

St. John's Newsletter

Committed to Jesus Christ and the spiritual growth of all God's children.



Summer 2019

Summer we spend more time outdoors—if the rain ever stops. And we enjoy God's good creation. During the summer we have two outdoor services with food afterwards. Worship with us these two Sundays.

Anniversary Service

This year St. John's Church and School celebrates 170 years of serving the community. The outdoor service will take place on Sunday, July 14. The service begins at 9:00 AM followed by brunch. You are welcome to bring food to share, games, and friends. Don't forget your lawn chairs and sun glasses.

Back to School Service

We celebrate the opening of the new school year with a back to school service. This will take

place on Sunday, August 25. The information is the same as with the Anniversary Service.

Summer Schedule

During the summer people have different schedules. So we offer various services to allow everyone opportunities to worship.

Here are the weekly scheduled service for the summer:

Saturday, 6:00 PM in the school

Sunday, 9:00 AM in the church

Wednesday, 7:00 PM in the church

VBS Camp

Vacation Bible School was held this year during the week of June 17-21. We thank all of the many volunteers who helped distribute flyers, set up decorations, and lead during the camp itself. This is a way for us to share the love of Jesus with our friends and neighbors.

Thank you to Camille Willis who is leading the camp.

Camp Cool

Summer Camp is off to a good start with 30 registrations by the end of the first week. The camp goes from June 10 to July 26, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM with before and after care.

This year several activities are added to the camp: chess, STEM, gardening, African dance, and drama.

We look forward to a great summer. Thank you to Glovenia Gilton who is leading the camp.



...to Mrs. Lois Stewart for a new church banner "Be strong in the Grace that is in Christ Jesus 2 Timothy 2:1";

...to Ms. Judith Cohrs for her generous donation to St. John's

School in loving memory of Ruth Cohrs;

...to Mrs. Jerilyn Templin-Gundlach and Mrs. Judith Templin-Bornet for their generous donation to St. John's School;

...to Mrs. Kathy Grant, Mr. David Kuech, Mrs. Rachel Mammarrappallil, Mr. & Mrs. Neal Miller, Mrs. Irene Nietfeldt, Mr. & Mrs. Reynaldo Salvador, Mr. & Mrs. Norm Schilling, Ms. Karen Sebastian, Mrs. Emily Stelter, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Stewart, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Walker, Ms. Camille Willis, and Mrs. Laura Willis-Moss for their generous gifts to St. John's Cemetery Fund.

Vision Committee Report

The Vision Committee is continuing work on implementing a plan for the congregation. The process is being advised by Pr. Danny Tutweiler of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund.

The committee has decided that there are four basic pillars of ministry at St. John's. They are Worship, Inreach, Outreach, and Hospitality.

The next step in the process is what is called "Ministry Mapping." That is looking at each of the ministries happening at St. John's and seeing how they fulfill the four pillars.

Then goals will be set for the coming year.

If anyone else wants to join the committee, please inform Pr. Dorn.

Voters' Assembly

The quarterly voters' assembly will meet on Sunday, August 11, following the worship service. Several important items will be brought before the congregation.

New Members

On Pentecost Sunday, June 9, Maya Davis and Miles Davis confirmed their baptismal faith by the rite of Confirmation and received first communion.

New member classes are being held currently and others are considering becoming members of St. John's Lutheran Church community.

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Calendar

June 10-July 26	Camp Cool Summer Camp
August 8	Registration Day
August 15, 6:30 PM	Back To School Information Night
August 20, 8:00 AM	First day of school (11:30 AM dismissal)
August 25, 9:00 AM	Back to School Worship Service with brunch and games to follow

Closing Remarks from the School Year

by Matthew Kamien

As the 2018-2019 has ended, one thing I am sure is that each of our students improved and become better in one way or another achieving the goals they set for themselves at the start of the school year. My congratulations to each one of our students for all the awards and accomplishments that they have earned throughout the school year! We are very proud of them, be they academic in nature, or sports-, clubs, service- or conduct-related. My hope is that these achievements will serve as constant reminders that you can do it if you give it your all! Remember all the hard work and efforts you have put in? Put in the same—if not more—on the next goal you wish to achieve, and you will make it happen. After all, nothing is impossible!

Many exciting things took place this year. Our sports program excelled winning championships in both

girls and boys basketball, after only one year of existence our boys volleyball team got first place in their tournament, and most recently our track and field team had success at their conference meet with some athletes qualifying for state. In academics we got second place in the spelling bee and participated in math triathlons. Six new members were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. We congratulate the new inductees on their success both inside and outside of the classroom. We also congratulate our top NWEA MAP students for their academic success as they demonstrated their knowledge in areas of math, language arts, and science. New clubs were introduced this year such as STEM, Drama, and Chess. Spanish became part of the school day this past spring. The students had opportunities to serve during the year from Pastor Appreciation Day, Veteran Chapel Service, Phil's

Friends, Ronald McDonald House, and Feed My Starving Children. The students had a great opportunity to work with Sir Taylor back in January where besides dance he gave the students valuable life lessons. His overall message was of love, peace, respect, and success presented through dance and music. The students did an excellent job performing.

We look forward to continuing the success from this year into next year by providing more service opportunities for our students to give back and increasing student involvement. We look forward to adding Spanish and STEM into the school day and using Buona as our primary hot lunch provider.

Thank you to the PTL for the support you provide to the school and the fellowship you promote through events like Fall Fest, Cookie Walk, and Sky Zone. Thank you as parents for partnering with the school this year to help your child succeed to the best of their abilities.

Thank you everyone for a great school year!!!

Fourth Quarter Honor Roll

High Honor Roll

Nicolas Anderson
Terrence Blevins
Toniya Brady
Jadah James
Nathan McCaskill

Jalen Allen
Shareef Minter
Kendall Pace
Richard Taylor
Emeir White
Jackson Willis

Jordyn Elem-Simelton
Aramie Lyte
Briana Stewart
Mason Torres

Honor Roll

Franklin Johnson
Jonathan Lowe
Jalen Webb

Kaliyah Blue
Jordan Cameron
Davia Cobb
Nicholas Guillory
John Hannah
Adriana Pullen
Jamari Thomas
Daniel White

Alexandria Johnson

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Nurse Notes

By Pat Couch, RN, BSN, Parish Nurse

Spring 2019

This month, we will discuss measles in the U. S. since there have been 1,022 cases of measles from January until June 2019. This is a 41-case increase from the previous week and the greatest number of cases in the U. S. since 1992.

Measles is one of the most contagious viral infections of all infectious diseases. It lives in the nose and throat of the infected person. It can live for up to two hours in the air after a sneeze or a cough. If you breathe that contaminated air or touch a contaminated surface in the area, you could become infected if you touch your eyes, nose, or mouth. That is why hand washing is so important. Even though measles was declared eliminated in the U. S. in 2000, people still visit and bring back measles from countries where measles is transmitted. Israel, Ukraine, Japan, Brazil, Philippines, Africa, England, France, Germany, and India have reported outbreaks. Measles are more likely to spread in the U. S. in communities where groups of people are not vaccinated.

Symptoms begin about seven to fourteen days after being infected with measles. It begins with a high fever (can get to 104- or 105-degrees F), cough, runny nose, and red, tearing eyes. A couple of days after that, white spots (Koplik spots) can appear in the mouth. Three to five days after these symptoms appear, a red rash begins to break out on the head and face. This rash spreads downwards to the trunk, arms, legs, and feet. If one person has measles, up to 90% of people close to him, who are not immune, will catch measles also. Measles is spread from ***four days before until four days after the rash appears.***

Measles can be prevented by getting an MMR or MMRV. MMR is the measles, mumps and Rubella (German Measles) and the MMRV is the same except it contains Varicella vaccine also. Varicella is chicken pox. These vaccines are safe and inexpensive to get. They are 97% effective if you follow the guidelines of the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). The first dose should be given at 12 to 15 months of age and the second dose should be given at age 4 through 6 years.

Treatment for the measles includes staying at home from the time when symptoms first appear until five days after the rash appears per the Illinois Department of Public Health. Bedrest, lots of fluids, medicine for fever and headache are the treatment.

Complications include ear infections and diarrhea. In some cases, more serious complications can occur that includes pneumonia and encephalitis (brain swelling). About 25% of people with measles are hospitalized. About 5% of children with measles get pneumonia which is the most common cause of death in children. About 1 in 1,000 children with measles get encephalitis which can cause seizures, deafness, and intellectual disability. One to two per 1,000 children with measles die from respiratory or neurologic complications.

If your children have not had an MMR vaccine, please see your doctor for it.