



Christ's Family Reaching Out In Love



DRIFTING



"We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away." (Hebrews 2:1)

Nothing in the world is easier to do than drifting. No person drifts up stream, only down stream. It's so easy! All you do is sit back, relax and let the boat go... wherever it pleases ... wherever the current or the wind takes it.

Allowing yourself to drift, however, can very easily expose one to danger. You may end up on the rocks... or worse, be washed over a waterfall. Here then is the danger of drifting.

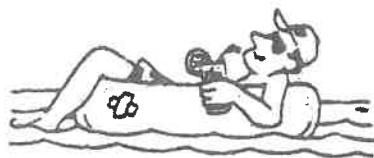
Drifting is one of the temptations Satan uses to pull us away from God. He seldom urges a Christian to outright leave the church or to give up his or her faith. Instead, he urges us to relax, to take it easy, to rest on the oars and just drift along in our Christian life.

At first, it may not seem all that serious... but drifting away from our God has serious consequences... both for this life and for the next. Drifting away from our Lord, we soon no longer pay careful attention to the Word of God, which we have heard. Drifting away from Jesus, we can no longer receive the forgiveness and blessings which He gives to us through His Word and Sacrament. Drifting away from our Lord we find, quite soon, other things become more important to us than our relationship with Him. And when that becomes the case, we are heading for serious consequences indeed.

Instead of drifting, through the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews, our Lord call upon us to keep rowing... to keep doing. He says: "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith..." (Hebrews 12:2) St. Paul sets us a beautiful example when he writes: "I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me." (Phil. 3:12)

During these hot summer months, let us not allow ourselves to lazily drift away from God's Word... from Church... or from our Lord Himself. Instead, let us continue to pay careful attention to our faith, "fix our eyes on Jesus" and "press on" in our relationship with our Lord.

In continued love and service to Christ,



Pastor Jeff G. Gavin



SUMMER



WHAT...

YOU MEAN THAT YOU'VE NEVER SEEN
SUCH A SIGN ON THE FRONT LAWN
OF OUR CHURCH?

WELL...IT'S NO WONDER...

BECAUSE YOUR CHURCH DOESN'T
GO ON VACATION.

Throughout the summer, God's Word will continue to be preached and taught, worship services held, bulletins produced, church business conducted.

That means that even during the summer, there are: lights used, power consumed, supplies needed, salaries to pay...just as during the rest of the year.

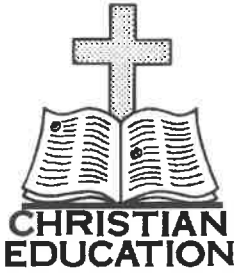
Vacations are wonderful things. If you're going on vacation..have fun, relax and enjoy yourself. But remember...your Church doesn't take a vacation...God's work goes on, even during the summer.

SO...BEFORE YOU GO ON VACATION, PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH:

- ✚ Don't reduce your giving during the summer...it's still needed.
- ✚ Consider bringing your weekly offering envelopes, for those vacation Sundays too, with you to church before you leave.
- ✚ You many want to mail your vacation offering envelopes to your church when you know you'll be away.
- ✚ Or...bring those vacation Sunday offering envelopes back with you when you return to church after your vacation.

Have fun, if you're taking a vacation this summer...

BUT PLEASE REMEMBER...while YOU'RE away, your CHURCH is still here: for the work of our Lord and His Church never takes a vacation.



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**.

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

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.

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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.

PLEASE CONSIDER

I bet you didn't know that there are **91** lightbulbs in the church that are lit for every worship service. That's a lot of lightbulbs . . . and a lot to replace.

Please consider this suggestion . . . next time you are shopping and see a sale on LED lightbulbs please consider donating a pack or so for church usage. It would be appreciated! **THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY GIVEN!**

The Board of Church Properties

PERSONAL PRAYER TIME

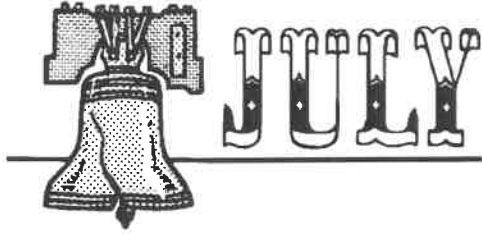
During our Sunday worship time of prayer, we offer a time for personal prayer. Each Sunday your Pastor leads you in prayer for various issues and people; but there are issues and people in your personal life which need prayer. So . . . we will include a time for silent prayer for any and all personal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



BIRTHDAY
GREETINGS

Barbara Pyde	July 1	Alexis Clesi	July 14
Christina D'Attomo	July 1	Brittany Coleman	July 18
James Vyhanek	July 3	Arnie Johansen	July 22
Waltraut Zimmer	July 6	Christopher Hetrea	July 24
Brian Zumpf	July 6	Harlan Imburgia	July 24
Bryce Ambrus	July 7	Noah Hattenhauer	July 27
John D'Attomo	July 8	William Brockie	July 30
Marsha Ruff	July 10		

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

May God Bless You on Your Birthday



Daniel Gajewski	August 2	Deborah Christensen	August 14
Wayne Limpinsel	August 3	Taylor Coleman	August 16
Phyllis Betts	August 4	Todd Imburgia	August 17
Denise Christensen	August 4	Steve Rainbolt	August 22
Nancy Pyde	August 5	Kathleen Marin	August 22
Michele Demzien	August 7	El-Roy Schoo	August 23
Denene Schoo	August 9	Pat Schubkegel	August 2
Daniel Imburgia	August 12	Bill Franz	August 27
Christel Limberger	August 13	Marius Hetrea	August 31

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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"**:

Ken & Jacqueline Koeppen	July 3
Martha & Tyler Hengels	July 5
Ted & Patti Imburgia	July 11
Kenneth & Denene Schoo	July 12
Jon & Eileen Christensen	August 1
Erwin & Ursel Schmidt	August 8
Peter & Lori Dewey-Soranno	August 21
Pastor Jeff & Lynn Davies-Gavin	August 24

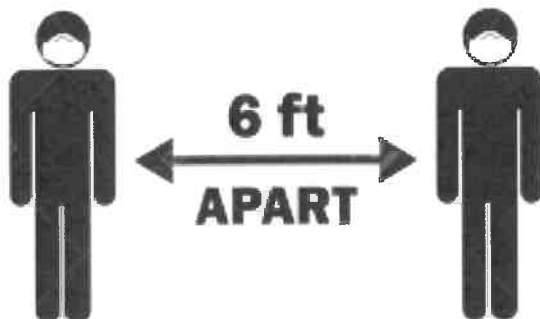
FACE MASK POLICY

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

Therefore the 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 in the past.



We invite you to worship with us again soon!