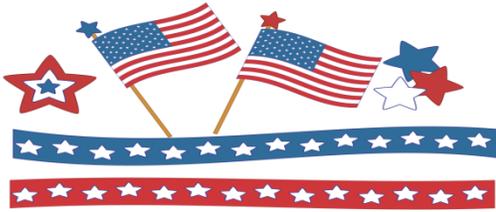


St. John Lutheran Church Newsletter, July 2018



A word from Pastor Jean...

Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.” ~Psalm 5:2-3

I know that the summertime can be a very busy time in our community and for members of our church. Friends and family members from all over the state truly enjoy stopping by for a visit and that sometimes makes it difficult to attend worship or even spend quiet time with God. I know because it happens with me as well. I was reading ahead in my devotions, *Jesus Calling* (July 2 reading), and came across this passage from Psalm 5.

Sarah Young then writes (as though Jesus is the one speaking), “Let me show you My way for you this day. I guide you continually, so you can relax and enjoy My Presence in the present. Living well is both a discipline and an art. Concentrate on staying close to Me, the divine Artist. Discipline your thoughts to trust Me as I work My ways in your life. Pray about everything; then, leave outcomes up to me.”

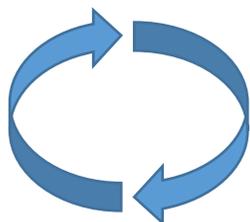
I needed to hear that after a very busy week with our granddaughters here visiting. Too often I find myself trying to orchestrate or bargain with God about how I think things should go. Oftentimes, I need to hear this reminder, “*Discipline your thoughts to trust Me as I work My ways in your life.*” Don’t we all need to hear that from time to time...we need to be reminded to align ourselves with the One who controls our lives, who controls this journey of faith, trusting that God knows the good way to go. God knows and wants the very best for each and every one of us...faith in Jesus Christ calls us to put our trust in Him and do not fear, for through it Jesus can accomplish what is best for you. Take a deep breath and dive into the depths of absolute trust in God, because underneath are the everlasting arms of the one who loves us more than we can ever imagine.

Blessings,

Pastor Jean

P.S. Thank you for the mighty response to the challenge of gathering 150 cases of water for Flint by July 1st. As of June 18 we have collected nearly 100 cases of water between the two churches...there are two more weeks to go so I cannot give a final report at this time. However, you are truly blessed to be a blessing to our brothers and sisters in Flint!

A special thanks to all those from St. John who volunteered at the Bicycle Rodeo and Vacation Bible School. Your support of these two important ministries in our community was overwhelming and I truly believe we are touching lives in the name of Jesus Christ right here in Lake City!



Mutual Ministry Team Highlights

June 20, 2018

Present: Missy McGiness, Pastor Jean, Jeanene Brandt, Laura Marion, Mel Penney, Walt Whitmer, Dave King, and Dave Buckley **Absent:** Larry Collins, Judy Wade

Discussion: Bottled water collection for Flint: St. John's has 37 packs and LCUMC has 42 – Pastor Jean will connect with contact to pick up after July 1.

We are exploring ways we might be in ministry with the Lake City Area Schools as the school year begins, and we are talking about the two churches working together to clean two miles of M-55 (St. John currently cleans from north of Lotan Road to just before Jennings Road).

Upcoming Events: July 1st Combined Worship at Lake City United Methodist Church, 10 a.m. The next combined worship services are currently scheduled for September 30 (at SJLC) and December 30 (at LCUMC).

Greatest Fourth in the North: CANCEL participation in the parade. Missy will order (2) t-shirts for combined churches to display from Lisa Howey. Mel will create a sign-up sheet for t-shirt orders

- Candy collection will be saved for Trunk or Treating
- Trunk or Treating will take place at both churches this year

Next Meeting – August 29th at 5 p.m. at Lake City UMC



NOT 4th of July, But...



Due to a lack of planning on the part of the Mutual Ministry Team, we have decided not to participate in this year's 4th of July Parade...so the candy we have collected will be used at St. John's Trunk or Treat event in October. Continue to bring in candy for this event and place it in the box in the Narthex. Thank you!

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**To our sisters at St. John Lutheran Church &
Lake City United Methodist Church**

You are invited to the Annual United Methodist Women Potluck Picnic

July 12 at 11:00 a.m.

At the home of Marcia Rackov

1799 S. Call Road, Lake City

Co-hosted by Nancy Trevorrow

Please bring a dish to pass and your own table setting





Diaper Collection

During the month of July we will be collection packages of disposable diapers for Cooperative Ministries. Oftentimes their supply of diapers for needy families is so low that they are only able to give out 6 diapers/family (per month). Since school is out, we will use the grocery cart in the Narthex for this collection. We will resume collecting food for the "Backpacks for Kids" project in August. Thank you for your assistance.



One Call  **Now**

If you have a prayer request to share with the congregation, please call Pastor Jean at 616-218-3889 or 231-839-7542 and she will get the request into the One Call Now System. If you have changed your phone number in the last few months and are not receiving the One Call Now alerts, please make sure the church office has your correct phone number. Thank you.

Mark your calendar...



St. John Lutheran & Lake City U.M. Churches

Sunday, August 12, 2018

10:00 a.m. (Combined Worship)

The City Park

(between Food Factory & El Potrero restaurants)

Bring your lawn chair and join us in City Park at the Pavilion to worship together as Lake City United Methodist and St. John Lutheran Churches.

Bring a picnic lunch so we can have lunch together after worship.

A BIG THANK YOU!!

A special thanks goes out to Walt and Gretchen Whitmer for picking up and delivering our old copy machine and printer to the recycling center. This is a once a year pick-up and their special effort to do this made room in our overly crowded copy room to move around easier.



St. John Annual Yard Sale

**Don't forget our Yard Sale! Thursday & Friday, Sept. 6 & 7,
Saturday, Sept 8, Everything half off!**

Donations can be brought in throughout the summer and should be placed in the Sunday School wing, in the last room on the right. (the Youth Room) If you have any questions, please call Gay Gensler at 775-6735.

Suggestions for donations for Yard Sale:

Almost anything that is clean and useable

Small appliances, cookware & bakeware, Tupperware, etc.

Kitchen items, glassware, canisters, mugs, dishes, silverware & utensils

Furniture, home décor, lamps, area rugs, floral arrangements

Pictures & paintings, frames, mirrors, wall hangings, wreaths

Collectibles, antiques, vintage items, clocks, nicknacks

Linens, bedding, towels, curtains, decorative pillows

Crafts, yarn, sewing, candles, vases, silk flowers

Outdoor furniture, planters, flower pots, potted plants, garden misc.

Books, magazines, puzzles, CDs, DVDs, videos, old records

Girl stuff - purses, jewelry, scarves, hats, stationery, sports & athletics

Church Council

June 20, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Opened with prayer by Pastor Jean

Present: Pastor Jean, Marcia Martinez, Jerry Greenlee, Jim Bartholomew, Doug Gensler, Jack Graham and Laura Bradley – Visitors: Jeanene Brandt and Dan Martinez

Excused absence: Ron Hamel

May minutes read and approved by Jerry Greenlee and Doug Gensler.

Treasurer's report read and approved by Jim Bartholomew.

Business:

1. Budget will be presented by Brenda Pylkas and the Constitution by Nancy Ingram on June 24th to be voted on.
2. Footprints contract reviewed and will meet with them to discuss changes needed.
3. Stewardship: Envelopes were mailed this week. An update will be presented for the next Council meeting.

Property:

Roof: Is being repaired after the 4th of July.

Bathroom: Repair to men's urinal will be done.

Events: Bill Roe memorial on June 30th

Yard Sale the first Saturday in September

Praise in the Park August 12th at 10 am.

July 18th is our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned by Doug Gensler and Jack Graham.

Closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Laura Bradley.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone who has completed and returned servant and pledge materials.

Please consider doing so if you haven't already, as it will help the committee complete their project. This information will help update our church directory and ministry.

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EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Events Committee (The former M&M's, plus everyone else in our congregation!) is trying to plan for future fundraisers. Please check the bulletin board and display table to give your input on our Upcoming projects. We need everyone's support to make these events successful.

September: St. John Yard Sale and Bean Soup Sale

October: Dinner and Auction

November: Pasty Sale





July 2018

St John Lutheran Church

1 10:00 Worship at LCUMC	2	3 H.A. Dan & Marcia Martinez	4 9:00 Greatest 4 th parade	5 NO Bible Study	6 H.B. Gareth James H.B. Sue Armstead	7 H.B. Missy McGiness H.B. Brent Haskin
8 9:30 Worship of the Word H.A. Chip & Stacy Atkins	9	10 H.B. Colleen Metiva H.B. Sharilyn Booms	11	12 1:30 Bible Study at Maple Ridge H.A. Gary & Shirley Piellusch	13	14
15 9:30 Worship & Communion Noisy Offering H.B. Brenda Pylkas H.B. Lisa Lashley- Jones	16 H.B. Bonnie James H.B. Jay Bierens	17 H.B. Ed Olson	18 6:00 pm Church Council	19	20 H.B. Amelia Hatmacher	21 H.A. Tony & Teresa Manganello H.B. Lauren Trolz
22 9:30 Worship of the Word	23	24	25	26	27	28 H.B. Candace Hatmacher
29 9:30 Worship of the Word H.B. Chris Raden	30	31	1	2	3	4