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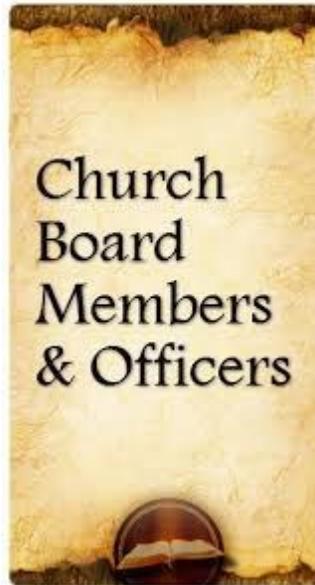
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Luke 13:29 WEB

*They will come from the east, west,
north, and south, and will sit down
in the Kingdom of God.*

*Council Meeting
August 3, 7:00 pm*

From Pastor Dave;

“Back to School!!!!!!!!!!!!!!”



The “Dog Days” of summer are from July 3 to August 11 each year. They’re usually the hottest and most unbearable days of the season. We often hear about the “Dog Days” of summer, but few know where the expression originated. Some think it’s a reference to the hot, sultry days that are “not fit for a dog.” Others suggest it’s the time of year when the extreme heat drives dogs mad. But where does the term come from? And what does it have to do with dogs? You may be surprised to see it has to do with the stars!

The phrase is a reference to Sirius, the **Dog Star**. During the “Dog Days” period, the Sun occupies the same region of the sky as [Sirius](#), the brightest star visible from any part of Earth. Sirius is a part of the constellation *Canis Major, the Greater Dog*.

In the summer, Sirius rises and sets with the Sun. On July 23rd, specifically, it is in conjunction with the Sun, and because the star is so bright, the ancient Romans believed it actually gave off heat and added to the Sun’s warmth, accounting for the long stretch of sultry weather. They referred to this time as *diēs caniculārēs*, or “dog days.”

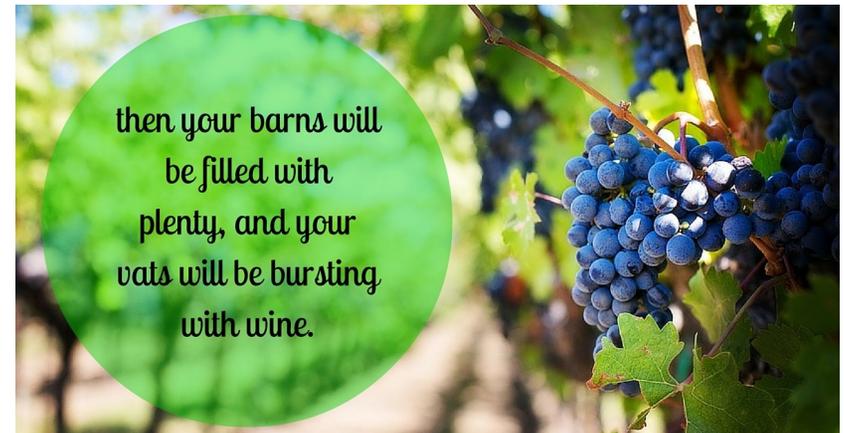
This year it seems like we hit the heat a little early as July was so hot. This season certainly raises concerns for crops, ponds, cattle, pastures, lakes, and all that we do depending on water and its resources.

In this season, the effects of the heat can be cumulative, meaning it adds up. Once we are over heated, it is easy for us to do it again and again. So, we need to take care of ourselves and plan accordingly.

Jesus had another idea: He had the people sit down in groups. He gave thanks for the bread and fish. After the blessing, the disciples began to distribute the food. As the disciples gave each person a portion of the bread and pieces of the fish, the food never ran out. In his book *Thank, Praise, Serve, and Obey*, William Chancellor Weedon shares the following:

Stop and ask yourself what would have happened if the disciples had held onto their little lunch, had kept it for themselves in fear, terrified that there would be no more if they gave it away and then they would go hungry? How much would each have had at the close of that day? A handful? That’s it. But Jesus began to open their eyes that day to see a new truth in God’s economy. By giving away to others, they ended up richer themselves! They ended up with a basket of bread each, far more than that fistful they had started out with. Hands clutching in fear were transformed into hands opened wide to give away.

May God grant us giving hearts so that He can multiply our gifts to help others and to extend His kingdom.



then your barns will
be filled with
plenty, and your
vats will be bursting
with wine.

In Giving we Receive

God is the greatest giver, and, because we were made in His image, we were created to give. God uses giving to help direct our hearts to Him and away from the love of the world. Faithful and generous giving is evidence that God is first in our lives. In giving, we break the grip that this world has on us.



We don't give to be blessed, but God's Word clearly tells us that through our faithful generosity God will bless us. Several verses in Scripture promise us God's abundance when we honor Him through our giving. (Proverbs 3:10; Malachi 3:10; Luke 6:38). We are certain of His spiritual blessings and possibly material blessings.

In the miracle of the Feeding of the Five Thousand, which is found in all four Gospels, we find a truism that God blesses those who give. Jesus had attracted a large crowd to whom He was preaching. When it was time for dinner, Jesus' disciples wanted to send the people away to find their own food. Andrew, one of the disciples, told Jesus that a boy had given them five barley loaves and two fish. If the disciples had chosen to keep the boy's lunch for themselves, it could possibly have been enough food for Jesus and His twelve disciples. Realizing that Jesus intended to use the lunch to feed the crowd of people, the disciples became anxious about their situation, overlooking what Jesus could do with this meager amount of food.

In these hot days, I like to remember the company and guidance of the Good Shepherd. He leadeth me to green pastures and beside the still waters. A cooling and providing perspective of the Shepherd guides and keeps me even and especially when life heats up. I think of the descriptive message of Revelation 7 and the Throne Vision of the Saints.

Rev. 7: 15ff; The Saints before the throne of God: *"**They** are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."*

This vision awaits all who trust in Jesus who offers to us the "living water" of restoration and healing peace. When life or August heats up, we trust in our Good Shepherd, Jesus. He will guide and keep us all our days here and into eternity. *"Cast all your cares on Him, for He cares for you!"*



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August - Back to School 2022

Thunder Ridge Resumes School; August, 18
Sunday School resumes after Labor Day.
Sunday School for kids opens Sept.11.
Bibles to 2nd grade students;



Soon we will be planning the resumption of Church classes and sessions with the approaching Fall season.

Immanuel, Norton; Installation Service for Seminary **Candidate Matthew Goerhing;** to be Ordained and Installed at Immanuel, Norton in the 4:00 Service, on Sunday **Aug. 14th.** They and we welcome him and his wife Megan among us. You are all invited to share the event with them. A light reception will follow the service.

First Lutheran Ice Cream Social; to be held on Sunday, August 28th.



Do you need to use the PAC?

Staci Foreman

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NOTES FROM THE FIXER-UPPER COMMITTEE

Painting in the sanctuary, narthex, hallway and Parish hall has been completed! Thanks to all who helped move books and shelves in the Parish Hall!

Since the painting is done, the next order of business will be:
Floor covering in the sanctuary (the altar area and perhaps the center aisle)
Floor covering in the conference room
Floor covering in the nursery Sunday School Room
Floor covering in the cry room

Progress is being made as we look forward to our 150th anniversary celebration!

Many projects are still pending. If you see something you would like to see refreshed or if there is a project you would like to be a part of, please let Suzanne Faulkner, Joann Brooks or Kim Rietzke know.



August Servants:

Elder: Jeff Levin

Head Usher:

Altar Guild: Sandi Reneberg, Kristi Reneberg,
Ann Forell



August is going to bring a physical transformation to the preschool classroom! A state grant has given us the funds to paint the walls and replace the 20+ year old carpet. Some of the floor will remain carpet but new vinyl flooring will be laid in the basement kitchen (Sunday School room) and the eating/crafting part of the classroom. Feel free to look at the classroom now to get a "before" look. Open House for this school year is Aug 28 and the first day of preschool is Aug 29. Enrollment is currently at 29 students—15 returning from last year and 14 new kiddos! It'll be another fun-filled year with Jesus' little lambs!

I've been asked by a few members if there's anything they could do to help the preschool ministry. I've put together a Preschool Classroom Wishlist on Amazon if you wish to make a purchase for the classroom. The list has educational toys, craft supplies, office supplies/storage. Any purchase for the classroom would be very appreciated and loved by the kids. If you would rather give your time, I can always use help cleaning the toys, closets, or outside escape window.

Here's the link for the Classroom Wishlist on Amazon. I'll see if I can get the link on the church website so you can click on it from there as well. Please let me know if you have any questions.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1H7CUCXPUPXVL?ref_=wl_share

Connie Synoground

Kansas Hunter Education Class

- will meet in the **Parish Hall** on **Saturday, August 27th**. The class is taken on line, but you must get with a group and take the test to get a card. Jamie Reneberg will lead the group for the program and test on that Saturday. If you have any questions regarding the Kansas Hunter Education Program, contact Jamie Reneberg (785-476-5383).



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Primary voting will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, August 2.

**The Preschool Open House will be held on Sunday, Aug. 28th, 4:00-5:30. Members of the congregation are welcome to come check out the classroom!
Monday, Aug. 29 - first day of Preschool!**

Do you want to put something in the Bulletin or Newsletter? If you do, e-mail Trina, the Parish Coordinator at pc1stjohn@hotmail.com.



Who We Are

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. For over 77 years, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

Vision Statement

The LWML is the leading group for LCMS women where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness.

Priority Goals from the 2022 Church Planning Event:

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| 1. Parking Lot Improvements | 20 votes |
| 2. Develop Tech Teams & Responsibilities | 18 votes |
| 3. Teens For Christ Financial Support; | 16 votes |
| 3. Worship Team; Lay Participation in worship. | 16 vts |
| 4. PAC Maintenance/Monitoring Team; | 16 votes |
| 4. Special Sundays; Lake Sunday | 16 votes |
| 4. Choir/ Music Team | 16 votes |

Additional suggested projects;

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| Daycare offered during Sunday School & Events | 11 |
| Business Management Position | 11 |
| Remodel Bathrooms/ Fixer-uppers projects | 10 |
| Promote Leader Transition | 9 |
| Schedule Work Days for Clean up | 9 |
| Consider Handicap Access & Parsonage East door | 6 |
| Children's Message Leaders | 3 |
| Establish an Endowment Fund | 3 |
| Hearing Assistance Options | 1 |

