



# St. James News

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In the midst of the current craziness, the Lord continues to love His people most concretely through Word and Sacrament. And for that we give thanks. Though maybe not all be comfortable, agree with the method, or are unsure of what to believe, it has been a blessing to move toward what we would consider being normal. Sadly, what we knew as normal may not ever be again. But then again, maybe it will. In the meantime, it is good that we move forward as the reasonable and responsible people we know we can be. Further, it's vital that we continue to live in love for one another and refrain from judging when someone is not doing what we think is necessary for ourselves. Again, what do we believe? What information is correct? What information is not? Lord, give us the peace of mind and heart of love to be reasonable and responsible.

It is my intent as your pastor to provide an escape from the world when you come to St. James. That's not my invention or great idea. That is the reality of what the church is for you. It is the ark of calm in the storm. The place of refuge in the chaos. The place of sustaining grace and mercy away from the malnutrition the world offers. **"For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen."** (Romans 11:36)

The same intent is present as we look to welcoming our students back to school. As we approach the first day of school, September 8th, we welcome not only our current students but over 30 new students who have decided to join us for the school year. We are blessed to have the opportunity to serve our students and families. Please consider keeping the school staff and students in your prayers throughout the year.

(Consider participating in our new prayer ministry opportunity that you can read about further in this newsletter.)

Though we recognize that we are not in control of what happens in this life, we can certainly take precautions that are reasonable and responsible to ensure our personal health and that of others. Our students will be encouraged to wear a mask in the hallways and when social distancing is not possible. They will be instructed in improved cleanliness and asked to wash their hands regularly when moving from room to room. It's going to be different, but even amidst the difference, the staff is going to do their best to create as much normalcy as possible.

Blessed children of God be assured of the love your Creator has for you in His Son whose gifts are shared with you as often as we gather to receive. May this time of chaos with health and culture be a reminder that this world is broken. And may that reminder of brokenness point you to the truth that though this world is, in fact, broken, the Lord has provided peace within - a peace that surpasses all understanding. For as sinners saved by grace, we rejoice as ones covered by the atoning blood of Christ. You, dear child of God, are forgiven for all your sin.

Pastor Loder

*If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is*

*your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

*Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.*

*Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be*

*thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him (Colossians 3:1-17 ESV).*

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison  
President  
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## Our Church Records

### Church Attendance

Sunday, June 28	48 & 97
Sunday, July 5	62
Sunday, July 12	56 & 82
Sunday, July 26	47 & 92

Sunday, August 2	86
Sunday, August 9	75 & 73
Sunday, August 16	70 & 55
Sunday, August 23	76 & 74

### **Baptism**

**Flint Reuben Heller** infant son of Danial and Shayla Heller on July 5, 2020 by Pastor Loder.

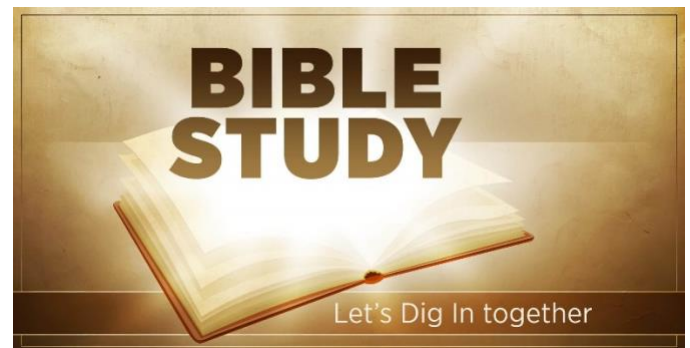
**Harrison Cooper Luhman** infant son of David and Taylor Luhman on July 11, 2020 by Pastor Loder.

**Dorothy Hope Koosman** infant daughter of Bradley and Hope Koosman on August 8, 2020 by Pastor Loder.

### **Funeral**

**Barb Dahlin** on July 15, 2020. She was called to her eternal rest July 9, 2020 at the age of 69 years, 4 months and 4 days.

**Garlen Gruenhagen** on July 18, 2020. He was called to his eternal rest July 4, 2020 at the age of 71 years and 19 days.



Sunday morning Bible Study Class invites all our members to come be in the Word during Bible Class in the church every Sunday between services.

## **A Word from Vicar Dub**

The Sanctus, the Latin word for “Holy”, is one of the oldest pieces of our liturgy. It is possible that it might even be the oldest piece of our liturgy. It is found in the Service of the Sacrament following the Preface where the pastor proclaims, “therefore with angels and archangels and with the all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:” “Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory”. These holy words are from Isaiah 6:3 as the prophet gazes upon Lord God enthroned on His throne in heaven above. He records the seraphim, six-winged angels, praising God three times with the word “holy”. This threefold praise is indicative of the Holy Trinity!

The word “Sabaoth” is Hebrew for “heavenly hosts.” Often times in the Old Testament, it is translated as “Lord of hosts” for God is not only the Lord of heaven, but also Lord over all the earth and all creation. Isaiah describes the seraphim as covering their face and feet with two sets of wings while they fly with their third set because they are in the presence of the Most High God.

The second half of our Sanctus is also from an Old Testament verse. The psalmist in Psalm 118:25-26 cries out “Hosanna, Lord! Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord!” Who is who comes in the name of the Lord? It is Jesus Christ! When He enters into Jerusalem during Holy Week, the people cry out, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” Hosanna is a Hebrew word; it is a cry for salvation, “Lord, save us now!”

So what does it mean when we sing “Holy, holy, holy”? We are first proclaiming God’s unique state of being holy. He alone is the Holy One. This holy acclamation joins us with the whole company of heaven in praising God and declaring that just as in heaven above, His

glory is also on earth. God’s glory is synonymous with His presence: where His glory is, He is. In the New Testament, Christ is the very embodiment of God’s glory. Christ is the Kingdom of God incarnate on earth among us. Therefore, since Jesus has promised to be with us forever, we lead into the celebration of the Lord’s Supper singing the Sanctus. The very presence of our Lord and Savior is found on the altar in the church, and so we sing of His very presence here in the Sanctus.

Christ’s presence among us is under the second half of the Sanctus as well. We are like blind Bartimaeus, proclaiming “hosanna” and crying out for salvation to our Lord. As we are told in 1 Corinthians, our very salvation and the forgiveness of our sins is from the Lord’s Supper. For this reason, we place the Sanctus right after the Preface and before the Words of Institution. This last phrase, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord”, contains a couple of meanings. First, it is a proclamation of the blessedness of Jesus Christ, who comes from the Father, the Lord of all creation. Secondly, it is a recognition that we have been made righteous before God because of the blood of Christ. We, as God’s people, can now be called blessed because we are gathered in His name in His church to receive His gifts of Word and Sacrament.

Vicar Dub



**September:** Jane Diers (1), Andrew Gueningsman (1), Michelle Koosman (1), Bryant Farrier (2), Landyn Hatcher (2), Kyle Klammer (2), Roslyn Schubert (2),

Kimberly Gesinger (3), Hallie Heller (3), Micah Reich (3), Karen Blanchette (4), Riley Hall (4), John Horsch (4), LaVonne Stueven (4), Warren Anderson (5), Kirk Jensen (5), Cassandra Butcher (6), Emily Linder (6), Derek Nikko (6), Kamryn Stueven (6), Denise Stoll (7), Amanda Stoll (8), Madilynn Yager (8), Christine Yukel (8), Gerald Burau (9), Jenna Davis (9), Jill Eckhoff-King (9), Robert Gruenhagen (9), Jeanne Glessing (9), Kirsten Heber (9), Cassie Krueger (9), Greta Van Meeteren (9), Odilia Lindstrom (10), Jody Menk (10), Susan Schlagel (10), Gwen Butcher (11), Dolores Tyson (11), Jared Glessing (12), Bernice Pehl (12), Madisen Stillwell (12), Grant Wickesberg (12), Nathaniel Diers (13), Hannah Marschel (13), Samuel Schmieg (13), Dale Engel (14), Samantha Zillmer (14), Chris Diers (16), Bryson Gueningsman (16), Mitch Montgomery (16), Jessica Streich (16), Adam Birkholz (18), Roland Krohn (18), Max Schlagel (18), Thomas Young (18), Sarah Butterfass (19), Samantha Nordin (19), Arvid Uecker (19), Madilyn Eckhoff (20), Micah Loder (19), Dean Koosman (21), Lyla Lutter (21), Bradly Koosman (22), Molly Loder (23), Kandra Oestreich (24), Jeremy Stoll (24), Mark Schmieg (25), Abigail Jones (26), Benton Miller (26), Bonnie Engel (27), Drew Oestreich (28), Sara Kotila (29), Kaylle Lanars (29), Bruce Zander (29), Paul Utne (30),



9/2 Julie & Dale Burau  
 9/3 Marcus & Julie Linder  
 9/5 Tom & Mikki Diers  
 9/7 Chad & Kristal Stueven  
 9/7 John & Shari Zander  
 9/8 Jesse & Angela Cardinal  
 9/8 Josh & Nikki Diers  
 9/9 David and Kelly Gruenhagen  
 9/12 Jason & Amy Hooser  
 9/12 Randy & Karla Marschel  
 9/13 Michael & Frances Luhman  
 9/13 Allan & Kathleen Uecker  
 9/15 Mark & Barbara Schmieg  
 9/17 Chad & Kelli Burau  
 9/18 Eric & Amanda Stoll  
 9/19 Steven & Janice Comstock  
 9/21 Edwin & Diane Borg  
 9/28 Mike & Heidi Thorson

*People of Christ With A Message of Hope*

## THE LUTHERAN HOUR

Hear The Lutheran Hour each Sunday at 12:30 PM on KDUZ-1260 Hutchinson or at 7:30 AM on KRWC-1360 Buffalo.

The Lutheran Hour may also be heard at 6:05 AM Sunday mornings on WCCO -830. The Lutheran Hour is our church's witness in the public marketplace. We can sponsor broadcasts on KDUZ in memory of loved ones or in honor of special occasions.

### September 6

#### "Jesus in the House"

Messy prayers, loud tables, open doors-three signs of a spiritually vibrant household.

(Luke 19:1-10)

### September 13

#### "Fireplace Spirituality"

Our relationship with God is not something to "set and forget" like a thermostat.

(Acts 2:37-47)

### September 20

#### "I Stand at the Door"

New Series "Households of Faith"

(Luke 24:13-35)

### September 27

#### "Room at the Table"

New Series "Households of Faith"

(1 Peter 4)

## *Stewardship-* An Article from LCMS

**The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

**LCMS Stewardship Ministry**

**Newsletter article – September 2020**

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (Eccl 9:10).

God bids us to be faithful in the tasks He calls us to do. He calls us to be members of a family (husbands and wives; fathers and mothers; sons and daughters). He calls us to be members of society (those who govern and those who are governed). And He calls us to be members of His family, the Church (those who preach and teach and those who hear and learn). Each of these callings from God places a duty on us.

As members of a family, husbands are given the duty to die for their wives as Christ gave His life for His bride, the Church; while wives are given the duty to respect their husbands and submit themselves to them as the Church does to Christ. Fathers and mothers are to raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, teaching them the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Scriptures concerning Baptism, Confession, the Office of the Keys, and the Lord’s Supper. Children are to honor their parents throughout their lives, and even when their parents are no longer alive, serving and obeying them, loving and cherishing them, and speaking well of them.

As members of society, God calls those who govern to bear the sword, that is, to punish those who do evil (those who live contrary to God’s will) and to reward those who do good (those whose lives are lived in conformity with God’s will). Those who are governed are to obey their leaders as to the Lord Himself, for their leaders bear the sword of God’s temporal justice for a purpose.

As members of God’s own family, the Church, He calls those who preach and teach

to do so in faithfulness to His holy Word. To preach and teach the Law of God to convict the hearts of hearers of their sin and to encourage, admonish, and exhort them to do good works in accordance with God’s will. They are to preach and teach the Gospel, the full forgiveness of their sins accomplished by Christ and received through faith, not by works. They are to administer the means of grace in accordance with the Gospel and the Word of God. They do all this for the young and old alike, for those who are near and far off. Those who hear and learn are to submit themselves to their preachers and teachers. They are support them by their prayers and their gifts.

Each of these callings from God place a duty on us. They make a claim on our presence; on our prayers; and our time, talents, and treasures. So, “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (Eccl 9:10). Pray for your family, your government, and your church. Give of yourself by means of your time, your talents, and your treasures to your family, your government, and your Church. That is what it means to be faithful in the tasks that God has given us. That is what it means to do it with all your might.

## *GREETINGS DEAR ST. JAMES FRIENDS*

With wonder and surprise I realize it is September and everything shows the fall signs, cooler mornings, summer birds leaving, gardens producing an abundance of healthy fruits and vegetables and the ability to leave the windows open and enjoy the cooler and less humid weather.



Changes, changes and more changes! Are you thinking you wish things were back to what WAS just 6-7 months ago? Many of us are thinking this way. I can't help but be reminded that is what the Israelites grumbled about after they left Egypt. "why did you bring us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death." Exodus 16:3. They longed for the meat and all the food of Egypt. Even though they were slaves to the Egyptians, they looked back and wished they were back in the "comfortable" setting of Egypt. Change is hard, especially since the Pandemic has made such drastic changes in many areas. But change we must, unless we want to get bogged down in negative mire.

I am encouraged to see friendly faces, with smiles and an appearance of hope and joy! After all, we all hope in the Lord and know he cares for us and is fully aware of our situation. What is more- He is in control and we have nothing to fear. So take heart dear Christians!

The following was shared with me from a friend- even some chocolate- what a treat, thank you!

LAUGH AND LIVE

MONDAYS ARE FOR COMPLIMENTS

TUESDAYS ARE FOR FLEXIBILITY

WEDNESDAYS ARE FOR GRATITUDE

THURSDAYS ARE FOR KINDNESS

FRIDAYS ARE FOR FORGIVENESS

THE WEEKENDS ARE FOR CHOCOLATE!

Note for your calendar:

**FLU CLINIC** will be here at St. James on OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>. 3P.M. UNTIL 6 P.M.

It is more important than ever to get the flu shot this year since many people will hopefully be getting back into more of the social activities. I fear people may think it not necessary, but the prediction is that the flu will be active and remember the flu has killed more people than the COVID 19 this past year!

Blessings for your fall season!

Your parish nurse,

*Darlene*

## **KIDS** for **Rally Day**

Sunday, September 13

9:15 AM in St. James School

**STUDENTS AND PARENTS** are invited to join in celebrating with games,



treats, songs and Bible Activities

Please plan to sing at the beginning of the 10:30 AM Worship Service

*Your child's Sunday School Teachers and Staff **for** come you!*

Mark your calendars for the December 20 Christmas program. Practice starts **next Sunday!**

## Nine at 9:00

Sunday Night Prayer Ministry  
for St. James School

**Why?**

The start of each new school year brings fresh opportunities for learning and growth. While this year will be no exception, this will also be a

school year like no other for St. James. We are excited to welcome many new students, and we recognize the challenges that the current pandemic has created for all students and teachers worldwide.

While all faithful believers have the opportunity to bring their needs and concerns before the Lord in prayer, our uniqueness as a Christian school allows us to do so more publicly and collaboratively than our public school counterparts. We are taught in Luther's explanation of the Lord's Prayer that "God is our true Father and we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father." What comforting words these are!

### **When?**

Sunday nights at 9:00 p.m. for nine minutes (When there is no school on Monday, we will pray Monday night at 9:00 instead.)

### **Where?**

At home, for those who prefer to pray on their own, **and** in the school entryway, for those who'd like to pray collectively

### **Who?**

Any adults (including high school age alumni or friends) who desire to be in prayer for the needs and concerns of the St. James school community and will specifically commit to "Nine at 9:00"

### **How?**

God knows and hears our prayers; you need not "sign up" unless you choose to. Through a closed Facebook group and also using the Remind app, prayer concerns will be added and weekly reminders will be sent. You may "opt in" to either or both of these, or simply pray on your own.

Nine minutes in prayer may seem very long to some, while to others it seems quite short. It takes roughly two minutes to name each student on our current roster by name. You can certainly fill the rest of the time any way you choose, but prayers for our teachers, administrators and other staff, PTL, and parents and family members of our students and staff might be a great place to start! The best words we can pray are the words Jesus gave to us in the Lord's Prayer, which cover all needs of body and soul.

Additional prayer requests may be added to the closed Facebook group, although no student-specific requests should ever be added without parental permission. Moderators will monitor the group closely to ensure that nothing is being shared that could tarnish a student or staff member's reputation or simply spread gossip. And, of course, requests made should only be used for prayerful purposes and kept otherwise confidential.

Many prayers for specific needs and concerns, including several petitions for children and families, are included in the front of our church's hymnal. If you'd like to check one out for home and family use, please talk to your child's teacher or to Nancy Butterfass or Pastor Loder.

This stands as an open invitation. Nothing about our prayer time should feel contrived or forced. Pray what is upon your heart, and as we lift our school's needs to the Lord, we can be assured that He hears and answers all prayers according to His good and gracious will.

*"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."* Hebrews 14:15-16

*"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."* Hebrews 10:24-25

**What next?** Please choose as many or as few options below as are comfortable for you:

- Join us in prayer for nine minutes at 9:00 p.m. on Monday, September 7, and every subsequent *Sunday* night in the entryway of St. James School at 1000 6th Avenue. Come as you are, and come whenever you can!
- Join us in prayer for nine minutes at 9:00 p.m. on Monday, September 7, and every subsequent *Sunday* night from the comfort of your own home (or wherever you are).
- Use this link to sign up for weekly reminders on your mobile device: <https://remind.com/join/nineat> (or text me at 320-296-2602 for an invitation).

- Search “Nine at 9:00” on Facebook and request to join the group. If you can’t find the group, let me know and I can initiate an invitation.

Please feel free to reach out to Molly Loder at any time with questions, ideas, or prayer concerns.