

# SEPTEMBER 2020

## St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Dear Saints at St. John's....

I am not re-iterating the phrases about the Covid virus that we are used to hearing. Welcome to a move to "normal." As we march or walk forward in Christ this fall, let's continue to pray an end to this virus.

This is the first newsletter since March and it is good to have "printed media" for communication again. Please read and note what's happening. {note: the newsletter is again available via e-mail and/or printed copies available at either church entrance. If you do not get the e-mail version on the 28<sup>th</sup>, let Doug know....remember that over the summer we had to change our Comcast account and e-mail address}.

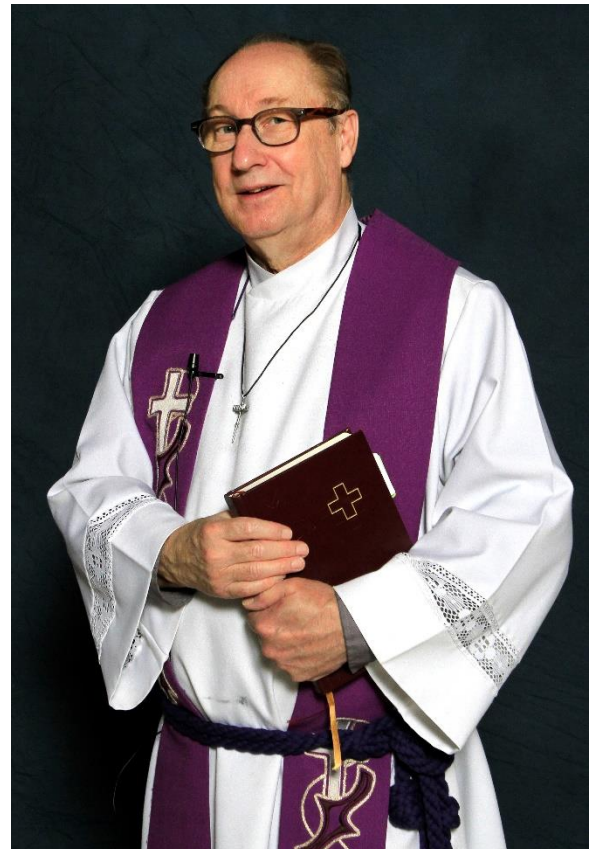
What have we learned? We learned that we can video and stream our church worship for those who wish to stay in during this virus. Many thanks to all who have and still are assisting with this media: Kyle Castillo, Sue Olson, Ashley Richey, Mary Wells, Brian Winters, and Mike Winters, and all "our guest" lecturers. We also learned that we need, I mean need, some new technological equipment. Anyone willing to donate funds for this?

We are grateful that so many continue to wear masks and keep social distancing as we worship in church. This makes us realize how we miss worshipping together and being with one another through Christ. Thanks to all the ladies and others who "sanitize" our sanctuary and trustees who continue to maintain the building. If you haven't been to church as yet, we have new LED lights installed by ComEd (FREE!) in the church and school. Thanks to Bill Albrecht for his precious time as property manager for this; thanks to Doug for keeping up computer communication flowing; thanks to those continuing to work on fundraisers; and thanks to all who continued to bring in their church donations and tithes..... the Lord will richly bless you for this sacrifice.

God has, and will continue, to bless our congregation. As He brings us together in many and various ways, let's pray for one another, support one another, and trust in where He is leading us. I pray for all of you daily and am grateful for your support for me and Christ's ministry here at St. John's.

God bless you!  
In Jesus Name,

*Pastor John Richy*



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### September 6, 2020 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 32:1-7; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:10-20

“Sinners, Listen to David!” - Sermon Text: Psalm 32:1-7 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

We are sinners. That is the sad reality. But more can and must be said – listen to what David has to say!

### September 13, 2020 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 103:1-12; Genesis 50:15-21; Matthew 18:21-35

“The Merciful Master” - Sermon Text: Matthew 18:25-27 - Rev. Thomas Eggold

As you consider your sin and struggle with the burden of guilt that we all bear, today’s reading will bring you the promise that because of the atoning work of Jesus Christ, the Master has canceled your debt and welcomed you into His kingdom. And now, because of this unfathomable gift of grace you and I can forgive our brother or sister from the heart.

### September 20, 2020 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 27:1-9; Isaiah 55:6-9; Matthew 20:1-16

“Unfair!” - Sermon Text: Matthew 20:15 - Rev. Shayne Jonker

One of the toughest pills for religion to swallow is the idea that God justifies the ungodly and that our salvation at the world’s end is not based on our works, our achievements and our accomplishments, but the sheer grace of God in His Son Jesus Christ who doles out a denarius of salvation to everyone alike, whether a life long Christian or a deathbed convert.

### September 27, 2020 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 25:1-10; Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18; Matthew 21:23-27

“By What Authority” - Sermon Text: Matthew 21:23-27 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

Jesus’ authority comes from His Father. He uses that authority to bring eternal healing and life. Yet many challenge His divine authority even though He uses it for our benefit.

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### BROADCAST:

Sunday 8:00 am- Comcast 184 OR WPWR  
channel 50

Direct TV Sunday 10:30 am  
TCT channel 377

# CHURCH ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

Monthly Averages:	2014 Sundays	2015 Sundays	2016 Sundays	2017 Sundays	2018 Sundays	2019 Sundays	2020 Sundays
January	73	93	92	94	95	73	62
February	100	88	94	87	65	101	74
March	113	88	132	93	95	83	64*
April	144	90	95	105	102	114	**
May	90	92	99	105	86	71	**
June	77	73	70	83	66	71	45***
July	83	75	73	68	67	64	37***
August	70	60	95	89	76	60	
September	109	82	88	85	68	75	
October	92	102	92	92	85	72	
November	98	84	88	95	84	86	
December	92	95	91	109	83	78	
<b>Yearly Average</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>79</b>	

\* Only 2 Sundays in month (cancelled due to Coronavirus 19)

\*\* No public services – cancelled due to virus

\*\*\* Estimated numbers

	WORSHIPPING	COMMUNION
March 4 (Lent II)	26	-----
March 8	58	-----
March 11 (Lent III)	31	-----
March 15	57	51
March 18 - All Services Cancelled		
June 21	44 estimate	35 estimate
June 28	46 estimate	-----
July 5	40 estimate	40 estimate
July 12	40 estimate	-----
July 19 (extreme rainfall)	27	27
July 26	40 estimate	-----
August 2 (Jr. Confirmation)	52 estimate	52 estimate
August 9	33	-----
August 16	44	41
August 23	41	-----

## SEE OUR SERVICES ON YOU TUBE

Every Sunday service is on You Tube. Just go to You Tube and search "St. John's Church Lansing, IL" and look for the latest as well as past services.

## OUR SHUT-INS

Here are our current shut-in addresses if you would like to brighten up their day...they would love to be remembered all year.

**Andy Banas Jr.**  
3640 186<sup>th</sup> Street #302  
Lansing, IL 60438

**Shirley Campbell**  
(no address provided)

**Irma Deichen**  
Cedar Creek Health Campus #508  
18375 Burr Street  
Lowell, IN 46356

**Harvey Jensen**  
81 Sigwan Dr.  
Fairfield, CT 06824

**Sandra Luecke (just added)**  
17725 Arcadia Ave., #203  
Lansing, IL 60438

**Shirley Odegaard**  
17041 Grant St.  
Lansing, IL 60438

**Linda Poppe**  
Hearth Stone Assisted Living  
1175 E. Luther Dr. Room 14  
Crown Point, IN 46307

Pastor Richy and the following elders are available and can be contacted via e-mail if you have questions or wish to talk to someone:

Pastor Richy	stjohnslansingchurch@comcast.net
	708 510-7334 (personal)
Al Erke	AErke@aol.com
Hal Gronewold	halmargron@aol.com
Mike Winters	mikew3709@sbcglobal.net

OR simply call the office @ 708 895-9240 (Tues.- Fri. 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.)



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## OFFICIAL ACTS IN 2020

**RELEASED:** *John Nicholson (January 17, 2020)*

**FUNERAL:** *David Costello (February 1, 2020); Arnold Vierk (May 9, 2020); Thomas Cornwell (July 8, 2020)*

**JUNIOR CONFIRMATION:** *Morgan Elizabeth Kleidon; Theresa Naomi Labahn; Michelle Margaret Mary Planer (August 2, 2020)*



*Michelle Planer, Naomi Labahn, Morgan Kleidon, Pastor John Richy  
August 2, 2020*

## CONFIRMATION 2020-2021

*Confirmation classes begin Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. The time will be determined, and the sessions may be in person or by ZOOM. This depends on the Covid Virus situation. Present confirmands for 2021, please bring your Bibles and Catechisms. First year confirmands will receive them at their first session.*

*If your child is in the 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade and would like to join Confirmation classes, please let pastor know.*

# GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD (March 15 - August 28, 2020)

## **GIFTS FOR THE CHURCH:**

*Adopt-a-Bill: Donald Jr. and Patricia Livingstone*

*Donations: Henry Maglio*

## **THANKS FOR CHURCH OPENING:**

*Jim and Sue Kreger*

## **"BLESSINGS GIFT"**

*Randy Hollis*

## **DONATION OF "SHEPHERDS STAFF" CHURCH COMPUTER PROGRAM:**

*Duane and Sandy Schultz*

**EASTER APPEAL:** *Anonymous; Darryl and Marge VonBehren; Andy Banas Jr., Maryann Vierk; David and Sandra Swanson, Betty Wendling, Lorraine Fisher, Roy Jennings, Tom and Lois Cornwell, Anita Anderson, Kay Mueller, Marilyn Schultz, Dave and Shirley Niven, Kristine Davy, Duane and Sandra Schultz, Paul Ruebe, Hal and Eileen Gronewold, Joe and Diane Scanlon, The Biederstadt's, Chuck and Kathy Labahn, The Albrecht's, Al & Lynn Erke, Joan Douma, The Nommensen's, Bonnie Lau, The Kreger's, Donna Pyritz; Richard Gleim; Linda Poppe; The Kuzmar Family; Marilyn Kooy; Cheri Gericke; Robert Vierk; Arnold and Joan Vierk; Ron and Beth Ostrowski; Jay Hollowell; Vera Schmidt; Sharon Sikora; David Banas; Art and Rita Cain;*

**"100 CLUB":** *Tina Funchion; Maryann Vierk; John & Patti Smierciak; Darryl & Margaret Von Behren; Bonnie Lau; Ray Nommensen; Marilyn Kooy; Tom and Lois Cornwell*

## **THRIVENT FINANCIAL MEMBERS DIRECTING CHOICE DOLLARS TO ST. JOHN'S:**

*Charles A. Labahn; Katherine M. Labahn; Alan F. Erke; Lynn E. Erke; John M. Richy.*

## **MEMORIALS:**

## **GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN REMEMBRANCE OF:**

**Ernie Vierk:**

*Al and Lynn Erke; Butch and Marilyn Kooy; Shirley Bathje; anonymous.*

**Lois Lute:**

*First United Methodist Church*

**Ron Lorenz:**

*Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chambers, Duane and Sandy Schultz, Al and Lynn Erke; anonymous; Thomas Nelson; Kerry Claus; Janell McDonald and Family.*

**David Courkley:**

*Al and Lynn Erke*

**Garnett Banas:** *Andrew Banas, Jr.*

**Herb Krumm:** *Al and Lynn Erke, Joan Douma*

**Mike Maanum:** *Kathleen Maanum*

**Patricia Robinson:** *anonymous*

**Arnold Vierk:** *Craig and Patti Backs; Joan Vierk; Ronald Vierk; Bob and Carol Chambers; Dr. Timothy and Nancy Bess; Dorothy Dee; Mark Hollingsworth and Kathy Noel; Joan Douma; Darryl and Margaret VonBehren; Scott and Sharon Munker; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pawlus*

**Thomas Cornwell:** *Al and Lynn Erke; Penelope Lindberg; Joan Douma; Sherry Parmenter; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chambers; MaryAnn Vierk; Lang and Pamela Lawrence; Andrew Banas; Harvey Jensen; Walter and Mary Regina Therrien; Jack and Lori Costenaro; Ms. Noel Stuertz; William Stuertz; Randy Kramer; Mrs. Mary Bieganik; Charlene Hughe; Toni Kolkmeier; Joyce Carmine; Mr. and Mrs. James Ricker; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Carmine; Mr. and Mrs. James Mahoney; Beverly Linke; Mrs. Kris Kaczmarczyk; Ms. Korrie Ball; Mary Wells and Sue Olson; Kathleen and George Long; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Endorf; Mrs. Norinne Cornwell; Mrs. Deborah Yankovich; Lois Cornell; Mr. and Mrs. J. Magalyiony; Mr. and Mrs. A. Schroeder; Mr. and Mrs. James Valentovich; Mr. Robert Harrison; Mr. and Mrs. Brian Winters; Dr. C White (Board of Education of Park Forest/Chicago Heights, District 16; Duane and Sandy Schultz, Darryl and Marge VonBehren; Jean Pilarczyk; Paulette Reid, Gene and Naomi Furtek; Dale, Susan, and Sheyanne Petersen; Thomas Family; Vanaken Family; David and Lori Cornwell.*

**Nora Vierk:** *Kathy Maanum, Al, and Lynn Erke*

**Jack Putrino:** *Jim and Sue Kreger*

**Joe LeClaire:** *Al and Lynn Erke*

**Pauline Hesterman-Simo:** *Lorraine Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Simo, Mrs. Lora Adams*

**John Witvoet:** *Joan Douma*

**Nila Sass:** *Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sass and Family*

***Please let the office know if your name was not listed....***



# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



## BIRTHDAYS

Joey Nimon, 09-01  
Abigail Kleidon, 09-01  
Bill Albrecht, 09-02  
Jim Buckner, 09-02  
William Archie, 09-04  
Anita Anderson, 09-05  
Darryl Warburton, 09-06  
Margaret Ogom, 09-07  
Dave Banas, 09-09  
Brian Winters, 09-12  
Haley Dovich, 09-13  
David Swanson, 09-13  
Deborah Doe, 09-14  
Justin Ostrowski, 09-15  
Sharon Andresen, 09-16  
Paul Ruebe, 09-16  
Renee' Erickson, 09-17  
Michael Kroll, 09-20  
Michael Linn, 09-22  
Jonathan Douma, 09-22  
Abaco Peters, 09-23  
Brooklyn Gant, 09-26  
Heather Young, 09-27  
Stephanie Fowler, 09-27  
Sherman Mayerak, 09-27

## ANNIVERSARIES



Ray and Cindy Biederstadt, 09-01  
Robert and Dana Melia, 09-02  
Michael and Amy Crachy, 09-06  
Jim and Jen Buckner, 09-13  
John and Lori Szymanski, 09-27  
Michael and Kerri Kuzmar, 09-27



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## DATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

### *Dates for worship.....*

*September 6*      *8:15 am Adult Bible Class*  
*9:30 am Worship with Divine Service & Holy Communion*

*September 13*      *8:15 am Adult Bible Class*  
*9:30 am Worship "Prayer and Preaching"*

*September 20*      *8:15 am Adult Bible Class*  
*9:30 am Worship with Divine Service & Holy Communion*

*September 27*      *8:15 am Adult Bible Class*  
*9:30 am Worship "Prayer and Preaching"*

### *Other dates in September...*

*September 7*      *Labor Day*

*September 12*      *For God and Country 0.1K Run, Walk, Crawl*  
*10:15 am Registration @ Clock Tower*

*September 13*      *Grandparents' Day*

*September 22*      *Fall begins*

*September 23*      *Jr. Confirmation (tentative, times TBD)*

*September 27*      *St. John's Voters' Meeting after worship service*

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**For God & Country 0.1 k Run**  
**Registration Form**

**Family Registration:**

**Family Registration:** \$40.00 if paid by 8/20/2020 (**2**) T-shirts included (Additional t-shirts are available for an additional \$10 each)

***Run Information***

Date: Saturday, September 12, 2020

Where: Clock Tower Park  
Corner of Ridge Road and Grant St,  
Lansing IL

10:15 am Check in

11:15 am Opening Prayer

Presentation of the colors and Calisthenics

11:45 am run begins

12:00 pm – Hot Dog Lunch sponsored by the  
American Legion Riders.

**Family Registration: Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant Names:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City/zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Adult Shirt Size:** \_\_XS\_\_ S \_\_M\_\_ L \_\_XL\_\_ 2XL \_\_3XL\_\_ 4XL Crew or

\_\_XS\_\_ S \_\_M\_\_ L \_\_XL\_\_ 2XL \_\_3XL\_\_ Ladies V-neck or

**Youth:** \_\_2T\_\_ 3T \_\_4T\_\_ \_\_S\_\_ M \_\_L

I hereby confirm that we are in good physical condition and do not suffer any disabilities or physical conditions that place us at risk or otherwise prohibits our participant in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual For God & Country 0.1K Run, Walk or Crawl. Furthermore, we release St. John's Lutheran Church and School, any sponsors, volunteers from any injuries that we may acquire from participation in this event.

**Signature of Participants or Guardian:**

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\_\_\_\_\_

(If under 18, parent or guardian signature needed)

Return or mail form to:  
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