



# Messenger

June 2015

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## Celebrating 150 Years!

### From the Pastor's Desk

#### Change is happening!

Here at St. Johns that word means much for all of us.

We don't like change. We are not happy campers especially if it affects me.

Why can't things remain the same? We ask. It normally means more work for me. It can be painful. When we are no longer able to change a situation – we are challenged to change ourselves.

So for better or for worse we march on into summer. The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance. Listen to the music and keep in step. Sunday worship sure will lead the way. One service each with it's own character. It began the 17<sup>th</sup> with an Anniversary celebration to kick off our 150 years the Lord has been faithful to us. Then we celebrated the confirmations of Brianna, Gretchen, and Cameron. I'm



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**Sunday, June 7**  
**Tower Grove Park**  
**10:00 am Worship**

**All Welcome!**

**Worship, Food, Fun & Fellowship**  
**Bring a dish to share, your own**  
**drink, chairs or blanket!**

**Directions to the Old Carriage**  
**Shelter are on the map on page 5.**



Celebrating  
**150** Years  
with  
Days  
of Prayer!

Go to [stjohnslutheranstlouis.org](http://stjohnslutheranstlouis.org) to follow our blog!

If you have any medical problems or questions call the church office or Maureen Rehmer at 352-6266.

BLOOD PRESSURES WILL BE TAKEN IN THE SUMMER MONTHS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.



## SKIN CANCER: WHAT TO LOOK FOR

There are three main types of skin cancer:

**BASAL CELL CARCINOMA:** The most common skin cancer, affecting one million people. It tends to be a pearly smooth, reddish sore. It grows slowly but can invade nerves, tissue and bone if left untreated. Most often appears on sun-exposed areas.

**SQUAMOUS CELL CARCINOMA:** Reddish, crusted and wart-looking growth on sun-exposed areas. Grows faster than basal cell carcinoma and more readily invades the blood stream to travel to nearby lymph nodes and other areas.

**MALIGNANT MELANOMA:** The most deadly skin cancer. Only one-third of melanomas arise in an existing mole. Most appear as a new mole, which sometimes itches. It can occur anywhere on the skin, even in the sun-protected areas.

If you notice anything new on your skin that doesn't go away after seven to 10 days or something that's been there starts to bleed or itch, change color, shape or size, see a Dr. Immediately.

## Social Ministry

Thanks to everyone who contributed groceries for the Mothers day food drive.

Construction is to begin soon in the bowling alley; therefore our food pantry was moved on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. If we wanted to continue serving our clients, which averages about 50 families a month, our only option was to move our food etc. to the fellowship hall. The decision to remain open during the summer months was due to generous contributions to the food pantry and receiving food from other churches, such as Webster Gardens on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Since God continues to bless us we must continue to bless others. Shelving with grocery items, refrigerators and freezers are evident in various areas. We ask for patience, understanding and prayers, as this will not be an easy transition. Thanks to the food pantry staff, and especially to Joe Strickert, Jonathan Schmidt, Terry Hartz, Craig Goebel, Karl Frerichs and Pastor Tanney for assisting with moving all the items.

No clothing will be accepted in the food pantry until after the first of September.

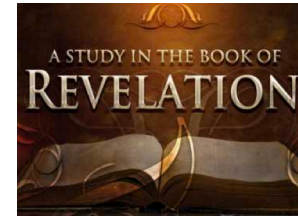
**"Beloved it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are." 3 John 5**

now preparing a memorial service for this Sunday for our dear sister Lanette Russell. June begins with a worship service in Tower Grove Park. (Just a reminder: don't come to church we won't be there) In just a couple of Sunday's we continue to celebrate our Anniversary with a special worship the 21<sup>st</sup> of June.

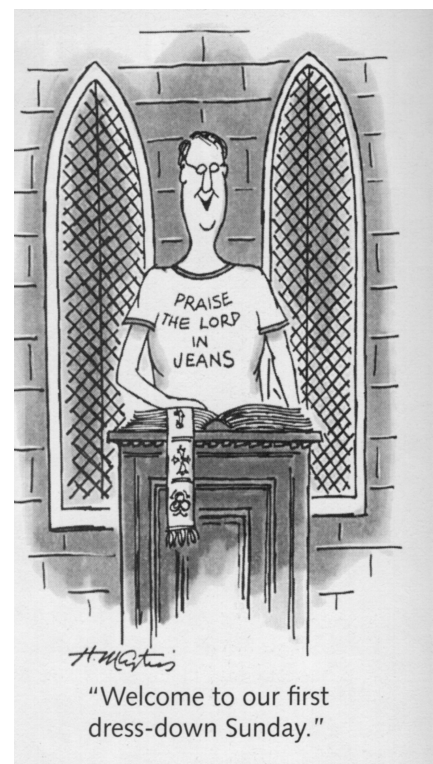
Of course change is found in the office too. As I look out my window I see kids and teachers some are cooking while others are dancing. Some are older as they move food to new places, finding corners and closets. Some wear hard hats asking for keys and where can they find the pink room with hammer and saw in hand. Some drink coffee and eat rolls as they talk about the changes of Eagle uniforms. Some bring in 30 computers for kids to take tests on. Now I see refrigerators and freezers outside my window, food pantry change is coming soon!

As I sit here and think about change. I normally think life would be so much better if the Lord would change the world around me. But I spend so little time thinking about what the Lord wants to change in me.

As we enter that long season of Pentecost we are reminded that before sending his disciples out into the world to change it, He sent his Spirit first to the disciples to change them. Only then they would be ready for the changes that would confront them, their faith, their lives, and their calling. They were equipped with both words from above and spirit in their souls, and with the love of Jesus in their hearts. May these find their way in all of us. It helps keep an attitude of humble service during these changing times.



Join us Friday mornings at 8:00am for the study of Revelations.



*God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.*

*Reinhold Niebuhr*



## Stewardship: Notes & Quotes

### An Offering Or A Tip?

God comes first not last. Otherwise we give Him only the leftovers after we have provided for our own comforts.

The principle of sacrificial giving is that our giving to God comes off the top of all that He has given us. Otherwise, some would say it is not a true offering, just a tip left at the table. Pray to be enabled to give generously.



## Evangelism

### Prayer Chain

Our Prayer Chain Ministry began late in 1992. We had 4 prayer chains that consisted of 35-40 people who prayed to God, mostly on behalf of our church and other people in need.. This was brought to mind because of the passing of one of God's most faithful "pray-ers" --Lanette Russell. She was part of this ministry since it began.

Many, many passages encourage us to pray--following the example of Jesus. Matthew 26:36-44 shows us how He prayed in Gethsemane as He faced His suffering and death. And other times, He went away by Himself to pray.



I Thessalonians 5:17 says, "Be joyful always; pray continually--give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." Paul and Silas had been beaten and put in prison and Acts 16:25 tells us that "they were praying and singing hymns to God," examples of praying in all circumstances. All of these passages remind me of Lanette and how she was faithful and prayed in many situations.

Please take time to "pray" Psalm 104, which begins "Praise the Lord, O my soul. O Lord, my God, you are very great...."







At **Camp Discovery VBS**, kids have fun being kids as they explore the Bible, make new friends, sing songs, and learn how Jesus works through them in their everyday lives. Get excited for a camping adventure that makes a lasting impact on kids as they sing songs around the campfire, act out Bible stories, make crafts, and eat tasty treats.

## Vacation Bible School

Monday June 22-Friday 26  
6:30PM - 8:30PM

If you would like to Volunteer or make a financial donation, call Ruth Evers at 314-306-5887 or email [batgirl26@yahoo.com](mailto:batgirl26@yahoo.com)

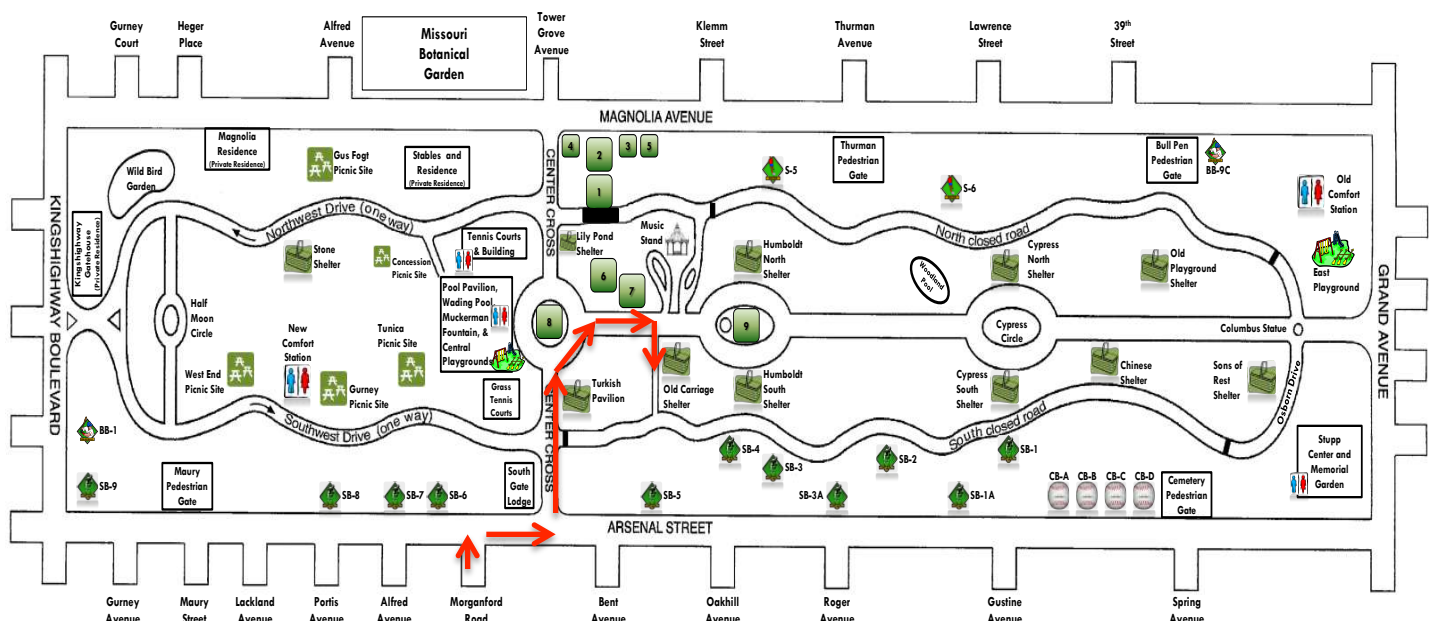
The following snacks are needed:

Plain bagels, butter, cinnamon & sugar, hummus, carrots, black olives, yellow summer squash, cheddar cheese, pretzel sticks, raisins, mini marshmallows, chocolate chips, honey graham cereal, dried cranberries, sunflower seeds, rice krispie treats, shoe string licorice, bananas, blueberries and zip top bags

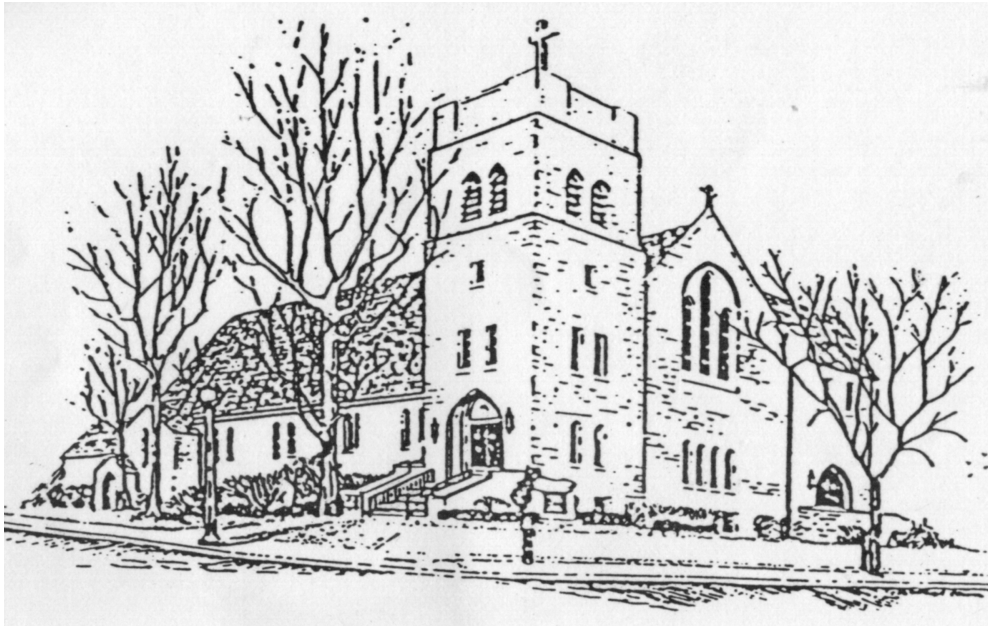


## Tower Grove Park Map

4256 Magnolia Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri 63110  
314-771-2679



## Celebrating 150 Years St. Johns Lutheran Church



**1865-2015**

**Go and Make Disciples of ALL Nations: Then, Now  
and For Eternity**

### **Celebration Events:**

#### **Guest Preachers:**

**8:30AM Bible Class 10:00AM Worship**

Sunday, June 21 Rev. Todd McVey former pastor of St. Johns

Sunday, August 16 Rev Justin Panzer former fieldworker at St. Johns

Sunday, September 20 Justin Kumfer fieldworker at St. Johns

#### **Celebration Day:**

Sunday, July 12 10:00AM

Special Celebration Service with Guest Preacher Rev. Gary Dehnke

Luncheon to follow

Reservation forms are located in the narthex.

Please return reservation forms by June 30.

#### **150 Days of Prayer:**

We invite you to pray with us for the next 150 days in celebration of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Follow our website blog at [stjohnslutheranstlouis.org](http://stjohnslutheranstlouis.org) and sign up to receive a daily email with a prayer for our church, our community, our leaders, our nation and our world. If you would like to make a prayer request, email us at [stjohnslcstl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnslcstl@gmail.com) or post a comment on the blog.



June 6 Diane Schwab  
 June 7 Cathy Tanney  
 June 10 Bobbie Kepford  
 June 14 Sharon Sieber  
 June 15 Elizabeth Nivens  
 June 25 Stephanie Franklin  
 June 25 Sandra Gerber

## 2015 Meetings Voters

June 14  
 September 13  
 November 1  
 December 13

## Executive Council

July 19  
 October 4  
 December 13



Bobbie Kepford is currently  
 residing in Avalon Gardens  
 Nursing Home  
 4359 Taft Ave, St. Louis, MO  
 63116

*All ladies of St. Johns come and join WOW  
 as we start our summer fellowship on Monday  
 June 8. We will have dinner and fellowship  
 at 6:30 pm at Smoking Barrels,  
 5641 S. Kingshighway.  
 Call Eunice 306-0763.*

~ June 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:00PM Elders	2 8:15AM Nepalese Bible Study 1:30PM Home Bible Study	3	4 2:00PM Home Bible Study 6:30PM ESOL	5 8:00AM Bible Study	6 8:00AM Social Ministry 8:30AM Food Pantry
7 Second Sunday after Pentecost 10:00AM Worship in Tower Grove Park Picnic to follow	8	9 8:15AM Nepalese Bible Study 1:30PM Home Bible Study	10 10:30am Avalon Bible Study	11 2:00PM Home Bible Study 6:30PM ESOL	12 8:00AM Bible Study	13 8:30AM Food Pantry
14 Third Sunday after Pentecost 8:30AM Bible Class 9:30AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:00AM Worship w/ Communion 11:30PM Voters MO District Convention	15 6:30PM WOW at Smoking Barrels MO District Convention	16 8:15AM Nepalese Bible Study 1:30PM Home Bible Study MO District Convention	17	18 2:00PM Home Bible Study 6:30PM ESOL Pastor on Vacation	19 8:00AM Bible Study Pastor on Vacation	20 8:30AM Food Pantry Pastor on Vacation
21 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30AM Bible Class 9:30AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:00AM Anniversary Worship with Rev. Todd McVey	22 6:30-8:30PM VBS	23 8:15AM Nepalese Bible Study 1:30PM Home Bible Study 6:30-8:30PM VBS	24 6:30-8:30PM VBS	25 2:00PM Home Bible Study 6:30PM ESOL 6:30-8:30PM VBS	26 8:00AM Bible Study 6:30-8:30PM VBS	27 8:30AM Food Pantry
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