

JULY 13, 2025

The Crossbeam

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR ST. JOHN'S PARISH MEMBERS
AND FRIENDS



*Sunday, July 13, 2025
5th Sunday after Pentecost,
Year C*

TO LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, SOUL, STRENGTH, AND MIND IS TO REFLECT GOD'S MERCY IN RESPONDING TO ONE'S NEIGHBOR. THAT MERCY FOUND ITS MOST PROFOUND EXPRESSION IN THE "GOSPEL THAT HAS COME TO YOU"—NAMELY THE LIFE, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST. THAT GOSPEL MERCY COMES TO US AGAIN TODAY: AT THE FONT, AT THE TABLE, AND FROM THE PULPIT. IT IS VERY NEAR TO YOU.



From the Pastor's Desk

LUKE 10:25-37

25 AN EXPERT IN THE LAW STOOD UP TO TEST JESUS. "TEACHER," HE SAID, "WHAT MUST I DO TO INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE?" 26 HE SAID TO HIM, "WHAT IS WRITTEN IN THE LAW? WHAT DO YOU READ THERE?" 27 HE ANSWERED, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." 28 AND HE SAID TO HIM, "YOU HAVE GIVEN THE RIGHT ANSWER; DO THIS, AND YOU WILL LIVE."

29 BUT WANTING TO VINDICATE HIMSELF, HE ASKED JESUS, "AND WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?" 30 JESUS REPLIED, "A MAN WAS GOING DOWN FROM JERUSALEM TO JERICHO AND FELL INTO THE HANDS OF ROBBERS, WHO STRIPPED HIM, BEAT HIM, AND TOOK OFF, LEAVING HIM HALF DEAD. 31 NOW BY CHANCE A PRIEST WAS GOING DOWN THAT ROAD, AND WHEN HE SAW HIM HE PASSED BY ON THE OTHER SIDE. 32 SO LIKEWISE A LEVITE, WHEN HE CAME TO THE PLACE AND SAW HIM, PASSED BY ON THE OTHER SIDE. 33 BUT A SAMARITAN WHILE TRAVELING CAME UPON HIM, AND WHEN HE SAW HIM HE WAS MOVED WITH COMPASSION. 34 HE WENT TO HIM AND BANDAGED HIS WOUNDS, TREATING THEM WITH OIL AND WINE. THEN HE PUT HIM ON HIS OWN ANIMAL, BROUGHT HIM TO AN INN, AND TOOK CARE OF HIM. 35 THE NEXT DAY HE TOOK OUT TWO DENARII, GAVE THEM TO THE INNKEEPER, AND SAID, 'TAKE CARE OF HIM, AND WHEN I COME BACK I WILL REPAY YOU WHATEVER MORE YOU SPEND.' 36 WHICH OF THESE THREE, DO YOU THINK, WAS A NEIGHBOR TO THE MAN WHO FELL INTO THE HANDS OF THE ROBBERS?" 37 HE SAID, "THE ONE WHO SHOWED HIM MERCY." JESUS SAID TO HIM, "GO AND DO LIKEWISE."

"THE BIBLE TELLS US TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS, AND ALSO TO LOVE OUR ENEMIES; PROBABLY BECAUSE THEY ARE GENERALLY THE SAME PEOPLE."

—G.K. CHESTERTON, ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS, JULY 16, 1910.

SOMETHING TO PONDER TODAY.
PEACE AND BLESSINGS THIS DAY.
PASTOR V.



IN-PERSON WORSHIP

THE HOLY SPIRIT GATHERS PEOPLE AROUND THE MEANS OF GRACE—
THE SAVING WORD OF GOD AND THE SACRAMENTS.

FEATURED THIS WEEK:
SATURDAY SPOKEN WORD
5 P.M. - IN-PERSON

THE SUNDAY ASSEMBLY
10A.M. - IN-PERSON SERVICE AND LIVESTREAM
BROADCAST ON OUR [FACEBOOK PAGE](#) AND ON OUR WEBSITE!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**SEPTEMBER 13TH
BURCHFEST**



TO THE GLORY OF GOD
FROM THE ALTAR GUILD

YOU CAN REMEMBER OR HONOR A LOVED ONE OR A SPECIAL OCCASION BY ORDERING A FLORAL ARRANGEMENT USING THE ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX.



SATURDAY JULY 12 @ 5P.M.
VICKY WIENKE- ASSISTING MINISTER

SUNDAY JULY 13 @ 10 A.M.
NANCY KESSLER- ASSISTING MINISTER



SUNDAY JULY 13 @ 10 A.M.
SHAWN VOIT- USHER

ALTAR GUILD FOR JULY
NADINE BROWN

THIS WEEK 7/13 - 7/19

TODAY:

10 A.M. WORSHIP
7 P.M. TRY AGAIN (AA)

MONDAY:

1 P.M. ARTHRITIS WALKING GROUP
7:30 P.M. AL-ANON

TUESDAY:

12 P.M. TAI-CHI
6 P.M. ROCK VOICES
6:30 P.M. SA BUFFALO

WEDNESDAY:

1 P.M. ARTHRITIS EXERCISE GROUP
6 P.M. PARKINSON'S GROUP

THURSDAY:

12 P.M. NA
7 P.M. NA

FRIDAY:

10 A.M. ENJOY LIFE (NA)
7:30 P.M. GARDENVILLE GROUP (AA)

SATURDAY:

5 P.M. WORSHIP

GARAGE SALE

GARAGE SALE TO BENEFIT THE MORTGAGE ELIMINATION FUND, AT THE
HOME OF LAURA LOEHR, JULY 11 & 12, 9-3 EACH DAY.

13369 HENSKEE RD. IN ALDEN (NOT TOO FAR FROM CLINTON ST.)

LOTS OF TREASURES AVAILABLE!

FILM CAMERAS, LUGGAGE, BOOKS, JEWELRY, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS,
HOBNAIL & OTHER GLASS DISHES, VINYL RECORDS, PLUS MUCH MORE.

FLOOD RESPONSE AND RECOVERY IN TEXAS

MAY WE BE BEARERS OF THE HOPE FOUND IN CHRIST ALONE AND HELP SHOULD THE BURDEN FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE UNIMAGINABLE LOSS. YOUR GIFTS TO LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE ENSURE THAT OUR NEIGHBORS ARE NOT ALONE ON THE LONG ROAD TO RECOVERY AFTER DISASTERS LIKE THE FLOODS IN TEXAS.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE IS COORDINATING WITH THE SOUTHWESTERN TEXAS SYNOD AND WILL WORK WITH OTHER PARTNERS AS WELL TO RESPOND TO URGENT NEEDS, PROVIDE EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL CARE, AND SUPPORT CLEANUP AND LONG-TERM RECOVERY.

THROUGH THESE DISASTERS AND OTHERS IN THE UNITED STATES AND AROUND THE WORLD, LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE ACCOMPANIES COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE RECOVERY PROCESS, WALKING WITH THEM FOR AS LONG AS IT TAKES. TOGETHER, AS A CHURCH, WE FOLLOW CHRIST'S CALL TO SHARE HOPE AND HEALING WITH OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED..

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO THIS CAUSE

BURRITTO PROJECT

OUR NEXT JOURNEY TO FEED AND CARE FOR THE HOMELESS IN DOWNTOWN WILL BE ON TUESDAY, JULY 29TH. TO PREPARE FOR THAT DAY, WE NEED TO REPLENISH OUR PERSONAL HYGIENE SUPPLIES. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP, PLEASE DO. WHATEVER YOU CAN PROVIDE IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED BY THE HOMELESS PEOPLE WE SERVE. THE GREATEST NEEDS ARE FOR THESE ITEMS:

BAR SOAP
HAND WIPES
PONCHOS
HAND / BODY LOTIONS

DEODORANT
SHAMPOO
STRING BACK PACKS
SHAVING CREAM

THERE WILL BE A COLLECTION BOX IN THE FOYER TO RECEIVE YOUR HELPFUL DONATIONS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.