



Pastor's Message: Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Dear Fellow Servants in Christ,

With the 4th of July quickly approaching, and one of our own sons, Ryan Lehmpuhl, entering the army, I thought it appropriate to share with you the history of another beloved hymn often associated with the armed forces, **Eternal Father, Strong to Save** (LSB 717). Once again, this comes from the book Then Sings My Soul by Robert J. Morgan.

Your Fellow Servant in Christ,

Pastor Dan

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Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. Psalm 121.4

Psalm 121 has been called the “Traveler’s Psalm” because it requests God’s watch-care over the coming and going of his people: “The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore.”

Nineteenth century hymnbooks usually had an entire collection of hymns echoing prayers for God’s protection of travelers, especially for sailors. *Hymns for Christian Melody*, for example, published in 1832 by Rev. David Marks contains 24 hymns under the section: “Mariners.” An 1857 hymnal published by the Freewill Baptist Printing Establishment in Dover, New Hampshire, devoted pages 928 to 943 to hymns for sailors.

The most famous mariner’s hymn, “Eternal Father, Strong to Save,” was written in 1869. It is called the “Navy Hymn” because of its association with the Naval Academy in Annapolis. It was Franklin Roosevelt’s favorite hymn and was sung at his funeral. In November 1963, its solemn strains accompanied the casket of John F. Kennedy as it was carried up the steps of the U.S. Capitol to lie in state.

The deeply moving melody was written by the famous composer, John B. Dykes, who named it MELITA after the island where Paul was shipwrecked in Acts 27.

Little is known about the author of the words, William Whiting of London. He was master of an Anglican school for musicians, and he wrote several hymns; but only “Eternal Father, Strong to Save,” is widely sung today. William reportedly wrote this hymn as a prayer for a friend who was preparing to sail to America:

*Eternal Father, strong to save / Whose arm hath bound the restless wave, /
Who biddest the mighty ocean deep / Its own appointed limits keep; /
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee, / For those in peril on the sea!*

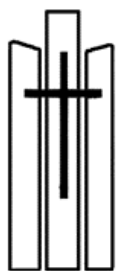
There follows a verse addressed to the Son, and one to the Holy Spirit. Then a closing verse requests traveling mercies from the Trinity. In more recent years, other verses have been added by various writers:

Lord, guard and guide the men who fly / through the great spaces in the sky....

Eternal Father, Lord of hosts, / Watch over the men who guard our coasts...

God, Who dost still the restless foam, / Protect the ones we love at home...

O Father, King of earth and sea, / We dedicate this ship to Thee...



ST. JOHN NEWS OUTREACH

JULY, 2021 NEWS

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Outreach: The Importance of a Warm, Welcoming, Friendly Church Atmosphere

People often come to church the first time because they are invited by a friend, neighbor, or family member. At St. John we have seen a lot of that recently! Keep up the good work, friends.

That visitor is fairly likely to return if he or she experiences a genuinely warm, welcoming, friendly atmosphere. If the atmosphere is cold, unwelcoming, cliquish, and unfriendly, we probably won't see them again!

Some will say that such friendly warmth doesn't matter, as long as the Word of God is taught and preached in its truth and purity. "Other factors aren't important." Over the years, especially in retirement, I've seen that position is **WRONG!** God does work through His Word, but He also works through us - His people and our love.

For example, I know a man who several years ago served as consultant for a large congregation in the Midwest. The first thing that he did when he got there was to attend all three services, waiting in the narthex for some time prior to the start of each service. He intentionally did not take the initiative to introduce himself to anyone.

Instead, he waited to see if anyone would take the initiative to greet him. Although he was in plain sight, no one did. (The day before, he asked the pastor if he considered his congregation to be friendly. The pastor said, "Yes, very friendly; that's one of the great qualities of Trinity." (This was true, they were very friendly, to one another, the members, the folks they knew and loved, as the consultant found out later.)

You know what? I often feel the same way, sad to say. I naturally gravitate toward familiar and friendly faces of people that I know and like. I find that to reach out to a stranger, I have to be intentional, putting myself in the shoes of the unknown visitor. Then I sense how that person feels in a new place and it gets me going.

Here's what I suggest, and what I've learned to do myself: intentionally seek one person, or one family that you don't know. Visit with them, introducing yourself and let them know that you've noticed them and you're happy that they are with us today. After getting to know them and spending some time with them, move on and be about talking with your friends and fellow members.

A comfortable, friendly church atmosphere is one of the things that the people are looking for when they come to St. John in the first place. Really, we all need to put forward that genuinely friendly welcome!

Gordon Gross, Outreach Leader

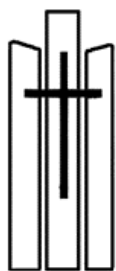
2021 VBS: Donation Requests

Please see the sign-up sheets posted in the Fellowship Hall for specific amounts.

Sprinkles
Marshmallows
Table Salt
Spaghetti
Ziplock Sandwich Bags
Graham Crackers
Plain M&M's
Small Gumdrops
Small Candies
Bugles Chips
Assorted Store-Bought Cookies
Yellow and Purple Cellophane Wrap
White Twin Flat Sheet (returned)

Brown Paper Grocery Bags
Blue and Purple Dollar Store Poster Board
Black, Gold, & Silver Spray Paint
Clear Packing Tape
Empty 2 Liter Bottles
Primary Color Tissue Paper
Blue Tarps (returned)
8oz Water Bottles
Water Balloons
Freezer Gallon Ziplock Bags





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Summary of Council Meeting on June 13, 2021

Attendance: Chris Pape, Frank Hassey, Gordon Gross, Rod Willard, Julie Barrett, Carol Skoda, Pastor Dan Kletke, Alana Holt, Liv Booth

Children's Choir:

Ready and excited to resume, around 40 kids are looking forward to Children's Choir. After brief discussion, Council approves the use of the Fellowship Hall on Mondays from 4-5pm for the Children's Choir. In addition, a small classroom will be used to hold the younger kids' group. Frank Hassey moves to approve the re-opening of Children's Choir at St. John and Rod Willard seconds. Motion passes.

Community Summer Dance:

A friend of Liv from the Abbey has requested the use of our Fellowship Hall on the last Saturday of June, July, and August from 6-9pm to teach community dances such as Square Dance, Waltz, and Swing. There would be no cost to the church, aside from a slight increase to heating/cooling and electricity. This is a free event, open to the entire community. In the event that the program incurs expenses (such as hiring a Square Dance Caller), then a donation would be requested of the participants.

A question was raised regarding how to cover this program on our insurance. After a clarification from the insurance provider, this event is covered.

Frank Hassey moves to accept the proposal and Gordon Gross seconds. Motion passes.

Ministerial Alliance:

Living Stone Calvary Chapel has reached out to St. John to see if we would like to participate in the alliance that other local churches belong to. From past experience with this program, the alliance doesn't seem very active in the community, compared to experiencing alliances in other communities. However, if this group seems to be starting back up and becoming more active, then perhaps. Let's get more information regarding their plans for the future and then decide when we know more.

Pastor's Report:

Things are settling back into 'normal'. We are back to one service and Adult Bible Study has resumed. We are still not passing the offering plate yet and are still passing out individual communion. The Elders will reassess these precautions in the Fall. Several members have not yet returned and Pastor will be following up and checking in to see how everyone is doing.

VBS will take place August 2-6, with Lori Holt as Director.

The Car Show is on again. Set for July 17th, planning and preparations are underway. Volunteers are always welcome and needed.

Several requests have been made for a new pictorial directory. Some discussion regarding the pros and cons of creating an inhouse directory vs. having a professional company come in. No decision was made at this time.

Our website needs to be updated desperately, both to keep up with changing compatibility requirements as well as updating the layout and content from 10 years ago. Brandon Booth has come forward and is willing to redesign and maintain the church's website for a small fee. After discussion, Alana Holt moves to pay Brandon Booth the requested amount for the design and monthly upkeep of the church's website and Rod Willard seconds. Motion passes.

Peggy Rath, a newer visitor has asked if we would like her to spearhead our social media presence. After discussion, Council approves to grant access to our social media and gives permission for her to run our social media presence.

Sunday School needs someone to step into the role of Superintendent to start planning for the Fall. Youth also needs a spearhead, as there is a good number of middle school age youth.

Church Choir will resume in the Fall, directed by Liv with Andy Rath volunteering to accompany the choir.

Evangelism:

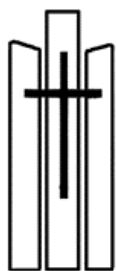
Excited to hopefully use a new book as a stepping point as how to move forward regarding how Christianity is presented and perceived by the younger (19-30) population.

Missions:

The Booth's mission was transferred from supporting World View Academy to their new mission program Signpost Inn. A new mission trip hasn't been planned yet but definitely want to plan one for either 2022 or 2023.

Trustee:

Church cleanup party will take place on June 26th, starting at 9am, with a lunch fellowship to follow.



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Liturgy: A Well-Choreographed Dance

A few weeks ago, a member of the congregation remarked at how in-sync Pastor and I were when we were leading the liturgy. We agreed that it was like a choreographed dance. This member did not know that they had given me one of the highest compliments that I had ever received. It is the role of the organist to be able to lead the congregation in song so that the liturgical responses flow in a smooth back and forth response; you might say a conversation sung rather than being spoken.



The sung liturgy, by a congregation, is one of the hallmarks of the Lutheran church. Martin Luther was a great teacher. Between 1517, the birth of the Reformation, and 1526 when the first liturgy for the people (*German Mass*) was written, Luther discovered that the average person in Germany did not have much knowledge of the scriptures as *Mass* was sung in Latin by the monks. As we are presently learning in adult Bible study, Martin Luther took the basic tenants of what he felt defined Lutheran beliefs and compiled the catechism. To further the education of people, using the catechism as the ground-work, he composed most of the tunes and texts for hymns used in his *German Mass*. Today when we sing *Divine Service 5*, we are singing the English translation of Luther's *German Mass*.

Why does our hymnal have five *Divine Services*, why not just have one?

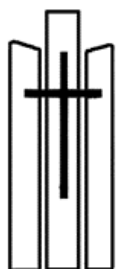
In the 1960's a movement started within the LCMS to not be stuck in the past and to move forward, wanting more modern and contemporary music and words. No one spoke using 'thee' and 'thou' in everyday language, why use it church? It was boring to have what we used to call "page 5 and 15" liturgies. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, copyright 1941, had become out of touch with the culture of the people. We only had 'page 5' which was non-communion liturgy and 'page 15' which was the liturgy for the communion service. There were other liturgies, like *Matins*, and *Vespers* but no one ever really knew them, because they never really sung them. As new hymnals emerged in the late 1970's, new *Divine Services* were introduced. Our current *Divine Service 1* and 2 are examples of the updated words and tunes. After about 25 years of singing only the new liturgies people started yearning for the "old page 5 and 15" liturgy. When our current hymnal, the *Lutheran Service Book (LSB)* was published in 2006, it took the best of the old, the new and added a simpler to sing *Divine Service 4*.

Divine Services 1 and 2 are from the hymnals published in the 1970's and 1980's. *Divine Service 3* is the 'old page 5 and 15', without the "thee's and thou's" combined into one liturgy. *Divine Service 4* came from the *Hymnal Supplement '98* publication. It had become a favorite of many because of its upbeat musical sound and simplicity to sing. *Divine Service 5* was also republished from the most recent 1980's hymnal. Its frequency of use has caught on since its re-release in our *LSB*.

Why do we change the liturgies at St. John? Pastor Dan and I agree that we need to learn from our past. If we sing the same thing too long, it loses it meaning and beauty. Many who had complained about 'page 5 and 15' realized how much they missed it, when it was not available. At St. John, we choose to sing *Divine Service 5* during the 20+ week of Pentecost, almost half of a year. To prevent our congregation from 'burning out' of this historical liturgy, we have selected some alternate hymns that continue teaching the tenants of the catechism and still follow the order of the *Divine Service*. Our goal is to continue our beautiful choreographed liturgical dance, week to week and year to year.

Your Musical Servant in Christ,

Lori.



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New Member Directory - Help Wanted!

At the last Council meeting, we discussed the need for a new church directory. It has been six years since our last directory and we have *a lot* of new faces. But to make this work, we need a few volunteers. Primarily, we need a photographer (or two) to help take everyone's picture. If you are able and willing to help make this project work, please talk with Pastor Dan.



Pastor Will Be On Vacation

Pastor Dan Kletke will leave for a 2½ week vacation on June 19th. He will be back in the office on July 5th. The Sundays (6/20, 6/27 & 7/4) will be covered by Revs. Gordon Gross and Lyle Stuehrenberg.

St. John Bulletin Board



Baby Announcement: Linda Beerman would like to share her excitement of having her first great-grandchild: Charlie James Allen (AKA "CJ"). He was born on May 24, 2021. He and his parents live in Arvada.

We Need Help With Fellowship: Fellowship has restarted and we would really appreciate your help. There is a signup sheet by the coffee bar. The food and drink are set up when you get there after church. Helping includes serving the drinks and donuts and then doing what amounts to a minimal cleanup afterwards.

Church Attendance

5/30 - 67
6/6 - 70
6/13 - 67
6/20

"Here is the church, here is the steeple..."



LWML Yard Sale Shopping on Friday, July 9th

On Friday, July 9th, the ladies of the LWML will be yard sale shopping for the following list of items to contribute to the respective charities. If you have any of these items and would like to donate them, please drop them off at the church no later than Thursday, July 8th. Also, we ask that you ONLY donate items which are on the following list. All ladies of the church are invited to join in the fun.



Women's Shelter

Lamps
Full Sized Comforters
Baby Clothes (a few)

Loaves and Fishes

Tents & Tarps
Sleeping Bags
Blankets
Pillows
Gloves & Socks

Pregnancy Centers

Books - Children's Hardcover
High Chairs with Trays
Booster Seats (used ok) - No Car Seats
Bumbo Seats
3T to 5T Clothes



7th Annual Benefit Car Show

Saturday, July 17th, 2021 @ 790 Greydene Ave., Cañon City, CO

Display Cars Park on Grass
9:00am to 2:00pm

Food & Drink Available
Free Lunch for Car Owners

Dash Plaques for Registered Cars

Registration / Donation--\$20.00/Car

Optional additional donation of \$5/car for drawing to
have your car on the 2022 Dash Plaque

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

All Makes and Models Welcome!

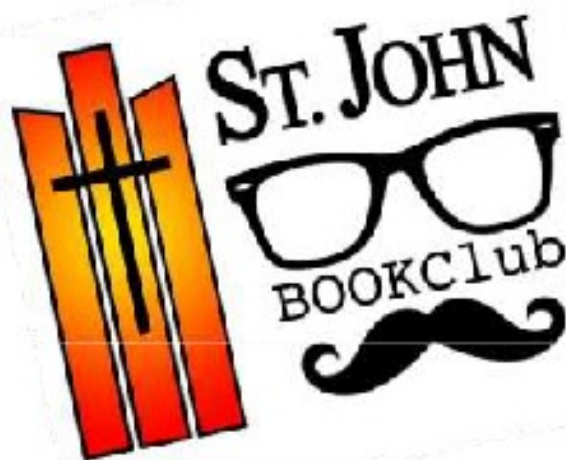
Vehicle Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Mail pre-registrations to Gene Foster / 115 E. Spruce St. / Walsenburg, CO / 81089

For more information call Gene Foster @ 719-890-1166

All Proceeds to benefit the St. John's Mission Teams & Youth Group

Spectators Free: Come One – Come All



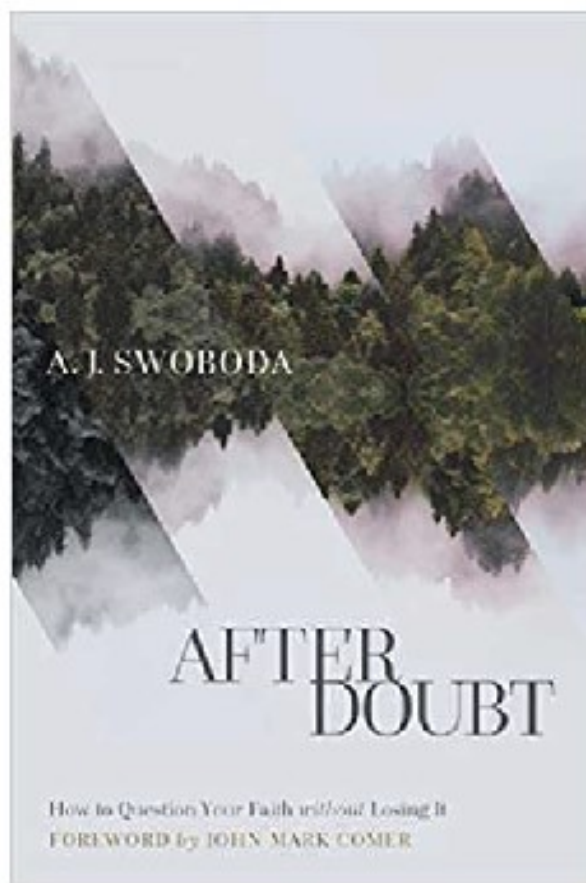
August 2021

Here is what is happening at the
BOOKClub:

The next book in our book club is After Doubt (ISBN 978-1-58743-451-8) by A. J. Swodoba. The description reads:

In "After Doubt," Dr. Swodoba invites the reader to consider the possibility that the Christian faith is not only NOT threatened by doubts, but that they are an integral part of a vibrant faith journey. This is the kind of book that needs to be re-read on a yearly basis & shared with friends & loved ones in that it removes the stigma often associated with our doubts, questions, & conundrums that inevitably arise in living life & examining faith in the context of new life experiences, personal growth, & things that don't make sense.

This is a new book, published just this year; and so there aren't any used copies available yet. You can order it from Amazon for \$17, the Kindle edition is \$13, and there is even an Audible edition for \$21.50. With time between now and our meeting on August 11th, feel free to share copies.



Pick up a book & join us at the BOOKClub!

REUNITED IN THE USA!



After 78 days apart (not that anyone was counting...!), our family was reunited on June 4 as J.P., Celeste, and Bella landed in the USA and are now self-quarantining in Virginia. We're excited to reconnect with as many as possible to report on God's mission in Cambodia. We'll be limiting our travel this year, but we do have the following in-person visits scheduled.

- June 20 - Redeemer LC, Richmond, VA
- June 24-26 - LWML Convention, Lexington, KY (Aimee)
- June 27 - Bella Vista Lutheran Church, Bella Vista AR (JP)
- July 11 - King of Glory Lutheran Church, Williamsburg, VA
- July 18 - Mission Central, Mapleton, IA

Please let us know if your church or small group would like to schedule an in-person or online time to connect and celebrate God's global mission.

MILESTONES ALONG THE WAY

J.P. and Celeste both give thanks to God for His faithfulness in leading them to key moments in their life of discipleship.

Having benefitted from a year of online instruction in God's Word and in Luther's Small Catechism, Celeste will be confirmed through the International Lutheran Church in Seoul, South Korea, via a special online service on the evening of June 19 (USA time). You are invited to participate! We will send further details soon. We are especially thankful to fellow missionary Pastor Carl Hanson, who has been so gracious with his time to instruct Celeste.



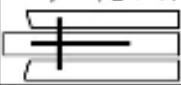











After 30,728 pages read throughout the program (so far!) and 563 pages of formal papers written (so far!), J.P. took his comprehensive examination on May 31 and passed! All that stands now between him and finishing the degree is a tiny little project called a dissertation! While there is a ways to go yet, J.P. is thankful (and relieved, to be honest!) to reach this key milestone in the PhD process. Thank you for your prayers and encouragements.

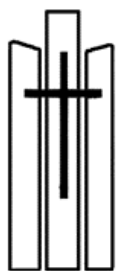
PRAISES: for a joyful reunion; for Celeste's confirmation on June 19; for J.P.'s successful completion of comprehensive exams. **PRAYERS:** for Cambodia and Vietnam's continued battle with COVID-19 outbreaks; for fruitful reconnections with supporters during our time in the US; for safe travels in the US and back to Cambodia on July 26.



Wanna help us impact the people of Cambodia? Give online here, or mail a check to 1) P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861 (payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod), OR 2) 40718 Highway E-16, Mapleton, IA 51034 (payable to Mission Central). For ALL checks, in the memo line write "Cima family-Cambodia."

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4TH SUNDAY AFT. PENTECOST 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Adult Bible Study <i>Eulert & Urban Anniv.</i> INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6	7 <i>J. Leason B-Day</i> 	8 <i>Z. Larson B-Day</i> 	9 <i>B. Kirkegaard B-Day</i> 	10 <i>O. Reimers B-Day</i> 
11TH SUNDAY AFT. PENTECOST 9:00 Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 10:30 Adult Bible Study 11:30 Council Meeting	12	13 <i>M. Richardson B-Day</i> 	14 <i>Martinson Anniv.</i> 	15	16 <i>J. Barrett B-Day</i> 	17
18TH SUNDAY AFT. PENTECOST 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Adult Bible Study	19	20 <i>M. Leason B-Day</i> 	21	22 <i>A. Schneider-Jahn B-Day</i> 	23	24
25TH SUNDAY AFT. PENTECOST 9:00 Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 10:30 Adult Bible Study	26 <i>A. Eulert & E. Koelbener B-Days</i> 	27	28 <i>Barrett Anniv.</i> 	29	30	31



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VACATION BIBLE

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2021 VBS: Mighty Fortress

WOW! What a year 2021 is developing into, who would have thought after 2020 that so much excitement would be happening. What excitement? Thanks for asking, let me fill you in.

After doing a web search of how other churches in Cañon City were handling VBS programs we discovered that as of this week (June 21) no other church in Cañon City has advertised on the web plans to hold a VBS program. I checked for VBS programs in Colorado Springs to discover that those holding or planning to hold a program in the near future have been completely filled up, and have wait lists! What does that mean for St. John? If Cañon City is comparable to Colorado Springs, we may have an overabundance of registrations; currently the program we are planning will have a cap of 24. I can't imagine having to turn away children from hearing the Word of God, so the next best thing is to offer two VBS programs, one in the morning and one in the evening. Projected expenses for potentially doubling the attendance are inconsequential. After reviewing all the pros and cons, Pastor Lyle and I decided to 'go for it'.

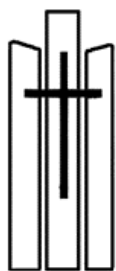


Where will we get participants? We will have at least 15 signs in members yards and businesses. We will have a social presence on our web page, that Brandon Booth will be updating and adding VBS information. Peggy Rath will be managing our social media presence, setting up online registration. A registration / informational tent will be set up at the car show. Liv Booth is part of a sizeable home-schooling group and plans to extend invitations. Pastor Dan is usually able to get a promotional radio commercial on the local radio station. But the most important way is you, telling your neighbors or arranging for your grandchildren to come. Think about it, if we get only one child for every sign, plus the children in our congregation, we will be full!

How will we manage? The day program will be as we have done in the past with one exception. The closing program will have to be held on Friday day, during the usual VBS time slot, as the evening program would be meeting when we typically would be holding the closing program. So the evening program will be shorter, scheduled for two hours rather than three; games and the food lesson will not be included. However, a youth class for 6th grade through high school and an adult program will be added. Youth and adults will not rotate through the Bible Story, Crafts and Music stations. Everyone will gather together for Opening, Closing and Snack time. Evening VBS allows families to have fun together, and offers an option for parents who are unable to arrange for their children to attend during the day. At present we will plan that any child younger than Kindergarten age will stay with their parents in the adult class, but that could change if we find an internal child care provider. The biggest down side with having these two programs is the potential for day program children not being able to have their parents attend. If anyone has an idea of how we can work it differently PLEASE let me know.

Another challenge having two programs presents are the increase number of volunteers needed to run both programs. Pastor Lyle, Alana and myself have all committed to working at both programs. This may not be possible for everyone else, but it offers an opportunity to help for those who are unable to assist during the day program because they are at work. In another article in this newsletter, I will outline where volunteer help is needed. I will also include a brief job description to make the job role clearer. The volunteer sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Can we do it? We will only know if we try. Please consider how you can help. Being a VBS volunteer does not mean that you have to be a teacher.

Lori



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YOUTH VBS

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“Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Youth VBS - A New Adventure”

When we started planning VBS I made a list of our congregation's children and their ages. It did not take long before I realized that the majority of our 'children' are older than the typical age for VBS programs. Since St. John has not had a VBS for five years due to the lack of safety surrounding the process of building the Fellowship Hall and the 'shut down' of 2020, some of them had not had the opportunity to partake in VBS.

I believe the youth of a church is the church's life line. If nothing is done to nurture youth to stay involved in the church, the youth will likely leave. This is the primary reason behind the creation of a 'never before done VBS program'. This "youth" program will be based on the same stories the traditional VBS program addresses, but the Bible Story message will be written at a pre-teen / teen age level. Peer pressure becomes more and more powerful at this age group. In this year's VBS program, Mighty Fortress, we will see how God is our true "shield and defender", a help in our everyday troubles. Our stories will explore the awesome power of God, and the extremes he has gone to to keep his people safe from their enemies. We also explore how Jesus did not falter under peer pressure and how quickly popular feelings changed when he did not become the king the people wanted. Yet Jesus fulfilled His Father's plan and with his death and resurrection triumphed over the fiercest of all enemies: sin, death and the devil. He has chosen to share this victory, by offering us eternal life.

This youth VBS will run for two days, Thursday July 29 and Friday July 30 from 9:00am to 2:00 and we extend an invitation to our members and any close personal friends they wish to invite.

We will study God's Word, have fellowship through a meal and have fun through play and the creation of components for the games and decorations for the church's upcoming VBS program.

With the 2021 VBS theme including a castle / fortress, the games will be in line with medieval activities, such as attacking castle walls with a catapult, and overcoming obstacle courses. For the youth more creatively than mechanically inclined, they may be more enticed to assist in making torch sconces for the wall, hanging chain doorways and making castle moats.

My hope is that our youth, from entering 6th and up will give this new program a chance. And will find that they are a very vital and needed part of our congregation and will help by becoming assistants in various roles for the following week of VBS.

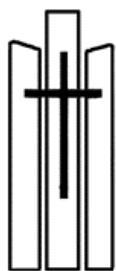
Please RSVP your intent to participate with Lori Holt by Sunday, July 4.

VBS Registration

Forms are available in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed, a sign-up sheet posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Please read this month's newsletter, it is packed with VBS information.

We will be offering three sessions of VBS. One for the youth (6th grade +) of our congregation, July 29 and 30 from 9-2. A second on Aug 2-6 from 9-12 for children entering grades K - 5th and the third will be a family program on Aug 2-6 from 6-8pm for children entering grades K through high school and adults.

Youth need to RSVP with Lori Holt by July 4 if planning to attend.



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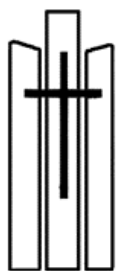
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2021 VBS: Volunteer Job Descriptions

- Open /Closing - leads worship open/closing introduces theme of the day.
- Bible Story Telling - shares the Bible story in engaging way, works with assistants to act out the story. Reinforces theme of the day
- Music - leads the groups in learning and singing songs with energy and excitement. Introduces the Bible passage for the day through song.
- Crafts - leads groups in completing the craft for the day. Cleans supplies, tables between groups for health safety.
- Food Lesson - leads groups in putting together items that support the theme of the day, using food products. Cleans tables between groups.
- Games - leads groups in activities out of doors, that link to the theme of the day, maintains safety for all participants and cleans equipment between groups.
- Snacks - organizes and distribute snack options for participants in a safe manner. Keep kitchen clean and sanitized. Cleans tables between groups.
- Registration - Greets children and parents each day, completes walk in registrations, connects children with Team Leaders at arrival. Helps with the signing in and out of children. Distribute / collect name tags.
- Team Leaders - backbone of the VBS program, works with the same group of children each day. Engages children to answer provided questions demonstrating understanding of Bible story and how the food lesson, craft and game support the Theme of the Day. Makes sure children use hand sanitizer after each session.
- Photographer - able to take pictures of children engaged in activities. Provides pictures in an electronic format in time to download into closing session Power Point presentation each day and collates pictures for Closing Program slide show.
- Pavilion Monitor - oversees the pavilion area in addition to the Team Leaders assisting children to sit apart while eating snacks. Distributes water bottles from cooler. Encourages children to manage trash and recycle water bottles.
- Bathroom Monitors - four adults (2 male and 2 female) needed to escort children to bathrooms if needed during a session or when moving between sessions. Oversees children washing their hands for 20 seconds prior to eating. For child safety, no child will be alone with an adult at any time of the day. Assistants may not be able to safely leave their station, hence the need for four people.
- Power Point/Technology - able to use a computer to download pictures quickly into the Power Point presentations to enhance the closing session of each day. Also, able to navigate computers and select appropriate tracks from DVDs to play during opening and closing sessions.
- Social Media & Web Support - promotes VBS on church social media and web accounts. Compiles online registrations into templates.
- Cleaning - to keep in compliance with state COVID-19 guidelines, high touch surface areas will need to be cleaned each day, after each program. Lists will be provided identifying specific items that need cleaning.
- Office Staff - will compile bulletin for Closing Program using provided template. We also need someone with neat penmanship to complete Attendance and Volunteer Appreciation certificates.
- Greeter - greets visitors and attendees of closing program, provides directions as needed, and hands out bulletins.



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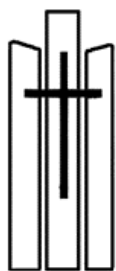
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	DAY	EVENING
Opening / Closing	Pastor Dan	
Bible Story Telling	Pastor Lyle	Pastor Lyle
---- Assistant 1		
---- Assistant 2		
Music	Lori Holt	Lori Holt
---- Assistant 1	Lily Booth	
---- Assistant 2		
Crafts		
---- Assistant 1		
---- Assistant 2		
Food Lesson	Lucy Brown	XXXXXXXXXX
---- Assistant 1		XXXXXXXXXX
Games	Chris Pape	XXXXXXXXXX
---- Assistant 1		XXXXXXXXXX
---- Assistant 2		
Snacks	Sue Willard	
---- Assistant 1		
---- Assistant 2		
Registration	Sue Poehlein	
----- Assistant (Only Day 1)		
Team Leaders - Grade K-1	Amy Wright	
---- Assistant 1	Elliot Wright	
Team Leaders - Grade 2-3		
---- Assistant 1		
Team Leaders - Grade 4-5	Alana Holt	Alana Holt
---- Assistant 1		
Photographer		
Pavilion Monitor		XXXXXXXXXX
Bathroom Monitor -M		
Bathroom Monitor -M		
Bathroom Monitor -F		
Bathroom Monitor -F		
Power Point/Technology		
Social Media	Peggy Rath	XXXXXXXXXX
Web Support	Brandon Booth	XXXXXXXXXX
Cleaning (daily)	Gail Kirkegaard	
Office Staff - closing program bulletin		
Office Staff - certificates		
Greeter for Closing		



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VBS DECORATIONS

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2021 VBS: Decorations

Hear ye, hear ye! Shout, God is mighty! The victory's won!

I am so excited to resume planning for Vacation Bible School this year. I realize that these last few weeks have been a bit crazy regarding announcements for VBS, so allow me to clear some things up. First and foremost, to clarify, any donations provided last year have not been thrown out and will still be used this year to decorate the church. My decoration style is to try and reuse as much as possible, while utilizing components that are inexpensive. However, this creates a very front-heavy cost associated with the decoration materials. Between this year (extended from last year) and next, almost all needed components will be requested or purchased. Going forward, my plan will be to only request new supplies that are theme specific, used in crafts and snacks, or to replace damaged items.

I will be maintaining and updating the Donation Request list on the second and fourth Sundays, so please check back often as plans sometimes change and new or different materials are needed. If you have any questions regarding the Donation list, please feel free to reach out and let me know. Also, if it is more convenient for me to shop for you, I am willing to take cash or check either to cover generic costs or to purchase specific items. Sunday July 11th will be the cut off for receiving all donations. Any items signed up for needs to be brought to church that day or earlier, please.

Looking forward, I will need help both in creating and in hanging the decorations. For the creation of decorating components, I will have six sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Wednesday will be from 10am to 3pm and Thursday will be from 11am to 2pm. In no way do I wish you to feel obligated to stay for the entire time. Come and go as needed or bring a lunch. These days are June 29th & 30th, July 6th & 7th, and July 13th & 14th. When it comes to decorating the church, on Sundays July 25th and August 1st there will be a decorating party after Bible Study. We will be hanging window treatments, decorating walls, and building structures such as arches, drawbridges, and towers. Welcome to any and all who are willing to help.

Alana

Craft Creation Dates: Decorating Party after Bible Study:

Wed June 29, 10-3 July 25

Thurs June 30, 11-2 Aug 1

Wed July 6, 10-3

Thurs July 7, 11-2

Wed July 13, 10-3

Thurs July 14, 11-2





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Tuesday, June 22, 2021

Dear Parents,

First and foremost, we hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. We have received questions from parents about if and how COVID-19 will affect St. John Lutheran VBS. We know this pandemic has been stressful to many and recognize that socializing and interacting with peers can be a healthy way for children to cope with stress and connect with others, particularly after spending quite a bit of time at home. After careful thought and planning, we are excited to let you know that we plan to resume VBS while following CDC considerations to protect participants, families, and our Canon City community.

Everyone at St. John wants your child's spiritual life to be nourished and grow, hence the offer of a VBS program, but we are also prioritizing the health and safety of all participants from a potential COVID-19 exposure. Below, you will find a summary of actions we are taking to help ensure we are lowering COVID-19 risk as much as possible. We are:

- Intensifying cleaning and disinfection practices within our facilities and premises by cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces e.g., bathrooms, door handles, table tops and church pews after each session. Cleaning and disinfecting objects if they are shared e.g., art supplies and games in addition to ensuring safe and correct use and storage of disinfectants. To increase air flow and ventilation the ceiling fans will be on, doors and windows opened, with additional fans used to pull air inside the building.
- Keeping participants in small groups of 6-9 and spacing them out with reminders from staff if social distancing of less than 4-6 feet is observed. Rotations of the small groups will allow your child almost no other contact with participants other than those in their small group, for Bible story, food lessons, crafts, snack, music and games. During the opening and closing sessions when everyone is in the sanctuary, each group will be sitting together, yet spaced apart and away from the other groups.
- Limiting the number of items that are shared or touched between participants and staff by providing enough art and food lesson supplies in addition to using disposable utensils, dishes, and individual bottles of water.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

August 2-6, 2021

Welcoming Children Entering Kindergarten – 5th Grade 9:00am – 12:00

Welcoming Families with programs for children entering Kindergarten through to adult 6:00 – 8:00 pm

(One form per child and/or adult please — Return or drop off registration to the address above)

Student First Name: _____ Student Last Name: _____

Nickname: _____ Age _____ Grade just finished: _____

Allergies: _____

Medical Issues or Special Needs: _____

Which Session: DAY EVENING

Parents Name (first and last): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Best Contact Phone Number: _____ Backup Phone Number _____

Emergency Contact (first and last name): _____

Emergency Phone: _____

Alternate Pickup (first and last name): _____

Alternate Pickup Phone: _____

Home Church (if applicable): _____

Please place my child in the same group as (child's name): _____

Additional Information: _____

Please INITIAL the boxes where permission is granted

☐ Medical Release: I give my permission for the VBS staff to administer basic first aid to my child (named above) in the event of an injury. I understand that the VBS staff will contact emergency services in the event of a significant injury and all expenses for such emergency services will be paid by me.

☐ Photo Release: I hereby grant St. John Lutheran permission to take and use photographs/videos taken at VBS of the minor designated above for sole use of documentation of daily activities to be shown at the closing program. Only members of St. John may have their picture placed on the church's web page or used in any publication.

☐ COVID-19 Safety Measures: I have read the attached **LETTER TO THE PARENTS** regarding safety measures to be used by St. John Lutheran to reduce the risk of exposure to participants and staff. I understand, that despite all best efforts taken, a risk remains that my child may be exposed to the COVID-19 virus.

☐ Permission to Attend: I give permission for my child (named above) to attend Vacation Bible School at St. John Lutheran. I understand that the information I give for this registration will only be used by the VBS hosting church, and that all registration information will be removed from any electronic hosting site (if used) by December 31 of this year.

Parent Signature

Date