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MARRIAGE: A PICTURE OF CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH

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On the first Sunday in September we hear the last in a series of eight Epistle readings from Ephesians. These readings have included exhortations to walk in Christian wisdom – to live out our life in Christ in godliness, love, and strength.

The reading we heard the last Sunday in August was Ephesians 5:22-33, which is Paul's instruction to the church concerning husbands and wives. In these verses the apostle presents marriage as a picture of the union between Christ and His bride, the church. The parallels between the relationship of Christ with His church and the relationship of a husband with his wife say much about what the Lord intends married life to be. Consider carefully the main parallels the Lord points out for us:

- 1. "The husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church." This comes directly from 5:23. Christ is the Head of the church, not as a tyrant or bossy overlord, but as Savior. He makes decisions and gives direction, always for the good of His church. In a similar way, the husband is the head of his wife, not as one who is bossy, selfish, and controlling. Rather, he has the responsibility of providing, protecting, and decision making in a way that is for the good of his wife and family.
- 2. "Wives, be subject to your husbands, as to the Lord." "As the church is subject to Christ, so let wives also be subject in everything to their husbands." (5:22,24) The church is happily and thankfully subject to Christ, for His believers know full well His love and good will. Similarly, wives are to be cheerfully subject to their husbands, not trying to usurp his God-given role as head, but submitting to his plans and decisions, confident of his love and care for her.
- **3.** "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church." (5:25) Christ has a perfect love for the church. He loves us, not because our behavior deserves His love, but purely for His own sake. Because He is gracious and merciful, He chooses to care for us and show kindness. A husband's love for his wife is to be parallel. He is to speak to her and care for her with kindness, even when she does not show kindness in return. Since he is to be a head like Christ, he must act in love under all circumstances when it is easy, and when it is difficult.
- **4.** "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her." Christ's love for the church is sacrificial. The works of Christ are selfless, always with the good of His believers in mind. He gave His life on the cross to give life to His people. He gave the gift of Baptism ("the washing of water with the word" 5:26) to make His church holy and without blemish in His sight. (5:27) In the same way, husbands should love their wives sacrificially. No, husbands cannot die for their wives' sins, as Christ did. That job is already complete. But husbands can put their wives' needs first. A Christ-like husband will consider his wife's needs for security, affection, a sense of dignity, and all the rest, and thus take actions that fulfill those needs. He will be unselfish, for that is the way of true love, the love of Christ.
- 5. "The two shall become one flesh. This mystery is great, and I am speaking about Christ and the church." (5:31-32) Christ and His church are joined in a one-flesh union. "We are members of His body." (5:30) That is to say, believers in Christ are one with Him in a deep, intimate union that surpasses our comprehension. This is why Paul calls this union a great mystery. Husband and wife are likewise united in a one-flesh union. A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife. God unites them as one in heart, body, and mind until death parts them.

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Christian Education

Sunday School

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE

June, 2018

None

July, 2018

Pre-K/Kindergarten

Emma Jones



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sept 3

Jodi Schmick

Sept 4

Ellen Hill Thomas Theleritis

Sept 5

James Thompson Leslie Weyhrich

Sept 6

Katie Gaitros Roberta Hudson Michael Mauer Ashley Schmidgall Maesyn Theleritis

Sept 7

Mitchell Hansen Hazel Nichols

Sept 8

Mary Ashbaker Christa Wilson

Sept 9

Mary Dupent Lori Svendsen Ian Terrell

Sept 10

Joseph Bonnette Quest Dobbelaire JoAnne Ferree Jenna Heisel Keisha Williamson

Sept 11

Edward Casto Scott Hall Tanya Rahn

<u>Sept 12</u>

Bradley Hoover Joseph Schiavone

<u>Sept 13</u>

Kevin McCammon Leslie Norman

<u>Sept 15</u>

Kay King

Sept 16

Peggy Patten Robert Watson

<u>Sept 17</u>

Jaylah Dalton Erin Theleritis Kethry Whitlatch

Sept 18

Leia Stewart Zachary Webb

Sept 19

Althea Geiser Wallace Hammond Walter Long Brian Lundeen

Sept 21

Quinn Theleritis Tyson Winstead

Sept 22

Kathryn Emery

<u>Sept 23</u>

Debra Dant LaDonna Memken Olivia Schoch Ashley Jones

<u>Sept 24</u>

David Kesselmayer

Sept 25

Gabrielle Dagit Laura Dagit

Sept 26

Carter Miller

<u>Sept 27</u>

Tonya Burris Chad Swibold

Sept 29

Adam Bollinger Ella Friedinger Shelby Reese

Sept 30

Luke Morgan Brenda Sayles



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SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Sept 4

Patrick & Melissa Flatley

Sept 5

Rick & Kay Aulenbach John & Christine Neumann

Sept 6

James & Tracy Glass

Sept 7

Eric & Michelle Dupent

Sept 9

Daniel & Kathryn Heisel Robert & Ruthanne Scott



<u>Sept 11</u>

William & Mary Ashbaker

<u>Sept 15</u>

Douglas & Melanie Tiona

Sept 17

Terry & Lynda Adkins

Sept 25

Daniel & Laura Dobbelaire

Parish Notes



Church Attendance

June 2018	585	12 services
June 2017	601	12 services
June 2016	684	12 services
July 2018	727	15 services
July 2017	735	15 services
July 2016	811	15 services

Sunday School Attendance

June 2018	1,040
June 2017	1,310
June 2016	1,387
July 2018	1,239
July 2017	1,519
July 2016	1.595
July 2015	1,626

Videographers

Jon Bolt

Worship Chairman

Jon Bolt



ACOLYTES SCHEDULE

09/02	Jaylah Dalton Macey Dalton
09/09	Brayden Hoover Bradley Hoover
09/16	Zachary Webb Erin Wilson
09/23	Cody Wilson Alexis Daniels
09/30	Jaylah Dalton Macey Dalton

ELDERS COMMUNION ASSISTANCE

09/02	8:00 10:30	Dave Drockelman Steve Depew
09/16		Aaron Miller Rod Bollinger
09/30		Randy Couch Joe Szadkowski

Greeters

8:00 a.m. Dee Rees

10:30 a.m. Barb Theleritis

Sept 02

<u>Sept 09</u>	
8:00 a.m.	Dave & Nancy Drockel-
man	
10:30 a.m.	
Sept 16	
8:00 a.m.	Pastor Kesselmayer
10:30 a.m.	•
Sept 23	
8:00 a.m.	Don & Valerie Dob-
bleaire	
10:30 a.m.	
Sept 30	
8:00 a.m.	Vince & Sandy Tennell
10:30 a.m.	

Please think about volunteering to welcome our members and guests.

Ushers

<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:30</u>	
Ray Barnes Daryl Dagit	Brian Lundeen	
Dave Kesselmayer	Mike Nauth Dan Watson	
Garret Kesselmayer Dan Rees	Mike Wilson	

Board of Christian Education

will meet on Sunday, September 2, after the 10:30 Service.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees will meet on Tuesday, September 4th at 6:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir & Bells of St. John's

will

begin practice on Wednesday, September 5th.

The Sanctuary Choir will practice at 6:15 p.m.

Bells will be at 7:15 p.m.

St. John's Bells could use more bell ringers.

You do not need to know how to read music. Call Mary Ashbaker at 347-8517 for more information or if you have questions.

TREASURER'S REPORT-JUNE, 2018



TREASURER'S REPORT-JULY, 2018

		Update	
		JULY	Y-T-D
JUNE	Y-T-D		
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	INCOME 38,366.40	205,218.13
		EXPENSES 31,606.55	236,932.62
INCOME 14,308.70	166,851.73	INCOME-EXPENSES 6,759.85	(31,714.49)
EXPENSES 34,175.33	<u>205,326.07</u>		(,,
<u>INCOME-EXPENSES</u> (19,866.63)	(38,474,34)	LIABILITIES	
		Note Payable	89,295.83
LIABILITIES		Payroll Liabilities	1,795.18
Note Payable	88,796.39	Misc. LCMS Orgs Fund	0.00
Payroll Liabilities	1,690.07	TOTAL LIABILITIES	8 9,091.01
Misc. LCMS Orgs Fund	0.00		30,001101
TOTAL LIABILITIES	90,486.46	General Fund Accounts	
		General Fund	(45,221.60)
General Fund Accounts		Schwab Cash Account	.99
General Fund	(80,595.13)	Cat Stock at FMV	<u>53,062.20</u>
Schwab Cash Account	.52	General Fund Total	7,841.59
Cat Stock at FMV	<u>83,979.73</u>	Soliorari alla rotar	7,041.00
General Fund Total	3,385.12	Educational Fund Accounts	
	•	Educational Grant Fund Checking	4,727.56
Educational Fund Accounts		Educational Grant Fund CD #1	103,061.64
Educational Grant Fund Checking	4,727.56	Educational Grant Fund #2-Vanguard	
Educational Grant Fund CD #1	103,061.64	Educational Fund Total	197,619.94
Educational Grant Fund #2-Vanguard	67,000.02		101,010.04
Educational Fund Total	174,789.22	East Bluff Property	
	•	East Bluff Property—Vanguard	92,561.55
East Bluff Property		East Bluff Property Fund CD	106,210.05
East Bluff Property—Vanguard	90,813.74	East Bluff Property Fund	199,091.56
East Bluff Property Fund CD	106,850.04		100,001100
East Bluff Property	197,663.78	Building Fund Checking	44,394.30
		Sunday School Fund Checking	10,225.12
Building Fund Checking	43,659.30	Memorial Fund Checking	25,480.60
Sunday School Fund Checking	10,176.22		<u>=0,.00.00</u>
Memorial Fund Checking	<u>25,280.60</u>	TOTAL ASSETS	\$460,318.64
		Checking Account Balance	
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$454,954.24</u>	Checkingt Account Balance	39,605.98
		Total	39,605.98
Checking Account Balance			
Checking Account Balance	<u>3,248.55</u>	FUND BALANCE	
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>3,248.55</u>	Building Improvements	(299,680.34)
		Net Income (Loss)	(31,714.49)
Fund Balance		Capital Accounts	702,227.63
Building Improvements	(299,680.34)	TOTAL FUND BALANCE	373,711.48
Net Income (Loss)	(38,474.34)		,
Capital Accounts	<u>702,622.46</u>	TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALAI	NCE \$460,318.64
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	364,467.78		
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	<u>\$454,954.24</u>		







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This is one of the reasons God hates divorce. (Malachi 2:16) When a married couple divorce, they break apart what God has joined together, and this gives an entirely *distorted* picture of the relationship between Christ and His church. Would Christ ever abandon His believers? Does He not always forgive and continue His faithfulness? And why would the church ever wish to leave Christ? Don't His believers seek to be faithful to Him and live with Him forever? An enduring, life-long marriage gives an accurate, though imperfect picture of Christ and His church.

May the word of Christ give all married couples direction and strength in wise and godly living as husbands and wives. We know His loving sacrifice on the cross has forgiven all our sins, including all the ways we have failed as husbands and wives. As we receive Christ's love and forgiveness, we too can love and forgive one another, and follow His wise design for husbands and wives. Our marriages and families will be blessed, and Christ Himself will be honored.

- Pastor Bishop

Changes to the Church Directory

Changes:

Marian McDaniels Allen to 1802 Golfview, Pekin Dan Watson, 309-267-2661 Michelle Watson, 309-712-2661 Stephen & Amanda Webb, 309-241-3202

Remove:

Roxanne Dixon

Paul Dornberger and family

Ushers Needed

Responsibilities include:

- Assisting congregation and Pastor with communion
- Distributing bulletins
- Collecting offering envelopes
- Collecting sign up sheets after church service
- Should arrive 30 minutes before service starts

Please call Mike Nauth (309-349-5332) if you have questions or would like to sign up as an Usher.

Catechetical Retreat

At
<u>Camp CILCA</u>
Friday Night & Saturday
October 5-6, 2018

<u>Jr & Sr High students (grades 6-12)</u> will be immersed in the rhythm of worship, study, prayer, fellowship, play, and rest. This is an opportunity for teenagers to grow in the knowledge of Christ, make new friends, and see the Christian faith modeled in the lives of both adults and peers.

- Worship services and Bible/Catechetical study will be led by the pastors of the Central IL District. Activities will be led by camp staff.
- This year's study will focus on the 10 Commandments.
- Camp check in will be at 6:30 Friday evening. Check out will be at 7:00 Saturday evening.

COST: \$40 per camper. Includes Friday night cookout, 3 meals Saturday, and lodging for the night. Campers will be staying in the CILCA Retreat Center and new airconditioned cabins.

<u>What to Bring</u>: Bible, Small Catechism, long pants, close-toed shoes for games and hiking, bedding & toiletries, water bottle, flashlight.

<u>Register</u> at <u>www.cilca.org/catechetical-retreat</u>, call the camp office at **217-487-7497**, or email at <u>camp@cilca.org</u>.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY resumes on September 5 at 7:00 in the church basement classroom. We will continue our reading and discussion of the Pastoral Epistles, (2 Timothy and Titus). These epistles provide much guidance for the holy ministry, and plenty of instruction and encouragement for our lives together as Christ's people. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and learn and grow in the Lord.

Transferred To The
Church Triumphant

Roxanne Dixon
March 2, 1940
August 8, 2018

ORGANIZATIONS

FELLOWSHIP CLUB By Veva Martin

Fellowship Club will be meeting at Gil's Restaurant, 12703 W. Farmington Road, Hanna City at 5 pm on September 15, 2018. Mark your calendar NOW and please call in your reservation to Val Dobbelaire by September 8 at 346-8903. Hope you see all our members back; bring a friend.

YOUTH GROUP

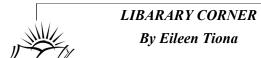
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calendar for Sunday, September, 16th, for your next get together at 4:00 p.m. More information to follow in upcoming bulletins.

WOMEN'S GUILD By Jackie Nauth

The Guild will meet on September 2/ at 6:30 p.m. Missionary Ashley Johnson will present a short program. We ask members to bring hygiene items to be donated to the House of Hope. Carol Long and Joyce Lonergan will

All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend.



"The gospel

News

CHURCH LIBRARY of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come," Matthew 24:14

I have placed 4 new books in the library written by Colleen Coble. They were purchased by the Ladies Guild in memory of Dr. Robert Williamson.

"The Inn at Ocean's Edge." In 1989 Claire Dellamare disappeared from her 4th birthday party and showed up a year later at the same hotel with a note pinned to her dress. Nobody knows where Claire spent that year. Clair returns to this hotel years later and finds out she had been missing but never knew this.

"Seagrass Pier." Elin Summerall was one of the lucky ones. Not only did she get a heart transplant, but the donor was a perfect fit. But when she begins having violent flashbacks and vivid dreams of being strangled she realizes she is remembering her donor's murder.

"Twilight at Bluberry Barrens". Kate Mason has devoted herself to caring for her family's blueberry barrens. But after her fields stop producing fruit, she's forced to come up with alternative ways to make a living. When Drake Newham shows up looking for a place to rent, but also a nanny for his two nieces it's almost to good to be true.

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"Because you're Mine". When her husband Liam is killed by a car bomb Alanna doesn't quite know where to turn. Her father-inlaw is threatening to take custody of the baby she carries, but Alanna knows she can't lose the only piece of Liam she has left.

Thanks to St. John's Ladies Guild for these books. Once you read books by Colleen Coble, I'm sure you will want to read more. Look in the library for more books by her. The Rock Harbor series is also in the library. Please come in and check out all the wonderful books that are available for your reading enjoy-

Church Fall Potluck

WILL BE HELD From 12:00-3:00 P. M.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23rd

WE HOPE EVERYONE WILL JOIN IN, STARTING AT

<u>NOON</u>

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL

We do ask that everyone brings a dish to share and your own table service. Drinks and chicken will be provided.

MARIGOLD FESTIVAL - St. John's is scheduled to have a booth at the Marigold Festival Civic Collage, at which we will have free bottled water and Christian literature available. If you would be willing to sit at our booth for a 2-hour shift Saturday, Sept. 8 or Sunday, Sept. 9, please sign up on the sheet on the big bulletin board in the gym.

CHRISTIAN CIVIC OUTREACH

September is St. John's month to provide nonperishable items to Christian Civic Outreach.

Donations will be collected in the designated boxes on the stage in the gym throughout September.

Boxed foods, peanut butter, instant mash potatoes, cookies, crackers, pasta, spaghetti sauce, shortening, etc.

Toiletries: razors, powder, shampoo, etc.



Received a thank you letter for our monthly donation from Lutherans for Life

Received a thank you letter for our monthly donation from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Thank you very much for your generous gift given to our seminary this month. Your gift is really appreciat-

God's blessings, Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne **********

Dear Pastor, Sandy, Trustees, and Congregation of St. John's!

Thank you so much for allowing me to use the church for rehearsals for my summer play with Artistic Community Theatre. I hope this rowdy group of young actors wasn't too obtrusive!

Thanks again.

Nona Buster



FUNERAL DINNERS:

The **FELLOWSHIP CLUB**

oversees funeral dinners with assistance from Guild members.



We also welcome assistance from all church members.



The Fellowship Club will provide: chicken, relish tray, potato salad, Cole slaw, potato chips & dips, drinks, & dessert.

> Contact Val Dobbelaire at 346-8903 or Veva Martin at 346-3101.

If a full meal is requested, names of catering services will be made available.



Suggested donation: \$7 per reservation made Price subject to change

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL will be the site for Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University which is a nine-lesson, money management class taught by Alan White. This class will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more. The class provides you with all of the practical answers to the "How?" "What?" and "Why?" questions about money.

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You are invited to the "Every One His Witness" Workshop being held at your Lutheran Student Center in Macomb (303 N. Clay St) on September 8, 2018! We will begin promptly at 9:00am and end at approximately 1:30pm. This workshop will comfort, encourage, teach, and send you into your daily life with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Register no later than September 1st by calling 309-833-5483 or emailing an@Macomb.com. The cost of only \$10.00 per person covers all training, materials, snacks, and lunch! After completing the workshop you will be registered to receive free additional online support from our Synod. No pressure. This is Biblical, practical support for telling others of the Christian hope within you. Appropriate for anyone high school age and older. All are welcome. Register soon!

SHUT-INS of the MONTH: Even though some of our members cannot attend church, we want to keep them in our thoughts and prayers and let them know they are not forgotten. Please send a card or pay a visit to these shutins this month.

Shut-ins for August are: Sharill Andrae, Pekin Manor, 1520 El Camino Dr., Room 206, Pekin; Lois Becker, Pekin Estates, 1540 El Camino Dr., Apt. 108, Pekin; Lucille Benker, 2741 Village Ct., Pekin and Honor Deiss, 804 Illinois, Pekin.

Thank you from your St. John's Ladies Guild.

The Annual Peoria Area Life Chain: Central Illinois Right to Life will sponsor the annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 7, 2018
7405 N. University to Metro Centre.

Meet at University and Northmoor Intersection.

Call Dan Smith at 309-691-3611 for more details.

"Kourage Kids" is a one-day free grief camp to be held on Saturday, October 6, sponsored by UnityPoint Health -Methodist Hospice. It is open to any child in the area from age 5-18. It is a day of help, fun and healing for children that have experienced the death of someone close to them. Brochures are available in the church office, or you may call 309-672-5746 for more information. The camp will be held at Camp Manitoumi, RR #1, Lowpoint, IL

See brochure on bulletin board in gym for more information.

In Our Prayers

If you know of anyone who needs to be added, please let the church office know.

All our shut-ins

Griffin Glass—serving in the Navy

Adam Jackson - member of Armed Services (grand-nephew of Lila Lisenbee)

Pastor Niemann Dale Schott Ed Knussman Sonny Mack Aron Tucker Mark Reeder **Bob Watson** Cheryl Williams Bernice Mack Robert Scott Stacie Kendall Christy Hancock Leia Stewart Karen Hall Ed Casto Bob Funk Sam Kendall Sandy Morgan Darla Schorr Brenda Sayles Bill Hall Tim Johnston Donna Hansen Wayne Bolt Donna Bollinger Deanna Oltman NancySchisler

And for those individuals and families who struggle with either physical, mental or spiritual needs.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL BOARD

invites EVERYONE to save the date and plan to attend our 38th Annual Jog-a-thon and cookout on Sunday afternoon, October 14, 2018! We will have specific details about times, the menu, prizes, etc. posted soon in our churches, school, and on our website. How can YOU help us to make this essential fundraiser a success? We ask you: to pray that God will bless our efforts, to plan to attend the lunch and enjoy the wonderful cookout, and to generously pledge to our students, staff and supporters when they ask you to sponsor them as they jog laps to raise money for our school's budgetary expenses. Stay tuned for more exciting details, and please plan to join us!

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Monday, Sept. 3rd – No school for Labor Day Saturday Sept. 8th – Marigold Parade at 10 am Thursday Sept 13th – PTL meeting at 6:30 pm Friday, Sept. 14th – early dismissal @ 12:30 pm Tuesday Sept 18th – School Board meeting at 6:30 pm. Sunday Sept 23rd – Singing at St. Johns Pekin's 8 am service

Tues/Wed Sept. 25th & 26th – Fall Picture days!

The Rock Island Circuit of the Central Illinois District Presents a day-long seminar on

Demons and the Ministry of Deliverance

September 17, 2018 St. John Lutheran Church 1450 30th Avenue East Moline, IL 61244

Presentation for LC-MS Clergy:

9:00 to 4:00 p.m. includes all materials, two meals, and coffee and snacks during breaks - \$30. (\$40 after September 1)

Presentation for the Laity:

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. = There is no charge for the lay event in the evening, but pre-registration is appreciated.

Featured speaker: Dr. Harold Ristau, Assistant Professor of Theology at Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catherines, Ontario

For additional information, call (309) 799-5650

Non-Profit Organization **U.S. Postage Paid** Pekin, IL Permit No. 146

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