

# St. John's Lutheran Church of Massbach



August 2017



## Check Your Schedule!



Sometimes it can be helpful to take a look at your schedule, and not just to see when you have to take the kids to football practice or which day you volunteered to work at the Food Pantry. Looking at your schedule can also give you a good, quick snapshot of where your priorities are and where your life may be heading.

I'll use a bit of my own appointment book as an example. Between when I am writing this article (Wednesday morning, July 26) and the end of the week, I have the usual round of shut-in visits to make, as well as a meeting to attend. But Friday through Sunday night, my schedule looks different than usual.

Friday night Pastor Bruce and I will conduct a wedding rehearsal. These are often fun and a little chaotic, but mostly fun. Saturday is the wedding, which we are also both participating in. Celebrating the start of a new life with a couple is always a privilege, and it reaffirms our hope for the future. Good stuff!

Sunday we have our usual worship services, with a little "extra" added to the one Pastor Bruce will lead because New Spirit Band will be at Trinity this weekend. I love worship – it grounds me, energizes me and allows me to experience God in ways I can't do anywhere else. Also good stuff!

But then Sunday evening, Pastor Bruce and I have the sad privilege of conducting the funeral and burial services for Curtis Huttenlocher. A man who was taken from us far too soon, so this funeral is especially poignant. And yet, believe it or not, also good stuff, because we are commending him to God, knowing that God will take care of him the way God cares for all of us.

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**Mission Statement**  
We are the people of God  
gathered and sent into the world  
by Jesus Christ.

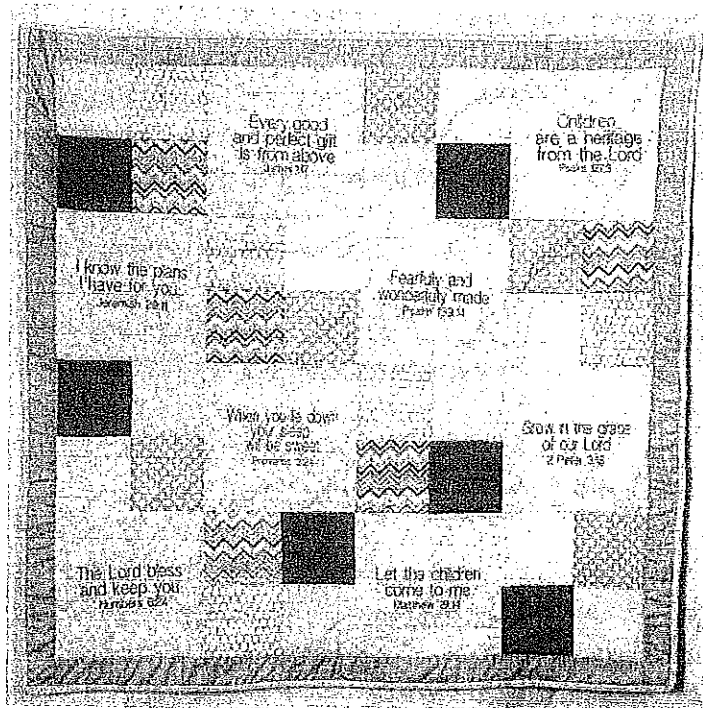
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Now when I look at that appointment book, I see a pattern. Joy (from the wedding), followed by Worship, followed by Sorrow (from the funeral). What holds it all together is Worship, and that makes a lot of sense to me. Worship is what SHOULD hold it all together, for all of us.



I encourage you to periodically think about your own appointment schedules, whether or not you write down what you do. Consider what you are spending your time doing. Are there some adjustments that need to be made, perhaps for family, worship or rest? Let your appointment book become for you a prayer book, in which you lay your life open to God and ask for God's guidance as you consider all the things you have to do, and why you are doing them.

*Blessings,  
Pastor Lisa*



## Scenic Hills Lutheran Parish Worship/Pastor Schedule

Date	St. John 9:00 a.m.	Trinity 9:00 a.m.	St. Paul 10:30 a.m.
August 6			
August 13			
August 20			
August 27			
September 3			

-  Denotes Holy Communion service
-  Denotes Pastor will be available after service for coffee hour

## August Acolytes



August 6	Ashley Carroll
August 13	Jamie Eden
August 20	Justin Eden
August 27	Hunter Trueblood
September 3	Rhett Geisz



## Church Council and Church Ministry Meetings

### Church Council

Tuesday, August 8 ----- 7:00 p.m. ----- Trinity  
 Tuesday, August 15 ----- 7:30 p.m. ----- St. John  
 Sunday, August 27 ----- 11:30 a.m. ----- St. Paul

### Mutual Ministry

September 5 ----- 7:30 p.m. ----- St. John

### Men's Group Ministry

August 26 ----- 8:30 a.m. ----- Welcome Inn, Elizabeth

### Women's Group Ministry

August 29 ----- 11:00 a.m. ----- eTown in Elizabeth

## August Events ~ Mark Your Calendars!

☞ - Denotes a full article follows under "Announcements"

3	St. John's Quilting 9 a.m. ~12:00 p.m. with potluck lunch Bishop Jeff & Paulette will be there! Also celebrating Elda Goodmiller's 91st birthday!
5	Mutual Ministry Meeting 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Contact: Calvin Klopff

6 ☞	Parish Cook Out with Mini-VBS 4:30-7:00 p.m. at Trinity Contact: Pastor Bruce
6	Elizabeth Nursing Home Service 1:00 p.m. Contact: Pastor Lisa or Pastor Bruce
6	Special Youth Group Meeting 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Contact: Pastor Bruce

8	Trinity Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Contact Daryl Groezinger
9	All Church Bazaar Meeting 1:00 p.m. at Hanover Presbyterian Contact: Pastor Lisa
13 ✔	Pastors Lisa & Bruce on Vacation 8/13 (after 2:30 p.m.) thru - 8/22 Pastor Lisa or Pastor Bruce
15	St. John Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. Contact: Calvin Klopf
16	Trinity WELCA 9:00 a.m. - Quilting Lunch at noon Contact: Joyce Huttenlocher
17 ✔	NW Conference WELCA Summer Retreat 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Prince of Peace Lutheran in Freeport Contact: Judy Castle 815-233-2425 or 815-291-1928
<b>23</b>	<b>Newsletter Articles Due!</b>
23	Website Meeting 6:30 p.m. at Hermann Funeral Home Contact: Pastor Lisa or Pastor Bruce
26 ✔	Men's Group Meeting 8:30 a.m. Welcome Inn, Elizabeth

27	St. Paul Council Meeting 11:30 a.m. at St. Paul Contact: Don Crawford
27	Waverly Place (Stockton Nursing Home) Service; 1:30 p.m. Pastor Lisa or Pastor Bruce
28 ✔	Elizabeth Community Meal Elizabeth Community Building 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Contact: Pastors Lisa or Bruce
29 ✔	Parish Women's Group Meeting eTown at 11:00 a.m. Contact: Pastor Lisa
30	Confirmation Orientation Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Trinity
<b>Coming Up in September!</b>	
3	Elizabeth Nursing Home Service 1:00 p.m. Contact: Pastor Lisa or Pastor Bruce
	St. John's Quilting 9 a.m. ~12:00 p.m. with potluck lunch
17 ✔	St. John Anniversary Extravaganza! Beginning with Worship at 9:00 a.m.!

 **Announcements** 

**Church Anniversary Celebration Coming in September!**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> the St. John Anniversary Extravaganza! We'll begin with worship at 9:00 a.m., during which some of your favorite old hymns will be featured, followed by a dedication of trees purchased for all clergy, past and present, who have served our church. After that, stick around for a yummy Pancake Breakfast.

### **Elizabeth Community Meal**

The Elizabeth/Hanover Community Task Force will offer a free Community Meal on Monday, August 28 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Elizabeth Community Building. The meal is intended to encourage community spirit and feed anyone who is hungry for a good lunch. St. Paul Lutheran Church in Elizabeth is sponsoring this month's meal. All are invited to attend!

### **Public Housing Program Applications Being Accepted**

The Jo Daviess County Housing Authority is currently accepting applications for their Public Housing Program. Applications can be obtained at their office located at 347 Franklin Street, Galena, IL 61036. If you have any questions, please contact their office at 815-777-0782 Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – noon and 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

### **Family Fun Night Cook-Out**

Our second cook-out of the summer is at Trinity in Derinda on August 6th from 4 to 7:30 pm. Since we didn't have a VBS program we are going to have a mini-VBS that night. For kids age pre-school to 5th grade we will have a program indoors beginning at 4:00 that includes a lesson, crafts, games and songs. The program will end before 5:30 so that the whole family can enjoy the outdoor cook-out.

The music will again be Pastor Bruce joined by seminarian (and guitarist) Bryan Odeen from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Warren. Hot dogs, brats, chips and drinks will be provided and if you want to you can bring sides or desserts. All you really need to bring is a chair and come to have a fun evening. Games will be also available for youth to those older but young at heart. Please invite several friends so that we can show off our country spirit and our churches.

### **Pastors on Vacation**

Pastor Lisa and Pastor Bruce will be on vacation from Sunday, August 13 (after the Stockton Nursing Home service concludes) through August 22. Emergency pastoral care will be provided by Pastor Mark Oehlert, 815-970-4780. Worship at Trinity and St. Paul on Sunday, August 20 will be led by Rev. Robin Luckey, and worship at St. John will be led by Rev. Peg Casper.

### **Men's Group Ministry**

Our Men's Group is gearing up for the second cook out and preparing for a third in Hanover at St. Paul's. We will meet late this month on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am at Welcome Inn and will look ahead to helping with Fall events with the GW3 Youth Group.

### **Women's Group**

Our Parish Women will meet for lunch at eTown in Elizabeth (located next to the old Bishop's store) on Tuesday, August 29 at 11 a.m. In addition to enjoying their fabulous, freshly made sandwiches, coffee, tea, and other goodies, we will also be discussing plans for upcoming events and projects. All women of the parish are invited!

### **Northwest Conference WELCA Summer Retreat**

The NW Conference Women of the ELCA Summer Retreat will be Thursday, August 17 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2700 W. Stephenson Street in Freeport. Registration and coffee time will be at 8:30, with Bible study at 9:00 and luncheon served at noon. The program "All Anew, Ready or Not" (Bible study from the June, July/August Gather magazine – bring your magazines if you subscribe to it) will be offered by Pastor Mark Luepke. A freewill offering will be collected for the NISWO. Please make your reservations with Judy Castle by calling 815-233-2425 or 815-291-1928. Deadline: August 10.

### **Confirmation Orientation Meeting**

The pastors would like to meet with all returning confirmation students and new confirmation students on Wednesday night, Aug. 30th at 7 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. We want to compare schedules, go over what the program involves and check in to see where everyone is with school and other activities. This is a very special meeting that we hope all can attend. If you cannot attend, please contact the pastors in advance. If you know of students interested that the pastors might not know about, please hand those names along also.

### **Special Youth Group Meeting**

There will be a special Youth Group meeting at the Cookout at Trinity on August 6. Parents are asked to join the youth for eating at 6:00 followed by the meeting at 6:30 to discuss future plans for the group. This is a very important meeting and we ask you to join us if at all possible.

### **Altar Flowers Needed!**



If you would like to furnish flowers (garden flowers always welcome) for this month, please contact Mildred Steffes @ 815-291-7465.

### **Can Tabs**

Remember to save can tabs for the Austin Nack family to give to the Ronald McDonald House. Collection container is in the narthex.

# August Celebrations!



## Happy Birthday!

- 7 - Laura Albrecht
- 7 - Eldon Carroll
- 8 - Ronald Hughes
- 12 - Cass Oppold
- 23 - Calvin Klopff
- 25 - David Albrecht
- 27 - Helen Muto



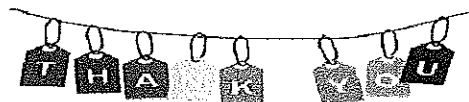
## Happy Anniversary!

- 21 - George & Marilee Hejna

## Prayer Time!



Take time to place in God's hands those who need his healing and loving touch: The Family and Friends of Curtis Huttenlocher; Allen Randecker; Margaret Randecker; Caroline Streicher; Pastor Bernie Daiker; Pastor Ben Ahles-Iverson; Jackie Reusch; Kay Dick; Sharon and Donald Terry; Kenny Eden; Anna Appleby; Austin Nack; Donna Wurster; Rose Morhardt; Shane Haas; and Harold Miller, and the men and women serving in the armed forces.



Dear St. John's Family,

Thank You! This is to express my very sincere thank you for the quilt I won at your raffle. It is beautiful, so very colorful, and something I will cherish for a long time. A simple thank you seems inadequate for expressing my joy at being the lucky recipient of your beautiful quilt, but... THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH! Thank you to all the church ladies who assisted in putting the quilt together. Your annual Ice Cream Social is something I look forward to every year.

*Sincerely,  
Judy Decker*

Newsletter Articles - Thank you to this month's contributors; Pastor Lisa Burbank and Pastor Bruce Burbank.

*Laura Marquez, Editor*