

Messenger

Celebrating 150 Years!

August 2015

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Up Coming Celebration Events:
Guest Preachers:
8:30AM Bible Class 10:00AM Worship

Sunday, August 16 Rev Justin Panzer
former fieldworker at St. Johns
Sunday, September 20 Justin Kumfer
fieldworker at St. Johns

150 Celebrating
Years
with
Days
of Prayer!

We invite you to pray with us in celebration of our 150th Anniversary. Follow our website blog at 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.

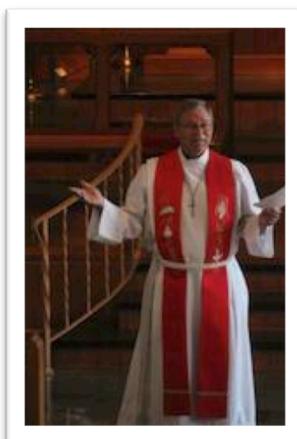
From the Pastor's Desk

St. Johns Make-Over

Hot days of July are behind us and August can be... just as hot. That's why it has been a thrill to see twelve new air-conditioners being installed in and around our facilities. Really Cool! (pun intended) The contractors are frantically trying to tie up all the loose ends before school starts. Offices are getting carpeted; wood floors are getting their first coats of polyurethane, which they probably haven't had for decades, and ceilings are brighter than ever with new lighting both in the classrooms, cafeteria, library, offices and gym. The Lord has truly blessed us with another make-over. The Lord is in the business of make-over that's why He



has spoken in the Word that we need to be born again, a make-over transformation, so that the old passes away and the new brings about forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.



Highlights of the 150th Anniversary can be found throughout the newsletter!

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Social Ministry

Food Pantry Update



It is amazing that we continue to have so many new families coming to the food pantry. Therefore, our summer continues to be busy, even in this heat. They just come earlier to beat the heat. This means we still need donations to keep our food pantry open.

We want to say a big thank-you to each and every one of you who continues to support the food pantry.

It is by Jesus love and grace that we are able to continue to provide for our community.



In a recent **Portals of Prayer** issue, the following message was shared under the title "God's Cast of Characters." "In the credits of every movie, someone is noted as having been in charge of casting the roles of the actors. It takes talent to match an actor to a specific role. Hollywood would likely have disagreed with God's choices in the Old and New Testaments. Moses would have been too old; Samuel, too young; Ruth, too foreign. Peter would have been too mouthy; James and John, too temperamental; Paul, too hostile to the church.

There's no accounting for God's odd way of accomplishing His will through people we would not have chosen to do the job. **But His ways aren't our ways.** That's something to think about when He calls us to do something and we think He should look elsewhere."

So when we have the opportunity to share the good news of God's salvation, we should remember, that each of us have been chosen by God for that task. It does not matter how we look, how old we are, or our financial situation, if we are Christians who believe that Jesus died and rose again for our sins, we are qualified. Depending upon God's grace and power, we can accomplish much!

Evangelism

God's Cast of Characters



TRIVIA Night



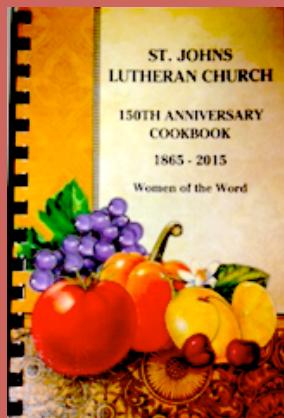
Come and join the Women of the Word for their annual Trivia Night on Saturday, September 26, at the St Louis Police Officers' Association Hall (3710 Hampton). Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and trivia begins at 6:45 p.m.

Donation is \$17.00 per person or \$120.00 for a table of eight and includes trivia, soda, cookies, and light snacks. For tickets, contact the church office (314-773-0126) or Maureen Rehmer (314-352-6266).

St. Johns 150th
Anniversary
Cookbooks are
still available!!

\$10 each

Great for Gifts!!



They can be purchased before and after Sunday morning worship

Parish Health *Beat the Heat*

Older adults are often at increased risk for heat stress due to heart problems and low sodium diets. Prescription medications, such as diuretics, lithium and beta blockers, may also impair the body's ability to regulate its temperature.

Tips for a Cooler Summer

As the heat and humidity skyrockets in the St. Louis area this summer, take this advice from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to avoid heat stress.

1. **Avoid eating hot foods or heavy meals, and use your stove only in the early morning or late evening to keep your home cool.**
2. **Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose fitting clothing made from airy fabrics (cotton and synthetic blends). Cover your head and neck with a hat or umbrella when you are outdoors.**
3. **Try to drink an extra glass or two of water. Older adults need nine glasses a day to fight dehydration during the summer.**
4. **Exercise during the early morning or evening to avoid the hottest part of the day, from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.**
5. **Be sure to check in on older family members and neighbors.**

Signs of Heat Stress

Take cover in the shade or indoors if you experience faintness, nausea and headache, which are signs of mild to moderate heat stress. Severe symptoms include confusion, labored breathing and dry skin (no sweating) – and these require immediate medical attention. Call 911 for these symptoms.

May God bless all your summer activities!

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



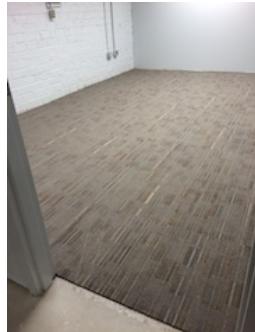
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Truly a make-over experience. Our theme's verse for our 150th anniversary reminds us again that baptism was our wonderful moment of make-over transformation. We will celebrate once again this month as another is baptized (Alisha Bhattarai). I hope you can share in my joy as we enter



our third year with Eagle the opportunities to share Jesus Christ and make a difference in the lives of these children. Who knows what the Lord has in store

for us. As a church we continue our work making disciples, with 150 years of experience and faithfulness the Holy Spirit will continue to do his make-over transformation in lives of these children and we pray families too.



If you've made a habit of communion with God when the sun is shining, you'll find it much easier to sing in the rain. Bill Pannell

Stewardship *Blessings Received*

Some people are immediately aware of the blessings that fill their lives. They have generous hearts and pour out whatever they can for the sake of the ministry entrusted to their congregation community. The generous return of the gifts one has received is a most appropriate way of saying thanks to God. How do you give thanks? Prayer? Financial? Time?





8/8 Brittney Matasouk
8/13 Maureen Rehmer
8/15 Deborah Schmidt
8/16 Ellen Schmaltz
8/19 Carol Otte
8/24 Ruth Evers
8/28 Mark Holdenried
8/29 Kaitlyn Pribble



All ladies of St. Johns come and join WOW for our last summer fellowship on Monday, August 10 at 6:30pm. We will be meeting at

*El Maguey
7014 Chippewa*

2015 Meetings Voters

September 13
November 1
December 13

Executive Council

October 4
December 13

| ~ August 2015 ~ | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | | | | | 1 8:30 AM Food Pantry |
| 2 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30AM Bible Class 10:00AM Back Pack Blessing Worship | 3 7:00PM Elders | 4 1:30PM Home Bible Study | 5 | 6 6:30PM ESOL Pastor at Leadership Summit | 7 NO Bible Study Pastor at Leadership Summit | 8 8:30 AM Food Pantry |
| 9 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 8:30AM Bible Class 10:00AM Worship W/Communion | 10 6:30PM WOW at El Maguey | 11 1:30PM Home Bible Study | 12 10:30AM Avalon Bible Study | 13 6:30PM ESOL | 14 8:00AM Bible Study | 15 8:30 AM Food Pantry |
| 16 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30AM Bible Class 10:00AM Anniversary Worship with Guest Preacher | 17 EAGLE PreK & Kdg Classes begin 3:30PM Compass 6:30PM Evangelism | 18 1:30PM Home Bible Study 3:30PM Compass | 19 EAGLE Classes begin 3:30PM Compass | 20 2:00PM Home Bible Study 3:30PM Compass 6:30PM ESOL | 21 8:00AM Bible Study 3:30 Compass Pastor Out of Town | 22 8:30 AM Food Pantry Pastor Out of Town |
| 23 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30AM Bible Class 10:00AM Worship W/Communion Pastor Out of Town | 24 3:30PM Compass Pastor Out of Town | 25 1:30PM Home Bible Study 3:30PM Compass Pastor Out of Town | 26 3:30PM Compass Pastor Out of Town | 27 2:00PM Home Bible Study 3:30PM Compass 6:30PM ESOL | 28 8:00AM Bible Study 3:30PM Compass | 29 Food Pantry Closed |
| 30 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30AM Bible Class | 31 3:30PM Compass | Notes: Join us for Bible Class, Coffee and Donuts at 8:30AM Sunday mornings! | | | | |

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