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



Did You Know That St. John's is on Social Media?

St. John's and its ministries stay in contact with the community in many ways, including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and our own websites. It takes a lot of effort to keep the websites up to date and to keep the communication current and flowing on social media.

The social media team is all volunteer and we could use a few more tech-savvy people to help us out. If you are a fan of social media and would like to help us communicate to our members, parents, students, and community, we could use your help.

Contact us by email: sjlcsocialmedia@gmail.com

Also, if you have something you'd like to see us talk about or promote on social media, please use the same contact info.



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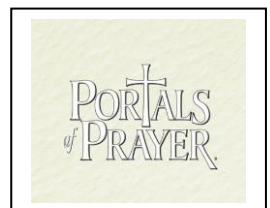
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**Both publications are available outside the
church office door.**



Daily Bible Readings for June

	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
1	Psalm 71:9-18a	Numbers 20:1-21:9	Mark 15:1-20
2	Psalm 71:18b-24	Numbers 21:10-22:6	Mark 15:21-32
3	Psalm 72:1-11	Numbers 22:7-41	Mark 15:33-47
4	Psalm 72:12-20	Numbers 23	Mark 16:1-13
5	Psalm 73:1-12	Numbers 24, 25	Mark 26:14-Luke 1:4
6	Psalm 73:13-20	Numbers 26:1-24	Luke 1:5-25
7	Psalm 8	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	2 Cor. 13:11-13 Matt. 28:16-20
8	Psalm 73:21-28	Numbers 26:25-56	Luke 1:26-38
9	Psalm 74:1-9	Numbers 26:57-27:23	Luke 1:39-45
10	Psalm 74:10-17	Numbers 28:1-29:6	Luke 1:46-56
11	Psalm 74:18-23	Numbers 29:7-40	Luke 1:57-66
12	Psalm 75	Numbers 30:1-31:12	Luke 1:67-80
13	Psalm 76	Numbers 31:13-47	Luke 2:1-20
14	Psalm 100	Exodus 19:2-8a	Romans 5:1-8 Matt. 9:35-10:8
15	Psalm 77:1-9	Numbers 31:48-32:27	Luke 2:21-32
16	Psalm 77:10-15	Numbers 32:28-33:9	Luke 2:33-40
17	Psalm 77:16-20	Numbers 33:10-56	Luke 2:41-52
18	Psalm 78:1-8	Numbers 34	Luke 3:1-20
19	Psalm 78:9-16	Numbers 35:1-30	Luke 3:21-38
20	Psalm 78:17-31	Numbers 35:31-Deuteronomy 1:18	Luke 4:1-13
21	Psalm 69:7-18	Jeremiah 20:7-13	Matt. 10:24-39 Romans 6:1b-11
22	Psalm 78:32-39	Deuteronomy 1:19-46	Luke 4:14-21
23	Psalm 78:40-55	Deuteronomy 2	Luke 4:22-30
24	Psalm 78:56-64	Deuteronomy 3	Luke 4:31-44
25	Psalm 78:65-72	Deuteronomy 4:1-31	Luke 5:1-11
26	Psalm 79:1-8	Deuteronomy 4:32-5:21	Luke 5:12-26
27	Psalm 79:9-13	Deuteronomy 5:22-6:25	Luke 5:27-39
28	Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18	Jeremiah 28:5-9	Matt. 10:40-42 Romans 6:12-23
29	Psalm 80:1-7	Deuteronomy 7	Luke 6:1-11
30	Psalm 80:8-11	Deuteronomy 8:1-9:6	Luke 6:12-26



Disability Ministry: Feeling Comfortable With People Who Have Disabilities

Submitted by Ted Zimmerman



No, I have not confused my Disability Ministry article for my Mission Farm article, though it may appear so at the beginning.

On the Mission Farm we recently put a sunshade over the bee hive in the orchard to keep the hive from becoming overheated, putting the bees at risk. It was a simple pop-up sunshade like someone might set up when going on a picnic or camping. We meant well. The bee keeper told us that we would need to move the sunshade back a few feet. We had positioned it so that the entrance to the hive would be shaded. What we didn't understand is that bees when they fly from the hive need to make a nearly vertical ascent. Our placement meant that the bees had to fly through the wires of the fence, and that was upsetting them. How do they know? The Bee Keeper knows! The Farm workers meant well, but lacking understanding did not do well!

So it is in dealing with many relationship issues. Problems are sometimes unwittingly created by not understanding what the other person needs for his sense of well-being. Once that is clarified, the two can more easily find a way to resolve the problem in a mutually acceptable way.

So it is in dealing with people with disabilities. During the days of the corona virus threat, we have been encouraged by the CDC and our state and local health departments to wear a covering over our nose and mouth. That is meant for everyone's safety. However, we have come to discover that it puts many people with hearing impairments at a disadvantage. Many of them have learned to read lips. That's a bit of a challenge when those wishing to speak to them have their lips covered. It's as impossible to facilitate communication as it would be for me to try to communicate with you through this article by typing it with boxing gloves on both hands. No way!

I don't know what the answer is to that particular problem. I do know that building relationships with people with disabilities requires us to seek to understand what special needs people with disabilities need, and what their preferences are.

Another example. As a person with increasing loss of hearing, I need people to speak, not loudly, but directly to me, and slowly, being careful to enunciate. I hear vowels, but often cannot distinguish the consonants. I may respond to you in terms of what I thought I heard . . . and then watch your confused expressions. Just saying!

Because of the challenges of building relationships with people with disabilities, we sometimes decide not to bother. But we all need relationships. Certainly this period of "social distancing" we have been through has taught us that. People with disabilities need "super-sensitive" people to be their friends!

OFFERING UPDATE

Actual Offering Income for Apr:

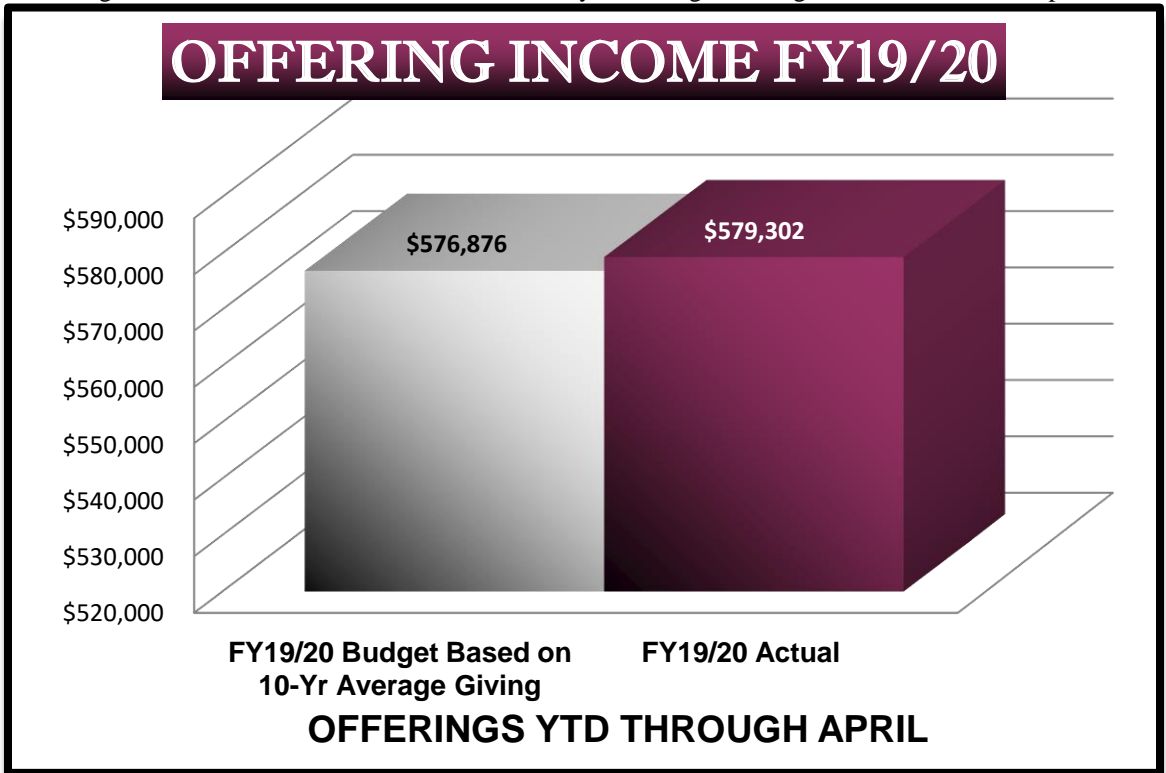
\$52,428.

Total Offerings for FY19/20 (as of 30 Apr 20):

\$579,302 which is **0.41%** or **\$2,426** above 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:

“And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.” (Hebrews 11:6)(ESV)

Faith that Pleases God

The first gifts that we read about in Scripture are the offerings made by Cain and Abel who were the sons of Adam and Eve. In Genesis 4:2-4 we read, “...Now Abel kept flocks and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his

flock.” Cain and Abel brought offerings or gifts for the Lord. Because one worked the land and the other raised animals, their gifts were different. We read that Cain “*brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering,*” whereas Abel “*brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock.*”

Between the two brothers there is also an indication of a difference in the attitudes of their hearts. While Cain wasn’t concerned about giving the first or best of his crop, Abel gave the firstborn of his flock. God looked with favor upon Abel’s offering. God looked into the hearts of both Cain and Abel as He looks into our hearts. He saw Abel’s humble faith. By his gift, Abel showed his sincere gratitude for all that God had done for Him.

We need to understand that it’s not the size of our gifts and offerings which makes them acceptable to the Lord, but rather it is the attitude of our hearts and minds toward God. God wants our gifts to be an expression of our love for Him. He wants us to give cheerfully rather than grudgingly. He wants us to give out love through faith. We are told by the writer of Hebrews that without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6).

May this story of giving by Cain and Abel help us to examine our attitude toward giving. If we are not giving our first and best out of faith and love to the Lord, God does not look with favor upon our giving. May God grant us all faithful, loving, and giving hearts.

Prayer: Lord, I thank You for giving me the ability and desire to give to You. Grant me strength to give my first and best to You. May I always use my life and resources to give You honor and glory. Use me as Your instrument of love. In Christ’s name I pray. Amen.

Adapted from “*Maturing as Stewards through Faith, Love, and Hope*” by Ronald J. and Phyllis J. Chewning, Stewardship Advisors, Inc., 2007.

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The new Scrip year has begun. Please go to www.shopwithscrip.com and register with our program. **Our Enrollment Code: 912E7L6F9161. Scrip is also available in the school office.**

Scrip, simply put, is gift cards that you use to purchase many items you would normally buy with cash. By buying Scrip first, St. John's Lutheran School will receive a percentage from each vendor. Percentage varies with each vendor.

Many businesses are temporarily closed, so it's hard to know where you can get the things you need. You can still buy all your household essentials, and help support SJLS with gift cards to: WalMart, Target, Safeway, Lucky's, Nob Hill/Raley's, Shell, Chevron, Arco, CVS, Staples, Amazon.com and Visa.

Now is a great time to introduce yourself to Scrip (gift cards) if you are unfamiliar with how our program works. It benefits you and SJLS all at the same time. Once you start using Scrip you will see how easy and convenient it is. If you are a family who budgets their monthly expenses, Scrip is a great tool to use. Please contact Cindy Zeller in the school office with any questions 226.7970 ext. 101.

Credit cards are no longer accepted in the school office to purchase Scrip, but you may use them through Shopwithscrip. By enrolling online you can order ecards, reload cards as well as place an order to pick up in the school office

LCC K-9 COMFORT DOG MINISTRY UPDATE

“Walking Together / Serving as One”

To God be the Glory!

12 Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

James 1:12

I hope everyone is staying healthy and finding ways to keep busy. My team and I are continuing to make virtual visits and recently I joined several other comfort dogs remotely on a virtual visit with health care workers in the COVID unit at Amita Hospital in Joliet, Illinois. It was a good reminder that we have so many ways to reach out to people despite physical barriers.



Another way we have been keeping busy is creating more video content for my social media accounts. Even though we can't be together right now, you can see a glimpse of what I have been doing lately. If you haven't done so already, check out the video I made with Napa County Office of Education Superintendent, Barbara Nemko, and my handler, Linda Melsheimer. Mrs. Nemko was one of the first people I met when I first arrived in Napa and she has been a huge fan and supporter ever since. I was very surprised (and happy) to “run into” her one day while I was training with Linda. We used the opportunity to make a socially-distanced short video message for all of the students in Napa. This video can be viewed on Facebook and Instagram, or by following the link on Twitter.

I am so excited that I was chosen to appear in an upcoming episode of a new television series on Disney+ called, “It’s a Dog’s Life.” The show, produced by Bill Farmer, the voice of Goofy and Pluto, and his wife, Jenn, features dogs and the amazing work they do. I am grateful to share the LCC K9 Comfort Dog ministry with such a large audience. I will be included in one of the “Hometown Heroes” segments of one of the episodes, airing in July. Stay tuned for more details.

I miss everyone and am looking forward to the time when we are together again. In the meantime, please be safe! If you are interested in scheduling a virtual visit from me, or any of the other comfort dogs, please visit <https://luthcc.org/virtual-visits> Please stay safe and check out my Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts for updates.

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



June Birthdays

- 1 Brent Koen
- 2 Matthew Seiter, Stephanie Diviak
- 3 Kelsey Rodriguez, Rebecca Newman
- 4 Barbara Miller
- 5 Joel Wahlers
- 6 John Van Hofwegen
- 7 Auguste Streich
- 9 Kristin Goller, Dean Ehlen
- 10 Bennett Goller
- 11 Abigail Zimmerman, Ken Tews
- 12 David Reimler
- 13 Haley Cremen, Doug Braddock
- 14 Tyler Lamb
- 14 Abriana Helfrich, Darlene Elia, Anastaxia Kirkpatrick
- 17 Tyler Koen
- 18 Bailey Loban
- 19 Jaxson Uffmann
- 20 Jessica Lovie, Ezekiel Anderson, William Smith
- 21 Pam Foottit, Elaine Hoff
- 22 Ellen Burmester, Douglas Braddock, Tyler Morgenlaender
- 23 George Clark
- 24 Amy Smith, Brian Bresee, Lenora Balsiger
- 25 Brian Youngblood, Grace Bouchet, Carolyn Fruchtenicht
- 26 Thomas Commander
- 27 Dustin Messner, Lisa Walter, Rudy Gutierrez
- 28 Gunnar De Young, Aaron Eisberg
- 29 Tracy Cushing
- 30 Jean Koch, Jon Lovie, Jeffery McFarland-Johnson



June Anniversaries

DATE	COUPLE	YEARS
2	Bennett & Amy Wilson	30
2	Craig & Karol Underhill	36
5	Robert & Doris Klein	49
5	Robert & Kari Perna	26
7	David & Jenece Como	12
9	Christopher & Beth Vecera	8
10	Philip & Jaclyn Bartelt	3
10	Garry & Donna Gillette	58
12	Tim & Christy Kramer	38
13	Cliff & Ellen Burmester	28
13	Carl & Linda Hammond	56
14	Bill & Susan Clark	51
15	Jerry & Karen Zachry	35
15	Chandler & Jennifer Alexander	18
16	Lucy & David Franklin	29
18	Richard & Karol Bruechert	60
18	Katie & Brett Wedding	9
18	Gerald & Midge Schneider	55
18	David & Rebecca Hudgins	50
20	Herbert & Nancy Heil	55
23	Daniel & Cathy Bunnell	41
24	Martin & Eva Meissenhalter	20
25	Dana & Christine Zanone	48
25	Jacob & Sarah Bartelt	4
26	Scott & Autumn Zimmerman	27
26	Rev. Ted & Elaine Zimmerman	55
27	Brent & Jessica Koen	5
28	Pastor Mike & Teresa Schmid	35
28	Gary & Marlen Virkus	52
28	Joel & Dawn Wahlers	23
29	Christopher & Heidi Newman	7
29	Erika & Andrew Boudreaux	6
30	Michael & Janelle Newton	41
30	Michael & Patte Quinn	19



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ANNIVERSARY



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.

SHOPPING ON AMAZON?

Please consider using “Amazon Smile” when placing 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>



“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!

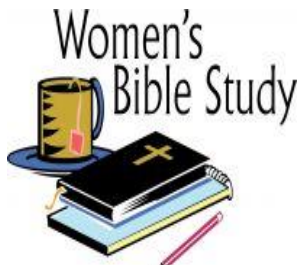
“The mission of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.”

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 on Thursdays at 1:00 PM. Looking forward to seeing you all!

Contact Womensministry@stjohnslutheran.net!

(Temporarily postponed)

MEN, JOIN US EVERY SATURDAY MORNING FOR FELLOWSHIP AT 7:30 AM AND BIBLE STUDY AT 8:00 - 9:00 AM IN ROOM 10. CALL RON JOHNSON FOR INFORMATION. (Meeting virtually)



Men's
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