

MESSENGER

SAVED TO SHARE CALLED TO CARE

From the Desk of Pastor Tanney

Plan, Prepare...Execute

Spring is finally here! How do I know?

Many are making plans to do some

gardening,
planning
what goes
where.

Because
many are
preparing
the soil,
weeding,
turning
over dirt,
adding
fertilizer,
they are
buying the
tools,
flowers and
vegetables,
asking advice, and getting help. The
gardeners are planting, working, and



A garden requires patient
labor and attention.
Plants do not grow merely
to satisfy ambitions or
to fulfill good intentions.
They thrive because
someone expended
effort on them.

Liberty Hyde Bailey

executing so that in summer something
will grow.

I guess that is what May looks like for
me. Planning, preparing and executing
what will happen in June. So though
this may be a May Newsletter, my desk
is filled with Summer programs and
events to get ready. Beginning with no



church service at church... on June 3rd,
because we are planning on a church
picnic in Tower Grove Park. That means
pack up and prepare for a service
outside.

We are also planning and preparing for a
youth event from June 4th to the 7th.

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Upcoming Messengers

The June/July Messenger will be the first for the new newsletter schedule.

Please have articles and announcements provided
to the church office by the 20th of May.

The July calendar will be sent out by email and in the bulletin announcements.

Weekly updates will continue in our bulletins, email, Facebook or website blog. If you
would like to receive our blog please email the church office or sign up on our website.

(Sign up early and reserve the dates, more information below.) Last but not least is the opportunity to partner with the Compass summer program and do a VBS June 18th thru the 21st. In preparation we are asking for donations and volunteers to help serve and clean up during the family VBS in the evening. So though May does not seem like much is happening, before we execute our events and programs for June much planning and preparing is in the works.

All of this is so we can grow spiritually and numerically. May the Lord bless your plans and preparations for summer and don't forget the Lord and worship for an opportunity to grow!



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"I planted peas, carrots, corn, onions, tomatoes, lettuce, string beans, pumpkins and watermelons."



Family VBS

June 18-June 21

5:30pm-6:45pm

Pizza, Bible lessons that share God's faithfulness, and a craft

This is an opportunity for Compass students to share with their families what they learned in VBS earlier in the day!

If you would like to volunteer or provide financial support please speak with Pastor Tanney or the church office.



Awesome Experience for Youth

(Teens entering 7th through those exiting 12th)

- Friends, Speakers, Music, Games, Serving, Fun!
- June 4-7, 2018
- Door open at 8:30 a.m. - Pick up is at 4:00 p.m.
- Breakfast, lunch & snacks are included
- \$10 for the week (Scholarships available)
- Register and learn more at <http://epiphany-stl.org/identity-2018/>

Hosted at Epiphany Lutheran Church
4045 Holly Hills Blvd
Saint Louis, MO 63116
314.752.7065

Sponsored by south city Lutheran Churches

Social Ministry

There will be no Mother's Day food drive this year. However, there will be a door offering on Mother's Day, May 13th to benefit the food pantry.

Social Ministry Board is looking for a used, fairly new bicycle for a man. Contact the church office at 773-0126, or Maureen Rehmer at 352-6266, if you have a bicycle or know of someone that has one.

We give God all the glory for tending to all of our personal needs, and especially for continuing to bless the food pantry with all the provisions that are needed to function. Families continue to iterate how blessed they are by the help they receive from us.

Jesus said to His disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on." (Luke 12:22)



Evangelism

Thank you to everyone who was involved with Friendship Sunday- All who attended and worshiped with us and enhanced our service by playing music and singing special songs - All who prepared and served food and helped with the clean up- Those who invited and prayed for folks to attend Friendship Sunday.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!



You Are Invited

**What: Compass Preschool
Spring Celebration & Graduation
When: Sunday, May 20 3:00-5:00pm
Where: St. Johns Lutheran Church**

**Summer Registration Open House
4:30-5:00pm**

If you would like to volunteer to serve or donate lemonade, cookies or snacks please contact Cheryl in the church office by Monday, May 14.

Stewardship

St. Paul teaches, "Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches" (Galatians 6:6).

And again, he says, "Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:13-14).

In other words, ministers of the gospel are supported by the offerings of those who are served by them. And this is how the Church lives even now. It is standard practice.

But this deserves closer examination. For it instructs us not *just* that we are to give but also *what* we are to give. And it does so with four little words: "In the same way ..."

St. Paul is building his case for supporting the preachers of the Gospel with the sacrificial giving of individual members on the example of the Old Testament people who supported the Levites with their offerings and sacrifices.

We're to support the Gospel ministry "in the same way." But how did the Old Testament people support the Levites?

Moses records this: "You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always" (Deuteronomy 14:22-23).

The Levites were supported by the tithe, 10 percent of all the yearly yield of that which was harvested.

Does that seem like a lot? Does it surprise you that St. Paul instructs us that we are to support

the New Testament Gospel ministry "in the same way?"

If it does, ask yourself: is the Church's job in the New Testament bigger or smaller than the Levites' job in the Old Testament? Back then there was one Temple, and the ministry was almost exclusively located in one nation among the descendants of Abraham.

Jesus calls us to teach and baptize all nations (Matt. 28). And there are churches and ministries all around the world. How could we support this new Gospel ministry with anything less than the Israelites supported the Old Testament ministry?

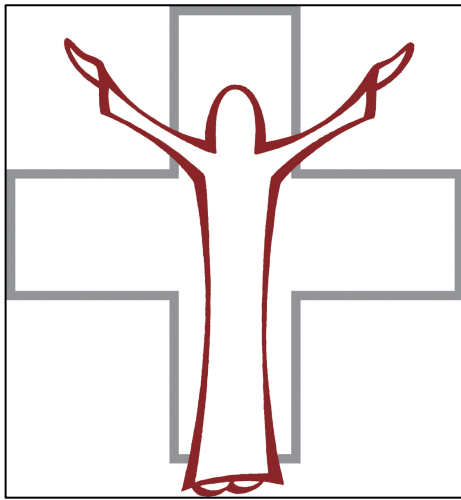
Of course, we are free to give more, for we have received more than those in the Old Testament. We have received the fullness of God's revelation, the fullness of His salvation, the fulfillment of everything that God promised to do.

For we have received Christ, God's own Son, in the flesh, who took upon himself our sins and in exchange gave us his righteousness. The Father claimed us as his own in Holy Baptism.

He gathers us together in the place where his name dwells to feast on the first fruits of the resurrection, the risen and living body and blood of his Son, our Lord, Jesus. He reminds us that we are His, that all things are ours because we belong to Him. He blesses us here in time with physical and spiritual gifts.

In the same way, and in response to his fatherly divine goodness and mercy, we gladly give to those who proclaim to us "the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light."

For once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have indeed (1 Peter 2:9-10).



Ascension Day Service

Ascension Lutheran Church
5347 Donovan Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63109

Thursday, May 3
7:00pm

Join Ascension, Timothy, and St. Johns
for a joint Ascension Celebration



May 3 *Sue Hampel*
May 8 *Jonah Drush*
May 15 *Thanhthao Nguyen*
May 27 *Ayden Bohannon*
May 30 *Carol Carr*

May 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 3:30pm Compass Pastor-Multi Ethnic Symposium	2 3:30pm Compass 6:30pm ESL 6:30pm Choir Pastor-Multi Ethnic Symposium	3 9:30am Preschool Chapel 2:00pm Home Bible Study 3:30pm Compass 6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study	4 Cheryl Out of Office 8:00am Bible Study	5 8:00am Social Ministry 8:30am Food Pantry
6 9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Class	7 3:30pm Compass 7:00pm Elders	8 2:00pm Nepalese Bible Study 3:30pm Compass 7:00pm Vietnamese Bible Study	9 10:30am Avalon Bible Study 3:30pm Compass 4:00pm Compass Chapel 6:30pm ESL 6:30pm Choir	10 9:30am Preschool Chapel 2:00pm Home Bible Study 3:30pm Compass 7:00pm Ascension Service @ Ascension Lutheran	11 8:00am Bible Study	12 8:30am Food Pantry
13 Mother's Day 9:00am Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Class & Sunday School 12:15pm Pre-Seminary Training	14 3:30pm Compass 6:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm WOW	15 2:00pm Nepalese Bible Study 3:30pm Compass 7:00pm Vietnamese Bible Study	16 8:30am Chapel @LHSS 3:30pm Compass 4:00pm Compass Chapel 6:30pm ESL 6:30pm Choir	17 9:30am Preschool Chapel 1:00pm Confirmation 2:00pm Home Bible Study 3:30pm Compass 6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study	18 8:00am Bible Study	19 8:30am Food Pantry
20 9:00am Worship Servant Recognition 10:30am Bible Class 3:00pm Preschool Spring Celebration	21 6:00pm Boy Scouts 6:30pm Evangelism	22 2:00pm Nepalese Bible Study 3:30pm Compass 7:00pm Vietnamese Bible Study	23 3:30pm Compass 4:00pm Compass Chapel 6:30pm ESL 6:30pm Choir	24 9:30am Preschool Chapel 2:00pm Home Bible Study 3:30pm Compass 6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study	25 EAGLE last day of school 8:00am Bible Study 12:00pm African Convention in Fellowship Hall	26 8:30am Food Pantry
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SUNDAY, JUNE 3

10:00AM WORSHIP

**FOLLOWED BY FOOD,
FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN!**



**Meat is being provided by
St. Johns Ushers
Please bring
a side dish to share, drinks,
chairs or a picnic blanket**

**Tower Grove Park
4256 Magnolia Ave.
Stone Shelter**

Sign up in the narthex
or email the church
office with number
attending.

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3738 Morgan Ford Rd
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