

July 2022 Newsletter

Pastor's Message:

Dear People of God,

For worship this summer, our theme is "Summer of Love!" And we're starting with the Ten Commandments, which basically boil down to this: *Love God. Love your neighbor.*

A year ago, I was out in Colorado Springs for a car show. The "Bible Belt" used to be a down south term. It also applies to Colorado Springs. At the hotel/conference center we stayed in, guests are met at the door by a 10' carving of the Ten Commandments! I'd never seen such a thing at a hotel entrance! I'm curious what's behind it. Here are some ponderings:

+Is it possible that the owners/operators of the hotel really hope that people entering there will remember the Ten Commandments?

+Is this business signaling that it is built, in some fashion, on the Ten C's? (If so, should they even be open on the 'Sabbath day'? Do they give their employees a break?)

+Or is this mainly a cheap marketing ploy? Something that might appeal to a particular group of Christians? (Religious symbols and the American flag are often used for such ends!)

Regardless of what's behind that ten foot version of the Ten C's, it made me pause and think. Martin Luther recommended that people sing or recite the Ten C's as they go through their day. Do we ever make time for that kind of reflection on God's instruction?

While the Ten C's are pretty good basics for any society to live by, they had and have a more narrow, target audience: They were given to people like us-who know we are called to be God's people-and who are to be growing each day in our ability and willingness to love God and love neighbor; people who aren't afraid to ask hard questions about "what does God require of us?"

And what's far better than a ten foot re-creation of the Ten C's at your hotel entrance? It's that God sent Jesus to dwell among us and show us how to live, how to love, and how to wrestle with difficult questions (and difficult people!)

Love God + Love Neighbor = Summer of Love. Actually, it equals a life of love and a mission of love!

Blessings on your summer!
Pastor Paul

We extend a big Thank You to Staci Bohling who has poured her heart and soul into the Sunday School Coordinator position for the past 8 years. Staci is stepping down, as her regular workload increases, and so someone else can step up! *Who among us can work with Education Team and help teach and nurture kids and families?*

Saturday 5pm worship in the summer is Drive-in Worship, when the weather allows. Sunday 8:00 + 9:45 will normally be indoors, with 9:45 on Facebook Live (watch 'live' or watch later!) *If you're in town, join us in person! If you're on the go-you can join us online!*

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

May 2022 - Year to Date

+YTD General Fund

Receipts: \$ 87,102

Expenses: \$ 82,929

+YTD Building Fund:

Receipts: \$ 43,759 Expenses: \$ 46,559

+YTD Missionary Sponsorship:

\$ 4,813 Goal for 2022: \$6,000

+YTD ELCA Benevolence:

\$ 6,653 Goal for 2022: \$15,000

Building Loan Balance:

\$ 0

(Thanks to God & to All of You!)

Great Fellowship & Fun!

We have plenty of events in July to get together for fellowship, hike, swim, fish, & more!

Wednesday, July 6 at 6:30 - meet at Lion's Den for Worship and a hike- this is also a youth group event.

Monday, July 11th from 6:00-7:00 - Celebration of Baptism- this is for families that have had baptisms in the last 4 years. We'll have kid friendly activities- bubbles, chalk, snack and an activity that evening outside. You are welcome to bring other siblings as well.

Wednesday, July 20th at 6:00 – Cookout & Campfire Style Worship.

Monday, July 25 at 6:30 we'll meet at Mauthe Lake. Bring a picnic dinner- come and hang out, hike, swim or fish!

Rummage Sale Thank you!

Thank you to our Youth Group Leader, Kassidy Bohling, for organizing and running the rummage sale to fund raise for expenses for Charlotte Schwieger. We appreciate all those who helped to set everything up and take down, and to those who donated and bought items! We gave a check for \$705 to the Schwiegers to help while she battles leukemia!

St. John's Veteran's Group

Our next St. John's Vet's Group Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 12 at 9:00am at St. John's Church. We encourage both St. John's members and friends to attend our meetings.

We Need Your Help!

On Sunday, September 11th is our picnic, celebrating our church anniversary, mortgage burning, and Pastor's ordination anniversary. We want to make this a great celebration so we're having it in the big shelter at Jackson Park. We'll have one service at 9:45, then lunch and activities to follow. We are doing some planning now and could use some additional planning help as well as leaders and workers on the day of the picnic. We need kitchen help, basket raffle help, set up and clean up help. We'll have sign ups on the desk in the gathering space and you can also talk to Wendy Wolf if you can help in any way. We'll have a planning meeting on Wednesday, June 29th at 6:30. We sure would appreciate any and all help!

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: Nick and Brittany Moeller

Nick and Brittany Moeller's lives are full of movement: Up-down, lightning speeds, and running after. Nick is an elevator mechanic with Schindler Elevator Corporation, and Brittany works part time in marketing for Midwest Fiber Networks, a fiber internet services company seeking to expand its business to residential neighborhoods (starting with a pilot program in Jackson!).

Prior, Brittany worked full time in marketing at Briggs & Stratton but chose to pursue a better work-life balance so she could spend more time with their children, Ava and Max. Ava turned 2 in May, and Max's first trip around the sun will be the end of July (on behalf of your church family, happy birthday Max!). Dogs Pebbles and Bear, the first babies of the Moeller family, have acclimated well to being pet siblings.

Nick and Brittany are both from Oak Creek and attended Oak Creek High School, but hadn't met until 10 years after graduation* through mutual friends. They dated for three years and were married at the beautiful Schlitz Audubon Center, honeymooning on Kauai and Oahu – their favorite trip so far and one they'd love to repeat.

Nick played football in high school, and is a huge Packers fan and fantasy football competitor. Brittany has been an outdoorsy person from young on, so Brittany and Nick relax outside with the kids and dogs as much as possible when the weather is nice, cheer on the Packers during fall and winter, and listen to country music wherever they are.

Before they moved to Jackson in 2017, Brittany lived in the greater Milwaukee area and attended Trinity Lutheran Church in South Milwaukee – a church with a welcoming atmosphere and opportunities to volunteer in the community, much of what she finds at St. John's to the point it feels like home. Both Ava and Max were baptized at St. John's. The Moeller's hope they'll be attending more in person ... once Max starts regularly sleeping through the night.

"Fun" Facts

- Brittany (Dorfner) is 100% German; both her mom and dad (and extended family) immigrated here from Germany when they were young. She has pictures in a newspaper article of her dad and his family arriving at Ellis Island.
- *Nick messaged Brittany on *Plenty of Fish*, an online dating site, several months before they met, but she had never responded. So there was interest prior to them meeting (albeit one sided), but still Brittany never knew Nick messaged her until months after they started dating when he finally spilled.
- Brittany and Nick are big believers in "Adopt, don't shop." Pebbles was a birthday gift from Nick to Brittany, and Bear joined the family once they were settled in Jackson – both fur babies adopted from the Wisconsin Humane Society.



Called to Serve

Readers

(8:00 Service)

7/3 George Liberatore
7/10 Pete Kutzora
7/17 Laura Bartelt
7/24 Amy Reid
7/31 Paul Stahl

(9:45 Service)

7/3 Reuben Heidtke
7/10 Jackie Gauger
7/17 Susan Heidtke
7/24 Brennan Family
7/31 Meghan DeChant

Ushers

(8:00 Service)

7/3 George Liberatore
7/10 Pete Kutzora
7/17 Skip Bartelt
7/24 Mary Bukovic
7/31 Paul Stahl

(9:45 Service)

7/3 Keith Heidtke
7/10 Dave Williams
7/17 George Liberatore
7/24 Brennan Family
7/31 Duane Plath



July Anniversaries!

July 7 Ken & Janet Hansen – 66 years
Jason & Jamie Stoecker – 15 years
July 9 Skip & Laura Bartelt – 39 years
July 12 Gary & Sue Kielisch – 47 years
Paul & Beth Mittermaier – 42 years
Bryan & Laura Scheunemann – 35 years
July 13 Jared & Elizabeth Kison – 3 years
July 22 Jack & Lindsey Stern – 5 years
July 24 Butch & Sue Callum – 57 years
July 25 Greg & Linda Grosser – 35 years
July 30 Scott & Mary Novotny – 28 years

July Birthdays

July 4 Amy Meyers
July 7 Connor Stoecker
July 8 Dave Gardipee
Chuck Heer
Susan Hollister
July 10 Ty Brennan
Kierta Siegert
July 11 Rick Corlett
July 12 Janelle Lisko
Kristy Young
July 13 Kathy Hansen
Ella Pickart
Owen Pickart
July 14 Samuel Eisenhower
Dennis Heider
July 15 Staci Benz
Mary Glocke
Pete Kutzora
July 18 Natalia Haltner
July 19 Hanna Bertucci
Monica Bertucci
Betsy Lauterbach
July 20 Warren Dhein
Robert Glorioso
Robert Hertzfeld
Olivia Micksch
July 21 Sharon Adametz
July 22 Bob Bernau
Clint Corwin
Mike Starzman
July 23 Dennis Liebl
Nadea Oestreich
July 24 Samantha Kreis
July 25 Karlie Binversie
Laurie Matthews
July 28 Heather Anders
Sue Schroeder
Nicole Seatz
Isabella Weninger
July 29 Dennis Leist
Jamie Stoecker
Max Moeller
July 30 Barb Miller
Lona Skyles
Riley Nelsen
July 31 Heidi Kressin
Tracy Weninger

If we missed your special day please let us know.

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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
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