

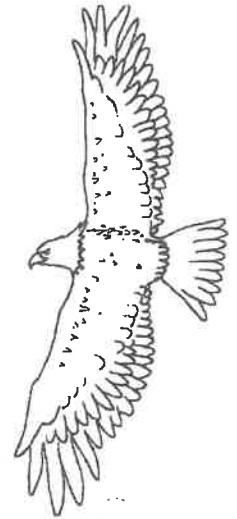
'Christ's Family Reaching Out In Love'



EAGLES IN A STORM

Summer begins this month and many of us are looking forward to traveling to places near and far for vacation.

I remember many summers when Lynn and I went on vacation to our favorite haunt in Northern Wisconsin. While we were there, we always enjoyed seeing the various wildlife. There were of course what you would expect, deer, racoons and bears. There were also ducks, herons and loons. But, perhaps somewhat surprisingly, we also saw eagles. It's quite something to watch these majestic birds soaring high above a lake or perched high up in a tall pine tree.



Did you know that an eagle knows when a storm is approaching long before it breaks? It seems that the eagle will fly to some high spot and wait for the winds to come. When the storm starts to hit, it sets its wings so that the wind will pick it up and lift it above the storm. While the storm rages below, the eagle is soaring high above it. The eagle doesn't escape the storm, it simply uses the storm to lift it higher. It rises on the winds that brings the storm.

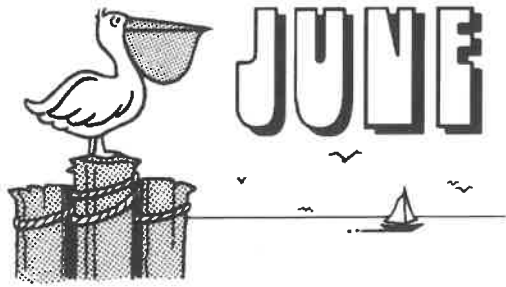
When the storms of life come upon us, and all of us will experience such storms, we can also rise above them. We do this by setting our hearts and minds, our faith and our trust in the direction of God. The storms of life don't have to overcome us. We can allow the power of our Lord God to lift us above them. The compassion of our Lord enables us to ride the winds of the storms that bring to us: sickness, hurt, tragedy, loss, failure and disappointment to our lives.

We are able to soar above these storms when we place our faith and trust in our God and commit our lives unto the loving presence and power of our Lord Jesus. He who so loved us, to give His life for ours, so that we could be His own. Even in this life of storms, we can soar, when we remember that it is not the burdens of life that weigh us down, but how we deal with them in faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Bible says to us: *"Those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles."* (Isaiah 40:31)

Together with you, trusting in our Lord Jesus,


Pastor Jeff G. Gavin



Charles Demzien	June 1	Amber Irizarry	June 14
Lynn Davies-Gavin	June 3	Stephanie Marin	June 15
Laylah Ballas	June 3	Zachary Evers	June 15
Dolores Richter	June 5	Ronald Gajewski	June 17
Alyssa Jensen	June 7	George Jensen	June 18
Lance Ambrus	June 7	Stefan Rainbolt	June 19
Mara Roy	June 8	Alison Weir	June 23
Joshua Zeuli	June 9	Robert Ray	June 25
Tom Imburgia	June 10	Christian Crawford	June 26
Peter Koeppen	June 11	Bryce Schoo	June 28

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

May God Bless You on Your Birthday

THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2022

At the end of this month of June, we will be half way through this year of 2022. It has already been quite a year: a war in Ukraine, little children and their teachers being murdered in their school classroom, devastating natural disasters, another phase in an ongoing pandemic and so much more. But it has also been a year of new babies, graduations, marriages and so much more. For each year brings with it those times of sorrow and joy. We mark each year by the things which have happened during the year, as well as the anniversaries that occur in that year.

For me, as your Pastor, the year of our Lord 2022 marks some personal celebrations of my relationship with my Lord. On May 2, 1982, I was both ordained into the Holy Ministry, and installed as Pastor of Concordia Lutheran Church, Decatur, Illinois. That was 40 years ago this past May 2022.

It was on November 1, 1992 that I was installed as your Pastor, here at St. John. That will be 30 years ago this coming November 2022.

It is hard to believe that so much time has passed. So many baptisms, confirmations, marriages, funerals...worship services, sermons, Bible classes... meetings, fellowships and activities. At Concordia, a church destroyed by fire and the construction and dedication of a new church building. At St John, a long struggle to perhaps still build a unified and improved facility. And also, while here, the dual challenge of being both pastor and school principal for two years.

Service while there, on the District Evangelism Commission for five years. Service while here, as a Synodical Circuit Counselor for twelve consecutive years.

No one but another parish pastor knows what it takes and what it takes out of you being a pastor of a congregation. For me...it takes the loving presence of the 'Head of the Church', my Lord Jesus. It takes the devotion of my wife Lynn. And it takes many fine, supportive congregational leaders and people to assist me in my ministry and who aided me in achieving the anniversaries marked in this, The Year of our Lord 2022.

My love and appreciation to all of you.



Pastor Jeff

SUMMER WORSHIP CHANGE



From **Sunday July 3rd thru Sunday September 4 (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.

SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY SERVICE

At St. John, Father's Day is not just a "Hallmark Holiday" but a time to reflect on the love of our Heavenly Father and on our own love as fathers and husbands.

Sunday June 19 – 8:00 am and 10:30 am – Please join us.

VOTER'S MEETING . . .



The next Voters' Meeting will be on **Monday, June 6 at 7:30 PM IN THE CHURCH.**

The Agenda for this Voters' Meeting will be:

1. Board and Committee Reports
2. Election of Officers and Board Members

PERSONAL PRAYER TIME

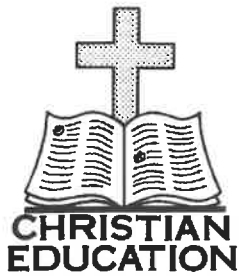
During our Sunday worship time of prayer, we offer a time for personal prayer. Each Sunday your Pastor leads you in prayer for various issues and people; but there are issues and people in your personal life which need prayer. So . . . we will include a time for silent prayer for any and all personal 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.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO HELP OTHERS

We are continuing to receive your donations of food and household items for families in need. Remember also that paper & soap products (shampoo, etc.) are not included in food stamps. *Pet food is also welcome.*

A "deposit basket" is located **in the Cloak Room!**



Starting June 5, our **ADULT Sunday Bible Class** is on hiatus for the summer. We hope you will come and join us **in September** on **Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM** for our **ADULT Sunday Bible Class**.

Starting May 25, our **Mid-Week Bible Class** (Wednesdays at 10:00 AM) is on hiatus for the summer. Mid-Week Bible Class will resume **in September**.

Starting June 5, our **SUNDAY SCHOOL** is on hiatus for the summer. **In September**, all children in Preschool and up are invited to join us for **Sunday School for ALL AGES** on **Sundays at 9:15 AM**.

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.



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.

WHEN YOU SHOP . . . PLEASE CONSIDER:



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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"**:

William & Lola Vander Laan	June 1
Roy & Dorothy Halvorsen	June 8
John & Lisa D'Attomo	June 20
George & Diane Jensen	June 29
James & Carol Vyhanek	June 30

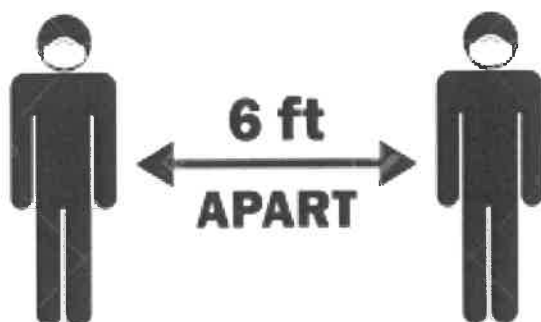
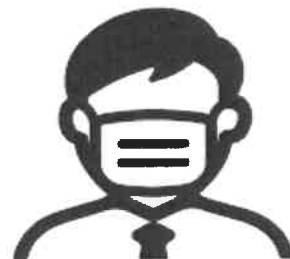
NEW . . . FACE MASK POLICY

In March 2022, both the State of Illinois and the Cook County mandate regarding the wearing of face masks are lifted.

Therefore the New Face Mask Policy for St. John is that the: **WEARING OF FACE MASKS DURING WORSHIP IS OPTIONAL.**

I expect that some of our members may feel more "protected" by still wearing a face mask, we will be respectful of their decision.

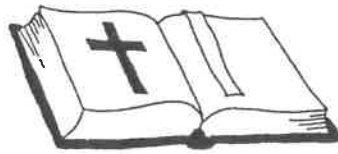
We hope and pray that this status may be able to continue, remembering the reversal of our policy and the reinstating of government mask mandates last summer.



We invite you to worship with us again soon!

A SIMPLE SOLUTION FOR OUR CHURCH'S FINANCES

God Himself in the Bible, through His Apostle Paul tells us:



*“Now about the collection for God’s Church, do what I told the churches in Galatia to do: **ON THE FIRST DAY OF EVERY WEEK, EACH ONE OF YOU SHOULD SET ASIDE A SUM OF MONEY IN KEEPING WITH HIS INCOME...**” (1 Cor. 16:1-2)*

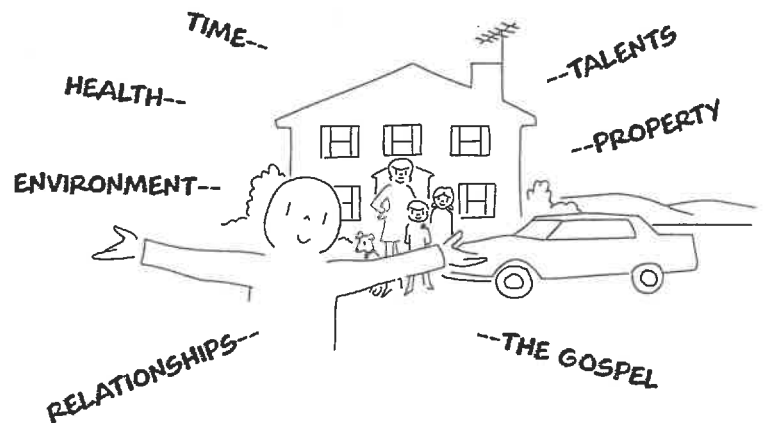
GOD’S SIMPLE SOLUTION FOR OUR CHURCH’S FINANCES:

Give to the church as much money as we are able...

**ALL OF US...
ONCE A WEEK...
EVERY WEEK!**

WHY???

Because... **EVERYTHING WE HAVE**
is given to us by **GOD:**



A Christian steward serves **GOD** out of love and gratitude for these gifts knowing that it's **NOT** how much we have but what we **DO** with **WHAT WE HAVE** that is important.

Verse to Remember



Christian Giving

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts (Ps. 96:8).

The Contact NEWSLETTER

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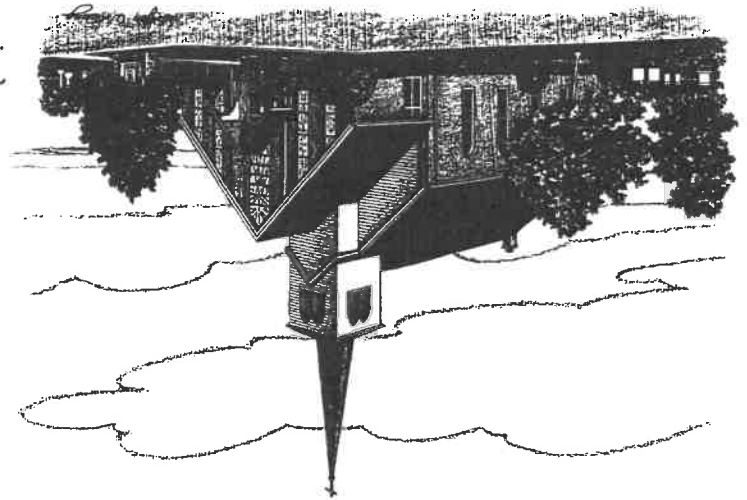
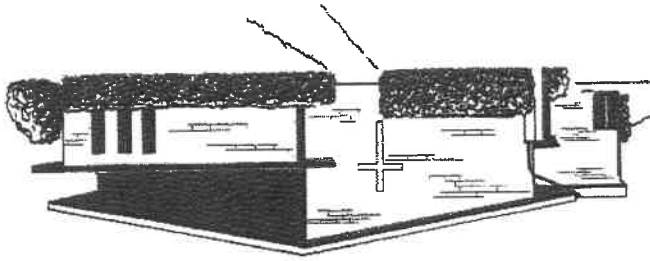
FIRST CLASS
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JUNE 2022

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
1100 South Linneman Road
Mount Prospect, IL 60056

Sunday Services: 8 & 10:30 AM
Sunday Bible Classes: *on hiatus*
Mid-Week Bible Class: *on hiatus*
July thru Labor Day Services:
Sundays at 9:15 AM

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