

June 2021 Newsletter

Pastor's Message:

Dear Partners in the Gospel:

Ah, can we breathe a bit easier? We start this summer more hopeful and less fearful than last summer. That's good news! It doesn't mean that Covid is a thing of the past (certainly not in large swaths of the world). But it does mean we have some of our freedoms back and some of our activities back.

We'd like to put all this pandemic stuff behind us. It's been exhausting. Some have lost loved ones. Others have not regained their health. There are parts of this ordeal we want to forget. And there are parts of it we dare not forget! (Bishop Paul Erickson reminds us: "The choices and sacrifices you have made have saved lives!" I believe that, too!)

One thing I do not want to forget is to say thank you! We have adjusted, adapted, sacrificed, and navigated this time as a church-together. We have found ways to worship, to care for one another, and do our essential work. We have discovered anew that God is good, and that the Lord does provide!

Let me also share a special word of thanks for Wendy and managing the office and our communications. And for Marcia and Bonnie and Tim and the Celebration Team and the Bell Choir for continuing to make a joyful noise to the Lord! And for singers: Ty, Scott, Kim, Kristen, and Kassi. And for extra gifts of music from people like Jake and Kayla and Paul and Jim and Becky. Worship is how we praise God and recharge!

And worship wouldn't have happened without our Tech folks, especially: Jenny & Scott Trick, Sam & Ed Eisenhauer, Scott Kinter, and our Power Point helpers. Thanks to ushers and readers too!

We share our extra gratitude also for Staci (Sunday School Coordinator), Confirmation Guides-Megan, Nicole, and Jamie, First Communion Leaders-Ellen and Kathy, Education Team, parents and students for the efforts that have helped teach the faith at church and in the home!

I'm thankful we have a Church Council that is thoughtful and responsive! And Committees and Teams that have kept going! And our Youth Ministry Interns: Cassidy and Michael, and our Youth Ministry Team and our Prayer Team who have been working faithfully all along the way.

And then there's all of you who have reached out, stayed connected, demonstrated patience, given generously, and pitched in as needed. To our custodians Darlene & Gerald; to Altar Guild helpers; to outdoor worship setter-uppers and pickup truck-lenders; to Keith filling up groundhog excavations and Susan watering plants; and Barb and Dick tending plantings and Scott taking care of the yard; to card writers and phone callers *and everyone else whom I couldn't possibly list by name-Thank you!*
Asante sana! You are a blessing. And we are blessed as a church community!

Oh, and one more group: there are some of you who have been bold enough to look for a church during the pandemic, and you've joined in, online or in-person. Thank you for finding St. John's! We pray you experience God's welcome among us.

Our friends at All Peoples' Church use the tag line "We are better together!" That has never been more true! Thank you! -Pastor Paul

April 2021 - Year to Date

+YTD General Fund

Receipts: \$ 78,371

Expenses: \$ 69,366

+YTD Building Fund:

Receipts: \$ 27,682 Expenses: \$ 27,408

+YTD ELCA Benevolence:

\$ 8,645 Goal for 2021: \$15,000

Thank you for your regular offerings and to those who have signed up for electronic giving.

Because of your generous Lent and Easter offerings we were able to share \$1375 with each of the following: ELCA Hunger Appeal, Ulong'a Parish in Tanzania, All Peoples' Church in Milwaukee, and our Greater Milwaukee Synod's "Outreach for Hope".

+YTD Missionary Sponsorship:

\$ 1,911 Goal for 2021: \$6,000

Building Loan Balance: \$ 120,383

Summer Worship!

Our 'normal' schedule continues: Saturday at 5pm (will do Drive-in Worship when possible), Sundays at 8:00 & 9:45 (continues on Facebook Live). When you're away on weekends, remember to join in on Facebook Sunday mornings on later in the day or week!

Wednesday nights will be "Church Nights" starting June 16th with a Cookout/Campfire at 6:00. We'll offer a game night, or a bike ride, or a study night on following Wednesdays.

We Are A Learning Church!

Thank you to Staci Bohling and to all those who led the Sunday morning Sunday School zoom classes! Thank you, parents and kids for attending classes. We look forward to meeting in person in fall! If you are interested in teaching this fall please talk to Staci Bohling, we'd love to have you!

St. John's Veterans Group

St. John's Vet's Group will be having their next meeting at church on Tuesday, June 8th at 9:00am. Our meetings are open to both St. John's Veteran members and non-members, so bring a friend.

Congratulations & Blessings to our Graduates!

Congratulations and blessings to our high school graduates: Liam Anders, Holden Blank, Dakotah Garbade, Christian Meyers, Megan Olafsson, Sydney Owens, Camdyn Schneider. Our college graduates: Anna Johnson, Anna Reisinger, Emily Kraus (NP Degree). Lisa Brennan graduated with her PHD in nursing.

I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans...to give you a future with hope! -Jeremiah 29:11

If we missed someone, please let us know!



"Fresh Start" for Family Promise Program

Are you traveling soon and staying in a hotel? If so, we're kicking off a new program called, "Fresh Start". This is a program that will be used by Family Promise. If you stay at a hotel and don't use the free toiletries they offer you, we'd like you to donate them. Family Promise will use them to make up small care packages for their clients. Please place the items in the marked container found on the Food Pantry shelf. If you have any questions, please call Mary Glocke at 262-339-1128. Thank you for caring for others in need!

Getting to Know You!

Each month we'll feature a St. John's member so we can get to know each other better.

Getting to Know You: **Marcia Earl**

You'd never think by hearing Marcia play piano "by heart" for St. John's church services that she would have been considered most likely NOT to become a professional musician. Ah, but her path was long and winding, and thanks to her background and the good Lord, she landed here to share her talents.



Marcia began life in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Her parents married when her dad was home on leave just before being sent to England to await the D-Day invasion. Marcia didn't come along until 12 years later. Her mother would say she was the first and the last. She was raised in church and was there every time the doors were open.

Music has always been an important part of Marcia's life. Her parents were musical. When family came to visit, they would gather around the piano and sing for hours in four-part harmony. Her aunts sang at hers and Gary's wedding reception, and two of her uncles who were pastors co-officiated. The aunties truly knew how to sing, and the uncles could definitely preach and pray!

She began her musical career with piano lessons at age 5. She wasn't the best student; in fact, you might say she was probably her piano teacher's worst. She switched teachers around 5th grade and began to take improvisation, which opened up a new and exciting love of music and expression for her.

Marcia has been blessed to have studied under wonderful instructors, who all taught her musicianship, style, technique, and their own unique approach to life and music. Her Bachelors in Music began in Illinois, continued with a move to Texas (after the death of her first husband), and finished at Concordia University in Mequon. She furthered her music studies at Concordia and received her Masters in Church Music a number of years ago.

During her time in Texas, while on a vacation Marcia was offered a modeling job for Christian Lacroix and decided to make a life changing move with her young son Tim. She was later contacted by Revlon and became the account coordinator for the North Texas Department Store Division. During that time she met her husband Gary on a blind date. A promotion brought him to Milwaukee, where they married, and the family of three moved north to Colgate and welcomed son Joshua. Both sons are now married, and Marcia and Gary have five grandchildren (aka "little darlings").

Nowadays the music studio in the Earl home is filled with the sounds of Marcia's piano students. With a soft heart for furry four-legged creatures, Marcia's other companions around the house are two rescue dogs and a rescue cat, who are surely non-savage beasts tamed by the beautiful music they're so privileged to hear.

"Fun" Facts:

-(Love one another*) Marcia follows the St. Louis Cardinals, attending games often as a child and now on her MLB app. And you can't take the Texas out of this girl! She's a true-blue Dallas Cowboys fan.*

-Too many to count: It's hard to say how many piano students Marcia has had since she started teaching at age 15, but at one time she had a revolving door of 70 students a week.

-A shoo-in to win the "Jeopardy!" history category, Marcia has a passion for studying personal topics of interest – currently, the French Resistance in WWII.

Called to Serve

Readers

(8:00 Service)

6/6 Paul Stahl
6/13 Joel Wolf
6/20 Pete Kutzora
6/27 George Liberatore

(9:45 Service)

6/6 Joel Wolf
6/13 Amy Reid
6/20 Susan Heidtke
6/27 Sharon Boldt

Ushers

(8:00 Service)

6/6 Paul Stahl
6/13 Irv Brandt
6/20 Jim Kurtz
6/27 Staci Bohling

(9:45 Service)

6/6 Irv Brandt
6/13 Duane Plath
6/20 George Liberatore
6/27 Joel Wolf



June Anniversaries!

June 4 Dale & Jackie Dhein – 38 years
Karl & Peggy Krueger – 38 years
Mark & Kathy Dalton – 27 years
June 5 Nick & Christy Abt – 11 years
June 9 Susan Kerr & Cherri Noll – 7 years
June 10 Bob & Sandy Bernau – 32 years
June 11 Scott & Heather Anders – 27 years
June 12 Jereme & Staci Bohling – 22 years
June 14 Todd & Amanda Reinemann – 13 years
June 17 Greg & Marin Siegert – 16 years
June 18 Dan & Dee Johnson – 33 years
June 20 Scott & Jane Christianson – 34 years
June 21 Darrel & Sharon Counard – 52 years
June 22 Reuben & Val Heidtke – 36 years
June 24 Vernon & Mary Lynn Prost – 49 years
June 26 Keith & Kandee Heidtke – 50 years
June 29 Gerald & Bonnie Puestow – 58 years
June 30 Perry & Staci Benz – 20 years

If we missed your special day please let us know.

June Birthdays

June 1 Emily Hollister
Kathy Zirtzclaff
June 2 Kevin Lauterbach
Ken Wills
June 3 Viola Fischer
Carl Radloff
Lester Steffen
June 4 Danielle Piering
Alan Schweiger
June 5 Ben Haddorff
Connor Cameron
June 6 Aaron Reid
Miles Olson
June 7 Will Kraus
June 9 Ken Keel
Sherri Schwefel
June 10 Gerald Wanta
Lynda Wills
June 11 Abbey Kasubaski
Donna Lamberg
June 12 Cameron Corwin
Scott Hellesen
June 13 Chuck Turbin
Dick Uhlig
June 15 Ben Luce
June 16 Bennett Goodman
Ryan Liberatore
Lila Prost
June 17 Nicolaus Cefalu
Sawyer Dueno
RJ Groth
June 18 Aria Kerr
Taylor Liebner
Jenny Starzman
June 19 Don Driebel
Madeline Friess
Sherrie Meyerpeter
Wilson Seltrecht
Jesse Seltrecht
Paityn Starzman
June 29 Anna Johnson
Gretchen Wagner
June 21 Allissa Goodman
Evan Seatz
June 22 Patty Beuscher
June 23 Judy Henrichs
Aidan Kalian
June 24 Carol Campbell
Jackie Gauger
June 25 Ariana Reinemann
June 28 Chloe Lloyd
June 29 Charlie Jones
June 30 Dee Johnson
Logan Young

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At St. John's we're privileged and challenged to *Welcome, Worship, and Witness* in Christ's name. Thank you for being part of this faith community and for the serving you do to the glory of God!

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Worship Services: Saturday 5:00 pm & Sunday 8 & 9:45 am with Holy Communion

Facebook Live at 9:45 am on Sunday



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