

St. John's Messenger

Our Monthly Newsletter



Sharing the good news of forgiveness and eternal life through Jesus Christ.

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From the Pastor's Study

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Dear Friends,

Thanks to the generosity of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund, Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones (the Hispanic Ministry of the District), and All Saints' Lutheran Church in Guadalajara, I am able to spend three weeks in Mexico improving my Spanish and gaining a fuller understanding of Hispanic cultures. While I have learned a lot of Spanish on my own, an immersion experience will help me tremendously in conversing with others in Spanish. Additionally, in order to effectively serve others it is important to have an appreciation of their culture and values. Since a majority of our neighbors who are Hispanic are originally from Mexico, my time in Guadalajara will be very beneficial in serving our neighbors who are Hispanic. While I am away, the Elders will be providing oversight in the congregation and will be taking the Lord's Supper to many of our home-bound members. In addition, Pastor Eddy of Messiah Church will be providing emergency pastoral care to our members. The telephone number at Messiah is (608) 365-4724. Pastor Randy Senn will be leading worship on the first three Sundays in September (Sept 10, 17, and 24). Since I am taking vacation time to cover the weeks that I am away, there will be no additional cost to the congregation for my trip. I invite your prayers that this trip may be beneficial to our ministry here at St. John's.

My vision for St. John's is that we become again a congregation deeply rooted in the lives of our neighbors. Living in the Bluff/Vine/Liberty/Merrill neighborhood are many people who do not have a church home. Our mission is to reach them with the precious message of the Gospel of Christ Jesus. Our Sunday school is an important part of our outreach to our neighbors. During our Day Camp, I learned a lot about what is effective in engaging the children in our neighborhood and we are going to apply those lessons to the organization of our Sunday school program. Sunday school for the high school class will continue with the curriculum they used last year, since this worked so very well. For the preschool and elementary school students, we will begin with some songs which are very engaging and then participate in a video lesson from the What's in the Bible series by Phil Vischer. Following the video, the preschoolers will be taken to the nursery to color a picture which accompanies the lesson or to engage in free-play with the many toys in the nursery. After we have had some further discussion about the lesson with the elementary students, we will go out to the playground or the gym for some games. At 11:30 am, we will gather in the gym for lunch. We will be inviting members of the congregation to sign up for a Sunday during the school year to either provide lunch for the students or to cover the cost of the lunch. There are children in our neighborhood who are hungry. Some of

the elementary schools in our district have begun a program in which they send home food with students on Fridays to get them through the week-end. In this context, St. John's can give kids a Sunday lunch. I am convinced that telling people about the love of Jesus is most effective when it is accompanied by showing them the love of Jesus. Please pray for this outreach opportunity and ask me how you can help.

I am delighted to report that our congregation and that of Messiah Church will be offering joint catechism classes again this year. Our classes will be held on the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. We will rotate locations as we did last year. The first class will be held on Monday, October 23, at 6:00 pm at Messiah Lutheran Church. All students in 6th through 8th grade are invited to participate.

We will have a booth at the Latino Community Fair to be held at the former Brother Dutton School on Saturday, September 30th, from 11am to 2pm. Admission is free. We hope that you will come check us out!

In Christ Jesus, Pastor



Eleanor Backhaus, Home
Dan Burrows, Alden Meadow Park
Connie Fast, Home
Donna Hall, Rock Bay Harbor Apts.
John Marquardt, Home
Joyce Nelson, Sun Valley Terrace
Ione Reetz, Home
Anna Rumery, Willowick Assisted Living
Elinor Swain, Alden Meadow Park
Neil Walter, Cedar Crest Assisted Living
Audrey Weiss, Riverside Terrace

Beverly Bingham, Rock Bay Harbor Apts.
Ivan Drake, Home
Peter Fast, Pioneer Court
Joanne Hildebrandt, Azura Memory Care
Ray & Shirley Mathewson, Beloit Sr. Living
Vallie Nolte, Fair Oaks Rahab
Christine Ruckert, Premier Skilled Nursing
Betty Steuck, Riverside Terrace
Marilyn Treder, Rock Bay Harbor Apts.
Oscar & Mildred Wedel, Home
Kay Wells, Cedar Crest Apartments

In our thoughts and prayers . . .

Alyssa Senz, Les Stewart, Zain Tracy, Bill Cunningham, Sandy Smith, Ruth Peterson, Beverly Bottoms, Darlene Willing, Charlotte Ross, Betty Steuck, Neil Walter, Marcie Moore, Noel Easton, Charlene Ostenson, Colleen Begonia, Jean Bickford, Rev. Roy Jacob, Donna Hall, Bruce Mielke, Joyce Nelson, Laura Jo Pearson, Cayden Krueger, Janice Hemerley, Hope Ann Block, and all of our members who are homebound. Additionally, please pray for the protection of those who serve in the military (particularly Kyle Summers), emergency services, and all who work for the common good.

Birthdays

9/3 Ivan Drake
 9/4 Bill Pearson
 9/7 Mary Giannone
 Wally Prins
 9/10 Jeri Larson
 9/11 Steven Bottoms
 9/13 Deb Peterson, Jacob Mears, & Levi Bartz
 9/14 Kim Wolter
 9/15 Judy Niedermeier
 9/17 Kim Baker
 9/18 Amy Tracy
 9/23 Ethan Burns, Ione Reetz, & Paul Klingemeyer
 9/25 Hannah Miller

Anniversaries

9/7 Jack & Kathy Fiedler
 9/15 Bill & Tami Bartz
 9/30 Richard & Doris Rindfleisch

Please join us for Sunday School!



Every Sunday beginning Sun, Oct 1st!
We have classes for preschool through Adults!

10:30 am – Bible Lesson

11:00 am – Activities & Games
(preschool & elementary)

11:30 am – Lunch (free for everyone)

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Women's Guild News

Following the summer recess our meetings will resume on September 7th at 1 pm when President Garnet Bauling calls the meeting to order. Hostesses are Kathy Carter and Jeanne Ludeman.

We cordially invite all women who are communicant members of St. John's to join us as guests to any of our meetings with the option to become members. We meet on the first Thursday of each month and begin with a devotion given by Pastor Roser or one of our members followed by a short business meeting. Occasionally we have a speaker or entertainment. We then have a time of fellowship enjoying coffee, punch and dessert provided by our hostesses. Please consider joining us and getting to know the women you see in church.

Another service we offer is our Sewing Guild which meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Projects include making baby layettes and quilts for the Lutheran World Relief or whoever is in need. You don't even have to be an expert at sewing or even know how to sew as we have many jobs available.

Our mission is to assist each woman of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

*Our Sewing Guild is collecting baby socks, baby shirts, bar soap (bath size), handtowels, flannel, and monetary gifts in order to purchase needed fabric.

Don't be so easily upset

"Great peace has those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble."

Psalms 119:165 (ESV). Are you easily upset? Even over little things? Spend more time praying and reading your Bible.

The following article turned up in a newspaper: "A lady took my seat in church. She's very nice...a good friend, in fact. I can sit anyplace; no big deal. My seat is on the right toward the back. I can rest my arm on the end. It's a good seat, but I wouldn't raise a fuss about a seat...never hold a grudge. Actually, it was three months ago she took it and I really don't know why. I've never done anything to her...never taken her seat. I suppose I'll have to come an hour early to get my seat. She took it because it's one of the best seats in the house. She had no business taking it...and I'm not going to church two hours early to get what's rightfully mine. This is the way social injustices begin—abusive people taking other people's seats. It's the way seeds of revolution are sown. A person can only stand so much. Where's it all going to end? If somebody doesn't stand up and be counted, nobody's seat will be safe. People will sit anywhere they please, and next time they'll take my parking place. World order will be in a shambles!" We smile, but it's amazing how quickly we get bent out of shape when our little routine is disrupted. Do you know why the Christian life is described as "the high calling"? (Philippians 3:14)? "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Because it means taking the high road and serving others, rather than taking the low road and putting ourselves first.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:00a Worship 10:15a Fellowship	4 Labor Day	5	6	7 1:00p Women's Guild Meeting	8	9
10 9:00a Worship 10:15a Fellowship	11 1:00p Women's Bible Class	12 6:00p Board of Trustees Mtg.	13 9:00a Sewing Guild	14 6:00p Bible Class in Spanish	15	16
17 9:00a Worship 10:15a Fellowship	18 10:00a Board of Finance Mtg., 1:00p Women's Bible Class 6:00p Elders' Mtg.	19 9:30a Women's Bible Study 5:00p Board of Personnel & Planning Mtg.	20	21 6:00p Bible Class in Spanish	22	23
24 9:00a Worship 10:15a Fellowship	25 1:00p Women's Bible Class	26 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:00p Church Council Mtg.	27 9:00a Sewing Guild	28 10:00a Women's Guild Brd Mtg., 6:00p, Bible Class in Spanish	29	30 11a-2p Latino Community Fair @ Brother Dutton



**We gather for worship every Sunday morning at 9 am,
and everyone is welcome!**

You have a savior who is Christ the Lord, and we invite you to join us in receiving the gifts which God delights in giving you through His Son.

God loves all people. His Son died in the place of everyone and answered for all of our sins - including yours. Everyone who trusts in his death for the forgiveness of their sins will receive the free gift of eternal life with God. We would love to have the opportunity to tell you more about this good news.

Where everyone is invited and Jesus is Lord!

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