



July Newsletter

St. Jacob Lutheran Church

July 2017



From the Pastor

In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God. (LBW, p 121)

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In the month of July, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on three different Sundays. Each time the person is brought forward, this statement from the Order for Holy Baptism will be read. Rooted in Scripture, it summarizes our Lutheran understanding of the gift of baptism and the grace of God given through water and Word. It announces God's gracious activity: Liberation from sin, adoption as children of God, inheritors of eternal life, membership in the community of faith and empowerment by the Holy Spirit.

What always strikes me about this statement (and the teaching on which it is based) is that it reveals God's action on our behalf. Rather than focusing on us or the person who is being baptized, the focus is on God – God's action. It speaks of God's initiative toward us. It speaks of God's love poured out through water and Word. It speaks of God's commitment to God's people and God's never-ending promise. All that wrapped up in a splash of water and some holy words.

As you come on those Sundays and witness the power of God at work in the world, in the Church and in this congregation, remember how that same water and those same words were spoken to you. Remember how God has claimed you – even before you could claim God. Remember how God graciously forgave your sins and promised that forgiveness always. Remember how God poured out the Spirit upon you enabling and empowering you to live in faith, love and obedience to God's commands. Remember how, you too, were made a member of the body of Christ and given an eternal inheritance.

As you come and witness the baptisms this month, remember your own baptism. Remember what it means to walk in the way of Jesus, to be His disciple. Remember that, no matter what, you belong to God; and nothing can change that!

Grace and Peace

Pastor Dave

Thought of the Month

We are silent at the beginning of the day because God should have the first word, and we are silent before going to sleep because the last word also belongs to God.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Bible Trivia Question

What happened to Daniel after he have thanks to God by his open window?

Answer on page 6

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- July 2 Matt Himmeger
- July 3 Cameron Wilt
- July 4 Doug Fogt, Weslee Fogt
- July 5 Jaycob Greer, Misty Wooddell
- July 6 Darla Line, Nicholas Polsky, Andrew Shoemaker
- July 7 Josh Ceyler, Jane Dunlap, Amber Lawrence, Ashley Wilt
- July 9 Scott Cathcart, Carolyn Metz, Lisa Thomas
- July 10 Sarah Dirksen, Bradley Eshleman, Kelsey Line, Sandra Pence
- July 11 Anthony Eshleman
- July 12 Gail Kohler, Linda Markley, Ivo Quatman, Morgan Wendel, Lily Zwiebel
- July 13 Tamara Bowman
- July 14 Tiffany Hoersten
- July 18 Nicholas Pulfer
- July 20 Dianne Cavinder, Mark Wahl
- July 21 Logan Haverfield
- July 22 Mara Cathcart, Lizia Greer, Kara Kipp, Mary Ann Klopfleisch
- July 23 Alex Fogt
- July 24 John Bertsch, Doug Evans, Ariel Rogers
- July 25 Jennifer Hayes, Jessica Hayes, Darcy Steinke
- July 27 Troy Kies
- July 28 Fred Pulfer
- July 29 Chloe Spence, Gerald Wells
- July 30 Meredith Yoder
- July 31 Eloise Lang, Noah Pleiman, Kaydree Withrow



- July 9 Dave and Vickey Greer
- July 11 David and Carolyn Jensvold
- July 12 Clarence and Miriam Pfaadt
- July 20 Matt & Larissa Himmeger
- July 26 Chris and Tammy Montague





Sunday Morning Servants

	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Readers (8am)	Mike Bertsch	Jennie Bertke	Gloria Zwiebel	Dale Wical	Timri Berning
Readers (10am)	Rick Ike	Morgan Meyer	Cory Eisenhardt	Bailey Althausser	Jim Koppin
Acolytes	Deacon	Deacon	Deacon	Deacon	Deacon
Greeters	N-Velma Billing	N-Chris & Tammy	N-Bill Helmlinger	N-Charles & Wilma	N-Lorrie Moniaci
		Montague		Elsass	
	S-Phyllis Boone	S-Mark & Timri	S-Andy & Kim	S-Ann Huffman	S-Fred & Cheryl
		Berning	Bixler		Pulfer
Communion Asst	Penny Fahnestock		Logan Cathcart		
Blood Pressure Ck	Judy Frilling				

HUGS-Relay for Life

HUGS are starting the **Wash Away Cancer** fundraiser for 2017. We are asking you to take a bottle of water home with you. After you drink the water we would like you to put your loose change of dimes in the bottle. One per family will be great, but if you want to fill more, that would be wonderful. We will need these brought back to the church of the end of July. Water bottles can be found at the back of the church. Dimes do add up, so let's see how many we get back. Please have filled bottles back to the church by **Sunday, July 30th**.



HUGS-Relay for Life Raffle - The fight against cancer goes on and we know we're going to win this thing! Hardly anyone we know can say they don't have a friend or relative that hasn't battled this terrible disease. We're asking for your help in raising funds because we think it is important that we all join together to help win. The St. Jacob HUGS Relay for Life team will be sponsoring a raffle to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. This is a community affair and fundraising event for our group to raise money. We are in need of donations for our raffle to be held at the Shelby County Relay for Life in August. All raffle items for this event are donated by businesses and community members. Donations can be monetary, gift certificates, or merchandise. Any and all contributions are appreciated. If at all possible, so we are prepared for the event, we would appreciate any donations by **July 3rd**. If you require additional information please contact me, Phyllis Evans 937-394-7214 and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Make checks payable to St. Jacob HUGS Relay 4 Life Team. Thank you for your consideration. The St. Jacob HUGS Relay team couldn't do it without the generosity of donors like you. Please give your donations to a Hugs team member: Jan or Steve Elsass, Phyllis Evans, Joyce Ike, Heather Althausser, Dianne Cavinder, Dave Fogt, Cheryl Pulfer, Carol Bodenhorn, or Betty Koppin. (HUGS news Continue on page 6)



We are collecting school supplies again this year beginning **June 25-August 6th** . There is a barrel in the back of the sanctuary for your items along with a list of needed supplies. The supplies will be dispensed in late August to the schools.





Church Council Minutes

June 11, 2017

Members in attendance:

Lisa Brady	Rick Ike	Ann Huffman	Keith Elsass
Cheryl Pulfer	Jerry Pleiman	Jim Brandt	Deb Christman
Pastor Westphal			

Excused Members:

Carol Bodenhorn	Kim Klopfleisch	David Fogt	Dave Bell
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Special Guest: Roger Lentz representing the Call Committee

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Brandt.

Continuing Business

A correction to the May minutes was requested. The minutes from May should read: Rick Ike presented a plaque to council in honor of Eugene Mittermaier to be placed on the sign that we moved from the front of the church to the end of the parking lot on the south side. The original minutes mistakenly said Pastor Mittermaier. The May minutes will be corrected.

New Business

Cheryl Pulfer requested a review of the Servant Keeper software. St. Jacob’s is currently using version 6, but the software currently runs at version 8, so an upgrade could be considered. Version 8 works with Windows 10 which is what St. Jacob’s uses. A Level 1 Cloud could be added with a capability of 3 users. Authorized users would be able to access Servant Keeper from home with the upgraded version. There is a free online directory and members would have the capability to go online and update their profile information at any time. There are also mobile apps. The software upgrade would cost \$299.00 and the Level 1 Cloud would cost \$29.99 per month. St. Jacob’s currently pays DEX Media \$30.00 per month for digital media resources, but a review of past activity shows that we haven’t gotten any hits. If we would cancel the DEX digital media service, we could subscribe to the Level 1 Cloud service without adding any extra cost. At a future council meeting, a review of the DEX Media print resource will be evaluated. We currently pay \$65 per month to have our information printed in various phone books. With today’s technology, perhaps the use of phone book listings could be eliminated.

Ann Huffman moved and Keith Elsass seconded to:

Upgrade the Servant Keeper software at a cost of \$299.00.

Subscribe to the Level 1 Cloud at a cost of \$29.99 per month.

Cancel DEX Media digital services for a savings of \$30.00 per month.

Motion passed.

The Gideon’s have requested the opportunity to make a presentation to the congregation on September 17, 2017. Council approved the request.

Roger Lentz then made a presentation of the St. Jacob Lutheran Church Ministry Site Profile. This is the profile that will be posted on the Synod website to advertise our opening for a new Pastor. Roger noted that the Call Committee met several times to discuss the information that should be included and to create the rough draft of the profile that was being reviewed today. The profile is 12 pages and includes contact information, demographics, our vision for mission, and our leadership needs. Council was impressed with all of the information that the Call Committee included in the profile and they complimented the Call Committee on creating such a thorough and thoughtful





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document. Council requested minimal changes to the profile in regards to call a brand new Pastor or someone with experience. There are pros and cons to both scenarios. The final consensus was that our profile will state that we are looking for someone with 4+ years of experience, but we will consider all applicants that respond to our profile, even those that may not meet this criteria.

Keith Elsass moved and Ann Huffman seconded to approve the Ministry Site Profile with the corrections that were requested by council. Motion passed.

Roger stated that the Call Committee will be meeting later in June to start developing interview questions. Anyone is welcome to suggest questions.

Envisioning Business

The July Council Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 16, 2017 at 9:00am in the church office area.

Respectfully Submitted, Lisa Brady

VBS Report

What a awesome Vacation Bible School we had! Thanks to Kara Kipp and staff of some 20 different people with over 50 different children heard the Good News of “Mighty Fortress—In Jesus, the Victory Is Won!”



WELCA will be holding an Ice Cream Social on **Sunday, July 16th** from 11:30am –2:00pm in the church basement. Cost is a free will donation. Proceeds will go to help Hayden Weiskittel’s family with medical and travel expenses incurred from his recent heart transplant. We are asking for donation of pies & cakes, see sign-up sheet in the back of the church. If you have an ice cream maker & willing to make ice cream, please see Bonnie Schmidt.

Annual Golf Outing

St. Jacob annual golf outing will be held **Sunday, August 6th, 2017** at Shelby Oaks Golf Course. The cost of this year’s 4-person team scramble is \$50.00 for non-members and \$25.00 for members of the Oaks and will begin at 1:30pm. This years outing will benefit the HUGS-Relay for Life team of St. Jacob. If you would like to sponsor a hole for \$50.00, please contact the church office or Joyce Ike. Any donations for door prizes would also be appreciated. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the window in the back of the sanctuary.



Thank You

Thank you for the Senior quilt. It is a gift I will keep close to my heart. Sincerely, Andrew Shoemaker

Thank you for all the cards, prayers, and calls from my St. Jacob family recently. Joyce Jones

It was so kind of you to make a donation to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Westerville, OH in memory of Derrell Althaus. Your prayer support and comfort was so thoughtful and it helped our family at a very sad time. God Bless you all. Gratefully yours, Bonnie Althaus & family

*Additional thank you are on the bulletin board in the office area– ELCA God’s work.Our hands



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HUGS-Hog Raffle

HUGS team will be selling tickets for a ½ hog. Hugs will pay for the standard processing fee, but anything over that is to be paid by the winner at pick up. Drawing will be held during the Shelby County Relay for Life. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 see any HUGS team member for tickets or the church office.

HUGS-Relay for Life Walkers Sign Up

There is a sign-up sheet on the back window for walkers during the relay—**August 4-5**. It's a great time to fellowship and to talk for a great cause. Please consider signing up. Luminaries forms & Survivor Registrations forms are available on the back table. Survivors should sign-up as soon as possible.



Upcoming Events

- July 2 Blood Pressure Check-office area 9:00-9:45am
- Parish Ed meeting 11:00am
- July 11 Ruth Circle 7:30pm
- July 16 Church Council 9am
- Ice Cream Social 11:30am-2:00pm
- July 19 August Newsletter Items due
- Hannah Circle 12:30pm
- July 31 Historical Society Presentation 7pm

****Save the Date:** Aug 4-5 Shelby County Relay for Life Walk
 Aug 6 Annual Golf Outing 1:30pm Shelby Oaks

Bible Trivia Answer: He was thrown into the lions' den

