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From Our Council President

To Members of St. John Lutheran Church:

The subject of moving back into the Sanctuary was the topic of our June Council Meeting. It is Father Don's decision, since he is the minister, to make the move back into Sanctuary. He and I have been talking for several weeks in regards to this. He feels that July 18th would be a good time to move back in the Sanctuary.

If we are able to move in at the time of July 18th, some things will stay the same as they have been. Communion will still be using the bread and wine cups we have been using, as well as the offerings being done the same way. You may come in and leave through the same doors, like the ramp doors, as you did before the virus.

If you have had your shots the mask is optional. Distancing is by your own choice. If Lectors and Communion Assistants would like to return, it would be welcomed. It would bring things back to more normalcy. Counters would also be welcomed.

If there is not a flair up of another virus, we hope this will be satisfactory to all. If there is a flair up we will stay in St. Matthias Hall as we have been up to this point. It was mentioned at Council that July 18th would be exactly 9 months since we opened in October. We are very blessed to have had St. Matthias Hall and been able to renew services.

Father Don has also said he would like for us to have a Potluck and Pie Sunday on July 18th as well. That might be possible too.

The other news I would like to add is that Jim and I are going to start on a new adventure. We have had an opportunity to buy a house in Broken Arrow, OK. So, at the end of July, we will be leaving St. John and the Norfolk area for this new adventure. It was a very hard decision for me, but it is going to work out for the best for us.

St. John has been our church home for 36 years. It is not easy to leave, but the new adventure is going to be great. Some things are planned and never get done; but sometimes things in life aren't planned, they just simply unfold.

We hope to be leaving by the end of July. If things go to plan, our last day will be July 25th.

It has been a wild ride these last several years and I am so grateful that you allowed me to help with getting us through.

Sincerely,
Roxiee Dollar

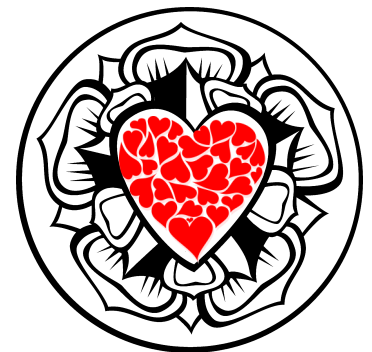


SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:30 am
Worship Service

OUR MISSION

*We are a family
of Christ,
committed to serving,
teaching, welcoming
and loving
all God's people.*



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From Our Pastor

My Dear Family in Christ,

A happy July 4th to each of you as we celebrate our nation's independence and pray that one day there will truly be liberty and justice for all people — after all, we are still a “work-in-progress”.

With sadness, and yet joy for them, on my part, I wish Jim and Roxiee Dollar much happiness in the new chapter of their life as they move to Oklahoma. St. John's loss is the “Sooner State's” gain. I have known them both for around 50 years and have treasured their friendship and their allowing me to be a part of their lives and their daughters! They leave after a phenomenal 35 plus years of faithfulness, service and leadership at St. John. God bless them and keep them.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Don

Call Committee Update

Apparently my last months' entry caused some confusion concerning a part time Pastor consideration. One of the committee members shared that another local Lutheran congregation hired a part time pastor. As we review profiles, the committee HAS NOT decided to pursue a part time Pastor. With our current budget, hiring a Pastor requiring the full benefits package set by the synod is beyond our means. We have not set interviews for any profiles requiring the full benefits package.

Please keep this committee in prayer as we continue this 4th year of work seeking a viable candidate.

Gail Davidson, Call Committee Chair



BIG BANDS on the BAY is BACK!!!

Big Bands on the Bay ends the weekend with a sunset celebration on the Chesapeake Bay. Guests are invited down to the Gazebo at Ocean View Beach Park for live Big Band music and dancing. Welcome the stars every Sunday night from 7pm to 9pm beginning June 20 and running through September 5, 2021.

Worship Attendance for May 2021

Date	Congregation	Choir/ Assistants	Nursery	Total
May 2, 2021	23	6	0	29
May 9, 2021	21	6	0	27
May 16, 2021	29	8	0	37
May 23, 2021	25	5	0	30
May 30, 2021	30	7	0	37

Summer is upon us!

COVID restrictions are being relaxed and limited in-person gatherings are permitted. Council voted to return to Worship in the Sanctuary this month. Council President Roxiee Dollar agreed to send a letter notifying the congregation. We will return to a Worship Assistant Schedule at that time also. In celebration of this return to the chapel, Council decided to sponsor a Potluck Luncheon/Pie Sunday event on July 18th after Worship. (Exactly nine months after we began in person worship 10-18-20.) Please bring a dish to share and your favorite pie!!

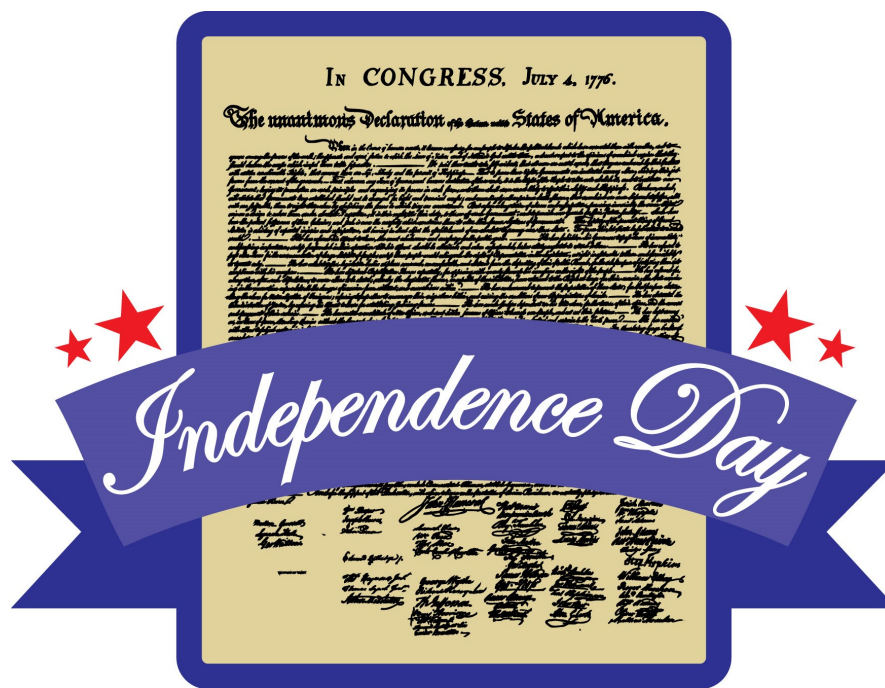


Remember the choir takes a break during the Summer months. The choir welcomes new members when they resume weekly hymns in September.

Please continue your financial support of St. John during the Summer months.

Once the pandemic is over, Pastor Don has some recommendations to grow our numbers. Stay tuned!!

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Davidson, Chair



**245 Years of
Independence
July 4, 2021**

July Anniversaries

19 ~ Glen ♥ Tarn Krumm
35 years

Let us take the opportunity to
congratulate them on their years together,
and wish for them to have many, many more.

July Birthdays

8 ~ Janet Mitchell
11 ~ Melinda Baank
15 ~ Bill Krumm
19 ~ Karen Sutton
24 ~ Willy Sutton

ST. JOHN
LUTHERAN CHURCH
1953 & 1978
SCHOOL

Celebrating 67 years of Ministry!

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CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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Vice President: Gail Davidson

Council Secretary: Ellen Wilson

Financial Secretary: Karen Sutton

Director of Music: W. Lee Hendricks

School Director: Sheila Sanchez

Parish Bookkeeper: Carolyn Moran

Parish Secretary: Anne Combes

**If your mailing information has changed,
please notify the Church Office.**

Thank you!



**On July 18, 2021 we will return to
Worship in the Chapel!!!**

**Potluck Luncheon and
Pie Celebration**



**Join us in Saint Matthias Hall
after the Worship Service for lunch and pie.**

**Please bring a dish to share
and your favorite pie!!**