

The Visitor

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Holy Spirit — Pot Stirrer



1 Corinthians 12:7 *To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*

So last year in the space, I brought up three places where I saw the Holy Spirit stirring the pot of our lives here at St. John's. I think it is a good time to review where those events have changed us and our community.

In June and July last year we hosted coaches trainings here at St John's. This year, RISE Lewis County has become a force for keeping poverty issues at the forefront of our community. We have educated many on how they can make a difference in breaking the cycle of generational poverty. We've built awareness in our own church and community. People are dreaming of ways to bring affordable housing to our community. Holy Spirit — stirring the pot.

Last July, some of our youth went to Montana to serve on the Blackfeet Reservation. They came back changed. Bill and Muriel Old Chief visited our congregation and shared how the students in their dorm would not have Christmas because grant money fell through. Our congregation stepped up and with the help of the wider Lewis County community, raised enough money to buy gifts for 150 students, buy gifts for the staff and pay to have the gifts delivered to Montana with money left over for further ministry with the Blackfeet Nation. Holy Spirit — stirring the pot.

Habitat for Humanity continues to have a presence in our facility. They have used it for training, meetings, and interviews. Now, when people do a google search for Habitat in Lewis County, they are

directed to this place where they can find out information. Holy Spirit — stirring the pot.

Of course, the Holy Spirit continues to stir thing up around here. We chose to bring *Cry of the Whole Congregation* to Good Friday, partnered with St Timothy Episcopal, St Paul Lutheran, and Immanuel Lutheran and 108 people experienced the story of Jesus Passion. Youth Quake was supposed to disappear but it came back and doubled in size. Our youth were leaders in worship and role models for their peers from other churches. Leadership from Youth Quake commented specifically on how impressed they were by the depth of care for one another and the depth of theological reflection. Of course, RISE Lewis County continues to relentlessly pursue their work keeping us focused on feeding, clothing, and housing our neighbors in need.

So God-watcher, *where do you see the Holy Spirit stirring the pot?*

Pastor Matt



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.**

My St. John's Story

Salvation: My pathway to salvation leads me through St. John's. Psalm 13 reads: *How long O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me? Look on me and answer, O Lord, my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death; my enemy will say, "I have overcome him" and my foes will rejoice when I fall. But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, for He has been good to me.*

Togetherness: Attending worship service, being active within a committee or getting involved with other St. John's activities offers me fellowship. A true feeling of togetherness. Matthew 18:20: *For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*

Justification: Being baptized, attending worship services and receiving communion gives justification to my belief in God. Romans 3:24-25: *Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God.*

Obedience: St. John's teaches me obedience to God's word. Reading the Bible, attending services regularly or just paying better attention to my thoughts and deeds helps me to obey that which I should. Colossians 3:20-24: *Children, obey your parents in all things: for*

this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged. Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eye service, as men pleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing . And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of thee; for ye serve the Lord Christ.

Happiness: Attending St. John's brings me great happiness. I am happy to see new faces at church. I am happy when I see our youngsters smiling and full of energy. I truly enjoy the interaction at all functions, people talking, laughing, discussing business or whatever. Happiness seems to be very prevalent throughout St. John's.

Nourishment: St. John's provides the means to nourish me both mentally and spiritually. Following the Word of God gives me peace of mind. Just being at St. John's whether alone, while working or when a function is taking place, I feel the Spirit moving. There are moments while working alone, I go sit in the Sanctuary and just listen. Knowing the Spirit is with me gives me great pleasure. Through the Spirit, I know God is speaking to me – leading me on my path to righteousness. Romans 8:10: *And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.*

Strength: St. John's provides me the strength I need to continue on my journey to salvation. Every day Satan tries

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My Story . . .

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to tempt me through thought, word and deed. St. John's strengthens me through its teachings and philosophy. Daniel 10:19: *O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto you thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when He had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, let my Lord speak; for thou has strengthened me.* Isaiah

40:31: *But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.* Psalm 18:2: *The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.* Psalm 27:1: *The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?*

The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Thank you Lord for allowing me to be a part of St. John's. Thank you for our wonderful staff, thank you for all who attend. Thank you for the work our members accomplish both within the church and in our community. Thanks be to God!
Bernie Schreck

STP Bicycle Classic, July 15-16: There will be sign-up sheets in the church narthex to help work in the kitchen, donate food, pickup luggage, etc. The need for moving luggage to the church on Saturday and back to Recreation Park on Sunday is especially important. If you have questions about helping, contact, Donna Moir at 748-4517; for more information about donating food or helping prepare and serve meals, contact Susan Russell, cell 360-269-1527 or e-mail orrussell5@yahoo.com or fill in the blanks on the sign-up poster in the narthex.



VBS 2017: Maker Fun Factory!

Not for children only! **June 26-30, 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** This year's VBS will be a bit different — activities for both children and adults will be held in the evening starting at 5:30 p.m. with a light supper. After supper the children will let their imaginations run wild with **MAKER FUN FACTORY** activities while the adults enjoy some fun events designed just

for them. Adults can enjoy an evening of crafting with Sara Blair; learning how the church year is determined lead by Vicki Graham; a movie night (complete with popcorn and soda); and a "Stump the Pastor" session (bring your hardest questions!).

If you are joining us for supper and the adult events, please sign-up on the sheet in

the narthex so we can make adequate arrangements. It's always good to have extra helping hands so please indicate if you are willing to help prepare the suppers — the meals will be very simple and all dishes and utensils will be disposable.

We're looking forward to this fun-filled week of activities for all ages!



Bits and Pieces

The Men's Fellowship group is hosting a "Sin Boldly" (Luther's Phrase) Beer Making Social from 2 to 6 p.m. on June 3 at Ben Suhrbier's house, 694 South Military Road, Winlock,. A few of us will be showing how to make home brew. Those attending need to bring beverages and a small donation for supplies to make beer. (\$5.00). For more information, contact Ben at 785-0153 or bsuhrbier@hotmail.com.

High school & College graduates! It is that time of year again. If you have a graduating senior in High School or College in your family, please contact the office as soon as possible. Remembrance bags will be out by the end of May. Thank you.

On **June 18**, we will be honoring three confirmation students: Jackson Humphrey, Jacob Moeckel and Camden Ryan. Please join us on June 18 to celebrate this day.

Young At Heart: Our next gathering for Young At Heart will be in **September**. We would like to thank everyone that contributed and/or helped us by making soup, setting up tables, cleaning up, etc.. All the lunches were delicious! A special thank-you to Lorna Johnson for arranging programs including meeting the new SWW Fair manager, learning more about the Lewis County Food Bank, how to make a will and information from the Lewis

County Sheriff's Department. Thanks again to everyone — see you in September!

Nancy Lynch and Gail Dean

A very special and heartfelt thank-you to Nancy Lynch and Gail Dean for their faithful work in planning and providing food for the Young At Heart luncheons. If you are 55+ you are welcome to attend the once-a-month luncheons beginning again in September through May.

Nancy and Gail, thank you for your dedication to Young At Heart! It's very much appreciated.

June Celebrations

June Birthdays

- 1 Ericka Suhrbier
- 3 Glen Unzelman
- 5 Dee Blair
- 10 Scott Amrine
Stuart Cavness
Steve Grega
Anthony Grill
Deane Johnson
Bette White
- 17 Stacey Cummings
Luanne Grill
Gayle Isaacson
- 18 Lucas Jordan
Anna Russell
- 19 Steve Dean
Ava Humphrey
- 21 Nancy Lynch
Jennifer Fisher
- 22 Rachel Barber
- 23 Shirley Dolman
Veronica Haworth
Randy Sullivan
Dorothy Willson
- 24 Eric Melin
Durelle Sullivan

- 25 Carson Newman
Hudson Newman
- 28 Drew Schmitt
- 30 Russ Cox
Penelope Tobin

Anniversaries

- 3 Bonnie and Glen Unzelman
- 9 Ken and Kim Wright
- 10 Louise and Clarence Runyon
- 12 Clara and Jim Gilliland
- 14 Sue and Mike Austin
Denise and Larry Unzelman
- 15 Diane and Chuck Rudorfer
- 20 Lori and Don Schmitt
- 22 Marilyn and David Fenn
Lindsey and Scott Pollock
- 23 Rana and Andrew Justice
Hedy and Craig Mitchell
- 24 Susan and Brian Jendryka
- 25 Luanne and Jerry Grill
Ericka and Ben Suhrbier
- 27 Cathy and Jamie Scott
- 30 Kathy and Mark Hoffman
Janie and Denny Mauel

Baptism Anniversaries

- 2 Ben & Molly Russell
- 3 Anna Kreutz
- 9 Cheryl Amrine
Bill Blair
- 10 Austin & Veronica Haworth
Reid Olson
- 18 Margarite Humphrey
- 23 Katie Jahnsen
Kristin Jendryka
- 24 Randy Faro
Braden Newman
Carson Newman
Hudson Newman
- 26 Callum Heck
- 27 Sean & Brandan Touhey
- 28 Mindy Judd

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, let us know! Call the church office at 748-4741 or e-mail: office@stjohnschehalis.net.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Wednesday's Together! (Ends June 14) 4:15 p.m. Kids of the Kingdom 4:30 p.m. St. John's Knitting Ministry 5:00 p.m. Children's Chime Choir 5:30 p.m. Dinner is Served – All are welcome! 6:00 p.m. High School Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice				1 5:30 p.m. FFA Awards Banquet	2 7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group Pastor Matt's Day Off Office Closed	3 2:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship "Sin Boldly" event at Ben Suhrbier's
4 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Study Class 11:00 a.m. Worship	5 7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group 11:00 a.m. Altar Guild 7:00 p.m. Youth and Family	6 8:00 a.m. Life Line Screening 5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center 5:30 p.m. Property Comm. 6:00 p.m. Social Ministry 7:00 p.m. Church Growth	7 6:30 a.m. Men's Morning Bible Study 7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group 4:15 p.m. <i>Wednesday's Together</i> (see schedule) 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #301	8 5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center	9 7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group Pastor Matt's Day Off Office Closed	10
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18 Begin one-service Summer worship schedule 9:45 a.m. Worship — Confirmation Sunday Father's Day	19 7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group 6:00 p.m. Worship and Music	20 5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center 7:00 p.m. Genealogical Society 7:00 p.m. Book Guild at Donna Moir's home	21 7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #301	22 9:00 a.m. Bible Study Fellowship 5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center	23 7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group Pastor Matt's Day Off Office Closed	24 9 a.m. WELCA Garage Sale
25 9:45 a.m. Worship	26 7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group 7:00 p.m. Habitat for Humanity	27	28 7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group	29	30 7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> VBS — Maker Fun Factory — June 26-30, 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Activities for kids and adults! </div>

★For up to date calendar information, visit our website, www.stjohnschehalis.net and click on the "News" tab★

WELCA Annual Garage Sale . . .

is scheduled for **Saturday, June 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** We are accepting donations of household items that are clean and in good condition. As you do your spring cleaning please save items for us. You may place your donated items for sorting and pricing against the far wall of the community center. Volunteers will be needed to help sort and price items beginning Wednesday, June 21. We will also need workers to help the day of the sale. A sign-up sheet for helpers is available in the narthex. Contact Joan Jahnsen, 748-3901, for more information.



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