

# *St. John's Journal*

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## "I Will Give You Rest!"

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Our Lord Jesus invites all who toil, to rest. Take it easy! Sit a spell! Take your shoes off! Resting is a very important concept in the Bible. It's so necessary for those who find themselves under a tremendous burden. We are under such a burden.

The labor of Paradise was simple and easy. It was no burden at all. Gather what God had already provided, that was the task of the day. Exercise dominion over all God had created, that seemed simple enough. There wasn't sweat involved. No need to complain. Labor was not tedious or troublesome. It was a pleasure in Paradise to fulfill what God had outlined as the assigned work of every creature.

Until sin came along, together with its curse, to do what God had said was the purest pleasure. Yes, sin made all the difference. Then came sweat, tedium, trouble, difficulty, resistance, decay, and death. This present world is not Paradise. But it is not hell either.

In the ritual and calendar of Israel God set aside some rest time. The Sabbath was time to dwell on the goodness of God and not the daily care of this existence. It was a time of rest that was predicated on God completing His work in six days and resting on the seventh. The Sabbath of Israel was meant to also remind Jacob's children of a greater rest yet to come: the restoration of Paradise.

When God gave Israel manna in the wilderness they collected only a day's supply until Friday. Then they were commanded to pick up twice as much so that there would be no gathering (understand "work") on the Sabbath. Gather more than necessary on the weekdays, and what wasn't used would rot. There was always enough for the days you didn't gather.

St. Paul in Colossians points out that God wasn't teaching a lesson on work, but the Sabbath rest pointed to something even greater, namely, the eternal rest that Christ would gain for the whole world by His hard labor on the cross. Jesus argued with the legalists that the Sabbath was established by heaven for man's benefit. The nitpickers of legal obedience would enforce rest with a stick and a commandment. That was not ever God's intent as regards anything He did.

He would teach us that to labor in the Lord is never a burden. To work one's self to death for worldly treasure diminishes human life. To gather what spoils is futile and a frivolous waste of time with no eternal benefit. To learn to trust in the Lord is the chief endeavor of all earthly enterprise.

Jesus, by His suffering, death, and resurrection, made rest our goal, even as He brought about a type of rest that would really refresh as nothing else can.

Some would think that God gave rest so that we can even take a vacation from Him and His Word. Some make laziness, physically and spiritually, the center and focus of their lives. However, the proper rest that our Triune God would have you enjoy always keeps Him as the foundation and future of your life.

Jesus promises to all who labor and are heavy laden, rest. He died for the kind of rest that our weary souls long for. He rose again so that all of eternity would be the restoration of Paradise. Don't rest without God and there is no real rest without Jesus.

— Pastor Mark A. Miller

Matthew  
Mark  
Luke  
John

**Christian  
Education**

**Sunday School  
Perfect Attendance**

**May 2010**

**First Grade**

Emma Norman

**Fourth Grade**

Rachel Bresnahan

**Sixth Grade**

Lauren Bresnahan

**Seventh Grade**

Joseph Woodruff

**High School**

Emilie Kesselmayr  
Elizabeth Niemann

**JULY  
BIRTHDAYS**



**July 02**

Tyler Stewart

**July 03**

Kenneth Beck  
Jane Heberer  
Ethan Segó  
Morgan Segó

**July 05**

Matthew Gardiner  
Howard Proehl  
Michael Sipka  
Cody Watson

**July 06**

Sierra Warning

Matthew Lappie  
Thomas Lappie  
Elliot Nelson  
Frank Weindel

**July 09**

Eileen Tiona

**July 10**

Kay Aulenbach  
Lois Coon

**July 11**

Donald Dobbelaire  
Mark Wiseman

**July 12**

Courtney  
Dobbelaire  
Anna Knussman  
Austin Pool  
Bryce Waremburg  
Rachel Weiman

**July 13**

Jamie Gaitros  
Veva Martin

**July 14**

Mildred Becker  
Drew Deal  
Gladys Malavolti

**July 15**

Jason Hammond  
Linda John  
Christopher Miller  
Elizabeth Sayles  
Lisa Slomba  
Eric Smith  
Susan Wertz

**July 16**

Gary Allan  
Susan Keefer  
Nancy Schmick  
Robert Thompson

**July 17**

Jeffery Jackson  
Ashleigh Kelley  
Brooke Pfan

**July 18**

David Courtright  
Brendan Hillman

**July 19**

Nelson Guengerich  
Sandra Vice

**July 20**

Julia McCammon

**July 21**

Tabitha Reese

**July 22**

Isabelle Anderson

**July 23**

Alida Calhoun  
Everett Dagit  
Valerie Dobbelaire

**July 24**

Jacob Adkins

**July 25**

Robert Brown, Jr.  
Donna Corso  
Ryan Gee  
Daniel McClure  
Christy Watson  
Butch Williams

**July 26**

Lisa Alexander  
Rodney Bollinger  
Lee Morgan  
Kennedy O'Dell  
Lena Pitchford

**July 27**

Susan Swibold  
Marilyn Tisdale

**July 28**

Caralee Bohannan  
Aaron Schmidgall  
Susan Stout

**July 29**

Naomi Niemann  
Christina Sumner

**July 30**

Marilyn Layer Ott

**July 31**

Kevin Dobbelaire  
Dale Ehmke  
John Englebright  
Dennis Ziegenhorn

**JULY  
ANNIVERSARIES**



**04**

**July**

Melvyn & Shirley  
Gentry

**July 05**

Joseph & JoAnn  
Aimone

**July 07**

Orjan & Stephanie  
Lundberg  
Cody & Jennifer Neal  
David & Susan  
Woodruff

**July 11**

Vince & Sandra  
Tennell

**July 13**

Aaron & Amy  
Dingerson

**July 14**

Stephen & Amanda  
Webb

**July 15**

Jeremy & Amber  
Winstead

**July 16**

Darrell & Donna  
Hansen

Ron & Wanda  
Severtson

**July 18**

Paul & Jamie Driskell  
Bennett & Carolyn  
Urish  
Dennis & Elisa  
Ziegenhorn

**July 19**

Jeffrey & Angela  
Theleritis

**July 20**

George & Tammi  
Andrae  
Chris & Shelly Bitner  
Richard & Victoria  
Ronna

**July 26**

Tim & Ashley  
Chambliss

**July 27**

Shane & Jami Beene

**July 29**

Rev. Bruce &  
Deborah Lakamp

**AUGUST  
BIRTHDAYS**



**August 01**

Jane Hawkins  
Mildred Klokkenga  
Jonathan Moss  
Emily Stewart  
Cheryl Williams

**August 02**

Sarah Calhoun  
Robert Houge  
Alexander Vasterling

**August Birthdays**  
**(Cont'd)**

**August 03**

Carol Danke  
Alan Gudzinskas  
David Miller  
Rosetta Turner  
Amanda Wertz

**August 04**

Shelly Bitner  
Nancy Drockelman  
Zachary Fuelberth  
Norma Kaebel  
Robin Smith

**August 06**

Jamie Miller

**August 07**

Sharill Andrae  
Ann Fuelberth  
Dale Schott

**August 08**

Shirley Gentry  
Avery Theleritis

**August 09**

Susan Vasterling

**August 10**

Mackenzie Bonneville  
Addie Burling

**August 11**

Gus Knieriem  
Velma Widby

**August 13**

Steve Kesselmayer

**August 14**

Mary Miller  
Samantha Nelson

**August 15**

Benjamin Becker  
Rachel Habberfield

James Lonergan  
Marian Michael

**August 16**

Shannon Cooper  
Patrick Flatley  
Charity Gullett  
Sierra Pool  
Robert Rosa

**August 17**

Taylor Bonneville  
Cathy Justi

**August 18**

Jennifer Rosa Hinkley  
Delaney O'Brien  
Ben Rahn, Jr.

**August 19**

Rhonda Lappie  
Sandra Tennell  
Matthew Urish

**August 20**

Aron Tucker

**August 21**

Seth Becker  
Noah Kesselmayer  
Robert Morgan  
Angela Theleritis

**August 22**

William Ashbaker  
Ronald Baldwin

**August 26**

Julianna Johnson  
Beverly Wieland

**August 27**

Faye Kesselmayer  
Casey Watson

**August 29**

Adam Cooper  
Gerald Guengerich  
Wayne Liescheidt  
Terry Norman  
Jeffrey Theleritis

**August 30**

Mary Garber

**August 31**

Jonathan Ronna

**AUGUST  
ANNIVERSARIES**



**August 10**

Kristopher & Michelle  
Hansen  
Howard & Patricia Proehl

**August 11**

Noel & Nida Steinwedel

**August 12**

Delmar & Honor Deiss  
Paul & Laura Nelson  
Ray & Mildred Pitchford  
Curtis & Pamela Woolsey

**August 16**

Richard & Merla McCloud

**August 17**

James & Joyce Lonergan

**August 20**

Robert & Barbara Rosa

**August 21**

Trent & Carrie Schmidgall

**August 22**

Rodger & Penny Hoover

**August 23**

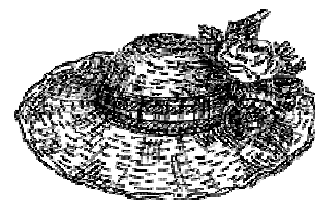
Jeffrey & Joanne Ferree  
Thomas & Rhonda Lappie

**August 26**

J Scott & Jennifer Rosa  
Hinkley

**August 30**

Brian & Annette Ford



# PARISH NOTES



## Church Attendance

May 2010 **1259** 16 services  
 May 2009 **1345** 16 services  
 May 2008 **960** 13 services

## Sunday School Attendance

May 2010 to date: 1893  
 Through May 2009: 2006  
 Through May 2008: 2057

## Visitation Elders—July

**July 04** Steve Kesselmayr  
**July 11** Ross Gould  
**July 18** Joe Schiavone  
**July 25** Ron Garber

## Visitation Elders—August

**Aug 01** Mickey Pitchford  
**Aug 08** Howie Proehl  
**Aug 15** Steve Kesselmayr  
**Aug 22** Ross Gould  
**Aug 29** Joe Schiavone

## Acolytes—July

**July 04** 8:00 Tyler Stewart  
 Micaylan McDonald  
 10:30 Sierra Pool  
**July 11** 8:00 Zach Fuelberth  
 Naomi Niemann  
 10:30 Gavin Glass  
**July 18** 8:00 Lauren Bresnahan  
 Noah Dingerson  
 10:30 Jacob Kelley  
**July 25** 8:00 Joseph Woodruff  
 Noah Kesselmayr  
 10:30 George Andrae

## Acolytes—August

**Aug 01** 8:00 Dylan Kesselmayr  
 Garret Kesselmayr  
 10:30 Nathan Ford  
**Aug 08** 8:00 Katie Bollinger  
 Victoria Tilton  
 10:30 Matthew Gudzinskas  
**Aug 15** 8:00 Kylee Alexander  
 Tyler Stewart  
 10:30 Sierra Pool

**Aug 22** 8:00 Zach Fuelberth  
 Micaylan McDonald  
 10:30 Gavin Glass  
**Aug 29** 8:00 Naomi Niemann  
 Lauren Bresnahan  
 10:30 Jacob Kelley

## Elders Communion Assistance—July

**July 04** 8:00 Steve Kesselmayr  
 10:30 Ross Gould  
**July 18** 8:00 Ron Garber  
 10:30 Mickey Pitchford

## Elders Communion Assistance—August

**Aug 01** 8:00 Joseph Schiavone  
 10:30 Howard Proehl  
**Aug 15** 8:00 Ron Garber  
 10:30 Ross Gould  
**Aug 29** 8:00 Steve Kesselmayr  
 10:30 Mickey Pitchford

## Videographers—July 4th only

Adam Bollinger/Rod Bollinger

## Videographers August 8<sup>th</sup>– 29<sup>th</sup>

Ray Barnes/Gregg Swibold

## Worship Chairman—July

Laura Niemann

## Worship Chairman—August

Gregg Swibold

## Ushers—July

<b>8:00</b>	<b>10:30</b>
Dave Drockelman	Carl Cox
Mike Gillespie	Brian Ford
James Lonergan	Walter Long
Merle Wiseman	Bob Morrison
	Ray Pitchford
	Jeff Theleritis
	Brian Umbach
	Tom Watson

## Ushers—August

<b>8:00</b>	<b>10:30</b>
Gerold	Evan Bryan
Bohannon	John Fuelberth
Zach Ferguson	Ross Gould
Darrell Hansen	Jacob Gould
Nicholas	Ray Hall
Kesselmayr	Wayne
Steven	Liescheidt
Kesselmayr	Cody Watson
Terry Norman	
Vincent Tennell	

## Greeters—July

**July 04** 8:00 Gus Knieriem

## Greeters—August

**Aug 29** 8:00 Darrell & Donna Hansen

## TREASURER'S REPORT May, 2010



	<u>May</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
<b>INCOME</b>	72,107.80	201,170.65
<b>EXPENSES</b>	31,585.49	168,890.36
<b>INCOME—</b>	40,522.31	32,280.29
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Note Payable		
(HVAC/Roof Loan)	111,043.39	
Payroll Liabilities	955.63	
Misc. LCMS	2.52	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		112,001.54
<b>CURRENT Checking &amp; Link Money Market</b>		
General Fund	18,282.24	
Good Shepherd School	-30,796.40	
Educational Grant Fund	4,286.16	
Building Fund	9,832.35	

Treasurer's Report (May, 2010) Cont'd

Sunday School Fund	4,818.70
ACT Fund	1,700.00
Full Nesters Fund	540.36
Memorial Fund	61,893.77
Library Fund	<u>215.62</u>
<b><u>Total Checking &amp; Link Money Market</u></b>	<b>70,772.80</b>
<b><u>CDs &amp; Common Stock</u></b>	
Educational Grant Fund CD #1	91,886.23
Educational Grant Fund CD #2	73,611.16
East Bluff Property Fund CD	99,901.64
Cat Stock at FMV	<u>16,648.24</u>
<b>Total CDs &amp; Common Stock:</b>	<b>282,047.27</b>
<b><u>TOTAL ASSETS</u></b>	
Checking Account Balance	12,740.68
Link Account—	<u>19,860.44</u>
Cash portion Only	32,601.12
<b><u>FUND BALANCE</u></b>	
Funds to Pay Note Payable	-133,285.40
Net Income (Loss)	32,280.29
Capital Accounts	<u>341,823.64</u>
<b><u>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</u></b>	<b>240,818.53</b>
<b><u>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCE:</u></b>	
	<b>352,820.07</b>

**LIBRARY CORNER** *By Eileen Tiona*



Have you ever sat in some else's place?  
If you have,  
the following might be of interest to you:

***“YOU TOOK MY PLACE!”***

The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, “That’s my seat! You took my place!” The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, “That’s where I always sit! You took my place!” The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still said nothing.

Later, as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed and called out, “What happened to you?” The visitor replied, as His hat became a crown of thorns and a tear fell from His eye, “I took your place”.

When I say “I am a Christian” I’m not claiming to be perfect. My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it.

**ORGANIZATIONS**

**FELLOWSHIP CLUB** *By Veva Martin*

*There will not be a meeting in July or August.*

**BETHLEHEM SOCIETY** *By Addie Weyhrich*

**JULY:**

Our next meeting of the Bethlehem Society will be our Annual Indoor

***POTLUCK PICNIC***  
***Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, at***  
***12:00 P. M.***



Card games will following the Potluck Picnic.  
All men and women of the congregation are invited  
to join us.

**AUGUST:**

Bethlehem Society meeting will be held on  
**Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 P. M.**

The hostess will be Geraldine Eckstein.  
The program will be announced later.

**HI-LITES OF ST. JOHN'S  
VOTERS ASSEMBLY  
June 14, 2010**

With only 16 in attendance, there was not a quorum. President Ivey stated the Board reports would be given, but no official business would be conducted. Pastor Miller opened with devotions and presented the Parish Report for May 2010. There was 1 baptism and 7 transfers out. The May 10, 2010, minutes were not approved due to the lack of a quorum.

Treasurer's Report - Nancy Drockelman presented the Treasurer's Report for May 2010. The bequest of \$43,350.00 from the Al Fornoff Estate was received.

Board of Trustees – No report.

Board of Elders – Howie Proehl stated the Elders determined that the best use of the Al Fornoff bequest of \$43,350.00 be applied to the Note Payable-HVAC/Roof Loan.

Board of Finance – Nancy Drockelman stated they have not met but will be represented on the Long Range Planning committee.

Board of Christian Education – No report.

Board of Worship – No report.

Board of Evangelism – No report.

Board of Stewardship – No report.

Long Range Planning – Tom Ivey stated they had met last Tuesday. The surveys have been done and will be released bi-weekly starting in September. Pastor Miller stated a large number of the surveys will be sent out to people not attending.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business – None.

Pastor Miller recommended that the money from the Al Fornoff estate be applied to the Note Payable HVAC/Roof Loan now with the voters to ratify it at a later date.

Ken Beck inquired as to the changing of the number of voters needed for a quorum. This would have to be done with a Constitutional amendment. Pastor Miller suggested possibly extending the summer recess from June to August, rather than July and August.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN  
SCHOOL NEWSLETTER  
July/August 2010**



**Graduation:** The first graduation to take place in the new location for GSLS at 3201 Court Street was held on Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30. After the closing worship service and graduation, a reception followed honoring our graduates. They are: Tyler Armstrong, Nicole Carson, Bryan Caulkins, Kristen Davis, Kelsey Fields, Luke Friedrich, Zach Fuelberth, Matthew Gudzinskas, Sierra Pool, and Stephanie Whitlatch.

**New Administrative Assistant:** We welcome Mrs. Christie Martis as our new administrative assistant at GSLS. Christie brings a wealth of experience from the business world to GSLS.

**Changes:** While our address officially changes July 1<sup>st</sup>, our phone number, fax number, e-mail address, and website will stay the same.

**Dedication:** A formal dedication to the glory of God of the new facility will take place sometime in August before the start of the school year. Please watch your church bulletins for the exact date of this important event in the history of GSLS.

**Opening New Doors:** Registration for next year's classes will be held on Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. School will begin on Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Preschool programs will start on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. There still are openings in our pre-school and k-8<sup>th</sup> classes. Contact the school office for registration forms.

**Playground Supervisor:** The board is taking applications for a playground supervisor for our new location to work from 11:45 to 1:00 each day. Contact the school office for more information.



**THANK YOU**

for all the prayers, cards and donations  
in memory of Don's mother and to  
Pastor Niemann and the Fellowship Club  
for all their help.

Thank you,  
Don Dobbelaire & Family