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From Pastor's Pen:

"What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you – guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in you." (2 Tim. 1:13-14)

Dear friends in Christ,

This month will mark the thirty-fifth anniversary of my ordination into the public ministry. Over those years I have experienced many changes. I am no longer that barely twenty-five year old kid who was described by one member of his congregation as being younger than her shoes. I am now sixty – officially old. In addition to the many changes in my personal life, over time the sweet charm of my naiveté has given way to something else. I pray it has been replaced by the reassuring wisdom of a mature pastor. If as many will agree it has not risen to the level of wisdom, at least give me credit for experience. I have spent many years doing my best to counsel the people I care about through their troubles. I have sat at bedsides and held the hands of the people I love as they passed through death to eternal life. I have preached thousands of sermons and taught many hundreds of Bible studies [not that this has made them any better]. In short, I have been changed and have seen things change around me.

Some of the changes I have experienced have been a blessing and others have been a burden. Some of the changes I have witnessed over my thirty-five years in the ministry do trouble me. I have seen the Lord's Church suffer tremendous loss in its vitality and faithfulness. The parents who once considered the catechetical instruction of their children to be of utmost importance now challenge the need for such instruction. The children who once memorized large portions of scripture are unable, or unwilling, to memorize any of it. The Sunday school that was once the experience of every child is no longer part of the majority of our children's lives. The worship attendance, gospel witness, and participation of members have waned. The worldview and life choices of so many who hold membership in our congregation are becoming ever more incongruent with the Christian faith they confess. More and more people seem to be conforming to the pattern of this world.

I do not write these things to disquiet or disturb you, nor do I wish to be a doomsday preacher like Jeremiah to whom no one paid any attention. I offer this reflection and observation in order to challenge all of you to remain faithful and do your part to put an end to the spiritual erosion I have described. With St. Paul to Timothy I encourage you to keep what you have heard from me as the pattern of sound teaching with faith and love in Christ. I urge you to guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you; guard it for yourselves, your children, and your children's children. Guard God's Word, your faith and your new life in

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Christ with the full assurance that through Baptism you have received the Holy Spirit who now lives in you to give you the will and power to do what is pleasing to God.

I invite you to join me in moving forward in the knowledge that all of your sins of former decades are forgiven for Jesus' sake. The Lord will guard what He has entrusted to you. As I pray for you and for your protection in the faith, I ask you to pray for me and for the Lord's Church so that I may guard what has been entrusted to me at my ordination. Pray that I will administer it to you faithfully for your good and God's glory.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Umberger

Vicar's View

Why the Trinity?

*"Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.*

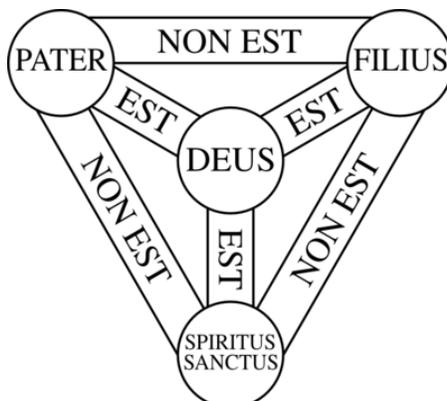
*And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity,
neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance."*

What you see above is the opening lines to the Athanasian creed. This creed, though very long, is hugely important in the life of the Christian. This creed was composed in response to the teachings of Arius (remember him, who St. Nicholas punched/slapped?) who confessed that Jesus was not fully God, which is a *Trinitarian Heresy, an incorrect teaching about the Holy Trinity. Trinitarian heresies, of which there are many, always end up leading people astray, because they always lead to people believing something erroneous about God. Sometimes, they end up with people believing that Jesus is either not divine at all, or only partially divine. Such is the case with Islam (which originally started as a Christian heresy) where Jesus is a great prophet, but not divine, because (according to Islam) God has no need for a son.*

Why does any of this matter? When the Trinity is knocked "out of whack," your salvation becomes at risk. If Jesus is not both fully man and fully God, how can his death pay for the sins of one person, let alone all of the world? See what I mean? Confessing the Trinity, in its entirety and fullness, is of utmost importance for the church.

In the Trinity,

Vicar Lackey



Serving the Lord This Month:

Ushers

Sat, June 4: Chuck Brokaw, Todd Miller, Rick Newlon, & Larry Ripka
Sun, June 5: Esther Cashion
Sat, June 11: Chuck Brokaw, Todd Miller, Rick Newlon, & Larry Ripka
Sun, June 12: Esther Cashion
Sat, June 18: Chuck Brokaw, Todd Miller, Rick Newlon, & Larry Ripka
Sun, June 19: Esther Cashion
Sat, June 25: Chuck Brokaw, Todd Miller, Rick Newlon, & Larry Ripka
Sun, June 26: Esther Cashion

Greeters

Sat, June 4: Darlene Dopson & Gail Massey
Sun, June 5: Cris Braddy, Flo Moore, Margie Schaefer
Sat, June 11: Dennis & Lois Kelly
Sun, June 12: Kay Iwen & Sandy Young
Sat, June 18: LouAnn DeRammelaere & Gail Massey
Sun, June 19: Nancy Cartwright & Sandra Young
Sat, June 25: Dennis & Lois Kelly
Sun, June 26: Nancy Cartwright & Diana Lackey

Acolytes

Sun, June 5: TBA
Sun, June 12: TBA
Sun, June 19: TBA
Sun, June 26: TBA



Communion Assistants

Sun, June 5: Brian Kern
Sun, June 19: Ed Wachs

thank you

Altar Guild

Eternal Candle

June 5: Gail Massey, in honor of Mark's birthday
June 12: Evan & Dawn Antolik, in honor of Kristen's and Easton's birthdays.
June 19: OPEN
June 26: OPEN



Flowers

June 5: Vicar and Molly Lackey, in honor of their 3rd Wedding Anniversary
June 12: Karen Schmidt for Glory to God
June 19: Jim & Carrie Homann, in honor of their Anniversary.
June 26: Don & Wanda Cass, in honor of their 70th Anniversary.



Church News

Birthdays



June 1 - Chad Biar, Tyler Lack, & Judy Murphy

June 2 - Orene Antolik

June 4 - Howard Williams

June 5 - Rod Hopkins

June 6 - Carl McGee

June 7 - Chris Brand, Alice Gingry & Valerie McDonald

June 8 - Rhea Oakes

June 9 - Bali Guerrero, Jim Homann, Bentley Orton & Jennifer Palar

June 11 - Brian Busch, Joel Duffy & Owen Mattly

June 13 - Evelyn Weakley & Nicole Wilson

June 14 - Kristen Antolik & Karson Kruger

June 16 - Michele Davis, Rachel Kjera, & Adam McMillin

June 18 - Easton Antolik, Molly Rogers, Monica Scheer, Jason Thurman, & Lora Vallee

June 19 - Samuel Bowman, Sylvia Fauser & Samuel Nelson

June 20 - Hailey Ekin

June 21 - Carrie Homann, Justin Koenig, Jonathan Schmidt, & Gregory Streeter

June 23 - Richard Dobbeleare, Tony Frankowski & Kevin Verschoore

June 24 - Ronald Wilson

June 25 - Matt Hawkins, Peg Heitzman, Lucille Johnson, Chase Sellers & Laura Streight

June 27 - Derek Duffy

June 28 - Tim Chellew & Melinda Loete

June 29 - Grant Belzer, Chuck Brokaw, Murphy Hill, & Gunter Terronez

Weekly Attendance & Offerings

DATE	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
4/24/22	128	138
5/01/22	151	205
5/08/22	144	126
5/15/22	136	127

Simply Giving May 2022:

Average monthly attendance of St. John's membership: 22%

Membership Report

Deaths:

Marilyn Kupresin (5/6/22)

Wanda Dobrinske (5/9/22)

Church News

LWML

Tour Moline Pregnancy Resources facility

On June 23rd the LWML and anyone interested in learning about this organization will be touring and learning about the programs offered at the Moline Pregnancy Resources at 3825 16th Street. We will meet at church at 6:15 p.m. and leave at 6:30. If you would like to meet us at the Center please arrive by 6:45 p.m.

For the month of June we will be collecting items to donate to Pregnancy Resources.

Look for the box in the concourse.

Diapers:

size 4 and 5 only.

New items:

Pajamas and clothing size 18 months to 3T, especially boys clothes.

New items for newborns:

pacifiers, teething rings, bottles

Gently used items need to be complete and in good working condition:

High chairs and pack 'n plays, clothing newborn to 3T and maternity clothes all sizes especially large ones



FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED

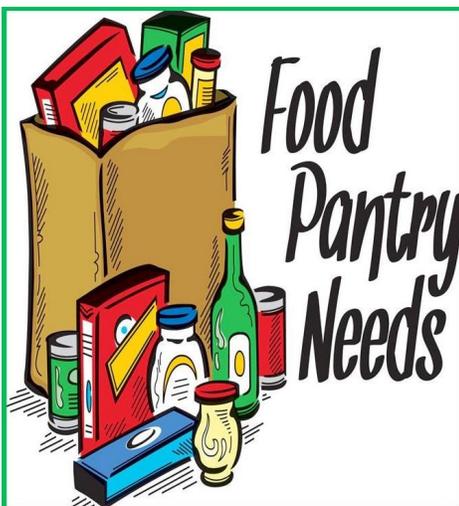
The food pantry has never been in the church budget. We have always been sustained by donations from individuals, a few businesses, and the golf outing. Like all grocery bills, the food pantry's costs have also risen significantly. The

monthly food pantry bill averages \$800, which serves approximately 55 households per month.

There are 2 ways you can help:

- 1) On your offering envelope, you can designate an amount to go to the food pantry.
- 2) By participating in Birdies for Charity– see page 6. (Please note, we will not receive the monies from Birdies until October.)

Thank you for your support in this mission!



Church News



Time to register your support for
ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY #644
and enter to win a 2-year lease on
a 2022 LEXUS RX350!!

TWO WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY

#1 PAPER REGISTRATION AND CHECK

Pick up a registration form on the library counter and follow the directions under "Here's How it Works"

Fill out the registration form designating St. John's Lutheran Church (Bird Number 644) as your charity. All pledges received between now and July 1 will be recorded for your designated charity.

To enter the contest to win the 2-year lease on the Lexus, guess the number of birdies that will be made by the PGA Tour Pros during the tournament. All guesses must be on an official pledge card and received at the tournament by June 10, 2022.

Mail your registration form and check (written to Quad Cities Golf Classic Charitable Foundation/Birdies for Charity) to

Birdies for Charity, 15623 Coaltown Rd, East Moline, IL 61244

#2 ONLINE REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

Go to www.birdiesforcharity.com/donate

Under "Your Charities" enter #644 and select St. John's Lutheran Church.

Follow the remaining prompts to finish your support and birdies guesses.



Youth News

Vacation Bible School

VBS is scheduled for **June 13-17, from 9-11:30am.**

If you haven't already signed up, hurry and do so! Registration forms are on the library counter. Fill out one per child and put it in the treasure chest.

Lets Dive Into the Ten Commandments!

The Board of Youth and Family are still in need of volunteers for VBS. Please see Cris Braddy if you have any time to share!



Camp Cilca

School's out for summer! Not sure what to do with all this free time? Consider summer camp! The Central Illinois Lutheran Camp Association (CILCA) sits on 225 acres of woodland and open fields just north of Springfield, Ill., within an easy drive of the popular Lincoln sites in Springfield and historic New Salem. It offers a summer program of week-long camps and outdoor experiences for students of all ages and abilities; Outdoor Education programs for area students; and camping of many kinds for individuals, families and groups. Rustic and all-weather sleeping cabins, campsites for tents, trailers, RV's and pop-ups, swimming lake with beach, athletic fields, Challenge Course, and indoor and outdoor chapel spaces are among the camp's features. See page 8 for the full summer schedule.

*Bonus: Our very own Adam Homann is a camp counselor this summer!



For I know the
Plans
 I have for you,
 declares the *Lord*
 Plans to *Prosper* you
 and not to harm you
 Plans to give you
Hope and a *Future*
 -Jeremiah 29:11

Congratulations Class of 2022!

Noah Cobb– Moline High School
Adam Homann– Valley View Christian Homeschool
Rylee Sherwood– United Township High School
Ethan Sountris– Moline High School

SUMMER PROGRAMS 2022

The Central Illinois Lutheran Camp Association (CILCA) exists to foster and strengthen faith in Jesus Christ and fellowship with others in a unique outdoor setting. CILCA strives to reconnect Christians to Christ and Creation.

GENERATIONS

Campers age 4 thru 4th grade are introduced to camp with a 1-night stay with a parent or other adult. \$65*

Session I : June 10-11
 Session II: July 1-2
 *per person

PATHFINDERS

1st- thru 4th-grade campers break out on their own with a 2- or 3-night stay.

\$150/*\$175
 Session I: June 1-3
 Session II: July 5-8*
 Session III: July 14-16

BOLD SPIRITS

4th- thru 6th-grade campers experience 5 nights of Camp CILCA. \$325

Session: June 12-17

DAUNTLESS SOULS

6th- thru 8th-grade campers gather for a screen-free week of life-changing outdoor adventure. \$325

Session I: June 19-24
 Session II: July 17-22

ART & DRAMA WEEK

5th- thru 8th-grade campers choose one track-Art or Drama-for the week & are led by experienced instructors. \$350

Session: July 17-22

AQUA WEEK

4th- thru 6th-grade water-loving campers will enjoy a full week of water-based activities. \$350

Session: June 26-July 1

JOYFUL HEARTS

Campers of all ages with developmental disabilities experience the joys of the outdoors during a 4- or 2-night stay. \$350/*\$175

Full Week: June 5-9
 Half Week: June 5-7* or 7-9*

ATHLETICS WEEK

5th- thru 8th-grade campers focus on a new sport every day: soccer, volleyball, track & more! \$350

Session: June 12-17

NIGHT OWL

6th- thru 8th-graders experience camp while staying up all night and sleeping all day. Enough said! \$350

Session: June 19-24

INTREPID HEARTS

High-School students enjoy the rejuvenation of God's creation in a laid-back week before school starts. \$325

Session: July 24-29

new

ACT LIKE MEN CAMP

Men who have completed high school can explore new skills, test their strength, make new friends, and learn what it means to be a man of God.

\$150
 Session: July 31- August 5

REGISTER TODAY!

To find in-depth details on each camp & register* visit:

WWW.CILCA.ORG

*\$75 deposit due at time of registration

Church Calendar

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00a TOPS 6:30p Bible Study	2 All Boards Meet in Prep for Parish Planning Board Meetings 6:30p	3	4 5:00p Worship w/ Communion
5 9:00a Worship w/ Communion 10:15a Bible Study / Sunday School	6 9:00a Morning Prayer 1:00p Staff Mtg. 6:30p Men's Reunion	7 10:00a Food Pantry 6:30p Guitar Jam	8 9:00a TOPS 6:30p Bible Study	9 6:30p Parish Planning Council	10	11 5:00p Worship
12 9:00a Worship 10:30a Voters' Meeting	13 9:00a VBS 1:00p Staff Mtg. 6:30p Men's Reunion	14 9:00a VBS 10:00a Food Pantry 6:30p Guitar Jam	15 9:00a TOPS 9:00a VBS	16 9:00a VBS 11:30a Ladies Luncheon	17 9:00a VBS	18 5:00p Worship/ Communion
19 9:00a Worship w/ Communion 10:15a Bible Study / Sunday School	20 9:00a Informer Deadline Morning Prayers 11:00a Kennys 1:00p Staff Mtg. 6:30p Men's Reunion	21 10:00a Food Pantry 6:30p Guitar Jam	22 9:00a TOPS	23 6:30p LWMML	24 Pastor Vacation	25 5:00p Pastor Vacation Worship
26 9:00a Pastor Vacation Worship 10:15a Bible Study / Sunday School	27 9:00a Pastor Vacation 6:30p Morning Prayer Men's Reunion	28 10:00a Pastor Vacation 6:30p Food Pantry Guitar Jam	29 9:00a Pastor Vacation TOPS	30 Pastor Vacation		

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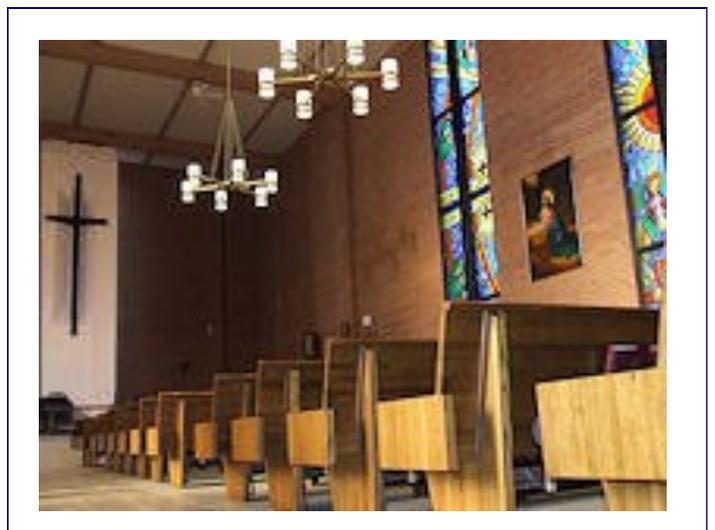
Monday – Thursday 8:30 am– 12 noon

Worship Schedule:

Saturday worship– 5:00pm

Sunday worship- 9:00am

10:15am– Sunday School
& Bible Study



Inside our Sanctuary.