

## **From Pastor Dan**

Despite mixed messages from the weather this spring, summer will soon be upon us. With summer, of course, comes the call of the wild, or at least the call to get out and about. As one of my former fathers-in-law so aptly declared that summer gives us a chance to, “Blow the stink off!” Whatever activities those may include for you: camping, fishing, boating, hiking, traveling, very often they involve being with family. That is generally a good thing; unless your family has some schmucks like ‘ole uncle Jerry with whom you would rather not be around. (Be careful though, uncle Jerry may think the same about you!) Nevertheless, family relationships are frequently a part of our summer activities. Unfortunately, as a consequence of you being so darn busy gallivanting around, you may not be able to spend as much time with your St. John family.

I understand. Yet, I also understand that this congregation is indeed a part of your extended family and we miss you when you are gone. Of course, being absent from worship for extended periods of time typically doesn’t usually do much for your relationship with God either. Now I am aware that you do not need to be in a specific building at a specific time on a specific day of the week to be in relationship with your God. Yes, you can continue to nurture your relationship with God through an active and intentional prayer life, intentional time spent in reading and studying the Bible, and intentional time dedicated to understanding and discussing what that all might mean for you. However, since most of us don’t do that, church is always a good idea.

To help you out, we will begin midweek Wednesday evening worship services (6:30) beginning on June 5. And also, even though you may be away from home, you can attend the services at another church; like the one near the campground with that giant slab of granite you plan on climbing free-style. In this case, it might be a really good idea; the church thing, not necessarily the rock-climbing thing.

So, God bless you, have a great summer, and don’t forget your church and don’t forget your God; ‘cause your God never forgets you.

Pastor Dan

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*Worship Schedule*

**9:00 a.m. Sunday Mornings**

**6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evenings (June 5 - September 4)**

*Please join us as we worship our Lord!*

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**Council Members.** Here is a list of Council Members. Please contact them with any concerns or issues you may have. Council meets once a month and welcomes input from the congregation.

President: Randy Trulen – 715-675-4091; rtrulen@gmail.com

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Worship: Heidi Teske – 715-551-4485; heidi.teske2007@gmail.com

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**Mission Statement:** “We are called to serve God; serve each other; serve the community; serve the wider church.”

**Serve God** through worship, prayer, and the dedication of our lives to His kingdom.

**Serve Each Other** by mutual care and support to encourage everyone to fulfill their God-given potential. **Serve the Community** by making known the good news about Jesus and the love of God by word and deed. **Serve the Wider Church** through prayer and

practical support to help spread the good news about Jesus throughout the world.

**Homebound Parishioners.** The following parishioners are no longer able to consistently attend worship services. I visit them to remind them that they are loved by God and loved by their community of faith, St. John. Sometimes it is helpful to hear those reminders from someone in addition to me.

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**Thrivent Choice Program.** St. John receives funds through Thrivent Financial's Thrivent Choice program. By directing "Choice Dollars," eligible Thrivent members can designate which nonprofit organizations should receive their "Choice Dollars." If you are an eligible member, please consider designating St. John when directing your Choice Dollars. Call 800-847-4836 or visit [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice).

**St. John Brotherhood Changes.** After several attempts to re-ignite interest and participation in the St. John Brotherhood by changing meeting times and trying to introduce new meeting topics, we have reluctantly concluded that this means of fellowship has run its course after 73 years. Therefore, there will no longer be monthly meetings of this group. *However*, we were not yet ready to abandon *all* attempts. Our suggestion is to organize meetings on a roughly quarterly basis with special topics or activities, perhaps food, guest speakers, field trips, or other ideas as provided by St. John members of any age or gender. We met May 21<sup>st</sup> for the first such meeting and have

penciled in **September 21<sup>st</sup>** for a second. We are seeking input from anyone regarding possible topics or activities to consider. The men will continue to be the driving force in organizing the details. So please provide any input you may have to Mike Kluetz, John Marquardt, or Pastor Dan.

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### **Peace for Today**

May today there be peace within.

May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.

May you be confident knowing you are a child of God.

Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.

It is there for each and every one of us.

---St. Therese of Lisieux (1873-1897)

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**Council Meeting Minutes.** Copies of the minutes from the most recently held Council meeting are by the mailboxes. Please feel free to pick up a copy. If more are needed, please contact the church office.

**Reminder!** If you are in the hospital and would like Pastor Dan to visit, **PLEASE CALL** and let him know. Because of privacy issues, the hospital will not notify him or the church that you are there.

**Food Pantry.** The food items collected for the food pantry will be donated to Maine School. Your donations are appreciated. If you are able to help out with delivering these items to the school, please contact the church office.

### **An Inspiring Prayer**

Heavenly Father, help us remember that the jerk who cut us off in traffic last night is a single mother who worked nine hours that day and is rushing home to cook dinner, help with homework, do the laundry and spend a few precious moments with her children.

Help us to remember that the pierced, tattooed, disinterested young man who can't make change correctly is a worried 19-year-old college student, balancing his apprehension over final exams with his fear of not getting his student loans for next semester.

Remind us, Lord, that the scary looking bum, begging for money in the same spot every day (who really ought to get a job!) is a slave to addictions that we can only imagine in our worst nightmares.

Help us to remember that the old couple walking annoyingly slow through the store aisles and blocking our shopping progress are savoring this moment, knowing that, based on the biopsy report she got back last week, this will be the last year that they go shopping together.

Heavenly Father, remind us each day that, of all the gifts you give us, the greatest gift is love. It is not enough to share that love with those we hold dear. Open our hearts not to just those who are close to us, but to all humanity. Let us be slow to judge and quick to forgive, show patience, empathy and love.

-----Author Unknown

**June Birthdays**

6-2 Dylan Landrath  
6-2 Elijah Linzmeyer  
6-2 Brendan Ohrmundt  
6-2 Lee Sillars  
6-3 Nicole Kudronowicz  
6-3 Brayden Melander  
6-3 Rita Radant  
6-4 Cody Haroldson  
6-5 Chuck Eno  
6-5 Billie Jo Grueneberg  
6-5 Jason Tabaka  
6-6 Karen Matushak  
6-6 Shonda Woodmansee  
6-7 Brandon Clausen  
6-7 Connie Hoffman  
6-7 Zayla Howe  
6-7 Joshua Tesch  
6-8 Rachel Ohrmundt  
6-8 Violet Teske  
6-10 Jason Mueller  
6-11 DJ Tesch  
6-13 Leslie Ugoretz  
6-17 Sarah Severson  
6-20 Mike Kluetz  
6-20 Randy Knudsen  
6-21 Judy Floistad  
6-21 Clarissa Knapp  
6-22 Brian Marquardt  
6-22 Kohin Pasholk  
6-22 Kurtis Rowe  
6-23 Duane Mueller  
6-24 Barb Paulsen  
6-25 Spencer Hoeft  
6-27 Kylee Sala  
6-29 Joan Schreiber

**June Anniversaries**

6-1 Tom & Pamela LeDuc  
6-3 Ken & Karen Matushak  
6-4 Dan & Robin Hein  
6-6 Laverne & Marilyn Grunenwald  
6-9 Charles & Joanne Zahn  
6-11 Paul & Stacey Linzmeyer  
6-12 Del & Brenda Tesch  
6-14 Todd & Deb Maley  
6-17 Chuck & Beth Eno  
6-17 Buzz & Rose Rosenau  
6-18 Kurt & Jenna Guralski  
6-19 Scott & Lynn Buchberger  
6-21 Brian & Nicole Anderson  
6-21 Stuart & Jody Gehrke  
6-23 Pete & Phyllis Seubert  
6-24 Scott & Cherish Oestreich  
6-29 John & Louise Harter  
6-29 Brian & Amy Marquardt