Organist: Molly Loder

Sunday, September 25, 2022

Color: Green
Liturgy: 8 AM-Pg. 235; 10:30 AM-Pg. 151
Communion: 10:30 AM
Lessons: 1 Kings 17:8-16, Gal. 5:25-6:10, Matt. 6:24-34
Sermon: Pastor Loder
Sermon Text: Matt. 6:24-34
Hymns: 869, 760, 712
Communion Hymns: 649, 725, 732
Organist: Nancy Butterfass

September

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1:30 Sarah Bible Study	2 6:00 Fellowship Game Night	3
4 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Bible Study 10:30 Worship	5 Church Office Closed	6 Parish Nurse in Office	7 8:15 Chapel 7:00 Women's Bible Study 8:00 Worship Choir	8	9	10 7:30 Iron Sharpening Iron 9:00 Elders Meeting
	LABOR DAY	1 st Day of School				
11 Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study/Sunday School 10:30 Divine Service/Sunday School Rally	12 1:00 Naomi Guild 7:00 LWML	13 Parish Nurse in Office 9:00 Circuit Pastors Meeting	14 8:15 Chapel 7:00 Women's Bible Study 8:00 Worship Choir	15 1:30 Sarah Bible Study	16	17
18 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Bible Study 10:30 Worship	19 7:00 School Board	20 Parish Nurse in Office 7:00 Leadership Council	21 8:15 Chapel 7:00 Women's Bible Study 8:00 Worship Choir	22	23	24
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