

June 2023 Newsletter



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN

Sundays

Worship Service 9:30am

Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30am

Tuesdays

Celebrate Recovery meetings 5-8pm

Wednesdays

Woman's Bible study 5pm

1st & 3rd Saturday

Men's Bible study

Father's Day May 16th

**Prayer Walk/Vigil May 16th
following 10:30 Bible class**

Dairy Queen Night

4-9 pm

MEETINGS

6/1/24	Trustees	9am
6/3/24	Elders	6pm
6/5/24	Lutheranns	3:30pm
6/10/24	Hickory Creek Bible study	9:30am
6/10/24	Education	6pm
	Finance	6:30pm
	Tech & Comm	7pm

ANIVERSERIES

Gregg & Deb Glass 6/10
Jack & Jeri Kieninger 6/20

BIRTHDAYS

Karen Rose 6/1
Junette Price 6/10
Fred Bohm 6/14
Deb Glass 6/24
Jason Price 6/26
Sharri Tafelski 6/27
Kyle Lowry 6/29

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What God says about Communion/Lord's Supper

John6:52–56ESV

⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵ **For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.** ⁵⁶ **Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.** ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”

1Corinthians11:23-32ESV

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “**This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**” ²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “**This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.**” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷ **Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord.** ²⁸ **Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.** ²⁹ **For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.** ³⁰ That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹ **But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged.** ³² **But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.**

Matthew26:28ESV

²⁸ **for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.**

Most people think that the Lord's Supper is sharing a meal with our Lord Jesus. After you have read “What God says about communion,” I hope you now believe you are having a meal of our Lord Jesus who gave His Body and Blood to be food of forgiveness and remembrance of how and why Jesus Christ gave up His Body and Blood for us.

Our Lord Jesus Christ did not die on the cross to just give us food and drink. Christ gave Himself up to suffering and dying on the cross to forgive all of our sins. And this, Christ did out of the love of our God who brings salvation to all whom He calls. Though God calls all to be His adopted children, only those who listen to the Holy Spirit and believe will inherit eternal life. One also has to realize that eternal life is also eternal relationship with our benevolent and loving God.

The question that most people have is, “Why cannot everybody take communion?” First realize that one does not need communion to be saved and have eternal life and relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. There are serious qualifications in God's word before one can take the Lord's Supper. Again Read “What God says about communion.”

These qualifications are why we (LCMS) have Catechism for our youth, new members who do not know Christ, and new members who come from different denominations. Not all denominations teach correctly the seriousness of taking the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior.

Without the proper knowledge and teaching of the Lord's Supper we would be allowing people to take it to their judgement. This is not in our hearts to see one be judged. This also brings judgement upon the pastor serving the Lord's Supper.

James 3:1 ESV Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that **we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.**³

This is not about us or you, but rather about what our God wants for all believers.

John 3:17 ESV ¹⁷ **For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.**

Pastor's Page

“Prase you!” “ABBA FATHER”

Galatians 3:23—28 ²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Peace be with you all and happy father's day to all of our fathers and our Father in heaven. We celebrate Father's Day where we fathers might get treated to a special time and recognition for our role in the family designed by God our Father in heaven. The father is to be an example of faith and an example of church to his family. What is meant by the church is the body of Christ, which is the community of all saints working together in the light of being the body of Christ. It is not that we work to gain faith, rather as our faith grows so does our works for God. As your children grow you add responsibility to that child, so as our faith grows the privilege of works in the respect of praising and thanking God grows too. This is not works for salvation but works to thank God for our salvation that He has given us through His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Paul, talking to the Galatians, shows us that whatever title we hold through position, nationality, or gender, we are all equal in the eyes and heart of God. You see, before we were adopted, we were all equal in that we all have a sinful nature. We are all capable of breaking any and all of God's commandments in thought, word and deed. When we were adopted, we all became better off, because, instead of dying a spiritual death, that is, one of eternal suffering, we will all live a spiritual life, one of eternal joy. When I say spiritual, I am not referring to a ghostly life, but a life serving God in joy, which is better than serving Satan in misery. Thanks be to God we become heirs to the same fortune given to Jesus Christ, that of eternal life with Him our savior.

Galatians 4:1—4:7 ¹I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ²but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are

sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

We are on this earth to live a short life compared to the life we will live on the new earth in the new heavens. We may toil on this earth until the date set by our father comes at which time we will transfer our citizenship to a life without toil and strife, without the burden of the law which holds death over our heads, and without the fear of losing our loved ones again. When we are living in what is promised to all heirs of God’s love, we will be living in a life of great and pure love, joy, happiness, and an overabundance of health.

All we have, and all we will have is a gift from our Father in Heaven who sent His Son to lead the way back to the Father. That is, Jesus lead the way through teaching and example then, suffering in pain and humility, to show God’s love for us and the Son’s love for the Father by even dying on a cross meant for sinners. Though Jesus’ death may seem gruesome to us, his death ends in life. That is correct, Jesus put an end to death and the need for the consequences of the law by defeating death to show us all there is more than hope, there is looking forward to a rebirth into the new earth, and new heavens; a never-ending life of joy. Isn’t that worth shouting “Praise you!” “*Abba! Father!*” Amen.

A stylized graphic for Father's Day. The word "Father's" is written in a large, black, cursive font. Above the "er's" part of "Father's", the word "HAPPY" is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. Below "Father's", the word "DAY" is written in a black, sans-serif font. The "DAY" is flanked by two blue, decorative flourishes that resemble stylized waves or scrolls.

DAIRY QUEEN

SPONSOR NIGHT

St John Lutheran Church

Will get 10% of the total sales



Wednesday

June 19th

from 4pm-Close



Dairy Queen 1420 E 9th St Rochester, In

Thank you to all who donated shoes for our shoe drive. We should have our results soon.

Upcoming events:

Dairy Queen sponsor night
Wednesday June 19th 4-9pm

4 H Fair- Come see our booth
July 6-13th

VBS is a one-day event on
Saturday July 20th 10am -5pm



June 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>C-Communion offered</p> <p>+Sacrificial Sunday- extra giving opportunity</p>						<p>1</p> <p>Trustees 9am</p> <p>Men's Bible study 9am</p>
<p>2</p> <p>C-Worship 9:30</p> <p>Sun School 10:30</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Elders 6pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>CR 5-8 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Lutheranns 3:30pm</p> <p>Women's Bible study 5pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Worship 9:30</p> <p>Sun School 10:30</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Hickory Creek Bible study 9:30</p> <p>Education 6pm</p> <p>Finance 6:30</p> <p>Tech & Com 7pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>CR 5-8 pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Women's Bible study 5pm</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Men's Bible study 9am</p>
<p>16</p> <p>C-Worship 9:30</p> <p>Sun School 10:30</p> <p>Father's Day Prayer walk/vigil</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>CR 5-8 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>DO night</p> <p>Women's Bible study 5pm</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Worship 9:30</p> <p>Sun School 10:30</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>CR 5-8 pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Women's Bible study 5pm</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
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