

St. John's Lutheran Church







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News & Notes ~ September 2023

IF JESUS CAME TO YOUR HOUSE

If Jesus came to your house to spend a day or two, If He came unexpectedly, I wonder what you'd do. Oh, I know you'd give your nicest room to such an honored guest, And all the food you'd serve to Him would be the very best.

And you would keep assuring Him you're glad to have Him there, That serving Him in your home is joy beyond compare!

But when you saw Him coming, would you meet Him at the door, With arms outstretched in welcome to your Heavenly Visitor?

Or would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in, Or hide some magazines and put the Bible where they'd been?

Would you turn off the radio and hope He hadn't heard- And wish you hadn't uttered that last, loud, hasty word? Would you hid your worldly music and put some hymn books out? Could you let Jesus walk right in, or would you rush about?

And I wonder- if the Savior spent a day or two with you- Would you go right on doing the things you always do? Would you keep right on saying the things you always say? Would like for you continue as it does from day to day? Would your family conversation keep up its usual pace? And would you find it hard each meal to say a table grace? Would you sing the songs you always sing and read the books you read, And let Him know the things on which your mind and spirit feed?



Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you'd planned to go, Or would you, maybe change your plans for just a day or so?
Would you be glad to have Him meet your closest friends, Or would you hope they'd stay away until His visit ends?
Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on, Or would you sigh with great relief when He at last was gone?
It might be interesting to know the things that you would do, If Jesus came in person to spend the holidays with you.

THE BEAR FACTS

Well, well. I am officially a teenager now at age 13. Had my birthday on August 9. Mom got me a cake from Giant Eagle, lots of cookies and treats. No toys cause I'm grown up now I don't like playing with toys., but give me food and oh boy!!!!!! I can eat you out of house and home. My wiggle butt and tail are wagging sooooo fast cause I heard we have a new Pastor. I heard he used to fly airplanes—hmmmm wonder if he would take me for a ride? Also it was mentioned that Heather (his wife) loves to cook and bake—hmmmm wonder if I could get some cookies? (Me always looking for food). And 2 boys—wooo hoo- playmates. Oh and yes a doggy, but I think it might be bigger than me and I don't like anything bigger than me. So maybe some day we could just sniff each other and that's it. (It's not the big dog, but it's me—I start to growl). And a kitty cat. Oh I can see that cat going right up the tree with me behind it. Anyway, I'm happy for them and us and I keep my paws crossed that they will be with us for a long time cause I can smell those cookies baking now. Until we bark next month.

Hugs & Puppy Kisses, Bear

Usher Captains for September

Sept 3- Fred Kolenda Sept 10- Fred Ross Sept 17-Sept 24- Mark Blaho

September Greeters

Sept 3- Tammy Slavik Sept 10- Carol Ziedler Sept 17-Sept 24- Jennifer Lindgren

Lectors for September

Sept 3- Tom Lindgren Sept 10- Fred Kolenda Sept 17- Paul Kamzelski Sept 24-

Communion Assistants for Sept

Sept 3- Jerry Droz & Mark Blaho

Bible Study & Prayer Time

Please join us every Tuesday @ 10am for Bible Study. We are studying "The Chosen". Prayer time with Paul is every 3rd Wednesday @ 10am in the Chapel.

Sewing get together	

Stitches in Time for sewing meet every Tuesday evening from 6pm-8:30pm. What a great way to make things and have some great fellowship.

Sept Grass Cutting

Sept 2- Fred Ross

Sept 9- Bob Ferry

Sept 16- Mark Blaho

Sept 23- Fred & Carmella

Sept 30- Mark Blaho

Can't make it to church

No worries. Watch us on Facebook live on Sundays @ 10:30am

Save the dates

September 23- Erntdedankfest, Food & Bake sale

September 30- Festival of Churches @ the park on 11th St.

November 19- Thanksgiving luncheon

December 2- Live Nativity & Food Sale and Bake Sale

Special News

Our new Pastor and family arrived on August 11. What a blessing. It may have taken almost a year, but the call committee did an amazing job in finding Pastor Andrew. We pray that this will be a long lasting relationship.

Next Newsletter, Bear will be introducing someone new in his article.

Hang It On The Cross

If you have a secret sorrow, a burden or a loss, An aching need for healing... HANG IT ON THE CROSS.

If worry steals your sleep and make your turn and toss, If your heart is feeling heavy... HANG IT ON THE CROSS.

Every obstacle to faith or doubt you come across, Every prayer unanswered... HANG IT ON THE CROSS.

For Christ has born our brokenness and early paid the cost, To turn our trials to triumph... HANGING ON THE CROSS.