

# St. John's Journal

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## FORGIVENESS: GIFT TO RECEIVE AND GIVE

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Without the gift of forgiveness, how could we live? "If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You." (*Psalm 130:3-4a*) None of us could possibly stand before the Lord on Judgment Day or any other day apart from His gracious pardon in Jesus Christ. Without the gift of forgiveness, each one of us would be doomed to horrific punishments now and everlasting punishment in hell. That is what our sins deserve.

We cannot thank our Lord enough, then, that He has forgiven all our sins for the sake of Christ's holy life and innocent death in our place. Because of His grace and the saving merits of Jesus Christ, our Father forgets our sins and will not punish us for them as we deserve. This forgiveness is for everyone; Jesus is the Lamb of God who took away the sin of the world. (*John 1:29; See also 2 Cor. 5:19 and 1 John 2:2.*) Individual sinners receive the gift of forgiveness and personally appropriate its blessings through faith in Jesus Christ. "A man is justified by faith." (*Rom. 3:28*) And we are justified – declared righteous – by the forgiveness of sins.

The Lord freely gives us His gift of forgiveness, and He expects us to pass it on to others. Jesus' parable of the unforgiving servant (*Matt. 18:21-35*) compares each sinner to a servant who owed his royal master an incredibly huge debt, one the servant could never repay. Our heavenly Father is like that king, who had compassion on the servant and graciously forgave the entire debt. The forgiven servant, however, refused to forgive the comparatively small debt his fellow servant owed him. Therefore the king ordered this unforgiving servant to be handed over to the torturers. Jesus concluded, "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

Holy Scripture abounds with directives to give the gift of forgiveness. "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." (*Eph. 4:32*) "Forgive one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so also you must do." (*Col. 3:12*) And, as we all remember, Jesus taught us to pray to our Father, "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." (*Matt. 6:12*)

Giving the gift of forgiveness means that we will not seek vengeance or try to get even. We will not speak evil to the offending person or about that person. We will not dwell on his sin and keep bringing it up. We will not give the person "the cold shoulder," or maintain a hostile attitude toward him. Instead, we will try to forget the offense, speak kindly to and about the person, and seek to treat him in a way that demonstrates Christian love and respect. We confess it like this in our Small Catechism in the meaning of the 5<sup>th</sup> Petition of the Lord's Prayer: "So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us."

*Refusal* to give the gift of forgiveness shows that a person does not truly believe that God has forgiven him, or if he says he believes it, it means nothing to him. Unwillingness to forgive others is a sign of impenitence, which forfeits the Lord's gift of forgiveness. Giving the gift of forgiveness, on the other hand, is an outward sign that we have the Lord's forgiveness and sincerely believe it. Our Large Catechism says, "But if you forgive, you have the comfort and assurance that you are forgiven in heaven – not on account of your forgiving, for God does it altogether freely, out of pure grace, because He has promised it, as the Gospel teaches." (*LC, LP:95-96*)

If we ever find ourselves willing to give the gift of forgiveness, but struggling to do so because we still feel the hurt of the offense, our Lord invites us to come to Him for help. He would have us honestly admit and confess our own offenses against Him and others, and receive His gift of forgiveness regularly through His gospel word, including the word of Holy Absolution. Receiving God's gift of forgiveness gives us both the will and the strength to forgive others. God would also have us seek His help in prayer, asking Him to work in us so that we may lovingly extend His gift of forgiveness to those who have wronged us. God is merciful and faithful, and He will help us in this.

Brothers and sisters, to receive and gift the gift of forgiveness is simply to be a Christian. May we always live in this gift, then, both receiving and giving, with all the glory and thanks to our gracious Lord!

- Pastor Bishop

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<u>August 23</u> Marilee Gregory Heath Norman	<u>August 08</u> Richard & Dianne Lohnes		<b><u>Elders Communion Assistance—July</u></b>												
<u>August 24</u> Marian Allen	<u>August 09</u> Steven & Faye Kesselmayr Adam & Rebecca Miller	<b><u>PARISH NOTES</u></b>	<b><u>July 7</u></b> 8:00 Dave Drockelman 10:30 Steve Depew												
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			Mike Nauth												

### **Greeters—July**

**July 7** 8:00 Eileen Tiona & Veva Martin  
10:30

**July 14** 8:00 Vince & Sandy Tennell  
10:30

**July 21** 8:00 Don & Valerie Dobbelaire  
10:30

**July 28** 8:00 Julie Wagner  
10:30 Sandy & Valerie Ferguson

### **Greeters—August**

**Aug 4** 8:00 Darrell & Donna Hansen  
10:30

**Aug 11** 8:00 Dave & Nancy Drockelman  
10:30

**Aug 18** 8:00 Vince & Sandy Tennell  
10:30

**Aug 25** 8:00 Don & Valerie Dobbelaire  
10:30 Sandy & Valerie Ferguson

Please think about volunteering to welcome our members and guests.

### **Ushers—July**

**8:00**

Dave Drockelman  
Jim Lonergan  
Jim Widby  
Merle Wiseman

**10:30**

Brian Ford  
Nate Ford  
Trent Hoover  
Brian Umbach

### **Ushers—August**

**8:00**

Jerry Bohannon  
Randy Couch  
Noah Kesselmayer  
Steve Kesselmayer  
Terry Norman

**10:30**

Ross Gould  
Jacob Gould  
Howie Proehl

A big thank you to all our volunteers who help greet our members and guests to our services.

## **Special Meetings**

### **Parent — Confirmation Meeting**

There will be a meeting with the parents of confirmation students on Sunday, August 18, at 11:45 a.m.

Confirmation class will begin on Wednesday, August 21, at 4:00 p.m.

### **Sunday School Teachers Meeting**

will be Wednesday, August 21, at 7:00 pm.

### **GSLs Parents**

We will have a meeting with the parents of GSLs students on Sunday, August 25, after the 10:30 service.

Please notify the church secretary of

## **CHURCH INFORMATION**

any corrections that need to be made for addresses, birthday, Baptism, or wedding anniversary lists, etc. If a date is wrong or somebody has been omitted from something, we want to get it right. We want to have all our lists and records fully accurate and as up to date as possible. Thank you for your help.

You may phone the church office with your information, send a note in the mail, or email Sandy at the church office: stjohsec@grics.net.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT** May, 2019



	<u>May</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
<u><b>INCOME</b></u>	14,088.67	172,022.42
<u><b>EXPENSES</b></u>	33,123.29	175,027.59
<u><b>INCOME—</b></u>	-19,034.62	- 3,005.17
<u><b>EXPENSE</b></u>		

### **General Fund Accounts**

General Fund	- 26,268.64
<b>General Fund Total</b>	<b>- 26,268.64</b>

### **Educational Fund Accounts**

Educ. Grant Fund Checking	4,727.56
Educ. Grant Fund CD #1	103,371.18
Educational Grant Fund #2 Vanguard	68,534.15
<b>Educational Fund Total</b>	<b>176,632.89</b>

### **East Bluff Property**

East Bluff Property Vanguard	41,744.90
East Bluff Property Fund CD	107,170.96
Cat Stock at FMV	44,210.89
	<b>193,126.75</b>

Building Fund Checking	43,074.30
Sunday School Fund Checking	10,969.32
Memorial Fund Checking	26,860.60

**TOTAL ASSETS** **424,395.22**

Checking Acct Balance	59,363.14
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### **LIABILITIES**

Note Payable	52,036.06
Payroll Liabilities	1,856.74
Misc. LCMS Orgs Fund	10.05
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>53,902.85</b>

### **Fund Balance**

Building Improvements	(299,680.34)
Net Income (Loss)	(3,005.17)
Capital Accounts	673,177.88
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>370,492.37</b>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE** **424,395.22**

A wise old owl lived in an oak,  
The more he saw, the less he spoke;  
The less he spoke, the more he heard,  
Why can't we be like that old bird?

## HI-LITES OF ST. JOHN'S VOTERS ASSEMBLY June 9, 2019

President Ron Reising called the meeting to order. Pastor Bishop opened with a prayer.

Parish Report – The Parish Report for April 2019 was reviewed. There were no additions or corrections. Tom Ivey made a motion to approve the April 2019 Parish Report. Ray Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Daryl Dagit presented the May 2019 Treasurer's Report. There were no additions or corrections. Tom Ivey made a motion to accept the May 2019 Treasurer's Report. Don Schoedel seconded the motion. The motion passed. Ray Barnes made a motion to accept the April 2019 Treasurer's Report. Randy Couch seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Board of Trustees – Dave Kesselmeyer reported that Trustees received two bids for the parking lot repaving project. The Trustees recommend accepting the Perdue Pavement bid of \$3,373, which will cover the filling of cracks, recoating and restriping for the church's big parking lot, triangle lot and driveway. Dave Drockelman made a motion to accept the Purdue Pavement bid of \$3,373. Ross Gould seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dave Kesselmeyer said the Trustees also received a bid from Western Specialty Roofing to repair the roof leak above the church's sanctuary. The bid is for time and material not to exceed \$1,600. Don Schoedel made a motion to accept the Western Specialty Roofing bid. Howie Proehl seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dave Kesselmeyer also stated that the Trustees donated the church's old copier to Good Shepherd Lutheran School after the church office recently received a new copier (which is being leased).

Board of Elders – Randy Couch reported that an adult class of four individuals is scheduled to be welcomed into the church's membership on June 16th. Three of those new members will be baptized. Looking ahead: Pastor Bishop will be using vacation time June 6-8, June 10-12 and July 20-29. Two other pastors will fill in on the Sundays Pastor Bishop will be gone.

Board of Finance – No report.

Board of Christian Education – No report.

Board of Worship – Mike Nauth reported that the church still needs additional ushers. Also, the Board of Worship is looking into replacing some banners.

Board of Evangelism – No report.

Board of Stewardship – No report (did not meet during the previous month).

Long-Range Planning Committee – The committee will meet on June 10 at 7:00 p.m. The constitution is still under review.

Educational Grand Fund Committee – No report

East Bluff Property Committee – It was reported that new drainage was addressed.

Unfinished Business – Tom Ivey made a motion to dispense with Voters Assembly meetings in July and August. Nancy Drockelman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business – Daryl Dagit made a motion to return Voters Assembly meetings to Monday evenings. Ross Gould seconded the motion. A discussion ensued and President Ron Reising asked meeting attendees to vote on the standing motion by a show of hands. Eleven of those present voted for Monday meetings and nine voted for Sunday meetings. Therefore, the motion passed. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

President Reising encouraged everyone in the room to bring another member to the next Voters Assembly meeting in order to increase attendance. He also encouraged everyone to feel free to speak up and ask questions at future meetings.

Valerie Ferguson suggested publishing the agenda prior to each Voters Assembly meeting to let church members know what will be discussed.

President Reising said he would like to see all board members and committee heads attend each Voters Assembly meeting. He also mentioned the advantages of having a monthly Voters Assembly meeting.

Sandy Ferguson said she received a phone call from LifeTouch. The photography company wants to know if our church would like to create a new church directory, to replace the one that completed five years ago. President Reising proposed that this subject should be voted on after the summer months. No one opposed this suggestion.

Dave Kesselmeyer asked Tracy Glass, St. John's Membership Secretary, if she can possibly provide a report on activities completed each month by including that information in the church's parish report. Tracy agreed to do this going forward.

A question was raised about how many people listen to the weekly radio broadcasts of Sunday services. Pastor Bishop stated that he does hear, from time to time, that someone mentioned they listened to a Sunday broadcast. He went on to say that, unfortunately, there is no way to measure listenership.

President Reising suggested having Pastor Bishop re-record the taped portion that is played during each Sunday broadcast in order to include a mention of the church's phone number. Pastor Bishop agreed to look into that possibility.

At President Reising's request, Sandy Ferguson agreed to place an update about radio broadcast contributions in the next monthly newsletter.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Glass  
(filling in for Cheryl Ivey, Secretary)

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## College Students

The church would like the name of your college student and his or her address and the name of the college or university that your child(ren) will be attending. Thank you.

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# **RALLY DAY**

for Sunday School will be Sunday, August 25.  
Students will be promoted to the next grade.

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## REMINDER



that September is the month that St. John's collects nonperishables for Christian Civic Outreach.

## **LIBRARY CORNER** *By Eileen Tiona*



" Give Your servant a discerning heart to govern Your people and to distinguish between right and wrong." 1 Kings 3:9

I haven't any new books to report on this month, but you are welcome to come into the library and check out all the other wonderful books that are available for your enjoyment.

## **GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL**



- Aug 1 PreK-8 registration for the 2019-20 School year from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
Teacher Institute Day 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 N
- Aug 15 Teacher Institute 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Meet the Teacher Night 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- Aug 16 Teacher Work Day
- Aug 19 PreK-8 First Attendance Day - with dismissal at 11:30 a.m.
- Aug 20 PreK - 8 First Full Day

## **ORGANIZATIONS**

### **YOUTH GROUP**

will meet on Sunday, July 21,  
to enjoy an exciting game of mini golf.

We have two young people who will be attending the Higher Things Youth Conference at Concordia University Wisconsin in Mequon, WI

The Youth Group will also meet on August 18 for a pool party.  
Watch future bulletins for more information on these outings.

### **WOMEN'S GUILD By Leslie Hauk**

Ladies' Guild will hold our annual picnic on July 25 at 6:00 pm at the home of Mary Depew.  
Please bring a covered dish, your own table service and join the festivities. Meat will be provided.



In lieu of a regular meeting in August we will be dining out at a restaurant to be determined. The date is August 22nd and more details will be shared in the weekly bulletin as the date gets closer.

### **FELLOWSHIP CLUB**

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer and plan to join us again in September.  
Watch future bulletins for event, time and place.

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**THANK YOU** to all who donated and or volunteered with this year's VBS!!! Also, THANK YOU to St. John's Sand Prairie, St. John's Pekin and Trinity for your support! Over 100 kids attended and learned about God's Miraculous Mission and it was a huge success as we worked together to spread God's Word!!!

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**Central Illinois Right to Life, Inc.** will have their Annual 5K Run/Walk on July 13 at Metamora Fields Golf Course in Metamora starting at 7:30 a.m. Medals are awarded to male and female winners in several age divisions. Contributions are needed to help purchase the medals for the run. Call Greg at 208-1121 for additional information. Register at <https://racerooster.com/events/2019/21502/run-forlife-5k>.

## VOLUTEERS FOR MARIGOLD FESTIVAL

At this year's Marigold Festival, St. John's will have a booth in the Civic Collage. We will be distributing brochures about the church, magnets, tracts received from the Lutheran Hour Ministries, pens, and possibly some other items. Volunteers will be needed to man the booth on both Saturday and Sunday. Dates for the Marigold Festival are September 7 & 8. Hours for the Civic Collage are 9-6 on Saturday, 9-5 on Sunday. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Please watch the church bulletins in August for further information.

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## **SAVE THE DATE: Sept. 25.—Peoria/Pekin Fall Zone Rally**

The Peoria/Pekin Fall Zone Rally will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 6801 N Allen Road, Peoria, on Wednesday, September 25. The theme is *"An Unchanging God, in a Changing World," Malachi 3:6*. March your calendars now and plan to attend.

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### **In Our Prayers**

*If you know of anyone who needs to be added, please let the church office know.*

All our shut-ins

Adam Jackson—member of Armed Services (grand-nephew of Lila Lisenbee)

Pastor Niemann

Sonny Mack

Mark Reeder

Bob Watson

Bernice Mack

Stacie Kendall

Bill Hall

Tim Johnston

Pat Proehl

Donna Corso

Honor Deiss

Flo McClure

Rick Jarvis

Sandy Morgan

Marian McDaniels Allen

Rita Lakamp

Wilmadean Habberfield

Vince "Buzz" Oltman

Melanie Tiona

Ed Knussman

Pastor Kesselmayr

Lois Becker

Cheryl Williams

Robert Scott

Bob Funk

Sam Kendall

Donna Bollinger

Billie Jackson

Dale Ehmke

Joyce Wertz

Joe Goodin

Herb Gronewold

Lynda Adkins

Ken Beck

Jim Thompson

Barb Wagner

Shirley Williamson

## **LIST OF NON-ACTIVE MEMBERS—**Provided by Membership Secretary – May 26, 2019

### **We are seeking current contact information (addresses, phone numbers) for these members:**

Jacob Adkins

Diane Bolen

Jayne Goetze

Terry Johnson

Katherine King

Randy Moss

Gary O'Dell

Mark Scott

William Wiker

Zachary Woith

Jeremy & Dawn Anderson

Jason Dodge

Gregory Hall

Douglas King

Sally Morris

Courtney O'Connor

Tayna Rahn

Victoria Tilton

Cora Wiker

### **We are seeking just *phone numbers* for these members:**

Denise Adkins

Zachary Allen

Kathy Anderson

Eunice Bazhenow

Jonathan Becker

Shane Beeney

Tammy Beneventi

Marty Bohannon

Stacy Candler

Kayla Deboar

Christopher Dingerson

Amanda Ferguson

Steven Graves

Jane Hawkins

Opal Henry

Ellen Hill

Sharon Ives

Julianna Johnson

Susan Keefer

Diana Lee

Michael Maurer

Dan & Karen Nafziger

Brock Norman

Jeff & Leslie Norman

Julie O'Dell

Ben Rahn

Jonathan Ronna

Dan Sego

Lyle & Doris Smith

Chelsea Stoebr

Zach Stoebr

Chad Swibold

Donald & Lois Tharp

Robert Thompson

Ann Wilson

Rachel Wooden

Lisa Alexander

Timothy Althiser

Larry & Phyliss Anderson

David Becker

Michael Becker

Ricki Belcher

Christopher & Shelly Bitner

Wesley Bussey

Tracy Dansby

Aaron Dingerson

David & Judy Erxleben

Shelley Gee

Terri Grimm

Patricia Heidebreder

Christina Herold

Roberta Hudson

Shaun Ivey

Carol Jones

Matthew Lappie

Richard Lohnes

David Morris

Samantha Nelson

Heath Norman

Jacob Norman

Christina Price

Eric and Sheryl Riley

Wayne & Karen Rowe

Eric Smith

Shannon Stevenson

Ryan Stoebr

Lori Svendsen

Mary Tassart

Nathaniel Thomas

Paul Widby

Christopher & Veronica Wolgemuth

Rebecca Worlow

Please contact the church office at 347-2136 if you have information on how to contact any of the above. Thank you.



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