

# St. John's Monthly Newsletter

## June 2019

### **The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Stewardship Newsletter Article: June 2019**

Some disciples of John the Baptist were questioning him about the baptism and preaching of Jesus. Many disciples were going to Jesus instead of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist answers: "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven" (John 3:27).

John the Baptist says this to show that Jesus, His teaching, and His baptism are from heaven. God provides everything we have in body and soul.

We are taught this in the meaning of the Apostles' Creed in the *Small Catechism*.

In the First Article of the Creed, we learn that God has made us and everything in the universe.

"He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him."

In the Second Article of the Creed, we learn that God sent His Son, Jesus, to humble Himself by taking the form of a servant.

In so doing, He "has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity."

In the Third Article of the Creed, we learn that the fruits of what Jesus Christ, the Son of God, did are given to us through the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church.

"That I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ."

Indeed, "a person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven."

But how easy is this for us to forget? How easy is it for us to think that what we have in life is because we have earned it?

How easy is it for us to forget that all our skills – the abilities of our hands and minds, the ethic to work diligently, and the desire to improve – is given to us from heaven, just as John the Baptist said?

How easy is it for us to forget that it is Christ alone, and the work of the Holy Spirit, that reveals His salvation to us, delivers it to us, and that none of this is our doing?

Sure, we have responsibility for coming to church, for delving into God's Holy Word, and for praying without ceasing.

But even these responsibilities are given to us from heaven. These duties are not earned; they are given in response to what He has accomplished for us.

Everything we have, and everything we are – in both body and soul – are gifts from God in heaven.

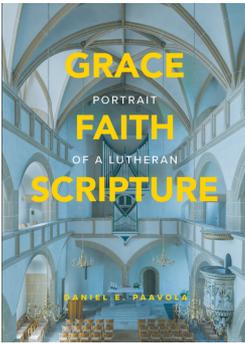
## Serving this June:

**Elders:** Andy Adair & Larry Miller  
**Ushers:** 8:00 am: Mark Uphoff & Jo Crackel  
10:30 am: Randy Ervin & Alex Shepard  
**Altar Guild:** Libby VanHoveln & Laura ZuHone

### Acolytes:

*\*\*Please see the summer acolyte listing on the ledge. FYI: changes are not added to this schedule on the ledge. If you have requested to be changed or taken off on a certain date the schedule will not be changed every time.*

## Book of the Month:



### Grace, faith, and Scripture.

These three solas, or “alones,” have long been used to characterize the unique theology of the Lutheran faith. The solas set up a relationship between God and us and between us and our neighbor.

Lutherans are people of the Bible, basing our faith on *God’s Word alone*. In that Word, we find *grace alone* is the central message of God in His relationship with us. To receive that gift, we need *faith alone*. These three solas are Lutheran hallmarks, but they are also God’s gifts to all Christians.

Using stories and situations drawn from common relationships such as friendships and marriage, Daniel Paavola uses the three solas to deepen our understanding of Lutheran doctrine. The solas don’t encompass every single aspect of Lutheranism, but through them, we can get a picture of what it means to be a Lutheran.

### About the Author

Dr. Daniel Paavola has been teaching the essence of the Lutheran faith for twenty-two years as a professor of theology at Concordia University Wisconsin, where he currently serves as the theology department chairman.

*Call or email the church office if you want us to order for you!*

## Prayer Requests:

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

Tara Stortzum	Norma Schussler	Ken Rufener
Jim Kull – Father of Kim Fanelli	Jules Martin - Brother of Micahel Martin	
Alydia Brylowski – Friend of Carol & Joel DuFrain	Paul Morrison – Barb Kirts Dad	
Adeline Riojas – Niece of Pastor & Sarah Jacobsen		

### Those Who Need Our Ongoing Prayers:

Herman Taylor	Richard Grice	John Kendall
Roberta Dosiien	Ava Gass	Bob Zschau
Alan Phelps	Howard Diepholz	Chuck Cookson
Kevin Shaffer – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher’s Husband	Jerry Rardin – Brother of Carol Welton	
Bob Pierce – Father of Tina Smith	Karen Morris – Friend of Joel & Carol DuFrain	

# Birthdays:

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1- Gail Traub   | 4- Stephen Woelber, Stephen Janssen |
| 2- Katherine Hyland, Jodi Tomer                                     | 5- Monte Overton                    |
| 3- Hillary Love, Ava Gass, Bradford Rau                             |                                     |
| 6- Andrea Kleiboeker, Jennifer Smith, Trevor Arnholt, Brandon Pedro |                                     |
| 7- Meredith Danley, Lauren Enerski                                  | 14- Phyllis Schultz, Shirley Kolbus |
| 8- Kurtis Rankin  | 15- Harvey Janssen, Lucas Shepard   |
| 9- Maxwell Wetzel, Laura Pointon                                    | 16- Terry Bartels, Cole Larson      |
| 10- Frances Bareither   | 17- Michael Lange, Frank Edwards    |
| 11- Tyler Welton, Randall Rhoads                                    | 20- Toni Pedro                      |
| 12- Arthur ZuHone   | 21- Caden Wirth, Vaughn Prince      |
| 13- Pat Hills, Rick Shepard   | 23- Erin Lawler                     |
| 24- Clinton Hoenes, Sandy McMillan, Tyler Arnholt, Nina Curry       |                                     |
| 25- Mary ZuHone   | 29- Isaac Jacobsen                  |
| 26- Mark Ewald, Roger Tice, Bryson Lucier                           | 30- Jeremy Harlin, Andrew Wetzel    |
| 27- Martha Spencer  |                                     |

# Anniversaries:

Carole & Joe Wilson	June 1, 1985	Melvin & Stacy Pierce	June 18, 2005
Morris & Katie Miller	June 4, 1983	Derald & Sara Doehring	June 19, 1960
Erik & Libby VanHoveln	June 5, 2004	Jack & Janet Harper	June 21, 1969
Greg & Kim Mauck	June 5, 1993	Kevin & Jenny Lange	June 21, 2002
John & Laura Dixon	June 7, 2008	Scott & Kallie Harris	June 22, 2013
Jeffrey & Kelly Allee	June 12, 1993	Dennis & Georgia Burtard	June 24, 1971
Courtney & Michael Martin	June 14, 2003	Chip & Tammy Eads	June 25, 1988
Robert & Sherri Arnholt	June 15, 1985	Henry & Evadine Harrington	June 25, 1961
Bill & Deb Havlik	June 16, 1990	Michael & Dina Gass	June 27, 2014
Richard & Clara Woelber	June 17, 1953	Eugene & Phyllis Schultz	June 28, 1959
Alan & Brenda Severson	June 17, 1979		

## Church & School News, Events, & Announcements:

**Voter's Meeting:** There will be a voter's meeting on Sunday, June 16 after the 10:30 am service.

**Gym Floor Refinish:** The gym floor will be refinished on Friday, June 14. Therefore, the gym will be closed for 2 weeks. The tentative re-open date is on June 29.

**Christian Day at the Ballpark:** Thrivent Financial is proud to present the 2019 Christian Day at the ballpark when the Cardinals face the Arizona Diamondbacks on Sunday, July 14 at 1:15 pm. There is a flyer on the bulletin board outside the conference room.

**Summer Scrip Schedule:** The summer dates will be : June 17, July 1, 15, 29, and August 12. Weekly ordering will begin after the August date.

**St. John's Wall of Giving:** Located in the Fellowship Hall you will find our Wall of Giving. Pick a card from our wall with the donation amount you would like to give. Simply return your donation with the card to the church or school office. Your name will then be listed on our Donor Wall located at the school! ALL FUNDS RAISED GO DIRECTLY TO RETIRE THE DEBT!

Dear Church Members,

As many of you know, St. John's Youth Group (FIRE) will be traveling next month to Minneapolis, Minnesota to attend the National Youth Gathering. We have a group that consists of 10 students and 2 chaperones. Over the last 3 years, our church family has graciously helped us raise money through car washes, Easter breakfasts, Lenten and Advent meals, and various other smaller projects. We truly appreciate every amount as this trip would not be possible without your support.

With that being said, we are looking for people who would be interested in sponsoring a student or chaperone during our trip. This would consist of offering a couple of things that you can choose:

- 1. A monetary donation of \$10, \$25, \$50, or \$100. This money would be used to help offset the cost of 3 daily meals for 6 days.
- 2. Prayer support! If you feel led to support through prayer, we would love for you to pray for these 3 areas during our trip.
  - \*That our group would stay healthy and safe
  - \*That we continue to grow in our faith through our **REAL. PRESENT. GOD.**
  - \*That what we learn during this gathering will be used to shape our life in a Godly way.

If you would like to help, please fill out the below portion and return it to the church office by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Again, THANK YOU for your support!

*Your Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
The FIRE*

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**Students and chaperones attending The NYG 2019:  
Michael Gass, Rachel Orris, Josie and Taylor Orris, Ellie Gass, Gwen Diepholz, Brodie Rankin, Canyn Borntrager, Mya Cobb, Grace Lange, Nick Fanelli, Anna Sipes**

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to sponsor a person with a money donation

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to sponsor a person with my prayers

\_\_\_\_\_ Both

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Your name, address, and phone number*

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*Name of student wishing to sponsor --If no preference, please indicate and 1 person will be assigned to you.*