

MESSENGER



Special points of interest:

- ◆ **New Disciple Sunday
June 23, 2013**
- ◆ **Areas to Help; Shalom Center, Flower donations, Bulletin Sponsorship, etc**

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Another Spaghetti Dinner... Another Success!!!

A special thank you to everyone who helped make the Spaghetti Dinner a huge success.

Those that prepared and served the meal including the homemade meatballs.

Those that helped set up and clean up the dining area.

Those that provided items to be raffled off.

Those that paid for all of the food and accessories. Thank you...

A big thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for this spectacular meal.

If you did not attend this gala event, you missed something wonderful...

All of the income generated from the sale of meal and raffle tickets was turned over to the church treasury to help defray expenses.

The total income realized was \$726.00

Words from Pastor Jim Lynch

*Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities. **Luke 8:1-2***

June just might be good for whatever ails you. And it's not just because of the warmer weather, although that certainly is a plus.

Health and healing is a major topic in the gospel readings for the month. The stories reveal Jesus' love for humanity as he applies salvation and restoration to the shortcomings of our bodies and spirits while at the same celebrating the strength of faith. In the first one, Jesus cures the slave or servant of a centurion of an unnamed illness that could have cost his life. In the second, he restores the life of the son of a woman who has been left alone and bereft in a world that would have grown increasingly hostile toward her. In the third, he heals the soul and the reputation of a woman of the streets who washes his feet with her tears and dries them with her hair. In the fourth, he renews the mind and spirit of a man who has been tormented by a legion of demons.

These stories overflow with hope and promise for a world that is sorely in need of healing and restoration of all kinds. Jesus is the source of salvation (the Greek word that means "to heal" – *sozo* – also means "to save") in the present as well as in the future. But more than that, we can see there is no aspect of our health God is not involved in.

The good news has healing power in and of itself. And the good news about that is the cost is more than reasonable. It just takes faith. Ask the centurion. Ask the woman who washed his feet. Ask the man freed from the demons. There's no co-pays. They've already been paid. Thank you, Jesus.

Message from your Church Council President

When I was a child between the ages of four to eight, going to church on Sunday meant I was getting a spanking afterward. That was just the way things turned out. Maybe I was too rambunctious during Sunday school, or teased my brother or sister during the service. All of us siblings were often equally at fault, so there could be a line to get your spanking after church. Eventually I wised up, matured, and figured out ways to not get caught.

But I sometimes feel my past has come back to haunt me, as I now bring three children to service each week and must endure the same cringing moments I put my parents through as a youth. Perhaps it's endless trips to the bathroom, or an argument about Pokemon between the boys. Maybe one of the boys passes gas, and everyone around us politely keeps singing and endures it, while Nicole and I hope there's an unspoken understanding by all that it couldn't possibly have been an adult that did that, therefore establishing our innocence.

Of course Nicole and I are modern parents, so spanking is somewhat of a nuclear option. We try to redirect, time-out, or administer a glare of doom instead. But one thing I've come to understand, over the years at St. John's, is that no one has ever seemed particularly bothered by the shenanigans of children. If anything the kids have brought more smiles than nods of disapproval. Pastor Jim usually responds to a kid interrupting his sermon with a bit of encouragement.

Though everyone in our St. Johns family has been warm and kind to my kids, I have been most impressed with our two Sunday school teachers. Jaymie Laurent and Kate Tisch always kept a positive attitude, kept the kids on track with the lesson, while also allowing them to express themselves. It probably wasn't easy to take the children of the congregation under their wings for an hour each Sunday, and now that the Sunday school season is over, and Vacation Bible School is on the horizon, I would like to personally thank Jaymie and Kate for giving us another great season. And thank you St. Johns for being such a kid friendly place.

Introduction Sunday

New Disciple Sunday

St. John's will welcome its latest batch of new disciples June 23 during the worship service. **Candy and Leif Peterson, Allison Smiley, Arlene Young and Karen Kempinen** officially joined our ranks at Easter Vigil. However, few were on hand to witness this glorious event. We will introduce the members of this group to the congregation so that more of us can put names and faces together.

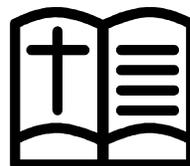
Happy Fathers Day
June 16th

*The Mission Basket Collection
for the following months*

June - Kenosha Jail Ministries

July - Shalom Center

*Thank you in advance for your generous
donations to these causes.*



All are invited



Blessing of bicycles

(and their riders and all other non-motorized forms
of transportation)

More? Yes, a bike ride along the
lakefront, followed by ice cream

When: 11 a.m., June 9

Where: St. John's Lutheran Church,
3833 8th Avenue, Kenosha WI



Habitat for Humanity of Kenosha golf outing

Habitat for Humanity of Kenosha will hold a golf outing June 14 at Maplecrest Country Club. The event includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, dinner, raffle and a silent auction. The golfing is \$120 per person; dinner and the silent auction is \$30. Registration opens at 10 a.m. June 14. The golf begins at 11 a.m. For more information, e-mail golf@habitatkenosha.org or visit www.habitatkenosha.org. Proceeds from this event will ensure the building of the first Habitat for Humanity home in Kenosha.

MISSION STATEMENT

***BY THE
GRACE OF
THE HOLY
SPIRIT, WE
WILL
REACH OUT
AND SHARE
CHRIST'S
LOVE, OUR
LIVES, AND
OUR GIFTS
WITH ALL
PEOPLE.***

A Great Big Thank You to all who signed up to receive the Messenger and other Church related items by email. This saves the church money. If you would like to sign up, please inform Mary in the Church office 654-7113 or stjohnswi@tds.net.

Pastoral Care

Please call the office, 262-654-7113, when someone is hospitalized so that a visit can be arranged or a phone call made. Because of Federal privacy laws, hospitals rarely inform Pastors when people are patients. **We are relying on your help & information so that people can be properly cared for.**

Pastor Jim will be in the office from 10 a.m. to around 5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. To make an appointment, please call the church. Pastor also can be reached on his cell phone at 414-491-5033.

Phone messages are answered on a regular basis.

Church office email address:

stjohnswi@tds.net

Pastor Jim's email address: **stjohnspastor**

Please include in your prayers:

*Eleanor
Blomberg*

Louis Cobo

Jim Reilly

Arlene Young

Please pray for all who mourn the deaths of

Gary Fortner

Pray for people who are dealing with results of natural disasters and economic hard times

and their families.

Please inform the church office with changes to the prayer list.

Lawn mowing signup

It's that time of year when the grass is green and growing. St. John's needs the help of a few good mowers to keep it from growing too high. Please sign up for a week or two or more on the sheet on the table in the gathering space.



Thank you!



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1st—Jason Jabs
- 5th—Mary Modder
- 6th—Anna Burnett
- 8th—Liana Zorn
- 12th—Robert Schwartz
- 14th—Thomas Jabs
- 14th—Jane Moddes
- 16th—Susan Isenberg
- 16th—Elliot Retzlaff
- 21st—Keith Burnett
- 28th—Augie Schmidt
- 28th—Taylor Zorn

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 7th— Evelyn Ryan
- 11th—Thomas Lux
- 15th—Alan Bella
- 18th—Matt Zorn
- 25th—Trae Waynes

**If your
Birthday was
missed,
please let
Mary in the
Church Office
know, so that
we keep our
records up
to date.
Thank you.**

Serving at Shalom Center

St. John's makes the sandwiches and serves the meal at the Shalom Center when a fifth Wednesday of the month rolls around. The next opportunity to serve will be July 31. We make the sandwiches starting around 3:15 p.m. The meal starts around 4:30 p.m. We usually are done around 5:30 p.m. If you can help, talk to Mary Zorn.



MEN'S MINISTRY

This group meets on the first Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. In June they will be meeting at Gateway Café and in July at the Marina Gardens Restaurant. Look for the table of St. John's folks having a good time.

Active Men's
Ministry
members

- Marv Modder*
- Erv Prust*
- John Tomsheck*
- Victor Main*
- Lee Otis*
- Pastor Jim Lynch*

All are welcome.

Each Month an item is chosen for the "Item of the Month" by St. John's Council, to be collected for the Urban Outreach Center. These are the items for the following months:

June - Shampoo & Conditioner
July - Soap ~ liquid or bar

Sponsorship for Flowers or Bulletins

Thank you to everyone who helps with the service by sponsoring a monthly Bulletins and/or the weekly flowers that are set on the altar.

<u>Altar Flowers for June</u>	<u>Monthly Bulletin</u>	<u>Altar Flowers for July</u>
2 - Cindy Kirkpatrick	<u>Sponsor's</u>	
9 - Tisch Family		7 - Evelyn Ryan
16 - Ruth Kulich	June -	14 - Lorraine Paul
23 - John & Pat	Joan Rivera	21 - Charlene Polanski
Tomsheck	July & August -	28 - OPEN
30 - Jim & Debbie	OPEN	
Paddock		

OTHER AREAS OF NEED

Fellowship Host sign up is another way that you can help out. The 2013 Fellowship sign up sheet is in the gathering space along with the Communion Assistant sign up.

Please pick your dates. Your contributions to the church service is much appreciated.

Thank you for your help in all of these areas.

Flower Chairperson - Ruth Kulich

Fellowship Chairperson - Pat Tomsheck

Bulletin Sponsorship Chair— Irene Bashinsky

Communion assistant Chair - Jim & Debbie Paddock

If you move, change your phone number, marital status, have a baby, etc.; please let the church office know so that we may maintain our church records accurately.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday School is done for the Summer. Thank you to all who have participated.

VBS - Come Join the Fun!!

All school age children are invited to join in with learning, crafts, games and yummy snacks.

Watch the Bulletin for more information coming soon.



You could help the St. John's Sunday School Program ~ and it is easy!

Please remember, and tell your friends and family, to save their empty aluminum cans. Leave them in the back driveway garbage bin area. Cans should be in a plastic bag and tied up. Proceeds will benefit the Sunday School Program. Every little bit helps.

Pick N Save We Care Program You can help St. John's every time you shop at Pick N' Save! Just fill out a *We Care Card* or fill out a *NEW We Care Card* and put St. John's ID number (774640) in the space marked for charity. There are forms in the Gathering Space if you need one. Thank you for helping with this project.

Please pray for your Church Council Members

John Peterman Debra Paddock

Pat Tomsheck Meg Wolfers Mary Zorn

Eric Houghton – President Amy Zieseemer – Vice-President

Nancy Otis – Treasurer Jean Preston - Secretary

Amy Zieseemer - Financial Secretary

Midweek Bible study

We will be holding a midweek Bible study at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Gathering Space.



Members are asked to write a bio so that we get to know a little bit more about each other. If you have not been featured in the Messenger as of yet, please get your information to Mary in the office either by email or hard copy. Thank you.

**St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church
TREASURER REPORT**

	2013 <u>Jan -Mar</u>	2012 <u>Jan -Mar</u>	2011 <u>Jan - Mar</u>
Current Ministries & Other*	\$28,527	\$23,119	\$19,576
Rent:	\$2,550	\$2,550	\$2,550
Total Income:	<u>\$31,077</u>	<u>\$25,669</u>	<u>\$22,126</u>
Total Operating Expenses**:	<u>(\$29,956)</u>	<u>(\$21,837)</u>	<u>(\$23,634)</u>
YTD Surplus (Deficit):	\$1,121	\$3,832	(\$1,508)

*Other income includes contributions to church year celebrations, memorials for Current Ministries, Sunday School, plate cash, bulletin support, fellowship collections and interest earned on checking acct.

**Operational Expenses do not include Mission payouts, Pride in Property (PIP) Fund expenditures.

Checking Account Balance 3/31/2013 \$53,050.24

Thank you,
Nancy Otis, Treasurer



Dear St. John's,
Thank you for your gifts of 30.00 to the ELCA Urban Outreach Center. Your donations help us to serve our community through our adult programs, clothing closet, and programs for youth, Your support makes a difference. Without it we could not continue our mission.

God's peace,
Karl Erickson
Executive Director

CONTINUED Thanks

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your donation which has brightened our day and will strengthen our mission of giving help and hope to those experiencing homelessness and hunger. As you know, the needs are many and resources are few.

Annually, we provide more than 40,000 Soup Kitchen and Family Shelter meals, 16,000 Family and INNS Shelter nights and 560 tons of Pantry groceries with 10,000 Pantry shopping visits. As we strive to meet the needs that face many, we greatly appreciate your gift

Gratefully,

The Shalom Center Board and Staff

A decision was made to list names of people who make special donations or memorials to the church. If you are supposed to be listed and are not, please contact the church office to make sure that your donation was received and noted properly. Mary

Since the last Messenger our records show that the following donations were received:

1. from Ruth Kulich in memory of Richard Lettrich.

2. In memory of Allan Kirkpatrick from:

John & Irene Bashinsky Karen & Erik Eve Ruth Kulich

Lorraine Paul Charlene Polanski Margie Slavik

D.L. Stika John & Pat Tomsheck Carol & Ed Ziesemer



If you are interested in becoming a member of St. John's or you would like envelopes assigned to you, please contact the church office.

Articles or information for the Messenger or Calendar should be submitted to the church office, electronically preferred, by the 15th of the previous month. Therefore the articles for the next **Messenger** should be submitted to Mary by July 15th, 2013.

The deadline for Bulletin submissions is Tuesday at noon.

Submissions can be e-mailed to stjohnswi@tds.net

Thank you!

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