One time you came to mind was as I recalled something my daughter said on another trip to Arcadia. I think it was four years ago. We were coming to Arcadia late due to a wedding, and stopped in Petoskey for church on Sunday morning (we come by way of the UP). We never want to inflict ourselves on some LCMS pastor trying to toe the line, so we usually seek out ELCA churches serving the Supper when traveling (more on that in a bit), and this time stumbled into a difficult situation, which I relate only to set up the joy of my daughter’s statement. The text was the feeding of the thousands, which the preacher bluntly labeled a myth, “like so many of our stories.” I remember, even at that time, my children turning to me and boring their wondering eyes into my skull. The sermon went on to offer us a recipe for bread (right down to teaspoons and cups), and then broke loose from the text entirely (why not? on that premise) to fete a family that was leaving that Sunday to teach English in China. Difficult, but “you pick your problems,” as a wise fellow once told me. Then we came to the Supper, and found an odd form of the Verba, spoken in dialogue by the congregation. In all, my family was left in a conflicted enough state that I judged it best not to go to the rail, and to quietly leave during the post-liturgy announcements. As we drove away, and I gathered my thoughts to talk

The Divine Service
The Feast of the Holy Trinity

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome,

Thee, O God, the Father unbegotten;
Thee, O only-begotten Son;
Thee, O Holy Spirit, the Paraclete; holy and undivided Trinity: with our whole heart and mouth we confess Thee, we praise Thee and bless Thee. To Thee be glory forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE ORDER OF THE BLESSED TRINITY

June 15, 5:30 P.M. + June 16, 2019, 8:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M.
about it with the kids, my son started us off with, “Why didn’t we commune?” And then my daughter says to him, before I spoke a word: “We didn’t commune because of what they said. If you eat their bread, you eat their words.”

PASTOR STEVE GJERDE

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We are very happy that you are here today! At St. John we want you to feel at home.

• First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don’t feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at St. John.

• To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily see the procession, note the colors, hear the bells, smell the fire, watch the pastors, wonder about those heads on the lectern and embrace the action at the altar. What Jesus does here promises to engage them.

• As we go, softly explain the Liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in on their parts: Amen! Lord have mercy! And with your spirit! I believe! Our Father! All of that belongs to them too.

• Be sure to sing and say and pray your parts too as you stand and kneel and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.

• If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. We want your children here so much that we didn’t build a nursery in our new space. Like Jesus, we want your children in the Liturgy, not out.

• If you need a little help, just ask. There are lots of folks here who will lend you a hand.

Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus’ words, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these” (Luke 18:16).

We know that your children are a gift to the Church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help and bless you all. Welcome to St. John!

PRELUDE

Lobe den Herren JAN BENDER 5:30 p.m.

Concertato on Crown Him with Many Crowns VACLAV NELHYBEL 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
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BALTHASAR FISCHER
SIGNS, WORDS & GESTURES, P. 33

Please stand and face the crucifix.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN
LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK 507 Holy, Holy, Holy

INVOCATION 1 Kings 8:27-30; Matthew 18:20; 28:18-20

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 1 John 1:8-9 and John 20:19-23; Matthew 16:19, 18:18

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneeling or sitting forward
Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Standing

KYRIE Mark 10:47; Luke 17:13

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BALTHASAR FISCHER
SIGNS, WORDS & GESTURES, P. 33
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
Salutation and Collect of the Day  2 Timothy 4:22

P  The Lord be with you.

C  And with your spirit.

P  Let us pray.
   Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C  Amen.

Sitting

Old Testament Reading  Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

The Old Testament Reading for the Feast of The Holy Trinity is from Proverbs, chapter eight.

Does not wisdom call?
   Does not understanding raise her voice?
   On the heights beside the way,
      at the crossroads she takes her stand;
   beside the gates in front of the town,
      at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:
   "To you, O men, I call,
      and my cry is to the children of man. [...]"
   "The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work,
      the first of his acts of old.
   Ages ago I was set up,
      at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
   When there were no depths I was brought forth,
      when there were no springs abounding with water.
   Before the mountains had been shaped,
      before the hills, I was brought forth,

A  This is the Word of the Lord.

C  Thanks be to God.

All the way to heaven is heaven,
because Jesus said, "I am the way."

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
Psalm
Psalm 8

Antiphon Psalm 8:1a

When I behold your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars which you set in place–
What is man that you should be mindful
of him,
or the son of man that you should care for him?

You have made him little less than the angels,
and crowned him with glory and honor.
You have given him rule over the works
of your hands,
putting all things under his feet: vv. 5-6

Ordinary language fails us when we come to speak of the life and happiness of
the divine Trinity, who share everything without dividing it. Each of the three
is God, yet there is but one God. Their loving union is so intimate that They
have but one nature, one existence, one life; everything except what pertains
to their distinct personalities is common to each. In short, the life of God is an
ecstatic union of knowledge and love—complete and infinite happiness. God
has no need of anything more; His joy and happiness are such that nothing
could increase them. Yet, in His infinite goodness, He decided to share them
with somebody else. And so, out of the nothingness that was not God, He
created us. It is true, that God could not without contradiction act for a motive
less than Himself; being infinite Truth, He cannot deny His own supremacy.
But, in planning all creation for His own glory, He decided to glorify Himself by
making His creatures happy. And when His creatures revolted against His plan,
He went further in beneficence and arranged to find His glory in His mercy.
And that is a fundamental principle that must never be forgotten: God made
the world for His own glory; but He glorifies Himself in this life by His mercy.

M. EUGENE BOYLAN, THIS TREMENDOUS LOVER, P. 6
The Epistle is from Acts, chapter two.

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, [...] 

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him, 

“‘I saw the Lord always before me, 
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; 
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; 
my flesh also will dwell in hope. 

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, 
or let your Holy One see corruption. 
You have made known to me the paths of life; 
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“‘The Lord said to my Lord, 
Sit at my right hand, 
until I make your enemies your footstool.’

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Standing
**ALLELUIA**

Antiphon

Antiphon

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory! Isaiah 6:3b

Antiphon

**HOLY GOSPEL** John 8:48-59

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

The Jews answered [Jesus], “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.”

The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
HYMN OF THE DAY

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK 876 O Blessed, Holy Trinity
Stanzas 1, 3, 5.

SERMON

Standing

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C I believe in one God, Romans 10:10; Deuteronomy 6:4
the Father Almighty, Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3
maker of heaven and earth Genesis 1:1; John 1:1
and of all things visible and invisible. Colossians 1:16

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, Romans 10:9
the only-begotten Son of God, John 3:16; Matthew 16:16
begotten of His Father before all worlds, John 1:2
God of God, Light of Light, John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1
very God of very God, Colossians 2:9
begotten, not made, John 1:2
being of one substance with the Father, John 10:30
by Whom all things were made; Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3
Who for us men and for our salvation 1 Timothy 2:4; Romans 3:23
came down from heaven John 6:41; Luke 15:20
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary Luke 1:34-35
and was made man; John 1:14
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18
He suffered and was buried, John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures 1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6
and ascended into heaven Acts 1:9
and sits at the right hand of the Father. Acts 7:55
And He will come again with glory Matthew 26:64
to judge both the living and the dead, Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12
Whose kingdom will have no end. 2 Peter 1:11

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38
the Lord and giver of life, Genesis 1:2; John 3:6
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, John 15:26
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 2:14

Who spoke by the prophets. Ezekiel 11:5; 2 Peter 1:20-21
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, 1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, Ephesians 4:5; Acts 2:38
and I look for the resurrection of the dead 1 Corinthians 15:50-54; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
and the life everlasting of the world to come. Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42
Amen. Psalm 106:48
**Prayer of the Church**  1 Timothy 2:1-4

A  Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*After each portion of the prayer:*

A  Lord, in Your mercy,

C  hear our prayer.

P  Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C  Amen.

**Sharing of the Peace**  Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3

Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.

Sitting

**Offering and Voluntary**

*Benedictus sit Deus Pater*  Cf. Tobit 12:6

Blessed be God the Father, and the only begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit; because he hath shown to us his mercy.

Please take a moment to fill out our guest book found at the far end of the pew.

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Dear Pastor Bruzek!
Dear parishioners!
On my own behalf and on behalf of my whole family, I thank you for your help!
In prayer to God for you.

PASTOR PAVEL ZAYAKIN, ABAKAN
Standing

Offertory  Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Preface 2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9-10; Revelation 4:8, 5:13

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.
The Words of Our Lord Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini John 20:19

Agnus Dei John 1:29; Revelation 5:6,12

The Lord’s Supper is joyfully received here today. At the altar, our Lord Jesus Christ delivers His true body and blood into our mouths. His gift of body and blood, given in, with, and under the bread and wine, bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.

All members of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod have publicly confessed this sacred gift and its blessings, and so are encouraged to commune. Other guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament are asked to meet with a pastor in the weeks before communing for the first time.

When you have examined yourself according to Christ’s bidding (1 Corinthians 11:28), come to His Supper rejoicing, just as Jesus asks, knowing that our Lord meets you at His altar with joy.

Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than the Holy Supper are asked to cross their arms over their chest.
**Distribution**

*Sitting*

**Prayer Before Reception of Holy Communion**

Dear Savior, we come to Your table at Your gracious invitation to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let us find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy sacrament in faith for the salvation of our souls and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Benedicimus Deum caeli**  
*Tobit 12:6*

Benedicimus Deum caeli, et coram omnibus viventibus confitebimur ei: quia fecit nobiscum misericordiam suam.  
Let us bless the God of heaven and utter his praises before all who live; for he has dealt with us according to his mercy.

**LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK 790 Praise to the Lord the Almighty**

**There is One Lord**

**Antiphon**

There is one Lord one faith, one baptism;

there is one God who is Father of all.

Bear with one another in love and charity. Be humble, be patient, be selfless, be as one.  
There is one body, there is one spirit, there is one hope to which we are called.  
We are all to come to unity, in our faith and knowledge of the Son of God, until we become perfected in the fullness of Christ.  *Ephesians 4*

[The true objects of enjoyment are the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.]

**ST. AUGUSTINE**

*ON CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE* BOOK 1, CH. 5
Prayer After Reception of Holy Communion

Dear Lord Jesus, we thank and praise You that You have again refreshed us with the gift of Your holy body and blood in this comforting sacrament. Bless our participation that we may depart from Your presence with peace and joy in the knowledge that we are reconciled to God. We ask this in Your name. Amen.

Standing

DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Go in peace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE 1 Chronicles 16:6-8; Psalm 105:1-4, 44-45

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy

with shouts of thanksgiving. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.
**Benediction**  Numbers 6:24-26

| The Lord bless you and keep you.          |
| The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. |
| The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace. |

**Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn**

*LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK*  506 Glory Be to God the Father

Stanzas 1, 4.

**Postlude**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  PAUL MANZ

**Prayer as You Go**

*Almighty, Everlasting God, Thou Who hast taught us to know and confess in true faith that Thou art One, Eternal God in Three Persons of equal power and glory and therefore to be adored: We beseech Thee that Thou wilt keep us steadfast in such faith at all times, in the face of all opposed to us which may attack us, Thou Who livest and reignest from eternity to eternity.*

**Amen.**

**Serving in Our Worship**

**Preacher:** The Reverend Scott Bruzek

**Celebrants:** The Reverend Marcus Nelson, The Reverend David Buchs

**Vicar:** Seminarian Miguel Barcelos

**Organist:** Nathan LeMahieu

**Cantors:** Doug Jones, Alyssa Rick, Peter Sovitzky

**Ensemble:** St. John Brass, Nathan LeMahieu, director
ADORING

The Prayer of the Church

Persecuted Christians in:
Central African Republic Indonesia
Jordan Nepal Niger Tajikistan

Partner Church:
Confessional Lutheran Church of Chile

Anniversary of marriage:
Joanna and Wayne Scheidt (63 years)
Ann and James Williams (37 years)

Birth:
Nicholas Schuette (10 years)

Thanksgiving for continuing recovery:
Karen Crawford
Jenna Herbert (daughter of David Schlesselman)

Comfort, health, recovery:
Dale (friend of Kathleen McDonald Tompkins)
Samuel Behl
Harold Brubaker (cousin of Joan Kaliher)
John Byrd
Michael Dwyer (grandfather of Alex Dwyer)
Candice Garcia (niece of Kathy and Rick Deist)
Sharon Grant (friend of Ruth Harrison)
Marcia Hettinger
Lauren Hoffman
Carol Jablonsky (friend of Debbie Feyerabend)
Kevin King (friend of Kathleen McDonald Tompkins)
Bruce Klein
Amanda Kovacs (friend of Beth Rupert)

Please submit your prayer requests to the website or call the church office at 630-668-0701 x400.
MATURING

SUNDAYS

High School Catechumenate:
Bible History 101

- Place: Lower Level
- Time: 10:00 a.m.
- Commitment: 50 minutes
- Contact: Pastor David Buchs
dbucks@stjohnwheaton.org

Over the summer, high school students—including incoming freshmen—will have a crash course in Old Testament history. An emphasis on daily readings will guide Sunday group discussions, exploring the big picture from Genesis up to the birth of Jesus. We’ll use the text, Concordia’s Bible History in the Words of Holy Scripture. Parallel Bible readings will be assigned for those who didn’t order a copy, or prefer to read straight from the scripture text.

Summer Sunday School

- Place: Lower Level
- Time: 10:00 a.m.
- Commitment: 50 minutes
- Contact: Gretchen Scheel
gscheel@stjohnwheaton.org

Three levels of study will be offered this summer for children up to and including those entering grade 6. Our youngest, and those children preparing to take the Lord’s Supper for the first time, will participate with their parents and Pastor Nelson in fun, hands-on lessons about understanding God’s gifts and the Lord’s Supper. Children entering grades 1-3 and 4-6 will continue to explore God’s means of Grace through CPH curriculum. All ages begin in the Lower Level Gathering Room. Classes meet weekly* through July 28, ending with a trip to Kimmer’s for an ice cream celebration on August 11.

*No Sunday School June 23, July 14 or August 4.

WEDNESDAYS

J.O.Y. Group (Jesus. Others. You.)

- Place: The Study
- Time: 9:00–10:30 a.m.
- Commitment: 90 minutes
- Contact: Vicar Miguel Barcelos 630-668-0701 x412
mbarcelos@stjohnwheaton.org

Join us as we study the Book of Revelation together, reading it through the lens of its self-proclaimed content: “the revelation of/about Jesus Christ” (Rev. 1:1). Revelation will be placed in the larger context of Old Testament apocalyptic texts with emphasis on its overall comforting message: Christ has won the victory over evil and rules the world even though appearances may lead us to think otherwise. The goal: to comfort a new generation of Christians in the face of evil using the Book of Revelation—a prophecy that calls for faith and is full of hope. All are welcome to attend.

THURSDAYS

Men’s Bible Study • The Parables of Jesus

- Place: The Study
- Time: 6:30–7:15 a.m.
- Commitment: 45 minutes
- Contact: Vicar Miguel Barcelos 630-668-0701 x412
mbarcelos@stjohnwheaton.org

The parables of Jesus show us ways in which Jesus is busy establishing the Kingdom of God among us. Join us as we read and study these parables together. And, what’s best, come and experience the Kingdom of God first hand in the Eucharist immediately following.
EMBODIING

Kids Summer Book Club • Tuesday, June 18
Wednesday, July 10 • Wednesday, July 31

• Place: Strutzel Residence
• Time: 3:00 p.m.
• Commitment: 1 hour
• Contact: Rachel Zoeller 248-207-5187
  rmzoeller@hotmail.com

Let’s get the kids together over the summer to discuss some good books! We’ll have three separate group discussions at each meeting. This is purely for fun and age groups are suggested, but you know your child’s reading level so please feel free to choose the correct book/group for your child. Contact Rachel Zoeller for the address and to be added to the group email list.

Book selections for June 18:
Grades 1-2: My Fathers Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett
Grades 3-5: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang by Ian Fleming
Grades 6-8: The Incredible Journey by Sheila Burnford

Take Me Out To the Ball Game!
Kane County Cougars vs. Beloit Snappers
Friday, June 28

• Place: Northwestern Health Ballpark, Geneva, IL
• Time: 6:30 p.m. game time
• Commitment: 3-4 hours; $30 adults, $20 children, $100 family maximum
• Contact: Laura Scheidt 630-853-2064
  or laurascheidt@sbcglobal.net

St. John has reserved the third base rooftop area for this year’s Kane County Cougars family baseball outing. There will be plenty of room to mingle or to watch the game. Ticket price includes admission to the ballpark plus a dinner buffet; hamburgers, brats, salads, chips, ice cream and more. Stay after the game for fireworks, the Jesse White Tumblers and running the bases! Sign up and pay at www.stjohnwheaton.org/baseball.

FOURTH OF JULY

Fourth of July Parade & Social Committee
Mondays through June 24

• Place: Crafting at St. John
  Trailer construction at BC Auto Body
  917 West Liberty Drive, Wheaton
• Time: 7:00 p.m.
• Commitment: 90+ minutes
• Contact: Jodie Chester jodiejmc@yahoo.com

People look forward to the St. John 4th of July float—help make it happen! Here’s how:
• Pick up your T-shirt order in The Commons June 22/23 and June 29/30.
• Kids: drop off your artwork by June 22/23.
  Coloring pages for the float are at the front desk or coffee bar this weekend.

• Help “grow” our float: We need more green pool noodles to hold up our giant flowers—bring by June 22/23.
• We need bottled water for distribution during the parade—bring a case or two to The Commons by June 22/23.

Food Pantry Donations at the Parade
Thursday, July 4

• Place: St. John front parking lot
• Time: 10:00 a.m.
• Contact: Ann Williams 630-665-3315
  or annwms22@sbcglobal.net

NEW! The St. Matthew UCC Shopping Cart Crew returns on the 4th of July to collect non-perishable food items and entertain viewers along the parade route. All contributions go to People’s Resource Center and Interfaith Food Pantry, which are the same recipients of our ongoing collection here at St. John. Take advantage of “curbside pick-up” by bringing donations on parade day. Urgent needs include:
• Diapers (size 4–6)
• Personal hygiene products (bar soap, toothpaste, detergents, shampoo, toilet paper, shaving cream, disposable razors, feminine hygiene)
• Canned goods (low-salt/no sugar added)
• Whole Grains (whole-wheat pasta, brown rice, low-sugar cereal)
• High Proteins (peanut butter, tuna, beans, canned chicken, chili, or stew)
Gifts and Backpacks for Grace
Donations begin in July
Celebration Picnic Sunday, August 11

- Grace Christian Academy
  4106 W. 28th St., Chicago
- Time & Commitment: to be announced
- Contact: Kathie Thorne kjthorne@comcast.net

Grace Christian Academy relies on generous donations in order to provide a quality Lutheran elementary education to students in Chicago’s Little Village neighborhood. To make St. John’s ongoing support more practical, Gifts for Grace and Backpacks for Grace are being combined into one Back-to-School event. Monetary contributions will replace individual purchases and items will be ordered and delivered in mass. Donation tags and instructions will be posted on the Outreach bulletin board starting in July. On Sunday, August 11 everyone is invited to fill and deliver backpacks to Grace and stay for a picnic with teachers, students and families. Save the date and watch LifeTogether for more details!

ME and MY Shadow • Wednesday, July 10

- Place: Hosted in homes or local parks
- Time: 9:30–11:00 a.m.
- Commitment: 90 minutes or as long as you can stay or play
- Contact: Sarah Hopkins 630-362-1897
  or sarahdhopkins@gmail.com

Me and My Shadow gives little ones a chance to play and interact socially while moms and dads do the same! Remaining summer dates are July 10 and August 7. Contact Sarah for the location or if you have questions.

Women’s Book Club • Thursday, July 11

- Place: The Commons
- Time: 7:00 p.m.
- Commitment: 1–2 hours, plus reading time
- Contact: Gretchen Scheel gscheel@stjohnwheaton.org

Ladies, join us the second Thursday of each month for an evening of fellowship and book discussion. Our July selection is Patty Jane’s House of Curl by Lorna Landvik, “...an easy-to-read, joyous and funny story of a family of women, the tragedies in their lives, the strengths they find within themselves, and their ultimate victories.”

Voice of CareFEST
Saturday, July 13 or Saturday, August 10

- Place: July 13—St. Peter Lutheran Church, Schaumburg, IL
  August 10—Castaldo Park, Woodridge, IL
- Time: 10:00 a.m.
- Commitment: 3-4 hours
- Contact: Deaconess Kris Blackwell 630-231-3862

NEW! Celebrate people of all abilities at Voice of CareFEST! This family-friendly celebration features a complimentary Chick-Fil-A picnic lunch, an inclusive fun walk, games, crafts, and music. There is no cost to attend, but there will be opportunities to financially support Voice of Care’s mission of equipping churches to serve people with disabilities and their caregivers. Please register online at VoiceOfCare.org.

Choir Boot Camp
Monday, July 22—Friday, July 26

- Place: Rooms 202–203
- Time: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- Commitment: One week
- Contact: Pastor Nelson mnelson@stjohnwheaton.org

St. John is hosting a choir boot camp with Dr. Charles Brown. The camp is for children entering grades 3–8. There will be engaging lessons learning how to sing church music together, plus snacks and other fun activities. The week will culminate in a Fine Arts Concert on Friday, July 26, and singing in the Divine Service on Sunday, July 28. Sign up at www.stjohnwheaton.org/choir-boot-camp

Summer Blood Drive • Monday, July 29

- Place: The Study
- Time: 3:00–7:00 p.m.
- Commitment: 1 hour
- Contact Janet or John Lattmann 630-432-7353
  or scooterbeagle@comcast.net

NEW! St. John is hosting a summer blood drive for the Heartland Blood Center. Are you new at St. John or never had the opportunity to donate before? Contact Janet or John for more information or to schedule an appointment. Our past donors will get reminder cards, an e-mail sign up opportunity or a phone call to schedule. There is always an urgent need for blood donations during the summer months, so please
consider this precious act of mercy. What a beautiful way to share the gift of life! Heartland will be giving “I LOVE ILLINOIS” t-shirts to all donors.

Men’s Discussion Group • Thursday, August 1
• Place: Emmett’s Brewing Co.
  121 W. Front St., Wheaton
• Time: 8:00–9:30 p.m.
• Commitment: 1.5 hours
• Contact: Aaron Zoeller 630-818-5123
  or azoeller@scccombustion.com

We have a great group of men at St. John and would like to offer more opportunities to get to know one another. So please join us at Emmett’s for a monthly “Man Date”! At least one of the Pastors will be in attendance to facilitate discussion and keep us between the lines. The format will be pretty open; so bring your ideas, questions and insights to share.

Manna Fund Donations
• Place: Offering Pouch
• Time: During Worship Services
• Commitment: A minute
• Contact: Pastor Bruzek bruzek@stjohnwheaton.org;
  Pastor Nelson mnelson@stjohnwheaton.org
  or Pastor Buchs dbuchs@stjohnwheaton.org

NEW! The Manna fund at St. John is designed for members to help fellow members and non-members where appropriate, who are struggling during difficult times. By sharing the gifts God has given us we can help our brothers and sisters in time of need. The Pastoral staff will oversee disbursements. Use the designated envelope included in your monthly mailing, or write Manna on an envelope from the pew rack. Make checks payable to St. John. For cash donations please provide your name in order to receive tax credit.

You can prepare for next weekend’s worship by reading:
  Isaiah 65:1-9
  Galatians 3:23-4:7
  Luke 8:26-39
RESTROOMS
Restrooms are located in the back of The Commons. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

PEW POUCHES
Each Sunday your child may pick up a pew pouch from the top baskets located in the Narthex. Please note each pew pouch design holds a different title book and copies of the Children’s Worship Bulletin designed especially for school-age children. Return the pouch and its contents to the bottom baskets in the Narthex at the end of the service. This way the pouches will be clean and ready for the next Sunday’s services. Please be aware the pew pouches are not age appropriate for children younger than age 3.

NURSERY
We have an attended nursery for children birth through age 3 on Sundays during the 10:00 a.m. education hour. “The Ark” is located off The Commons.

PLEASE SEE AN Usher FOR Assistance WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- **Large print versions** of today’s bulletin are available in the Narthex. **Braille editions** of Lutheran Service Book are available upon request.
- **Hearing assistance devices** for use during worship are available in the Narthex.
- **Wheelchairs** are available in the Lounge.

WORSHIP BROADCAST
Every Divine Service is broadcast live on the Internet. The broadcast can be found at www.stjohnwheaton.org/streaming and on the St. John homepage. For questions about accessing the broadcast, please contact Rev. David Buchs.

WORSHIP ANEW—a PROGRAM FOR SHUT-INS
A 30-minute Lutheran worship service is televised weekly on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on Chicago’s CW station WPWR channel 50 (Comcast 184) and at 10:30 a.m. on TCT (DirecTV channel 377). A complete list of viewing options is available at WorshipAnew.org.