

St. John Lutheran Church

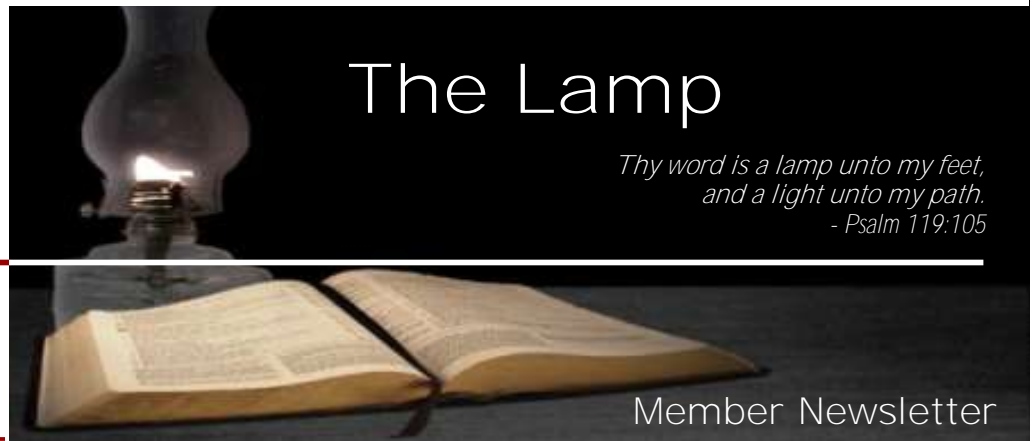
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2010 Theme

"Every Soul A Treasure"



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have spent a good part of this summer thinking about the birth of Jesus. Five days and nights in Bethlehem were certainly the focus of summer for Roberta and me. But now, coming into August, I think of His birth again. Few people would know that the month of August is named after a Roman Emperor who served for over forty years. Historians praise him for his many building projects and it was during his reign that there was the beginning of the "Pax Romana" (Roman peace) during which there were few international conflicts around the Mediterranean Sea. But the life of this man came to an intersection where his life and that of our Savior Jesus crossed.

It was the declaration of Caesar Augustus that a census should be taken and that all people in the outlying territories of the Roman Empire must return to their ancestral home to register and to pay a tax. In this act of an unbelieving ruler, the Heavenly Father, who rules over all mankind, brought Joseph and Mary to the prophesied place of the birth of the Messiah. They traveled from the hill country of Nazareth, in Galilee, and made their way to the town of David, Bethlehem, because Joseph and Mary were from the line of David. Paul, the Apostle explained it this way, "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God." (Galatians 4:4-7 ESV)

For each of us there is a time when our lives are ordained by the Heavenly Father to intersect with His Son, Jesus Christ. This happens not through a conscious act of our own will, which is always at odds with our Creator, but through the work of the Holy Spirit. We can say that this intersection clearly happened at our own Baptism but for many who have been baptized, their lives are spent being adrift from the Lord and traveling far from His path.

August Adult Bible Study Opportunities

In our times of being far from God’s mercy, He has not stopped thinking about us. He even uses what may seem like ordinary circumstances to lead us back to Him. We suffer through times of adversity and hardship and then we hear the precious Gospel, which calls us into saving grace. Joseph may have lamented greatly about the ruling of a census and tax issued by Caesar Augustus. Mary perhaps even cried thinking about the arduous trip she would have to make at that point in her pregnancy. We are often caught up crying against what seem like terrible injustices and pointless requirements of the world that only knows the law. But the law is good in that it shows us our need for forgiveness and for a Savior, so that when the sweet message that we can be redeemed by faith in Christ hits our ears, we will rejoice!

Our faith in Christ has given us the status of adopted sons and daughters of the Living God. Let us live therefore, not as a people who need what the world offers, but as a people who already have everything that the Savior has won for us.

In service to Christ,

Pastor Greg Laska



Attendance — June

Sunday 9:30 AM Worship	516
Wednesday Evening	85
Contemporary	70
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TOTAL for June	671

Thursday Morning Men’s Bible Breakfast

This study and format enables men to feed on the Word of God while they are being fed breakfast. Men of all ages are invited to meet in the back dining room at Midway Restaurant on Highway 57 from 6:30 A.M. to 7:30 A.M. on Thursdays with Pastor Laska as the leader. After ordering breakfast off the menu we will have a 45 minute study while we eat. Our summer study that is just starting is based upon the New Testament Epistle to the Hebrews. This Christ centered letter leaves the reader convinced of the deity of Jesus. Bring a friend and let’s have a good time of fellowship as we study God’s Word!

Thursday Morning Mid Week

Pastor Laska is leading this ongoing joint study this month with members of St. John and Emmanuel. This month the class will meet in the Friendship Room at St. John on Thursdays from 9:15 A.M. to 10:15 A.M. We will be studying the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. This is a refreshing way to prepare for worship. Men and women of all ages are welcome to attend.

Sunday Morning, Women’s Bible Study and New Life Groups

These groups will not meet during the summer and will start up again the week after the Church Picnic in September.

STEWARDSHIP EDUCATION

The Board of Stewardship & Missions will be leading educational meetings to help grow your stewardship lives. We highly encourage each household to attend one of the dates offered. **Learn how to manage all of God’s resources for God’s purposes. Sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex after services. August 8th at 11 AM, 17th at 6:30 PM, 23rd at 7 PM. September 9th at 10:30 AM, 21st at 6:30 PM, 26th at Noon. All meetings will be in the Friendship Room and last about an hour.**

Birthdays

The members of St. John Lutheran Congregation pray that all those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of August will continue to be blessed by the Lord in all ways. He is the source of all that we need and has richly supplied us with the gifts of family, friends and faith. May each of you celebrating in August enjoy your special day in good health and by giving honor and glory to God.

August 2 - Kari Marquardt, Kyle Risse

August 3 - Brunhilda Suelflow, Ed Liermann,
Katherine Deuberry

August 4 - Richard Zuengler, Ashleigh Pierre

August 5 - Amanda Maas

August 6 - Carrie Pasterski, Danika Risch

August 7 - Nicole Beimling, Roger Scholz, Adeline Fitzgerald

August 9 - Travis Veldboom

August 10 - Pamela Becker

August 11 - David Daniels, Trevor Molitor

August 12 - Jeanne Reseburg, Jason Koepp Stoianov

August 13 - Jennifer Kraus, Whitney Kappler,
Alicia Wilson, Jed Ciriacks

August 14 - Michelle Geidel

August 16 - Doug Nytes, Brayden Ramirez

August 17 - Raymond Habeck, Ostin Habeck

August 19 - Alyssa Dysert, Eileen Jentsch

August 20 - Luke Reseburg

August 21 - Nicole Holk

August 22 - Monica Peters, Robin Maas

August 24 - Dan Herms

August 25 - Heaven Scholz

August 26 - Kay Winter

August 27 - Terri Schwab, Eric Veldboom, John Bichler

August 28 - Makayla Kohn, DoWayne Lawrenz, Doug Tock

August 29 - Gerhard Jentsch, Keith Robertson

August 31 - Amos Winter, Jeremy Klumb

Anniversaries

August 8—MM Dan West

August 15—M/M Ken Guidinger

August 17—M/M Steve Foerster

August 18—M/M Doug Nytes

August 20—M/M Dale Rosso

August 23—M/M Harlow Reseburg

M/M Brian Marquardt

August 24—M/M Russ Warnock

August 25—M/M Keith Robertson

August 27—M/M Gus Jentsch

M/M Clarence Maas

M/M Richard Vorpahl

Pastor & Mrs. Laska

August 28—M/M Jim Meerdink

August 30—M/M Dan Weiss