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From the pastor:

Grace and peace to you!
Welcome to our new newsletter! St. John requested a newsletter but it will be of benefit to both Faith and St. John to share such info.

I thank you all for the blessing you have been to me and to one another over the years: both those of you who weekly gather at Faith and St. John as well as those who, for whatever obstacle, are unable to gather with the saints of God weekly.

Although it may be ideal to gather once in each place we are seeking to resume our Saturday service as a blessing and opportunity.

However, we will not burden our musicians as before; the service will be spoken or with recorded music.

This newsletter is long overdue and, to my shame,

I'm even more overdue in seeing some of you that I haven't seen in some time. I truly, dearly, miss you.

I was reminded just days ago that I'm human, too. Of, course, aren't we all! But that comment always comes on the heels of a mistake. Those of you who know me best know how constantly my humanity (or rather my sinful nature) confronts me.

Pastor Martin Luther writes in the Small Catechism about prayer, specifically "And lead us not into temptation." He reminds us that here we ask God to guard and keep us so that the devil, the world and our own sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair and other great shame and vice. Not only do we pray that He would guard and keep us but although we **are** attacked we pray that we may finally overcome them.

In Vacation Bible School this year we studied the life of Jacob. He was a bit of a deceiver; he coveted Esau's birthright and lied to steal

Esau's blessing. When he left home Esau wanted to murder him. The time came for Jacob to return home and he was fearful. Jacob was attacked by despair and great shame. The night before the brothers reunited the Lord visited him to comfort him. Unusual kind of comforting: first He wrestled then renamed him "Israel" (struggles with God).

Rather than abandon Jacob, God renewed His promise. Jacob struggled with God who overcame his sin by the blood of the cross and reunited him in forgiveness with his brother.

We are each like Jacob and daily struggle in various ways. Christ struggles with each of us to overcome our sin and reconcile us with one another. Let not despair or shame keep us from reconciliation.

Pax Domini, the Peace of the Lord be with you all.

Pastor Ketelsen

Church Calendar

Worship

Saturdays – 7:00pm Service @ St. John
(beginning Aug. 4th, spoken/recorded)

Sundays – 8:30am Divine Service @ St. John

Sundays – 10:30am Service @ Faith
(1st & 3rd offer the Lord's Supper)

Parish education

Tuesdays – 6:00am Bible study @ Faith
(7:00am if school is not in session)

Thursdays – 10:00am Bible study @ Faith

If you are interested in a Bible study at St. John
or at another time please talk to Pastor.

Catechism class will begin September 5th @ Faith
Wednesdays 4:00-5:30

Other meetings and opportunities

Tuesdays – 9:00am Quilting @ St. John

Wed., Aug. 8th – 1:30pm LWML @ St. John

Tue., Aug. 14th – 8:00pm Joint council @ Faith

Nursing homes

1st Sunday – 2:00pm service @ Genoa Home

2nd Sunday – 2:00pm service @ Cloverlodge

August Wednesdays – 10:30am Bible study
@ Good Samaritan in Albion

2nd & 4th Wednesdays – 2:30pm Bible study
@ Cloverlodge

Milestones

Faith birthdays

Aug. 17th Robin Roan

Aug. 26th Megan Dambrosia

Aug. 27th Pastor Ketelsen

Aug. 27th Jim Nicklasson

Aug. 29th Clara Ketelsen

St. John birthdays

Aug. 2nd Dan Choat

Aug. 5th Shelley Towey

Aug. 19th Kim Schilousky

Baptismal birthdays

Aug. 7th Amber Roan

Aug. 7th Lindsey Roan

Aug. 8th Carlos Buettner

Aug. 8th Elle Ostrander

Aug. 15th Kaine Schilousky

Aug. 19th Marley Schilousky

Aug. 20th Jarett Roan

Aug. 20th Shauna Shotkoski

Anniversaries

Aug. 24th Lynn & Tracy
Belitz

These are listed so you can celebrate these milestones
with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

“If one member is honored, all the members rejoice
together.” [1 Corinthians 12:26]

Info request

If there's an omission or correction please
let Pastor know. We don't have all
birthdays, baptismal birthdays,
anniversaries, addresses, phone numbers,
etc. If someone you know would like to
receive this please let us know!

Newly Baptized

Wyatt Timothy Ruten
January 28th

Colton Randal Keehn
May 13th



In Memorium

† Ernie Ruten †
† Paul Musquiz †

Recent Events

July 16th – 20th Vacation Bible School @ Faith

July 22nd Faith's semi-annual meeting and potluck

July 29th St. John's semi-annual meeting and picnic @ Mel's Landing

Upcoming Events

August 1st - 3rd Pastor in Okoboji for family vacation

No Saturday night service August 18th

August 18th & 19th Pastor in Iowa for his sister's wedding

Pastor Bill Engebretsen will serve us that Sunday

September 9th Harvest Festival at St. John

Financial Corner

Faith	St. John
	Avg. weekly expense
	Avg. weekly income
	General balance

Average attendance

(past 6 months)

<u>Faith</u>	<u>St. John</u>
35	30