



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

"All God's Children Joyfully Celebrating God's Transforming Grace"

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Grace and Peace to you all,

You may remember that this month's newsletter is for the months of June and July. That means we have to pack twice as many schedules and other information into this one issue. Make sure you find your name in the list of those who offer their service to this congregation.

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In May, when the training was offered for acolytes, assisting minister and communion assistants, I was impressed with the number of people who came forward. When we trained new people for home Eucharist ministers last year, the number of people who attended that meeting at Bonnie Braun's, and the ease at which Jan was able to share the list of our homebound members was assuring to me that ministry at St. John is still a vital part of who we are. It is so easy to look at what we don't have any more. It is obvious how any reason affects our attendance. (As what already looks like a very warm spring approaches, I can't help but think about how when its winter, people go to warmer climes, when it's warm, people head "Up North".) But what we should be paying attention to is how many people have come forward to help in any way they can to make sure that no part of our ministry is lost.

You probably already know that we have successfully elected new officers at the semi-annual congregational meeting last month. And I hope you are aware of what an outstanding job Jan DeMasellis has done in her first year as president. She is so gentle in her persuasion to get

people involved who may have been hesitant before, and she is to be commended for all she's done for us.

On June 6th we will celebrate all our young members who are graduating this year. This is a milestone event in their lives and we should all be happy to share in their moment at the gathering in Knauer Hall after worship.

Summer Day Camp will begin this year on June 21st and runs for 8 weeks. Two years ago we had a young man work with us who taught Bible Study. This year he began his Lutheran seminary candidacy process, and he claims that it was through working with our kids that he heard the call that God placed in his heart. We affect the lives of our staff as well as our kids. This year things will look a little differently, as it does every year. But the need still exists for this kind of program in our neighborhood.

Family Camp will be at our camp June 25-27th. Plans are being formed now that insure a wonderful experience for all who attend. It won't be all work, so plan on attending.

And on July 11th, the Evangelism Board is planning another Homecoming Celebration with a pot luck dinner after worship. All the old photo albums will be brought out and mementos from the past will be displayed in Knauer Hall.

My prayer for us is that God's grace allows us to draw closer to the will of God and help us live lives of service.

Peace,

Pastor Paulette



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