

# The Visitor

July/August 2018

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## Cleaning the Heart



Psalm 51:10 *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.*

Summer is traditionally a time for rest and relaxation. For those of us with children still at home, kids are out of school and it's a prime time to take family vacations. Summer is God's gift to us to clean our hearts and bring us refreshment.

Rest and relaxation does not mean that everything stops. Ministry is not on a 9 month calendar. It is a 365-24/7 responsibility of Christ's Church.

St John's continues even through the summer months. Worship still happens every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Planning is beginning for the program year beginning in September. VBS will happen July 23-27. People will still find us on the web and reach out for pastoral care.

So even if you are on vacation, the ministry of St John's continues. In order for that ministry to be there when needed, we need your prayer and financial support. You now don't have to wait to come to church to offer your financial offerings. You can go to our website [stjohnschehalis.net](http://stjohnschehalis.net) and give right there with your credit/debit card or with your checking account. You can even setup a recurring gift to happen at a time of your choosing.

Thank you for being a part of the mission and ministry of St John's Lutheran Church. Enjoy the renewal of your spirit this summer. May Jesus Christ continue to bless you and create in you a clean heart.

*Pastor Matt*

## Calling all STP volunteers!

We are again, hosting riders for STP July 14-15. This is always a fun event to be involved with and there are a variety of ways you can help; set up, clean up, check in, kitchen any-time Saturday or early Sunday morning.

We also need many volunteers to donate food items. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Please check it out and sign up for where you can help!

For more details about the event and what is involved, please let us know! Susan Russell, 360-266-8018, Sue Edwards, 360-748-6259, or Donna Moir, 360-748-4517.



### **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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8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

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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.**

## **What's in the Works . . .**

St. John's Council met on June 12. We have many committees that work behind the scenes at St. John's. Here are a few notes about what we're working on.

Thanks to all of our committees who meet monthly to keep our church running smoothly.

### **Worship & Music**

- On June 17 we changed to one service at 9:45. During this summer this will continue with the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays using praise band music and the 2nd and 4th Sundays using *With One Voice* Setting 5. We will change back to two services on September 9.

### **Altar Guild**

- We are having six new Corporals made. This is

the cloth the eucharist placed on. They are also having 2 new vales made. This is the cloth that covers the communion supplies. The current vale is an antique that has been used for many years. They are researching the history of this vale to include in a display case in the sacristy where the vale will be kept after it is retired.

### **Property Committee**

Property committee is working hard to keep our church in good repair. This month they replaced a faucet and a toilet. They have also switched the heating/cooling system in the church over to cool.

### **Financial News:**

Monthly income April: \$21,888.00  
Monthly expenses April: 21,666.00

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
YTD income:	\$72,543.00	\$86,380.00
YTD expenses:	85,815.00	86,380.00

### **Worship Attendance:**

	<b><u>8:30</u></b>	<b><u>11:00</u></b>
June 3	69	38
June 10	84	24
	<b><u>9:45</u></b>	
June 17	118	
June 24	81	

## Human vs. Human

*Submitted by Sue Edwards,  
Mobile Meals Sack Lunch  
Coordinator*

At Gather on June 2, a reporter and a photographer from *The Chronicle* were present to interview some homeless people for a future series in the local paper. They stated a goal of “humanizing” the homeless.

A few months prior, several homeless camps in Centralia were “cleaned out” by a group of people who organized on Facebook. The coverage in *The Chronicle* included a photo of the organizer laughing while holding a tattered cardboard sign “Need help.” The Centralia City Council praised this ad hoc group for taking initiative in their community.

A June 12th *Chronicle* article reported the recent cleaning out of a homeless camp under I-5 at Exit 77 where I turn onto Main Street to enter Chehalis. The estimated 20 occupants were given a 72-hour notice to vacate on June 4th. A Washington State Patrol trooper reportedly met

with Lewis County Gospel Mission staff and other local volunteers in March “to make sure we attack this in the right way and respect these people.” The story noted it was believed that the campers declined any offers of help to move and to find work. Local law enforcement officers were tasked to search for dangerous or illicit materials at the camp before the cleanup began. Over a two-day period, they found “no drugs, needles, or weapons” to their surprise. The WSDOT Maintenance Superintendent responsible for I-5 was quoted: “Now the challenge will be how do we keep them from coming back and this just becomes a spring cleaning for them. It’s what you see in Seattle and Vancouver, not here, but apparently it’s become the norm everywhere.”

After meeting homeless people this past year serving meals at Gather, I have realized a few things:

1. The homeless are already “human,” they don’t need to be “humanized;”

2. The need for help is never a laughing matter;
3. Taking action without authorization or official notice to vacate is NOT taking initiative;
4. “Attack this in the right way” does not connote a positive outcome;
5. The absence of drugs, needles and weapons at this camp proves that ALL homeless people are not druggies and criminals,
6. When we divide ourselves into “them” and “us,” it is difficult to reach a mutually acceptable solution; and
7. If homelessness has “become the norm everywhere,” it is not by choice and it is a problem facing our entire country.

If you feel you are immune to becoming homeless or just want to learn more, go to [Seattle.curbed.com](http://Seattle.curbed.com) and search for “invisible homelessness first person” dated 4/17/18. It is an eye-opening account of a successful woman’s path to homelessness and back again as told by her daughter. It will surprise you.

## Thank you . . .

Dear Pat and Staff,  
Just a note of thanks for the lovely gathering you hosted for Wynston and the other precious babies. It was such a treat to connect and

introduce Wynston to some of the St. John’s ladies! We treasure the engraved Bible. Thank you for such a wonderful gift and your

generosity. With love and gratitude,

*Kara, Nelson and  
Wynston*

## July Celebrations

### Birthdays

1 Carol Kostanich  
2 Frankie Judd  
3 Emmelyn Affeldt  
Kim Wright  
5 Sandy Gilliland  
6 Billie Melin  
12 Truman Affeldt  
Doug Lee  
13 Bob Utter  
14 Kate Amrine  
15 Elizabeth March  
17 Bernie Schreck  
18 Nancy Sjoberg  
19 Ron Braaten  
Tess Lund  
20 Laurie Suhrbier  
21 Jim Ruth

23 John Haworth  
24 Marilyn Schmitt  
26 Megan Gerke  
Trent Vlach  
27 Al Soderquist  
28 Hans Meier  
29 Shirley Kuxhausen  
30 Tyler Carlson  
31 Betsy Faro

### Anniversaries

5 Jordan and Cori Jo  
Duncan  
6 Melody and Ron Braaten  
Kathryn and Matthew  
Rotter  
7 Gayle and David Isaacson  
Cheryl and Kerry Vance  
9 Joan and Jim Jahnsen

15 Patty and Mark Wilson  
26 Cheryl and Scott Amrine  
Lexi and Matt Gage

### Baptism Anniversaries

4 Jim Jahnsen  
9 Austin Michal  
16 Oliver Heck  
17 Amber Olson  
Jason Olson  
20 Megan Gerke  
23 Susan Russell  
24 Deane Johnson  
25 Wyatt Dean  
28 Samuel Lynch

## 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 Heather and Jake Heck  
Pastor Matt and Rachel  
March  
Donna and Larry Moir  
4 Katrina and Greg Kirsch  
7 April and Rick Michal  
Christine and Trent Vlach  
9 Lauri and Bernhard  
Kreutz  
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 Duncan  
16 Rob Alexander  
23 Marilyn Schmitt

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

# July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:45 a.m. Worship	2 7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group 7:00 p.m. Youth and Family	3 5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center 7:00 p.m. Church Growth	4 	5 5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center	6 7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group  Pastor Matt's Day Off  Office Closed	7 10:00 a.m. Mobile Meals at Gather in Centralia
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VBS – This Changes Everything						
29 9:45 a.m. Worship	30 7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group	31 5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center	Pastor Matt will be on vacation July 3 – 29. For pastoral care emergencies, contact Pastor Melissa Johnson from St. Paul's in Winlock, 360-785-3507.  Church Secretary Linda will be out of the office July 23—25.  E-mail and phone messages will be checked daily.			
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# August 2018

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<b>26</b> 9:45 a.m. Worship  Church Picnic (Tentative)	<b>27</b> 7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group	<b>28</b> 5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center	<b>29</b> 8:00 a.m. Women's Exercise Group	<b>30</b> 5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center	<b>31</b> 8:00 a.m. Women's Exercise Group Pastor Matt's Day Off  Office Closed	

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# Vacation Bible School: *This Changes Everything!*

You are invited to join in the fun at St. John's VBS! The theme this year is *This Changes Everything* – the same as the Youth Gathering in Houston.

VBS will be held July 23-27, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Below is a registration

form. We have limited space available so please return the registration form to me before **July 1.**

Please bring a sack lunch each day — we will provide snacks.

We need volunteers to help run the program, (group

leaders, prepare snacks, help with games, etc.). Please contact me if you will help. Thank you in advance for helping make this year's VBS a success.

God Bless,  
*Pat Soderquist*



## St. John's VBS Health Form & Liability Release 2018

July 23 – July 27, 2018  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State Zip

Gender:  Male  Female

**Custodial Parent/Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State Zip

Business address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State Zip

**Second Parent/Guardian or emergency contact** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State Zip

Business address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State Zip

If not available in an emergency, notify \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State Zip

### Insurance Information

Is the Camper covered by family medical/hospital insurance?  Yes  No

If so, indicate carrier or plan name \_\_\_\_\_ Group # \_\_\_\_\_

### Health History

#### Allergies

Medication: \_\_\_\_\_

Food: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Medications

Please List any Current Medications w/Dosage

Medication 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Med Dosage

Medication 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Med Dosage

Medication 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Med Dosage

**Activity Restriction:** Please list any restrictions and/or limitations to physical activities (i.e. pre-existing conditions)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of family Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of family Dentist/orthodontist \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

This form is complete and accurate to my knowledge. The participant has permission to partake in all activities unless otherwise noted.

**Signature of Parent or Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**This Health Form will be kept by the sponsoring congregation as confidential information. It will be used for informational and emergency purposes only.**

## Giving to Support St. John's

As a church we encourage those who are part of the St. John's family to be giving to the work of our congregation. We believe you should not feel burdened by the issue of giving but in fact, find it a joy! We are pleased to provide e-giving options as an alternative to giving cash and checks in the offering plate (your cash and checks are always welcome!).

- **Mobile Phone:** Scan the QR code provided here to

access our mobile giving site and follow the prompts.

- **Our Website** – on your computer, go to [www.stjohnschehalis.net](http://www.stjohnschehalis.net) and click on the “donate” button
- **Online Banking** – Arrange to give through bill-pay at your own bank's website.

You will be asked for the following information:

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