



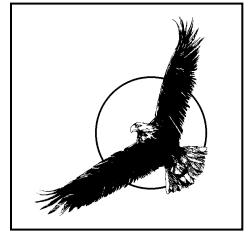
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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School
Newsletter
July 2020

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

SCHOOL NEWS **by Joel Wahlers**

St. John's Lutheran School ended a very interesting year on June 5. Although we faced many challenges, God has been with us through it all. I have appreciated the hard work of our faculty and staff, and how well they adjusted to the pandemic. We are so blessed with an incredible group of dedicated individuals here at St. John's. At this time, we have a group of individuals working on our reopening plans in the fall. We don't know what the situation will be at that point, but we have multiple options we are working on. Our new principal, Christy Wood, has already been involved in this planning and is ready for the challenges ahead.



As I leave St. John's as principal, I wanted to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to everyone at this church and school for your support, friendship, and partnership during this past 17 years. It has been an incredible blessing to have served here! St. John's has a long legacy of quality Christian education, and I am honored to have been a part of that legacy! St. John's and the blessings from the people that make up this school will always be a part of who I am!

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.

Daily Bible Readings for July

	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
1	Psalm 80:12-19	Deuteronomy 9:7-10:22	Luke 6:27-38
2	Psalm 81:1-5	Deuteronomy 11	Luke 6:39-49
3	Psalm 81:6-10	Deuteronomy 12	Luke 7:1-17
4	Psalm 81:11-16	Deuteronomy 13:1-14:21	Luke 7:18-30
5	Psalm 145:8-14	Zechariah 9:9-12	Romans 7:15-25a, Matt. 11:16-19, 25-30
6	Psalm 82:1-4	Deut. 14:22-15:18	Luke 7:31-38
7	Psalm 82:5-8	Deut. 15:19-17:7	Luke 7:39-50
8	Psalm 83:1-8	Deut. 17:8-18:22	Luke 8:1-15
9	Psalm 83:9-12	Deuteronomy 19:1-20:9	Luke 8:16-25
10	Psalm 83:13-18	Deut. 20:10-21:23	Luke 8:26-39
11	Psalm 84:1-7	Deuteronomy 22	Luke 8:40-56
12	Psalm 65:(1-8),9-13	Isaiah 55:10-13	Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9,18-23
13	Psalm 84:8-12	Deut. 23:1-24:13	Luke 9:1-11
14	Psalm 85:1-7	Deut. 24:14-25:19	Luke 9:12-27
15	Psalm 85:8-13	Deut. 26:1-27:13	Luke 9:28-36
16	Psalm 86:1-10	Deut. 27:14-28:24	Luke 9:37-50
17	Psalm 86:11-17	Deuteronomy 28:25-57	Luke 9:51-62
18	Psalm 87	Deut. 28:58-29:21	Luke 10:1-16
19	Psalm 86:11-17	Isaiah 44:6-8	Romans 8:12-25, Matt. 13:24-30,36-43
20	Psalm 88:1-5	Deut. 29:22-31:8	Luke 10:17-24
21	Psalm 88:6-12	Deuteronomy 31:9-32:9	Luke 10:25-42
22	Psalm 88:13-18	Deuteronomy 32:10-43	Luke 11:1-13
23	Psalm 89:1-8	Deut. 32:44-33:17	Luke 11:14-28
24	Psalm 89:9-18	Deut. 33:18-34:12	Luke 11:29-36
25	Psalm 89:19-29	Joshua 1,2	Luke 11:37-54
26	Psalm 119:129-136	1 Kings 3:5-12	Romans 8:26-39, Matt. 13:31-33,44-52
27	Psalm 89:30-37	Joshua 3,4	Luke 12:1-12
28	Psalm 89:38-45	Joshua 5,6	Luke 12:13-21
29	Psalm 89:46-52	Joshua 7	Luke 12:22-34
30	Psalm 90	Joshua 8:1-29	Luke 12:35-48
31	Psalm 91:1-8	Joshua 8:30-9:27	Luke 12:49-59



So what's new at the Farm?

Submitted by Ted Zimmerman

The June poundage of fresh, organically grown fruit and vegetables turned in the Napa Food Bank by St. John's Mission Farm is 1034 lbs. Poundage for year to date is 1794 lbs. With fruit starting to be harvested, and row crops maturing, the poundage will grow exponentially each month. God is good!

At the same time, the number of families that the Food Bank is serving has exploded from about 160 families to more than 2000! God multiply the harvest!



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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OFFERING UPDATE

Actual Offering Income for May:

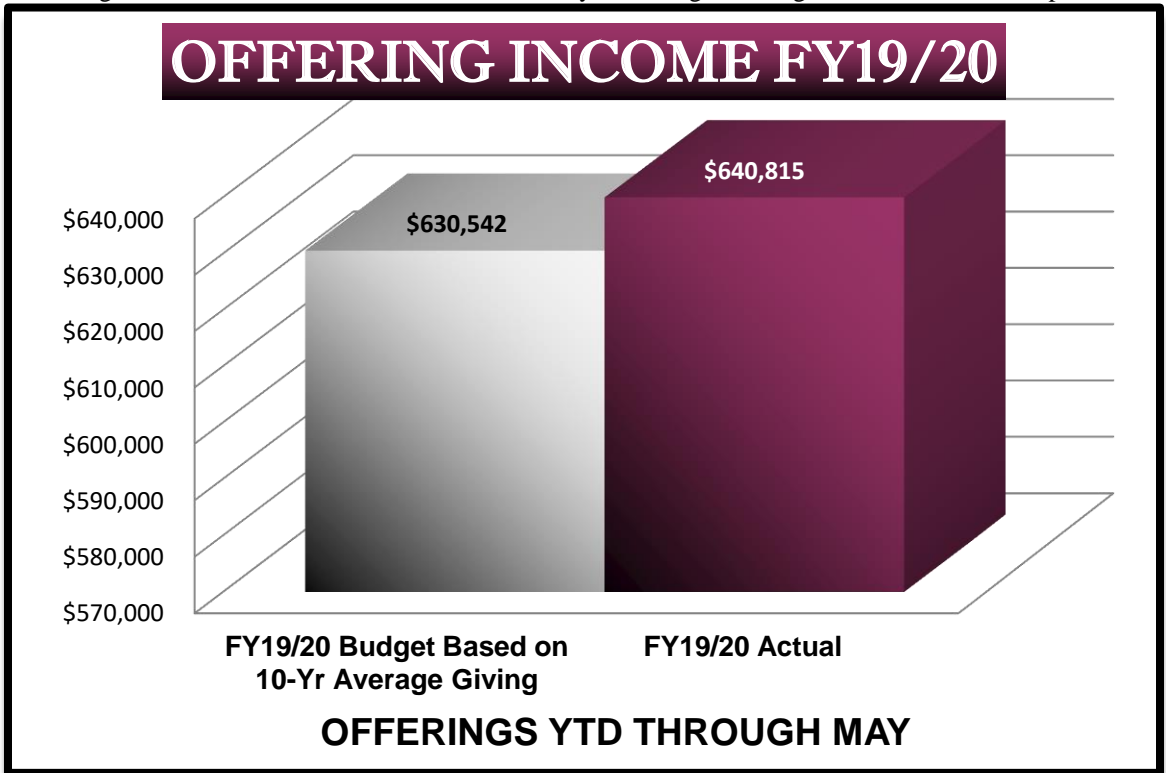
\$61,513.

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

\$640,815 which is **1.63%** or **\$10,273** 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:

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)(ESV)

The Father’s Great Love

Those days between Good Friday and Easter Sunday had to have been long, dreary, hopeless days for Jesus’ followers. Sometimes we go through days like that: someone we love is battling a terminal illness; we don’t get the promotion we had been promised; the kids are rebelling and having trouble at school; we don’t think anyone understands what we’re going through.

Never, though, are we beyond hope, for those days between Good Friday and Easter Sunday have passed. We know that the victory has been won. We know our troubles are but “*light and momentary*” (2 Corinthians 4:17).

When we focus on God through His Word, we get a different perspective. For example, meditate on these words from 1 John 3:1: “How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!” Examine the word “lavish.” Without limit, God has given His love; He gave His Son to show us the depth of His love and to take away the wall that we built between Him and us with our sin. And now He calls us His children! He doesn’t just call us children—He has made us His children!

Easter brings us another promise—that, just as Christ has been resurrected from the dead, we, too, will be raised to spend eternity in His presence. And there “*we shall be like Him*” (1 John 3:2). In the meantime, let us keep focusing on Christ and use the gifts our Father has given us in order that more souls might join with us before His throne of grace.

Prayer: Lord, please open my eyes and heart so I can better see Your love at work in my life. Help me to understand that I exist only out of Your love and grace. Help me, Lord, to live a life worthy of Your love. Keep me resolute and firm in my love for You. In Your precious 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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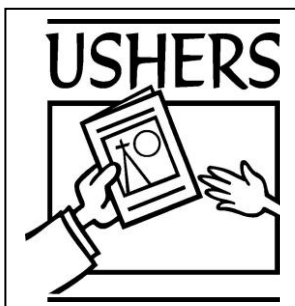
The new Scrip year has begun. Please go to www.shopwithscrip.com and register with our program. **Our Enrollment Code: 912E7L6F9161. Scrip is also available in the school office.**

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



July 5	Gary & Marlen	Penni C. Missy & Bailly L.
July 12	Curtis S., Bob & Doris, Bill & Susan	Lisa, Gunnar, Bob, & Kari P.
July 19	Curtis S. Bill & Susan C.	Lisa & Gunnar D. Ron I.
July 26	Gary & Marlen	Penni C Bob & Kari P.

LCC K-9 COMFORT DOG MINISTRY UPDATE

“Walking Together / Serving as One”

To God be the Glory!

I hope everyone is staying safe and enjoying their summer. As some of the shelter-in-place restrictions are being eased, I have had several opportunities to expand my training recently. In late June, I got my first real chance to hone my skills in public, spending a little time hanging out near a local coffee shop. My team and I continue to observe safe practices and social distancing when we are in public. While we were out, we made several new friends. It was such a blessing to be able to share our ministry with them.



Early this month, Micah Comfort Dog and I accompanied Reuben Comfort Dog on a visit to the Shasta County Coroner's Office, following a shooting in Red Bluff. We feel very honored to have been able to bring comfort to those whose job is never easy, but particularly difficult in these unsettled times. We are truly blessed to be a blessing.

Although we are not going inside care facilities at this time, the staff and residents of Brookdale Senior Living and Piner's Nursing Home recently invited me to stop by and do a “window” visit with them. During the visit, my handler and ministry partner and I come to a resident's window so they can see us and we can visit with them while being socially distanced and separated by glass. I miss being able to visit in person, and I especially miss the hugs, but it is so great to see so many friendly faces smiling back at me through the window. Their mouths may be covered with masks, but I can see they are smiling with their eyes. I think it is pretty “pawsome” how, even though the doors through which we normally enter the facilities are literally closed, our amazing God has created a way for us to continue visiting our friends through an actual window.

I am very excited to share more details about my upcoming appearance on the Disney+ (streaming) television series, *“It's a Dog's Life.”* If you haven't already done so, please check out this wonderful new show. Disney legend, Bill Farmer, the voice actor of Goofy and Pluto, tells the stories of working dogs across the United States, while educating viewers on responsible pet care. I will be featured in the “Hometown Heroes” segment at the end of the show. This episode will be available on July 10.

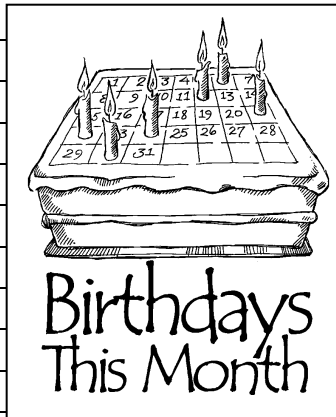
Thanks for your support and prayers! Please check out Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and my website for all the latest news. napavalleycomfortdogs.org

Aaron Comfort Dog



July Birthdays

1	Byron Fitzpatrick
2	Laura Kostelac, Gabriel Gutierrez, Abigail Munoz
3	Craig Underhill
4	Nancy Henry, Jeron Chaudhary
5	Liam Alexander, Graham Albrecht
6	Katie Chagonjian, Roxana Castro
7	Karen Dalen, Christine Zanone
10	Cynthia McFarland-Johnson
11	Noah Helfrich, Andy Schweiger, Anita Regan
12	Natalie Bouchet, Alexander Winkler
13	Lauren Koepke, Mary-Anne Karsten
14	Michael Quinn
15	Pastor Mark Heine, Hunter Bledsoe, Garry Gillette, Landon Abraham
16	Riann Engelbracht, Melinda Herrera
17	Matthew Commander
18	Tatum Chagonjian, James Henry
19	Amali Svien
20	Samuel Hoff
21	Robert Ehlen
23	Alexander Christie
24	Mary Kosanke
25	Sara Zaia, Shanna Caceres
26	Karol Underhill
27	Dennis Arnett
28	Nathan Kaufmann
29	Rodney Skillings
30	Judith Rock, Gary Virkus, Susan Clark, Todd Yoder, Jennie, Lovie
31	Mariah Braddock, Katie Wedding



July Anniversaries

DATE	COUPLE	YEARS
1	Thomas & Christine Commander	25
4	Justine & Alex Rollin	5
7	Todd & Natalie Yoder	20
9	Rodney & Marie Skillings	2
10	Kenneth & Michelle Arnold	27
14	Joseph & Amali Svien	8
14	Bret & Debbie Skillings	41
	Jeffery & Cynthia McFarland-	
15	Johnson	36
21	Timothy & Lauren Huss	30
21	George & Andrea Clark	46
27	Kevin & Megan Mathison	1
31	Mark & Lindsey Albrecht	10
31	Kevin & Lezlee Cootey	38



HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY

Date	Service	Communion Assistants
7/5/2020	Early 8:30 HC	Bill Clark Tim Kramer Mike Newton
7/12/2020	Late 10:30 HC	Tim Huss Dove Bain Anne Heine
7/19/2020	Early 8:30 HC	Bill Clark Tim Kramer Mike Newton
7/26/2020	Late 10:15 HC	Joel Wahlers Kari Perna Bob Perna

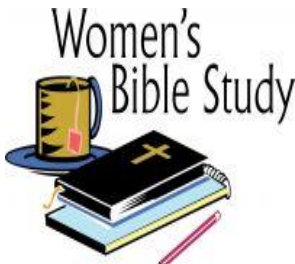


New mobile phone application makes supporting ministry even more convenient.

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>



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

(Temporarily postponed)

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!

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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