

# The Visitor

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## Jesus: Foundation and Transition



On June 3, we recognized the graduates from our congregation. It is a rite of passage for most people. We move from one level of education to another. That next level might be additional formal education or it could be the education of getting the first job on a

career path.

But even changes can change. It wasn't so long ago that a person would graduate from high school or college, get a job, and retire from that company in 30 years or so. It wasn't uncommon for people to work their way up through the ranks to higher status within the company. It may have meant a geographical move now and again, but the company stayed the same.

Now, our kids start high school and college to train for jobs that might not even exist when they start their education. Many people won't work for one company and retire, they might not even work one career. Life is becoming more and more unpredictable and transitions are becoming the norm.

The Church finds itself at a crossroads in the midst of all this transition. On the one hand we serve a God who is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. (Hebrews 13:8) On the other hand, we believe that God created this ever changing, unpredictable world. (Genesis 1 & 2)

Transitions are difficult under the best of circumstances. Graduation is a celebration of accomplishment and moving on to the next level. But graduation is also when we leave familiar patterns and people behind for new schools, new jobs and new communities.

Phyllis Tickle in her book *The Great Emergence: How Christianity is Changing and Why*, observes that every 500 years in the Christian Church there is an upheaval, a reformation if you will. Where the dominant institutional church is challenged to throw off those things that have become ossified and obscure the Gospel.

Her assertion is that we are in the midst of that cycle right now. We won't know for sure for a few more decades and who knows how this transition will shake out, but there seems to be

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## 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 anytime 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!

If you want 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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## **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.**

**Jesus . . .**  
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a move away from a head knowledge (Do you know Jesus?) to a heart knowledge (How have you experienced Jesus?).

Transition is hard, even when it is good. It is good to move from just “knowing about” to really experiencing Jesus. But just like graduation, transition moves our way of “knowing” and “experiencing” Christ to leave behind some of the familiar encounters with the unfamiliar. It means new people and ideas challenge us and our deeply held beliefs about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

Through all the transition, through all the change, through all the chaos that those things bring, we are not alone. History has taught us that in every 500-year

reformation, the Church of Jesus Christ emerges stronger and more effective for the Gospel. That in the midst of our change and transition, Jesus Christ is at work in, with, and under all that is happening.

After the resurrection, Jesus gives the Great Commission to the disciples in Matthew 28. Talk about a transition. Jesus is saying to the disciples, “Go! Do the work that I have prepared you for.” But Jesus leaves them with a promise that was good for them and is good for us as we transition to what Jesus has for us in our futures—“And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:16-20). You have graduated to become workers in the Kingdom of God!

*Pastor Matt*

## **St. John's Women's Ministries**

Women's Book Guild will meet on Tuesday, June 19 at 6:00pm at the home of Donna Moir. We will begin with a potluck and then review two books. Katrina Boedecker will lead the discussion on *In the Lake in the Woods* by Tim O'Brien and then we will discuss *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly led by Joan Jahnsen.

The Women's Annual Garage Sale will be held on **Saturday, June 23, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** in the Community Center. As you do your spring cleaning

please start saving items for us that are clean and in good condition: Kitchen items, books, clothes, holiday decorations, furniture, etc. You may start bringing them to the community center June 1st and place all items against the north wall. Sign-up sheets for helpers will be in the narthex.

For more information about St. John's Women's Ministries, contact Joan Jahnsen, 360-748-3901.



## What's in the Works . . .

St. John's Council met on May 9. Many of you know that Pastor Matt serves with the Lewis County Chaplains, but did you know he recently received an award from the Sheriff's Department for excellence in service on emergency scenes for the past year? Congratulations to Pastor Matt!

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

### Worship & Music

- Beginning on June 17 we will have one service at 9:45
- We are planning ahead for the summer months

### Altar Guild

- We are planning ahead for the changes in the church which reflect the church year: white for the Sundays of Easter, red for Pentecost, back to white for Holy Trinity Sunday and then finally green for the Sundays after Pentecost.

### Church Growth

- Hosted Mother's Day coffee hour

### Property Committee

- Organized a clean up party for May 23

### Youth and Family

- The Committee is handing out student Bibles, celebrating graduations, and looking

forward to summer: There will be no June family event but there will be a July/August event to be announced. Coming up is the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX, and Vacation Bible School.

### Small Group Bible Studies

- Bible studies hosted by the Grahams, Meaghers, and Marchs have been well attended and the conversations spirited. Come see for yourself.

### Social Ministries

- We continue to look for ways to fund our outreach ministries

### Financial News:

Monthly income April:..... \$21,888.00

Monthly expenses April: .....21,666.00

	Actual	Budget
YTD income:	\$72,543.00	86,380.00
YTD expenses:	85,815.00	86,380.00

### Worship Attendance:

	8:30	11:00
May 6	64	43
May 13	88	30
May 20	58	52
May 27	43	24

## Congratulations and Blessings . . .

To our 2018 graduates as they begin a new life journey. This year's graduates include:

### High School:

- Kate Amrine
- Taylor Lowery
- Lizzy March
- Austin Michal

### Job Corp:

- Drew Brown

### College:

- Nick Lund
- Andrew Michal
- Kaylynn Mitchell
- Molly Russell
- Cole VanWyck



## June Celebrations

### Birthdays

- 1 Ericka Suhrbier
- 3 Glen Unzelman
- 5 Dee Blair  
Connor Haworth
- 10 Scott Amrine  
Stuart Cavness  
Steve Grega  
Anthony Grill  
Bette White
- 13 Lindsey Pollock
- 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

- 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
- 17 Michelle and Doug Lee
- 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 Mael

### Baptism Anniversaries

- 2 Ben and Molly Russell
- 3 Anna Kreutz
- 9 Cheryl Amrine  
Bill Blair
- 10 Austin and 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 and 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.

## Thank you . . .

I would like to personally thank everyone that helped make Young At Heart a success! Thank you for providing food, helping decorate and

cleaning up. You help make Young At Heart a wonderful experience for us “young-timers.” A special thank-you to Lorna Johnson for

arranging for speakers from a variety of backgrounds.

Thank you again – I couldn’t do it without **YOU!**  
*Nancy Lynch*

## WELCA Annual Garage Sale . . .

is scheduled for **Saturday, June 23, 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.



# June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Wednesday's Together!</i> (Please note that June 13 will be the last <b>Wednesday's Together</b> until September. Community dinners will be the only Wednesday's Together events on June 6 and 13)</p>					<p><b>1</b> 7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group  Pastor Matt's Day Off  Office Closed</p>	<p><b>2</b> 12:00 p.m. Graduation Party in Community Center</p>
<p><b>3</b> 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Study Class 11:00 a.m. Worship  <b>Honor High School and College Graduates</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> 7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group 11:00 a.m. Altar Guild 6:00 p.m. Social Ministry 7:00 p.m. Youth and Family</p>	<p><b>5</b> 5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center 7:00 p.m. Church Growth</p>	<p><b>6</b> 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study and Coffee 7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group 5:30 p.m. <i>Wednesday's Together</i> Community Dinner</p>	<p><b>7</b> 5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center</p>	<p><b>8</b> 7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group  Pastor Matt's Day Off  Office Closed</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>
<p><b>10</b> 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Study Class 11:00 a.m. Worship</p>	<p><b>11</b> 7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group</p>	<p><b>12</b> 11:30 a.m. Women's Lunch Bunch at Denny's 5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center 6:00 p.m. Mutual Ministry 6:30 p.m. Church Council</p>	<p><b>13</b> 7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group 5:30 p.m. <i>Wednesday's Together</i> Community Dinner (<b>Last gathering until September</b>)</p>	<p><b>14</b> 5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center</p>	<p><b>15</b> 7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group  Pastor Matt's Day Off  Office Closed</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>
<p><b>17</b> <b>Begin Summer Worship Schedule</b>  9:45 a.m. Worship  <b>Happy Father's Day</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> 7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group</p>	<p><b>19</b> 5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center 6:30 p.m. Lewis County Genealogical Society 7:00 p.m. Book Guild Book at Donna Moir's</p>	<p><b>20</b> 7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> 7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group  Pastor Matt's Day Off  Office Closed</p>	<p><b>23</b> 9:00 a.m. WELCA Rummage Sale 10:00 a.m. Mobile Meals at Gather in Centralia</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Set-up for WELCA Rummage Sale</div>						
<p><b>24</b> 9:45 a.m. Worship 1:00 p.m. Graduation Party in Community Center</p>	<p><b>25</b> 7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group 6:00 p.m. Worship &amp; Music 7:00 p.m. Habitat for Humanity</p>	<p><b>26</b> 5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center</p>	<p><b>27</b> 7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group</p>	<p><b>28</b> 5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center</p>	<p><b>29</b> 7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group  Pastor Matt's Day Off  Office Closed</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston</div>						

★For up to date calendar information, visit our website, [www.stjohnschehalis.net](http://www.stjohnschehalis.net) and click on the "News" tab★

**Please Note:** There is no Kids of the Kingdom, Adult Choir or ELCA Women's Bible Study June-August. They will resume again in September.

## 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.

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