

# The Visitor

August 2016

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## Anniversary



Anniversaries are important milestones in life. We usually celebrate life-changing events in our personal lives on those days. Birthdays are anniversaries of a pretty important life changing event. Marriage dates are anniversaries of life changing events. Job changes and graduations also get marked in some little way. Facebook will remind you of things you thought were important enough to share on the date you shared them.

We are soon to celebrate the beginning of our third year together as pastor and congregation. In the past couple of years we have really worked hard at putting our faith into practice in our homes and in our communities. We know that what has come before us in the last 119 years as a congregation has laid a firm foundation in Jesus Christ of the best years of our life together.

I am looking forward to what God has in store for us in our future together. There are so many opportunities for us to share the Gospel. Our leadership in fighting poverty by encouraging Lewis County to become an "Opportunity Community" is bringing the Gospel to life. Our building is buzzing with activity, not just during the winter months but all year long. Even now, leaders are working diligently to prepare for Sunday School to share the message of Christ with young people in our community. Even now, worship leaders are preparing inspiring worship services for the rest of the summer and beyond. Even now, the Spirit of God is moving in our midst.

For me, anniversaries are a time for building on the foundation of a life lived in Jesus Christ. It is a time to look forward to the blessings of God in the future. It is time, to step out in the power of God to change the world.

*Pastor Matt*

## St. John's Women's Ministries

The **Women's Book Guild** will meet at 6:00pm on **Tuesday, August 23**, for a salad potluck at the Jahnsen's home on Mayfield Lake. Katie Jahnsen will lead the discussion on the book, *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein. Now would be a perfect time for new members to join our group! If you have any questions, call Joan Jahnsen at 748-3901.

Our annual **Women's Retreat**, *Sweet Life Café* will be held on **Saturday, September 17**, at Jahnsen's Mayfield Lake home from **8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.** with optional dinner and extended activities until 8:30 p.m. Come get refreshed at Sweet Life Café! Yes, this café-themed getaway is as relaxing and

refreshing as it sounds! Get away from the busyness of life as you relax with friends, share laughter and stories and spend time with God. Join us at our *Sweet Life Café* retreat to experience all this and more!



St. John's family and friends are invited to a coffee hour reception following the worship service on Sunday, August 21 to celebrate the recent marriage of Jay Jahnsen and Margaret Stewart.



### St. John's Lutheran Church Statement of Mission:

Rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ, we exist to:

- **PROCLAIM** God's unconditional love as an invitation to all,
- **GROW** in discipleship as we follow in Jesus' steps, and
- **SERVE** others as instruments of God's Holy Spirit.

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### Worship Schedule:

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Class
- 11:00 a.m. Worship

### Summer Worship Schedule:

- One Worship Service at 9:45 a.m.

## Bits and Pieces

### Congratulations . . .

To Mindy and Jon Judd on the birth of their daughter, Frankie, on July 2. Congratulations also go out to Aunt Sara and Grandparents Bill and Dee Blair.

### Thank you . . .

#### Dear St. John's Family,

Our family would like to thank all of you for your prayers, love, cards, e-mails and messages during my mom's 11-month battle with pancreatic cancer.

We were blessed to have this love and support around us.

We know she is now at peace and reunited with her family that has passed.

## August Celebrations

### Birthdays

- 2 Eva Munz
- 4 Susan Jendryka
- 6 Bill Hulse  
Vicki Graham
- 7 Gail Van der Hoeff
- 8 Louise Runyon
- 9 Luke Amrine  
Laurie Callas
- 10 Doug Ruth
- 11 Barb Stanfield
- 15 Ashleigh Cox
- 16 Rob Alexander
- 19 Larry Unzelman
- 20 Sue Austin  
Lexi Erwin  
Kasey (Wilson) Ramacher
- 21 Cael Justice  
Janie Mauel
- 22 Michele Cox  
Austin Carlson
- 26 Larry Dean

### Anniversaries

- 1 Donna and Larry Moir
- 4 Katrina and Greg Kirsch
- 7 April and Rick Michal  
Christine and Trent Vlach

God bless you and thank you again for your support during one of life's true struggles.

Love in Christ, *April, Rick, Andrew and Austin Michal*

### Pastor March and St. John's Congregation,

Many thanks for your prayers for healing as we recover from our injuries. A special thanks to Pastor for the visitations – the cards wishing us well – the servant teams for providing delicious dinners – and a big thanks to the Youth Group for the special card you created. This has all been a huge help to us. Our prayers are with all of you. *Clara and Jim Gilliland*

- 9 Lauri and Bernhard Kreutz
- 11 Pastor Matt and Rachel March
- 13 Colleen and Tim Touhey
- 15 Judy and Bob Utter
- 31 Marilyn and Greg Schmitt

### Baptism Anniversaries

- 3 Glen Unzelman
- 5 Matthew Rotter  
Evan Unzelman
- 14 Cori Jo Jahnsen
- 16 Rob Alexander
- 23 Marilyn Schmitt

## Dollars and Sense

### Operating Income and Expenses:

#### June 2016

Income	\$16,056.03
Expenses:	(10,053.05)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,002.98</b>

#### Year to Date as of Through July 18, 2016

<b>Income</b>	\$127,207.01
<b>Expenses</b>	(130,411.67)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$(3,204.66)</b>

# August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center 6:00 p.m. Social Ministry 7:00 p.m. Youth and Family	<b>2</b> 5:30 p.m. Property 7:00 p.m. Church Growth	<b>3</b> 10:00 a.m. Genealogical Society Bd.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Pastor Matt's Day Off	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:45 a.m. Worship	<b>8</b> 5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center	<b>9</b> 10:00 a.m. Lewis County Genealogical Board 11:30 a.m. Women's Lunch Bunch at Denny's 6:00 p.m. Mutual Ministry 6:30 p.m. Church Council	<b>10</b> 5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center	<b>11</b> 5:30 p.m. Staff Meeting	<b>12</b> Pastor Matt's Day Off	<b>13</b> 8:00 a.m. Safe Family Ministries Open House 11:00 a.m. Youth Help with Kids Kloset at Immanuel Lutheran
Kids Kloset sorting at Immanuel Lutheran 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. <b>or</b> 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.						
<b>14</b> 9:45 a.m. Worship	<b>15</b> 5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center  <b>Visitor                      Deadline</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Pastor Matt's Day Off	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:45 a.m. Worship  Coffee Hour Reception for Jay and Margaret Jahnsen	<b>22</b> 5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center 7:00 p.m. Habitat for Humanity	<b>23</b> 6:00 p.m. Book Guild Salad Potluck at Jahnsen's Mayfield Lake home	<b>24</b> 5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Pastor Matt's Day Off	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship and Annual Picnic at Stan Hedwall Park	<b>29</b> 5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center 6:00 p.m. Music & Worship	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Pastor Matt's Day Off	<b>3</b>

God is the God of the hopeless cause. He is the God who loves sinners. He is the God who walks with us through the darkest valleys. He is the God who brings light into our darkness and peace to our times of anxiety and despair. God rescues, redeems and forgives sinners. This help is extended to us even though we can't earn it and don't deserve it. There's a word for this truth: Grace.

*Adam Hamilton, author of Half Truths*

*Annual*  
**Church Picnic**  
*at Stan Hedwall Park*  
**Sunday, August 28**  
Worship at 10:30 a.m.  
**All Church Picnic to Follow**

Please bring a lawn chair to use during worship services.  
Church Growth will provide the burgers and brats,  
coffee and table service.  
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share  
and your own beverage.



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