

NEWS FROM ST. JOHN'S

JUNE 2024

FROM THE PASTOR

One of the questions that comes up from time to time is with regards to liturgical colors. The colors on the paraments (altar frontal, pulpit & lectern falls, and the pastor's vestments) are the most obvious variable visual element in the church. It is natural, therefore, that people would wonder what the differences mean.

It should be noted that, as with most things, local practice varies from one congregation to another. Traditionally, the liturgical colors are white, red, green, violet, and black. Here at St. John's, we utilize a gold embroidered violet during the season of Advent to differentiate it from Lent and in anticipation of the birth of our King. Other congregations use blue during Advent which is likewise appropriate as it is the traditional color for the Virgin Mary. Some congregations use gold paraments for Christmas Day and Easter morning to emphasize the celebratory character of the days. As for the other colors this is their significance as derived from the general rubrics of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod:

White: Color of the Godhead, eternity, robe of the glorified Christ and the Angels, perfection, joy, purity. Most commonly used during the Christmas and Easter seasons, All Saints', and all other Festivals of Christ (i.e., Presentation, Annunciation, Visitation, and Transfiguration).

Red: Color of fire, fervor, blood, martyrdom, love, victorious truth of Christian teaching based on the blood and righteousness of Christ. Most commonly used for Pentecost and Reformation and also any commemoration of the death of a Martyr.

Green: Color of abiding life, nourishment, rest; dominant color in nature. Used during the Trinity season which, corresponding to green's dominance in nature, is the majority of the church year. The best way to understand the use of green is with the Easter lily – it blooms once and very soon fades and falls leaving the green which sustains the plant until its next bloom. The Trinity season is focused primarily on the teaching of Jesus which is our guide throughout our lives and as we prepare for the life to come.

Violet: Color of royal mourning and repentance. Used during Advent and Lent as the church's main penitential seasons.

Black: Absence of color, symbolical of death. Used only on Good Friday to remind us that our Lord Jesus died for our sins.

As your Pastor I hope this short article and guide was helpful for you and perhaps cleared up some questions you may have had regarding liturgical colors. If you ever have any questions, please feel free to ask either of us! We are most happy to talk with you.

In Christ,
Pastor DeYoung

OFFICIAL ACTS

Baptisms:

Cayden Tyler Mickelsen	4/28/2024
Taylor Johnson	5/17/2024
Jackson Carter Williams-Cannon	5/17/2024
Ana Marie Douglas	5/21/2024
Finley Patrick Douglas	5/21/2024

Confirmations:

Jason Douglas	5/19/2024
Taylor Johnson	5/19/2024

Funeral:

Dean Bornofska	5/16/2024
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SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Our summer worship schedule began on Sunday, May 26. There will be one service on Sundays at 9am with Bible study to follow at 10am. The Wednesday following will mirror the Sunday service. This schedule will run through Labor Day weekend.

SERMONS ON YOUTUBE

The updated video equipment is working well, and it has brought about an ability to stream live content through YouTube. The easiest way to be able to watch the sermons live is to subscribe to the channel and turn the notifications on. Our channel can be found by searching "St. John's Lutheran Church and School Racine, WI." Every time a live video is being broadcast, you will get an update and will be able to watch it. The sermons are also archived on the channel, but are now accessible through the tab that says "Live" rather than the "Videos" tab. Also, it is planned to offer some more musical pieces as we go forward!

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 Kimberly in the church office at chapman@stjohnsracine.org; (262) 637-7011. Thank you!

FELLOWSHIP FRIDAY – THANK YOU SUPPER

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 136:1

Come join us on Friday, June 21st from 5:30-7:30pm for the Stewardship Thank You Supper, which will be held during Fellowship Friday. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this event!! The Thank You Supper is a way for us to thank you (Yes, YOU!!) for everything that you do here at St. John's Lutheran Church and School. The main menu item is pizza with salads and cake for dessert.

Please come as individuals or families, and if you do, please bring a side, dessert, or drink to share. We look forward to getting together again! 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 each month! If you will be in attendance on June 21, please email Kimberly Chapman (chapman@stjohnsracine.org) or Sharon Adel (adel@stjohnsracine.org).



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We look forward to holding A Mighty Fortress VBS this year from June 23-26 for any students going into PK3-4th Grade! It will be held in the morning with an opening event and first day following the 9:00 am service on Sunday, June 23. The other days will go from 9-11:30pm. The final day will include an encouragement for all attendees to rejoin us that evening to sing together as a group at the start of the 6:00pm service on Wednesday, June 26.

We still have volunteer positions that need to be filled. We need 4-5 high school students or adults that can help out during VBS hours. No planning or prep work needed! Please prayerfully consider these needs and contact Kimberly in the church office 637-7011 or chapman@stjohnsracine.org if you are able to serve. We appreciate your willingness to serve in this way!

2024-2025 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 2024-2025 board members.

Chairman: Rod Adel

Vice-Chairman: Dave Sjostrom

Board of Elders: Curt Adel, Tim Beuschel, John Bruening, Jim Day, Joel Grant, Dave Messersmith, Clint Olley, Matt Patzke, Steven Riegelman, Scott Schweitzer, Michael Terselic

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

Board of Christian Day School: Matt Borgardt, Charlotte Fernandez, Carla Hammermann, Scott Hansing, Susan Pierce-Ruhland, Dan Widmar

Board of Stewardship: Kristina Beier, Anita Grant, Amy Salinas, Diane Schweitzer

2024-2025 WHO IS MY ELDER?

Last Name Begins With	Your Elder Is
A - Ben	Steven Riegelman
Ber - Cha	John Bruening
Chi - Don	Jim Day
Dou - Gea	Tim Beuschel
Gey - Hou	Michael Terselic
Hug - Les	Clint Olley
Lie - Met	Matt Patzke
Mia - Oll	Scott Schweitzer
Pal - Reim	
Reis - Schae	Dave Messersmith
Schal - Sor	Joel Grant
Sp - Z	Curt Adel

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Now is the time to rest and refresh over the summer months. A time to spend with family and friends and do some traveling. Thank you Choirs and all talented musicians for your dedication to this past season. Your music was 'joy-filled' and appreciated.

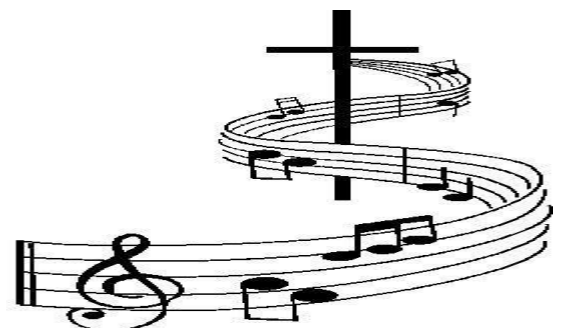
Student Piano Recital: Sunday, June 9, 2024 at 1:00 pm Join us!

Music and More Concert Series: Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 12:00 pm - First Presbyterian Church, Racine. Admission is FREE! I am joined by Kristina Beier, and Kimberly Chapman. You will hear music by Malotte, Weber, Bloch, only to name a few. The *Concert Series* offers noon concerts from June 6th through August 8th. For a complete concert schedule follow the website <https://firstpresracine.org/music-more/>. I look forward to seeing you at our concert!

Choral Kickoff evening: Tuesday, September 3, 2024. Music is an important part of our worship and praise to God here at St. John's Lutheran Church. Have you been thinking about joining our Senior Choir or Handbell Choir? Over the summer months, consider it! If you have any specific questions, you can contact me at any time.

God's Blessings to you! Your Sister in Christ,
Sharon Adel (262) 822-1338

The true beauty of music is that it connects people.



NEWS FROM OUR SEMINARIAN

Dear Saints of St. John's,

Greetings in Christ! I trust this note finds you all well. It is hard to believe that I am nearly done with the second year of seminary already. The time has gone by quickly, but my family and I are excited for vicarage to begin. We received our vicarage assignment just over a week ago on April 23rd. We will be going to Trinity Lutheran Church in Hampton, Iowa. It seems like a great church, and I am looking forward to experiencing a year of purely practical experience, getting the feel of what daily life serving a church is like. We begin in August, which should give us plenty of time to pack up and rest before we move. Continue to keep us in your prayers as we prepare!

Abby and Oliver are doing well. Lately, Abby has been enjoying making homemade sourdough bread with her own starter; it is delicious. Oliver is happy that spring is here so he can go outside and play throughout the day.

As always, thank you for your continual support and prayers. Without the help of churches like you, seminary would not be possible. It is a reminder that my time studying at the seminary is not my own but is owed to the church of God that has helped me more than I deserve.

Sincerely,
Jacob Stefanec



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School is out for the summer! As of May 24, 2024, we have said goodbye and congratulations to our 8th grade graduates, and we now keep them in our prayers as they continue onto the next step of their education. May also brought field trip season, as students ventured out to museums, farms, nature centers, and zoos to get some hands-on learning before school let out. Chicks were chirping in the 3rd grade classroom, and caterpillars turned to butterflies in front of our 1st graders. It was an exciting and full month, and now our students and teachers get a welcome break before gearing up for next school year. God's blessings on your summer, Cougars!

In Christ,
Ms. Heins

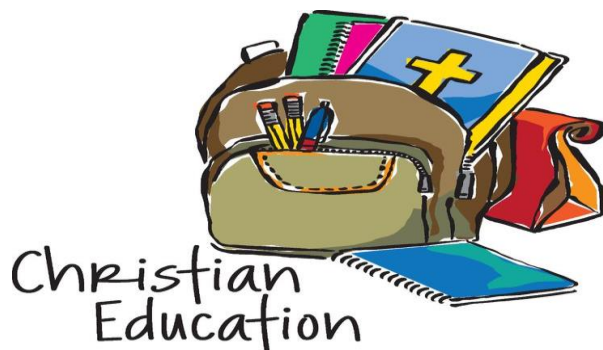
JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

Part-time Positions:

There are several part-time positions we are looking to fill for the 2024-2025 school year. If you are interested in any of these positions or have any questions, please contact Ms. Heins.

2024-2025 open positions:

- Teacher aides (2 positions available)
- Lunch Room assistants (2 positions available)
- Extended Care afternoon assistant (3:30-5:30)



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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



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

VANCO MOBILE AND ONLINE GIVING

Giving is easier than ever through St. John's 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. Downloading the new Vanco Mobile is easy! Head over to the App Store or Google Play to download Vanco Mobile for free.

To use 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.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER – JUNE 2024

June 2 – Trinity 1

Luke 16:19 – “**There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.**” Compared with most of human history, and even most of the world today, we have been abundantly blessed with riches in our time and place. The parable today indicates that God calls us to use this blessing according to His wisdom and priorities and not merely for our own comfort. We’ve been called to imitate God in His kindness and generosity, especially towards those in need.

June 9 – Trinity 2

Luke 14:19 – “**And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.’**”

The things of this world tempt us to cast aside the things of God. The things of this world demand our attention, time, finances, etc. But Jesus invites us to the feast — what could be more important than this gracious invitation? Today’s parable invites us to examine our own priorities and attempted excuses ... and then to come home to the Lord in humble repentance.

June 16 – Trinity 3

Luke 15:5 – “**And when he has found [the sheep], he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.**” The Lord Jesus came to seek and save what was lost. He came to put us back in the family of the Father, to restore us to the kingdom of God. We are now new creatures in Christ Jesus. When we were claimed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism, we receive new desires, new priorities and a new zeal for the things of God. We have been found — let our lives reflect this fact!

June 23 – Trinity 4

Luke 6:40 – “**A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.**”

This statement is the key to understanding all of sanctification (how we are made holy): It starts with Jesus. He has redeemed us by His sacrifice on the cross, and now we are to follow Him. We are to grow into the image of God, to be like our Teacher, Lord, and King Jesus. We learn generosity from the one who gave His all for our sake. How is the Lord calling you to imitate His generosity in your callings in home, church and society?

June 30 – Trinity 5

Luke 5:5 – “**And Simon answered, ‘Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.’**” Here Peter’s words express both exasperation and trust. He’s tired. He tried his best and failed. But he is still ready to trust the Lord’s Word and act on it. Our stewardship is also a matter of trusting the Lord’s Word ... and acting on it.

LIFE THOUGHTS FOR LUTHERANS – JUNE 2024

Trinity I – 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.*

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.*

CAN YOU SPARE A FEW MINUTES AS YOUR SUMMER SCHEDULE GETS LONGER?

Our Shut-Ins could use Your Sunshine!

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 from your yard? Do you need a craft project with 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 would lead you to find your path to a new summer adventure by serving within our church family. If you would like some guidance on how to begin, please feel free to contact me:

Louise Borgardt

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262-886-4941

SHUT INS

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