



THE VINE

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School Newsletter
October 2019

"Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ, His followers, and His world."



Everything I Have Commanded
"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. 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 28:18-20)

These are familiar words. We call them "The Great Commission." Sometimes they are called "The Discipleship Mandate." The point is that we are to make disciples.

How are we to do this? The first part Jesus mentions is pure grace. We are to baptize people in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They are saved by grace through faith, brought into the family of God, and made members of the Kingdom, all because of what Jesus has done.

But there's more. The other part of discipleship is obedience to Jesus' commands. Or as He put it, *"teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."* This is an invitation to go back through the Gospel of Matthew and make note of everything Jesus said that we are to do. And then – by His strength – strive to do it.

This is what the Red Letter Challenge is about. We are seeking to grow as disciples. As a church, we are seeking to make disciples. We are tuning our ears to the "red letters" in our Bibles, the words of Jesus, so that we can tune our lives to them. We seek to not only hear the words of Jesus, but to put them into practice every day.

Each week of the Red Letter Challenge focuses on a different aspect of our life with Christ. Here are the themes for the upcoming weeks of the challenge:

- September 29 Being
- October 6 Forgiving
- October 13 Serving
- October 20 Giving
- October 27 Going

Course for Personal and Spiritual Growth

What is the Church, really? At least one answer to that question is this: The Church is the body of Christ on Earth. The Apostle Paul wrote, “Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it” (1 Corinthians 12:27).

The Holy Spirit has given each of us unique gifts to carry out God’s work in the world. It is not easy, however, to discover our gifts or to develop and use them effectively. That’s why St. John’s will once again be offering the course, ***Discovering God’s Vision for Your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts***.

Where do you fit into Christ’s plan for the world? The answer lies in the unique gifts God has given you. This course will provide a renewed understanding of who God created you to be and God’s design for Christian community. You’ll find clues to your spiritual gifts in the *Haugk Spiritual Gifts Inventory* and other gift-discovery activities. Then you’ll explore opportunities to further develop and use your gifts.

Sessions will cover such topics as the following:

- Why you are unique
- Finding real joy
- Where your spiritual gifts come from
- Love is at the heart of spiritual gifts
- Exploring and applying your spiritual gifts

Beginning on Saturday, October 26, 2019, the class will meet every Saturday from **9:30 AM until Noon** for **four weeks** in Room 10.

Pastor Mark will teach this course. To register for the course, send an email to pastormark@stjohnslutheran.net or call him at the church (707) 255-0119.

Discovering God’s Vision for Your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts can help you live your faith more effectively and completely. You are invited to be part of this opportunity for personal and spiritual growth.

OFFERING UPDATE

Actual Offering Income for Aug:

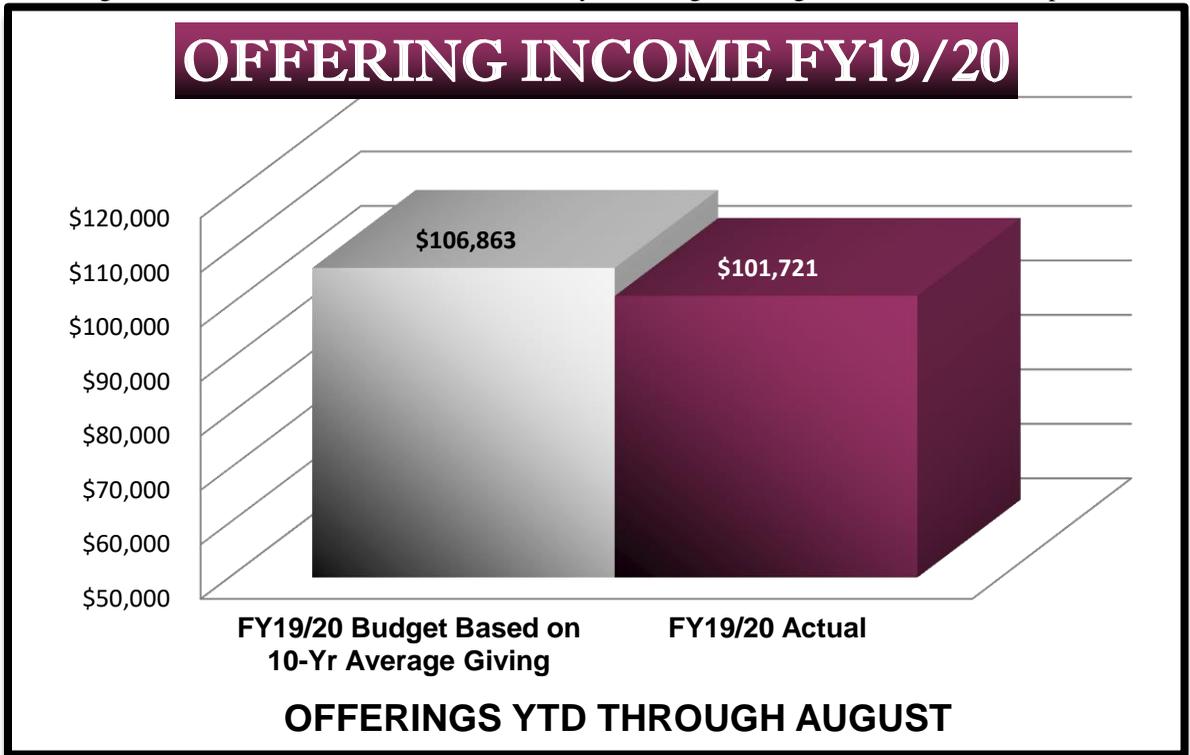
\$49,499.

Total Offerings for FY19/20 (as of 31 Aug 19):

\$101,721 which is **4.81%** or **\$5,142** below our budgeted offering income.

Total expenses remain in line with our budget and we have paid all bills received thus far.

*The budget amount shown below is based on the ten-year average offering received for that time period.



Meditation:

“But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.” (2 Thessalonians 2:13) (ESV)

Saint and Sinner

In Psalm 51, David’s great psalm of repentance, he confesses, *“Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight”* (verse 4). So it is with us. We sin daily. We sin egregiously. There is nothing else for us to do, for we are sinners. *“Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me”* (verse 5), David declares. This is the state of all humankind since the Fall in the Garden of Eden.

Yet our gracious God chooses us to be His own! We cannot understand this. There is nothing we can do to be accepted by God and nothing we can do to receive His salvation. Jesus said, “. . . *I told you that no one can come to Me unless the Father has enabled him*” (John 6:65).

In spite of our sinfulness, we are called saints. Paul, writing to the Philippians and to the Ephesians as well, greets them, “*To all the saints . . .*” (Philippians 1:1). That’s you! That’s me! This concept of saint and sinner is one that Luther grasped and explained. We are sinners in fact, but we are righteous at the same time because Christ has imputed His righteousness to us. By Christ’s blood we are declared righteous and by the work of His Spirit through Word and Sacrament, we are daily being sanctified until in Heaven we no longer have this struggle with our sinful nature.

Discussion Thoughts:

1. Read Romans 7:14-20. Is Paul describing the saint or the sinner in this passage?
2. Read Romans 7:21-25. What is Paul’s answer to the question He brings up in this passage?
3. Read Ephesians 1:4. Is Paul writing about the saint or the sinner in this verse?
4. Read Philippians 1:6. Who is the “*He*” of this verse? What does *He* do for us?
5. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:13; Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 2:24. How does He do this work for us?

Prayer:

Oh, Lord God, truly You are mighty and powerful – yet You care for me! You created the world and all that is in it – and You created me! I sin against You, but You forgive, redeem, and restore me to Yourself. In fact, You came to me when I most needed You – when I was “*dead in [my] transgressions and sins*” – and You became like me so that I will one day be like You! Thank You, dear Jesus. Let Your Holy Spirit continue His work of sanctification in me that I may serve and praise and worship You all the days of my life. Through Christ I pray. Amen.

Adapted from “*12 Months of Congregational Stewardship*” by Ronald J. and Phyllis J. Chewning, Stewardship Advisors, Inc., 2007.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019

St. John's Lutheran Church, 5:00-7:00pm. Fun for all ages! Come in costume (please no little devils or scary creatures), play some fun Halloween games, win some prizes, do some crafts, eat some yummy food, and hear a great story! Decorate the trunk of your car and be ready to pass out treats and go "trunk or treating"!! Great time to meet other St. John's families!!



We will meet in the Parish Hall (Gym) at 5:00 pm. Please park in the marked areas of the big parking lot next to the church. Please do not begin handing out candy or have your children go from car to car until after the Pumpkin Gospel story when all of the children are dismissed. SJL Youth will be selling pizza and water. For more information or to register, please call Janis King @ 226-7970 ext. 107 or email jking@stjohnsnapa.org

WHAT IS TRUNK OR TREAT?

St. John's Lutheran is sponsoring this Halloween event for the families of the church and school and their friends. Children and adults come in costume to play some "carnival type" Halloween games and do crafts together. We also have a chance to hear the Gospel message in the ***Pumpkin Story***.

People gather and park their cars in a large parking lot. They open their trunks, or the backs of their vehicles, and decorate them. Then they pass out candy or other treats from their trunks. The event provides a safe family environment for trick or treaters. You should plan on having enough treats for at least 100-150 children.

Please no extremely scary, witchy or devilish costumes as this event is attended by mostly young children. The same holds true for decorating your vehicles.

The best way to plan your trunk is to pick a theme. Think of it like dressing yourself in a costume. Sometimes you pick a theme and throw things together. Here are some examples:

An SUV was **'70's** themed. They threw down some shag, hung a disco ball and parked close to the church so they could run an extension cord to a light ball. The people wore 'fro wigs and tie dye. It was pretty funny. So you could do **50's, 60's or 80's** too.

You can dress as a **clown** and fill your trunk with balloons.

Another one was a **zookeeper** who had lots of stuffed animals set about.

One acted like their trunk was the back of a **boat**. They had fishing poles for hooking the candy. (I actually recommend against activities like this because they hold up the line pretty badly.)

Beach or Luau theme: Open up the back of the vehicle, hang some towels and set up a boogie board against the door, set out beach chairs, use an umbrella. There are tons of things you could

do with this. I told a friend she should wear her bathing suit over her clothes. I think the kids would think that's a riot. She doesn't want to, but someone should do it.

NASCAR Theme - Display all your souvenirs

Harvest Theme

Sports Theme (pick a sport) - Team displays are popular

Popular Kid's Themes: **Sesame Street**, **Dora the Explorer**, **Veggie Tales**, **Backyardigans** (If you have kids and they're into a particular character you can use their stuff. Other kids will love it.)

Animal Themes - Stuffed animals count.

Movie Themes (Keep the kids in mind though)

Western Theme

Camping Out theme

Christmas (or other holiday) Theme

Gone Fishing Theme

Pirate Theme

Don't forget about a costume for yourself. The best and most interesting trunks have their owners dressed to match the theme.



TRUNK OR TREAT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2018

5:00-7:00 PM

In the Parish Hall & then the big parking lot!

How can YOU help?

- Set up at 3:45pm/ Clean up the Parish Hall at 6:15pm
 - Help the Youth make and serve pizza to families
- Help run a booth at Trunk or Treat (like pumpkin toss, pin the nose on the pumpkin, pumpkin bowling, crafts, food treats, and many more!)
 - Clean up the Parish Hall at 6:15pm
 - Decorate the trunk of your car and hand out treats to all the kids!
- Pray for this very special ministry! It's a chance to let our lights shine and share the Gospel!

PLEASE CONTACT JANIS KING TO VOLUNTEER!

jking@stjohnsnapa.org



September was a great month! We kicked off Confirmation, Crew 34, found our groove in Surge, and even cooled down a bit in the Valley. The momentum is great, and we look to continue to grow in these ministries this month.

Crew 34 is such a cool ministry as it gets those 3rd and 4th graders involved in something that they can call their own. In Crew, they have a place to gather and hang out with their friends as well as grow in faith. We are

holding our October Crew on October 17th from 6-7:30pm at SJL. We hope you'll join us for our next Crew!

Surge has been a blast! It has been really cool to have all the 5th-8th graders together each week playing games, eating pizza and snacks, and growing in their faith together. We will have 3 more Surge events in the month of October on the 1st, 8th, & 22nd from 6-7:30 at SJL.

If you would like more information on any of these ministries, please contact Kevin Mathison.

74th Annual Reformation Celebration to be held in Sacramento area

You are invited to the 74th Annual Reformation Celebration sponsored by Zones 4 and 19 of the International Lutheran Laymen's League. The service will be held Sunday, October 27, 2019, at Town and Country Lutheran Church, 4049 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento, CA, at 4:00 P.M. Take Business 80 to Marconi Avenue off-ramp, go east on Marconi Avenue to Norris Avenue. The church is on the corner. From north or east on I- 80, exit at Watt and go south to Marconi and continue to Norris Ave.



We are privileged to have the Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, [Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty](#), (LCRL), as our guest speaker. Special music will be provided by an adult choir, soloist, and a chime choir.

A reception will follow the service in the parish hall at Town and Country Lutheran Church.

In addition to this annual service in Sacramento on Sunday, we will have a special luncheon at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 4701 Grove Street in Rocklin on Saturday, October 26th, at 1 PM. A question and answer session with Dr. Seltz will give you further insight into what is happening with the LCMS in Washington D.C. Please contact [Holy Cross](#) and let them know that you are coming.

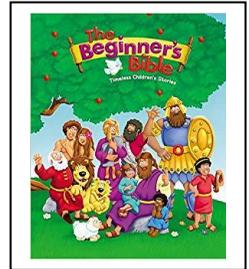


Please Note:

Any adult coming on campus during school hours **must sign in** either at the school office or the church office and **wear an ID badge while on campus**. This is part of security upgrades we are making to make our campus safe and more secure. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school children safe!

GIVE THE GIFT OF THE BIBLE

Thank you to all who purchased **The Beginners Bible** for the preschool children at St. John's Lutheran School!! Your generosity and willingness to connect with these three, four and five year olds (and their families) was greatly appreciated! You are truly a blessing to all of them and will continue to be through God's Word for years to come! Look for more information in the months to come; we will be coming up with some fun ways to connect with each other in person! And don't forget to pray for your child/children and their families. Thank you so much!



Our Congregation's Current Mortgage Information:

Lender – Lutheran Church Extension Fund

Principal Balance Payable to Lender (as of 30 Sep 19) - \$703,903.97

Original Loan Amount (1 July, 2003) - \$1,500,000

Maturity Date – 1 March, 2029



LCC K-9 COMFORT DOG MINISTRY UPDATE

“Walking Together / Serving as One”

To God be the Glory!

I want to thank everyone for coming out to the Comfort Dog open forums last month. It was great to share details about the ministry and meet new friends! As we excitedly prepare for a second dog to join the team, we still have room for more humans to join us as ministry partners. If you were unable to join us at one of the forums, it's not too late to find out more and get a “sneak peek” at what we do. Now is the time to “shadow” us on one of our visits to see how the ministry works. I go out on visits almost every day and would love to have you tag along! Please call Christy in the church office to schedule a time that works for you.



Later this month, I will be heading to Las Vegas for our Regional Gathering. Prior to this, all of our regional gatherings have taken place in Napa, so I am excited to be going on a “road trip” for this one. These meetings provide our West Coast teams with the opportunity for fellowship and honing of our skills.

Several months ago, I told you about an upcoming book featuring SJLS student David Como and myself on the cover. “Extraordinary Dogs: Stories from Search and Rescue Dogs, Comfort Dogs, and Other Canine Heroes” by [Liz Stavrinos](#) and [John Schlimm](#) will be released later this month! Thank you to those of you who pre-ordered copies. We will be contacting you as soon as they arrive. We will also have a limited number of additional copies for sale at that time. Stay tuned for details.

Thank you for your continued prayers for us, particularly as we travel, and for those we serve.

Thanks for your support and prayers! Please check out Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and my website for all the latest news. napavalleycomfortdogs.org

Aaron Comfort Dog



Remember, it is LCC's and our policy to only go where invited. So if you would like Aaron to visit, please contact Tim or Christy Kramer at the church office. We would be happy to schedule a visit! 707.255.0119

Daily Bible Readings for October

	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
1	Psalm 114	Ezekiel 4:6-6:7	Hebrews 10:19-31
2	Psalm 115:1-8	Ezekiel 6:8-7:27	Hebrews 10:32-11:3
3	Psalm 115:9-18	Ezekiel 8, 9	Hebrews 11:4-16
4	Psalm 116:1-7	Ezekiel 10:1-11:15	Hebrews 11:17-28
5	Psalm 116:8-14	Ezekiel 11:16-12:28	Hebrews 11:29-40
6	Psalm 37:1-9	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4	2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10
7	Psalm 116:15-19	Ezekiel 13:1-14:11	Hebrews 12:1-13
8	Psalm 117	Ezekiel 14:12-15:8	Hebrews 12:14-24
9	Psalm 118:1-9	Ezekiel 16:1-42	Hebrews 12:25-13:6
10	Psalm 118:10-14	Ezekiel 16:43-17:10	Hebrews 13:7-19
11	Psalm 118:15-21	Ezekiel 17:11-18:18	Hebrews 13:20-James 1:8
12	Psalm 118:22-29	Ezekiel 18:19-19:14	James 1:9-18
13	Psalm 111	2 Kings 5:1-3,7-15c	2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19
14	Psalm 119:1-8	Ezekiel 20:1-29	James 1:19-27
15	Psalm 119:9-16	Ezekiel 20:30-21:17	James 2:1-13
16	Psalm 119:17-24	Ezekiel 21:18-22:22	James 2:14-26
17	Psalm 119:25-32	Ezekiel 22:23-23:27	James 3:1-12
18	Psalm 119:33-40	Ezekiel 23:28-24:8	James 3:13-4:6
19	Psalm 119:41-48	Ezekiel 24:9-25:14	James 4:7-17
20	Psalm 121	Genesis 32:22-31	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8
21	Psalm 119:49-56	Ezekiel 25:15-27:11	James 5:1-12
22	Psalm 119:57-64	Ezekiel 27:12-28:10	James 5:13-20
23	Psalm 119:65-72	Ezekiel 28:11-29:12	1 Peter 1:1-12
24	Psalm 119:73-80	Ezekiel 29:13-30:26	1 Peter 1:13-25
25	Psalm 119:81-88	Ezekiel 31:1-32:16	1 Peter 2:1-12
26	Psalm 119:89-96	Ezekiel 32:17-3:20	1 Peter 2:13-25
27	Psalm 84:1-7	Jeremiah 14:7-10	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14
28	Psalm 119:97-104	Ezekiel 33:21-34:19	1 Peter 3:1-7
29	Psalm 119:105-112	Ezekiel 34:20-36:7	1 Peter 3:8-22
30	Psalm 119:113-120	Ezekiel 36:8-36	1 Peter 4
31	Psalm 119:121-128	Ezekiel 37:1-38:6	1 Peter 5

Serving in Worship October 2019

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SOUND TECHS</u>	<u>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	
Oct. 6	8:30 AM	HC	Bill Clark	Tim Kramer Bill Clark Gary Virkus Ron Johnson	The Wayne Miller Family
Pentecost 17	Traditional				
	10:15 AM		Grant Menzel		The Meissenhalter Family
	Blended				
Oct. 13	8:30 AM		Kaleb Anderson		The Ehlen Family
Pentecost 18	Traditional				
	10:15 AM	HC	Flynn Irwin	<i>Team Leader: Tim Huss</i> Dove Bain Anne Heine	The Mason Family
	Blended			Paula & Megan Schweiger	
Oct. 20	8:30 AM	HC		<i>Liturgist: Tim Kramer</i> Bill Clark Ben Wilson	Sharon Mitchell
Pentecost 19	Traditional		Kyle Ebeling	Gerry Schneider Mike Newton	The Kampton Family
	10:15 AM		Chris Newman		
	Blended				
Oct. 27	8:30 AM	HC	Bill Clark	Mike Newton, Gary Virkus, Gerry Schneider, Ben Wilson	Nancy Gressinger
Reformation	10:15 AM	HC	Laney Irwin	<i>Team Leader: Joel Wahlers</i> Tim Bouchet Anne Heine	The Bresee Family
	Blended			Kari & Bob Perna	

SHOPPING ON AMAZON?

Please consider using “Amazon Smile” when you place your orders, designating St. John’s Lutheran Church fund. (There is no additional cost to you!) Just go directly to: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-6001864>



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Serving in Worship October 2019

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>LAY READERS</u>	<u>ACOLYTES</u>
Oct. 6 Pentecost 17	8:30 AM HC	Curtis Schoenfeld, The Ehlen Family	Ruth Peterson	Gary Virkus
	Traditional			
	10:15 AM	The Hammond & DeYoung Families	Jennie Lovie	
	Blended			
Oct. 13 Pentecost 18	8:30 AM	Bev & Clint Holdsworth	Sarah Kramer	Tim Kramer
	Traditional			
	10:15 AM HC	The Cremen & Perna Families	Ella Powers	
	Blended			
Oct. 20 Pentecost 19	8:30 AM HC	Bob Klein, Gerry Schneider, Bill Clark, Ben & Amy Wilson	Caitlin Newton	Mike Newton
	Traditional			
	10:15 AM	Missy Loban, Tyler Koen, Ron Irwin	Megan Schweiger	
	Blended			
Oct. 27 Reformation	8:30 AM HC	George Fleischmann, Gary & Marlen Virkus	Gail Vandeburgt	Sam Schneider
	Traditional			
	10:15 AM HC	The Cremen & Perna Families	CarlJohn Meissenhalter	
	Blended			



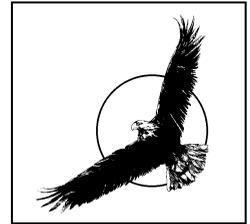
**Second Sunday Potluck
October 11th
11:30 AM in Room 10**



Let's eat, drink, and be merry at the October Potluck! Bring sausage, schnitzel, strudel, or whatever food you'd like to celebrate Oktoberfest! Mark your calendars now for this fun lunch. If you have questions, please contact Ron and Lois Johnson, John and Pam Foottit, or Neill and Pam Barker. See you there!

SCHOOL NEWS

By Joel Wahlers



I want to say a big thank you to all those members of our church who purchased Children's Bibles for our preschool students! In one Sunday, we sold out of the Bibles, which makes sure that all of our students will have their own Children's Bible. I also want to thank Janis King and Kristin Goller for making this happen. It is a great way to connect our congregation with the students we serve!

I also want to say thank you for your patience and support of our new security measures at the school. I know it is an added step you have to take when on the campus during school, but it is intended to assure all of our staff, volunteers, and students know that the people they see on campus are supposed to be here.

On October 11, we will once again hold our annual APT Get On Track jogathon and fundraiser on the St. John's track. Each class will be running at different times starting at 10:30 a.m. We invite anyone who would like to come and cheer on our students or even run or walk themselves! Our classes are gathering pledges for this event, and all funds raised will be split between the school and charities chosen by each class. The classes are raising funds for COPE Family Center, Wine Country Animal Lovers, The Table, Habitat for Humanity, Garuna Foundation, Lucille Packard Foundation, LCC Comfort Dogs, Crush Cancer Napa Valley, The Tug McGraw Foundation, and Alaina's Voice. If you would like to donate to this event, please contact the church or school office.

As always, please keep St. John's Lutheran School in your prayers! For ongoing information on what is happening at St. John's, please pick up our weekly newsletter in the narthex or visit our website at www.stjohnsnapa.org.



VETERANS DAY CHAPEL

The public is invited to attend Chapel on Wednesday, November 6, at 8:30 a.m., as St. John's Lutheran School honors and recognizes all veterans. A coffee reception will take place immediately following Chapel. Please share this information with anyone who may be interested in attending.

For children who attend St. John's Lutheran and have family members who are veterans, we ask that you invite them to our Chapel service too!

If you are a veteran, we would be honored to have you attend this very special Chapel Service. If you know a veteran, please pass along this invitation.

St. John's Lutheran School

On October 1, 2019....

...Enrollment Opens for the 2020-2021 School Year!

Beginning Tues., Oct. 1, applications will be accepted for Preschool through Eighth Grade. Download an enrollment application today at www.stjohnsnapa.org, visit the school office or contact Kristin Goller, Admissions Counselor, at 707-226-7970, Ext. 125; kgoller@stjohnsnapa.org.

Many classes fill quickly, so we encourage people to take advantage of this opportunity. Please share this info with anyone who may be interested in St. John's Lutheran School.

Please note, re-enrollment for current St. John's families begins in February 2020.

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT AT ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Monday, November 4 or Wednesday, November 13
6:30 – 7:15 p.m.
in the SJL Kindergarten Classroom

Meet the Kindergarten teacher and learn more about:

- Kindergarten curriculum
- benefits of an SJL K-8 education
- what makes SJL a special place for families

All interested families are invited to attend, and will receive **\$25 OFF the Kindergarten Enrollment Fee** after attending the meeting!

This event is for adults only, but free childcare will be provided. Please share this information with anyone who might be interested.

RSVP required to: Kristin Goller, Admissions Counselor
226-7970, Ext. 125; kgoller@stjohnsnapa.org. Thank you!

Get on Track 2019

St. John's Lutheran School Jog-a-thon
Friday, October 11, 2019



Get on Track is an annual event which raises funds for St. John's Lutheran School's Association of Parents and Teachers (APT). APT funds many of the programs at our school such as art, physical education, music, technology and extra materials for our classrooms. Also, 25% of pledges raised are contributed to our class-sponsored, non-profit organizations. Along with raising money, our mission is to involve our children to work towards a goal, to have fun and to be active! Visit the official website for all the exciting details sjlgetontrack.weebly.com

2019 Co-Chairs Ali Dragoo and Valerie Owens are featuring the Color Run.

What is the Color Run?

The event emphasizes fun over competition. Perfect for families and children, running or walking is up to you! You begin dressed in Get on Track T-shirts, and pass through color stations that are optional. Each one is associated with a different color, while volunteers blast the runners with dyed cornstarch out of spray bottles. Runners can have as little or as much color as they desire. The Color Run has been nicknamed "the happiest run on the planet."

We invite you to be a sponsor of this fun annual event!

- **Show your support for St. John's Lutheran School**
- **Advertise your name or business on the back of over 400 t-shirts**
 - **Sponsors receive a complimentary t-shirt**

Every student, staff member and jog-a-thon volunteer at St. John's Lutheran School will receive an event t-shirt.

Your name/your organization's name will be listed on the back of the event t-shirt as a sponsor of this year's event.

There are 4 levels of sponsorship available:

\$150: Name Listing \$300: Logo Listing \$400: Track Banner \$500 Arch Banner (4 available)

You may pick up a sponsorship form in the school office or purchase a sponsorship online at <https://stjnapa.ejoinme.org/GOT2019>

Questions? Please contact Ali Dragoo at 415-412-4354 or ajcarter90@yahoo.com.

So what's new at the Farm?



Submitted by Ted Zimmerman
"Farmer Ted, how does your garden grow?"

Well, first of all, it is not "my" garden. It is the congregation's mission project, supported largely by gifts from members of the congregation, tended by a host of other volunteers who spend many hours each week nurturing that mission. I may at times be the "face of the garden", especially out in the community. And I do take a lot of "ownership" in that project and what it accomplishes. However, it is not "my" garden.

Still, your intent is to find out through me how the garden is doing in fulfilling its mission. I wish I could give you the very latest figures, but time deadlines to submit don't make that possible. I can tell you that for the month of August, we turned in 3,988.5 lbs. of fruits and vegetables to the Napa Valley Food Bank to help feed families who sometimes have to make tough choices between paying the rent, meeting health needs, and grocery shopping. Three thousand, nine hundred, eighty-eight and one-half pounds! That's only 11.5 lbs. shy of two tons! God has been good! For the year our total is 8,193 lbs . . . or over four tons. That's a lot of lifting and toting. Especially exciting is all the fresh corn we have been able to turn in this year so far. I can bet you what gets snatched up most quickly at The Store!

This year, our Mission Farm will not be participating in the Napa Valley Give Guide emphasis. We hope to return next year. Each of the past years we receive good support from the community. This year we will have to depend upon you good folks to help sustain us with special gifts. Thanksgiving time is a most appropriate time to support feeding the hungry. Gifts, however, can be given at any time by using a Designated Envelope and marking it "Mission Farm" and putting it in the offering plate or dropping it off at the church office.

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Disability Ministry: Feeling Comfortable With People Who Have Disabilities

Submitted by Pastor Ted Zimmerman

From a recent blog by Joni Eareckson Tada, of Joni and Friends:

“This year, during the 40th anniversary of Joni and Friends, many people have asked me about the future of our ministry and what I hope for. Well, I could say, ‘Oh, I’d like to add more countries to Wheels for the World, and deliver more wheelchairs and Bibles.’ Or I could say ‘Let’s have more Family Retreats. Let’s get more Cause 4 Life interns on campus.’

“But when I wheel into our headquarters, the International Disability Center every morning, you know what my hope for the future is? That we keep the main thing, the main thing. Because it’s all about giving the good news of Jesus Christ to people with disabilities and their families. It’s all about sharing the Gospel, the life transforming, life-altering Gospel of the Lord Jesus.

“The purpose of those wheelchairs, the purpose of every Family Retreat is so that people can hear about Jesus Christ and how much they need Him. So, when I look to the future, I think about this ministry being used by the Lord Jesus to expand His kingdom and bring many more people with disabilities into the Father’s house.

“That’s my dream for the future.”

What is *your* dream for Disability Ministry at St. John’s? Is it keeping the main thing, the main thing? Is our dream big enough and God-pleasing? Have you shared your dreams for Disability Ministry here with the pastors, or with the author of this newsletter article?



October Birthdays

- 1 Scott Zimmerman, Charles Fitzpatrick
- 2 Timothy Huss, Ramona Kaufmann, Kaleb Anderson
- 3 Jacob Bartelt, Otto Wagner, Jessica Koen
- 5 James Regan
- 7 Derek Irwin, Sharon Mitchell, Trenton Bresee
- 8 David Goller, Cal Watkins
- 9 Betsy Gewirz
- 10 Victoria Christie, Elise Commander
- 11 Laura Peterson
- 15 Andrew King, Judith Irwin
- 16 Marlen Virkus, Rachel Thomas, Richard Bruechert, Daniel Newton
- 17 Charles Vaziri
- 18 Kenneth Wilson, Elaine Scott, Shirley Knight
- 19 Leslie Nicholson, Dawn Wahlers, Kyleigh Greeley
- 20 Madelyn Caceres Reed, Abrielle Caceres Reed
- 21 Timothy Kramer, Culllen Mooers
- 22 Bonnie Thompson, Rachael Fitzgerald, Michael Fitzgerald
- 23 Shau Ching Han
- 24 Jonathan Han, Kathy Fitzgerald,
- 25 Eric Fitzgerald
- 26 Andrea Clark, Lindsey Albrecht
- 28 Samuel Craft, Bill Hjerpe
- 29 Gary Hartwig, Easton Bresee
- 30 Nancy Zaia





Gain confidence and learn strategies for how to have more meaningful spiritual conversations with others. Rev. Dr. Tony Cook and Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies from Lutheran Hour Ministries will guide you through research -based insights and give you tools that will help you more comfortably engage in Spiritual Conversations.

This workshop will be held on Saturday, October 26th, at Faith Lutheran Church, 50 Woodsworth Lane, in Pleasant Hill, CA. Registration begins at 9:30 am and sessions are from 10 am until 2 pm. The cost is \$10 and that includes lunch. You can register online at lhm.org/workshops

The Lutheran Hour airs on nearly 1,800 stations throughout North America and reaches more than one million listeners each week. The Lutheran Hour, can be heard locally on KCBC, AM 770, at 7:30 pm on Saturday, 7:30 am and 4:30 pm on Sunday or 3:00 am on Monday. It is also available KAWZ, FM 88.1 at 7:00 am on Sunday or on the internet anytime at www.lutheranhour.org.

GIVE+

New mobile phone application makes supporting ministry even more convenient.

Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for “GivePlus Church” to download for free. Then enter St. John’s Lutheran Church or tap “Find Churches Near Me” to start your search. Enter your desired contribution amount, card or bank information, review and select “Complete Donation.” It’s that easy! Please call the church office if you have questions.



“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” *Galatians 6:9-10*

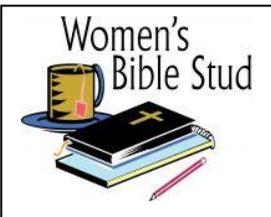
Come join us! No matter what our situation or season in life, we all need discipleship, fellowship, encouragement, and opportunities to serve. St. John's has many options in all of those areas, and we are always open to new ideas!

“The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.”

The big blue wooden LWML box is in the Narthex (church entryway) for you to drop in your loose change (or checks designated “Mites”).

Goal: Help fund LWML projects in the U.S. and around the world.

Info: www.lwml.org.



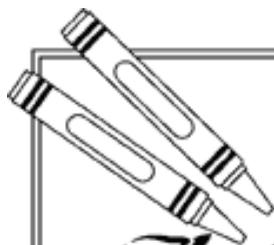
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Thursday afternoon Bible Study meets in the Sanctuary. Looking forward to seeing you all! Contact Womensministry@stjohnslutheran.net!

MEN, JOIN US EVERY SATURDAY MORNING FOR FELLOWSHIP AT 7:30 AM AND BIBLE STUDY AT 8:00 - 9:00 AM IN ROOM 10. WE ARE STUDYING PROVERBS. CALL RON JOHNSON FOR INFORMATION.



**Men's
Breakfast & Bible
Study**



Just for **KIDS**

A harvest of...

Autumn brings many visible changes. God makes lots of foods and grains ready for harvest. He also tells us that if we sow in peace, we, too, can raise a harvest.

Find and circle the bold (dark) words from James 3:17-18, NIV.

"But the **WISDOM** that comes from **HEAVEN** is first of all **PURE**; then **PEACELOVING**, **CONSIDERATE**, **SUBMISSIVE**, full of **MERCY** and **GOOD FRUIT**, **IMPARTIAL** and **SINCERE**. **PEACEMAKERS** who **SOW** in **PEACE** raise a **HARVEST** of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**."

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