

# NEWS FROM ST. JOHN'S

June 2022

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## 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 June, those remembered are Justin (6/1), Boniface of Manz (6/5), Barnabas (6/11), Elisha (6/14), the Nativity of John the Baptist (6/24), Jeremiah (6/26), Cyril of Alexandria (6/27), Irenaeus of Lyons (6/28), as well as St. Peter and St. Paul (6/29).

Justin, who suffered a martyr's death in AD 165, grew up in Judea in a non-Christian home. In his pursuits of better understanding the world through philosophy, it is said that one day an old man told him about Jesus Christ and that the writings of the Old and New Testaments would point him to a Truth no philosopher could offer. Moved by the willingness of the first believers to die for their faith, he also examined closely and wrote about the Early Church worship life. Many of his descriptions line up not only with Luke's words in Acts 2:42-43 but also with our own structured worship services as we follow the hymnal today.

Much of Elisha's life and work can be read about beginning first in I Kings 19:19-21 where he leaves his family and all he knows to follow the prophet Elijah. He witnessed the Lord taking Elijah unto Himself in heaven by way of a whirlwind (II Kings 2:12) and thus received a "double portion" of Elijah's spirit. He went on to perform a number of remarkable miracles including the raising of a young boy who died (II Kings 4:8-37).

Known commonly as "the weeping prophet," Jeremiah was tasked with preparing Judah for the consequences of their idolatry and sin. His life and work can be read about in the Old Testament book that bears his name. He spoke clearly and offered prophetic signs about the difficulty that would soon come upon them by way of Babylonian forces. As he relayed this difficult message to God's people who refused to listen or repent, he also suffered beatings, imprisonment, and the false charge of being a traitor working for the good of Babylon. In spite of the harshness of this period of history, Jeremiah was also able to relay the promise that the Babylonian Captivity

would come to a close and that the Lord would remain with His believing people throughout it all. This offers us one more important reminder that we are cautioned against allowing our circumstances to define our standing before God!

As a closing note, the Lutheran Church recognizes also June 25 as the anniversary of the presentation of the Augsburg Confession. This took place before Emperor Charles V in 1530. Pastor Will Weedon offers these words as a summary of this important event: "A pervasively irenic spirit and a careful and clear statement of doctrine characterize the Augsburg Confession. It aligns the Lutheran Church solidly with the ancient Church's teaching of Scripture and shows that the various abuses corrected in Lutheran territories on the basis of the Word of God were mostly medieval innovations, unknown in the first centuries. To be a Lutheran Christian remains to this day to be a confessor of the Augsburg Confession."

I encourage you to read through the Augsburg Confession at some point this month. It can be found online at <https://bookofconcord.org/augsburg-confession/> or perhaps on your home bookshelf if you have a copy of the Book of Concord!

In Christ,

Pastor Gilbert

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## LWML MITES COLLECTION

The LWML will be collecting mites from now until their convention on June 18. They will be used for both district and international projects. Mites can be given to Lynn Ernst or placed in the LWML mites box in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your support!

## USHERS NEEDED

The Board of Elders is in need of individuals interested in ushering during worship services. Please prayerfully consider helping out in this way. If you would be interested in ushering or have questions, please contact Bob Smith at [smithkabob@wi.rr.com](mailto:smithkabob@wi.rr.com) or Kimberly in the church office at [chapman@stjohnsracine.org](mailto:chapman@stjohnsracine.org); (262) 637-7011. Thank you!

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## FELLOWSHIP FRIDAYS

There are many wonderful people connected to St. John's through our church and school, and soon there will be one more wonderful way to get to know each other! Beginning in June 2022, it is our plan to organize a Fellowship Friday on the third Friday of each month. The event will be held from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. This will begin on Friday, June 17 and for our first time together, pizza will be provided for all who attend.

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 new event! If you know you will be in attendance, especially for June 17, please email Kimberly Chapman ([chapman@stjohnsracine.org](mailto:chapman@stjohnsracine.org)) or Sharon Adel ([adel@stjohnsracine.org](mailto:adel@stjohnsracine.org)).

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## LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTION

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## MAH JONGG SUMMER HOURS

Mah Jongg will change its meeting hours for the summer. They will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 6pm and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 1pm in the school library. New players welcome! Contact Kristine Phillips at (262) 884-4703 if you have any questions.

## NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

You oughta be in pictures....and you will be this fall. In September, Universal Church Directories will be creating a new church directory for St. John's. This has not been done in many years, so we are excited to have the opportunity to do so again. The scheduled photograph dates are September 14-17. Information on scheduling a time will be available starting in July in both the newsletter and bulletin. You will be able to schedule appointments through an online portal, after worship services on designated days, or by calling the church office. Please stay tuned for more details in July!

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## 2022-2023 BOARD MEMBERS

Thank you to all those who had their names on the ballot for our elections on Sunday. Thank you also to those already serving and those whose term is up and have served. We appreciate your willingness to service here at St. John's. Listed below are the 2022-2023 board members.

Chairman: Rod Adel

Vice-Chairman: Dave Sjostrom

Board of Elders: Curt Adel, Tim Beuschel, John Bruening, Rod Darge, Karl Glassen, Dave Messersmith, Clint Olley, Matt Patzke, Bill Pringle, Steven Riegelman, Mark Schaefer, Scott Schweitzer

Board of Trustees: Tim Beier, Tim Busarow, Charlie Fernandez, Philip Kading, Chris Kroupa, Leif Lovdahl, Joe Nelson, Tom Radwill, Ravi Velasquez

Board of Christian Day School: Sarah Block, Matt Borgardt, Randall Borgardt, Joel Grant, Scott Hansing, John Naegeli

Board of Stewardship: Kristina Beier, Emily Cicerale, Tracy Naegeli, Amy Salinas

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1-June	Linda Fox	19-June	Joshua Hlavacek
2-June	Alana Bernal	19-June	Alexander Lofquist
2-June	Andy Block	20-June	Douglas Andersen
3-June	Rod Adel	20-June	Gavin Cuellar
3-June	Kimberly Hoffmann	21-June	Louise Borgardt
4-June	Harold Cole	21-June	Leven Schaefer
5-June	Liam Fernandez	22-June	Bobby Bernal
5-June	Nicholas Naegeli	21-June	Timothy Riegelman
6-June	Emily Cichoski	21-June	Ryan Rosenquist
7-June	Evan Hansing	21-June	Paul Wiesner
7-June	Megan Phillips	23-June	Sofia Lopez
8-June	Allison Rosborough	23-June	Michele Roy
9-June	Isabel Gonzalez	23-June	Elizabeth Spangenberg
9-June	Micah Hasseldahl	24-June	Elizabeth Donaldson
9-June	Judith Matus	24-June	Mike Nelson
10-June	Cheryl Helland	24-June	Kimberly Palenik
11-June	Violet Milaeger	25-June	Lucy Milaeger
12-June	Charles Kading	26-June	Donovan Smith
14-June	Joseph Terselic	27-June	Rolando Morales
15-June	Harper Blint	27-June	Sandra Naegeli
15-June	Faye Boehler	27-June	Daniel Reisdorf
15-June	Finnigan Palenik	27-June	Cara Schielie
16-June	Rachel Duchac	28-June	Thomas Benner
16-June	Ashley Schaefer	28-June	Amela Smith
17-June	Emily Hlavacek	28-June	Aaron Wentzel
18-June	Arthur Preuss	29-June	Janet Fisa
19-June	Brianna Bernal	30-June	Chris Adel
19-June	Daniel Barber	30-June	Benjamin Rosso
		30-June	Lillie Rosso



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

## FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Music is *God's Creation*, an outstanding gift from Him! All of our choirs have given back to the glory of God alone. Our Cherub Choir, Children's Choir, Senior Choir, Handbell Choir, trumpeters, flutist, pianists, and vocalists demonstrated through music, what our Lord came into this world to do for you and I. Thank you choirs and special musicians for the beautiful music you have given freely!

On Tuesday, June 14th, Senior Choir and Handbell Choir and special musicians are invited to come together for our end of season gathering at Reefpoint Brewhouse. I look forward to this time as we celebrate another season of highest musical praise to our Lord.

Join me on Sunday, June 12, 2022 at 1:00 pm for a student piano recital held in the balcony on our beautiful Johannes Seiler grand piano. Refreshments will follow in fellowship hall.

Please join me on Thursday, July 28, 2022 as I will play in the Music and More noon concert series at First Presbyterian Church, 716 College Avenue, Racine. It has been a true pleasure for me to have been a part of the Music and More Concert series for over 20 years and counting. This year I will provide a concert including organ music of J.S. Bach, and Piano music of Chopin. I have invited Kristina Beier and Kimberly Chapman to join me for a selection on piano, flute, and vocal. The concert will begin at 12:00 noon, and is free and open to the public.

There is room to grow in our Handbell and Senior Choirs and I welcome you! Consider joining us for the upcoming choral season beginning in September. Thank you for your love and support-Sharon Adel (262) 822-1338.

*"Music is love in search of a word."*

## 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](http://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 seven easy steps:

1. Search for our church by entering St Johns Lutheran
2. Do not use any punctuation, and it is case sensitive
3. Log in using your GivePlus Mobile user name and password if you have one, otherwise create a new account
4. Select your gift amount, fund, and frequency
5. Enter your payment method
6. Choose whether you want to cover processing fees
7. 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](mailto:chapman@stjohnsracine.org) or (262) 637-7011.

## LIFE THOUGHT FOR LUTHERANS – JUNE 2022

**Pentecost Sunday** – The tower of Babel used God-pleasing technology but not in a way that pleased God (Genesis 11:1-9). The technology to cure disease and to enhance and prolong life is a gift from God. The misuse of this technology, therefore, is an affront to God. The Spirit of Christ enables the believer to discern between what one is able to do and what one ought to do based upon the Word of God. *Almighty God, let Your Spirit fill me through Your Word and Sacraments so that all I say and do may bring Your glory to my neighbors in need. Amen.*

**Trinity Sunday** – God the Father sent His Son because He loves life. God the Son paid the price necessary to redeem life. God the Holy Spirit calls people to faith, giving them new life now and eternally (John 3:1-17). The Holy Trinity is For Life! *Holy Father, Son, and Spirit, make my life reflect Your own and extend it especially to those in the shadow of death. Amen.*

**Trinity I/Fathers Day** – So much does our Father love us that He sends us angels to assist us in our lowest moments (Luke 16:22). Identify those He has surrounded you with and thank them! Then look for the closest Lazarus God has laid at your gate. Brush off the crumbs, shoo away the dogs (16:21), and set him or her a brother's place (16:27-28) at heaven's feast (16:19). *Dear Lord God, make me to find my luxuries in sharing life with Your children. Amen.*

**Trinity II** – Our Savior and our Scriptures do not recognize a functional distinction between physical deficiency and spiritual deficiency. All human beings suffer from a fallen sinfulness that makes us decisively compromised (Luke 14:21-23). And Christ's sacrifice, victory, and companionship call and escort every such one into His heavenly household! *God of compassion and mercy, gather together Your precious ones so that we embrace both You and each other. Amen.*

## WHAT'S YOUR SUMMER SCHEDULE?

Many of us find that with extra daylight hours during the summer we can accomplish a few more things each day. With that in mind, please consider adding our shut-ins to your summer schedule! Could you make a phone call to one of them? Maybe you could drop off a small picnic basket or a bouquet of fresh-picked flowers. Do you need a craft project for your kids? Handmade cards would be so appreciated by these dear members of our church! As we are about to be blessed with long summer days, please pray that God may lead you to find your path to a new summer adventure...by serving within our church family. If you would like some guidance as to how to begin, please feel free to contact me:

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