

The Messenger

June 2021

Our Mission

**Rooted In Jesus Christ
we come to grow
and go to serve.**



**St John Lutheran is a
congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America.**



**God's work.
Our hands.**

The Old, Old Story

When I was a child, we had a bookcase on the landing going upstairs in our home, and one of the shelves on the bookcase was filled with children's books, each telling a different Bible story with simple rhymes and colorful pictures. In these books, I learned about Noah's Ark, Jesus walking on water, David and Goliath even before I was old enough for Sunday school or VBS, where these and more stories were shared from loving church volunteers.

Later, I would hear these stories and others at worship, at summer Bible Camp, in confirmation, in youth group, in college Bible studies, and elsewhere.

We now have our own collection of children's Bibles and stories from the Bible. Each of our kids had their favorites, from "When the World Began," "The Day Jesus Died," and "God's City."

What memories do you have of learning Bible stories? What stories in the Bible are your favorite?

This summer, we're going to be exploring some Pastor Rebecca and my favorite stories from the Bible.

Some of these we may no hear in the three-year revised common lectionary cycle. We also plan on doing a short series on the book of Ephesians the end of the summer. Some of these may be more or less familiar. All of these stories, in their own way, help share the story of God's unfolding love for us and for all of creation.

We will be starting the first of these two summer series, "I Love to Tell the Story," on Sunday, June 6. The Bible stories we will look at in June are:

June 6: Revelation thru Rebekah

June 13: Jonah and the Great Fish

June 20: God is Love

June 27: Daniel—God Delivers

Each week, as an acclamation before these stories, we will sing the refrain from the hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story."

*I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.*

~ Pastor Karl

June 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 5:30pm Worship Cmte. 7pm Tamar Circle	2	3	4 Synod Assembly (online)	5 7:30am Men's Breakfast @ <u>2nd St. Diner</u> 10am-2pm <u>Clothing Room</u> Synod Assem- bly (online)
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <i>Morning Devotions begins June 1, meeting weekdays at 9:15am</i> </div>						
6 9am Worship at <u>SJLC</u> 10:30am Worship at Lake Herman SP <i>(communion both services)</i>	7 1-4pm Clothing Rm.	8	9	10 10am Staff Meeting 1-4pm Clothing Rm.	11	12 10am-2pm Clothing Rm.
13 9am Worship at <u>SJLC</u> 10:30am Worship at Lake Herman SP 2:30pm Bethel Home worship	14 1-4pm Clothing Rm. 5:30pm SJLC Council	15	16 1:30pm <u>Rachel Circle</u>	17 1-4pm Clothing Rm.	18	19 10am-2pm Clothing Rm.
			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <i>Pastors Karl & Rebecca gone</i> </div>			
20 9am Worship at <u>SJLC</u> 10:30am Worship at Lake Herman SP <i>(communion both services)</i>	21 1-4pm Clothing Rm.	22	23 4:30pm Children / Youth Ed. Cmte.	24 1-4pm Clothing Rm.	25	26 10am-2pm <u>Clothing Rm</u> 2pm Baby shower in the Ohlinger Center
27 9am Worship at <u>SJLC</u> 10:30am Worship at Lake <u>Herman SP</u>	28 1-4pm Clothing Rm.	29	30 2:00pm Jerald Heckenlaible memorial service			

Serving in Worship for June

Thank you to those who have already signed up to help in June! Sign-up sheets are on the welcome table in the church narthex.

Acolytes: Lydia Breddin (6th), Ian Groce (13th)

Altar Guild: Sara Hare, Barb Egeberg, Shari Eliason, Winnie Giles

Readers: Kathie Johannsen (6th), Bonnie Callies (13th)

Projector:

Ushers:

St. John Council Notes: 5-10-21

As we continue to adapt to the Covid situation, Dave, Deb and Pastor Karl will meet to make recommendation for changes to our guidelines.

SJLC was approached by Lutherans Outdoors, for them to present to council about an LO campaign. Recommended a visit in June or July.

Approved use of SJLC for Bethel Home board to meet.

Pastors will be on vacation May 27-31, June 16-19, and July 9-18.

Summer worship schedule, starting Sunday, May 30: 9am at St. John with fellowship after, 10:30am Lake Herman State Park.

Stewardship letters will be sent mid-year to all SJLC members, regardless of giving, and end-of-year to those who gave during the year.

VBS will be the evenings of July 26-29.

The prior month's approved minutes are posted on the church bulletin board across from the office and are available for any members by request.

Leadership 2021

President	Dave Duncan
Vice President	Deb Bloom
Secretary	Janelle Dinges

Committees

Finance	Gary Callies Randy Hoffman
Parish Education	Anna Hansen Leigh Ann Gehrels
Deacons	Angie Bloom John Winter
Trustees	Greg Giles DeLon Mork

Non-Voting Representatives

Treasurer	Jeryl Lingle
Pastors	Karl & Rebecca Breddin

Giving

A special offering was taken May 9, for the Domestic Violence Network. \$420 was collected; thank you!

Thank you to those who provided donations to the Lake County Food Pantry during St. John's "assigned" month of May.

SJLC total income through April:
\$178,247.86 (\$244,581.21 in 2020)

SJLC total expense through April:
\$180,316.06 (\$210,236.33 in 2020)

Net income difference 2021-2020:
-\$36,413.08

Thank you for your continued, regular giving. Your financial giving matters to the ministry of St. John Lutheran.
Thank you!

Vacation Bible School

Join us as we journey down the river to learn about God’s gracious gift of water, with our 2021 VBS theme, “River of Life.” From the waters of Baptism to the waters that sustain farms and gardens, water is life!

Vacation Bible School will be held July 26-29th

6pm-7:45pm at St John Lutheran Church

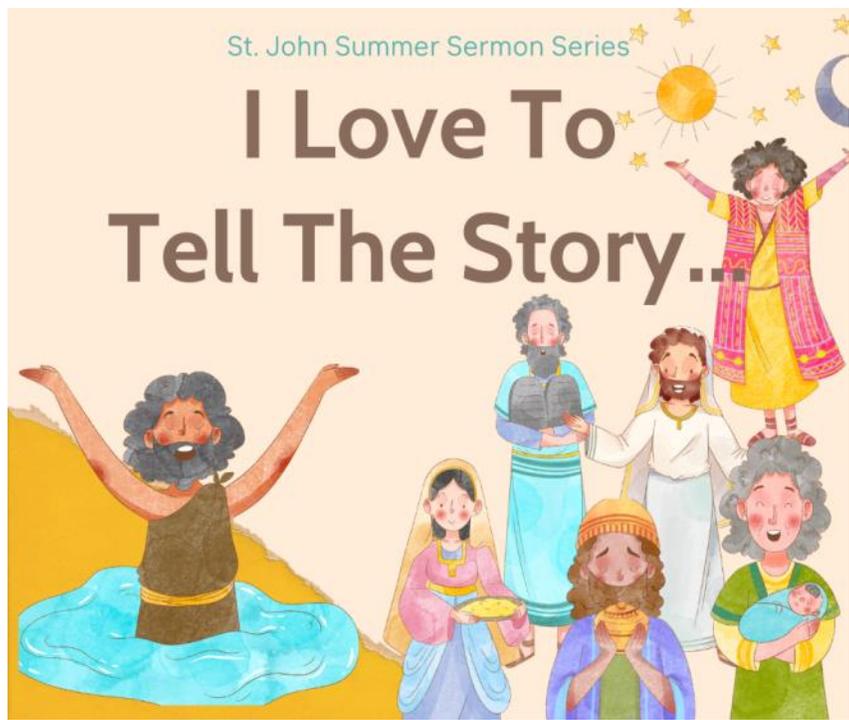


- * Snacks
- * Games
- * Crafts
- * and so much more

**Look for registration sign up soon!
Let us know if you would like to assist with VBS.**

Summer Worship Series

Join us this summer as we dig deeper into some of our favorite Bible Stories, starting June 6!
What do these stories tell us about God and ourselves?



St. John Youth



Communion Class—May 16

*Abbi Zwak, Ivy Moyer, Leila Glover,
Tobin Breddin*



High School Graduates—May 16

*Logan Albee, Truman Stoller,
Rylie Aschmeller*



**Affirmation of Baptism
(Confirmation)—May 23**

Addison Gehrels, Lucas Mork

Bible Camp

Lutherans Outdoors welcomes you back to summer camps 2021. All registration is done online so please visit losd.org to register!

St. John pays for the cost of camp after the deposit; please let us know if you register so we can share this gift with you.



Prayers of...

Healing

Vicki (Ramona Gutzman's daughter), Jerry Lammers, Elizabeth Bounds, Audrey Christiansen, Verna Kraehling.

Sympathy

Joy

Lennon Bloom on her baptism
May 16th

The vaccinations which are allowing more people to gather and travel safely.

Please let the pastors know if you have a prayer concern or change.

Community Clothing Room

Are you looking for something fun to do?
Do you have a few hours to spare to help in the Community Clothing Room?
We can use your help in any of the following ways:

- Moving bags and totes of donated items
- Sorting clothing
- Hanging clothing
- Putting items out on racks and shelves
- Organizing the racks and shelves
- Taking unused items to the shed for pickup



You don't have to do a full four hours if you don't have that much time. A couple of hours here and there is great. If you have a confirmation student needing Services Hours, why not tag along? We do sort and hang outside of the actual public open hours if those don't work for you.

We promise it's fun and a great way to help the church and give to the community. If you are interested, just ask one of the Community Clothing Room ministry team members: Lynn Graves, Karleen Froke, Sharon Hanson, Leigh Ann Gehrels, Ardana Bruns, Lori Zwak, or Karin Mathison.

The weekly hours for the St. John Clothing Room are
Monday and Thursday from 1:00 until 4:00 pm
and **Saturday** from 10:00am until 2:00pm.

We continue to encourage wearing a mask and keeping physically distant while shopping.

The Clothing Room is accepting limited quantities of donations during the open hours. You can now access the Community Clothing Room through the south door.

Prayer Chain

If you have any prayer needs, please contact any of the current prayer chain leaders. They will in turn contact the other members to hold you and your requests in prayer.

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| 1) Sharon Hansen, 270-1244 | 2) Karleen Froke, 256-0957 |
| 3) Carol Hammer, 256-3161 | 4) Shirley Selgestad, 480-2821 |
| 5) Kathi Eisenbeis, 270-4269 | 6) Kathie Johannsen, 480-0455 |
| 7) Vonnie Ewald, 256-3939 | 8) Gayle Cole, 270-2783 |
| 9) Kathy Peterson, 291-9329 | |

Response to CDC's May 13 Covid Recommendations

On May 13, the CDC shared that the Covid-19 vaccinations are working, and—with their continued rollout in the US—recommended that face coverings no longer be required in most circumstances by those who have been fully vaccinated. While this came as a surprise to many, it is good news for how we function as a society, but especially as it means continued progress against the pandemic.

As we continue to do our best to follow CDC recommendations, the church council has adjusted our St. John guidelines, as outlined below:

- Face coverings are no longer required for those who have been fully-vaccinated. We are relying on individuals' honesty as they make the best decisions not only for their own comfort but, more importantly, for the health of those around them who may not be vaccinated due to their age (children younger than 12 are not yet eligible) or underlying health conditions.
- During worship services, we will still require face coverings in the Ohlinger Center, which will have the worship service live-streamed in, complete with direct feed of the slides and audio. Face coverings will also be required in the Choir Loft, a section of pews at the back and front of the Sanctuary.
- The rest of the pew ropes have been removed.
- We will continue asking customers at the Clothing Closet to wear face coverings, due to the area's space and ventilation limitations.
- Those who feel sick are still asked to please stay home.

Please note that these may continue to change in response to both CDC guidelines and Covid-19 cases in our area. Thank you for your continued patience.

Meal Deliveries

St. John will be delivering Meals on Wheels lunches from July 1 through the 16th.

A sign-up sheet is on the table in the entry way. This would be a great opportunity for families to volunteer and serve our neighbors together this summer! There are five delivery routes needing daily volunteers.

Deliveries only take about 30-40 minutes.



Exchange Students

Nacel Open Door places exchange students in the Madison High School and Chester High School, and is seeking welcoming families for exchange students who will attend high school this -fall. They are looking to place:

- Adrian, a 16 year-old male from Spain.
- Asad, a 16 year-old male from Turkey.
- Benedetta, a 17 year-old female from Italy.
- Giada, a 16 year-old female from Italy.
- Lorant, a 17 year-old male from Hungary.

Please contact Julienne Antes at 507-304-2143 for more information.

Church and Community Announcements

Pastoral visits and contact information

Please contact the church office if you or a loved one is hospitalized or would like a home visit from our Pastors. They are working on getting visits on a regular schedule.

In case of an emergency during office hours (8am-3pm), please call the church at (605) 256-4855.

For an after-hours emergency, please call Pastors Breddin at (605) 427-1840.

Pastors can also be reached via email at karlcbreddin@gmail.com or rbreddin001@luthersem.edu.

Thank You

Randy Hoffman for leading Sunday worship March 30 while pastors were away.

The following “readers in tongues” on Pentecost: Val Parsley (German), Randy Hoffman (French), Jeryl Lingle (Spanish), Pr. Karl (Melanasian Pidgin).

Summer Park Worship

We look forward to having summer worship services at Lake Herman State Park again this summer, starting May 30 (Memorial Weekend).

Phone & Email Updates

If your phone number or email address have changed within the last year, please contact the church office so we can update our records.

Morning Prayer

Resumes at church Tuesday June 1, at 9:15am, and weekday mornings following. All are welcome!

Tamar Circle

Bible Study Tuesday, June 1 at 7:00pm in the Olinger Center library.

Men’s Breakfast

Saturday, June 5, at 7:30am at the 2nd Street Diner.

Bethel Home Worship

Area pastors will resume leading Sunday afternoon worship at Bethel Home June 13, with St. John leading that service at 2:30pm.

Rachel Circle

Bible Study Wednesday, June 16 at 1:30pm in the Olinger Center library.

Online Worship Streaming

We continue to stream our worship services online. As this will continue to be a reality “post-Covid,” we have updated our tools to do so, and now have greatly enhanced quality for those who worship at home or in the Olinger Center.

We are in need of additional people to “run” this setup (which runs on iPads), as well as to project slides. Either of these would be a great opportunity for youth to help out. If interested, please talk to Pr. Karl.

Memorial Service

A memorial service for Jerry Heckenlaible will be held Wednesday, June 30 at 2pm. Face coverings will be required.

Online Social Networking

Stay up-to-date with current happenings at SJLC by:

LIKING and FOLLOWING us on Facebook,

SUBSCRIBING to us on Youtube, and through

NOTIFICATIONS on our Tithely Church app.

Newsletter

We hope you are enjoying this second edition of our St. John Messenger with its new format!

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