

# GOODHUE LUTHERAN MESSENGER — JULY 2022

## LOVE YOUR HOME COUNTRY

In the month of July, we celebrate the birthday of our nation, the U.S.A. I'm guessing that in spite of our country's problems, you still love this land, and you are thankful for its beauty, and the freedoms you enjoy here, and many other blessings God gives us through our home country. So give thanks to God for this land that you love! All good things come from him.

God calls us also to love the people of this land- to love our neighbors as ourselves; to pray for all, including those in authority; and give due respect to those God places over us in the government, for the Lord's sake, who put them there.

And it's fitting to do what God gives us to help this country be and remain a place of blessing for those who live here.

But no matter how hard we try to make and keep America a country that's a good place to live, we won't turn it into a heaven on earth. Along with the blessings, there will still be sickness and storms and destruction; hatred and heartache and greed; and death. The way the Bible describes it, wickedness will increase in the world as we draw near the end and the day of Jesus' return.

And no earthly kingdom or country will stand forever- not even the U.S.A. If it doesn't fade away or fall, like other great powers before it; still, when our Lord Jesus returns, every earthly power will fall; and this world in its present form, including our earthly home country, won't survive the fires of that day.

But that's not the end of the story. There is a kingdom- a home country- that will last forever; ruled by a perfect King, where all will be right and good and well, and the people, with their King, will live in perfect peace and perfect love, forever. And all those woes that affect every earthly country- even death- will be no more.

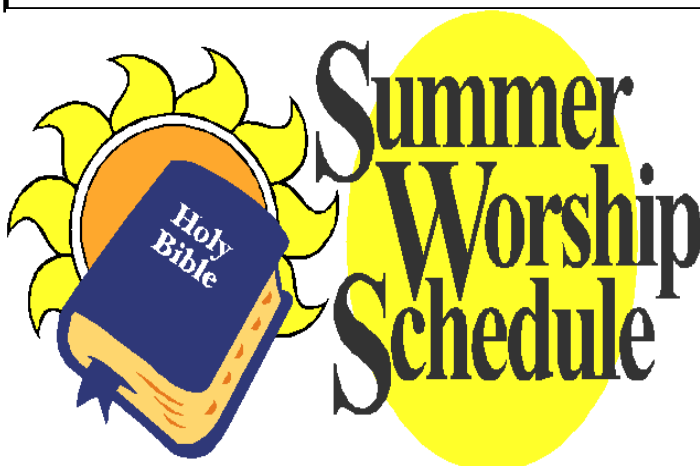
Abraham, Isaac and Jacob looked forward to that country, calling themselves "*foreigners and strangers on earth*", because "*they were longing for a better country, a heavenly one.*" (Hebrews 11:13-16 NIV)

The Apostle Paul looked forward to that country, and you can look forward to it along with him, for the same reason he could, as the words God gave him in Philippians 3:20 (NIV) remind us: "*But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.*"

A Savior- that's what we needed. For we have sinned against God in so many times and ways, while living in our present home country; we don't deserve a heavenly home country, or even the many blessings God has given us in our earthly home country. But God wanted to be gracious, so he gave us a Savior, his Son. He came down to an earthly home country; lived a life of perfect love; then let the rulers of his earthly home country unjustly nail him to a cross to die. And so he paid for all our sins, and won us citizenship in God's heavenly country, which God freely gives to all who trust in his Son.

Then our Savior rose from the dead, and ascended to that heavenly homeland. And he's coming down from there again, to take us home. Love that heavenly home country! Look forward to it with joy! Love your Savior, Jesus Christ, who made it your home. And keep trusting in him, living for him, repenting of your sin and resting in his forgiveness, until you are with him there.

-Submitted by Pastor Marty Weigand- Grace & St. Peter's



## COME WORSHIP WITH US

### Grace Lutheran

8:30 a.m. Worship Sunday

7:00 p.m. Wednesday Worship

### St. John's Lutheran

9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday

### St. Peter's Lutheran

10:15a.m. Worship Sunday

10:30a.m. Joint Bible Study Thursday @ St. Peter's

(Communion served the 2nd and 4th Sunday at Grace, St. John's and St. Peter's, & Wednesday Service prior at Grace)

**\*\*\* GRACE NOTES \*\*\***

Grace Church Council Meeting – June 14, 2022

President Bo Schulz called the meeting to order with Pastor, Ben, Chris, Todd, and Brandon present. Pastor opened with prayer. The secretary's and financial secretary's reports were read and approved. It was noted that about \$1,600 has been given to the Christian Education Fund to date. These funds will be distributed to Grace Members with students who attend Christian Day Schools in August of this year, before the beginning of the next school year, to help offset non-member tuition costs. Pastor reported on attending the district conference with the church delegates, a successful burrito breakfast during Goodhue Volksfest serving roughly 176 people, the youth rally planned for June, joint Vacation Bible School, and Bible Story Hour that was held at St. Peters. Mary Tri has retired as church secretary, with Debbie

Weigand now taking on that role. Training and education on job duties between Debbie and Mary have taken place. The Council and Pastor expressed a great appreciation for all the work Mary has done in serving the churches and Our Savior Jesus as church secretary over the past several years. Capital improvement projects were discussed, with the sound system replacement facing supply chain delays, and roof replacement still being reviewed by insurance. An estimate was received to add additional parking on the new property to the north, with a bid of \$7,000 for an approximate 140ft by 100ft gravel parking lot. No action was taken on this, but an estimate was desired to gauge what type of cost such a project would entail. The next council meeting will be on July 19<sup>th</sup> at Grace at 7:30 pm. Motion to Adjourn.

Submitted: Brandon Lunde

**\*\*\*St. Peter's Notes\*\*\***

**St Peters Council Meeting June 14, 2022**

Larry called the meeting to order with Pastor, Dennis, Dean, Mark, and Curt present. Larry opened with devotion and prayer. The Secretary's report was read and approved. Pastor's Report given and approved. Sunday School Report given and approved. Funds from the Volksfest Burrito Breakfast \$738 will go to the Zumbrota Food Shelf. At Children's Bible Story Hour at St. Peter's there were 13 kids plus helpers. VBS will be July 11-15 at St. Peter's from

5:30 – 8:00 p.m. At the Volksfest Service on June 12, \$598 in loose plate collections will go toward Rev. Aaron Robinson's work at MLC. Financial and Treasures' Report motion approved. Building and Grounds report; Jed Post will install a outdoor water faucet. Youth Rally: Leave on June 27 and get back July 2 with three vans. Next Meeting: July 19, 6:30 p.m. at Grace Motion to Adjourn; Respectfully Submitted, Curt Callstrom

**Thank you** to Mary Tri for her faithful service as dual parish secretary these past years! Your heart for serving the Lord and his people, the thought you put into the articles you wrote and the images that supported the message of God's word; your and Darwyn's tech help in getting us online during COVID; how you went above and beyond in so many ways— God used you to hold things together and help keep his work in our dual parish going forward. On behalf of me, of Grace & St. Peter's, and many others:

We thank God for you! - Pastor W

**THANK YOU** to all who helped with the Volksfest Service and Activities! Pastors Robinson and Robert for preaching and leading the service; Accompanist; Violinist; Choir and Band; All who worked behind the scenes moving things, counting, arranging, etc.— The 189 who attended the service were blessed! \* And Thank You— YPS members, leaders, and extra helpers, and all who donated food items for the burrito breakfast— around 176 were served, and \$738 after expenses is going to the food shelf.

Thanks, also Larry and all who helped with the car/ tractor show and quilting display!

### **MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST**

All the men of our area WELS congregations are invited to join us for Men's Bible Breakfast.

Our next breakfast is set for July 23, at St. Peter's, beginning with breakfast at 8:30 a.m., followed by Bible study led by Pastor Robbert Joint Elders Meeting is to follow at 10 a.m.



### **Wise Penny**

Hours are 12-4 Monday thru Saturday. Donations accepted 12-4

Monday thru Saturday. If you are struggling to drop off donations because of a limited time frame of 12-4 please contact one of the following people. Shelley Poncelet, Ronnelle Schulz, Shirley Voth and Kaye Hinsch.

### **St. Peter's Ladies Aid**

Available to purchase at St Peters are Greeting Cards, and Cookbooks in the church basement.

There is a box there for your payment.



### **Coming Up in Bible Class:**

Joint Midweek Bible Class at St. Peter's continues on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Come, Bring a Friend and enjoy studying the Bible with your fellow Christians on Thursday Morning at St. Peter's Goodhue.

(Note: We may decide to go on summer break- watch your bulletins, etc.)

### **Grace and St. Peter's Sunday School Children**

Grace and St Peters will be hosting their own Sunday School at their own churches when school resumes in the fall. Shelley will be busy getting organized for Sunday School, ordering the materials etc. Please consider helping Shelley with Sunday School. Contact her at 651-212-3219. Please consider being a teacher; we have a need for Sunday School Teachers. It is a great opportunity to be involved with the youth at Grace and St Peters. Watch for information about Sunday School soon if you have Sunday School age children.



### **Chapel of the Air**

Services are 9:00am Sundays on KCUE 1250 Red Wing Radio.

Donations to help cover the cost of services on the air can be mailed to St John's Lutheran Church, Red Wing Minnesota.

Thank you for your donations.

## **Summer Schedule**

**FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH**

**JUNE - 6:00pm-  
SEPTEMBER 7:30pm**

**Ruby's Pantry Zumbrota**

## Goodhue Area WELS Youth Group

As we look forward to July our word for the month will be "Anticipation"!

During Volksfest we anticipated much fun for our Burrito Breakfast. We had such fun preparing the food, serving the community, and entertaining people with our antics, both inside and out ( how many people "dunked" Pastor Robbert?) All total we estimate that 175 people were served!! Thank you to the many people who anticipated our needs and stepped up to help us have a successful breakfast! Thank you especially to Joe and Ellie Diercks who spearheaded the event and kept us all moving and grooving, we had smiles for miles!!

There is much anticipation as I consider the end of June and our trip to the International Youth Rally! Our trip will involve lots of driving, but praise God that we have been blessed with so many wonderful supporters in all three churches who have come forward to give us both their funding and their encouragement (who has a good travel song?) ! We have much anticipation as we look forward to our exclusive stop at the Arc and the fun we know that we will have there with our Red Wing friends. From there we will make our way to the Rally, stopping briefly to pick up an additional member of our Youth team - due to circumstances beyond his control a young man in Tennessee was left without a church group and the Rally organizers asked us to add him to ours. We will have a busy week meeting new friends, learning new things, and exploring a beautiful campus. While we will be wiped out from all of our running and driving around, we will look forward to sharing our experiences with all of you when we return!

In July we anticipate getting to be a part of the Family VBS, there will be opportunities for both our teens and our leaders to delve more deeply in God's word with members and new friends alike. To keep the anticipation going, our Youth Leaders at St. John's are planning a fun get together for our group later in July, keep watching for more details!

As always, thank you for your support and prayers that you all give to make our group a success!



At our Spring LWMS Rally our mission project was to collect specific items for the Central Africa Medical Missions (CAMM). Below are the newborn items collected for the mothers for their newborns at delivery. The prescription bottles are used for creams, ointments, and syrups to be sent home with patients. Hiawatha Valley Circuit Ladies thank you all for your contributions.

On May 31<sup>st</sup> I received this email from Lori Ryan our (CAMM) coordinator: I sent two packages to Malawi today. The two 10 lb packages to Malawi today cost \$250.00 to send. Here are the items that went to Malawi (will arrive in 10-15 days) 23 blankets, 30 hats, 1 mask, and 45 onsies-Thank you again for all your support! Lori

I received this email from Lori on June 7<sup>th</sup>: Below are the donated items that were sent to Zambia: 32 blankets, 47 onesies, 14

Bibs, 45 hats, 15 socks, and 46 medicine bottles. The box was 29 lbs and the shipping cost was \$264.90. Approximately 90% of the donations from the Hiawatha Circuit spring rally (not counting most of the pill bottles) have been sent. The post office told me it takes 10-15 days to get to the sites, but Cheyl at CAMM told me in their experience, the packages won't likely be received at the clinics until August or September (due to shipping, customs, transport to the clinics from the post offices). I anticipate sending the rest of the donated items sometime later this summer or fall to help spread out both the donations and the postage expense. Thank you again for the generous donations. It is exciting to be able to help out our clinics in such a tangible way.

Lori Ryan CAMM Contact for the Hiawatha Valley Circuit area.

Lori sends these donations using her own money and as you can see it is expensive. She does use her \$250 allotted Thrivent Money and the rest is her own. If anyone would like to donate to this worthy cause either personal donation or Thrivent money, please contact Lori at (763) 443-5987 or email: [lorijryan@gmail.com](mailto:lorijryan@gmail.com). Jule Majerus, Hiawatha Valley Circuit Secretary



If you are on vacation remember we live stream out services on our Webpage [gracestpeters.org](http://gracestpeters.org). go to Livestream Tab and our Facebook page Grace St Peters Goodhue. The service does stay out on the archive to be watched later.



## July 2022 Newsletter

Jesus Lives! God is Awesome! Psalm 77:14 (EHV) - **You are the God who performs a wonderful deed. You made known your power among the peoples.**

Philippians 3:20 (EHV) **But our citizenship is in heaven. We are eagerly waiting for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.**

Fives years have gone by quickly. Five years ago, my youngest graduated from high school. Our family was making the transition to Minnesota. My oldest daughter came to Minnesota and graduated from Bethany Lutheran College. My youngest works at Walgreens as a licensed pharmaceutical technician. The oldest daughter got married—so many blessings in so little time. God is good! These last 5 years were a blur.

In five years the blessings of God continue. It is a blessing to see St. John's continue to teach the love of Christ. It is a blessing to have been part of a rich heritage of God's Word in a community that goes back 6 generations. It is a blessing to have gained more Christian friends and fellow saints fighting the good fight of spreading the message of Jesus. These blessings I will be able to take with me.

No matter where we live, serve, relate, or pray - God promises to provide and protect us. God solidified that promise at Easter - Jesus Lives! Because Jesus lives, St. John's will continue to preach the Good News of salvation. Because Jesus Lives, St. John's Lutheran School continues to teach the youth the love of Jesus with teachers who demonstrate their love for their Savior. Because Jesus Lives, parents bring their children to the foot of the cross regularly hearing Christ's love for them. It is only because of Jesus' love for sinners that human beings will have the motivation to love each other. It has been an honor to watch and participate in this for the past 5 years.

Until we see you next time or in Heaven, God's blessings to you all,  
Jesus Lives!

- Albert Karnopp

### **RaiseRight Order Due - July 12, 2022**

*Call or Text Brenda Luhman 507-202-6131*

*We are encouraging online purchases through  
ShopWithScrip, PrestoPay and RaiseRight App*

**www.shopwithscrip.com Enrollment code:  
7226178728187**

# Storytime



Join us for a story hour

story time

at St. Peter's, Goodhue

July 12, 19, and 26 at 10:00 am



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### **SERVING AT ST. JOHNS IN JULY**

Pastor Robbin Robbert

#### **ST. JOHN'S ELDERS:**

Jesse Luhman, Scott Hinsch & Kenneth Schrimpf

#### **ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL BOARD:**

Jacob Diercks, Jonathon Voth & Cameron Peterson

#### **USHERS**

Group 1 - Rob Ringeisen, Dan Agenten. Tim Hinrichs, Brandon Lexvold, Justin Thomforde, Jerrod Thomforde, Shane Matthees, Kory Bolin, Josh Bolin, Todd Brinkman, Justin Hinrichs

#### **GREETERS**

7/3 Rob & Shelly Ringeisen  
7/10 Arnie & Linda Breuer 7/17 Ron & Liz Peters  
7/24 Mike & Ann Hinsch  
7/31 Roger & Beverly Voth

#### **ACOLYTE**

7/10 Lillian Raasch  
7/24 Carleen Weckerling

#### **WITH THE LORD:**

Paul Betcher, June 9, 2022

The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away. May the name of the LORD be praised. -Job 1:21 NIV



**"Summer Garden Morning Devotions"** for Women hosted by Deb Gnotke Starting July 6th

Wednesdays 8:30 to 9:30 am for 6 weeks

Devotion on our deck or under the shade trees enjoying Christian fellowship and coffee.

No need to sign up, just come as many times as you like. Bring a friend!

Questions give me a call Deb at 651 764 5587

### **St. John's Church Council**

Church Windows will start being repaired this year and in 2023. They are being paid for by a memorial from Paul Betcher.

We will need to do a little work inside and outside of the teacherage. Gods blessings on them and a big thank you for their years of service to our children.



**Volunteers Needed** to get the house ready for the new principal and his wife. We are not sure of exact dates but work will begin the first week of July.

Contact Jesse Luhman for cleaning, painting and other.

Contact Dorothy Lodermeier, 651-380-0482 to volunteer to help trim shrubs, clean up the gardens and haul trimmings on Sat afternoon, July 2nd.

Need: a couple of pickups.

Someone to pick up farm compost from the Schrimpf farm.

Donations of mulch to be purchased from C & G Hardware.

Dorothy has perennials and annuals available to plant.



Summer Family Fun Nights

Be on the look out for further information.

July 15th at St. Peter's following VBS and July 24th at St. John's.

Look for more information to come in bulletins.

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**E-GIVING NOW AT ST. JOHN'S** -- Our congregation now offers electronic giving!

Go to [easytithe.com/stjohnswels](https://easytithe.com/stjohnswels) and follow the easy instructions to set up, or text GIVE and an amount to 1-218-304-7066 (ex: GIVE 250.00) and follow the easy directions.



# Family Vacation Bible School

FREE

**July 11 to 15, 2022**

at St. Peter's Lutheran, 702 West Third Ave., Goodhue

For Age 3 through 103

Register with Shelley at 651-212-3219

or at [sponcelet09@icloud.com](mailto:sponcelet09@icloud.com)

(5:30-6:00pm Light supper – attendance optional)

**6:00-7:30pm Bible Study/Bible stories, Singing, Crafts**

(7:30-8:00pm Outside playtime - attendance optional)

***"The LORD your God will be with you  
wherever you go." Joshua 1:9***

*hosted by Grace, St. John's, and St. Peter's WELS Churches of Goodhue*

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Dear families of St. John's,

**Jesus Lives! God is Awesome! Psalm 77:14 "You are the God who performs miracles."**

On behalf of myself and my wife, we are thankful to God for the many blessings over the past 5 years. Some of these blessings are below.

1. To be able to serve our God in a Christian school environment.
2. To be able to share the message of salvation to the saints at St. John's, Goodhue.
3. To teach the young children at St. John's about a loving Savior.
4. To grow as a servant in Christ.
5. To be reminded daily of a Savior who loves us.
6. To pray for each other daily.

Thank you for your patience, compassion, and support. Your kind words and encouragement are extremely appreciated. Stay connected to Jesus and let your faith show. God is good! Jesus Lives!

In His service,

Mr. Albert Karnopp