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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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| JUNE 12 | COLONY DAYS PARADE & PICNIC |
| JUNE 20 | FATHER'S DAY |
| JUNE 21-25 | VBS |
| JULY 4 | INDEPENDENCE DAY |
| JULY 11 | COUNCIL MEETING |
| AUGUST 6-8 | FAMILY CAMP OUT (TENTATIVE) |



ST JOHN LUTHERAN MISSION STATEMENT

As Children of the Everlasting God, we are called to PRAY for everyone, to SERVE our community, and to ENCOURAGE knowledge of Christ's unfailing love.



Dear members and friends:

Welcome to June and Summer! Let me begin my remarks by linking the first days of the 6th month of the year to verses 1 and 2 of chapter 6 of Second Corinthians:

As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

Paul's words speak volumes as we face an exciting and challenging time at St. John. We are gearing up for Colony Days, preparing for Vacation Bible School without help from our neighboring churches, continuing the work of restoring the church and community from the ongoing effects of covid, and launching a major debt retirement campaign, among other ministries the Lord of the church will open our hearts to. These are formidable tasks especially when the Devil, world and our flesh are filling our minds with thoughts like "Summer time, and the livin' is easy!"

Paul writes: **WE are** God's "*fellow workers*." AND we are given this privilege and responsibility by His *Grace*. AND it is not a calling we are to treat in *vain*, meaning in an empty, careless way. AND He adds that **now** is the time of His *favor*, **now** is the time for us to act, **now** is the day of *salvation*.



That all sounds overwhelming and it would be if it were not for the quote from Isaiah that Paul slips in the middle of his words. In Israel's darkest hour, God said, "you have my favor and you have my help." As God's beloved children, as people redeemed by Jesus, we live under God's favor and so we always have his help.

I am looking forward to these next months for many reasons.

- I love the season of Pentecost because the weekly scriptures are rich with practical truths of how to live like Jesus. Sundays don't work? We are here Wednesdays!
- There will be Adult Sunday morning Bible Class all Summer as well as an option for Family Sunday School.
- I get to actually see Colony Days and the State Fair.
- We will kick off a campaign that will surely set St. John on even more solid footing.
- I have a bunch of family visiting and as I've heard from many of you, so do you.

On a personal note, I want you to know that since the decision was made to extend my stay at St. John, we sold our home in North Carolina and invested in one here. It is new construction out Palmer-Fishhook and off of E. Mile 6 road. We have been occupying the home for a month and are waiting for exterior work to be completed.

So, welcome to June and such a wonderful time to be a child of God and fellow worker at St. John. Let's make the most of these next months and not let God's favor be in vain.

Resolving to know and serve Christ better,

Pastor Schultz



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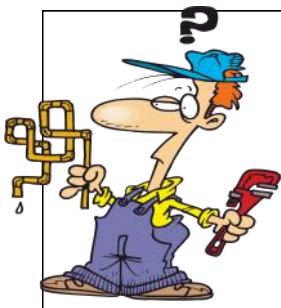
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Church Restoration

As you read this, the repairs from our water damage of last March should be about completed. The entryway had to be completely renovated, floor to ceiling, including fixing the elevator. All the carpet was tore up and replaced by new in the downstairs as well as some damaged drywall. The entire sprinkler system was inspected and the part that failed was fixed and upgraded. Thank you for your patience through this process. Thanks be to God that all were kept safe especially the workers, and that we were able to continue with most of our ministry without interruption.

Outdoor Sunday Worship

Sunday, June 13, join us for worship on the lawn.

Both services ~ weather permitting

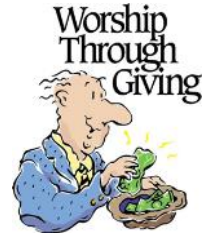


Outdoor Worship Service

The Church Council has resolved that it would be good to restore our practice of passing the collection plate as this is an important piece of our total act of worship.

The current methods of giving will remain in place:

- The collection box
- The Give Plus phone app and website app, and the tablet credit card swipe
- The Joyful Response automatic withdrawal



The offering plates will be presented by the ushers to you. Please understand that you are under no obligation to touch or pass the plate or place an offering in the plate, nor will there be any judgment as we recognize the many giving options available to each of us. Use your hand, eyes or smile to indicate whether you care to receive the plate or not.

You may also place any prayer requests for the prayer chain in the plates.

Adult Summer Sunday School



Join us Sundays beginning May 30 – Sept 5 as a team of teachers present a different Bible character each week

Debt Retirement Campaign

The process for helping to reduce the \$1.30 million building debt has begun with the selection of a Campaign Committee. That team is scheduled to meet on Saturday June 19th for a training retreat. The launch date for congregation involvement will be Sunday August 15th.



Colony Days Parade & Picnic: Saturday, June 12
 Volunteers needed to be in the parade and to help with the picnic lunch.
 Donations of **INDIVIDUAL chip bags, monetary donations, and/or YOUR time and talents** are all appreciated!
 Contact Pastor Rockey or Monica Martin for more info



Colony Days Youth Rummage Sale: June 12, 9am-2pm
 We will start accepting donations Sunday, May 30 ~ **please no electronics or clothing**
 Contact Ethan or the church office if you are dropping off a donation.



Wednesdays:
 Junior High 5-6:30p
 High School 7:30-9p



VBS June 21-25, 9:30am-12:30pm daily
Theme: Concrete & Cranes ~ Philippians 1:6
Ages: 4-5th grade (completed)
Volunteers Needed!

What? **Kaleidoscope**: July 18-23
 Where? LaVerne Griffin Camp in Wasilla
 Who? 9th grade (completed) - 12th grade
 Early Registration ends June 5th

Integrate: The third Sunday of each month Alaska Lutheran youth will come together. June will be for Junior High (it is Father's Day making that date possible to change), K-Scope will be the high school group's gathering in July, and Junior High will meet again in August.

**Lutheran World Relief
 Personal Care Kits**

LWML is collecting items to make Personal Care Kits. These will be sent to many third world countries. The items that we are collecting are:

- ◆ Light weight bath towel
- ◆ Bar of soap
- ◆ Adult toothbrush
- ◆ Sturdy comb
- ◆ Metal nail clippers

Please donate new items only.

MADNESS FOR MISSIONS

Vickie L. Detert (6/23/18)

Madness for missions; a hunger for mites;
 seeking to serve the creator of light,
 who offers salvation for lost wondering souls;
 praying God use us to help lead them home.

So many waiting and wanting the Word;
 lives that are hopeless find hope in the Lord.
 God is the way. Through Him, we mark the path
 to eternal life. Through Christ, sin's put to death.

Madness for mission: Join in the cause.
 Joyfully serving the true living God.



Celebrating Their Confirmation

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2021

Leah Rae Arneson
Logan Patrick Arneson
Marissa Faith Arneson
Natalie Mai Arneson
Rueben John Carlson
Brian Cooper Hartman
Peter Ray Isackson, Jr.
Charles Henry - Edwin Larsen
Brooke Kelly Lehman
Andrew Lee Martin
Ella Bleu Martin
Ryan Paul Pluard
Luke Wayne Stanley
Tripp Nohren Thomas
Harley Jon Hunter Watkins
Kaleb Langston Worland



Peter Ray Isackson
08-26-1982 — 04-14-2021

The Isackson, Stevens and Probasco families wish to Thank Everyone for all their love, prayers and support during this time of loss.

June

BIRTHDAYS

6/3 Bekah Lawton
 6/4 Eli Rice
 6/5 Isla Abbott
 6/7 Michelle Bower
 6/8 Naomi Koepf
 6/9 Kristine Neslund
 6/10 John Pulling
 6/11 Mark Psenak
 6/13 Beverly Erbey
 6/14 Temple Christiansen
 6/14 Max Guimond
 6/17 Marilee Nufer
 6/17 Annabelle Rockey
 6/18 Nikolina Neslund
 6/21 Fiona Greenwood
 6/22 Kalli Brettrager
 6/22 Ashton Brown

6/22 Kurt Lehman
 6/23 Kathryn Sharp
 6/24 Sarah Brettrager-Downing
 6/24 Sarah Pluard
 6/26 Steven Button
 6/26 Brook Morey
 6/26 Emmalee Rockey
 6/26 Cindy Tardiff
 6/27 Joayne Moore
 6/27 Rhoda Olson
 6/29 Janelle Hankin
 6/29 Sarah Walton
 6/30 Gracie Newcomb

June

ANNIVERSARIES

6/2 Marvin & Gale Olson
 6/4 Christopher & Kitty Kasper
 6/5 Frank & Kris Knapp
 6/5 Hunter & Elizabeth Richards
 6/6 John & Cathy Glaser
 6/8 Rod & Temple Christiansen
 6/8 Kurt & Kelly Lehman
 6/9 Gerald & Ruth Zellar

6/10 Al & Cheryl Kastar
 6/10 Joshua & Erin Rockey
 6/18 Mike & Ginger Sweeney
 6/20 Hans & Lauren Colberg
 6/20 Rick & Brenda Luthi
 6/20 Francis & Kirsten Nelson
 6/22 Curt & Monique Christiansen
 6/24 Duane & Donita Odland

6/25 Bill & Renate Foster
 6/25 Jim & Pam Jett
 6/25 August & Sarah Manelick
 6/26 David & Carla Gogert
 6/26 Ron & Ann Marie Svedin
 6/29 Randy & Sarah Downing



JULY
BIRTHDAYS

7/2 Isaac Lawton
 7/4 Dawn Brettrager
 7/5 David Germer
 7/7 Julie Foster
 7/7 James France
 7/9 Elinor Goodrich
 7/9 Kadence Kastar
 7/12 Leah Arneson
 7/12 Jessie Ford
 7/13 Alvin McNiven
 7/14 Debra Caillouet
 7/15 Colben Ahrens
 7/15 Cheryl Williams
 7/17 Jacki Rose
 7/19 Sue Toth
 7/20 Alexis Barfield
 7/20 Laurie Buist
 7/20 Jessica Osterkamp

7/20 Jamie Walters
 7/20 Catherine Watkins
 7/21 Keeper Manelick
 7/24 Elijah Carmichael
 7/25 Larry McAllister
 7/26 David Neslund
 7/28 Marvin Olson
 7/29 Judy Whitmer
 7/31 Jennifer Mitchell
 7/31 Noel Woods



JULY
ANNIVERSARIES

7/1 Mike & Julie Donn
 7/14 Kirk & Meghan McNiven
 7/16 Gary & Julie Foster
 7/17 Don & Dee Berberich
 7/19 Nathan & Maranda Bower
 7/21 Ross & Michelle Epley
 7/21 Brian & Ashley Svedin
 7/23 Glenn & Esther Jagger

7/25 Kyle & Marcy Kolberg
 7/25 Brett & Hadley Remele
 7/28 Jason & Laurie Buist
 7/29 Chuck & Lenita Deda
 7/30 Nathan & Emily Svedin



August

BIRTHDAYS

8/1 Kooper Probasco
8/2 Sandy Kolberg
8/2 Nathaniel Lawton
8/4 Albree Forrester
8/4 George Hermon
8/6 James Summers
8/6 Dave Sutton
8/7 Briana Isackson
8/9 Julie Donn
8/10 Samantha Wyatt
8/11 Kaylee Probasco
8/14 Matthew Hartman
8/14 Olivienne McNiven
8/17 Kristy Anderton
8/17 Ginger Sweeney
8/17 Desiree Watkins
8/18 Hannah Curry
8/19 Nathan Svedin

8/20 Curt Christiansen
8/21 August Manelick
8/22 Kaycee Nufer
8/23 Marina Hermon
8/25 Duaine Richards
8/26 Joel Butcher
8/26 Cole Jacobson
8/28 Karen Booth-Wood
8/29 Jacob Hartman
8/30 Lauren Bang
8/30 Harper Manelick
8/31 Maranda Bower
8/31 Cameron Christiansen
8/31 Kris Knapp
8/31 Bruce Larsen
8/31 Bjorn Neslund



August

ANNIVERSARIES

8/2 Carl & Dorothy Jacobson
8/4 Ian & Jessie Ford
8/6 Noel & Jean Woods
8/18 Bruce & Melissa Lloyd
8/20 Jonathan & Kathy Rockey
8/21 Ron & Joayne Moore
8/21 Dave & Marilee Nufer
8/22 Dave & Marcy Sutton

8/23 Bruce & Arlene Larsen
8/24 Duaine & Ardith Richards
8/30 Jerry & Diana Christensen