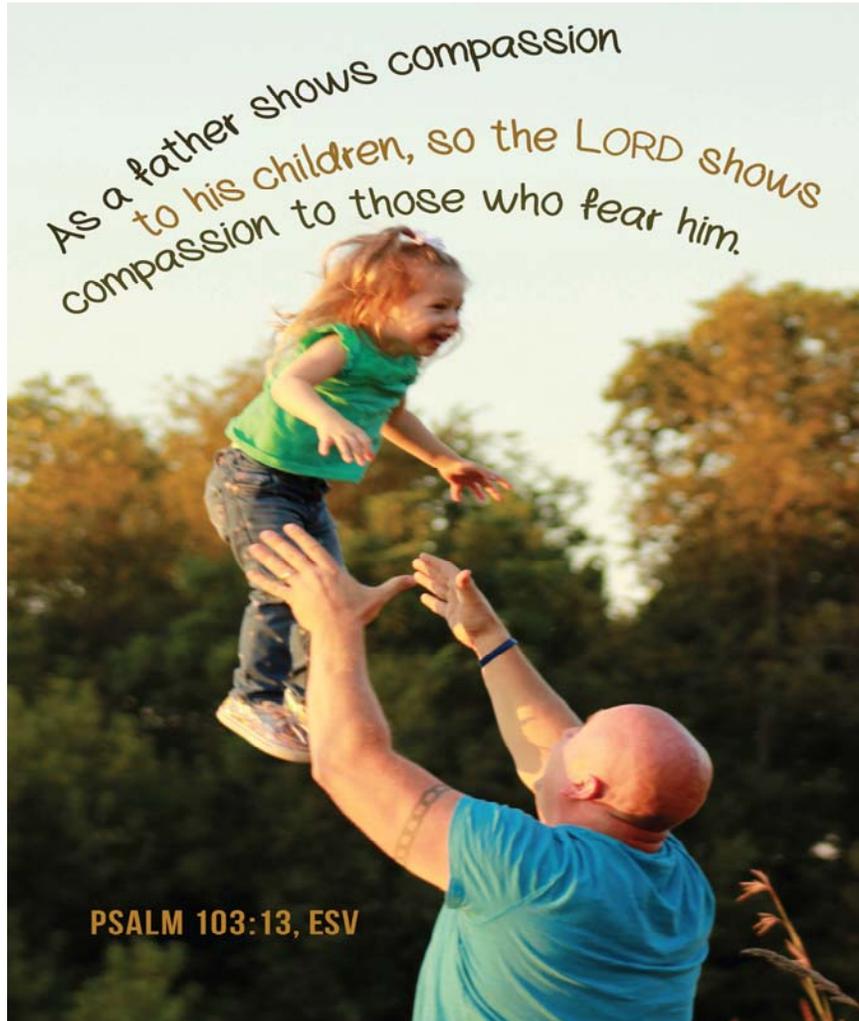


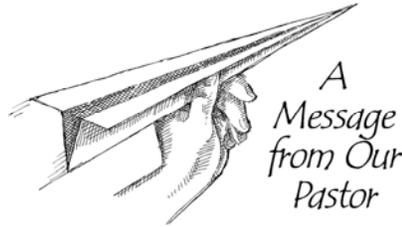
St. John's Epistle

June 2020

A Newsletter of
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A Cloud of Witnesses

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12:1-3)

In the church office we have a number of church directories. There are old and new directories. It’s easy to spend hours looking at the many people that were, and still are, members of this congregation. Yet, those directories tell an even greater story.

Have you ever thought that in those pictures are God’s Saints? It’s hard to believe, but it’s true. The people found in those directories are children of God. The majority of the people in those pictures are baptized, catechized, and confessed Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Some of the people are still here, and others have gone to heaven to be with the Lord.

The author of Hebrews referred to those who have gone to heaven as a cloud. Their example is visible, though we cannot touch them. Just as the clouds are in the sky. They have been a great witness and example for us.

The Christian life is an endurance race. It helps us to run the race with the remembrance of the saints who have already finished. The apostle Paul wrote, **“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”** (2 Timothy 4:7) Life as a Christian is not easy. It’s demanding and for that reason we cannot allow what’s going on in the world to come between us and the Lord.

Jesus is the founder and the perfecter of our faith. Jesus opened the way to salvation. His new covenant will never be superseded. He creates and sustains our faith, with the help of the

Holy Spirit, through the Gospel and the sacraments. That's why it's so important that we hear His Word and receive His sacraments no matter what is going on in the world.

Today, we hear over and over that we are living in a "new normal"; that might be true as far as society is concerned, but don't let the "new normal" get in the way of your life with God. The Saints before didn't allow it! They had to live through many different obstacles in their lives. Plagues, famines, and wars aren't something that is new. Jesus said, **"There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven."** (Luke 21:11)

Throughout history things happen. There will always be obstacles for Christians. That's why it's so important that we continue to look to Jesus and receive His gifts. He, with the help of the Holy Spirit, is the reason churches have directories. The people in those pictures received His gifts during good and bad times, and we should too. After all, someday people will be looking at us as their cloud. Amen.

In His Service,

Pastor Craig S Zandi

Weekly Offering

A number of people have asked about their weekly offering. Please send your offering to the church. St. John's Lutheran Church; 515 College Avenue West; Ladysmith WI, 54848. Any questions please call the church office. 715-532-5780



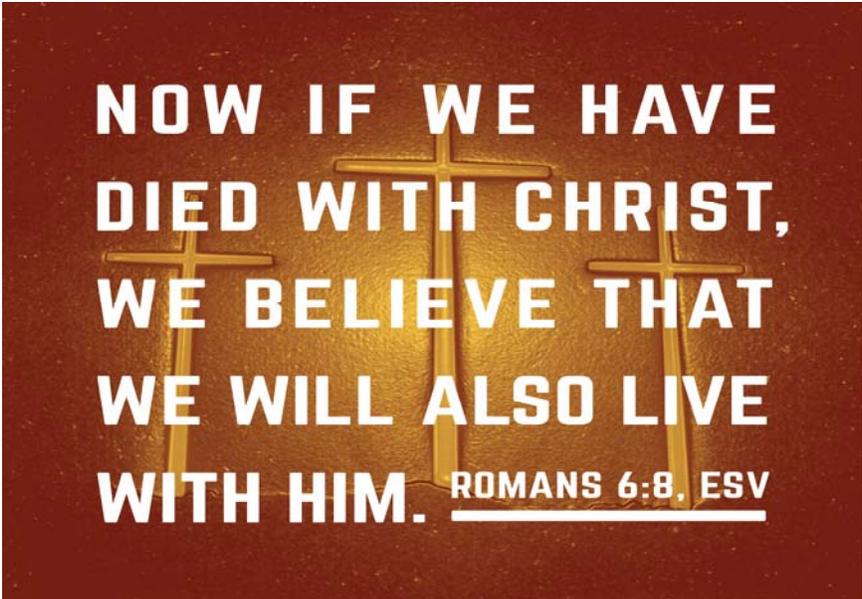
ASSISTING FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE**Acolytes:** *Ushers***Altar Guild:** *Volunteer Only***Finance:** *Joanne Phetteplace & Tammy Busse***Worship Assistants for June**

Sunday, June 7 **Elder:**
Ushers: Volunteer Only

Sunday, June 14 **Elder:**
Caring & Sharing **Ushers:** Volunteer Only

Sunday, June 21 **Elder:**
LWML **Ushers:** Volunteer Only
Mites In
Gathering

Sunday, June 28 **Elder:**
Stewardship **Ushers:** Volunteer Only
Sunday



**NOW IF WE HAVE
DIED WITH CHRIST,
WE BELIEVE THAT
WE WILL ALSO LIVE
WITH HIM. ROMANS 6:8, ESV**

Hope Pantry Food Drive

Along with our monthly Caring & Sharing during the month of June a food drive will be held to help replenish the shelves at the pantry!

A list of suggested items-

- canned fruits, vegetables, soups
- canned meat - tuna, spam
- cereal - cheerios, rice krispies
- mac/cheese, ravioli, hamburger helper,
- pasta, spaghetti sauce
- pancake mix
- cake mix, frosting
- pudding
- crackers

This is just a suggested list. Any item you donate is greatly appreciated and will help to feed someone in need.

Caring & Sharing will continue each month. This food drive for the month of June is our way of helping to replenish the shelves due to the high demand during these past few months!

Any questions contact one of the Evangelism/Stewardship Board Members - Lois Hoople, Marie Perenchio, Deb Flater, Donna Howard or Mary Ann Riegel.

And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise."
Luke 3:11



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Therefore although Christians are sinners, they are saints in Christ, the Reformer assert in his summary exposition of Genesis 27.

To be intent on separating the saints from us as far as heaven and earth are separated is to dishonor God's grace and to cast a reflection on Christ. I should not look upon the lowliest Christians with less regard than I do upon St. Peter and all the saints in heaven. No Christian possesses more grace than another even though he may indeed have more gifts and treasures. I am purchased with a price precisely as great as that which they were purchased; they are sticking in the same flesh and blood in which I am sticking. From this we can draw hope and comfort; otherwise we turn the saints into idols and despise the grace of God.

But, they say, one should certainly honor the saints and think a little of ourselves and be humble toward them. Answer: When God's grace is concerned, not humility but pride is in order. About what you personally have and are you should be humble, for you are nothing but a maggot sack; but of Christ's goodness you cannot be proud enough and must say: Though I were ten times as filthy as I am, yet I have the blood which cleanses and sanctifies me, and it cost Christ as much to redeem me as to redeem St. Peter. They were in the depth just as deeply as we were, and we are as exalted as they are. Therefore no one enjoys more than we do-except that they no doubt were stronger in faith than we are. But the price paid for them and their personal possession are no greater. (WLS 1249)



Preschool 2020 has wrapped up! Our last week was very busy. We added some wild flowers to our growing butterfly garden, we planted our annual class tree—with many thanks to Jim and Diane Rodd, and our last day was spent playing in a bounce house—with many thanks to the Bernard family.

This year was a strange one for sure but we were able to continue to tell the love of Jesus to 13 students and their families. Our last Bible lesson was about Paul's conversion. He persecuted Christians. One day Jesus came to him and wanted Paul to follow Him. After 3 days of blindness, Paul 'saw' the light of Jesus and followed Him. Even though Paul looked the same, his heart had changed. It is our prayer that the lives that we come into contact with who hear about Jesus, will also 'see' the light!

Our chapel offerings this year: \$200 given to Seminary students for Christmas gifts, \$50 + 6 boxes nonperishable foods given to a church member, and \$398.41 given to LWML for their missions across the globe. Way to go Preschoolers!

June 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Everything is subject to change. Please check our website (www.stjohnsladysmith.org) and/or phone the Church office 715-532-5780.						
	1	2 6:00PM BOCE/YM	3	4 10:00AM Thrift Store – Rice Lake	5	6
7 08:00AM Worship 09:00AM Elder Meeting 10:00AM Worship	8 10:00AM Evangelism- Stewardship 1:00PM-6:00PM American Red Cross Blood Drive	9	10 1:30PM Ladies Aid	11 8:00AM Men's Bible Study at Church 1:30PM Deborah Circle	12	13
14 <i>Caring & Sharing</i> 08:00AM Worship 10:00AM Worship Finance Meeting???	15 6:00PM LWML Bible Study	16 6:00PM Council	17 1:00PM Rachel Circle	18 10:00AM Thrift Store – Rice Lake	19	20 Samantha Sanders & Adam Barg Wedding
21 <i>LWML Mites Ingathering</i> 08:00AM Worship 10:00AM Worship	22	23 NEWS LETTER ITEMS ARE DUE TODAY	24 6:00PM Campfire Devotions	25 8:00AM Men's Bible Study at Church 1:00PM Deborah Circle	26	27
28 <i>Stewardship Sunday</i> 08:00AM Worship 10:00AM Worship	29	30				

*Evangelism/Stewardship
Charity of the quarter*

*2nd quarter (April-June)**
Camp Luther Scholarship*

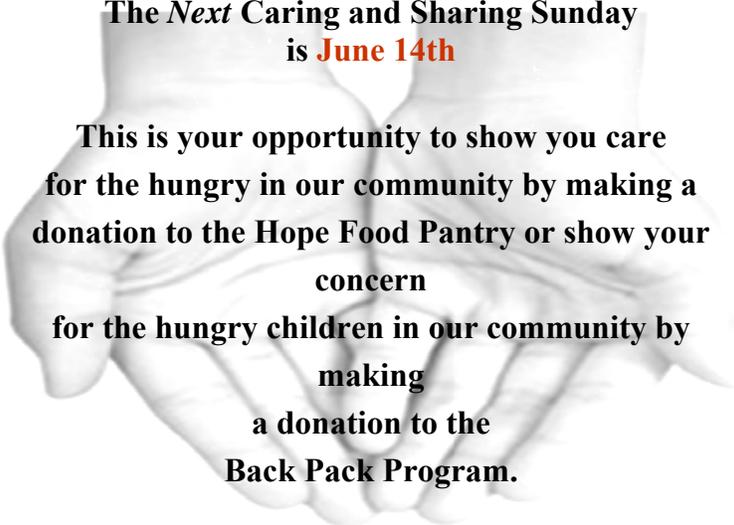
*Camp Luther Scholarship provides faith
filled experiences for campers from
Kindergarten through High School.*

*I can do all things through him who
strengthens me. Philippians 4:13*

Continue to use your designated offering and write the name
of the charity and amount so your donation will be allocated
correctly.

**Please note that quarterly charity donations can be given
anytime throughout the year, not just during those given
months

**The Next Caring and Sharing Sunday
is June 14th**



**This is your opportunity to show you care
for the hungry in our community by making a
donation to the Hope Food Pantry or show your
concern
for the hungry children in our community by
making
a donation to the
Back Pack Program.**

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH TRANSPORTATION

Mobile, Alabama — \$58,000

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace (1 Peter 4:10).

Trinity Lutheran Church of Mobile, Alabama, and their pastor, Rev. Dr. Ulmer Marshall, have a genuine heart for the people in their community. They seek many and diverse ways to connect and serve those who are often under-served and overlooked. As Rev. Marshall has shared with his congregation, "A church is in a community to serve that community. It's our job."

The school of Trinity Lutheran is the last remaining school begun through Rosa Young's ministry located in Mobile, Alabama. With prayer, patience, and its Christ-centered purpose, Trinity Lutheran School serves 200 students from infants through fifth graders. All the students qualify for free lunches, and many receive tuition assistance. Its after school program and Good News Bible Club reaches an additional 45 students.

Trinity Lutheran has remained a stronghold of Christ-centered education in a community dealing with inter-generational poverty and the challenges of urban living by "promoting Christian faith and life-long learning of the whole child in a changing world." Most parents of the children at Trinity are single moms under age 30, who are un- or under-employed, and live in substandard housing.

Because Trinity Lutheran Church is serving the most vulnerable people in their community, this ministry is committed to providing assistance to meet some of the physical needs as well as the spiritual needs of those in the area. The Ministry in Motion at Trinity in Mobile, Alabama grant funds will enable Trinity to purchase a sturdy, handicapped accessible, and well-built church bus for elders, school children, neighbors, and church members to participate in church and school ministries both on and off campus.

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope (Jeremiah 29:11).



2019–2021 LWML MISSION GRANT #10

Mission Grant Prayer Guide • May 2020

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH TRANSPORTATION Mobile, Alabama — \$58,000

PRAYER #1

Lord God, we come before You today in prayer for Trinity Lutheran Church of Mobile, Alabama. Send Your Holy Spirit throughout the community so that the Good News of Christ Jesus is shared with those who are hurting in body and soul. May a bus providing transportation benefit their ministry. Thank You for these faith-filled servants. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYER #2

Father, Lord of all, as the Good News of salvation through Christ is proclaimed, be with the teachers and children of Trinity Lutheran School. Bless each one with Your love and mercy. Be with the parents of these children as they daily bring the little ones to hear of Your love. May a bus bless their outreach so Your peace and love will be shared to the community. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYER #3

Lord God, provider of all our needs, bless the ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church as they gather as a community of believers who desire to give praise and thanks for the goodness You have given to each of them. Please use each member of Trinity to share Jesus Christ as they connect with others through the school and the other ministries of Trinity. We pray for each one of these servants. Bless this congregation with the bus chosen to best meet the school and community needs, bringing all to study Your Word and worship You! In our Lord Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER #4

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the women of LWML with their hearts for missions. You empower us to pray for and support this ministry which is seeking to provide a bus for transportation needs. May You bless each mite offering as we work together in service to You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

www.lwml.org/mission-grants



Mites are collected on the third Sunday of each month!

Simply deposit your donation in the large mite box when you come to worship. These mites continue to fund district and national mission projects. Check the LWML bulletin board for details on some of those projects. Please let Amy Tousey or Paula Hook know if you have any questions.



Monday, June 15, 2020 6 pm LWML Bible Study "Focus Lost . . . Focus Restored" found on page 21 of the Spring 2020 edition of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly. If you do not receive the "Quarterly a copy of the Bible Study is available in Paula's mailbox.

The Bible study will be held in the fellowship hall to allow for social distancing as it is important to keep all our members safe. Following the Bible Study there will be a meeting to discuss changes due to the cancellation of North WI District LWML biennial convention in June.



Birthday Tuesdays are cancelled until further notice. Please check our web page for any updates. Remember, this too shall pass with the help of God!

Web page: <http://www.stjohnsladysmith.org>

Men's Bible Study will be on June 11th and June 25th at 8:00AM at the Church, fellowship hall.



Our Response to God's Great Love April 2020

	\$11,145.00	Offering Received
*	\$1,523.75	Preschool Tuition
*	\$102.00	Preschool Chapel
*	\$80.00	Preschool Donation
*	\$100.00	Back Pack Program
*	\$50.00	Love Thy Neighbor
*	\$200.00	Thrivent Choice Maintenance Account
*	<u>\$200.00</u>	Scrip Cards
Total	\$13,400.75	
	-\$15,600.36	Total disbursements

* Is not part of the general fund

Submit Your Information!

ITEMS FOR BULLETINS are due on **Tuesday** by close of day each week (unless indicated otherwise in bulletins due to holidays). **Newsletter items are due** in the office no later than close of day on the **Tuesday** preceding the last Sunday of the month.

E-mail to: stjohnladysmith@centurylink.net (preferred method).

Don't forget that **LARGE PRINT** bulletins and **newsletters** are available for those who need them. **Contact the office to get your name on the list!**





JUNE

Birthdays

1	Doris Woebeking
4	Kim Grabowski
5	Scott Thummel
6	Clarence Stine
8	Nick Basham, Gary Hahn
10	Tom Glessing
11	Jim Lee, Kelley Stout
17	MaKayla Morgan
18	Jack Boehmer
19	Ann Boehmer, Connie Thompson
20	Kathy Kuchta
21	Mia Harris
23	June Garstka
26	Amy Tousey
27	Janice Zandi
30	Earl Witt, Jr.



JUNE

Anniversaries

5	Astrid & Max Tucker Larry & Wendy Zehner
9	Neal & Jan MacLachlan
13	Randy & Marj Scott
17	Dave & Jamie Werner
19	Mark & Kim Grabowski
20	Alden & Paula Hook
21	Donna & Bill Howard
28	Stu & Clara Pask



WATER WORKS!

The gospels record Jesus' miracles, many of which involve water.

Directions: Using the illustrated equations, fill in the blanks to describe each miracle. Use the Bible references for help.



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Water changes to _____

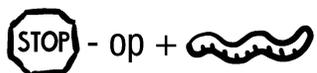
JOHN 2:1-11



- k + d

Heals a man born _____

JOHN 9



- op + _____ - w

Calms a _____

MATTHEW 8:23-27



f + _____ - d

Catch of _____

LUKE 5:1-11



- ch + er

Walks on _____

MATTHEW 14:22-33

Answer: wine, blind, storm, fish, water