

NEWS FROM ST. JOHN'S

August 2022

FROM THE PASTOR

This month we continue to focus on those whom we commemorate in the Lutheran Church throughout the year. In the month of August, we begin with Joanna, Mary, and Salome and their work as myrrhbearers to the tomb of our Lord (8/3). From there, we remember Lawrence, a deacon and martyr (8/10), Mary, the mother of our Lord (8/15), Isaac (8/16), Johann Gerhard, a Lutheran theologian (8/17), Bernard of Clairvaux (8/19), the prophet Samuel (8/20), and the apostle Bartholomew (8/24). We come to the end of the month by remembering a mother and son, Monica (8/27) and Augustine of Hippo (8/28).

At Jesus' burial, his tomb was known by the three women remembered each year on August 3. Joanna, whose husband was a servant in King Herod's house, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome, the mother of two of Jesus' closest disciples James and John took their spices in order to give a proper burial. They observed the placing of His dead body in the tomb, and then, as the day ended, observed the Sabbath rest for all of the next day. Then, early Sunday morning, they went out before the sun had risen to offer this final act of reverence and love for Jesus. The myrrh they brought, which He had first received after His birth from the Magi, proved unnecessary. The tomb was open and there was no body to anoint! Their diligence and commitment to serve the Lord even after His death offers us an important reminder to use what we have to give Him glory. Of course, His resurrection proves that the darkness of death cannot stand against the light of His salvation.

Lawrence, remembered on August 10, served not as a pastor but as a deacon in the Church. He was arrested along with a number of clergy during a worship service in AD 256. As a deacon, he oversaw the church's treasury and was commanded by Roman authorities to turn it over to them. Lawrence asked for three days to get it organized, and instead spent those three days distributing as much of it as he could to those in need. He was martyred as a result, speaking of his Christian confidence and joy as flames surrounded him.

Monica, remembered on August 27, lived in North Africa from AD 333-387. Her life is a picture of a loving mother who was committed to praying for her wayward son. Though her husband was converted to Christianity before his death, she had great concern for her son Augustine. In time, and following much prayer, he came to the faith and was baptized by Ambrose of Milan. Augustine would go on to contribute greatly as a Church Father and as the bishop of Hippo (known today as Algeria). He is known for his defense of the Biblical concept of salvation coming by grace alone, which comes from Paul's words in **Ephesians 2:8-9** and serves as a foundation of Luther's work over 1000 years later in the Reformation. In looking at the lives of these two servants of the Lord, this prayer is fitting for all those who are waiting for their loved ones to come to the faith:

"O Lord, you strengthened your patient servant Monica through spiritual discipline to persevere in offering her love, her prayers, and her tears for the conversation of her husband and of Augustine, their son. Deepen our devotion to bring others, even our own family, to acknowledge Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen."

God's blessings to us all as the month of August goes forward and these commemorations take place!

In Christ,

Pastor Gilbert

THE BUGENHAGEN CONFERENCE THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of the people of St. John's for your continued support of the Bugenhagen Conference. This was our biggest year yet, and included a sermon from President Harrison and a remote broadcast from the radio show and podcast Issues, Etc. With roughly 150 pastors coming from various parts of our country, four worship services, three keynote addresses, and thirty-eight workshops provided over the three days of the conference, our building was put to good use. A special thank you to all of the St. John's volunteers who helped set up for the conference as well as all those who prepared and served the food throughout the conference! More details about the conference will be shared in next month's newsletter.

FELLOWSHIP FRIDAYS

We had over 60 people for our July Fellowship Friday! Pastor DeYoung's tacos were a hit! Fellowship Fridays will continue on August 19. The event will be held from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

Please come as individuals or families, and if you do, please bring a drink or dessert to share. If you are coming as a family with younger children, please consider bringing a game of some kind to perhaps play with others. The gym will also be open for part of the evening.

Everyone connected to St. John's is invited to join us for this event! If you will be in attendance on August 19, please email Kimberly Chapman (chapman@stjohnsracine.org) or Sharon Adel (adel@stjohnsracine.org).

A THANK YOU FROM EDNA

Dear Members of St. John's,
I wish to extend my thanks and gratitude to everyone who has sent me cards, letters, pictures and prayers. I so wish to be able to worship in church but it has become physically challenging to do so. I do feel God's Love through your prayers and messages. My prayer for St. John's is to prosper, uphold God's Word and continue to love one another as the Lord has commanded us to do.

Edna Roberts - member of St. John's for 90+ years.

"A new Commandment I give to you that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." John13:34

CHURCH DIRECTORY SCHEDULING NOW AVAILABLE

We are excited to announce that photographs for an updated church directory will be taken this fall from September 14 – September 17. Each family will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait. To schedule your photography appointment online, simply follow the steps below.

1. Go to www.ucdir.com and click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side of the page
2. Enter **wi204** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field.
3. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family, please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. Schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.
4. Please contact Kimberly in the church office (information below) if you need help signing up or have any questions.

If you are unable to sign-up online, please call Kimberly in the church office, and she will sign you up.

If you are interested in helping with the church directory by calling families to schedule photography times, signing families up after church services, or by helping with check-in during the photography dates, please contact Kimberly in the church office as soon as possible. (chapman@stjohnsracine.org or (262) 637-7011)

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1-Aug	Connie Bernhardt	17-Aug	Wesley van Sliedrecht
1-Aug	Ashley Gasau	18-Aug	Ann Beckett
2-Aug	Aidan Henslin	18-Aug	Spencer Knoell
2-Aug	Amelia Salinas	19-Aug	Mary Lee Anderson
3-Aug	Brandon Bernal	19-Aug	Valerie Garcia
3-Aug	Benjamin Holewinski	19-Aug	Efrain Gonzalez
3-Aug	Cheri Petkus	20-Aug	Eric Reisdorf
4-Aug	Kathleen Enstrom	20-Aug	John Smith
4-Aug	Robert Pallamolla	21-Aug	Silas Gasau
4-Aug	Wren Paulson	21-Aug	Skylar Lopez
5-Aug	Jennifer Baylon	21-Aug	Jaime Rosso
5-Aug	Kari Rosborough	22-Aug	Emily Heins
5-Aug	Ellie St. Martin	22-Aug	Amalia Morales
6-Aug	Amberlyn Yohn	24-Aug	Douglas Gotch
7-Aug	Bonnie Christensen	25-Aug	Lauren Mandli
7-Aug	Charles Fernandez	25-Aug	Hunter McCluskey
7-Aug	Melanie Knoell	25-Aug	Ricky Polack
7-Aug	Lois Rose	25-Aug	Steven Riegelman
7-Aug	Carol Zanotti	26-Aug	William Jorgensen
7-Aug	Teagen Zimmer	26-Aug	Jeffrey van Sliedrecht
8-Aug	Glenn Blaesing	26-Aug	Jayden Cummings
8-Aug	Melissa Mang	27-Aug	Ryan Christensen
8-Aug	Kenneth Paulick	27-Aug	Jennifer Dyess
9-Aug	Bryson Davis	27-Aug	Kathy Riegelman
10-Aug	Grace Allesxandro	27-Aug	Thomas Riegelman
11-Aug	James Mahnke	27-Aug	Cody Winiarski
11-Aug	Susan Prough	27-Aug	Aaron Block
12-Aug	Roger Lofquist	28-Aug	Randolph Cole
13-Aug	Mike Mohar	28-Aug	Carl Benecke
13-Aug	Chrystal Rosso	29-Aug	Robert Smith
14-Aug	Allen Albright	29-Aug	Lyra Burman
15-Aug	Brendan Naegeli	31-Aug	Mara Widmar
16-Aug	Jelaine Douglas	31-Aug	Henry Gall
16-Aug	Paula Winiarski		



We apologize if we have forgotten anyone.
Please contact the church office at 637-7011 to correct.
Thank You!

FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Here we are in August!!! My prayer is that everyone had some fun, family time, and rest throughout these past months.

Welcome! Join the Senior Choir and Handbell Choir

Positions Open: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass - - no others need apply;

Physical Qualifications: Must be able to carry light musical notes part way across the church. Must be able to see the director;

Experience: No application accepted from persons who have not sung, hummed or whistled in the shower;

Wages: Satisfaction and joy in serving God;

Fringe Benefits: Social Security - - we promise you the security of social fellowship with other members in our choir(s);

Hours: Sunday mornings with occasional opportunities for overtime - - at the above mentioned wages;

Vacation: Summer months;

Retirement: No particular age, but it is generally determined by prayer, printed notes getting too small, notes too high, church too hot (or cold);

Rehearsals: Tuesday evenings - **Handbells 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm** and **Senior Choir 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm;**

Apply: By attending our first rehearsal;

Join the Choir Night - On September 6, 2022, Senior Choir and Handbell Choir will begin the season with a masterclass music workshop led by guest artist Dr. James Kinchen, Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at UW Parkside. What a great way to 'try out' our choirs!

Thank you for your love and support-Sharon Adel (262)822-1338.

"Let us sing the song of faith and proclaim Christ together."

VANCO MOBILE AND ONLINE GIVING

Giving is easier than ever through St. John's through Vanco online or the Vanco Faith mobile app. You can access **Vanco online giving** by going to the St. John's Church and School website; stjohnsracine.org. Under the church heading, click online giving. This page allows you to give to different church funds. You can choose a one-time contribution or set up recurring contributions through this site.

Giving is also available through the **Vanco mobile app**. Vanco, our eGiving provider, has launched an updated mobile app called Vanco Mobile Faith. With Vanco Mobile Faith, you can send a one-time donation or set up recurring gifts.

Downloading the new Vanco Mobile is easy! Head over to the App Store or Google Play to download Vanco Mobile for free.

To give using Vanco Mobile, follow these easy steps:

1. Search for our church by entering St Johns Lutheran. Do not use any punctuation, and it is case sensitive
2. Create a new account or login
3. Select your gift amount, fund, and frequency
4. Enter your payment method and click submit to complete your donation.

Please contact Kimberly in the church office if you have any questions about or need assistance with the Vanco online or mobile app giving. chapman@stjohnsracine.org or (262) 637-7011.

FAMILIES IN NEED FUND

The Families in Need fund is designed to help member families that are struggling financially. This may include help with paying bills, buying groceries, or other needs that may arise. The Stewardship Board along with the pastors at St. John's oversee this program. Donations to this fund are always welcome. If you would like to make a donation to Families in Need, please use the white "Know the Joy of Giving" envelopes in the pew, and mark it, "Families in Need." Thank you!

LIFE THOUGHTS FOR LUTHERANS – AUGUST 2022

Trinity VIII – The relaxing lies our culture prophesies cannot even approach our Lord's promises (Jeremiah 23:16-18). We speak the Gospel of Jesus Christ boldly and gladly (Jeremiah 23:28-29), though it earns us persecution, because He sets great joy before us. In this faith we will sit around His throne with the cloud of witnesses His Word saved. *Lamb of God, You have given me Your people's crown of life; forge in me Your prophets' faith. Amen.*

Trinity IX – Temptations to idolatry exist today as they did in biblical times. The great idol "Death" draws many to its altar. They look to death for rescue from a crisis pregnancy or chronic disease or pain. Death's allure is so great it even tempts Christians to bow before it. But we have a way out of such temptations to faithlessness: "God is faithful" (1 Corinthians 10:1-13). Christ our "Rock" never leaves us (10:4). We can trust in Him. *Rock of our salvation, may Your faithful service to us through Your cross and resurrection move us to be faithful to You. Amen.*

Trinity X – With God's prophets we call the culture around us to turn away from the destruction they are bringing upon themselves (Jeremiah 8:5, 11; Luke 19:43-44). With us they each remain precious to Jesus, who by His visitation in the flesh (Luke 19:44) for forgiveness delivers the Gospel that makes for peace (Luke 19:42) and righteousness (Romans 10:4). *O Lord God, intervene and redeem our people that we may behold and inhabit Your kingdom. Amen.*

Trinity XI – Heaven and earth grieve every life ended by another (Genesis 4:10). Worse yet is believing ourselves any better than murderers (Luke 18:11-14). Lord God regards all as precious as little babies, and His Son's forgiving Word and works of faith rescue from death's mouth when tempted (Genesis 4:7) and from hell's mouth when guilty (Genesis 4:15). *Merciful Father, intervene that we may be saved and safe from death and hell. Amen.*

BOCDS POLICY UPDATE

St. John's Lutheran Families,

Policy 3.12 was advanced at the Board of Christian Day School meeting on Wednesday, July 20. According to Policy 2.03, the policy must be shared with our church and school body. If you have any concerns with the policy change, please contact Miss Pesch (pesch@stjohnsracine.org or 262-633-2758). The policy will be formally approved at the August 10 board meeting.

3.12 Field Trips

Teachers are encouraged to take the students on educational field trips.

Procedures for field trips are as follows:

1. Clear the date and place with the principal.
2. Parents should be notified by the teacher prior to the field trip.
3. Students will be transported by bus for all field trips. **When available, students will be transported by bus for field trips.** The teacher will make the necessary arrangements to reserve a bus prior to the field trip. **There will be situations where a bus is not available to transport students to a field trip. In this situation, a teacher may ask parents to drive the students to the field trip destination. When parents are asked to drive, they will need to complete a Parent Volunteer Screening & Agreement (Student Field Trips) Form. In addition, each family in the class will need to fill out a Field Trip Agreement & Participation form.**
4. Secure sufficient adult supervision.
 - Any parents who chaperone field trips will be responsible for their own admission and/or other expenses.
 - Chaperones are expected to abide by the chaperone policy.
5. Avoid conflicts with school calendar.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As we look ahead to the upcoming school year, we are looking for a few individuals to fill job openings for the 2022-2023 school year. If you are interested or know of anyone interested in the following positions, please have them contact the school office (262-633-2758 or Miss Pesch (pesch@stjohnsracine.org)).

- **Extended Care Supervisor**-The hours would be from 3:45 to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The applicant needs to be at least 18 years old.
- **Substitute teacher**-The applicant would need to have a 4-year college degree.



Looking to Serve? Looking for Wisdom?

*"Is not wisdom found among the aged?
Does not long life bring understanding?"*

Job 12:12

Thank you to all of you who have been so moved to reach out to our shut-ins with cards, phone calls and prayers. Thank you to those who VISIT them! I am sure that you personally understand the Bible passage above. As we come closer to fall, please pray about being a VISITOR! Be that member who sits at the feet of one of our shut-ins. As you share with them the love of God through this church family, you will be blessed by learning from them. You will be blessed in ways you cannot imagine. Please ask God for His guidance in this wonderful service to our elderly. Please look over the list that follows here and consider how God can use you for someone who might just need you; or who YOU just might need. Feel free to email me or call me to help you on your way. Louise Borgardt – (262)-886-4941 or louiseborgardt@gmail.com

SHUT INS

Name	Address	Phone Number
Merle Barta	5321 Douglas Avenue #304, Racine WI 53402	262-898-4000
Ann Beckett	6603 Medley Drive, Racine, WI 53402	
Betty Borgardt	Home Inspired 1201 Village Center Drive, Kenosha, WI 53144	262-859-2500
Leola Christian	5321 Douglas Avenue, Apt. 1324, Racine, WI 53402	262-886-0734
Pat Cole	6551 Mariner Drive, Unit 6, Racine, WI 53406	
Sue Erickson	5101 Wright Ave #215, Racine, WI 53406	262-260-8454
Gary & Shirley Filicetti	4710 N Main St, Racine, WI 53402	262-639-3721
Janet Fisa	Elizabeth Gardens 5111 Wright Avenue, Room 203, Racine, WI 53406	262-234-9859
Marcella Geyer	3139 Conrad Drive, Racine, WI 53404	262-634-8105
Gail Gotch	1916 Wisconsin Avenue, Apt. 359, Racine, WI 53403	262-221-6912
Mimi Hynek	5321 Douglas Avenue, Apt. 1156A, Racine, WI 53402	
Susan Monson	418 Shoreland Drive, Racine, WI 53402	262-639-8490
Kathy Patzman	5404 Idlewood Drive, Racine, WI 53402	
Linda Puchter	1463 28th Ct, Kenosha, WI 53140	262-553-9470
Edna Roberts	5321 Douglas Avenue #1323, Racine, WI 53402	
Marlene Roepke	1201 Kingston Avenue, Racine, WI 53402	
Joanne Ruble	1108 N. Sunnyslope #104, Racine, WI 53406	262-498-3476
John Smith	1636 Raintree Lane, Racine, WI 53406	262-456-0073