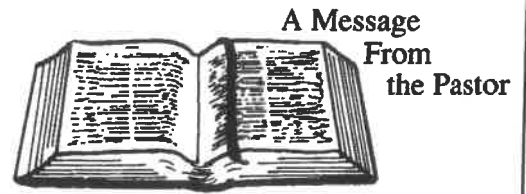




'Christ's Family Reaching Out In Love'



THE GIFT

A young man was getting ready to graduate from college. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it he told him, it was the gift he wanted for his graduation.

As Graduation Day approached, the young man awaited signs that his father had purchased the car. Finally, on the morning of his graduation, his father called him into his private study; told him how proud he was to have such a fine son and how much he loved him. Then he handed him a beautifully wrapped gift box.

Curious, the young man opened the box and found inside a handsome, leather-bound Bible, with his name embossed on it in gold. Angrily, he raised his voice to his father and said, "With all the money you have, this is the gift you give me! Not a car... you give me a Bible!" And He stormed out of the house, leaving the Bible behind.

Many years had passed since that graduation day... that day that had destroyed the relationship between him and his father. His father was quite old by now, and he acknowledged that he had not seen him since that graduation day. So he thought perhaps he should go to visit him.

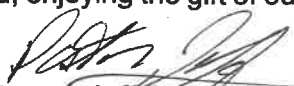
When he arrived he found no one at home. But on the front door there was a note asking visitors to call a telephone number regarding any inquiries. Doing so, the son spoke with a lawyer who informed him that his father had recently passed away and that he needed to make arrangements to come by his office, as his father had willed all of his possessions to him.

Several days later the son again arrived at his father's house, and sadness and regret filled his heart. He began to search through a file cabinet of his father's important documents. And there among them he discovered the graduation gift Bible, just as he had left it years ago.

With tears, he lifted the Bible out of its original box, opened it and began to turn the first few pages. His father had carefully written on one page a verse from Matthew 7:11, "And if you earthly fathers, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask Him?" As he read those words, a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words... Paid In Full.

How often do we insist on getting only what we want, and refuse the gift that is best for us? How many times do we miss God's blessings, because they're not packaged as we expected? God our Heavenly Father gave us the gift of His Son Jesus...the gift which paid in full the sin which separated us from His love. And if we but receive this gift gladly, we will discover it to be the best gift of all, for our life now, and forever.

Prayerfully, together with you, enjoying the gift of our Savior and Lord, Jesus,


Pastor Jeff G. Gavin

S.O.S.

SEND – ON – SCRIPTURE

“S-O-S” is an idea brought forward by one of our members, which provides YOU the opportunity to HELP another person receive God’s Word to read.

The idea for this member was born twenty-one years ago, while driving and listening to a faith-based radio program. The religious host was taking phone calls from listeners, and a sweet, innocent sounding young lady called in with a question. She asked the host, “Should I be reading the Bible? I was raised in a way that I was told that; I wouldn’t understand the Bible and only a church leader could explain it to me.” The host answered, “Oh Yes, you should read your Bible! And when you read something that pertains to you and your life, it will *‘jump right out at you’*”. Those words remain so true for our member; who will never, ever forget those few radio minutes.

The idea is simple.

As you know, every Sunday Bulletin Cover has a nice, appropriate color picture and three corresponding Bible readings.

- + Unused Bulletin Covers will be made available to you at church...take one or more home with you.**
- + Fold the cover so that the picture and readings are on the inside.**
- + You may, if you would like, attach a personal note or another item on the inside. – *Perhaps the above story, of which copies will be available.***
- + Address the blank side of the cover and add a first class stamp.**
- + Seal it, with a piece of tape (not a staple) on each open side.**
- + OR...simply put the bulletin in a business envelope and mail**

In this simple way you will give someone the opportunity to read God’s Word, and reflect on the companion picture. Your gesture might bring help to a person. It might brighten for them a “bad day”. It could make an important difference in a person’s life and faith. It might even prompt them to dust off their own Bible and really start reading Holy Scripture; as you are providing a means for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit to touch another person.

Who can I...“S.O.S.? - How about an absent or troubled church member* – a member of your family – a friend – a neighbor – a co-worker – etc.

*** (A listing of our church membership can be found in the Lounge at church)**

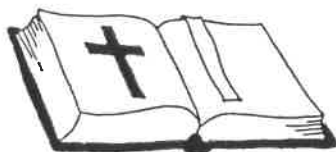
Any Questions, speak with Pastor

Please consider Helping another through “S-O-S”, which will begin in June.

Jesus says: “You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about Me...” John 5:39 (ESV)

A SIMPLE SOLUTION FOR OUR CHURCH'S FINANCES

God Himself in the Bible, through His Apostle Paul tells us:



*“Now about the collection for God’s Church, do what I told the churches in Galatia to do: **ON THE FIRST DAY OF EVERY WEEK, EACH ONE OF YOU SHOULD SET ASIDE A SUM OF MONEY IN KEEPING WITH HIS INCOME...**” (1 Cor. 16:1-2)*

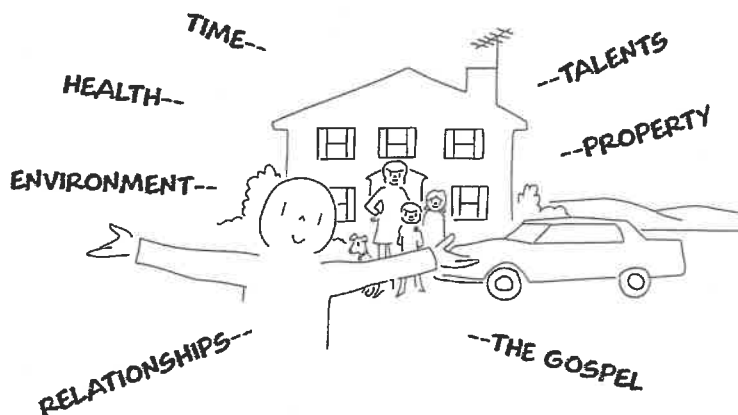
GOD’S SIMPLE SOLUTION FOR OUR CHURCH’S FINANCES:

Give to the church as much money as we are able...

**ALL OF US...
ONCE A WEEK...
EVERY WEEK!**

WHY???

Because... **EVERYTHING WE HAVE**
is given to us by **GOD:**



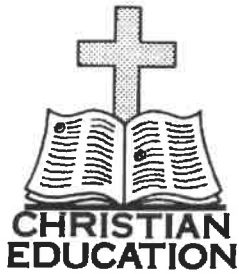
Verse to Remember



Christian Giving

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts (Ps. 96:8).

A Christian steward serves **GOD** out of love and gratitude for these gifts knowing that it's **NOT** how much we have but what we **DO** with **WHAT WE HAVE** that is important.



Starting June 4, our **ADULT Sunday Bible Class** is on hiatus for the summer. We hope you will come and join us **in September** on **Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM** for our **ADULT Sunday Bible Class**.

Starting June 7, our **Mid-Week Bible Class** (Wednesdays at 10:00 AM) is on hiatus for the summer. Mid-Week Bible Class will resume **in September**.

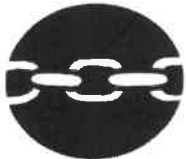
Starting June 4, our **SUNDAY SCHOOL** is on hiatus for the summer. **In September**, all children in **Preschool** and up are invited to join us for **Sunday School for ALL AGES** on **Sundays at 9:15 AM**.

ALTAR FLOWERS . . .

If you would like to donate flowers for the altar, **(or confirm your "standing order")** please contact **Ellen Gehrke** at **(847) 220-1709** **NO LATER THAN NOON ON THE PRIOR TUESDAY!**



ALTAR FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS CAN COST AS LITTLE AS \$15! **Please Note:** When you donate flowers for our worship services, you are welcome to bring the flowers home after the 10:30 service.



Prayer Chain

If you would like a prayer for a need for yourself or someone you know . . . allow members of your St. John Family to offer prayer for this need. Primary contact people for the Prayer Chain are Darlene Bergstrom (847-259-0084) or Pastor (847-593-7670, ext. 1). Please call and give them your prayer request.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Along with "Birthday Greetings", we will now be wishing a "Happy Anniversary" to these couples who were married during each month by printing their marriage date.

If you are unsure if we might have a record of your wedding date . . . please contact the church office (847-593-7670, ext 1) with this information. We would like to include all of our married couples and wish to them . . . **"Happy Anniversary"**:

William & Lola Vander Laan	June 1
John & Christel Limberger	June 2
Roy & Dorothy Halvorsen	June 8
James & Carol Vyhanek	June 30

VOTER'S MEETING



The next Voters' Meeting will be on **Monday, June 5 at 7:30 PM IN THE CHURCH.**

The Agenda for this Voters' Meeting will be:

1. Board and Committee Reports
2. Election of Officers and Board Members

FELLOWSHIP CLUB MEETING

The next Fellowship Club Meeting will be **Tuesday, June 27 at 7:30 PM** in the lower level of the school building.



SUMMER WORSHIP CHANGE

From Sunday July 2 thru Sunday September 3 (Labor Day weekend) . . . there will be one worship service at 9:15 am.

Once again this decision is based on the acceptance that: worship attendance here, as elsewhere, tends to be lower during the summer; and without an air conditioned sanctuary, it should be a little more comfortable in the church at 9:15 am, than at 10:30 am. The time of 9:15 am is exactly halfway between our regular worship times of 8:00 and 10:30 am. Note also that our Sunday Bible classes do take a summer hiatus.

BEEF DINNER 2017

The dinner was enjoyed by over 200 people. Thanks to all who helped in any way. Your help is always needed. Thanks for all the donated desserts and other food. A profit of \$1,596.46 was made on the dinner and \$414.93 on the Raffle for a Total of \$2,226.41.

Thank you to all!! I would like to thank all who ordered, unloaded, sorted, and filled orders; also those who helped deliver orders. The flower sale went well; though there were not as many orders. As of this letter there were still flowers for sale, so I do not have a final dollar amount. But I do think we made a few dollars. We will be planting the church flowers after Mother's Day, hopefully the rain will stop.

Thanks again so very much.

Debbie Hug

I would like to thank: Barb, Fred, Jackie and Ursel for their help in planting our church flowers on Monday May 15. I also want to report that this year even with our dwindling orders, we were fortunate to make \$374.50 profit. Thank you once again to all who helped.

Debbie Hug

A CENTENNIAL TOUR OF WHERE MT PROSPECT'S HISTORY BEGAN

You are invited to take a tour of the St. John Lutheran Church and cemetery and learn about its important connection to the very beginnings of Mount Prospect.

Pastor Jeff Gavin has for the past five years led student tours for two of Mount Prospect's schools in conjunction with their history curriculum.

St John Lutheran church was founded in 1848. The church building dates to 1892 and does still contain some original features. The cemetery is the resting place of a number of the earliest settlers, founders of the congregation and people instrumental in the establishment of the Village of Mount Prospect.

The tours will last about an hour, they are free, and each person will receive a color picture and facts brochure as a remembrance of your visit.

The first scheduled tours have been set for:

Saturday June 24, 2017 – 10 am & 1 pm

Monday July 10, 2017 – 1 pm

Other possible tour dates TBA

YOU...as St John members may also learn some things about St John history and early Mt. Prospect. – Invite someone to join you for a tour.

ALSO...if you have not yet viewed the history information on our web site:

' Mt Prospect 100 years & St John' ...please do so.

www.stjohn-mpil.org

PERSONAL PRAYER TIME

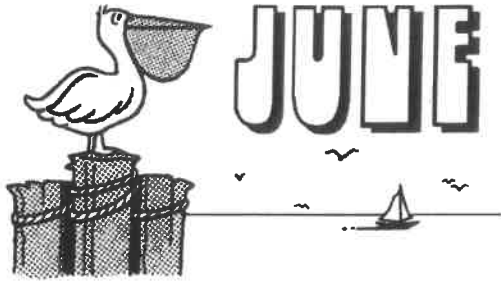
During our Sunday worship time of prayer, we offer a time for personal prayer. Each Sunday your Pastor leads you in prayer for various issues and people; but there are issues and people in your personal life which need prayer. So...we will include a time for silent prayer for any and all personal issues, concerns or burdens you may have; or your prayers for family, friends, home, church, nation or world, which may be on your heart and mind, so that you can bring these to your Lord in prayer.

P.A.B. (Pay A Bill)

P.A.B. enables interested St. John Families to directly aid the ministries of their church by paying a current bill. This is designed as an opportunity for an "Over-and-Above" gift, beyond the Sunday offering envelope.

Pay-A-Bill as of April 11: \$605.96

Please take note of the slips of paper posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Each slip contains the source of a bill and the amount. If you wish to pay that bill, please remove the slip of paper and a small envelope, enclose your check (**make checks payable to "St. John Lutheran Church"**), and place it in the offering plate. **THANK YOU!**



BIRTHDAY
GREETINGS

Charles Demzien	June 1	Amber Irizarry	June 14
Lynn Davies-Gavin	June 3	Stephanie Marin	June 15
Dolores Richter	June 5	Ronald Gajewski	June 17
Lance Ambrus	June 7	George Jensen	June 18
Mara Roy	June 8	Stefan Rainbolt	June 19
Terry Calliari	June 8	Herbert Hammer	June 20
Bette Gilbertson	June 9	Alison Weir	June 23
Joshua Zeuli	June 9	Amy Roediger	June 24
Tom Imburgia	June 10	Christian Crawford	June 26
Peter Koeppen	June 11	Bryce Schoo	June 28

If your birthday has not been listed, please contact the Church office for a correction... Thank You!

May God Bless You on Your Birthday

JUNE - JULY 2017



JUN: Jan Anderko & Gloria Leaf
JUL: Jackie Koeppen

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>READERS</u>
Jun. 4	8:00 AM	Curt Gerlitz	George Jensen	Curt Gerlitz
	10:30 AM	Marius Hetrea	Ron Busse	Phyllis Betts & Tracy Galla
Jun. 11*	8:00 AM	Ron Leaf	Betty Roediger Sara Roediger	Ron Leaf
	10:30 AM	Jon Tertel	Jon Graves Andrew Tertel	Jon Tertel & Art Schiemann
Jun. 18	8:00 AM	Fred Hug	Debbie Hug	Betty Roediger
	10:30 AM	Youssef Tabib	Raouf Tabib	Youssef Tabib & Heidi Tabib
Jun. 25*	8:00 AM	John Dyslin	Ron Leaf Dwayne Mueller	John Dyslin
	10:30 AM	John Dyslin	Jon Graves Kathy Graves	John Dyslin & Kathy Graves
Jul. 2	8:00 AM	_____	_____	_____
	10:30 AM	_____	_____	_____ &
Jul. 9*	8:00 AM	_____	_____	_____
	10:30 AM	_____	_____	_____ &
Jul. 16	8:00 AM	_____	_____	_____
	10:30 AM	_____	_____	_____ &
Jul. 23*	8:00 AM	_____	_____	_____
	10:30 AM	_____	_____	_____ &
Jul. 30	8:00 AM	_____	_____	_____
	10:30 AM	_____	_____	_____ &

(* Communion)

ELDER FOR THE MONTH:

JUN: Marius Hetrea

JUL: _____

NOTE: If you are unable to serve your Lord at a scheduled worship service, your own replacement must be secured.