

Messenger

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From the Desk of Pastor

The Lord's House Makeover

Many of you know the first words that come out of my mouth after the bells are rung are: Welcome to the Lord's House as we prepare our hearts and minds to encounter God's presence and word. I hope and pray you find Him every Sunday and are well fed. It doesn't happen for some it is a chore and hard work for others. But, during the week others are hard at work in the Lord's house. That is when much of the action happens around here and it is a joy to watch all that can be accomplished.

Lately it's more cosmetic. You may not always see the difference because much of the work is in the depths under the church or high above the ceiling.

We have made it an effort to put our church back together. First, from this summer's demolition of the boiler, which has served us for so many years with a makeover of a new boiler system which will give us higher efficiency and hopefully decrease our gas bills. One of the major changes is that now the school and church are separate with their



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casting the vision

ASSET PLANNING MEETING

Sunday, September 17

10:30am - 12:30pm

FELLOWSHIP HALL

LUNCH PROVIDED

Please join the discussion as we hear from all perspectives how we can reach our community and plant the future.

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own gas meters and systems. Probably in October we will fire up the four boilers and feel it's warmth come through the radiators.



There was a time when you could see water dripping along the stain glass, walls and ceiling. Hopefully, our other makeover to stop the water from coming in (not an easy task) was installing a new roof in the bell-tower and seal the roof by the chancel area,

plus every stain glass window is now sealed from top to bottom. The make-over that will be the most noticeable is plastering and painting the narthex, sanctuary and altar areas are now receiving. All this is well and good, but it pales to the makeover Jesus does in our



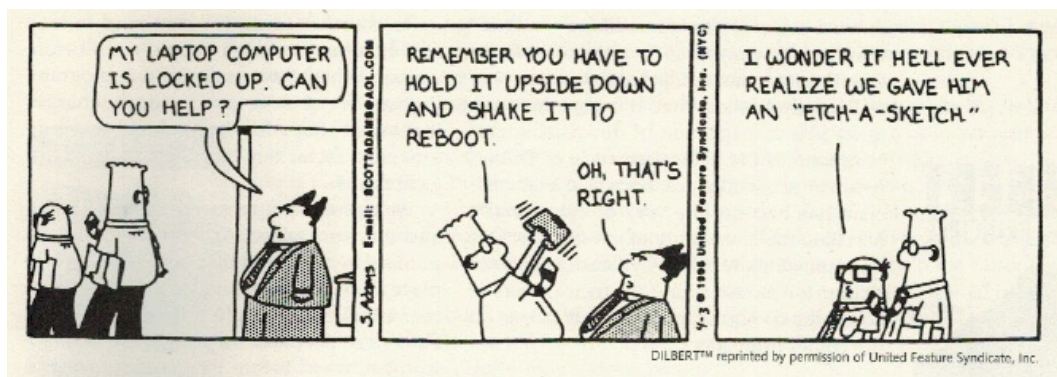
hearts. He sees much what goes on deep in our hearts, and the fire of our first love grows dim and is wasted on other loves that makes us cold to his worship and word. He has found cracks from this world that eat away our foundation, it begins to show as we try to patch up our lives. His protective makeover keeps temptations out. His blood washes us from all dirt, cob-webs, and stains of sin like a fresh coat of paint.



So come enjoy the house of the Lord and it's make-over blessings. Of course do more than that come and bless the name of the Lord and have a deliberate image makeover.

Why do we try so hard to make Jesus cool?! He doesn't need a makeover. Matt Chandler

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. 1Corinthians 6:19



Evangelism

Evangelism--What does that mean?

Webster's dictionary has a variety of definitions, but basically they expand upon the word "Evangelical." Evangelical...." relating in accordance with the Christian gospel, especially the four Gospels of the New Testament, or ...a Protestant group emphasizing the authority of the gospel and holding that salvation is from faith and grace, rather than from good works and sacraments alone." That certainly gives us something to digest and discuss!

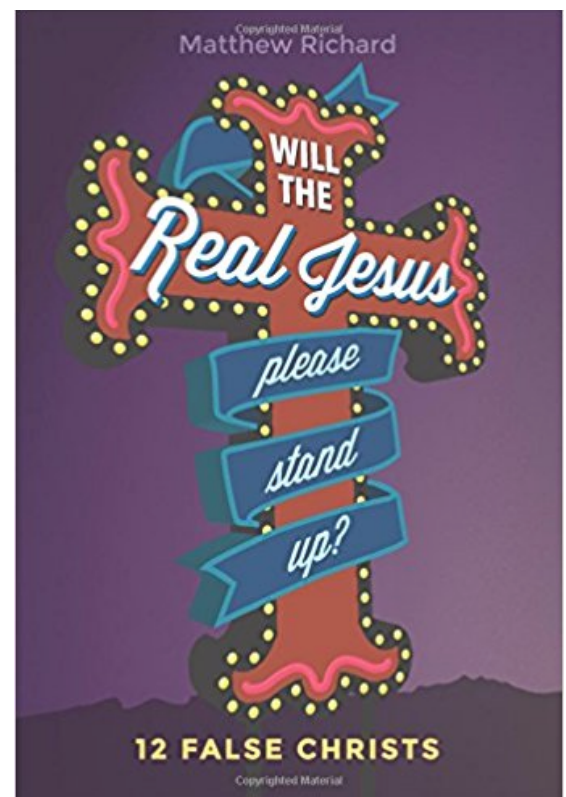
Part of our Evangelism Board's responsibility is to lead people to be Evangelists. That means each of us who proclaim Christianity should be spreading the good news of the Gospel:

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age."
Matthew 28:19-20 NIV

There is a prayer that emphasizes the importance of our sharing the truth of God's Word "Dear Father, help me to remember why I am here--here in this city, among these people, and here with these responsibilities. Guide me to remember my commission--to make disciples. Today and every day, help me to see the opportunities you provide to be a missionary. You have put me in these circumstances for a reason, Lord, and as your child, I want to do the best I can, knowing that I rely not on what I can do, but on what has already been done for me by Jesus. Amen." To God be the glory!!

Our Vision

St. Johns, partnering with Open Sky Education will do Christ-centered community outreach that engages our community with worship



Bible Study
Friday's at 8:00am
in the Fellowship Hall

Stewardship

God bids us to be faithful in the tasks He calls us to do. He calls us to be members of a family (husbands and wives; fathers and mothers; sons and daughters). He calls us to be members of society (those who govern and those who are governed). And He calls us to be members of His family, the Church (those who preach and teach and those who hear and learn). Each of these callings from God places a duty on us.

As members of a family, husbands are given the duty to die for their wives as Christ gave His life for His bride, the Church; while wives are given the duty to respect their husbands and submit themselves to them as the Church does to Christ. Fathers and mothers are to raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, teaching them the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Scriptures concerning Baptism, Confession, the Office of the Keys, and the Lord's Supper. Children are to honor their parents throughout their lives, and even when their parents are no longer alive, serving and obeying them, loving and cherishing them, and speaking well of them.

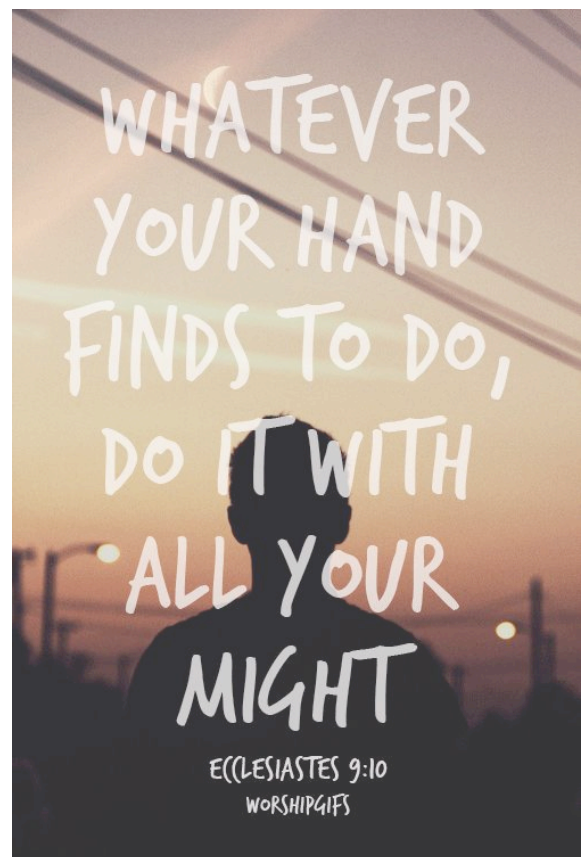
As members of society, God calls those who govern to bear the sword, that is, to punish those who do evil—those who live contrary to God's will—and to reward those who do good—those whose lives are lived in conformity with God's will. Those who are governed are to obey their leaders as to the Lord Himself, for their leaders bear the sword of God's temporal justice for a purpose.

As members of God's own family, the Church, He calls those who preach and teach to do so in faithfulness to His holy Word. To preach and teach the Law of God to convict the hearts of hearers of their sin and to encourage, admonish, and exhort them to do good works in accordance with God's will. They are to preach and teach the Gospel, the full forgiveness of their sins accomplished by Christ and received through faith, not by works. They are to administer the means of grace in accordance with the Gospel and the Word of God. They do all this for the young and old alike, for those who are near and far off.

Those who hear and learn are to submit themselves to their preachers and teachers. They are to support them by their prayers and their gifts.

Each of these callings from God places a duty on us. They make a claim on our presence, our prayers, and on our time, talents, and treasures. So, "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might" (Eccl 9:10). Pray for your family, for your government, and your church. Give of yourself by means of your time, your talents, and your treasures to your family, your government, and your Church. That is what it means to be faithful in the tasks that God has given us. That is what it means to do it with all your might.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry



Social Ministry

Someone put out a garden and realized that there were some vegetables not growing. After further investigation she found some packs of seeds which she never had planted. The Bible tells us you can't reap what you don't sow. We can't expect to see the results of planting seeds of God's love if we never actually plant them. We need to take advantage of planting these seeds of God's love in the food pantry and in our everyday living.

"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." 2 Corinthians 9:6



We are grateful to end the summer months with sufficient funds to keep moving forward with the food pantry. Thanks to all of you who keep donating funds to the food pantry and especially to our Lord and Savior for providing for all of our needs, and being with us every step of the way.

Social Ministry meetings will resume Saturday, September 2, 2017 at 8:00 A.M.

Our Mission

St. Johns Lutheran Church is a diverse family of saved sinners, walking together in forgiveness. Motivated by Christ's love, we will share the Gospel and care for the needs of all people.



Compass Preschool and Before and After School are always looking for donations of snacks, crafts, games, and paper products. If you would like to make a monetary donation, purchase supplies or volunteer, please contact

Laura Lee Bausell (preschool) at 314-695-2270
lauralee.bausell@compasseducationalprograms.org

Megan (director) at 314-376-3437
megan.schultz@compasseducationalprograms.org



The Women of Word invite you to their annual Trivia Night, to be held on Saturday, October 21, 2017, at the St. Louis Police Officers' Association Hall, located at 3710 Hampton Avenue (between Mardel and Tholozan). The doors open at 6:00 p.m., and trivia starts at 6:45 p.m. Donations are \$17.00 per person or \$120.00 per table of eight. Your donation includes trivia, soda, cookies, and light snacks. We will have attendance prizes and a silent auction, as well as some other games between rounds. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. Alcohol and coolers may NOT be brought into the hall. For ticket or table information, contact Maureen (314-752-6266) or the church office (314-773-0126).

Mark your calendar and plan now to come and join in the fun. Who knows - you just may learn something!



September 1 Robert Rehmer
September 12 Gavin Schmidt
September 19 Hanna Harkey
September 21 Gerald Schmaltz
September 25 Lillian Govero

Meetings 2017

Voters

October 15
December 3

Executive Council

November 19



**Talk with Javon, Eunice or Steve
to purchase popcorn to support
Cub Scout Troop #125!
On sale now thru October 25!**

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 8:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Compass	2 8:00am Social Ministry 8:30am Food Pantry
3 9:00am Contemporary Worship 10:30am Bible Class 10:30am Sunday School	4 Labor Day Church Office Closed Eagle Closed	5 2:00pm Nepalese Bible Study 3:30pm Compass 7:00pm Adult Information Class	6 10:00am Pre-Seminary Training 3:30pm Compass 4:00pm Compass Chapel 6:30pm ESL FH 7:00pm Pre-Seminary Training	7 2:00pm Home Bible Study 3:30pm Compass 6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study	8 8:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Compass Schmaltz Wedding Rehearsal 6:30pm	9 8:30am Food Pantry Schmaltz Wedding 4:00pm
10 9:00am Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Class 10:30am Sunday School	11 9:00am Pray for the City 3:30pm Compass 6:00pm Boy Scouts 6:30pm WOW	12 2:00pm Nepalese Bible Study 3:30pm Compass 7:00pm Adult Information Class	13 10:00am Avalon Bible Study 3:30pm Compass 4:00pm Compass Chapel 6:30pm ESL FH 7:00pm Pre-Seminary Training	14 2:00pm Home Bible Study 3:30pm Compass 6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study	15 8:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Compass	16 8:30am Food Pantry
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24 9:00am Worship w/ Communion 500 th Anniversary Faith Alone 10:30am Bible Class 10:30am Sunday School 3:00pm LHSS 60 th Anniversary Service	25 3:30pm Compass 6:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Ushers	26 2:00pm Nepalese Bible Study 3:30pm Compass 7:00pm Adult Information Class	27 10:00am Pre-Seminary Training 3:30pm Compass 4:00pm Compass Chapel 6:30pm ESL FH 7:00pm Pre-Seminary Training	28 3:30pm Compass	29 8:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Compass	30 8:30am Food Pantry

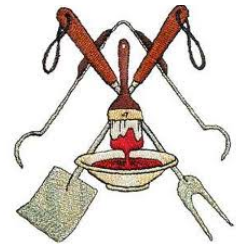
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Saturday, October 14
11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Menu will include

1 Piece Hot Dog Sandwich	\$3.00
1 Piece Bratwurst Sandwich	\$3.50
2 Piece Bratwurst Dinner	\$7.00
$\frac{1}{2}$ Pork Steak Sandwich	\$5.50
Pork Steak Dinner	\$8.50
$\frac{1}{4}$ Chicken Sandwich	\$5.50
$\frac{1}{2}$ Chicken Dinner	\$8.50
$\frac{1}{2}$ Rack of Ribs Dinner	\$10.00
Rack of Ribs Dinner	\$19.00



Dinners Include Dessert, Bread and a choice of two sides
(Potato Salad, Slaw or Beans).

Delivery Available For Four Or More Orders

Any questions or Advance orders call Craig @314 302-4771 or the church
office 314-773-0126

Email orders to stjohnslcstl@gmail.com by October 13, 2017

To order on the day of the barbecue call (314) 773-0126

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