



St. John's
Lutheran Church
& School

September 2021 Eagle Newsletter



Proverbs 22:6 ESV

"Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart from it."

From the Principal: St. John's Lutheran School began its 145th academic year on Monday, August 23, 2021. Traditions have been established over those 145 years. The greatest tradition that continues is the opportunity to share the love of Jesus with the students and their families. Other traditions may have faded or been replaced but teaching about Jesus and the forgiveness He has won for us will continue.

St. John's welcomes 145 students to the 2021-2022 school year. We also welcome Mikki Wo as our new Kindergarten teacher. We are blessed to retain our awesome teachers and support staff. We welcome the opportunity to provide a quality Christian education to all who wish to receive it.

The Covid-19 pandemic continues and will impact how St. John's operates this school year. Enhanced cleaning protocols remain in place. The social distancing rule have been reduced to 3 feet. Most importantly, all who enter the school during the school day are required to wear a mask. This includes students, teachers, staff, vendors and any visitors. If you have business in the school while students are present, please wear a mask and sign in at the office.

St. John's tradition of conducting the World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser will continue. Students and their families raised over \$6,000 during last year's fundraiser. The profit enabled us to continue to update our one-to-one Chromebook program for our students. A portion of the profit was tithed back to St. John's Lutheran Church. Please contact Jennie Stinar for information on how you can participate in this fundraiser. Lastly, through fiscal responsibility, St. John's Lutheran School contributed just over \$34,000 above tuition income to the church to assist with paying utilities, janitorial supplies, Concordia Plans, and salaries.

As always, thank you for your continued support of St. John's Lutheran School!

Dan Green – Principal

Ladies Book Club: In September the Ladies Book Club will be reading The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett. It is the story of two identical twins who choose to live in two different worlds, one black and one white. It is an emotional story which explores race, gender and identity from the 1950s to the 1990s through the deep south to California. If you would like to join us the Book Club is still meeting via ZOOM on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM. Please contact Betty Carey if you would like to be included.



Will You Leave a Legacy: When the Lord calls you home, what will you answer when He asks you about the many blessings He gave you while on earth? Are you going to tell Him that He did not give them to you, that you worked for them, you went to school and earned them, you paid for them? Perhaps you took them for granted, not giving Him credit for His gifts.

- Think of all the “things” (house, cars, tools, mental/physical health, ability/talent to work, husband/wife/children and so on) God has given to you over the years of your life.
- Think of all the “things” you are leaving behind.
- Think of how you have been blessed - try writing them down.
- Think of how you could show appreciation to the Lord for the “things” He’s given you.
- Think of how your life would have been without these gifts from God.
- Think about the end of your life and your life thereafter. Or, will you say, “Thanks and praise the Lord for His many blessings.” Or, are you going to do nothing?

Now, as you realize that God has given you many gifts, how can you not leave something to your church/school/mission fields for His work there to continue? What did the Lord commission us to do – spread His love and His word (Matthew 28:16-20). How can you not do this? And, how does one do it? Some say they don’t know how costly old age will be. How can they, therefore, leave something to the Lord in their Last Will and Testament when they don’t know what’ll be left! This is true. However, a simple solution is to leave a percentage (%) of your remaining assets to the Lord’s work being done at your church/school/mission fields. The problem solved! Just think of what your life would be without His blessings! Be a witness to others and do it now before it is too late.

Worship Schedule and Voters Meeting: Starting September 12th, the following schedule will be in effect, all occurring in the church:

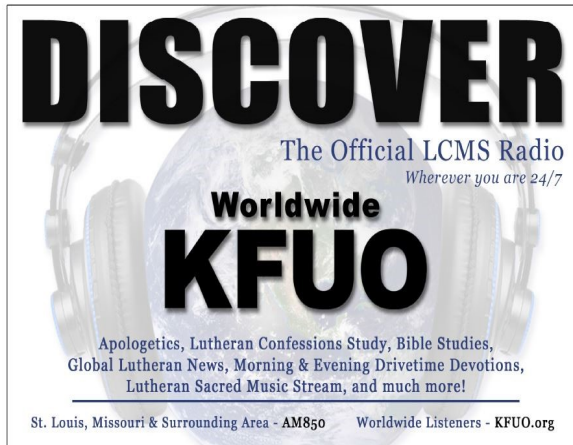
8AM Divine Service | 9:30AM Bible Class on the Revelation of St. John | 11AM Divine Service | 6PM Divine Service

Please note that we could move back to a single Sunday morning Service at some time in the near future, at a date to be determined. This change is based on the following:

The Trustees of St. John’s communicate the following to the congregation: they do not support having two Sunday morning Services. The reason is that there are not enough Trustees at St. John’s to open and close the church and related duties. Several consistent pleas were made over the past few years to join the Trustees, but no one new has joined, and we lost 4 Trustees. The only way the Trustees will support two Sunday morning Services is if six people come forward to be Trustees of St. Johns. Others need to help, not the same people every year.

Furthermore, the Church Council unanimously passed a resolution to recommend to the congregation to move to a single Sunday morning Service, echoing the sentiments expressed by the Trustees. Please contact anyone on church Boards to convey your thoughts on this matter. You can also attend the Voters Meeting on September 26th at 9:30AM.





Lutheran Radio Station Worldwide KFUD

Find and Listen at kfud.org and follow us at [Facebook.com/KFUDradio](https://www.facebook.com/KFUDradio).

Issues, Etc.—Weekdays @ 3PM CST or ON DEMAND via Website! Christ-centered, Cross-focused talk radio.

Law and Gospel—Weekdays @ 9:30AM CST or ON DEMAND via Website! This is a program that uses the theological distinctions between Law and Gospel not only to apply the Bible but also to understand our relationship to the holy Trinity, our gracious salvation because of Jesus Christ and how to interpret reality the way God thinks.

Faith'n'Family—Weekdays @ 10AM CST or ON DEMAND via Website!

Faith'n'Family is a program that lets family's keep their Lutheran faith first as we praise God for the gift He has given us in our children, parents, grandparents, and even the in-laws! Every day, Faith'n'Family will have an expert on the show to discuss life issues such as money management, dealing with divorce, adoption, how to raise children to lead a God-centered life in a very non-Christian world, and more. And the best part of all, you can be part of the show by calling in with your questions and comments for our expert! While Faith 'N Family at KFUD is well aware of the fast-paced world of today, we want to keep the focus of raising our family and yours on what's really important—making Christ known for generations to come!

CROSS DEFENSE—Mondays @ 2pm CST or ON DEMAND via Website!

When a skeptic questions us about our faith, or when we ourselves have questions about what we believe, how do we answer them? Learn how to address modern-day issues and tough arguments levied against faith, *and* how to engage these conversations with intelligence and grace. Join us and discover how to share your faith clearly and lovingly.

Free to be Faithful — 3rd Wednesday of the Month @ 2:30PM CST or ON DEMAND via Website!

Free to be Faithful is very specific in addressing public policy matters that impact our LCMS community. It is often topical and linked to contemporary issues, such as political elections or the March for Life. The analytical program regularly has experts and observers interpreting the issues at hand and suggesting courses of action. Listen to high-caliber guests discussing in-depth knowledge of issues with host Kip Allen.





SEPTEMBER

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

THE CREED — SEPTEMBER 1-15

We confess the three ecumenical Creeds, the Apostles', Nicene and Athanasian. We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, three persons. Luther's explanation of the Apostles' Creed in the Small Catechism teaches important truths about God as our creator, redeemer and sanctifier.

Rejoice in God's goodness in Christ as you pray:

1. Thank God that He is our loving heavenly Father.
2. Thank God for His creation.
3. Thank God for daily bread. Pray that all would be fed and clothed this day.
4. Thank God for family. Pray that God would guide all families love each other with the love of God in Christ Jesus.
5. Thank God for shelter. Pray for those who are without homes this day.
6. Thank God for reason. Pray that learning and intellect

are always in service of God's Kingdom.

7. Thank God for Jesus. He is our only Savior from sin, death and the power of the devil.
8. Rejoice that Jesus is true man, that He can sympathize with our weaknesses.
9. Rejoice that Jesus is true God, that our Savior is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.
10. Repent of all your sins and trust that God forgives your sins through the blood of Jesus.
11. Pray that God would empower you, by His Spirit, to live in righteousness, innocence and blessedness.

12. Thank God that He freely gives faith and salvation through His Spirit. Pray that all would hear the Word and be Baptized according to His will.

13. Thank God for the Holy Spirit. Pray that He would keep all in the true faith.

14. Thank God for the Church. Pray that she would remain faithful to her Savior.

15. Rejoice that God gives and sustains faith in the Holy Trinity. Rejoice that God is love.



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OFFICE OF THE KEYS/CONFESSION — SEPTEMBER 16-30

Jesus gave the office of the keys to the Church through His Apostles. Confession has two parts. First that we confess our sins, and second that we receive the forgiveness of our sins.

Rejoice in the gifts of Confession and Absolution as you pray:

16. That God would lead all sinners to repentance.
17. Confess your sins before God. Trust that God forgives your sins through Christ Jesus.
18. Thank God for your pastor and all pastors. Pray that God would grant them faith and strength in their Word and Sacrament ministry.
19. Thank God for corporate confession and absolution each Sunday.
20. Thank God for the opportunity for individual confession and absolution with your pastor.
21. Thank God for the vocations He has given to you. Pray that you serve Him and your neighbor faithfully each day.
22. Pray for all unbelievers, that they would repent and trust in Christ.

23. Pray for all who are caught in unrepentant sin, that they would humbly confess their sins and receive holy Absolution.

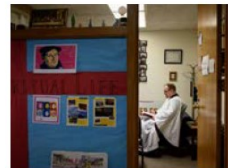
24. Pray for the Spirit to empower you to amend your sinful life, that all you think, say and do would please God.

25. Thank God for the Church. Pray that the Church remain faithful to the preaching and teaching of God's Word and the administration of the Sacraments according to God's will.

26. Pray for those who have stopped attending church. Ask God to provide someone to share Christ with them and bring them back.

27. Pray for Christian parents, that they would model forgiveness and raise their children in the Christian faith.

28. Pray for the strength to forgive people in your life. Ask God to give the faith necessary to forgive as He forgives.



29. Thank God that He always answers our confession with words of forgiveness and life.

30. Pray that Jesus would return quickly, that sin and death will soon be finally defeated, and God's people will dwell with Him forever.

Congregations and individuals are invited to copy these pages for newsletters or other distribution. Download at lcms.org/prayforus or call 888-843-5267 to request a copy.

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September 3rd .. Russell Meyer
September 4th .. Amelia Smallfield
September 5th .. Daniela Lively
September 6th .. Curtis Owen
September 7th .. Peggy Kline, Midge Quest
September 8th .. Margarete Giess
September 9th .. Cindy Thompson
September 10th .. Mark Lauer
September 14th .. Jacob Ehrhard
September 15th .. Marc Schuemer
September 16th .. Susan Beeson, Roger Burden
September 17th .. Douglas McLane
September 18th .. Sandra Banko, Steven Zanders
September 20th .. Michelle Clark, Ashley Scott
September 21st .. Jennifer Foley, Marge Gall, Terry Wilczak
September 22nd .. Jacqueline Schacht
September 23rd .. Carolina Giral
September 24th .. Arnold Diaz, Dolores Sauser, Nikki Wardecki
September 25th .. Margot Hernandez
September 28th .. George Przybylski
September 30th .. Timothy Schmidt



Stewardship Under the Cross, God's Word on How We Use His Gifts

by HR Curtis

What Is Stewardship? Christian stewardship is the faithful management of our financial resources and all we have. It begins with the understanding that all we have is God's: Ps. 24:1 "The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it". Additionally, "we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world" – 1 Tim 6:7. Since all we have is God's, we should use it for His purposes. God's purpose for us in our lives is expressed in the various vocations, or callings, that we have. So, for example, a father and mother use their income to feed, clothe, and protect their children.

Besides the vocations that each of us have in our family life and in society, we are also all Christians and members of this parish. How do we use our income faithfully in regard to this vocation? To learn this we must look to God's Word.

Deuteronomy 8:17-18 You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

Luke 16:13 Jesus said, "No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."

Matthew 6:19-21 Jesus said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Malachi 3:8-9 "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' "In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse-- the whole nation of you-- because you are robbing me.

2 Corinthians 8:7, 9:6-8 But just as you excel in everything-- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us --see that you also excel in this grace of giving. . . . The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything.

What does this mean? Your heart always goes where you put God's money. Stewardship is not an optional subcategory of the Christian life; it is the living out of a Christian's dependence on God. As such, faith and finances are inseparable. True joy is found not in storing up the things of this world, for the things of this world won't last. True joy is found in clinging to Christ who poured out His life for you on the cross and now gives you His Life in Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord's Supper. The things of this world are temporarily given to us by God to see and we will be called to account for how we manage the Owner's things (Rom.14:10-12, 2 Cor. 5:10).

Call to Action: Prayerfully consider your giving to God's work in His Church. Are you faithfully giving a first-fruits tithe (10%) of your income to the work of God? Are you, as St. Paul says, "excelling in this grace of giving"? If not, why not? In next month's newsletter we'll consider more of what God says about Stewardship – specifically more about tithing (the Biblical practice of giving a tenth of our income to God's work in the Church).