

June 2024 Newsletter

Pastor's Message:

Dear Co-Workers in Christ,

This month in worship we're going to focus on "Care of Creation", and in the process we'll honor God-our Creator, and we'll consider how we care for our neighbors by caring for the good earth that we all depend upon!

There is always more than enough *other* stuff going on in our lives: raising kids or grandkids, making ends meet, keeping body and soul together, the pressures of politics and economies, and of course- apathy and greed and ignorance. But the bottom line is that this whole *creation*, which is so essential for every one of us and every living thing, is struggling.

At times, we dare to hope and pray that *the country or the human family* might be united in dealing with the issues that impact us all. In truth, we must keep praying and trusting that the Spirit who was present at the dawn of creation might yet draw us together to care for God's good earth. And since we know that people who are poor- and nations which are poor- are less able to deal with floods, droughts, and environmental catastrophe, we understand that to actually love our neighbors around the world means to care about the whole world, and not just our little corner of it.

In the inspiring song "*Rise Up, O Saints of God*", there's this verse that can give us focus: *Rise up, O Saints of God! Creation cries in pain. Stretch forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain!*

That's the calling and challenge for every generation of Christians! *What is your favorite part of creation? What are your largest hopes and fears for creation? How do you see God's will for creation being done or being thwarted? What can we do together to make a difference?*

Our scripture readings on this theme come from Genesis 1, Job 38, Psalm 65 & 104, Leviticus 26, and Ezekiel 47. We'll weave together interesting and powerful narratives, and hopefully- we'll be more committed to caring for God's creation and God's people! -Pastor Paul

Worship in June will be at our 'normal' times, with Saturday "Drive-in" worship happening when the weather allows! Invite a friend. Join us on Facebook Live or YouTube when you can't be here in person or find another ELCA congregation on your travels!

Our Wednesday "Cookout & Campfire" happens once a month again, with the first one on June 19 at 6pm. We'll have burgers, brats, and lemonade and water. You bring something else to share, if that works for you!

Our Mission Endowment Team has re-organized, and we'll look forward to making some modest distributions from our modest fund's earnings this year! We'll also invite you again to *remember your church in your will or trust!* Thanks to those of you who have already done that!

Watch for the start of our **Prairie Garden**, as Eagle Scout Kyle gets his crew planting!

Year to Date as of May

Thank you for your regular offerings and to those who have signed up for electronic giving. We sure did generous giving in 2023!

+YTD General Fund

Receipts: \$ 70,549

Expenses: \$ 78,621

+YTD Building & Grounds Fund:

Receipts: \$ 9,639

Expenses: \$ 330

+YTD Missionary Sponsorship:

Receipts: \$ 2,963

Goal for 2024 \$8,000

+YTD ELCA Benevolence:

Receipts: \$ 5,332

Goal for 2024 18,000

+YTD Good Samaritan

Receipts \$ 4,570

Goal for 2024 \$ 8,000

What's Happening at St. John's



Congratulations & Blessings to our Graduates!

Congratulations and blessings to our high school graduates: Jakob Fraley, Natalia Haltner, Lilia Gierach, Kelsey Lisko, Wes Rauen, Doug Sharpley Jr., Adyson Warren, Logan Young, McCain Goodman. Our College graduates: Jake Brennan, Nick Ports, Alan Christianson. *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!

The Adventures of Flat Jesus

Pick up a flat Jesus from the Gathering Space for your summer travels! We encourage everyone in the congregation to take him with you this summer and send us pictures/video of where he goes- on day trips or around the world with you. We will post the sightings on Facebook as we get them. Please send your pictures to officestjohnsjackson@gmail.com. We can't wait to see your travels!!!

Crossways Camps Registration is still open! Students finishing 6th, 7th, 8th grades are encouraged to come to Confirmation Camp the week of July 7-12. Other ages can sign up for a half-week or full week of camp at Imago Dei Village, Pine Lake, or Waypost camps. *If you have a younger kid who is eager to go, let's find a date and encourage some others to register as well! Campers can start after 1st grade, for a two-night stay! Talk to Christy Abt or Pastor about that.*

www.crosswayscamps.org.

A "Family Camp Weekend" is planned for June 28-30 at Pine Lake. *Talk to Pastor or Christy to sign up your family and join in a fun weekend of family camping.*

Monday Study at 9am meets with Pastor in the Upper Room. We could include you at home via Zoom as well, if you'd like to participate that way! Let Pastor know.

The St. John's Youth Group is selling \$ 20.00 garden certificates that can be redeemed for your choice of beautiful hanging baskets, vegetables for your garden, or your choice of other merchandise at Groth's Country Gardens. The certificates will be sold by the Youth Group between services.



Getting to Know You!

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

Getting to Know You:

Peter & Tracey Jackson

There are friends, there is family, and then there are friends that become family" (Unknown).

Quite literally, Peter and Tracey Jackson could be the poster couple of that saying. Growing up in the Cedarburg area, they met at a very young age when Peter became best friends with Tracey's brother. Time hanging around eventually led to Peter and Tracey beginning a relationship and then getting married in November 1989. Their first child, Patrick, was born in March 1990 and their second, Tricia, in December 1992. After making the short move to Grafton, Tracey and Peter became a big part of the community through their children playing baseball and softball from early on and into high school.

In 2013, they lost Patrick to a sudden auto accident, which would change their lives and the lives of others. A year later, Tracey had the idea of giving back to the community, so she and Peter started the Patrick Jackson Memorial Foundation. Their charitable efforts have had the ripple effect of turning their nuclear family tragedy into positive community outreach: They, along with close friends, have successfully raised approx. \$20K to provide scholarships each year for Grafton H.S. graduates and a scholarship to Moraine Park Technical College for a student in the Electrical Distribution program, donate to a family that has a child with life-threatening illness, and other community needs.

Peter and Tracey became members of St. John's shortly after Patrick's passing. They've participated in Bible study with Barb P. and helped with young ones during Sunday services. Tracey also served on Church Council.

May 2019 brought a special reason to celebrate when Tricia married Dominic DiSalvo. The DiSalvos started their family in Grafton in June 2021 when Chloe Rose entered the world. Peter and Tracey became Papa and Nana with pure excitement! Fast forward to this past February when Brynley Katherine surprised everyone by arriving 10 weeks early – she was extra excited to come meet the family!

Fun Facts:

- Tricia was Grand Champion of the Ozaukee County Fair demolition derby – twice! – and both Peter and Patrick won a trophy for the truck category. Tracey gave it a shot, didn't win, but still had a ball.
- Speaking of shot, Peter, Tricia, and Dominic successfully took down a black bear in the WI Northwoods. Tracey likes the thrill of the hunt but is content to just enjoy the meat the others provide.
- Patrick's incentive for a job at age 14 was he wanted to save money for a Minneapolis Moline tractor. His grandpa and him were in cahoots, and went up north to buy a used one. Weren't his parents surprised when Patrick (and Grandpa) pulled into the driveway with a tractor!

Happy Anniversary

June 4 Dale & Jackie Dhein – 41 years
 Carl & Peggy Krueger – 41 years
 Mark & Kathy Dalton – 30 years
 June 5 Nick & Christy Abt – 14 years
 June 7 Jim & Laura Hahn – 10 years
 June 9 Susan Kerr & Cherri Noll – 10 years
 June 10 Bob & Sandy Bernau – 35 years
 June 11 Scott & Heather Anders – 30 years
 Matt & Janel Troester – 2 years
 June 12 Jereme & Staci Bohling – 25 years
 June 14 Todd & Amanda Reinemann – 16 years
 June 17 Greg & Marin Siegert – 19 years
 June 18 Dan & Dee Johnson – 36 years
 June 20 Scott & Jane Christianson – 37 years
 June 21 Darrel & Sharon Counard – 55 years
 June 22 Reuben & Val Heidtke – 39 years
 June 24 Vernon & Mary Lynn Prost – 52 years
 June 26 Keith & Kandee Heidtke – 53 years
 June 29 Gerald & Bonnie Puestow – 61 years
 June 30 Perry & Staci Benz – 23 years

Happy June Birthdays

June 1 Emily Hollister
 Kathy Zirtzloff
 June 2 Ken Wills
 June 3 Viola Fischer
 Carl Radloff
 June 4 Danielle Piering
 Alan Schwieger
 June 5 Janel Troester
 Connor Cameron
 June 6 Aaron Reid
 June 7 Miles Olson
 Will Kraus
 June 9 Ken Keel
 Sherri Schwefel
 Barrett Kison
 June 10 Gerald Wanta
 Lynda Wills
 June 11 Abbey Kasubaski
 Donna Lamberg
 June 13 Dick Uhlig
 June 16 Ryan Liberatore
 Jim Hahn
 Lila Prost
 June 17 RJ Groth
 June 18 Jenny Starzman
 June 19 Don Driebel
 Madeline Friess
 Sherrie
 Meyerpeter
 Wilson Seltrecht
 Jesse Seltrecht
 Paityn Starzman
 June 20 Anna Johnson
 Paisley Hein
 June 21 Allissa Goodman
 Evan Seatz
 June 22 Patty Beuscher
 June 23 Judy Henrichs
 Adian Kalian
 June 24 Carol Campbell
 Jackie Gauger
 June 25 Ariana Reinemann
 Chloe DiSalvo
 June 28 Chloe Lloyd
 June 29 Charlie Jones
 Finley Kiel
 June 30 Dee Johnson
 Logan Young

Born To Eternal Life

+ Duane Plath - May 30

Those Who Serve June 2024

| | | 6/2/2024 | 6/9/2024 | 6/16/2024 | 6/23/2024 | 6/30/2024 |
|-------------|------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Readers | 8:00 | Laura Bartelt | | Lee Anne Runnels | Kim Guslick | Laura Bartelt |
| | 9:45 | Sarah Stoecker | Rueben Heidtke | Laura Hahn | Mary Jost | Amy Reid |
| Communion | 8:00 | Laura Bartelt | | Lee Anne Runnels | Joel Wolf | Laura Bartelt |
| | | Joel Wolf | | | Eileen Mack | Brennans |
| Asst. | 9:45 | Sarah Stoecker | George Liberatore | Jim Hahn | Scott Kinter | Sarah Stoecker |
| | | Peter Uhlig | Dianne Liberatore | Laura Hahn | Darleen Wanta | Peter Uhlig |
| Ushers | 8:00 | Skip Bartelt | | Joel Heidtke | Bukovics | Skip Bartelt |
| | | Joel Wolf | | Tim Kiernan | Bukovics | Brennans |
| Greeters | 8:00 | Keith Heidtke | George Liberatore | | Kelly Strnad | Keith Heidtke |
| | | | Joe Liberatore | | Will Strnad | |
| Greeters | 9:45 | | Brennans | Pam Stahl | Wendy Wolf | |
| | | Darlene Wanta | Dianne Liberatore | | Nancy Kinter | Darlene Wanta |
| Power Point | 8:00 | Wendy Wolf | Wendy Heidtke | Wendy Heidtke | Sharon Kiernan | Wendy Wolf |
| | | 9:45 | Ed & Sam | Scott DeChant | Scott DeChant | Ed & Sam |

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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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Facebook Live at 9:45 am on Sunday

