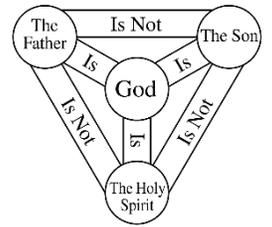


# St. John's Newsletter

August 2019



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## Working Together in the Body of Christ

**<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so also is Christ. <sup>26</sup> So if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it, or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. <sup>27</sup> You are the body of Christ, and individually you are members of it. (1 Corinthians 12, 26-27—EHV)**

As most of you know by now, a few months ago I had surgery to repair an ACL tear in my right knee. It's amazing how the entire body is affected when one part of the body—even something small like a knee ligament is struggling to do its job. There are many parts of a body and they are all given a specific job to do. The ear's job is to hear, the eyes' job is to see, and a knee ligament keeps the knee stable which allows the body to run, jump, squat, kneel, and so on.

In our verses above, Paul makes the connection between the parts of a body and the body of believers. Like a body, the members of the body of Christ have all been given a job to do along with gifts and abilities to carry out those jobs. Some are pastors, others are good with children and serve as Sunday School teachers, still others are good at fixing things and are trustees—the list goes on and on. God has also blessed us with the gifts of time, and many choose to use that time to volunteer at God's house: cleaners, ushers, altar guild—such volunteering doesn't take a lot of skill (no offense to those of you who volunteer in such a capacity), rather it takes time and dedication.

We have many volunteers here at St. John—and we are grateful for each and every one of you! And so is the Lord—it pleases him to see his children using their time and talents to glorify his name! Yet, we are in need of more—members of the altar guild, cleaners, greeters—we can use volunteers in all these capacities. Are things getting done despite needing more volunteers? Yes, they certainly are. Are they getting done as easily and smoothly as they could? Certainly not. Again, in the church, we all have been given gifts and abilities (including time) and we have all been given jobs and responsibilities in line with those gifts and abilities. It's easy to think, "this is not 'my' problem, let someone else take care of it." But as Paul said above, when one part of the body of Christ doesn't do its job the rest of the body suffers.

When we use our time and talents we give glory to God! It is our way of showing thanks and praise to him for sending his Son to remove the guilt of all our sins—including when we have selfishly used our gifts and abilities for our own glory. It's our way of thanking him for grafting him into the body of Christ through faith in him. We have a gracious and forgiving Lord who richly blesses us! This is a small way we can give back to the Lord for his priceless gift of salvation! And on top of that—we are helping fellow children of God worship and praise him too! And as a result, the body of Christ is built up. We hope and pray that you consider using your gifts and abilities here at St. John for the glory of Christ.

Pastor Frey

## August 2019

### ALTAR GUILD

Kathy Schabo 427-2990  
Chris Ahrens 358-7633  
Doris Kalbus 830-4972  
Betty Randall 858-9918

### GREETERS

8:00 Ken & Lorraine Ziegler 8/4  
10:00 Janice Bates & Sheryl Hill  
8:00 Chris Ahrens & Lucas Hansen 8/11  
10:00 Nancy Bruhn & Eileen Defferding  
8:00 Jeff & Cheryl Bohl 8/18  
10:00 Larry & Rosalie Greenley  
8:00 Jon & Chris Coenen 8/25  
10:00 Phyllis Gresens & Sheryll Techlin

**WITH THE LORD** Nancy Ross entered eternal life with her Savior on Sunday, July 14, 2019. A private funeral service was held at Borchardt & Moder Funeral Home, Shiocton on Friday, July 19, 2019. *"The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation."* Psalm 118:14

**WELS APPLE VALLEY FOOD PANTRY** The pantry collection will be Sunday, August 4. Items needed include shampoos and conditioners, hamburger, tuna and chicken helpers, cookies, canned fruits, all canned meats such as chicken and SPAM, creamed soups, chunky soups and pork & beans/baked beans.

We have been blessed with donations and are very grateful. Thank you for your assistance and dedication in keeping this part of our ministry in your thoughts and prayers. Without your help, we would not be able to help those who need our help.

**SUMMER SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY** Our Summer Bible Study is entitled, "The ABC's of Worship — Lutheran Customs and Practices." We will meet on August 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at around 9:10 am. It is our prayer that through this study God will lead us to grow in our appreciation of the Gospel as it is reflected in the way we worship. This class is intended for members of all ages so everyone can join us.

**WOMEN OF FAITH** All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us Tuesday, August 13 for Bible study and LWMS updates. Moms, bring your little ones.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** All men of the congregation are invited to join us on Tuesday, August 20 at 9:00 am for Bible study.

**PIONEERS** We are looking for a new leader/leaders for Pioneers for this next school year. If interested, please speak to Pastor Frey.

**EHV BIBLES** The EHV Bibles are here; they are on a table in the church entryway. The cost of each Bible is \$18. If you ordered a Bible, you may pick it up and pay for it before or after each worship service.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held the week of July 29-August 2 from 9:00-11:30 am. VBS is for all children from 3K-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Please bring your children (3K-6<sup>th</sup> grades) to hear the Word of God and use this as another opportunity to invite others to hear the Good News of the forgiveness of sins through Jesus. Register on our website [www.stjohn-appleton.org](http://www.stjohn-appleton.org) or on our Facebook page.

**CHURCH PICNIC** Save the date! The church picnic will be on Sunday, August 18 at Plamann Park. Plan to come and enjoy some fellowship with St. John members. The picnic will include organized activities for the kids, outdoor sports, bean bag toss. If outdoor activities aren't for you, bring a card game or a cribbage board. To help the committee plan and prepare for the picnic, let us know if you plan to come. Sign up on the sheet in the church entryway.

**CHURCH SOFTBALL** St. John has a team in the Appleton church softball league. Come out and cheer the team on at Appleton Memorial Park on Wednesday evenings. Come to the last games:

August 7	7:00 p.m.	Field 4
August 14	7:00 p.m.	Field 4

**OWLS SUMMER PICNIC** All seniors are invited to join the OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) for fellowship and our summer picnic. We will meet on Tuesday, August 13 at NOON for a potluck meal. The gathering will be at Bethany Lutheran Church, 530 W. Parkway Blvd in Appleton. Please bring your own tableware, beverage of your choice plus your favorite dish to share for our potluck meal.

Following the lunch Glenn and Lois Erdmann will share information on "Mission to the Children" in Mexico. For the past few years Bethany plus many other congregations have gathered items which are taken to be distributed to children in Mexico. We look forward to seeing you at our summer picnic.

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND WORSHIP** Labor Day weekend worship will be Thursday, August 29 at 6:30 pm and Sunday, September 1 at 8:00 and 10:00 am. **No** Monday evening service will be held on September 2.

**COMING IN SEPTEMBER** Beginning Sunday, September 8, worship service times will be at 8:00 and **10:30 am**. Sunday School and Bible classes and Confirmation Instruction classes for grades 6-8 will resume after Labor Day.