

NEWS FROM ST. JOHN'S

July 2022

FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

On July 2 we celebrate the Feast of the Visitation of Our Lord (Luke 1:39-45). This is not a commemoration, but a feast day as recognized by the Historic Lectionary. Therefore, in light of the recent supreme court decision overturning Roe v. Wade, I feel it is most timely to remember why this feast day exists and what it teaches. St. Luke records the visit of Mary to Elizabeth when they were both with child. Elizabeth, upon hearing the greeting of Mary experiences a miracle. For the child who would be called John leapt in her womb. This passage shows us many things, but most importantly we are reminded of the value of human life and the reality that even the unborn can have faith. First, I think it is important to understand why the story of Jesus does not begin at his Nativity. It begins at the Annunciation, with the message of the Angel Gabriel. The same is true for John, and it shows us when human life begins.

"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made (Ps. 139:13-14a)."

We are known by God at conception; that miraculous act of God wherein a new life is created. We are not God; we cannot choose to create life, nor can we choose to end life. The idea that human beings can be 'like God' is a lie which originated from the deceiver in the Garden of Eden. It is in our sinful nature to desire control over our own generativity. We must always be careful when making decisions that relate to procreation for precisely that reason. But the depraved manifestation of human pride has been the legalization of abortion at the altar of 'choice' for the past 50 years. Over 60 million children who were knit in the womb of their mothers have been killed. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy. There is no way to fathom such an atrocity. But thanks be to God, it seems the tides are turning. This past month on June 24, 2022 the U.S. Supreme Court officially reversed Roe v. Wade, declaring that the so-called 'constitutional right to abortion' no longer exists. This

does not end abortion in our land, but it is a giant step in the right direction.

The scriptures are clear regarding the innate value of human life at conception. And where human life exists, so can faith. John (the Baptist) had faith before he exited the womb of his mother, Elizabeth. For what is faith but the joyful response of the human being to the presence of God? This passage is also one of the places we look when discussing the practice of infant baptism; for babies indeed can have faith and therefore should be baptized. It is clear that life begins at conception and for those who have faith continues into eternity. Procreation and parenthood are amazing gifts of God that every Christian should both cherish and support. Mary brought forth the savior of the world through childbearing! This is reason enough to continue to protect, support, and rejoice in the great gift of human life.

"Praise, all you people, the name so holy Of Him who does such wonderful things! All that has being, to praise Him solely, With happy heart its amen sings. Children of God, with angel host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia, alleluia! (LSB 797:5)

Pastor Joshua DeYoung

OFFICIAL ACTS

Baptisms:

Ryleigh Virginia Wiesner	6/11/2022
John Martin Athanasius DeYoung	6/12/2022
Grayson Thomas Burman	6/18/2022
Lyra Gabrielle Burman	6/18/2022
Benson Allen Burman	6/18/2022
Morgan Mae Burman	6/18/2022



THE BUGENHAGEN CONFERENCE

Please consider volunteering to help out with the Bugenhagen Conference again this year! The conference will be held here at St. John's from July 25-27. Pastor Rolf Preus will be offering a keynote address on Tuesday, July 26 and will also preach at the Vespers service that evening at 5:00 pm. President Harrison is also scheduled to preach for the Matins service that morning at 8:30 am. At this time, there are over 100 pastors signed up and planning to attend with more anticipated to register in the next couple of weeks. This is something many members of St. John's have helped with and more will be appreciated this year! Sign up sheets can be found outside the pastors' offices and in the narthex.

FELLOWSHIP FRIDAYS

We had a great turnout for the first Fellowship Friday! Thanks to all those that attended. A fun time was had by all! There are many wonderful people connected to St. John's through our church and school, and this is another great way to get to know them! Fellowship Fridays will continue Friday, July 15. The event will be held from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Pastor DeYoung will be making tacos!

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 July 15, please email Kimberly Chapman (chapman@stjohnsracine.org) or Sharon Adel (adel@stjohnsracine.org).

FATHERS

Our society has forsaken fathers and our families are paying the price. Wives and children need men to be the fathers God created them to be: the spiritual head of the family. Dads, lead your family in the ways of the Lord. Attend worship with your children. Sing hymns with them. Show them how to participate in the Liturgy and do it with them. Make the sign of the cross with them in Divine Service and at home. Teach them the catechism. Lead them in prayer. They need you. Even if you are divorced or never were married. You are more than a child support check. Don't let the drama, the devil, and the world keep you from your children.

Submitted by Peter Glassen

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 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)

NEW HOME NEEDED

A new home is needed for a Wurlitzer upright piano. The piano is free, but the new owner would need to move it. The Wurlitzer is in great shape but would need a tuning as it has not been done in many years. If you would like to see pictures, please contact the church office. For more information about the piano, please contact Kristin Chiappetta at kristinchiappetta@yahoo.com or (262) 880-9086.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1-July	Lily Rossman	16-July	Stephanie Ehlers
2-July	Allan Storm	16-July	Cindy Konecny
3-July	Steven Rosborough	16-July	Rebecca Krewal
4-July	Michael Heusdens	18-July	Doreen Sollman
5-July	Edna Roberts	19-July	Alyssa Lopez
6-July	James Culotta	19-July	Cheryl Witek
6-July	Joel Grant	20-July	Douglas Cole
6-July	Karon Morse	20-July	Karl Glassen
6-July	Kassidy Widmar	20-July	Logan Liebenow
7-July	Austin Blaesing	20-July	Lincoln Spranger
7-July	Christian Olley	21-July	Sarah Seils
7-July	Audrey Schielie	22-July	Josiah Hasseldahl
9-July	Dede Albright	23-July	Isaiah Davis
9-July	Anna Zanotti	24-July	Judy Schweitzer
10-July	Lauren Chiappetta	28-July	Tenley Beier
10-July	Landon Spranger	28-July	Kyle Marweg
11-July	Tracy Houdek	28-July	Clint Olley
12-July	Joshua DeYoung	28-July	Davis Sjostrom
14-July	Amanda Chaudoir	29-July	Liam Grant
13-July	Diana Meier	30-July	Amy Lesnjak
15-July	Reid Palenik	31-July	Colin Allexsandro
15-July	Hayden Schneider	31-July	Kaitlyn DeYoung
15-July	Joyce Weber	31-July	Kathleen Karpinsky
16-July	Randall Borgardt	31-July	John Naegeli



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

2022-2023 WHO IS MY ELDER?

Last Name Begins With	Your Elder Is
A - Ben	Steven Riegelman
Ber - Cha	John Bruening
Chi - Don	Karl Glassen
Dou - Gea	Tim Beuschel
Gey - Hou	Rod Darge
Hug - Les	Clint Olley
Lie - Met	Matt Patzke
Mia - Oll	Scott Schweitzer
Pal - Reim	Mark Schaefer
Reis - Schae	Dave Messersmith
Schal - Sor	Bill Pringle
Sp - Z	Curt Adel

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)).

- **Kindergarten through 4th grade P.E. teacher**-The position would be for 5 hours, and the applicant would need a 4-year college degree.
- **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.

FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Dear Handbell and Senior Choir Members: Our end of season gathering on June 14, 2022 was wonderful and enjoyed having those that were able to attend. I wish to thank you all for the most beautiful card and monetary gift!! I have been looking for and planning on purchasing a gooseneck piano light for our grand piano. Your generous gift will go directly towards this purchase! The remainder of your gift will go towards handbell and choral music!

At this time, I am working on bringing in a music technician to kick off our handbell/choral season with a special *musical workshop*. Keep an eye on your email and/or our monthly newsletter for more information.

Save the Date: **Thursday, July 28th, 12:00 Noon**. Join me at Music and More Concert, First Presbyterian Church, 716 College Avenue, Racine. I will perform on the beautiful three manual Johnson Kolbe Organ - year built 1866 and restored in 2008. Joining me for piano, vocal, flute music is Kristina Beier and Kimberly Chapman. The concert is free and open to the public. - Sharon Adel 🎵

*The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.
Psalm 118:14*

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.

LIFE THOUGHTS FOR LUTHERANS –

JULY 2022

Trinity III – God's love and Christ's forgiveness come to us and carry us. Afraid and unable on our own, His words and ways bear us home every time to rejoicing (Luke 15:1-10). Let us seek with Him to rescue His little ones, no matter where they've wandered or how they're wounded (1 Timothy 1:12-17), that we may celebrate together. *Holy Father, accompany me with Your grace through this collapsing world that no more may be lost. Amen.*

Trinity IV – Whether it be the evils of abortion or the assaults on biblical marriage, it becomes easier to attack people rather than confront the evil. We end up fighting evil with evil. But the way of Christ is different. "Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them" (Romans 12:14). "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" (12:21). *Jesus, help us boldly confront evil and compassionately deal with those caught up in it. Amen.*

Trinity V – Sacrificing relatives or slaughtering rivals—either for their own good or for ours—results in no righteousness. God has chosen those we are tempted to treat as disposable for demonstrating the depths of His blessings (1 Corinthians 1:26-30). Patiently awaiting His salvation as humble companions reaps the great reward. *Lamb of God, gather me in together with all Your little ones. Amen.*

Trinity VI – The death Jesus died, He died "once for all" (Romans 6:10). He purchased "all." Thus, He gives value to "all." Every person we encounter, no matter their size or location or condition of health, is someone for whom Jesus died. Our responsibility is to acknowledge their value and lead them to see its true source. *Loving Savior, reflect Your self-giving mercy and devotion in us. Amen.*

Trinity VII – Jesus declares and demonstrates compassion even for those who cannot feed themselves or walk on their own (Mark 8:1-3). He who breathes life into each human body (Genesis 2:7) also provides everything necessary to survive (Mark 8:8) and promises all the abundance of Eden's paradise in the gift of eternal life (Romans 6:23). And He mercifully involves us in this miraculous ministry (Mark 8:5-8)! *Almighty Maker, show through us the life-giving compassion You have shown to us. Amen.*

CARING FOR OUR SHUT-INS THIS JULY

How many times do we truly understand the 4th of July, from a Christian perspective? Do we thank God for our freedoms here in America? Do we thank God for the freedom He has given us through His Son, Jesus Christ? Do we search the scriptures in that regard? Like: Psalm 33:12, Psalm 118:5, Psalm 119:45, John 8:36, Romans 8:15, 2 Corinthians 3:17, Galatians 5:1, Philippians 3:20...or,

“For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love, SERVE ONE ANOTHER.” - Galatians 5:13

Please consider serving our Shut-Ins with a call, a visit, a card, or a prayer. If you would like some direction on how to begin this ***service of love***, please feel free to email Louise Borgardt at: louiseborgardt@gmail.com. Otherwise, please look over the list that follows here and ask God to show you who might just need you!

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	
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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	
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Marlene Roepke	1201 Kingston Avenue, Racine, WI 53402	
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