

# MESSENGER

SAVED TO SHARE CALLED TO CARE

## From the Desk of Pastor Tanney



Dear members of St. Johns,

Are you heavy laden? As you can guess I have been juggling my time as a pastor during this pandemic. Meetings are no longer attended in person and services have taken its toll with few people in the pew. It has been a struggle to keep some sense of normalcy for me as I can imagine it has been for you. With events and programs canceling and people being laid off, we all have been affected by the way we buy, eat and interact with family, friends and neighbors. I am glad to hear that some of you have stayed in contact with each other. Others have maintained their offerings. Thank you. We have met the pandemic with challenging and creative ways to record our services to be viewed online. Plus offering Bible Studies on zoom. We have all gotten a little more technical trying to outreach via digital platforms because we realize it is important to stay connected. (It's not the same though.) What is interesting is that we are all feeling the same burden at the same time. Normally we can gear ourselves up for anything especially when you know the end is near. The craziness is that though some stores, businesses and parks are opening again I still don't see the end in sight. It will be different when we get back to some kind of new normal.

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## Plan to Attend

Sunday, June 28th  
**Joint Service with  
Confirmation and Baptism**  
9:00am

Sunday, July 12  
**Voter's (Budget) Meeting**  
*Immediately following Bible  
Class*

Sunday, July 26  
**Joint Service**  
9:00am

We will socialize but keeping a distance that avoids us from having any physical contact and requires a facemask for our own good, as we get a haircut or dine out at a restaurant or go to church.

In these uncertain times we deal with it differently, we are not all on the same page on how to react to the pandemic. Please feel safe and if you feel you are at risk, stay home but stay in touch. It is a struggle to sort all this out. But, Do not be **anxious** about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:6-7

Now to compound all this we saw injustice being done to a black man by a white police officer. At the risk of being misunderstood let me say they are hurting and angry and feel the need to demonstrate. We need to support, pray and comfort them. They are trying to overcome decades of discrimination, racial bias and unfair generalizations to their race. Whenever there is a loss of life as Christians we know lives matter. Life Sunday has come and gone. In the Lutheran Church we emphasis the abortion of lives that have no voice and make our protests be heard as we march down to DC each year. Personally I'm a little confused between the issues and the agendas that piggyback them. The news makes me mentally tired to sort it all out. If you have a chance just speak love to Al and Rosie and any black person you know. Not to dwell too much on the black issues of injustice. I know we all have felt or experienced injustice. From the churches, governments, schools, parents, bosses and peers. We know how it made us feel, we have spoken out, "it's not fair." Because of our individual experiences we have consciously or unconsciously generalized "all those kinds of peoples" as all the same. Just remember the truly only innocent one was unjustly nailed to the cross as a criminal. Yet, He will invite us to take our burdens, which have been heavier than usual in 2020, and trust the Lord's important and powerful words even more for us living now.

Come to me, all who labor and are **heavy laden**, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

"The more you pray, the less you'll panic. The more you worship, the less you worry. You'll feel more patient and less pressured."

— **Rick Warren**

"Instead of worrying about what you cannot control, shift your energy to what you can create."

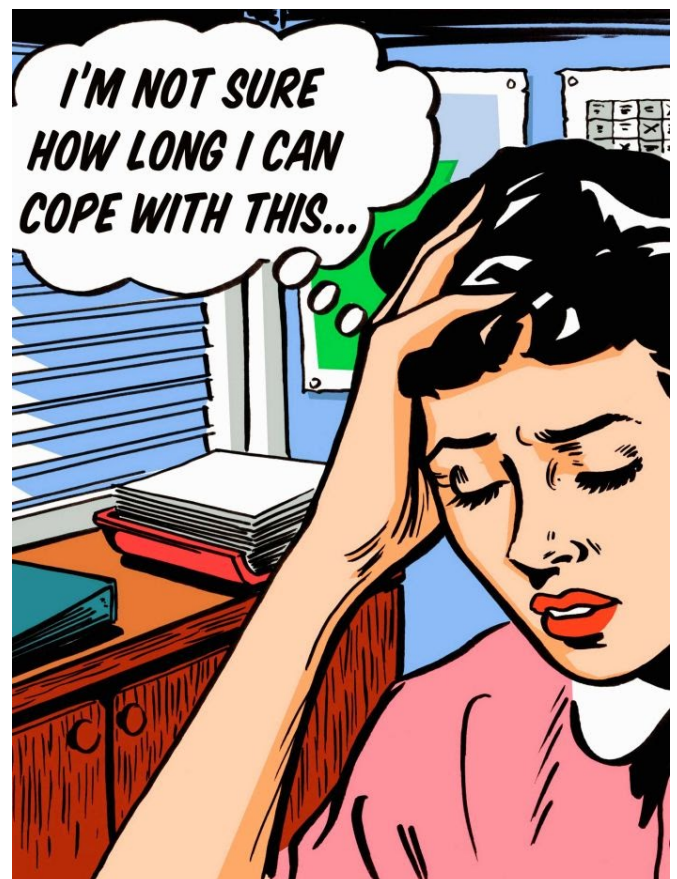
— **Roy T. Bennett,**

"Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its strength."

— **Corrie Ten Boom,**

"Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer."

— **Padre Pio**



## Social Ministry

Farmers continue to plant, cultivate, and harvest the fruits of the earth. Farmers know that they are not the ones who cause the plants to grow and produce food. Most of them know it is God who gives us our food "in due season" (Psalm 104:27). He is the One who showers us with all the blessings we enjoy, so many of which we take for granted. Above all, we are blessed to know by faith in Christ that we are God's dearly loved and forgiven children, who will spend eternity with him.

The food pantry was closed for two weeks, because of COVID-19. However, with the help of many hands, we are serving from the church basement, and the customers stay outside. God has certainly blessed us with an abundance of food and funds to provide for the average of 54 families coming each week.

Summer clothes are needed, especially women's clothes.

We pray that God will bless you in these trying times and will keep everyone safe in His loving arms.



## Church Announcements

It is time to start saving your egg cartons. The food pantry is looking for some more empty egg cartons.



The food pantry is also in need of summer clothes, especially for women, when they open their doors to the public again.



Our doors are still open and we welcome you to come back to Church if you feel safe. We are taking the necessary safety precautions to keep you safe at church





## Other Announcements



THE LUTHERAN RESALE SHOP is pleased to let all our faithful customers know that we will reopen on Monday, May 18th. We will be open Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Just like many other shops we will require you to wear a face covering. We will be sanitizing door handles, etc. throughout the day to keep us all safe.

In these special times we rely on our Savior Jesus Christ for all our needs. We know He loves us because He died for us. No matter what happens we have a God who loves us. We hope to see you soon.

As always our profits go to Lutheran Family and Children's Service's and Lutheran Senior Services for Hidden Lake and Breeze Park Retirement Community.

We are accepting donations. Our phone number is 314-389-9970.



The summer camps at Lutheran South are still on. You can register at <https://www.lslancers.org/events>



**Christian Friends of New Americans**

With the help of CFNA, we were able to distribute \$10,800 to the Nepalese in our community to help support them through the COVID-19 pandemic.

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June 2020						
◀ May 2020						Jul 2020 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 7:00pm Elders	<b>2</b> 7:00pm Confirmation	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 8:00am Bible Study	<b>6</b> 8:00am Social Ministry 8:30am Food Pantry
<b>7</b> 9:00am Worship 10:30am Adult Bible Study	<b>8</b> Pastor on Vacation	<b>9</b> Pastor on Vacation	<b>10</b> Pastor on Vacation	<b>11</b> Pastor on Vacation	<b>12</b> Pastor on Vacation	<b>13</b> 8:30am Food Pantry
<b>14</b> 9:00am Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Adult Bible Study	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7:00pm Confirmation	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 8:00am Bible Study	<b>20</b> 8:30am Food Pantry
<b>21</b> Father's Day 9:00am Worship 10:30am Adult Bible Study	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7:00pm Confirmation	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 8:00am Bible Study	<b>27</b> 8:30am Food Pantry
<b>28</b> 9:00am Joint Worship w/ Communion (Confirmation & Baptism) 10:30am Adult Bible Study	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

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July 2020						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 6:30pm ESL 6:30pm Choir	<b>2</b> 2:00pm Ridgewood Apts. Bible Study	<b>3</b> 8:00am Bible Study	<b>4</b> Independence Day 8:00am Social Ministry 8:30am Food Pantry
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