



ST. JOHN'S JOURNAL

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St. John Lutheran Church
Loogootee, IN

LIFE TOGETHER

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

While we are remembering the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed this year it is interesting to note that the creed we know today as the Nicene Creed was not completed in 325 A.D. Another ecumenical council was called in 381 A.D. in the city of Constantinople by the emperor Theodosius I. This council was called to address the continuing problem of Arianism in which the full divinity of Christ was denied, but also to expand the Nicene Creed to recognize the divinity of the Holy Spirit. In fact, the full title of the Nicene Creed is actually the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed which is quite a mouthful to say which is why we know it more commonly as the Nicene Creed.

On the 8th of this month we will be celebrating Pentecost in which we recall the pouring out of the Holy Spirit upon the Church in tongues of fire and the speaking of different languages. The third article of both the Nicene Creed and the Apostles' Creed is

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devoted to the presence and ministry of the Holy Spirit. We confess that the Holy Spirit is the Lord and giver of life. The Holy Spirit is therefore also God along with the Father and the Son, and all life has its origin in him along with the Father and the Son. He proceeds from the Father and the Son. He is the personification of the love that is shared between the Father and the Son. The Spirit calls and gathers the Church by the Gospel and breathes into Christians faith and love in Jesus Christ. The Spirit has spoken through the prophets, inspires the scriptures to be written, enlightens our minds to love the scriptures and to respond in faith to the call of Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit gathers the Church as a community of the faithful and is given to us in our baptism. He purifies the communion of saints, and at the end of all things raises us from the dead.

If we are asked who is the first missionary, we might answer by saying Philip or the Apostle Paul. In fact, the first missionary is God the Father. He sends his Son into the world to take on flesh and redeem our lives from the dead. The Father and the Son then send the Holy Spirit into the world to call disciples together as the Church and empower us to live as followers of Jesus. It will be the same Holy Spirit who will bring us into full communion with the Father and the Son and enable us to behold the face of God and dwell forever in the divine life of the Holy Trinity.

In Christ,
Pr. Fleace

Prayer Concerns

**Please be praying for these friends
and church family members.**

Those with health concerns:

*Brian Wininger (church member)
Charlie Little family (friend of Drew Davis)
Charlie Tedrow (friend of Julinda Adams)
Chris Haag (brother to T. Haag, cousin to J. Love)
Dave Harder (friend of Linda Goldman)
David Welch (brother-in-law of Doug & Rita Denson)
Helen Bauer (wife of Augie Bauer)
JJ Jones (friend of the Goldman family)
Jennifer Nolting (friend of Mason Grubbs)
Jim Leistner (friend of Goldman family)
Joan Haag (mother of Tony Haag)
Joseph Hart (friend of Barbara Prince)
*Julinda Adams (church member)
Lee Sipes (brother of Tammy Wininger)
Marg Otto (friend of Barbara Prince)
*Mary Hudson (church member)
Pam Bullock (friend of Linda Goldman and others)
Steve Deckard (friend of Hilbert Fuhrman)

Those in the nursing home and homebound:

*Gerald and Phyllis Lynch (Gentry Park, Bloomington)
*Verneeda Roach (her home)

Our College/Graduate Students:

*Alex Adams, Ivy Tech, Bloomington
*Isaac Eagle, University of Southern Indiana
*Olivia Harker, University of Southern Indiana
*Carson Shaw, University of Evansville
*Kenley Shaw, University of Southern Indiana

Our Military Personnel:

*Kody Neukam-Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota

Other concerns:

The spiritual state of our nation and churches
The leaders in our nation and world
Our church and leaders of our church
Our sister church in Dubois and leaders
Our own individual spiritual state
Those experiencing war, unrest, and persecution
Those who suffer depression & mental illness
Staff and students at our local schools

*denotes church member

Day of Pentecost

On 8 June the Church celebrates Pentecost and the beginning of the longest season of the Church year, the season after Pentecost. We will be in this season until 16 November.

On Pentecost we remember how the Church came into being, how it continues to live and what is the destination to which it is headed. On the first Sunday of Pentecost the disciples of Jesus were gathered in a single room praying and hearing the teaching of the Apostles. Suddenly the room was filled with a rushing wind, tongues of fire appeared over the disciples and they began speaking in other languages.

The disciples then entered the streets of Jerusalem testifying to the mighty acts of God in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Here we see that the Church is not the creation of man, but the work of the Holy Spirit in man. The Church continues today as the creation of the Holy Spirit.

The Small Catechism describes it this way: *The Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies people from all nations to form the Church. He calls through the Gospel, gathers us in worship, teaches about Jesus, forgives our sin and begins in us the renewal of our nature to reflect that of Christ. At the end of all things, he raises us and all believers to full and eternal life in the divine life of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

**Whoever loves discipline
loves knowledge, but
those who hate to be
rebuked are stupid.
Proverbs 12:1**



The Holy Trinity

The triquetra or trinity knot is a symbol for the Holy Trinity that may have originated as much as 5000 years ago. No one knows for sure when or where it originated, but it has been used for years to help explain the Trinity. It has three pointed ovals that are interlaced and form a triangle from point to point. There is also a circle that symbolizes eternal life. This familiar symbol was used by missionaries to explain the Trinity and Christianity.



Summerfest

JUNE 19, 20, 21

Featuring: lots of music, queen contest, parade, volleyball tournament, golf tournament, pickleball tournament, basketball tournament, 5k walk/run, kids sidewalk chalk, carnival rides, fireworks, vendor booths and so much more!!

We will be selling ice cream and cobbler. If you can help make cobbles, make ice cream, serve, be a runner, set up, or tear down, please let Duane Mann know! We need all hands on deck!!!



Boniface of Mainz, Missionary to the Germans Commemoration Day June 5

"Boniface was born in the late seventh century in England. although he was educated, became a monk, and was ordained as a presbyter in England, he was inspired by the example of others to become a missionary. Upon receiving a papal commission in AD 719 to work in Germany, Boniface devoted himself to planning, organizing, and reforming churches and monasteries in Hesse, Thuringia, and Bavaria. After becoming an archbishop, Boniface was assigned to the See of Mainz in AD 743. Ten years later, he resigned his position to engage in mission work in the Netherlands. On June 5, 754, while awaiting a group of converts for confirmation, Boniface and his companions were murdered by a band of pagans. Boniface is known as the apostle and missionary to the Germans."



Cyril of Alexandria, Pastor and Confessor Commemoration Day June 27

"Cyril (ca. AD 376-444) became archbishop of Alexandria, Egypt, in AD 412. Throughout his career, he defended a number of orthodox doctrines, among them the teaching that Mary, the mother of Jesus, is 'rightly called and truly is the Mother of God' - *Theotokos*, 'the God-bearer' (Formula of Concord VIII 12). In AD 431 the Council of Ephesus affirmed this teaching that the Son of Mary is also true God. The

writings of Cyril on the doctrines of the Trinity and the person of Christ reveal him to be one of the most able theologians of his time. Cyril's Christology influenced subsequent Church councils and was a primary source for Lutheran confessional writings."



Irenaeus of Lyons, Pastor Commemoration Day June 28

"Irenaeus (ca. AD 130-200), believed to be a native of Smyrna (modern Izmir, Turkey), studied in Rome and later became pastor in Lyons, France. Around AD 177, while Irenaeus was away from Lyons, a fierce persecution of Christians led to the martyrdom of his bishop. Upon Irenaeus' return, he became bishop of Lyons. Among his most famous writings is a work condemning heresies, especially Gnosticism, which denied the goodness of creation. In opposition, Irenaeus confessed that God has redeemed His creation through the incarnation of the Son. Irenaeus also affirmed the teachings of the Scriptures handed down to and through him as being normative for the Church."

All Feast Day and Commemoration Day educational materials are from:
Gockel, H.W. *Treasury of Daily Prayer*. Concordia Publishing Hse, 2008.

***Pray in the Spirit at all times
in every prayer and
supplication. To that end keep
alert and always persevere in
supplication for all the saints.
Ephesians 6:18***

Lectionary Readings for June

Please find below the daily lectionary readings for this month. Reading the Bible every day will increase your spiritual health in the same way that exercise helps you physically to stay well. We encourage you to make time in your day for the care of your soul.

- 1 Numbers 14:1-25; Luke 18:18-34
- 2 Numbers 14:26-45; Luke 18:35-19:10
- 3 Numbers 16:1-22; Luke 19:11-28
- 4 Numbers 16:23-40; Luke 19:29-48
- 5 Numbers 16:41-17:13; Luke 20:1-18
- 6 Numbers 20:1-21; Luke 20:19-44
- 7 Numbers 20:22-21:9; Luke 20:45-21:19
- 8 Numbers 21:10-35; Luke 21:20-38
- 9 Numbers 22:1-20; Luke 22:1-23
- 10 Numbers 22:21-23:3; Luke 22:24-46
- 11 Numbers 23:4-28; Luke 22:47-71
- 12 Numbers 24:1-25; Luke 23:1-25
- 13 Numbers 27:12-23; Luke 23:26-56
- 14 Numbers 32:1-6, 16-27; Luke 24:1-27
- 15 Numbers 35:9-30; Luke 24:28-53
- 16 Proverbs 16:1-24; John 16:1-16
- 17 Proverbs 17:1-28; John 16:17-33
- 18 Proverbs 20:5-25; John 17:1-26
- 19 Proverbs 22:1-21; John 18:1-14
- 20 Proverbs 22:22-23:12; John 18:15-40
- 21 Proverbs 24:1-22; John 19:1-22
- 22 Proverbs 25:1-22; John 19:23-42
- 23 Proverbs 27:1-24; John 20:1-18
- 24 Proverbs 30:1-9, 18-33; John 20:19-31
- 25 Proverbs 31:10-31; John 21:1-25
- 26 Joshua 1:1-18; Acts 8:1-25
- 27 Joshua 2:1-24; Acts 8:26-40
- 28 Joshua 3:1-17; Acts 9:1-22
- 29 Joshua 4:1-24; Acts 9:23-43
- 30 Joshua 5:1-6:5; Acts 10:1-17

*We must be careful not to break
the habit of true prayer and
imagine other works to be
necessary which, after all, are
nothing of the kind.*

Martin Luther

Servers for June

1 June Seventh Sunday of Easter
Lector/Comm. Asst: **Karen Whorrall**
Acolyte: **Karen Whorrall**
Greeters: **Ross & Sarah Adams**
Nursery: **Sarah Adams**
Color: **White**

8 June **Day of Pentecost**
Lector: **Duane Mann**
Acolyte: **Duane Mann**
Greeters: **Glenn Crim, Leanne Love**
Nursery: **Lynette Harker**
Color: **Red**

15 June **Holy Trinity Sunday**
Lector/Comm Asst: **Hannah Davis**
Acolyte: **Hannah Davis**
Greeters: **Duane & Karen Mann**
Nursery: **Drew Davis**
Color: **White**

22 June Second Sunday after Pentecost
Lector: **Jennifer Holt**
Acolyte: **Jennifer Holt**
Greeters: **Bill & Karen Whorrall**
Nursery: **Tammy Wininger**
Color: **Green**

29 June Peter and Paul, Apostles
Lector: **Tammy Wininger**
Acolyte: **Tammy Wininger**
Greeters: **Deron & Angie Steiner**
Nursery: **Jennifer Holt**
Color: **Red**

Financial Assistant: **TBD**
Altar Care: **Tammy Wininger**
Church Cleaning: **Barbara Prince**

The Church Mouse

What a busy month! First Mrs. Pastor had surgery and Augie got to play for three weeks! He hasn't done that in a long time, if ever! I am curious what will happen the last Sunday of the month since Augie has to preach somewhere else. Hmmm...

Anyway, we have had a lot of graduations in May. Way to go Avery Brock for graduating from LHS! Then Olivia Harker and Kenley Shaw graduated from Shoals on Saturday, May 24th! Congratulations to Olivia and Kenley! What a bunch of smart kids!!

Did you guys hear that we had a baby born at the end of April? Little Ellie Jane Harker, daughter of Logan and Allison. Can't wait to meet her!!

a little lutheran levity!
Father's day humor!

**What did the baby corn
say to the mama corn?**
Where's popcorn?

**What do you call a dad
who falls through the ice?**
Popsicle!

**Why do dads take an extra
pair of socks with them
when they go golfing?**
In case they get a hole in one!

**Why did the dad sit on the
clock?**
He wanted to be on time!

**Joint Worship
Service
and picnic!**

Our annual joint worship service and picnic with SJLC, Dubois, is scheduled for **Sunday, August 10**, beginning at **10 AM** at the Ruritan Park in Dubois. It should be a wonderful time of worship with our sister church with some good food and fun too. Hope you can join us!!



You Are Invited to **Vacation Bible School**



at St. John Lutheran Church at Dubois Crossroads. on July 6-10, Sunday through Thursday. It is for ages 3 through those who are entering 6th grade and runs from 6:15 PM - 8 PM each evening. The theme this year is "Magnified" discovering the bigness of God in the smallest of things. This theme emphasizes that God, who created the vast universe, also cares for the smallest details of His creation, including each child's life. If you have children or grandchildren, please let them know about this opportunity! For more information or to register, please contact Barbara Prince (812) 296-8164 or call Jillian Eckerle at Dubois (812) 639-3358.

Highlights from St. John's Lutheran Church Council Meeting May 2025

The St. John Lutheran Church Council met on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the church social room. Members present were Deron Steiner, Pastor Fleace, Barbara Prince, Tammy Wininger, and Duane Mann. Absent was Angie Steiner and Karen Mann.

Chairman Deron Steiner called the meeting to order. Pastor Fleace led in prayer.

The minutes from the March meeting were approved as printed in the St. John's Journal per a motion made by Duane Mann, seconded by Barbara Prince. The motion carried.

Treasurer Duane Mann presented the financial report for April. As of April 30, 2025, the report shows an ending balance of \$39,290.28. Duane noted that the money from the insurance has been paid for the recent storm damage. Barbara Prince moved to accept the report, seconded by Tammy Wininger. Motion carried.

Financial Trustee Report – Duane gave the financial report for Karen.

Property Trustee –A new trustee will be secured in the coming months.

Worship Deacon – no report

Youth Deacon – no report

Pastor's Report - Pastor Fleace combines activities for both churches in his report for March and April.

- Pastor Fleace made 25 pastoral calls
- Attended five meetings
- Led nine Bible studies
- Conducted three classes for first communion
- Led four Midweek Lenten services

Ash Wednesday service was at Loogootee and the Ash Thursday service was at Dubois. Loogootee had a Maundy Wednesday service and Dubois had a Seder meal service on Maundy Thursday. Good Friday service was Loogootee was in the afternoon and the Dubois service was in the evening. Dubois also had a sunrise service on Easter Sunday. Bible study will end for the summer at the end of May.

Currently I am working on the Confirmation schedule for the fall. VBS at Dubois will be July 6-10.

OLD BUSINESS

The water leak was found and repaired. The amount for sewage will be prorated and returned soon. Duane is working on getting the concrete on the patio poured and the yard levelled with dirt. Damage from the storm will include replacing the downspout and broken windows. The roof has been patched and inside the sanctuary will be addressed. One estimate was given for replacing the fence and another will be coming soon. The amplifier for the sound system was replaced and is working well. Tammy will contact M&M to replace the toilet in the parsonage bathroom downstairs. To receive feedback, Barbara presented a form for reserving tables and chairs. Changes were noted.

NEW BUSINESS

Summerfest is set for June 19-21. We will once again have a booth with homemade ice cream and cobbler. Duane will get more information as we get closer to the date.

Tammy will secure a light for Augie Bauer to use when he is here to play for worship.

Our next council meeting will be July 17, 2025.

Submitted by,
Barbara Prince, Acting Council Secretary

Budget Report for March 2025

General Fund:	Balance on 4/1/25	\$38,402.98
Total Receipts	\$10,862.62.....	\$49,265.60
Disbursements		
Salaries	\$3,268.24	
Worship	\$200.00	
Office	\$146.00	
Utilities	\$2,077.70	
Rep/Main	\$65.41	
Misc.	\$4,217.97	
Total Disbursements.....		\$9,975.32
	Balance on 4/30/25	\$39,290.28

Special Funds:

Building Fund	\$48,887.53
Good Samaritan Fund	\$1,194.04
Synod Mission Support	\$0.00
Memorial Fund	\$9,286.99
Grace LC Legacy Gift	\$1,542.63

Stewardship Report April 2025

Date	Attendance	Offering
Sunday, 6 April	27	\$1720.00*
Sunday, 13 April	29	\$1210.00**
M. Wed, 16 April	18	\$605.00
G. Friday, 18 April	12	\$110.00
Sunday, 20 April	47	\$1008.00
Sunday, 27 April	29	\$465.00

Needed weekly to meet the budget \$1004.00

**350 Bldng Fund, 200 Mission Support, 50 Memorial*

***500 Bldng Fund*



We are pleased to announce the arrival of Eleanor "Ellie" Jane Harker who was born on April 30, 2025! She is the daughter of proud parents, Logan and Allison Harker! The grinning grandparents are Nathan and Julia Albright and Tom and Lynette Harker. We look forward to meeting you, Miss Ellie!



This month we have one special birthday to celebrate (members 80 years old and up). We hope you will help us "shower" Mary with love by sending her a birthday card for her special day on the date listed with her name:

Mary Hudson
(June 13, 1938)
Southwind Manor, Apt. 16
211 Cedar Street
Loogootee, IN 47553

Contact the church office if you know someone who is not listed above. We don't want to miss anyone. Thank you!!

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn.
Isaiah 61:1-2

June 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 The Divine Service 9 AM Easter 7 Commemoration Day for Justin, Martyr	2	3	4	5 Commemoration Day for Boniface of Mainz, Missionary to the Germans	6	7
8 The Divine Service 9 AM Pentecost 	9	10	11 Feast Day for St. Barnabas, Apostle	12 Commemoration Day for the Ecumenical Council of Nicaea, AD 325	13	14 Commemoration Day for Elisha
15 The Divine Service 9 AM Holy Trinity 	16	17	18	19 <i>Summerfest</i>	20	21
22 The Divine Service 9 AM Pentecost 2 Linger Longer	23	24 Newsletter Items are due today. Thanks! Feast Day for The Nativity of St. John the Baptist	25 Commemoration Day for Presentation of the Augsburg Confession	26 Commemoration Day for Jeremiah	27 Commemoration Day for Cyril of Alexandria, Pastor and Confessor	28 Commemoration Day for Irenaeus of Lyons, Pastor
29 The Divine Service 9 AM Pentecost 3 Feast Day for St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles	30					

Celebrations

3 Sue Page
Emma Neukam
5 Carson May
10 Bill & Karen Whorrall (A)

13 Mary Hudson
14 Tammy Wininger
15 Larry & Annette Shaw (A)
16 Roger Abel, Jr.
18 Winston Smith

19 Kristin Cooper
21 Chad & Kellie Shaw (A)
22 Pastor Tim & Barbara Fleace (A)
28 Lindsey Jones

Church Council

Chairperson - Deron Steiner

Secretary - Angie Steiner

Treasurer - Duane Mann

Financial Trustee - Karen Mann

Property Trustee - vacant

Worship Deacon - Tammy Wininger

Youth Deacon - Barbara Prince

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