





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 7:30 Men's Fellowship Breakfast 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7 PENTECOST 4</b> 9:15 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship & Communion	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:00 Calico Cut Ups	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14 PENTECOST 5</b> 9:15 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship	<b>15</b> 9-4 Office OPEN	<b>16</b> 9-4 Office OPEN	<b>17</b> 9-4 Office OPEN	<b>18</b> Office CLOSED	<b>19</b> Office CLOSED	<b>20</b>
<b>21 PENTECOST 6</b> 9:15 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship & Communion	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 3:00 August Newsletter Article Deadline 	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28 PENTECOST 7</b> 9:15 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

**NOW THE LORD IS THE SPIRIT, AND WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS,  
THERE IS FREEDOM. -2 CORINTHIANS 3:17**



## Volunteers for July

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If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled - **Please make arrangements to switch with someone on the list**, then, notify the church office so we have the correct names in the bulletin. In addition, if you know before the newsletter deadline that you will not be available a certain Sunday of the following month, please let me know so I can make note to not schedule you. Thank you!

### Flowers:

**07 Available**

**14 Stroman**

**21 Cornish**

**28 Available**

### Greeters:

**07 Alan & Kim Schneider**

**14 Bethany & Reese Homeyer**

**21 Keith Cornish & Martha Oehlke**

**28 Cindy & Mallory Shelton**

### Communion Assistant:

**07 Merle Otwell**

**21 Mary Lea Pfenninger**

### Change Paraments:

Mary Lea Pfenninger

Stays green all of July

### Communion Preparation:

Mary Lea Pfenninger

### Lectors:

**07 Steve Paulsgrove**

**14 Ginia Bruno**

**21 Gary Deskin**

**28 Lavon Meyer**

### Cookies:

**07 Dorothy Hennig & Linda Swickheimer**

**14 Bethany Homeyer & Renee Stroman**

**21 Martha Oehlke & Mary Lea Pfenninger**

**28 Margie Dreier & Cindy Shelton**

### Offering Counters:

Wanda Cornish & Harry Heil

### Ushers:

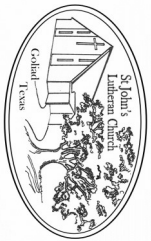
Keith Cornish

Margie Dreier

Randy Riggs

Leslie Zillig

WHERE THE Spirit  
of the Lord IS  
THERE IS freedom  
→ 2 Corinthians 3:17



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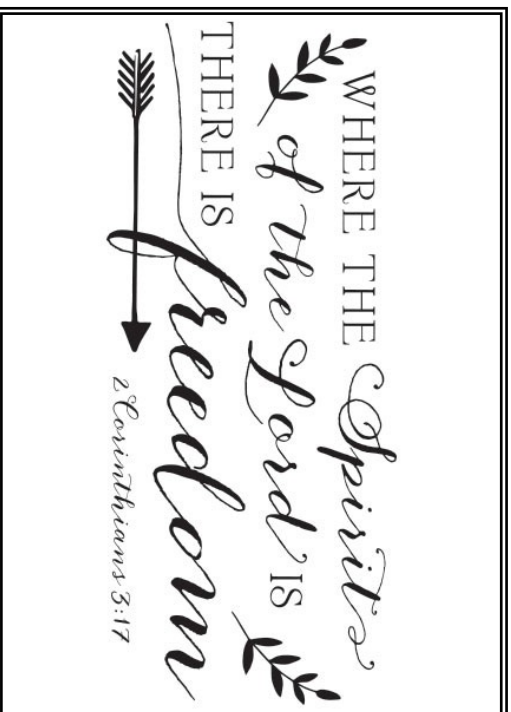
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

JULY

*For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh,  
but through love serve one another. ~Galatians 5:13*



Our apologies if we missed your special date, please help us make corrections for next time.  
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# St. John's Journal

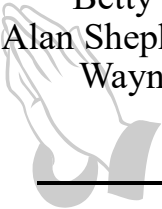
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~ JULY 2019 ~

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## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:



Betty Cullum, Ann Deskin, Cole Ohrt, Marion David,  
Alan Shephard, Alice Heibel, Jeneal Jackson, Michael Robery,  
Wayne Karnei, Cary Homeyer, Douglas MacDonald

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## THOSE IN CARE FACILITIES:

Edna Mae Riggs, Ruth Baacke, Virginia Zillig,  
Ray Parr, Pauline Bruns, Ramona Nobbe,  
Werger & Vernell Dohmann, Erlene Byrne

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## Help us keep our Prayer Chain up to date!

If you added someone to the prayer list, please be sure to touch base with us periodically with updates, the person's current needs, or when you would like them *removed* from the list. Updates may be made with the prayer request cards or you may contact the church office.

## CALICO CORNER



We will be working on a Tumbler Quilt. Please bring any 5" scraps that you might have. Please bring your block of the month back to the meeting along with any pillowcases that you have finished. Happy stitching! Contact Kelly Oehlke at 645-2098 for more information.

The next meeting will be **July 9th @ 9:00.**  
***Bring any ideas that you have and a friend!***

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## ST. JOHN'S CROSS WALL



Our cross wall is finally taking shape in the Fellowship Hall! Don't be left out! Submit a cross for your family unit to the office or cross wall committee. For rules and more information see the flyer on the bulletin boards or contact Mary Lea or Merle.

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## LOST & FOUND

There are several items that have been collected lately.

- + Several Single Pieces of Jewelry
- + Pair of Reading Glasses
- + Men's Black Ball Cap
- + Small Lock Key

If you are missing any of these items, please come by the office to claim them.





# WOSJ NEWS

## Unity Meeting

For Tuesday, July 2nd has been CANCELED

## July ~ August

No WOSJ meetings will be held in the summer months. It is optional if the individual circle decides to meet. If anything needs attention an e-mail or call will be sent.

Have a safe Summer.

## Come Summer With Me

Come summer with me, Lord;  
Summer deep down in my soul;  
Restore my faith in summer's time,  
In rest, in joy, in play, in you...

Summer in my heart, Lord,  
And dwell there as if time would never end,  
As if all time were children's time,  
Eternal time when school is always out and joy is ever in...

And let others summer in my shade, Lord,  
And share whatever summer's peace is mine to give,  
Whatever summer's light is mine to shed,  
Whatever summer's warmth is mine to share...

Good God of every season and every day of this week,  
Come summer with me, Lord, and let the child in  
My hearth spend this summer in your love...  
Amen

## Baptism Anniversaries

1 - David Bruns	20 - Lisa Castaneda
3 - Darlene Montague	22 - Eilene Power
5 - Brittany Bayer	Cassie Mangum
10 - Jake Henson	29 - Amy Swickheimer
Cutter Mares	31 - Garrett Baacke
Cooper Mares	Jessica Cornish
14 - Linda Swickheimer	Justin Pfenninger
18 - Dave Hennig	Kelsey Elrod

## Happy Birthday

5 - Ann Deskin	22 - Gloria Ara
7 - Craig Rehn	25 - Lana Allen
12 - Preston Baecker	27 - Sherry Gloor
14 - Darrell Franke	Donovan Loest
15 - Tyler Zillig	Laurie Pfenninger
16 - Bil Montague	28 - Christy Zillig
19 - Amy Lee	29 - Jered Hausmann
	31 - Carin Sparks

## Happy Wedding Anniversary

14 - Marshall & Lynette Henson  
23 - Darrell & Phyllis Franke  
23 - Farrell & Gloria Kuecker



*From Pastor Randy...*

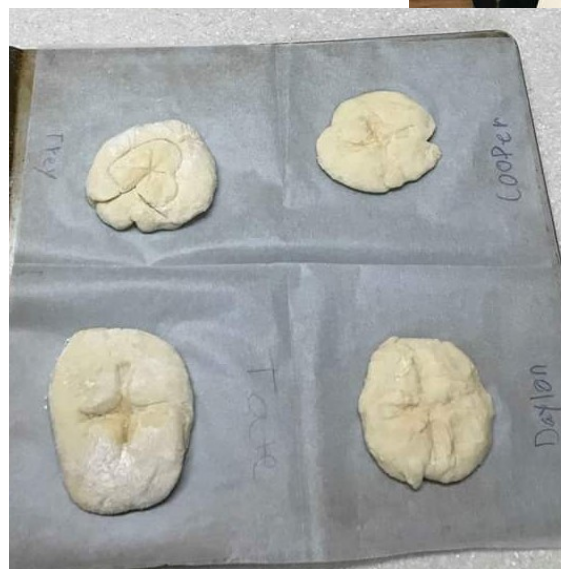
<sup>26</sup> One who is righteous is a guide to his neighbor, but the way of the wicked leads them astray. (Prov. 12:26 ESV)

My wife and I purchased a new vehicle a couple of weeks ago. The process of taking on that task is painful and frustrating. The barter system used and clung to by dealerships is due to the fact that it gives them the best advantage to get the most money out of the buyer. I guess that we should be glad that we don't have to barter for a head of lettuce. The grocery store displays the price of the lettuce and when you take it in your basket to the checker, the price they advertised is what you pay. But that is not the same with a car. The dealership advertises a price and then waits for the negotiations to begin. And they always have more than a few tricks up their sleeves to charge you more.

We visited two dealerships in our quest. One played the tiring game of our sales person constantly retreating to the floor manager to discuss the deal. While he was with us he would talk about his family, things that he enjoyed doing in life, and he related stories of how he had helped other people. And while I give him credit for his accomplishments the real reason for his conversation was to put us at ease with him. All I asked for was his lowest price. That proved a difficult thing to obtain. After spending the time for him to talk with his manager and taking our vehicle to give us a very low trade in, we had spent nearly three hours there. We had told him we were shopping; he was working hard on getting us to be buying. The most difficult part was leaving. They had our car keys and truly did not want to give them back. I asked politely five times and at each of my requests the salesman scurried off to talk with his manager. Ginia and I finally just got up and walked to the door and demanded our keys. The manager very reluctantly handed them over.

## FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Ginia taught them how to knead the dough and form the bread.



Bread got marked with the sign of the cross before going into the oven.

Cooper, Trey, Tate and Daylon were all smiles trying out their bread fresh from the oven. We even got two thumbs up from Trey!





## NURSING HOME WORSHIP

Worship is held at the La Bahia Nursing Home  
every Sunday afternoon at **3:00**.

Anyone is welcomed to join!

**August 18th** is the next worship date for St. John's.



*Your gift of \$326.00 to Water Mission is making a significant difference in the lives of people who lack access to safe water. Together, we strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus as we serve those most in need. Thanks to the love and generosity of your congregation, women around the world no longer spend hours every day collecting contaminated water. Children attend school without waterborne illnesses holding them back. The hope of Jesus, the true Living Water, is shared with the entire communities through the life-changing, physical gift of safe water. Water Mission's vision is that all people have safe water and an opportunity to experience God's love. Your generosity is helping to make this vision a reality! For your prayers, financial support, and all that you are making possible, I thank you.*

Blessings, Kevin Herr  
Water Mission  
Director of Church Partnerships

**THANK  
YOU!**

Why can't the dealership simply price their cars like the grocery store prices their lettuce? It would seem that they know people are tired of their bartering, but they are stuck in the rut of their own making. Maybe that should have us step back once in a while and consider if we too have some ruts of our own making. It is easy to find ways of doing things that make us comfortable. And those ways may well be comfortable to others as well. But sometimes our ruts are only for us; we fail to think of how they affect others. For instance, my wife's aunt one day had a car wreck right at the end of her driveway. She backed out right in front of another car. When the police came she was disturbed. Not by fact that she had the wreck, but because she said that the other driver was at fault. "After all", she told the police, "everyone knows that I take lunch to my husband everyday right at this time."

I doubt that I can convince the dealerships to change their ways. Unfortunately some ruts are too deep. But ours don't have to be. As Christians we put God first in our lives. And if there is a rut we are stuck in, that's the one we want. Following God means to follow God's word. And God teaches that we need to consider not just ourselves but also our neighbors. So I suggest that we not be like an auto dealer and consider once in a while if we might need to change our ways.

Pastor Randy



<sup>37</sup> And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."<sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment.<sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Matt. 22:37-39 ESV)

## St. John's Lutheran Church Council Meeting July 2019

St. John's Church Council meeting was called to order at 6:18 on June 12, 2019. Those present were Pastor Randy Bruno, Randy Riggs, Gary Deskin, Mary Lea Pfenninger, Keith Cornish and Merle Otwell. Pastor Randy opened with prayer.

The minutes from the May meeting were reviewed, Randy moved, and Gary seconded that the minutes be approved. The treasurer's report was also reviewed, Keith moved, and Randy seconded the motion to accept the report. The July calendar was reviewed and corrected. There will not be a July Council meeting.

Under the **committee reports**, Merle reported the cross wall had new crosses and name plates to be hung. The property committee report was discussed. There are questions why the council hasn't moved forward with some suggestions from the long-range planning committee. The scope of work paperwork was misplaced. Gary reported that he had a copy and would bring it to church Sunday. Mary Lea stated that we would review it after church on Sunday. The council will revisit this matter at the August meeting. The council feels that a supervisor is necessary for this project. Merle reported that the Unity meeting for July will be cancelled. Men's breakfast had 22 in attendance.

Under **old business**, the annual Polka Service will be June 30, 2019. The theme for this year's service is Red, White and Blue for July 4<sup>th</sup>. Keith will be overseeing the bar b que. Walter has been accessing the repairs that are needed on the carport at the parsonage. He has ordered the materials and the work will begin later this month. The cross for the outside of the church is ready to be picked up. Arrangements are pending for the pickup and the mounting of the cross on the brick wall.

Under **new business** it was discussed that the church needed to update the 2011 QuickBooks program being used for bookkeeping of the church. Merle moved and Gary seconded the purchase the new software license for approximately \$349.00 plus the necessary options needed to run the program efficiently. The cemetery committee has been discussed and options are being reviewed. Pastor reported that he has had 3 kids in his First Communion class and that they will take their first communion on Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Randy will be on vacation July 7-22, Pastor Ron Walter will be filling in while he is gone.

With no further business, Keith moved, and Randy seconded that we adjourn with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Merle Otwell*  
Treasurer

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We would like to welcome our new members to the St. John's Family! Refreshments and fellowship were enjoyed after the church service in their honor.



Bethany & Reese Homeyer, Jeneal Jackson, Casey Henneke and Jo Janecek. Not pictured, but also joining: Cody Henneke, Amanda, Hunter & Riley Pfenninger.