

St John Lutheran May 2018 Newsletter

A word from Pastor Jean..

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done." – Philippians 4:6, NLT

As we begin the month of May, I'm praying that we are finally finished with winter... *"Don't worry about anything."* April has been a difficult month (weather-wise) and the above verse runs on a continuous loop in my mind these days. I need to constantly remind myself not to worry, but to trust that God has an incredible plan for us.

As you will see in this month's newsletter, we are entering a busy time of year. There are many ministry opportunities in which to be involved, as I look them over, most of them are in June and May is a planning/preparation month. Many things that require lots of volunteers and another opportunity to pray rather than worry. On June 9th, Lake City UMC will be hosting their sixth annual Bicycle Rodeo. This event requires lots of hands and smiling faces, so please prayerfully consider how you might be the hands and feet of Jesus that day. The next planning meeting is Thursday, May 10 at 4 p.m. in the Conference Room at LCUMC...all are invited to come and help plan.

Also on Saturday, June 9th, St. John Lutheran Church will be hosting a Blessing of the Bikes for our friends who ride motorcycles. Please join us in praying for a safe riding season for these folks. Then join us at the UMC for the Bicycle Rodeo!

June 11-14 is Vacation Bible School...again an event that needs many hands and smiling faces. Please consider where God is calling you to step out and help. The next planning meeting is Wednesday, May 16th at 4 p.m. at Ardis Missaukee Library, please feel free to join us.

I'm excited to see where God is calling us (U.M.C. & St. John) to work together and please join me in praying (not worrying) about where God is calling us to serve together, and grow God's Kingdom right here in our community.

Blessings,

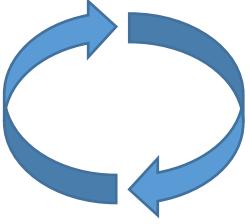
Pastor Jean



Lake City United Methodist Women will be having their Annual Rummage Sale on May 16 and 17

Swing into Spring with Fashions from My Sisters' Closet

LC United Methodist Church Mother and Daughter Banquet will be held Saturday May 12 at 5:30 p.m. Ladies of St. John are invited to attend. The cost is \$9.00 for adults 12 & up, \$6.00 for children 6-11, and children under 5 - \$2.00. Reservations are needed by May 1st. Please call Mary DuVall: 839-7702.



Mutual Ministry Team Minutes

April 10, 2018

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

Discussion: No concerns or questions noted this month.

Combined Worship: 2018- 5th Sunday 10am

- April 29th @ St. John
 - Jerry Bernard, from Crossroads Farm a youth organization
 - Combined Choir
- July 1st @ UMC (Greatest 4th in the North)
- September 30th @ St. John
- December 30th @ UMC

Praise Band: Laura Marion, UMC and Walt Whitmer, St. John will be organizing a praise band and hope to perform this July.

Covenant: Covenant renewed by both churches.

Mutual Ministry Event:

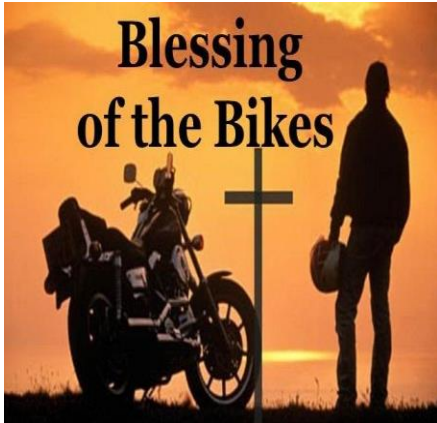
- June 9th – Blessing of the Motorcycles and Bike Rodeo
- June 11th-14th – VBS 5pm-7:30pm
- July 4th – Parade/Float

Mutual Ministry Ideas:

- Combined Bible Studies
 - Starting Saturdays- May 5th through October 9am at LC United Methodist
- Invite St. John ladies to Mother/Daughter Dinner at UMC
- Look at having a ladies night at St. John's
- Promote Crossroads Farm Youth Ministry

Next Mutual Ministry Team Meeting – Wed., May 23 @ 5:30 p.m. @ LCUMC





Blessing of the Bikes
Saturday, June 9, 2018
St. John Lutheran Church Parking Lot



6th Annual Bike Rodeo
Saturday, June 9th
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Lake City UMC Parking Lot

Next Bicycle Rodeo Planning Meeting – May 10 at 4 p.m. at LCUMC
We are looking for volunteers to help make this day special for the children of Lake City/Missaukee County. Can you give us a few hours on June 9?



Vacation Bible School
June 11-14, 2018
5:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Lake City United Methodist Church

Next planning meeting May 16 – 4 p.m. at Ardis Missaukee Library. We are looking for volunteers, can you spare a couple of hours that week?

“ONE CALL NOW”

The Church Council at their April meeting agreed that St. John Lutheran Church will subscribe to a service called “One Call Now.” This service allows a contact person to record messages, prayer requests, worship cancellations, meeting reminders, etc. This computerized system then calls each congregation member’s phone number with the message. If you are not at home or are unable to answer to the phone, a message will be left on your answering machine or voicemail. Your caller ID will show that the church has called you. If you have had a change of phone numbers recently, please let the church office know ASAP so that we will have correct phone numbers listed in this service. If we have both your cell and home phone numbers, please let us know which one you prefer we use. We will let you know as soon as the service is up and running. Prayer requests, meeting reminders, events should be called in to Pastor Jean (231-839-7542 or 616-218-3889) and she will put them on “One Call Now.”



St. John Annual Yard Sale

Our annual fundraiser/yard sale is scheduled to take place the second weekend of September. As you do your “Spring Cleaning”, please set aside any new or gently used items that you would like to donate to our sale. If you do not have space to store your items at home until September, you may put them in one of the unused SCS rooms.



COMING IN JULY...



As part of our Mutual Ministry, Lake City United Methodist and St. John Lutheran Churches are entering a float in the Greatest Fourth in the North Parade. **Please start bringing bags of wrapped candy in to the church office.**



STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Your Stewardship Committee is planning some important happenings in the coming weeks. During worship some members have volunteered to share with you what Stewardship means to them. You will also be given a packet that we hope you will carefully read. If you have any questions or concerns, please come to coffee hour hosted by your Stewardship Committee on SUNDAY, MAY 6TH AFTER WORSHIP.

We hope that you will prayerfully consider how you can help support the ministry and mission of your church.

St. John is so much more than just a building. Our church is a place where all are welcomed and embraced. We are a Christian family inspired by the love of Jesus Christ and who give of our time and talents to make God's house a place of worship. We are called to serve one another and to walk humbly with God.



SPRING HAS SPRUNG AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!



NEEDED: Volunteers to mow the church lawn and help clean up the Memorial Garden. PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE BOARD IN THE NARTHEX.

We need your help to keep our church looking beautiful!



Church Council Minutes

April 18, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Pastor Jean opened with prayer.

Present: Pastor Jean, Jim Bartholomew, Marcia Martinez, Jerry Greenlee, Laura Bradley and Treasurer Brenda Pylkas. Visitors: Colleen Metiva, Greg and Jeanene Brandt, Marijo Colon and Dan Martinez. No excused absences.

Minutes of March meeting approved by Jim Bartholomew and Laura Bradley.

Treasurers report approved by Marcia Martinez and Laura Bradley. Brenda presented mortgage sheet/stewardship offering for July 2017 thru March 2018. Council agreed to put the sheet in the newsletter so everyone can see where we are with totals today.

Business:

1. Covenant agreement was passed.
2. Thrivent members who wish for their monies to come to St. John need to individually contact Thrivent. They must choose each year to have that happen, it's not automatic.
3. Stewardship update was presented by Greg Brandt. The final draft was presented. Will update at a later date with a time to hand out to members.
4. Church rental/usage policy will be worked on and some changes made.
5. Church secretary will remain the same for six more months. Approved by Marcia Martinez and Jerry Greenlee.
6. Benevolence was approved to send \$300 to Synod that was budgeted.

Property: Roof will be repaired when weather gets warmer.

Lawn mowing time approaching. Colleen Metiva and Greg Brandt to check into renting, leasing or purchasing a mower. Will be discussed when we have more information.

Other business: Pastor talked about "One Call Now". She would be able to contact everyone with one phone call if need to close, ask for special prayers, reminders of important things going on in the church. Council approved to check into it.

Events: Further discussion on yard sale and possible golf outing.

Dates to remember: Combined service April 29th; Blessing of the bikes June 9th; Mutual Ministry is discussing Vacation Bible School June 11-14.

Meeting adjourned. Closed with prayer.

Next meeting May 16, 2018 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Laura Bradley

May 2018

St John Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5 H.B. Jim Bartholomew
6 9:30 Worship & Communion Sunday School Stewardship Meeting H.B. Madison Penney	7	8 H.B. Greg Brandt	9 H.B. Austin Booms	10 1:30 Bible Study at Maple Ridge	11 H.B. Ron Hill	12 LCUMC Mother & Daughter Banquet 5:30 pm
13 9:20 Worship of the Word Sunday School H.A. Mike & Traci Ball H.A. Marty & Melissa Penney	14 H.B. Ben Raden	15	16 LCUMC Annual Rummage Sale May 16 th and 17 th	17 10:00 Bible Study H.B. Billie Raden H.B. Jackson Penney	18	19 H.B. Gay Gensler H.B. Linda Doederlein H.B. Terry Trolz
20 9:30 Worship & Communion Sunday School H.A. Larry & Sharlyn Booms H.B. Mary Manganello	21	22 H.A. Terry & Tonya Trolz	23 5:30 Mutual Ministry meet at LCUMC H. B. Patti Colvin	24 10:00 Bible Study	25	26
27 9:20 Worship of the Word Sunday School H.B. Marcia Martinez	28	29	30 H.A. Charles & Dorothy Bartholomew	31 10:00 Bible Study H.B. Brandon Hamel H.B. Sherri Hutchinson	1 H.B. Gary Piellusch	2 H.B. Kyle Pylkas H.B. Olivia Dolley