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August 2018 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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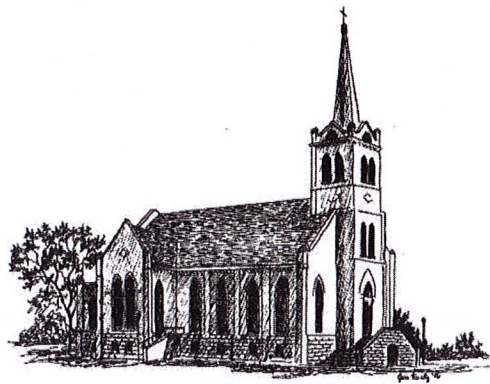
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Ministers - The People of St. John
Pastor - The Rev. John Boor
Organist - Bruce A. Weise

WORSHIP

Sunday School for All Ages	9:00 a.m.
Worship	10:15 a.m.

Holy Communion celebrated on the first and third Sunday of each month.



THE CHURCH BELL

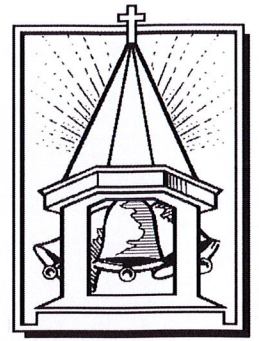
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I would like to share a story with you that I read recently. Tony Compolo in Who Switched the Price Tags tells this story:

Miss Thompson taught Teddy Stallard in the fourth grade. He was a slow, unkempt student, a loner shunned by his classmates. The previous year his mother died, and what little motivation for school he may have once had was now gone. Miss Thompson didn't particularly care for Teddy either, but at Christmas time he brought her a small present. Her desk was covered with well-wrapped presents from the other children, but Teddy's came in a brown sack. When she opened it there was a gaudy rhinestone bracelet with half the stones missing and a bottle of cheap perfume. The children began to snicker but Miss Thompson saw the importance of the moment. She quickly splashed on some perfume and put on the bracelet, pretending Teddy had given her something special. At the end of the day Teddy worked up enough courage to softly say, "Miss Thompson, you smell just like my mother . . . and her bracelet looks real pretty on you too. I'm glad you like my presents." After Teddy left, Miss Thompson got down on her knees and prayed for God's forgiveness. She prayed for God to use her as she sought to not only teach these children but to love them as well. She became a new teacher. She lovingly helped students like Teddy, and by the end of the year he had caught up with most of the students. Miss Thompson didn't hear from Teddy for a long time. Then she received this note: "Dear Miss Thompson, I wanted you to be the first to know. I will be graduating second in my class. Love, Teddy Stallard." Four years later she got another note: "Dear Miss Thompson, They just told me I will be graduating first in my class. I wanted you to be the first to know. The university has not been easy, but I liked it. Love, Teddy Stallard." Four years later: "Dear Miss Thompson, As of today, I am Theodore Stallard, M.D. How about that? I wanted you to be the first to know. I am getting married next month. I want you to come and sit where my mother would sit if she were alive. You are the only family I have now; Dad died last year. Love, Teddy Stallard." Miss Thompson went to the wedding and sat where Teddy's mother would have sat, because she let God use her as an instrument of encouragement.

God's household is filled with Miss Thompsons! And it's designed by our heavenly Father to be this way...What would have happened to Teddy Stallard if Miss Thompson had opened that brown bag and said, "This is the ugliest bracelet and worst smelly perfume I've ever seen?" and then thrown it into the trash.

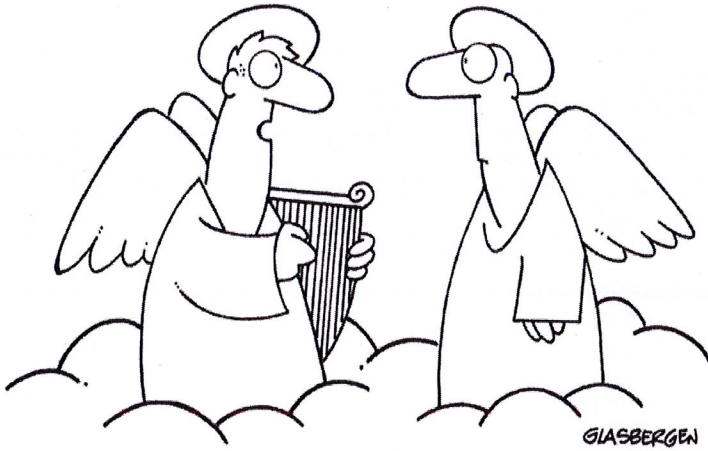
We don't know...we can be pretty sure that it would have devastated Teddy. But we can be absolutely sure she would have never set anywhere as his mother.

As Christians we should always encourage others. But do we take the time? Do we make the effort? We never know what a few words of encouragement may mean to someone or how our words will affect their future.

God's blessings

Pastor John

If you or a family member is in the hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please contact the Church office (361/277-8653) or Pastor John Boor at the parsonage (361/275-9895) or on his cell (361/243-0373). Due to the privacy laws, hospitals no longer notify pastors when a member is admitted or treated. If you know of anyone being taken to the hospital (emergency or otherwise), or who is seriously ill please call.



"My real estate agent found me this place. I said I wanted a home that requires no yard work, no painting, no snow shoveling. A place where the weather is perfect and neighbors never complain about my music..."

**Ding-a-ling
Corner**



STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2018

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Infant/Child	0	0	1	0	0	0							1
Adult	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
Total Baptisms	0	0	1	0	0	0							1
Confirmations	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
Weddings													
Members	0	0	1	0	0	0							1
Non-Members	0	0	0	0	1	0							1
Funerals													
Members	0	0	0	0	0	1							1
Non-Members	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
Counseling Sessions	3	4	3	5	3	2							20
Transfer Out	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
Transfer In	0	0	0	0	3	0							3
Home Visits	4	5	4	6	7	4							30
Hospital Visits													
Members	3	0	0	0	14	15							32
Non-Members	3	3	3	2	1	0							12
Private Communion													
Members	4	4	4	3	6	5							26
Non-Members	26	32	27	29	30	14							158
PLEASE NOTE: LAST MONTH'S STATISTICS ARE TO DATE AS OF PRINTING TIME													
Release of Membership	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
Restore to Membership	0	0	0	0	0	0							0

ST. JOHN EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH CONTACT NUMBERS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pastor - John Boor 275-9895 (Cell) 243-0373
 Council President - Marvin Sager 275-6029
 Vice President - Brent Gohmert 649-4211
 Secretary - Virginia Jank 575-6813
 Treasurer - Matt Nelson 550-2602
 Financial Secretary - M'Liss Moore 275-8069

Parish Education - Kathy Dunn 275-4322
 Mission/Evangelism - Linda Ruschhaupt 275-2059
 Property Team - Dickie Bettge 277-3096
 Finance Team - Glenn Ruschhaupt 275-2059
 Parish Life Team - Terri Jank 575-6816
 Worship Team - Johnny Jank 575-6813



Notes from the Church Secretary

Office hours are Tuesday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Please see bulletins for any changes.

ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER/NAME CHANGES

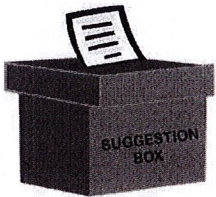
Please notify the Church Office as soon as possible of any change in mailing addresses, and/or phone numbers, and/or name changes. Thank you!

If any elderly person, or youth, needs a ride to Church or youth events, please notify the pastor so arrangements can be made to accommodate these needs.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the September 2018 Church Bell is Friday, August 24, 2018 by 9 a.m. You can drop off your articles at the church office, or e-mail them to stjohnelutheran@juno.com. Thanks!



Do you have an idea?

Is there something at the church that you think needs fixing or changing? The Church Council and Committee Members would like to have your input. Please feel free to use the 'suggestion box' in the Narthex to pass on your ideas, suggestions, and concerns. Remember, this is your church and your opinion matters. We are eager to hear from you!

ATTENTION ACOLYTES

Please see the acolyte sign-up sheet for 2018-2019 in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed.

ACOLYTES



PRAYER REQUESTS:

If you have a request for the Prayer Chain, contact Evelyn Diebel. And please update your request at least once a month so the list can be kept current. If you wish to receive the Prayer Chain requests, please contact Evelyn Diebel (275-5979).

Our Military and their families:

- Nicholas Jacobs - U.S. Air Force, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada
- Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves
- John Otto - USMC, North Carolina
- Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Kentucky
- Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy
- Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy
- Jennifer Cornett - U.S. Air Force
- Lee Magrauder - U.S. Army, Afghanistan
- Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force
- Michael Petrash II - Iraq



- Please Pray for:**
- Adam Womble
 - Nate Boehl
 - Hunter Jacob
 - Glynn Yurick
 - Kenny Jacob
 - Cole Ohrt
 - Carlton Migura
 - Robby Bitterly
 - Carly Waters
 - Clifford Haun

Nursing Home: Marjorie Ideus, Yorktown Nursing & Rehabilitation

Homebound: Bette Jo Haun

Prayer requests cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.

Mission of the Month of August



NALC Disaster Response Mission Statement

The organization has been set up by the NALC to respond to disasters to those in need of help. Last August after Hurricane Harvey hit the South, household goods and cleaning supplies were collected and distributed to those folks who were affected. However this year, at the Lutheran Week in Denver the Women of the NALC are collecting monies which will be used for purchasing gift cards from such stores as Lowes, Home Depot and Walmart. These cards will be sent to disaster areas as needed by the NALC Disaster Response.



The family of Wanda Rangnow wants to thank you all for the sympathy, kindness, prayers, thoughts and support at this difficult time. It is very grateful & rewarding to be a member of St. John's. May God Bless you!
Mike and Wanda Rangnow's Entire Family



There were 8 St. John Youth Group members that helped assist with VBS as Junior Counselors! What a great way to help serve our church! We have 4 of our youth attending Camp Chrysalis this Summer. Faith Chavez, Mackenzie Blain & Marlee Blain will be going July 29th-August 3rd. Justin Ficklen went to camp July 8th-20th. We also have a recent High School graduate, Rylan Dreier there all Summer as a camp counselor! Please keep these youth in your prayers for a fruitful faith filled experience!

Youth Group-Thank You

Mike & Diane Chavez have decided to step down as Youth Group Leaders. We would like to thank them very much for their service & dedication!



Backpack Blessing & Sunday School Update



The Backpack Blessing will be during the church service on Sunday, August 12th so bring your backpacks! Sunday School classes for the children will not start back up until Sunday, September 9th which will also be Rally Sunday.

Church Renovation Update

At a called congregation meeting on May 20, 2018 our congregation took a huge step in approving the construction of the elevator renovation at a cost of \$538,292 by an overwhelming majority vote. The contractor has approximately 175 days to complete the project. To date contributions of approximately \$265,000 have come in for the renovation. The contractor must be paid as work is completed so we encourage everyone to prayerfully consider giving generously to this project. As construction begins on our renovation project, please heed warnings and temporary fencing around the work area. The only usable entrance to the parish hall will be the back entrance (Stone Church side). There may also be inconveniences during construction of the bathroom.

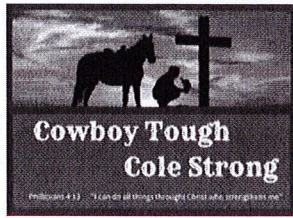




Special Prayers for Cole

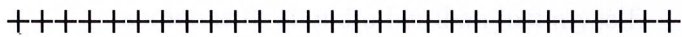
Cole is home now and able to be with his family & friends. Though he has a long road ahead of him, God has been with him every step of the way.

We ask for your continued prayers for Cole's recovery and for spiritual strength, strong faith and unlimited patience for him and his family. Thank you and may God bless you all.

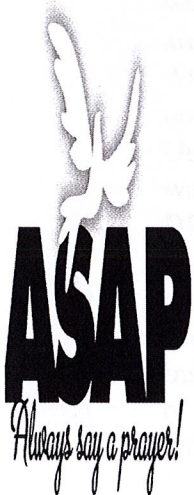


Ways you can help the Ohrt family:

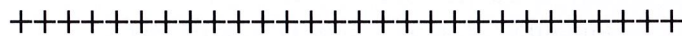
- Cole's Benefit Account - New First National Bank - make checks payable to Garrett or Julie Ohrt. You can make deposits at the branch.
- PayPal account - coleohrtfund@gmail.com - Please send funds as friend or family and put a note on what money is for - donation, payment for raffle, football pots, or shirts (please do not send funds for shirts without ordering from Sarah Rowlands first)



There are so many people in need of prayer, so here is a great prayer to pray daily for everyone.



*Dear Heavenly Father,
 Please bless all my family and friends who need MIRACLES.
 Please heal the sick. Strengthen all who are weak and lighten those who carry heavy burdens. God, please give them HOPE for tomorrow and help them find PEACE. Let them know you will always be there for them.
 AMEN!*



Dear Members of St. John's,

Thank you for once again supporting the Boys and Girls Club of DeWitt County with your contributions. This Summer there have been approximately 80 kids at the club each day. They are able to participate in our many programs including learning manners, cooking, science, technology, math, and music. But most importantly, we hope they are learning to be caring, responsible citizens. We appreciate your support in making this happen.

Sincerely,
Laurie Pokluda
BG CDC President

Youth Group Leader

Anyone interested in becoming the Youth Group Leader(s) at St. John, please contact Pastor John at (361)243-0373 or Kathy Dunn at (361)275-4322. Thank you.



THANK YOU

A BIG thank you to everyone who helped make Vacation Bible School at St. John a success! Thank you also to those who donated snacks for the kids! We had a great turnout & it was a wonderful week! God bless the children that attended, the counselors we had & those who were there to help volunteer!



The Theme this year is “Be Someone”, who hears the Call, who leads, who acts with wisdom, who does hard things and “Be Someone” together.

The Bible Study on the End Times is being held every 2 or 3 weeks. It is very interesting and certainly relevant. Attendance has ranged from 7 to 5 people. Our next meeting will be on June 27 at 7 PM, unless the world ends before then.

Youth Group – report from Diane Chavez: Four youth will be attending Camp Chrysalis this summer. Faith Chavez, Mackenzie Blain and Marlee Blain will be going July 29- August 3rd, and Justin Ficklen will be going July 8th - 20th. Rylan Dreier who recently graduated from High School will be there all summer as a Camp Counselor!

Parish Ed meeting – planning for July 1st.
Kathy Dunn

DISCUSSION: The camp counselors will be presenting the children’s sermon July 8 and will lead the congregation in a few songs.

PARISH LIFE TEAM REPORT

Discussion: Setting up tables in the Parish Hall for funerals and special occasions:

Everyone needs to be aware that this area needs to be prepared at these times. This may be a service project for a group to see that this is accomplished and see if this can possibly be done at a convenient time days or so before the event as the group decides.

PROPERTY TEAM

COUNCIL REPORT

6/26/18

Meeting Date: 2nd Sunday at 8:00 am.

Team Members: Dickie Bettge, Chm, Pastor John, Vance Egg, Clay Haun, Marv Sager, Brent Gohmert.

Maintenance Schedule.

June: Blow and/or vacuum compressor area of refrigerator.

Check with maintenance employee for items needed on the grounds.
Clean church and parish hall carpets.
Seal concrete tables and benches with Thompsons Water Seal.
Pay Fire Dept. Dues.
Cleaning of basement to discard unusable items and tidy up rooms.

July: Check/clean filters to a/c in church, church office, Pastor’s office, parish hall.
Test water – Last test in 2013 (5 yr.

frequency), next check 2018.
Check AT&T easement area for vegetation. Contact AT&T as needed.
Check Kitchen drain during bible school when the drain is being used. Check at the clean-out.

Items Complete:

- Fire Extinguishers checked.
- First aid kits OK
- Bacteria into septic systems.
- Water sprinkler purchased.
- Cemetery signs purchased.
- Light sensor installed at cemetery.
- Memorial benches for Reuben Gohmert were installed at the volley ball court.
- Vacuum cleaner repaired.

Renovation Progress:

- Congregation approved the renovation project including the elevator and pre-engineered awning by a vote of 45-2.
- The contracted cost of the renovation is \$538,292.
- A new bulletin item was submitted to publicize the need for raising money.
- Payment of \$10,030 to the Architect was authorized. Patrick suggested billing the remaining balance monthly based upon the amount of work completed.
- Tim Westphal bill for \$1240 was paid and report received.
- Contract with TSI for materials testing was signed and returned. The contract estimate of \$6,745 will be billed as services are provided.
- A pre-construction meeting was held on June 11, at 2:00 pm.

Old Business.

- Parish hall roof replacement. Church Mutual revised their roof replacement estimate to bring it in line with bids received. They gave us a 180 day extension until approximately Nov. 23, 2018. We received a check for \$1659.71. Final payment will be made after the roof is replaced. James Bednorz of Bednorz Siding and Roofing LLC. was notified to proceed with the 30 year roof as approved by the Church council at a called meeting. He will be contacting us soon to choose a color. Ideal Roofing was notified that he did not get the bid.

New Business:

- Cemetery issues. Discussed the complaint of closing cemetery at night. In reviewing the process used to pass this rule, we found that the constitution requires that the Council approve all cemetery rules. Congregation approval is not required. We again reviewed the reasoning behind this decision and determined that the rule of closing the cemetery at night is needed to help prevent vandalization of the cemetery and stone church and keep the cemetery looking nice. Without closing the cemetery at night, it is difficult to evict troublemakers when needed.
- Property tax appraisal. Total market value of the pastureland went from \$4000/ ac. to \$7500/ ac. For tracts of 100 ac. or less, the value in our area went to \$7500. Was not able to negotiate a lower value.
- Garbage containers for cemetery. Dickie

Projects:

- Inventory of furniture and equipment & report to Church Council. Dickie
- Painting of church doors. Clay
- Remove large overhanging limb in cemetery and repair broken tomb stones. Cemetery committee.
- Check into locking doors and windows for the parish hall and church as needed.

Workday Items:

- Locate waterlines in cemetery and mark corners with concrete markers.
- Patch low areas in parking lot with left over limestone.
- Spread load of gravel on road to creek.
- Pressure wash well house if needed.
- Install cemetery sign if ready.
- Mark water lines on the ground in the cemetery
- Mark cemetery lines on the ground.
- Seal concrete tables with Thompson's Waterseal.

Renovation Fund Balance: \$264,843 (5/27/18)

At a called meeting on 6/25/18 the following items were discussed:

Renovation Progress:

- We discussed installation of a ramp at the S.W. entrance to the Parish Hall to use during construction and as an escape in case of fire in

the kitchen. We could enlarge the porch and raise to match the floor elevation and turn the ramp 90° toward the S. We could extend the limestone and make a handicapped parking area near the end of the ramp. The ramp would need to be approximately 30' long. Will discuss further at our Council meeting on 6/26/18.

- The contractors are starting construction on the restrooms so we moved the last piece of furniture out of the room adjoining the restroom.
- We will set the commode and vanity out by the dumpster and advertise in church. If there are no takers, we will discard. We will do the same for the elevator.
- Discussed the door size into the church at the new elevator. Patrick had a 42" door designed and he was wondering if a 36" door would be satisfactory. A 36" door will meet specifications. We approved the 36" door as the swing radius would be greater for the 42" and may cause problems.

DISCUSSION: There is \$15,000 due to the Architect. The commode, vanity and door removed from the church bathroom will be available to anyone who wants them. They will be under the tree after church on Sunday.

After input from members of the congregation, Council decided to confirm using the signs at the cemetery that will indicate that the area is closed after dark. Johnny made a motion, Terri Jank seconded the motion and the motion passed by the Council to place the signs as discussed. Ramps were discussed for use during the renovation. Dickie will look into portable ramps, renting ramps, and see which door may be used.

WORSHIP TEAM REPORT

In keeping with our plan for bi-monthly meetings in 2018 the Worship Team did not meet in June. Our next meeting is scheduled for 3rd of July.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.



Keep up with St. John online

St. John Meyersville

<https://www.facebook.com/Stjohnmeyersville>

Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

August 5

- Greeters** - Beverly Bodden
Reader - Wanda Hays
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

August 12

- Greeters** - Dickie & Cathie Bettge
Reader - Kathy Dunn
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

August 19

- Greeters** - Candy Cowley
Reader - Neal Moritz
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

August 26

- Greeters** - Marvin & Norrean Sager
Reader - Johnna Kethan
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

August Communion Assistant

Glenn Ruschhaupt

August Altar Guild

Pam Haun & Nikki Carver

August Nursing Home Visitor

Candy Cowley

LOOKING AHEAD...

September 2

- Greeters** - Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt
Reader - Dickie Bettge
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

September Communion Assistant

Obert Sagebiel

September Altar Guild

Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

September Nursing Home Visitor

Margie Swannack

Volunteers: If you are down for a service, you are responsible for getting a substitute if you cannot make it. Please let the church office know if you have switched so the correct names can be in the bulletin.

Happy Birthday to:

- 4 - Glenda Henry
Sydney Moore
5 - Jaymee Rangnow
Madyx Blain
6 - Charles Baros
8 - Carol Bluntzer
Jo Beth Caskey
9 - LeAnn Jander
10 - Cali Cram
Dionis Winsauer
11 - Caleb Nagel & Kyle Nagel
Kaley Coker
Nicholas Jacobs
Ruth Peters
12 - Caleb Reinecke
Dawn Euton
14 - Sandy Motley
16 - Marjorie Ideus
17 - Madeline Hoy
18 - John York Graham II
19 - Linda Ruschhaupt
20 - Brett Hoy
Lauren Haun
Crosson Rains
21 - Lee Haun
Rick Garrett
Ryan Eichhorn
22 - Jonathan Albrecht
23 - Betty Diebel
24 - Clifford Diebel
25 - Dianne Moeller
Meta Bennett
Paul Wendel
Wendy Bishop
27 - Zachary Hoy
28 - Jason Hoy
Lesley Diebel-Brandes
31 - Bruce Brown

Anniversary Greetings to:

- 7 - John & Melinda Brewer
8 - Lloyd & Karen Copeland
15 - Paul & Shirley Wendel
Robert & M'Liss Moore
Rick & Kally Garrett
16 - Vance & Cindy Egg
17 - Leroy & Beth Reinecke
18 - Jeff & Tamara Zengerle
24 - Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

Our apologies if we have missed your special date. Please contact the church office to help with corrections. Thank you.





August 2018

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Mission of the Month:
NALC Disaster Response

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11th Sunday after Pentecost 5 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship			1 1:30 PM Quilters			
12th Sunday after Pentecost 12 8:00 AM Property Team 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship <i>*Backpack Blessing during the church service, kids bring your backpacks!</i>	13 7 PM Finance Team		15 10 AM Comm. Service CueroNursing&Rehab 1:30 PM Quilters 7 PM Men's Bible Study			
13th Sunday after Pentecost 19 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship			22 1:30 PM Quilters			
 14th Sunday after Pentecost 26 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship				23 <i>**Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members.</i>		
		27 7 PM Council Meeting	29 1:30 PM Quilters		31 <i>**Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.</i>	
						Office Hours: <i>*Please see the Bulletins</i> 

How to pray for your kids as they start the new school year

1. Pray that they treat all their classmates in a way that would be pleasing to God.
2. Pray for focus and dedication; that they may give their best at everything they do, in order to glorify God.
3. Pray for physical, emotional, and spiritual safety.
4. Pray that they enjoy school and learning, and see the benefit in an education.
5. Pray that they may be a living example of God's love.
6. Pray for their teacher(s), that they find joy in their work, and strive to give their best everyday.
7. Pray that they discover what they enjoy, and encourage them in the pursuit of their dreams.
8. Pray for patience. For the parents, the kids, and the teachers.

