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# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In the last eleven years, Marvel Cinematic Universe has put out a series of films based on comic book heroes. The series is called "The Infinity Saga". It culminated in the last two years with the movies "Avengers: Infinity War" (2018) and "Avengers: Endgame" (2019). The plot draws to a bit of a conclusion with a powerful being name Thronos who unjustly decides to wipe out half the population of every world in the universe.

But the Avengers, the good guys, find a way to undo Thronos' act and bring about a salvation of sorts. Banding together they gather what is needed to undo and reverse what was done. One part of the plot development is that out of millions of possibilities, there is only one way that their task can succeed. And they get there—they find that one way to undo and reverse the work of Thanos and save the lives of billions.

Such movies and themes are reflections in the world of the original true account of salvation. Sin entered into the world through the disobedience of Adam and Eve. Sinfulness was passed on to every person through inheritance from their parents. The penalty of disobedience of God's decrees is eternal death.

But one way was promised, planned and provided by the Law-Giver Himself. A Seed, and Offspring, a Savior was promised Who would come and save people from themselves and from hell. The prophecies of the Old Testament Scriptures showed what this Messiah would do. He would heal and show power over life and death. He would proclaim salvation and be salvation. He would give Himself up unto suffering and death in the stead of sinners. But He would overcome death and the grave and give hope and salvation to all who believed in His name and called up Him in faith.

**Jesus is that One.** He is the one and only way to God and to the heaven promised. Jesus did fulfill all that was promised. He healed and taught and raised the dead. He did suffer for sins and as the perfect God-Man sacrifice on our account. He was crucified and died and then raised to life in victory. The outcome of Jesus' work is our salvation. He fulfilled the Law and undid its curse. In Jesus we find the One who reversed what was done in Eden. Praise to God for the way of salvation in Jesus who grants us a great reversal: life with Him instead of eternal death. God grant you faith to cling to Christ Jesus alone. He is our one, true Savior.

In Christ's love, Pastor



ROMANS 7:25, NRSV

PLEASE HAVE ALL INFORMATION OR ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER TO CHRIS HOLLMAN BY 25TH, THANK YOU!



PREPARE FOR BLAST OFF!

VBS 2019 is fast approaching. Lift off for an intergalactic adventure with Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the World. Explore God's miraculous mission and learn about His plan of salvation from creation to the cross! Registration forms are available in the narthex for kids and volunteers. Come join the fun July 21-25, 5-7:30 pm!

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

All women of the congregation are invited and encouraged to join us on Saturday morning, July 6th at 10:00 in the church basement for fellowship and Bible study. Coffee and bottled water and study books are provided. We are working through the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) focusing now on Love.

Enough copies of the study book were ordered for everyone who signed up for Bible study. If you are still interested, please feel free to pick up a copy from the shelf next to the TV in the fellowship hall. The study book is entitled **Golden Fruit**. You won't be disappointed.

Puzzle!

Love is a fruit of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22-23. Identify another fruit that can make Valentine's Day — and every day — special. First, write a word that fits each clue below. Then unscramble the letters from the bold, vertical column to find another fruit of the Spirit. Write it on the blanks below.

LEAVE									
CHAPEAU									
TRANQUILITY									
BECOME MATURE									
RESPOND									
SPHERE									
OLD TESTAMENT QUEEN									
DISCOVER									
CONFIDENCE									
ALWAYS									

Answer: depart, hat, peace, grow, answer, ball, Esther, find, trust, ever, gentleness



BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Harlow Dewey
- 3 A. J. Ellingson, Lisa Rejcha, Sherry Rezac
- 5 Janice Reetz
- 6 Terry Stehlik
- 9 Hugo Pomajzl
- 10 Les Korte, Linda Lee
- 11 Sandi Karl
- 12 Hope Hoyer, Gary Meinke, Erica Sublett
- 13 Trevor Nitzel
- 15 LaVonne Nitzel
- 16 Lynn Meinke
- 19 Lisa Shore
- 20 Leahh Anderson, Karen Bachman, Ashley Walker
- 21 Alexandra Weber

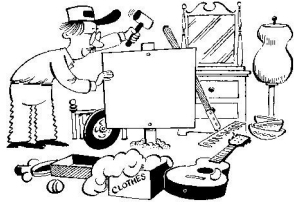
- 23 Briggen Reetz
- 24 Megan Behrends
- 25 Wayne Hansmeyer, Frank Slama, Bailey Stougaard
- 26 Joe Hoesche
- 29 Barb Meinke, Aleece Reetz
- 31 Brad Pomajzl

BAPTISMS

- 1 James Haufle, Jeff Hollman, Heath & Harlow Dewey
- 3 Brian Poole, Jacob Wohl
- 4 Wendie & Austin Haufle, Marvin Nitzel
- 5 Roger Koch, Tessa Petereit
- 7 Amanda Easley
- 8 Devon Reitz, Marlene Wagner
- 9 Ella Jo Hughes

- 10 James Doiel, Cindy Hoyer
- 11 Victoria Rethmeier
- 12 Sherry Rezac
- 13 Calen Homolka
- 14 Eric Dewey, Lydia Lee, Morgan Wohl
- 15 Ethan Sublett
- 16 Trevor Nitzel
- 18 Elmer Reetz, Garrett Reitz
- 19 Dylan Wagner
- 20 Lisa Rejcha
- 22 Wally Wild
- 24 Shawna Heusinkvelt
- 25 Les Korte, Janice Reetz
- 27 Gary Meinke
- 28 Sandi Karl
- 29 Olga Weidner
- 30 JoAnn Renner

**OUR MISSION** Share the Joy of His News by growing inward through God's Word, Sacraments and fellowship and by growing outward through words, actions, and mission outreach.



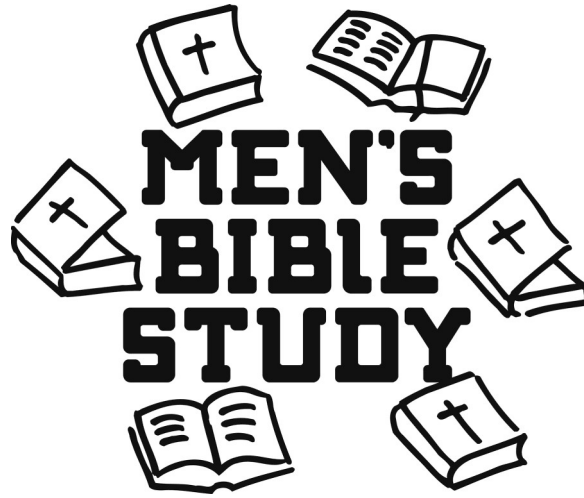
#### LAMBS OF CHRIST GARAGE SALE

The annual Lambs of Christ Garage Sale is scheduled for July 19 & 20th. Items can be dropped off at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Crete starting Sunday, July 14.

#### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Ever wondered if some texts were intentionally excluded from the Bible and why? In *Lost Books?* The **Men's Net Work** looks at why some ancient writings failed to make the cut for inclusion, why other texts most definitely met the standard, and why others, including those "gospels" found in the last century, came up short.

All men of the congregation are invited to join us on Tuesday, July 9 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you there!



#### LADIES AID MINUTES

St. John Ladies Aid met on June 26, 2019, with Carol Brinkmeyer serving as hostess. The meeting opened by singing "God Bless Our Native Land". In Pastor Toensings absence, Diane Kahle led us in Bible Study on Judging others. Roll call was taken with eight members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and the treasurer's report was given.

Thank you cards from the family of Maynard Hessheimer were passed around for serving at the funeral and also a thank you card from the Crete Bloodmobile for donating cookies for the blood drive.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Diane reported that fifty-five people were served at Maynard's funeral on May 30th. Strawberry shortcake was served after the Ascension Day service. We served about thirty people.

June anniversaries were celebrated by Wayne and Linda Eggert, Elmer and Shirley Reetz and Ken and Diane Kahle..

Janice Reetz will be the hostess for the July meeting. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and common table prayer.

Shirley Reetz, secretary

## ORPHAN GRAINTRAIN FISH FEED

Sponsored by St John Lutheran  
Church, Kramer NE

Sunday, July 7, 2019

11:00 a.m.—12:45 p.m.

At Kramer Hall, Kramer, NE

Fish-Potatoes-Onions-Salads-  
Desserts-Drinks-Rolls

Free will offering for Orphan  
Grain Train

We will accept good clean  
clothing, shoes, toys, quilts,  
non-breakable housewares,  
school supplies and health  
items

Supplement funding by  
Thrivent Financial

## SERVING THE LORD IN GERMANY NEWS ABOUT JOE AND JENNIE ASHER



Reverend Joe and Jennie Asher are our adopted missionaries that we and others financially support. A copy of the April-June 2019 Newsletter is located in the narthex. Here are a few of their special dates if you

want to let them know you are thinking of them:

Joe Asher turned 65 on June 15

Joe and Jennie Asher Wedding Anniversary is July 4

Jennie Asher birthday is July 26

In July, Joe will reach still another milestone—35 years since his ordination into the Office of the Public Ministry! If you would like to send Joe and Jennie wishes for these occasions, they can be reached at

[spartancoach2008@fastmail.com](mailto:spartancoach2008@fastmail.com)

Their mailing address is:

Kellereiwaldstrasse 30

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## EVANGELISM COMMITTEE UPDATE

### Photos Wanted – Picture Perfection Unnecessary!

As the Evangelism Committee works in conjunction with the Church office to develop, publish and distribute an updated Membership Photo Directory this Fall, there is practicality in the use of the very same photos recently placed on the narthex family photo board to be used within the printed directory itself; albeit, in thumbnail form. If we've failed to take your, or your family, photo as of yet, please reach out to one of the Evangelism Committee members (Tim McDermott, Bonnie Bleich, Deb Walker or Carol Brinkmeyer) and they will happily capture your image on a Sunday morning to be used for both these purposes.

Members are equally invited to send their digital photos (or replacement photos – if you'd like to use another) for use in the 2019 Photo Directory via email to Tim at [nebraskatim@gmail.com](mailto:nebraskatim@gmail.com). The Evangelism Committee has set **July 31** as their target date to obtain as many member photos as hoped.

For those unaware of the pragmatic approach to the development of an in-house directory at this time, the committee would like to point attention further down the road in celebration of St. John's 150th Anniversary. This would be an ideal place in time to plan a professional publication, using a company such as "Lifetouch" to schedule professional sittings for family photos, while incorporating valued historical data and images into this special Anniversary Edition in 2024.

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**That All May  
Know Him**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER GROWTH

**Schedule at a Glance**

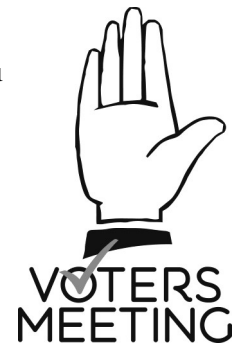
Worship Service (Sundays)	9:00 a.m.
Bible Class (Sundays)	10:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study (July 6)	10:00 a.m.
Evangelism Committee Meeting (July 2)	7:00 p.m.
Elder's Meeting (July 8)	6:30 p.m.
Men's Bible Study (July 9)	7:00 p.m.
Lutheran Women in Mission (July 16)	7:00 p.m.
Quarterly Voters Meeting (July 28) following Worship Service	
Ladies Aid Meeting (July 31)	2:00 p.m.

**FROM THE ELDER'S**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

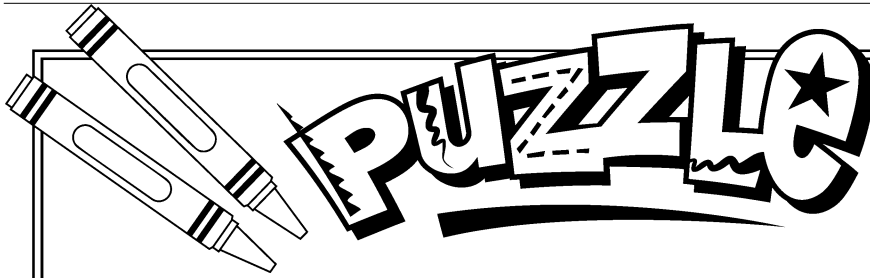
Summer vacation is half over which means Vacation Bible School is close and will be held July 21 to 25. Please make sure to enroll your children, grandchildren or friends of your family. Also if you would like to volunteer to help with this event, let Kaylie Brethouwer or one of the other Board of Education members know. Thank you to everyone who provided food or helped with the Orphan Grain Train fish boil. It is wonderful that our church can help raise money for this organization. The next voters meeting will be held on **Sunday, July 28**, right after church. Please plan on attending.

God Bless,



**THOSE SERVING DURING THE MONTH OF JULY 2019**

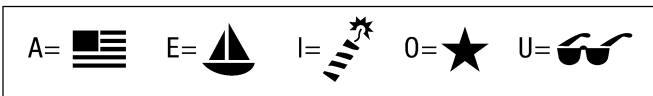
DUTY	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Ellen Miller	Jayne VanAsperen	Jayne VanAsperen	Jayne VanAsperen
<b>Elders</b>	Mitch Homolka	Todd Hoyer	Terry Dittmer	Roger Koch
<b>Greeters</b>	Mr & Mrs Rollo Schultz & Mr & Mrs Byron Shore	Mr & Mrs James Walker & Mr & Mrs Wally Wild	Mr & Mrs Jeff Meinke & Mr & Mrs Elmer Reetz	Mr & Mrs Larry Pomajzl & Mr & Mrs Brent Wohl
<b>Acolytes</b>	Nick Hollman & Colton Homolka	Skye Hoyer & Ted Muff	Calen Homolka & Madison Hestermann	Jordyn Adam & Mersadies Kvasnicka



# "IN DEPENDENCE" DAY!

Always live "in dependence" on God.

Directions: Use the vowel code to complete Psalm 16:8, NIV.



I will keep my eyes always on the LORD.  
 With him at my right hand,  
 I will not be shaken.  
 Psalm 16:8, NIV

Answer: I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8, NIV



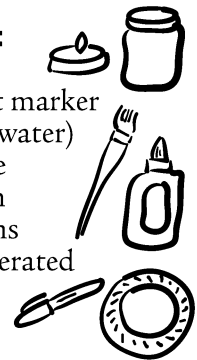
**KIDS PAGE**



Summer is the perfect time to gaze at the wonders in the sky. Make this craft as a reminder of God's handiwork — including you!

**What you need:**

- Glass jar
- Permanent marker
- Glue (and water)
- Paper plate
- Paintbrush
- Star sequins
- Battery-operated tea light



**What you do:**

1. Around the jar's opening, write in permanent marker: Shine ... like stars in the sky. Philippians 2:15
2. Pour some glue on the plate. Thin with some water.
3. "Paint" the outside of the jar with glue and then sprinkle on some sequins. Let dry.
4. Add the tea light and give your bedroom a starry glow at nighttime.