



Pastor's Message: And We're Back!

AND WE'RE BACK! Well that went quick. Summer often feels like a commercial break. You have just enough time to catch your breath, grab something to eat, and get ready to go again. All the kids are all back in school now with all the accompanying activities: Football, Mountain Biking, Volleyball, Scouts, Youth Group, and more. And that is just my family. I guess it is time I get back in the groove too.

At church that means that all of our classes and regular activities will be starting up again. Here is a list of what's happening as I currently know it.

CANON CITY CHILDREN'S CHOIR has already begun! The choir, directed by Liv Booth and Amy Garner, meets on Monday afternoons at 4p in the Fellowship Hall. The choir is sponsored by St. John but is open to the community. All children age 3-18, and all experience levels, are welcome. Come make a joyful noise!

YOUTH GROUP has already started too! This group for high school youth meets Wednesday evenings at 6p in the Fellowship Hall. The group is intended for our St. John Youth but friends are ALWAYS welcome.

MORNING PRAYER began again this last week. A few of us get together every morning, Monday thru Friday, at 7:30a in the sanctuary to pray (except for Thursdays with Men's Breakfast). We read an Epistle reading and a psalm, we sit in quiet prayer for 20 minutes, and then we close with the Lord's Prayer. Although it has been a small group of us, we'd like to open it up to anyone to join us. Come start your day with prayer!

SUNDAY SCHOOL will start again on Sunday September 11th. We are still looking for some teachers, so this date isn't firm, but it is the target.

CONFIRMATION will start again Monday September 12th, 6:30p - 7:30p. We have a brand new class with 5 students. It should be a GREAT year.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS will start up on Wednesday September 14th at 10a. Since we finished our study of the catechism, we will begin a walk through the book of Hebrews. As of right now, I do not have enough interest for a Wednesday evening class. If you'd like to attend an evening class and/or if there is a better night that works, talk with Pastor Dan.

MEN'S BREAKFAST will start up again on Thursday September 15th at 7am. I'm still looking for a new, innovative idea for this group. If you have an idea, talk with Pastor Dan. For the time being, breakfast will be at the church (with Pastor Dan cooking).

QUILTERS will start up on Thursday September 15th from 9-11a. The Quilters are always look for more help. You don't have to know how to quilt - just tie a knot (and they'll teach you that too if need be). It is a fun, social group with a great ministry. Come give it a try!

ADULT BIBLE CLASS will continue to meet on Sunday mornings at 10:30a after our time of Fellowship. Although we have met throughout the summer,

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Pastor's Message Continued...

on September 18th we will begin a new study called "Death, Dying and Funerals". This is a study we did many years ago; but we have had several requests for it again. We will discuss what Death is, What happens after we die, What God has done about it, and the purpose and form of a funeral service. At the end you will be encouraged to draft your own funeral plan so your faith and hope are clearly proclaimed.

BOOKClub is on to another great book. We are reading G. K. Chesterton's **The Everlasting Man**. Our next meeting will be on Thursday September 22nd, 6:30p at the Kirkegaard home. You should join us!!

There are other activities this fall that will come into focus as time goes on (LWML, Choir, etc.); and groups that can use a little help now and then (Trustees, Altar Guild, etc.). King Solomon said, there is a time for everything, and now is the time to get back in the groove. Find an activity or a class (or both) and get involved. I hope we'll see you soon.

Your Fellow Servant in Christ,

Pastor Dan



Outreach: 12th year memories and reflections: "Evangelism" versus "Outreach"

12 years ago in fall, Mike Stender was nominated to be St. John President. He asked me if I might serve as Evangelism Chairman on the Church Council, if he was elected. I said, "OK, but I've come to believe that elaborate programs don't really work in the church anymore. Besides that, I'd rather load "Evangelism" (the Constitution word) on the whole congregation, rather than a few people in a program, people who understand that big word, "Evangelism" that comes from Greek. Let's call it "Outreach Chairman" in plain English. OK, Mike?"

Yes, I know that "Evangelism" is a very special term, having to do with "Good Newsing" in Greek, referring to the Gospel means bringing people into God's family, and saving them. The big Greek word seems to scare people: "Who, ME??? I'm not smart enough, and don't know how to persuade people about such complicated stuff, such as our religion and faith, laying it on people around me!!!"

Did you know that Jesus helps us on this very point, recorded in Acts, chapter 1? Just before ascending into Heaven, He instructs His followers about many things, including evangelism / outreach. On that point He takes them/us into the courtroom of life. In v.8 Jesus does not say: "You will be My attorneys in Jerusalem, etc." (with all the knowledge and skill of a lawyer). He says: "You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, etc."

What is the role of "witnesses" in the courtroom? Isn't it just to tell what he / she saw and experienced with their own eyes? Jesus is telling us, His followers today, that our BIG purpose in life is to testify to immediate family, relatives, fellow workers, and neighbors what Jesus has done for you, making your whole life, a life of joy, peace, hope, and purpose that lasts forever: forgiveness of your sins, restoring you into God's forever family!

That's what OUTREACH is! Sharing what you have experienced, with someone who isn't in God's Family yet. Because of God's love you get to invite them to consider coming in, too.

Gordon Gross,
Outreach Chairman

Aluminum Pull Tabs

I hope summer filled your days and activities with much enjoyment. It's hard to believe we are heading into shorter days and longer nights once again, but there are new events and activities to look forward to.

On Friday, August 5th, I delivered the accumulated aluminum pull tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Colorado Springs. It was quite a bounty this time of 15.5 lbs. because I included donated tabs from a very good friend of mine. The lady at that desk was in awe how much I delivered and was very thankful, which they always are. Every penny they receive from recycling the tabs helps with their expenses.

If you have neighbors and friends also who would give you pull tabs for our collection, I would welcome that effort. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Susan Smiley



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Help Needed!

I need a once-per-month housekeeper, since my scheduled helper passed away. Please contact me at nodrogssorg144@gmail.com or (719) 315-2870 if you have a suggestion. Gordon Gross.

News & Notes

Church Announcements

Please send your announcements for Sunday bulletins and articles for the parish paper to office@StJohnCanonCity.org. Sarah prepares the weekly bulletins and Gail publishes the monthly newsletters.

Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer concern and would like to send it through a prayer chain, we have 2 options.

- To send the prayer through a phone prayer chain, please contact **Mary Richardson** at 719-269-1426.
- To send the prayer via email, please contact **Carolyn Westlund** at her email address <mailto:1956cew@gmail.com>.

If you would like to join either prayer chain, please contact Mary or Carolyn respectively. If you would like a Christian greeting card from St. John sent to your loved one listed on the above prayer list, please contact Mary with the name and address where it should be sent.

LWML News

The Lutheran Womens Missionary League (LWML) at St. John is in need of new members. Presently we have ten active members and would love to have more St. John women participate. We usually have a meeting or activity once a month. The LWML also needs someone to take over as President and Secretary. These jobs need to be filled for the LWML to stay active at St John. If you have any questions about being a member of the LWML or serving as an officer, please contact Sue Willard at 719-285-8211 or sewilard@juno.com.

September:

- There are no September meetings or activities.

October:

- Saturday, October 1st is the **Fall Rally for the Southern Zone** at Rock of Ages Church in Colorado Springs. It begins at 9:00 am and ends at 2:00 pm. Angela Bellantoni has offered to drive, so if you are interested in going, please let Angela know.
- Sunday, October 2nd is **LWML Sunday**. I would like to encourage members and former members of LWML to wear purple (if possible) and participate in the service.

Meals of Mercy Ministry

The team is in place to prepare (or purchase) and deliver meals after a life event such as a hospitalization, injury, loss of a loved one or any other event where temporary assistance with meals would be a blessing!

It's rarely easy to reach out for help or accept the offer! If you know anyone who could benefit from this ministry, please contact Peggy Rath at <mailto:peggyrath10@gmail.com>

The Lutheran Hour

Did you know that we sponsor The Lutheran Hour locally? As you are getting ready for church or if you are unable to attend worship, consider tuning in to The Lutheran Hour. It can be found on KRLN 1400AM or online at lutheranhour.org at 8:00am Sunday mornings.

Special Prayers

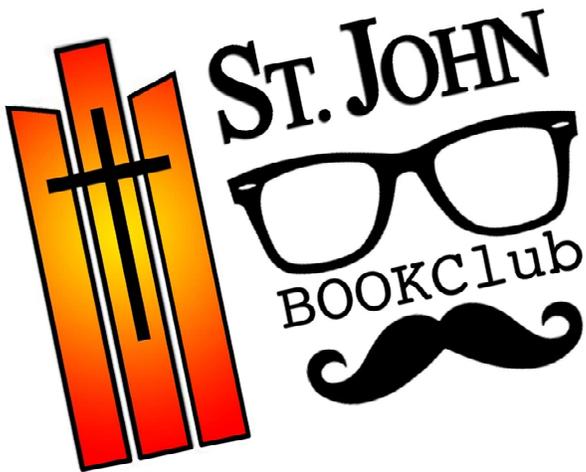
Please call Pastor Dan prior to the Sunday service for special prayers, (719) 275-0111.

Need a Ride to Church?

If you or someone who you know needs transportation to church on Sundays, please call Ken Davidson at 719-429-4919

Sunday Attendance

July 31 - 66
August 7 - 77
August 14 - 80
August 21 - 89

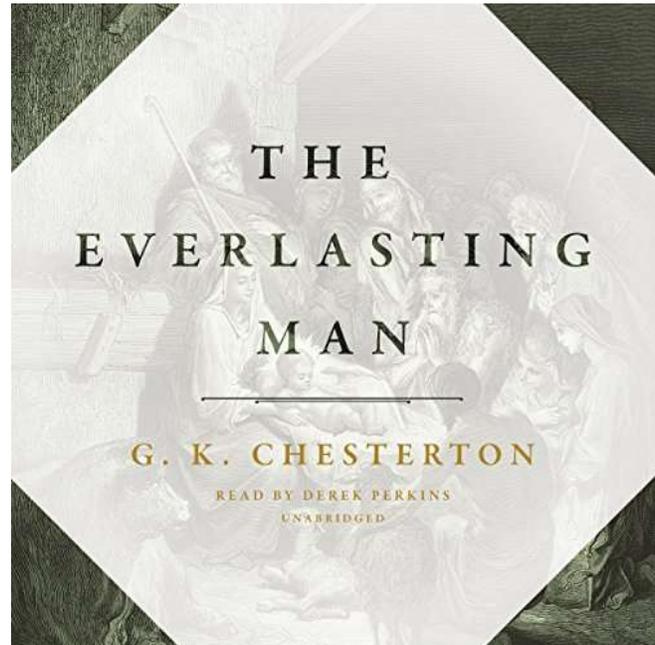


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Here is what is happening at the BOOKClub:

The next book on our list is [The Everlasting Man](#) (ISBN 978-1718923546) by G.K. Chesterton. The book was published in 1925; and one description I found reads:

The Everlasting Man is a Christian apologetics book written by G. K. Chesterton, published in 1925. It is, to some extent, a deliberate rebuttal of H. G. Wells' *The Outline of History*, disputing Wells' portrayals of human life and civilization as a seamless development from animal life and of Jesus Christ as merely another charismatic figure. Chesterton detailed his own spiritual journey in Orthodoxy, but in this book he tries to illustrate the spiritual journey of humanity, or at least of Western civilization. The author Ross Douthat credits that, "Chesterton's somewhat loosey-goosey outline of history doubles as the best modern argument for Christianity I've ever read. You have to give in to the Chestertonian style, but if you do, be careful — you might just be converted."[



Various editions are available on Amazon for \$5-7, as well as Kindle and Audible editions. If you have any problems finding a copy, please call Pastor Dan.

The date for discussing *The Everlasting Man* is Thursday September 22nd, 6:30p @ the Kirkegaard home.

Pick up a book & join us at the BOOKClub!

FRIEDRICH CONRAD DIETRICH WYNEKEN

Missionary, Publicist, Pastor and President

BORN: **MAY 13, 1810** *Verden, Hannover, Germany*

DIED: **MAY 4, 1876** *San Francisco, Calif.*

F.C.D. WYNEKEN ARRIVED IN AMERICA in July 1838. Moved by what he heard about the spiritual situation of German immigrants in America, he had come to bring them the Gospel. Already trained and ordained, he was welcomed by Lutherans in the eastern United States and then sent to the frontier located in the Midwest, including places like Fort Wayne, Ind. There, Wyneken found a congregation without a pastor and agreed to serve them, but insisted also on carrying out extensive forays into surrounding areas to find and then minister to Germans without pastors. There were many of them and more were coming.

Wyneken began writing up accounts of his work in America and sending them back to Germany in order to stir up support for the American mission. He was quite successful. His reports were colorful accounts of a colorful ministry. “Just imagine,” he wrote, “German heathen!” Without pastors, many German settlers were slipping away from the faith. Some were victims of charlatans like the barrel-maker whom one community hired to preach because “he had the gift of gab and was cheap too” only to discover that he was mistreating his wife and children. Others simply didn’t care anymore and rejected Wyneken’s offers to baptize, preach and absolve. So more help was needed.

Many of those who later participated in establishing The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod responded to Wyneken’s appeal when they first read it or even heard it from the man himself, for Wyneken returned to Germany in 1841 and lectured extensively on the challenges of establishing Lutheranism in the U.S.

After Wyneken returned to Fort Wayne in 1843, he accepted a position as pastor in Baltimore. There he came into contact with Lutheran leaders who weren’t really Lutheran. Some denied

the real presence of the body and blood of Jesus in the Lord’s Supper, others just thought it unimportant. This led Wyneken and men like C.F.W. Walther to form a new church body, committed to Lutheran doctrine and resolved to practice it. This was the LCMS.

The first president of the Synod was Walther, but after three years he yielded the post to Wyneken who served in this office from 1850 to 1864. It was a period of tremendous growth and therefore of enormous work since the Synod as a whole was carrying out the task that Wyneken had begun: to establish the Lutheran Church in America. In 1864, Wyneken accepted a call to Cleveland to serve once again as a parish pastor. He died in 1876 while visiting his daughter in California.

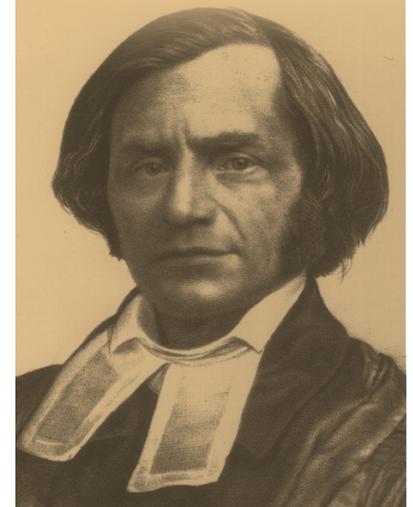
For more information about the 175th anniversary of the LCMS, visit lcms.org/175.

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Champion of Lutheran Orthodoxy

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F.C.D. WYNEKEN ARRIVED IN AMERICA America in July 1838, he knew little about the place and people. But what he did know was that God was God and Jesus was Savior in America as well as Germany, and he set out at once to tell people. It did not take him long to discover that the spiritual condition of recently arrived German immigrants was terrible (and often their material condition as well). Moreover, the longer they did without religion, the more they no longer wanted it. So Wyneken himself worked tirelessly to bring the Gospel to people and people into the Church. The harvest was plentiful but the laborers were few — very few.

Wyneken started writing about the situation in America for his fellow Lutherans back home in order to generate support for the mission — and did so with considerable success. A few years later, he went back to Germany for medical treatment and especially to recruit more missionaries for the United States. One of those whom he met and inspired on his trip was Wilhelm Löhe, a pastor in Franconia (Bavaria), who sent about 80 missionaries in the next decade.

At this time in Germany, there were many in the state churches who no longer thought that the doctrinal differences that distinguished Lutherans from other Protestants were important. For them, it did not matter whether Baptism really was a rebirth or whether communicants really ate Christ's body and blood in the Sacrament. But that was not true of Löhe. Along with others, he maintained that such doctrines were still doctrines because they were biblical and therefore also Lutheran.

So while Wyneken educated Löhe about the mission field, Löhe educated him about Lutheranism. The result was that when Wyneken returned to the States, he was much more consciously Lutheran, resolved now to establish

truly Lutheran churches in his new homeland. This meant convincing the members of the congregations that he served to believe and practice according to Lutheran doctrine. He even brought Lutheran and Reformed catechisms into the pulpit so the people could hear him compare the two on the basis of God's Word.

It also meant standing up against false teachers in the synod to which he belonged at first. Wyneken challenged a prominent seminary professor to send his books back to Germany and see if the theologians there could recognize his teaching as truly Lutheran.

Finally, it meant joining The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The new church body practiced what Wyneken preached: faithfulness to the Lutheran Confessions because they were faithful to the Word of God. Wyneken subsequently became the Synod's second president.

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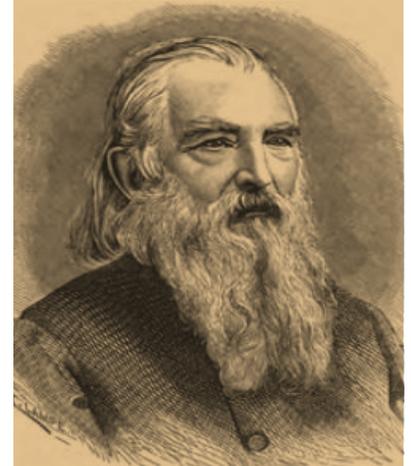


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In God's Word in Cambodia...

As [reported earlier](#), in April J.P. traveled to Ratanakiri province and visited with ethnic Jarai church leaders. They shared that one challenge in ministry was a lack of Bibles in the Jarai language. Many did not have any Bible, and if they did, it might only be the New Testament, and it might be a flimsy photocopy. After making initial inquiries, J.P. learned that there were no Jarai Bibles available in Cambodia. Being an ethnic minority language (there are only 300,000 or so Jarai speakers worldwide), availability is limited even in the best of times. But utilizing a contact in a neighboring country that also has Jarai people, he was able to have Bibles shipped over land to Phnom Penh. In late July, while in Phnom Penh for a training seminar, the Jarai pastors received 100 brand new, high quality Jarai Bibles, complete with both the Old and New Testament. They were overjoyed to receive this precious gift. There might not be 20,000 people gathering in these Jarai churches, but nonetheless God is doing a mighty work so that many people would know that "the word of our God will stand forever!"

Praises: for fruitful times in the US with family, friends, and supporters, as well as safe travel back to Cambodia (after [tough goodbyes](#)). **Prayers:** for J.P.'s upcoming travels to Siem Reap and Takeo, for visitation and catechism training, respectively; for Aimee as she begins planning to host a gathering for all LCMS Asia missionary families, to be held in Cambodia in January 2023; for the kids as they [begin the school year](#).

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-116, Mapleton, IA 51034 (payable to Mission Central). For ALL checks, in the memo line write "Cima family-Cambodia."

In God's Word in the United States...

Due to generous donors, LCMS missionary kids globally were offered scholarships to participate in summer youth events. Celeste and Bella were excited to take advantage of the opportunity! J.P., Aimee, and Celeste [traveled to Houston, TX](#) for the [LCMS Youth Gathering](#), while Bella and J.P. [traveled to Bozeman, MT](#) for a [Higher Things Conference](#). LCMS is so fortunate to have such high quality events for youth! It is easy to be discouraged by the narrative that the LCMS is a greying denomination. But with nearly 1,000 people at Higher Things and nearly [20,000 at the Youth Gathering](#), it is hard not to feel hopeful about the future of the church. It isn't just the numbers of people that inspires hope, but even more the content of the conferences. Both conferences included Bible study, worship, and breakaway sessions on a variety of relevant topics. Participants were fully engaged in God's Word. The future of the church is not just kids, but kids who know that "the word of our God will stand forever" (Isaiah 40:8). At Higher Things, J.P. gave a breakaway session entitled, "[Five Reasons NOT to Become a Missionary, and Five Reasons to Do it Anyway](#)." J.P. was thrilled to be able to plant seeds for missionary work in the 100+ people who attended the session. One significant blessing of both events was the fellowship. At the Youth Gathering, Celeste joined with other missionary kids from around the world. At Higher Things, Bella made friendships with kids from across the United States. J.P. and Aimee, too, enjoyed reunions with old friends, colleagues, and supporters, as well as making new connections. Indeed, while helping to work the LCMS booth in the exhibition hall, they met missionaries for the first time who have been on the field nearly as long as them! For all of the family, these events were a welcome reminder of the global Lutheran community that we are blessed to be a part of.



