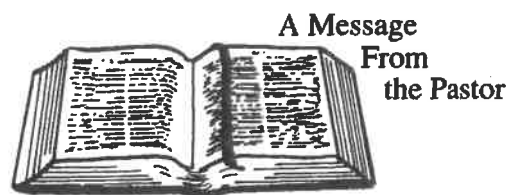




'Christ's Family Reaching Out In Love'



BACK AT IT AGAIN!

Back at it again! - This is the time of year when things start-up once again. Vacations are over and the regular, hectic routine of work resumes. Children and youth are back in school. The football season is set to start. We are "back at it again"! And this means that we are again faced with a multitude of things that consume our time and energy.

This is just as true for us as Christians. Yet, as Christians we are asked to establish God pleasing priorities in our lives. At the top of that priority list is our every Sunday presence in our Lord's House. True Christians fully agree with the words of the Psalmist: "I was glad when they said to me: Let us go into the house of the Lord." (Psalm 122:1)

September is the month when the "new season" begins for the church. We have relaxed some during the summer, but now: We are back to two worship services every Sunday; our Sunday Bible classes resume, as does our Mid-Week Bible class; Choir and the Hand-bell Choir starts back up; and our Council, Boards and Committees again gear-up for ministry. Yet nothing is of greater priority for us than being back again, regularly in Sunday worship. Again we are glad to go into the House of the Lord!

It is often asked: "CAN'T I BE A *CHRISTIAN*...WITHOUT GOING TO CHURCH?"

Well...the truth is, it is just as possible as being:

- A *soldier*...who refuses to fight.
- A *student*...who does not go to school.
- A *citizen*...who won't vote or pay taxes.
- A *salesman*...with nothing to sell.
- A *ship's captain*...with no crew.
- A *businessman*... with no customers.
- An *author*...with no readers.
- A *tuba player*...with no orchestra.
- A *fireman*...who will not fight fires.
- A *sports-fan*...who doesn't care about his team.

Put into this context, maybe we can see that being a "*Christian*" requires action, participation, dedication, involvement with the church...really living the life of faith. And there is nothing more intertwined with living our faith, than is worship. **REGULAR WORSHIP IN GOD'S HOUSE CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM OUR FAITH...FROM BEING A "CHRISTIAN"**. Christianity is not a "spectator sport"...and this month the "new season" for the church is set to begin.

Our Lord is a gracious and generous God, who through Jesus has forgiven and redeemed us with His love. By grace, the blessings of our Savior and Lord Jesus are granted to us daily, richly, as we enjoy a privileged relationship with Him in faith. And so, what better way is there to return our love and give our thanks to our Lord, than to gladly go into the house of the Lord and worship Him.

Yet our every Sunday going to church, our attendance in the worship service...is not just about what we do for God...it is also what God does for us. In His House we receive special blessings.

In worship is how God comes to us in His Word and Sacraments. It is God's primary way of strengthening our faith and our relationship with Him and with the other family members of God's House, which we know as the Church.

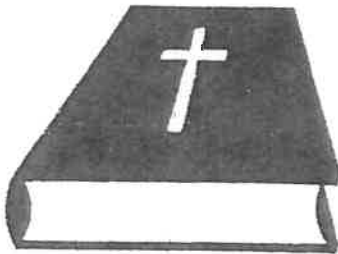
Summer is over and we are "back at it again" with so many things in our lives. Let us make as a top priority in our lives the privilege and importance of worship. Let us be glad to go into the house of the Lord every Sunday. Let us jump into this "new season" of the church as true dedicated Christians. "I was glad when they said to me: Let us go into the house of the Lord."
(Psalm 122:1)

God Bless.

See you THIS Sunday in church,


Pastor Jeff G. Gavin

You don't
become a
Best Seller



by being
boring.

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES FOR ALL AGES....

Begins again on:

Sunday, Sept. 8 at 9:15 AM

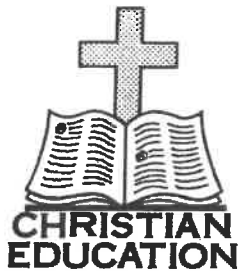
Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 10 AM

- + Every Class starts with an "Open Forum" for your questions to be answered
- + A large amount of study topics available
- + Frequent usage of media to watch on a 50" Plasma screen TV
- + Beverages and treats usually present

PERSONAL PRAYER TIME

During our Sunday worship time of prayer, we offer a time for personal prayer. Each Sunday your Pastor leads you in prayer for various issues and people; but there are issues and people in your personal life which need prayer. So... we will include a time for silent prayer for any and all personal issues, concerns or burdens you may have; or your prayers for family, friends, home, church, nation or world, which may be on your heart and mind, so that you can bring these to your Lord in prayer.





Beginning Sunday, September 8 . . . we hope you will come and join us on **Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM** for our **ADULT Sunday Bible Class** in the lower level of the school building . . . ***open question forum with refreshments and sweets - every week.***

Beginning Wednesday, September 11 . . . please join us for our **Mid-Week Bible Class** on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM in the lower level of the school building.

Beginning Sunday, September 8 . . . all children in Preschool and up are invited to join us for **Sunday School for ALL AGES** on **Sundays at 9:15 AM** in the lower level of the school building.

ALTAR FLOWERS . . .

If you would like to donate flowers for the altar, (*or confirm your "standing order"*) please contact please call the **CHURCH OFFICE** at **(847) 593-7670** *or* email Pastor at jeffgavin@sbcglobal.net **NO LATER THAN NOON ON THE PRIOR TUESDAY!**

ALTAR FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS CAN COST AS LITTLE AS \$15! Please **Note:** When you donate flowers for our worship services, you are welcome to bring the flowers home after the 10:30 service.



If you would like a prayer for a need for yourself or someone you know . . . please call Pastor at (847-593-7670, ext. 1) and give him your prayer request.

COFFEE BREAK FELLOWSHIP

Please note the sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex to volunteer to help serve this gathering on the third Sunday of the month. ***We need your help. Thank You!***



P.A.B. (Pay A Bill)

P.A.B. enables interested St. John Families to directly aid the ministries of their church by paying a current bill. This is designed as an opportunity for an "**Over-and-Above**" gift, beyond the Sunday offering envelope.

Pay-A-Bill for 7/1/19: \$2,699.17

Please take note of the slips of paper posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Each slip contains the source of a bill and the amount. If you wish to pay that bill, please remove the slip of paper and a small envelope, enclose your check (**make checks payable to "St. John Lutheran Church"**), and place it in the offering plate. **THANK YOU!**

A PROPERTY SALE UPDATE

In mid July unexpected issues arose with Cook County's: Metropolitan Water Reclamation District concerning new regulations regarding "water management" on both Eastside properties. The concerns were related to the period of construction and were resolved.

The firm which will do the demolition of the "Biberdorf house" and the former parsonage was on site to explore the buildings.

On July 29, 2019 we received by e-mail from the Purchaser/Developer: ISL...their "NOTICE TO PROCEED" letter. This means that all approvals from the Village, County and State were granted and all investment monies have been placed in the various escrow accounts for all companies which will be involved in the construction process.

As this "Update" is being written... the documents are being prepared and finalized for closing on the sale of the property. As this can get complicated so to insure all aspects of separation and future independence of each property... this Closing is projected to happen by mid September. - It is the intention of the Developer to have utility infrastructure and the concrete slab for the facility, at least, completed by winter.

Let us thank our Lord for His guidance and blessings throughout this process.

PASTOR'S ABSENCE FROM WORSHIP

As I have not been absent from a Sunday worship service since, I believe, the year 2012 when I went to Israel... my absence was certainly noticed, and deserves an accurate explanation.

On July 31, I needed to go to the ER at NWCH for internal bleeding. The source of the issue was discovered and medications given in advance of surgery on August 15. Serious "post-op" complications resulted in follow-up surgery on August 23. Because of this I was absent from two Sunday worship services. - As of today (August 26) I am back in the office.

Explaining the plight of my health... I am mindful of two things: the Lord has been most gracious, granting me good health over all my years. And: that my health issues pail compared to what many of you have gone through... and are going through.

But there is another reason for this note... and that is to express my personal thanks to Jon Tertel for substituting for me on those two Sundays. I am sure Jon did a great job.

And may all of us be thankful that we have someone as capable, as dedicated, and as trustworthy as Jon within our St. John Family to assume such an important position when the need arises.

Pastor Jeff

SUMMER WORSHIP CHANGE



From Sunday July 7 thru Sunday September 1 (Labor Day weekend) . . . there will be one worship service at 9:15 AM.

Once again this decision is based on the acceptance that: worship attendance here, as elsewhere, tends to be lower during the summer; and without an air conditioned sanctuary, it should be a little more comfortable in the church at 9:15 AM, than at 10:30 AM. The time of 9:15 AM is exactly halfway between our regular worship times of 8:00 and 10:30 AM. Note also that our Sunday Bible classes do take a summer hiatus.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW SINGERS AND RINGERS!

Wednesday, September 4 marks the beginning of our music programs: the handbell choir and the church choir. Please consider joining one or both of these groups, as your schedule allows (or even as it doesn't allow).



Handbells practice at 7:00 PM on Wednesdays and church choir at 8:00 PM on Wednesdays. If you are interested, please join us at church on Wednesday evenings. If you have any questions, please contact our Music Director, Jim Vyhanek, at (847) 912-2591.

CHURCH PICNIC

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

We at fellowship are planning a Congregational picnic. It is scheduled for **September 15, 2019**. We will be having one service at 10:30 out on the lawn under a tent. There will be games for all, good food, and with all your help great fellowship. There will be a sign-up sheet on the door of the church narthex for you to let us know how many will be in attendance, and if you would like to bring a dish to serve. **Please remember to bring your own lawn chairs** for your comfort. We hope to make this a great day and a great time for all, please invite your friends and neighbors. Can't wait to see everyone there. Keep an eye out for more info.



Debbie Hug



FELLOWSHIP CLUB MEETING

The next Fellowship Club Meeting will be **September 24 at 7:30 PM** in the lower level of the school building.

THANK YOU FOR SPECIAL GIVING . . .

A very sincere Thank You to all for the response to help meet a major need in our finance problem. Because of all of you we met our need and got our bills paid on time and up to date. Our prayer is that we don't need to ask for that kind of help again any time soon or ever. Again we thank all of you for your above and beyond help.

Yours in Christ,

The Finance Committee!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Along with "Birthday Greetings", we also wish a "Happy Anniversary" to those couples who were married during each month by printing their marriage date.

If you are unsure if we might have a record of your wedding date . . . please contact the church office (847-593-7670, ext 1) with this information. We would like to include all of our married couples and wish to them . . . **"Happy Anniversary"**:

Bill & Marnie Franz	September 1
Joseph & Karon Ordower	September 1
Jon & Joanne Tertel	September 12
Fred & Joyce Hayden	September 13
Kevin & Jayme Anderko	September 29
Marius & Carmen Hetrea	September 30

ALTAR FLOWERS . . . To the honor and glory of God

It is always a privilege to remember a loved one or a special event in our life as a blessing from our Lord and give Him honor and glory.

Think about all the occasions YOU could place flowers on the altar of your Lord. We are always appreciative of your flower donation. Let's continue to have flowers on our altar every Sunday.

If you would like to donate flowers . . . please call the **CHURCH OFFICE** at **(847) 593-7670** or email Pastor at jeffgavin@sbcglobal.net.



The Altar Guild is currently looking for additional volunteers who would enjoy preparing and maintaining the altar for worship at St. John. Volunteers are assigned to a rotating team committed to serve 2 months a year to set up for communion, change altar paraments, and to refill the altar candles as needed.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO HELP OTHERS

The St. John Fellowship Club is continuing their food drive for distribution to people who reside in the Northwest suburbs who are less fortunate than ourselves. All non-perishable food items will be taken to the Mount Prospect Food Pantry. Remember also that paper & soap products (shampoo, etc.) are not included in food stamps.

A "deposit box" is located **in the Cloak Room**. If you have any questions, please call Luther & Jill Legg (847) 593-6335.

2019 ELECTIONS - OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

**(Newly elected or re-elected 06/2019)*

- + CONGREGATIONAL CHAIRPERSON: Jon Tertel
- + CONGREGATIONAL VICE-CHAIRPERSON: Joe Schubkegel*
- + CONGREGATIONAL TREASURER: Debbie Hug
- + ASSISTANT TREASURER:
- + FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Ed Pfingsten*
- + ASSISTANT FINANCIAL SECRETARY:
- + CONGREGATIONAL SECRETARY: Jan Anderko*
- + BOARD OF ELDERS: George Jensen* Jon Tertel Curt Gerlitz
 Marius Hetrea* Youssef Tabib Dwayne Mueller
 Fred Hug
- + BOARD OF CHURCH PROPERTIES: Joe Schubkegel* El-Roy Schoo
 Ron Busse Erwin Schmidt
 Dan Schubkegel* Fred Hug
- + BOARD OF CHURCH GROWTH: Jill Legg
- + BOARD OF FINANCE: Carol Pfingsten (*appointed*)
- + (BOARD OF YOUTH MINISTRY)
- + (BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP)
- + (BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION)
- + CEMETERY COMMITTEE: Joe Schubkegel* Ron Busse* Luther Legg
 El-Roy Schoo Cathy Schubkegel George Schubkegel
- + HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: Dorothy Halvorsen Cathy Schubkegel Patty Schubkegel
- + TRUST COMMITTEE: Ron Busse* El-Roy Schoo (*appointed*)
 Ed Pfingsten (*appointed*)

Our thanks to all who have offered to serve,
as well as those who have served our Lord in various positions.

Your future and past service to the Lord's work at St. John
is very much appreciated.

September

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Martha Gajewski	September 3
Henny Neggers	September 4
Raouf Tabib	September 4
Robbie Fiorito	September 4
Kathleen Graves	September 4
Fred Hug Jr.	September 9
Logan Schoo	September 10
Dorothy Halvorsen	September 11
Tracy Galla	September 16
Jennifer Franz	September 17

Erich Franz	September 17
Tayler Petersen	September 18
Sydney Klatka	September 23
Laurel Marin	September 24
Jon Tertel	September 24
Kevin Petersen	September 25
Christy Schubkegel	September 26
Maryann Evers	September 28
Jayme Anderko	September 30

If your birthday has not been listed, please contact the Church office for a correction... Thank You!

May God Bless You on Your Birthday

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2019



SEP: Jan Anderko
OCT: Betty Roediger & Ursel Schmidt

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>READERS</u>
Sep. 1	<u>9:15 AM</u>	Marius Hetrea	Wayne Limpinsel	Betty Roediger & Jon Tertel
Sep. 8*	8:00 AM	Curt Gerlitz	Arnie Johansen Wayne Limpinsel	Curt Gerlitz
	10:30 AM	Marius Hetrea	Youssef Tabib Raouf Tabib	Heidi Tabib & Youssef Tabib
Sep. 15	<u>10:30 AM</u>	Youssef Tabib	Trudy Klein	Youssef Tabib & Art Schiemann
Sep. 22*	8:00 AM	George Jensen	Arnie Johansen	Sara Roediger
	10:30 AM	Jon Tertel	Andrew Tertel	Phyllis Betts & Stasia White
Sep. 29	8:00 AM	Curt Gerlitz	Wayne Limpinsel	Betty Roediger
	10:30 AM	Marius Hetrea	Jon Tertel	Tracy Galla & Jon Tertel
Oct. 6	8:00 AM	George Jensen	Wayne Limpinsel	Sara Roediger
	10:30 AM	Jon Tertel	Trudy Klein	Art Schiemann & Jon Tertel
Oct. 13*	8:00 AM	George Jensen	Arnie Johansen Wayne Limpinsel	Betty Roediger
	10:30 AM	Youssef Tabib	Jon Tertel Heidi Tabib	Youssef Tabib & Heidi Tabib
Oct. 20	8:00 AM	Fred Hug	Dwayne Mueller	Alice Mueller
	10:30 AM	Marius Hetrea	Youssef Tabib	Phyllis Betts & Stasia White
Oct. 27*	8:00 AM	Curt Gerlitz	Arnie Johansen Wayne Limpinsel	Curt Gerlitz
	10:30 AM	Jon Tertel	Marius Hetrea Andrew Tertel	Jon Tertel & Tracy Galla

(* Communion)

ELDER FOR THE MONTH:

SEP: Fred Hug
OCT: George Jensen

NOTE: If you are unable to serve your Lord at a scheduled worship service, your own replacement must be secured.