



THE EVANGELIST

A monthly publication of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church - Ridge Valley
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Issue 5 *A Word from the Pastor...*

June 2016

Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

A few weeks ago we enjoyed a spaghetti dinner made by the youth parents and served by the youth. In addition, we had talented brothers and sisters who shared their gifts of music, dance, and acting. It was a very fun time. Anthony started it off with playing the drums, Emily delighted us with her beautiful voice, Evan, Dalton, Kayla, Allyson, Ashley, Anthony helped me share the message of the Parable of the workers as a skit, Mark Bruder played his guitar, Don Graham sang and welcomed others to sing along “Old man river” and Allyson shared a ballet dance routine. It was indeed a relaxed, delicious, and enjoyable night.

Matthew 20:1-16 (NIV) The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard 20 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. 2 He agreed to pay them a denarius^a for the day and sent them into his vineyard. 3 “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. 4 He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ 5 So they went. “He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. 6 About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’ 7 “‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. “He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’ 8 “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’ 9 “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. 10 So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. 11 When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. 12 ‘These

who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’ 13 “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius?’ 14 Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. 15 Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ 16 “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

We will only find this scripture in St Matthew’s Gospel. It is one of my favorite lessons. It takes us back to the times of Jesus, where they had many vineyards. A vineyard would need to be planted, cared for, and after a few years harvested. It was very hard work in the hot sun. Often the owner of the vineyard would need additional help. Finding that help was easy as many men needed work to provide for their families. These men would stand at the marketplace of the town hoping for someone to hire them. The first crew began working around sunrise, six o’clock in the morning. They negotiated and agreed that their payment would be a denarius for a full day of work. It was understood that one denarius for a day’s work was very generous in fact it matched the salaries of a Roman guards. As the day progressed, the vineyard owner hired more men at nine o’clock, at noon, at three o’clock in the afternoon and at 5 o’clock in the evening telling them, “I will pay you whatever is right.” 5 So they went. . . 8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’”

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June Scripture Schedule

Date	Principal Festivals	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Jun 5	Lectioy II (Part 5)	1 King 17:1-24	Ps 4	Gal 2:1-5	Luke 7:11-17
Jun 12	Lectioy II (Part 4)	2 Sam 11:26-12:10, 14-17	Ps 1	Gal 2:15-21	Luke 7:24-41
Jun 19	Lectioy II (Part 5)	Isa 65:1-4	Ps 219:38	Gal 3:1-9	Luke 8:26-38
Jun 26	Lectioy II (Part 6)	1 King 19:5-16, 19-21	Ps 6	Gal 5:1, 13-15	Luke 9:1-12



*4 Flea Market and Apple Dump-
ling Sale*

*5 Annual Church Picnic (One
Service)*

13-24 Jen working from home

15 Articles due for Newsletter

19 Father's Day

Looking Ahead

July 4 Independence Day

8-15 Jen Vacation

11 Council Meeting

20 Articles due for Newsletter

25-28 Backyard Bible School

THANK YOU....

Thank you for the beautiful service. Also, we would like to thank all the women for the delicious luncheon. We appreciate all the cards and prayers.

Love, The Nase Family

ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES

Please send in a picture so we can all share in the celebration of your graduation to be published in our Summer Edition of the Evangelist Newsletter!

Have a GREAT summer!!!



Read the Bible in a year! Go to:

<http://www.ewordtoday.com/year/msg/cjan01.htm> and follow along with their suggested readings for each day or see below. You'll be on your way to reading the Bible as it's events occurred in real time!

Jun 1: Ps 119:89-176

Jun 2: Solomon 1-8

Jun 3: Prov 1-3

Jun 4: Prov 4-6

Jun 5: Prov 7-9

Jun 6: Prov 10-12

Jun 7: Prov 13-15

Jun 8: Prov 16-18

Jun 9: Prov 19-21

Jun 10: Prov 22-24

Jun 11: 1King 5-6; 2Chron 2-3

Jun 12: 1King 7; 2Chron 4

Jun 13: 1King 8; 2Chron 5

Jun 14: 2Chron 6-7; Ps 136

Jun 15: Ps 134/146-150

Jun 16: 1King 9; 2Chron 8

Jun 17: Prov 25-26

Jun 18: Prov 27-29

Jun 19: Ecc 1-6

Jun 20: Ecc 7-12

Jun 21: 1King 10-11; 2Chron 9

Jun 22: Prov 30-31

Jun 23: 1King 12-14

Jun 24: 2Chron 10-12

Jun 25: 1King 15:1-24; 2Chron 13-16

Jun 26: 1King 15:25-16:34; 2Chron 17

Jun 27: 1King 17-19

Jun 28: 1King 20-21

Jun 29: 1King 22; 2Chron 18

Jun 30: 2Chron 19-23

Altar Flowers

12 In memory of Clarence Leister given by Dawn and Larry Schultz

19 In memory of Bill Allison given by Candy Cuneo

Bulletin Sponsors

Please sponsor a loved one.

Candle Memorial

Please sponsor a loved one.

Memorials for June

- Memorials were received in loving memory of Clarence and Regina Leister from Larry & Dawn Schultz.



PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Our Members:

- Neala Hopkins
- Linda Marcinko
- Richard Croisette
- Edna Barndt

Our Grieving Family:

- The Brensinger Family
- The Booz Family
- The Turner Family

Our Friends:

- Elizabeth Schmitt
- Dorothy Troxel
- Sandy Driscoll
- Mary King
- Ron Weyer

Our Homebound:

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| • Francis Allem | • Charles Marx |
| • Doris Barndt | • Tom & Blanche Matczak |
| • Claude & Dorothy Barndt | • Elaine Turner |
| • Pauline Berndt | • Pauline Brensinger |
| • Helen Brensinger | • Harold & Gert Benner |
| • Lucille Caruso | • Romaine Croisette |
| • Ed Geiger | |
| • James Gotthardt | |
| • Willis & Lorraine Heacock | |
| • Bob Kulp | |

.....*Pastor article continued from cover page.*

Finally it was time to pay the men that were hired. He started with the men who began work at 6:00 am. They were very happy to receive their one denarius. Yet, after the next groups of the hired workers came forward and received their wages, they too received one denarius. For those who did not work as long as the others they were ecstatic to be paid so generously. However, those who worked early in the day felt that they should have been paid even more than agreed. They were angry. We all want to be treated fairly, yet in this case the landowner chose to give the same wages even to those who worked less. Did the landowner feel like they needed more? Did the landowner want them to receive more to see how the workers would thank him? In this parable God is the landowner, the workers are us, and the vineyard are our neighbors in our neighborhoods. Some of us workers had faith and have been working for our Lord all their life, some found their Savior as adults and others at the very end of their lives. Let us celebrate with those who know and love Jesus as we work together in caring for others. Thanks be to God!!

Peace to you, Pastor Amy

Unemployment Support Group

Every Tuesday night at 7pm

St John's Lutheran Church

Ridge Valley

215.257.9643

ATTENTION!!!

St. John's is looking for a special person/ persons to volunteer. Needs to be computer savvy. Will need to be available to join us for the 10:15am service to work the screen for the order of service. Our attending members and St. John's Council and staff would be most appreciative of your time and talent! Please let us know if you can help us with this special component to our worship service by contacting Heidi Link or Pastor Amy. Thanks!!

**Share Your
Time & Talents**

Silver Springs April Pie Day Meeting News

NOTICE: We will continue collecting Campbell's Soup Labels until the end of May. The Campbell Company has discontinued the program of refunding to schools. They will accept the labels until July 31st so I will mail labels to Silver Springs – Martin Luther School in June so they can get credit for them. Thank you to everyone who has brought labels, the school does appreciate them. The school will continue to collect Box Tops for Education that are found on many products. We had the Spring Pie Day Meeting here at St. John's Ridge Valley. We had 30+ folks from other local Lutheran churches. I would like to thank everyone who baked for the dessert table and also for the school. We supplied 11 desserts. They transported 117 desserts to the school for the evening meal. My guess is that they will last more than one meal! Vicar Micah spoke about the work he is doing at Silver Springs. He is enjoying the children and the children are having fun getting to know him. He does crafts with the kids and plays basketball with them. These social things allow him time to build a relationship with the kids and earn their trust and develop talk about religion. Several children have been baptized this year and Vicar Micah tries to encourage those that want to be baptized to do so in their own church into the life of Christ. That way they can continue their religious experience in a familiar setting once they are discharged from the school. One of the representatives of the school, Robin told us that there are 70 residential children so they have a full house. Two new programs are basketball and cheerleading. This teaches the kids about teamwork and respect for each other. Everyone is very busy, kids, teachers and counselors alike. The free will offering netted \$294.00 and we voted to use the money to update the Children's Residential Rooms. The cost per room is about \$250.00. There are 2 kids per room and each room will get new carpet, paint and art work. The October Pie Day Meeting will be held at the school in Plymouth Meeting. I am willing to drive to the school and if we can get anyone else willing to make the trip we will get to see more of the school and the wonderful work they accomplish. Let me know if anyone is interested.

Marianne Yeakel



Stay Tuned for our "Summer Edition" of the Evangelist! This will include news and events for July and August.



Stewardship Message

Giving to the church is more than giving money. A couple of dollars can't buy what is needed most...human involvement. Time and talent, your time and talent, are the most valuable gifts you can give. Your money lets us obtain substitutes, but no amount of money can ever replace you.

If we are honest and come to grips with certain realities about ourselves, our lives and our worlds, it boils down to this: We, as children of God, are called to account for the many gifts that we have received. We are called to exercise stewardship.

Stewardship means giving. Giving not only as an obligation but as a means of achieving joy.

Time, Talent and Treasure are the gifts we are called upon to give. It is our responsibility to give not just one or two, but all three. Each of our calls to stewardship is an invitation to accept this responsibility.

Dan Traynor



LIVING A
STEWARDSHIP

It is all about your heart...
Everything we have is a gift from God
that we are to use to help others.

Life



Social Ministry Collection for Babies

During the month of June we will be looking for contributions to support Lutheran World Relief – Baby Layette Kits. The Comfort Crafters are in the process of making diapers and receiving blankets for the kits, but we are looking for other items for the kits. We are looking for any of the following items to complete the kits. Items should be new or **very gently used!**

Undershirts, **not onesies**, pullovers or side snap (size 9 to 24 months)

Socks – Size newborn – 12 months

Sweater & Cap or Hooded Sweatshirt (size 6 to 18 months)

Sleepers **without** feet (size 9 – 24 months) or Layette Gowns

Hand Towels

Bars of gentle soap

Diaper Pins

Please place items in the basket in the Coffee Fellowship Area.

Thank you for so generously supporting our campaigns to help the poorest of the poor through Lutheran World Relief. You are all a blessing doing what Christ asks us to do.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Wednesday Summer Sessions

Book Review 11am

Prison to Praise by Merlin Corothers

Bible Study 6pm

Jesus Fulfills His Mission

Starting June 1

It's time for Summer Bible School!

July 25-28, 9am-12pm

"The Cave Adventure"

Your Invited!

We want YOU to participate in a play for RALLY DAY in September! We will be holding practice on Wednesdays throughout the summer from 7-8pm. A sign up sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall! We thank you in advance for volunteering for this exciting opportunity!



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church—Ridge Valley

We are looking for volunteers in many areas. Use your talent to help your church! Do God's work with your hands! Call the office to fill out a volunteer talents sheet and we will get back to you with available opportunities for you to choose from. All ages welcome!

****Other opportunities in our community. ****

Awesome Adventure Women Quakertown, PA

AAW preps, plans and prepares outdoor adventurous events like hiking, biking, kayaking, rock climbing, zip lining, whitewater rafting, and so much more. The website is www.aawonline.com if anyone chooses to check out the type of events AAW participates in. The kind of volunteers I need are women who would like to lead an event and are interested in attending the event for free. The leader of the event would make sure all guests have arrived, collect any monies if required, and follow through with the event with the coordinating facility. All arrangements will be prepared already. They just have to lead and follow through with the event of the day.

Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve New Hope, PA

Retired Teacher? We need your help with our successful environmental children's programs. Lead groups of 10-20 children ages pre-k-7th grade for 1 hour a week. All the fun of teaching in a relaxed setting. Walk the trails, lead hands on activities, encourage questions, share the importance of nature. Come join our dynamic family of volunteers! Training provided. Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve is a 134 acre native plant preserve with majestic walking trails, a tranquil pond, a wooded stream and glorious wildflowers. We provide education programs for children and adults. The Preserve is open to the public year round. Please call Trish at (215)862-2924 or email at mcguire@bhwp.org Explore more at www.bhwp.org

Cultivating Communities Campaign Telford, PA

MISSION: Increase Year-round access to fresh, locally grown produce for low-income individuals and families in the North Penn/Indian Valley area. We have 24 gardens in the region made up of community organizations, schools and local farmers with a means to give back to the broader community. Each gardening site donates the produce raised to a local nonprofit (including food pantries) that serve low-income individuals and families. VOLUNTEER RESPONSIBILITIES: We are seeking volunteers to assist with the daily maintenance, e.g., watering, weeding, planting and harvesting of the gardens along with occasional special projects that a specific site might need. Currently there is a need for a few volunteers in the Hatfield and Harleysville communities. HOURS: Time requirements are flexible. This could be a onetime project or a weekly event. If interested contact the poster and you will be contacted by one of the sponsoring groups in need.

Chili Cook-off and First Holy Communion





2016 READING CHALLENGE



- a book published this year
- a book you can finish in a day
- a book you've been meaning to read
- a book recommended by your local librarian or bookseller
- a book you should have read in school
- a book chosen for you by your spouse, partner, sibling, child, or BFF
- a book published before you were born
- a book that was banned at some point
- a book you previously abandoned
- a book you own but have never read
- a book that intimidates you
- a book you've already read at least once



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June 28 - July 2, 2016

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Save the date!

Lutheran Night at the

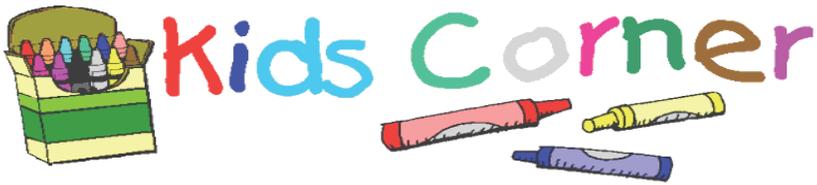
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vs. Milwaukee Brewers

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Benefits Synod Youth Ministries!



Kids Corner

School's Out! Now what? Try this fun scavenger hunt! Gather your friends and divide into two teams. Don't forget to add three of your own choice finds at the bottom of the sheet! Ready, set, GO! Whichever team wins first gets first dibs on popsicles! Enjoy!

Scavenger HUNT

- _____ rock shaped like a 
- _____ stick with at least two twigs attached to it
- _____ a bug with wings
- _____ 3 clovers
- _____ pinecone
- _____ bottlecap
- _____ coin (bonus points for a quarter)
- _____ a handful of sand
- _____ feather

BONUS:  ribbit

team:

Comics



The whole church watched with nervous anticipation as the visitors sat where the Martins have sat for 42 years.

That awkward moment at church when you go for a handshake...



... and they go for a hug.

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**June**