

St. John's Lutheran Church & School

Monthly Newsletter

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The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Stewardship Newsletter Article: July 2018

**“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery”
(Gal. 5:1).**

We celebrate this month because of the freedoms and liberties our country has afforded us. We are right to do this. We should be thankful for these liberties: the freedom to gather together to worship and to live out what we believe in our daily lives.

But freedom and liberty in our age has devolved. It has become a freedom from duty instead of a freedom for it. Indeed, freedom and liberty in our age has turned into licentiousness: a license to do what we want, when we want.

This license is a submission, again, to a yoke of slavery. For freedom as license to do what we desire when we desire it means we are slaves to our desires, slaves to our passions.

Christ died to set us free from our sinful desires. In Holy Baptism, our Old Adam is drowned and put to death along with all sin and evil desires so that a new man may arise and live before God in righteousness and purity.

In Christ, we are a new creation. We are set free from the passions of the flesh so that we are free to do our duty and bear fruits of the Spirit.

Our duty is what God calls us to do as members of a family, society, and the church.

God calls us to believe in His Word and gladly hear and learn it. He calls us to pray for all people. He calls us to live in faith toward Him and in fervent love for our neighbor. He calls us to put the gifts He gives to us in His service. God calls parents to provide for their children and raise them in the fear and admonition of the Lord. And God calls children to honor their parents and provide and care for them when they are no longer able to do so themselves.

God calls the government to punish those who do evil and to reward those who do good. He calls citizens to pay their taxes and honor the governing officials as God's servants. He calls pastors to preach and teach the Gospel as well as repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And He calls hearers to support those who teach them with every good thing.

Christ died to set us free from the works of our selfish flesh, giving us the freedom and liberty to do our duty. Stand firm, then, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Birthdays:

- 2- Tracy Harpster, Stephanie Rieck, Heather Wohltman
- 3- Alan Severson, Donna Noffke
- 4- Jason Armstrong, Calvin Montgomery, Ellen Lane, Heidi Lucier
- 5- Scott Uphoff
- 6- Jason Lee
- 7- William Buser
- 8- Wes Blume, Josie Orris, Tina Smith, Erik VanHoveln
- 9- Grace Niemeyer
- 10- Dylan Smith
- 11- Verne Adkins, Andrew Polston
- 12- Barbara Kirts, Sherry Long
- 13- Rhett Farmer
- 14- Bradley Atkinson, Brian Hoenes, John Mauck, Raygen Smith
- 15- Lynn Lee
- 16- Aiden Cook
- 18- Joey Allee
- 20- Kevin McReynolds, Rebecca Wetzel
- 21- Hannah Hudson, Laura Grubbs, Clara Woelber, Todd Thoman
- 22- Lorene Reinhart, Eric Lane, Cade Hanse, Howard Diepholz
- 23- Mary Bowman, William Kroening, Eugene Schultz
- 24- Jacob McQueen
- 25- Peggy Seaman, Dylan Rhoads, Tyler Shepard
- 26- John Siebert, Carole Wilson, Charles Miller, Marlana VonHoveln
- 27- Anna Jacobsen
- 28- Patrick Tomczewski, Doreen Nelms, Brendan Prince, Kevin Blume
- 29- Melissa Por, Brad Orris, Sarah White, Alex Shepard
- 30- Corbin Richey, Nicole Shepard
- 31- Austin Stortzum, Benjamin Hocking

Anniversaries:

Brandon & Michelle Saunders	July 1, 2000	Mark & Vallori Degler	July 18, 1993
Alvin & Judy Schaagemann	July 1, 1962	Stephen & Kim Janssen	July 18, 1981
Kris & Jodi Maleske	July 2, 1995	Brian & Joan Hoenes	July 19, 1980
Blake & Mina Fairchild	July 2, 2011	William & Erin Lawler	July 20, 2002
Alvin & Helen Alwardt	July 3, 1965	Frederick & Maryann Uphoff	July 20, 1951
Howard & Brenda Diepholz	July 5, 1992	Collin & Kacie Richey	July 21, 2001
Brad & Rachel Orris	July 5, 1997	Herman & Vivian Taylor	July 21, 1970
Kyle & Chantel Thompson	July 11, 2009	Roger & Barbara Haberer	July 22, 1967
Dennis & Connie Czerwonka	July 14, 1990	Myron & Peggy Salmon	July 27, 1985
Ron & Nina Curry	July 16, 1977	Larry & Susan Miller	July 30, 1967
Rick & Kimberly Shepard	July 17, 1982		

Serving this July:

Elders: Greg Mauck & Tim Rincker
Ushers: 8:00 am: Collin Richey 10:30 am: Todd Thoman
Altar Guild: Tina Smith & Janice Mann
Acolytes: ***Please see the 3-month acolyte listing on the ledge*

Prayer Requests:

Those In Need of Comfort, Health, & Recovery (Recently Added)

Ron Phillips
Bonnie Kenney

Bill Buser

For those Serving Our Nation:

John Mauck (Okinawa)

Those Who Need Our Ongoing Prayers:

Ava Gass	John Kendall	Alan Phelps	Art ZuHone
Howard Diepholz	Bob Zschau	Carolyn Phillips	Maxine Oeltjen
Roland Dahnke	Chuck Cookson	Richard Grice	Corinne Thomley
Toni Hesse	Pastor Paul Garchow	Mae Morris	Bill Moran
Oliver Countryman	Norma Schussler	Carolyn Phillips	Dale Trimberger
Paul Welton	William Kroening	August Stortzum	Bonnie Kenney
Paul Morrison – Father of Barb Kirts		Bob Pierce – Father of Tina Smith	
Ruth Jubelt - Jane Roth's Mother		Rose Weber – Mother of Julie Gass	
Alydia Brylowski – Friend of the DuFrain's		Ken Maleske – Father of Kris Maleske	
Bob Hagen – Brother in Law of Margaret Hagen		Carol McDaniel – Sister of Doug Blume & Nancy Gass	
Lydia Fenton – Relative of the Wetzel & Severson Family		Mac McFadden – Friend of the Welton's	
Auggie Doehring – Brother of Derald Doehring		Camden Hancock – Friend of the Welton's	
Kathy Beaver – Friend of Joyce Zschau		Vida Bruss – Sister of Mark Ewald	
Dan Johnson Jr. – Son of Dan & Virginia Johnson		Ken Maleske – Father of Kris Maleske	
Judy Yott – Aunt of Pastor Jacobsen		Kevin Shaffer – Husband of Lynn Shaffer (St. John's 2nd Grade Teacher)	
Dan Kruger – Brother of Pat Wetzel			

News, Events, and Announcements:

Scrip: Summer order schedule has begun. The order weeks are as follows:
July 2, July 16, July 30, August 13. Weekly orders will resume August 20.

Mark Your Calendar: September 30, 2018 is our annual church picnic. Dr. Dale Meyer of Concordia Seminary St. Louis will be preaching for our 125th Anniversary Celebration. We will have one service at 9:00 am followed by our annual church picnic. Hope to see you there!

NEW School Job Openings: St. John's School is now taking applications for:

- Middle school teacher with a concentration in math (A math degree is not necessary.)
- Part-time Spanish teacher

Book of the Month:

RELIGION on TRIAL

*Cross-Examining
Religious Truth Claims*

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Overview

With ten thousand religions in the world today and two being added every day, how are we to know which, if any, is true?

Religion on Trial takes a serious look at whether all religions are saying nearly the same thing and ultimately lead to the same destination—and if not, whether any of the world’s religions can withstand a closer examination using the evidentiary methods developed in law, history, and science.

For if any religions are to be left standing, they (or it) must have claims made not in a corner immune from rigorous examination but testable by all serious inquirers using methods that have been employed in other fields dealing with truth claims. *Religion on Trial* is a relentless search for the truth that puts religious claims to rigorous cross-examination—nothing less than eternity is at stake.