

The St. John Lutheran Church
Volume 45 — Number 06
June 2022 Jottings

“We lift up Jesus Christ in our lives, our church, and our community.”



Pastor Michael's Musings

June 2022

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

--- Matthew 9: 9 – 13

Do you notice who wrote the above passages? Yep. It was Matthew. Did you notice as you read it who was regarded as a "sinner"; the one who got the whole conversation rolling about whether Jesus was doing the right thing by stooping so low as to have anything to do with people not of his station? Yes, once again, it was Matthew.

Repeatedly in scripture we see God daring to stoop so low as to minister to those who the rest of the world would throw away. One might ask, "Who's got it right?" Is it God, who continues to make himself vulnerable to those who could potentially let him down, infusing them with a hope and a direction that they have never had before and just as easily fail at, or is it the world, who would seek to not

waste time on those who it knows are questionable and “high risk.” Before we jump to an answer, perhaps we need to ask that question of ourselves, and put ourselves in the place of the “sinner.” How would we like God to think of us and treat us?

What is notable in the passage from above is that even though Jesus eats with the tax collectors and sinners, he does not become one of them. Jesus calmly leads by example and, it can be safely assumed, through the spreading of the good word of the Gospel. Jesus’s world view as the Savior does not exempt him, or cause him to shy away from conversation with those who he can see are plainly hurting whether in body, mind or spirit. Instead, his very identity as the Savior of the World motivates him to get in where the going is the toughest and tell people that there is another way to live life. What happens to all of these people that Jesus encounters? We will never know. The Bible cannot go into such detail as following the life story of every individual person Jesus leaves a lasting impression on. What we can do, though, is ponder the possibility that it might be that we, today, can enjoy the message of the Gospel because of something that one of these unnamed people did around 2,000 years ago.

Look again at Matthew. He is the one the scriptures point to initially as the one who needs to be saved, but yet ironically, it is his very book that tells us that. Indeed, when God invests time and energy into us through the Word, sacrament, and fellowship of the Christian community we find that such efforts can bear unforeseen and wonderful, positive results.

Sinners? Yes, that we name we can all live up to. It is whether we slink away in shame, as the world would have us do, or whether we see the continual invitation from God that can embolden and empower us, which is what the Bible would have our response be, that makes all of the difference.

Summer Worship — OUTDOORS

Our summer worship will move OUTDOORS (weather permitting) starting SUNDAY JUNE 12th, This is the perfect opportunity to invite your unchurched friends and relatives to join you in our scenic shelter area at a very convenient time that doesn't get in the way of luncheon and afternoon events! You can also meet members who normally attend a different service than you do!

TIME: There is **ONE service**, starting at **9 AM**.

WHAT TO DO: COME, park in the back lot and stay in your car OR bring lawn chairs OR sit in any of the picnic tables that are socially distanced around the area. For your BEST viewing option, IGNORE the painted "lines" on the parking lot and park with your car hood facing the shelter, like a "drive in".

CAN WE SING? YOU BET! The bulletin includes all the music you need to make a **joyful noise!** Don and Pastor will provide the leadership.

COMMUNION? YES - we will have communion every week, using small disposable plastic "chalices". Pastor will lead us as we all take the body and blood together at his command.

RAIN? In case of inclement weather, we will move into the sanctuary at 9 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL? Yes, Sunday School starts at 10:15 (inside).



Pentecost – June 5

Our final Sunday indoors will be June 5th, which is Pentecost Sunday! This will be the final appearance of the choir for the season, and a chance to “pull out all the stops” with joyful music on the organ.

Contrary to popular misbelief, Pentecost was not a “new holiday” in Jesus’ time. In fact, historians tell us that the Jewish people had a festival celebrated as the Feast of Weeks (Shavuot in Hebrew), which was celebrated each year first as a day of thanksgiving for the firstfruits of the harvest, and later, in remembrance of Moses receiving the Law on Mt. Sinai. Jesus and his followers were “in town” on that day to celebrate the feast, when the Holy Spirit descended, which of course, set the stage for how we celebrate today. You see MANY Old Testament references to the Spirit, starting as early as Genesis 1:2.

Pentecost marks the end of the “Easter Season”, so our Sunday liturgy will change musically to reflect the change. We will once again use the popular more-contemporary setting we’ve used in recent summer months. You may have noticed that the “Brief Order of Confession” has not been used during the Easter Season. That is to amplify the difference between the season of LENT (sinfulness and forgiveness) and EASTER (Redemption is OURS through the death and resurrection of Christ). We will once again start our services with the Brief Order of Confession on Trinity Sunday (June 12th).

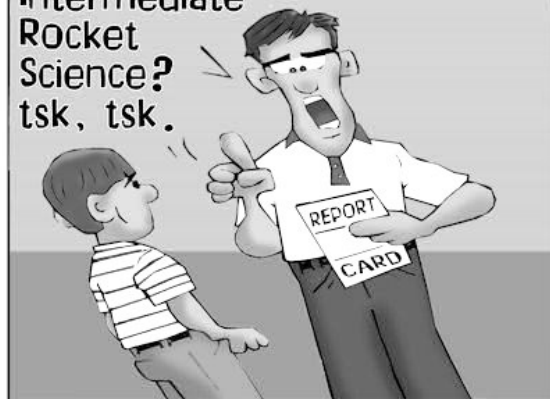
So—remember PENTECOST is a FESTIVAL service. We invite everyone to WEAR SOMETHING RED if possible, as red is the color of Festival Worship and reminding us of the Spirit descending as “tongues of fire” on the disciples.

Father’s Day

Once again, our Evangelism Committee will present all our guys with something special on Father’s Day. We want everyone to know the importance of Christian Dads (and Grandpas and Uncles and Stepdads and more), so come to church on June 19th and accept a small token of our appreciation for all you do to set an example of Godly living for children of all ages.

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson

Yes Billy, 2 As and 3 Bs are nice.. BUT.. only a C+ in Intermediate Rocket Science? tsk, tsk.



Fathers, don't aggravate your children with 'grade guilt', if you do they will become discouraged, and skip class. **Col 3:21**

Until Next Month...

The Bible clearly shows us that God honors Mothers and Fathers, and expects us to do the same:

"4 Fathers, don't exasperate your children by coming down hard on them. Take them by the hand and lead them in the way of the Master."

(from Ephesians 6:4 (*The Message*))

Soli Deo Gloria (To God alone be the Glory)

Donald L. Bauer Director of Music

Look what is happening in Sunday School.

Beginning Sunday, June 12th, the time for Sunday School will change to 10:15 a.m. due to summer worship service starting at 9:00 a.m.

There are currently three classrooms:

3 years old-PreK	Kathy Ellis
Kindergarten-3rd grade	Becky & Shannon Sanders
4th-8th grade	Fred Rosenbohm

Starting Sunday, June 12th and throughout the summer months, our lessons will follow the Year C Lectionary to connect with Pastor's sermon.

June 12th	God's Promises to Abram
June 19th	Jacob Wrestles
June 26th	A Message from God
July 3rd	Praise God
July 10th	The Beatitudes
July 17th	Salt & Light
July 24th	Jesus Teaches about Anger
July 31st	Love Your Enemies
August 7th	Ten Bridesmaids
August 14th	Parable of the Talents
August 21st	Matthias the Apostle
August 28th	Peter & Tabitha
Sept. 4th	Peter's Dream

Middle School aged children are taught from the Augsburg Fortress ECHO curriculum, the SPARK Bible, and Luther's Catechism. The lessons in this curriculum include topics that are relevant to their age group and prepare them for Confirmation.

As always, all Sunday School age children are welcome to join. If interested, please contact me to register your child.
John Wetterauer
691-0434-home
678-1736-cell

Homebound List (as of May 18, 2022)

Jay Baumgardner	Swan Special Care Center 109 Kenwood Champaign, Il. 61824	Thelma Hartseil	Snyder Village 404 Flag Metamora, Il. 61548
Anna Bontz	Farmington Country Manor 701 S. Main Farmington, Il. 61531	Pat Janssen	12615 Lancaster Rd. Hanna City, Il. 61536
Art Campen % Carrie Campen	4169 King St. Denver, Co. 80211	Alice Johnson	Evergreen Senior Living 404 Stillwater Dr. #101 Chillicothe, Il. 61523
Jeffrey Campen	Lennox Guest Home 2875 W. 33 rd Ave. Denver, Co. 80211	Judy Kaufman	River Crossing 900 Centennial Dr. Room 201 E. Peoria, Il. 61611
Millie Carlson	Villas of Holly Brook 5301 W. Dirksen Pkwy. Apt. 48 Peoria, Il. 61607	Debra Look	Timber Ridge 2125 Veterans Rd. Morton, Il. 61550
Sally Catterall	Villas of Holly Brook 5301 W. Dirksen Pkwy. Apt. 28 Peoria, Il. 61607	Don Norvill	1201 N. Northmoor Rd. Rm. 222 Peoria, Il. 61614
Evelyn Cool	Lutheran Hillside Village 6901 N. Galena Rd. Acorn Way Apt. A1 Peoria, Il. 61614	Sharon Resler	River Crossing 1500 W. Northmoor Room 415 Peoria, Il. 61614

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Summer Services: Summer Services will be starting back up again on Sunday, June 12, 2022 at the Pavilion at 9:00am. Special music will be played by Don and Pastor on guitar. Communion will be offered in individual self-contained plastic chalices.

Pre-summer Clean-up: There will be a pre-summer clean-up on Saturday, June 4th at 9:00am. This is general clean-up around the pavilion. Please come and help clean-up. Thank you!

Altar Guild Meeting: NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!!

The Altar Guild will meet on June 12th immediately after the first outdoor service of the season. We will meet in the room downstairs by elevator. Please try to attend as there will be information about changes for the fall season. Your presence will be so appreciated! Thank you!

NOTE: This is a CHANGE OF DATE from our last meeting announcement.

Bible Study: Bible Study has moved to Thursday evenings from 6-7pm. The dates for June are Thursday, June 2nd, 16th, and June 30th. If you have any questions, please text or call Jane Rosenbohm at (309) 645-9009.

Attention Sewing Group: The sewing group meets at St. John on Thursday mornings at 9:00am. If anyone is interested in joining them to help make quilts, whether it be cutting material to putting it together, they can always use the help. If you are unable to come to the church, there are always things that you can do to help at home as well. Please join this wonderful ministry as they send the quilts overseas to help out where needed. Thank you

Bake Sale at LHV: A note of gratitude for those who baked and those who shopped at the May 6th *Just Desserts* Bake Sale at LHV! Our profits exceeded our expectations! We want to give a nod of appreciation to Pastor Michael Jones for supporting our efforts and anyone else who may have donated anonymously. We had a crowd 128 customers. Thank you St. John, Bartonville for your continuing support of LWGP!

Readers: Readers are needed. As a new idea, you only have to read for the service you attend. So please call Betty and let her know you will read for your service (8:00am or 10:30am). If you are interested, please contact Betty Lyons at (309) 697-6143 or the church office (309) 697-1440. Thank you.

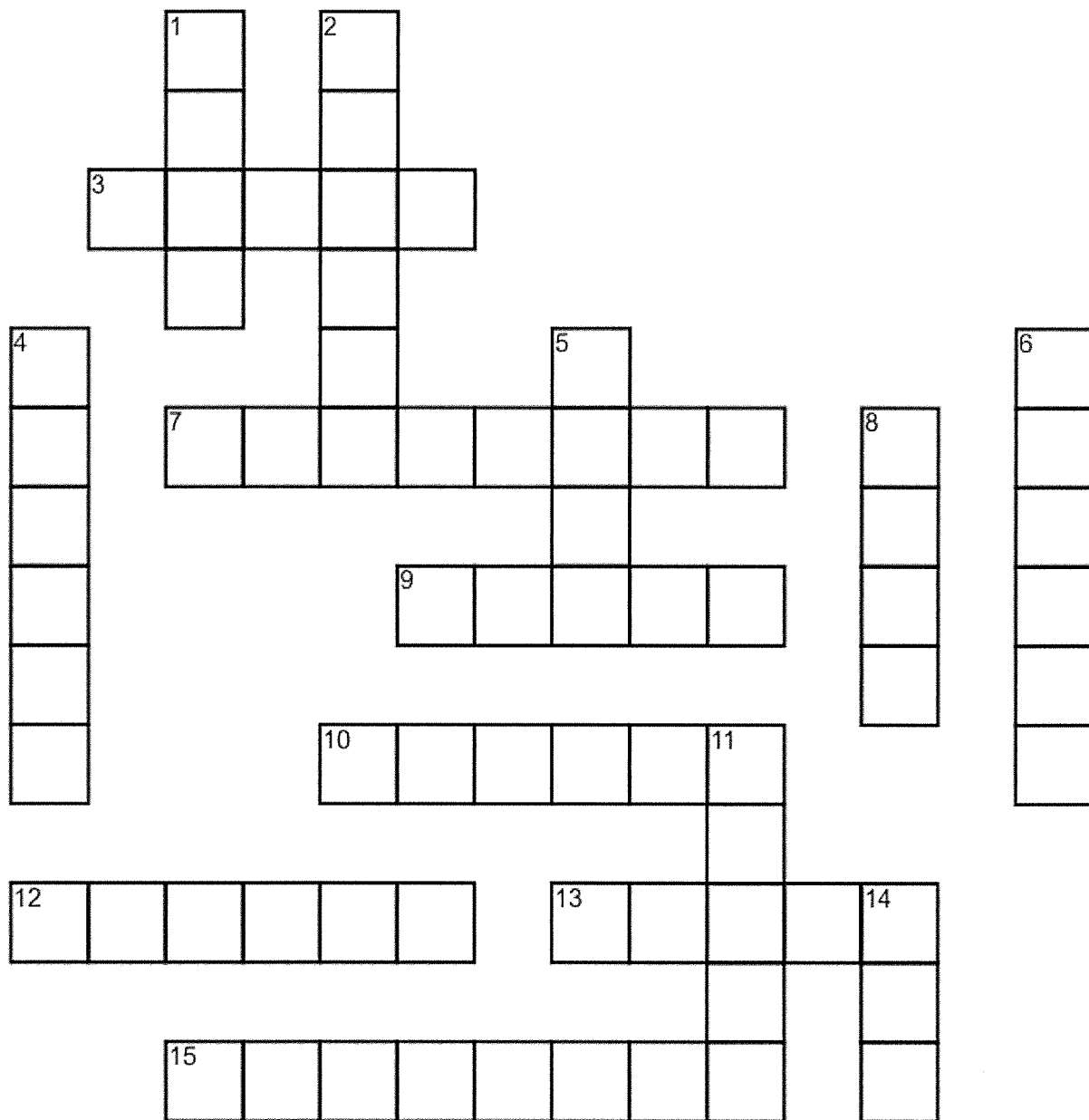
Usher Schedule for June:

June 5th	8:00am - Teri Sammis	10:30am - Elvessa Severt
June 12th	9:00am - Tim Sammis ; LaVonne Sammis	
June 19th	9:00am - Roger Shafer ; Andy Look	
June 26th	9:00am - Carol Alwood ; Bonnie Phelps	

Readers Schedule for June:

June 5th	Rick Allen
June 12th	Jim Rindfleisch
June 19th	Dee Garske
June 26th	Joyce Jones

Spring



Across

3. round _____ or pretty bird
 7. America's favorite past time
 9. easter _____ choclade _____
 10. First spring flower
 12. dutch bulbs
 13. marshmallow treats at easter

15. cherry tree _____

Down

1. kermit the _____
 2. little yellow furry animals
 4. the opposite of fall
 5. _____ maker or weather that you need an umbrella
 6. Spring Holiday
 8. color them at easter

11. you plant them in the garden

14. warms our day

St. John Lutheran Church
6614 W. Smithville Rd.
Bartonville, IL 61607-9436
(309) 697-1440



Current Resident or:

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
PEORIA, ILLINOIS
Permit No. 704

Year Round Worship Schedule :

8:00 a.m. Worship With Holy Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS THIS MONTH

Outdoor Sunday morning Worship Services will begin on, Sunday June 12, 2022 at 9:00am

Adult and Children Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

Communion every week