



THE MESSENGER

Prepared for the members & friends of:

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At the start of Lent in 2020, I initiated a new endeavor in the hopes of both increasing my time in the community and giving the members of St. John's a more informal way to engage me in conversation. I began to start my week with mornings at Amack's Well. Even as I began to settle in to this new thin, rumblings came of an illness that could slow things down. COVID-19. So I stopped the gatherings, with the intentions of re-starting them once COVID moved on. You know, in a few short months. Ha.

Of course that is not what happened. Instead, COVID changed all of our lives in at least some way, with preventative measures hanging around far longer than any of us could have imagined. Some of those are still in place today and COVID is still an important consideration in our lives. But nevertheless, the time seems right for me to re-try this idea. Starting this September, I will once again start my Mondays at Amack's Well. And I would like you to join me.

Beginning on September 12, Joe with Pastor Joey will take place every Monday morning from 9am- noon. I will be there, doing sermon prep, answering emails, and other assorted tasks. But really, I am looking for and hoping for you. I want to engage with you in conversations about your life, your faith, and the goings on in and around Batesville. I want to chit-chat about small things, like college sports or MLB. I want to hear about the big worries in your life. All of this, of course, can be done in my office most days. But, based on the few weeks before COVID-19 ended the attempt the first time, a coffee shop has its own ability to make those conversations easier.

You may also feel invited to tell your friends. My time at Amack's is for anyone who wishes to talk. The same invitation I am extending to members here is open to the whole community. I don't promise to have all of the answers, but I am happy to engage with anyone who wants to look for some. Or just wants some casual conversation. I don't know that I expect a lot random people to just start asking me theology questions, but the Spirit can sometimes work in mysterious ways. And I am open to it.

So do you want to meet for coffee? (Or a strawberry smoothie, or a water, or just one of their delicious cookies?) I will meet you at Amack's to do so. Please come and join me for conversation, fellowship, and the chance to be the Church together in this new way. See you there!

Shalom,

Pastor Joey

World Communion Sunday



October 2 is World Communion Sunday and this year we would like to try something special. We are inviting the congregation to bring in bread to decorate the altar. It can be homemade bread, your favorite bread from Kroger, even special dessert bread. These breads will decorate our service as we celebrate Communion with Christians around the world. THEN, you are all invited to go downstairs for a light fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall eating some of this delicious bread. Thanks in advance for bringing us your bread for the breaking.



This popular and much-loved hymn was written in 1885, and first published, in Swedish, in 1891. Carl Gustav Boberg was inspired to write the poem while walking home from church during a violent thunderstorm. Boberg, the son of a carpenter, was born in Monsteraas, Sweden on August 16, 1859. Boberg, who was a lay minister in the Mission Covenant Church in Sweden, authored several gospel songs, hymns and poems. He also served on a committee editing two hymnals for the Swedish Covenant Church. He died on January 7, 1940 in Kalmar, Sweden. Written as a paraphrase of Psalm 8, there were originally nine verses, four are included in our hymnal. Two of the missing verses are:

“When burdens press, and seem beyond endurance,
Bowed down with grief, to Him I lift my face,
And then in love, He brings me sweet assurance;
“My Child! For thee sufficient is my grace.”

“O when I see ungrateful man defiling
This bounteous earth, God’s gifts so good and great;
In foolish pride, God’s holy name reviling
And yet, in grace, His wrath and judgement wait.”

A literal translation from the Swedish was made in 1925 by E. Gustav Johnson (1893-1974) and was published as “O Mighty God.” The translation in current use was done by Stuart K. Hine in 1949. Hine, born on July 25, 1899, in London, served in his early years, with his wife, as a British Methodist missionary to the Ukraine. He returned to England in 1931 and led gospel campaigns throughout Great Britain. He was also writer and publisher of gospel songs. Hine died in Somerset, England on March 14, 1989. This hymn was popularized by soloist George Beverly Shea during the Billy Graham crusades.

The tune, O STORE GUD, (known to us as HOW GREAT THOU ART) was adapted from a Swedish folk tune by Carl Boberg.

“Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art!”

David W. Hanson, Organist/Choir Director
St. John’s (Huntersville) UCC

LITURGIST & BENEVOLENCE
SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

- 4 Donna Weber..... YES Home
- 11 John Kuhlman..... Centerstone Uspiritus (Brooklawn)
- 18 Jane LinkSo Loved Closet of Ripley County
- 25 Linda Kanning Boy Scouts Troop #634

Thank You!

Thanks to everyone for the 90th birthday cards, good wishes, phone calls, visits and flowers. You know how to make someone feel very special.

~ God Bless You, Vyona L. Borchelt

CHOIRS RESUMING:

Men's Choir:

Sing: Sunday, September 4

Practice: at 8:15am



Chancel Choir:

Practice: Wednesday, September 7 @ 7pm /choir room

Sing: Sunday, September 11

Practice: Wednesday, September 21 @ 7pm /choir room

Sing: Sunday, September 25



Our Church Sign Board always has a nice message. Thanks to Jan Prickle for doing such a great job!



CHURCH SAFETY & SECURITY:



In light of recent occurrences of church violence the church council has begun exploring what a Safety & Security Plan looks like for St. John's.

The hope is that the Safety & Security Plan will include being prepared for medical and weather emergencies, fire preparedness, general building security and children/youth safety. If you have ideas or concerns about the Safety & Security Plan or you are interested in being involved in Safety & Security at St. John's let someone from the council know.

We are going to start with 2 easy steps: locking doors and working on fire preparedness. August 7th council members began locking church doors during church service. All doors except the main church door (at rear of sanctuary) will be locked during the opening hymn and then unlocked during the closing hymn for those arriving for Sunday School drop-offs.



PRAYERS FOR:

- Nikki Sarringhaus.
- Ruth Thie (Hospice Care).
- John & Connie Moody.
- Kent Meyers (son of Taaron & Roger).
- Chyntia Buczak (Cancer, friend to Dan Hall).
- Dawn Buettner.
- Danny McDonough (father of Sarah Feldmann).
- The Family of Elton Linville.
- The Family of Melvin Krieger.
- The Family of Fred Sagester.
- Robert Weiler Jr. (Colon Cancer).
- The Family of Bea Wessel.
- The Family of Owenita Grubert.
- The Family of Ron Raver.
- The Family of Sam Bruce.
- The Family of Russell King.
- The Family of Kim Vest.
- Lori Mauer (Thyroid Cancer).
- Vy Thie Hetzendorfer (Breast Cancer).



CROP WALK: October 2, 2022

@ the Liberty Park Pavilion. Registration and lunch will start around 12noon and be served through 12:45pm. The walk will begin at 1pm. This year's CROP Walk will be dedicated to the memory of Pastor Creighton P. Leptak, Jr. whom we lost this past winter. Pastor Creighton was committed to alleviating hunger & supported those efforts to the end. If you belong to a club or team, please consider registering together for a fun filled event. Wear your uniforms to represent your team or club. For more information please contact Marlene Emsweller, Nancy Bailey or Barb Foster with any questions.

THE ANNUAL SCHOOL HOUSE



The sale will be held October 6th, 7th and 8th. The event takes a lot of hours to prepare for and we need your help on Thursday evenings putting items out beginning September 1st. We usually work from 6-8pm, or anytime within those hours that you can help. All hands are welcome. To those donating items please have everything clean and in good repair. I cannot stress this enough as our goal has always been to have a clean and organized sale. No one wants to purchase anything that has just been pulled out of a shed without it being cleaned up.

We will be accepting items at the School House on the following dates and times as well as Thursday evenings between 6-8pm.

Saturdays: Sept 3, 10, 17, 24 and Oct 1: 9-11am

Sundays: Sept 4, 11, 18, 25 and Oct 2: 10:15-11am

Sunday Oct 2 is the cut-off date for accepting donations.

You can reach either of us with any questions:

Jenell Schroeder: 812-663-7422 or 812-593-0371

Jeanie Carter: 812-934-3562

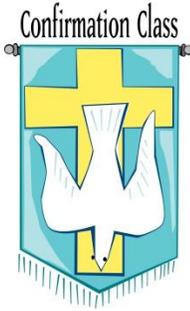
Thank you for your help and donations!



CONFIRMATION for our YOUTH:

It is time for a new Confirmation year. There will be an informational meeting for potential confirmands and parents on September 7 at 6pm. Classes will start the following Wednesday (September 14) with 6pm classes for year 1 and 7pm classes for year 2. This is typically for students in 7th or 8th grades.

But if you think you might qualify, or just want to know more, please feel free to contact Pastor Joey.



- September
- 1 Jamie Arkenberg, Pam Flodder
 - 3 Sarah Jaisle, Joan Westerfeld
 - 4 Glen Kelley
 - 5 Nancy Bailey, Bonnie Huff, Dale Wittkamper
 - 6 Bonnie Johnston, Anna Mauer
 - 8 Kyle Meyer
 - 9 Richard Dieckmann, Tom Gutzwiller,
Payten Sarringhaus
 - 10 Cindy Wilhelm
 - 12 Tyler Johnson
 - 13 Isabella Haakinson, Kathy Placke
 - 14 Amanda Lyttle, Grace Mauer
 - 16 Lily Benoit, John Moody, Lance Weiler
 - 17 Joe Foster, Taaron Meyers
 - 18 Dale Koester
 - 19 Gary Weber
 - 22 Grant Meyers, Melvin Siefert
 - 24 Rosie Sapp
 - 25 Opal Yarber
 - 25 Noah Kuykendall
 - 26 B.J. Bauman
 - 27 Amy Johnson, John Kuhlman
 - 30 Myron Kanning, BJ Narwold, Ana Shane

MISSIONS COMMITTEE:

We are currently working to form a Mission Committee. This volunteer/appointed group will seek to provide intentional oversight of our Benevolence offering and other mission projects for the congregation. We are looking for 4-5 people. The group will likely meet about once a quarter. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact either Pastor Joey or Kindred Lehfeldt.



RALLY DAY:

Rally Day will be on Sunday, September 11. The day will begin with a worship service honoring our Christian Education programs. We will remember our covenant together in the task of making discipleship and will celebrate our Sunday School. Then, after worship, there will be treats downstairs as the celebration continues. It is always a fun Sunday. Be sure to join us.

150 YEARS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL:

2022 is the 150th Anniversary of our Sunday School and our celebration of this is just getting started. Our next event will be on September 18. On this day, we will honor all who have been ordained out of St. John's. We will also have a guest preacher; Pastor Joe Vonderheide will be with us and give the sermon. What a great day it will be. Don't miss it!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR:



We are planning on having a children's choir again this year. Practices will tentatively be on Sundays after Sunday school. (This could change if it were in the best interest of the group.) They will run about 30 minutes. We hope to sing 5-6 times during the program year; (1-2 times this fall and 3 times January-May). Our first practice will be on September 11. We hope to see your children there!

ANNIVERSARIES

September



- 1 Paul & Sheryl Voss
- 3 Paul & Vy Borchelt
- 4 Josh & Amy Pohlman, Bill & Kathy Walsman
- 7 Lori & Brian Mauer
- 8 Robert & Carleen Weiler
- 10 Richard & Carolyn Dieckmann
- 12 Jessica & Jeff Stephan
- 14 Barb & Joe Foster, Kara & Rob Shane,
Junelle & Jeremy Welborn
- 16 Zach & Sarah Bryant, Cindy & Dick Feller,
Tom & Pam Gutzwiller,
- 17 Jeremy & Amber Borgman
- 19 Randy & Becky Schebler
- 20 Dennis & Linda Frische-Mouri,
Mac & Gail Miller
- 21 Gerald & Candy Bessler
- 25 Barb & Richard Blanton
- 26 Jenell & Ronald Schroeder
- 28 Mike & Gayla Vonderheide
- 30 Brian & Jenny Blanton



September



October 2022						
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Worship Service: 9:00am / Children's Sunday School: 10:15am

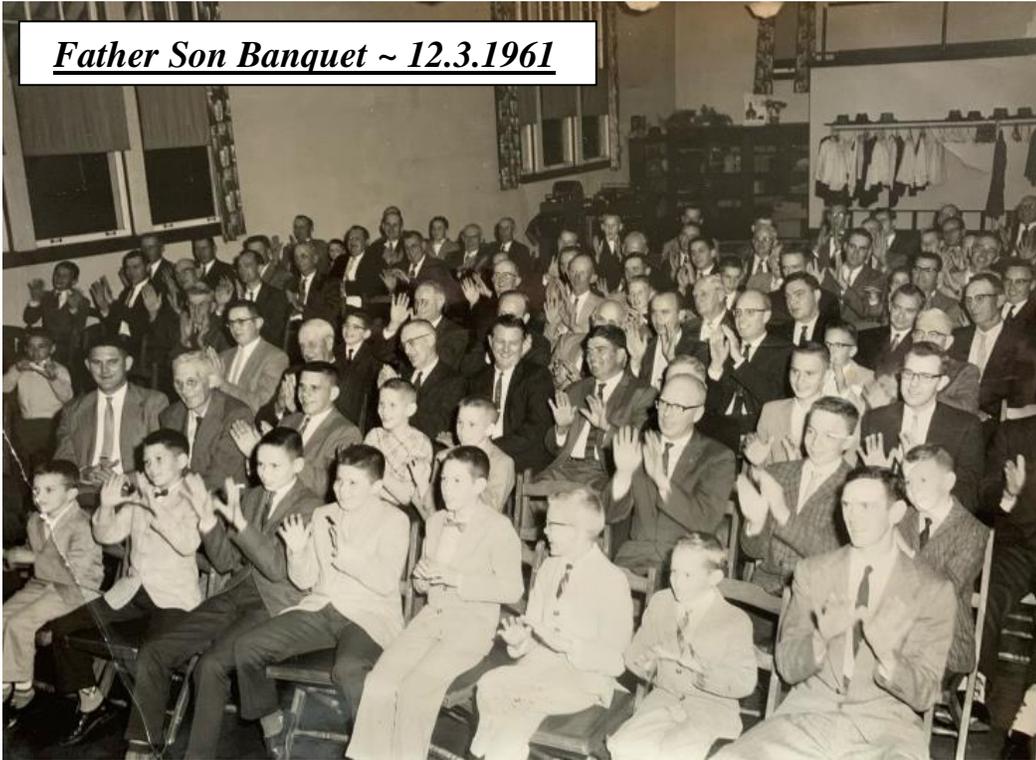
Office Hours: Tuesday thru Thursday, 8am-4pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Greifshare @ 6pm	2	3
4 RESUMING: Men's Choir Practice @ 8:15am / Singing during service COMMUNION	5 LABOR Day	6 Sunday School Board Meeting @ 6pm	7 RESUMING: Chancel Choir Practice @ 7pm in the Choir Room Confirmand / Parent Meeting @ 6pm	8 BAMA @ 1:30 Greifshare @ 6pm	9	10
11 Chancel Choir Singing 	12	13 Council Meeting @ 6:30pm	14 Confirmation Classes: Year 1 @ 6pm Year 2 @ 7pm	15 Greifshare @ 6pm	16	17 Don't Forget Messenger Deadline
18	19	20	21 Chancel Choir Practice @ 7pm in the Choir Room Confirmation Classes: Year 1 @ 6pm Year 2 @ 7pm Versailles Pumpkin Show	22 Greifshare @ 6pm 	23	24 AppleFest 2022 @ Liberty Park 11am-6pm
25 Chancel Choir Singing AppleFest 2022 @ Liberty Park 11am-6pm Versailles Pumpkin Show	26	27	28 Quiltmakers @ 9:30am Confirmation Classes: Year 1 @ 6pm Year 2 @ 7pm Aurora Farmers Fair	29 Greifshare @ 6pm Aurora Farmers Fair	30 Aurora Farmers Fair	October 1 Aurora Farmers Fair



I love my church family!

Father Son Banquet ~ 12.3.1961



Thank you, Rev Gusty - - -
- - - for this wonderful evening of fun
- - I only hope they got the message
along with the fun - - - These
photos for church scrapbook -
Extra copies \$1.00 each - - -
Blessings on you
Evert C. Lindsey

Found from the archives.

Do you recognize anyone?

Maybe you were in attendance?