



The Sundays after Pentecost: The color is GREEN

When the liturgical colors change in the Sanctuary, there are reasons for it. I am not one to plagiarize material, but so you know up front, the information below is copied heavily from *The Colors of the Liturgical Season*, authored by Rev. Douglas K. Escue. The information is found on the LCMS.org website in their Worship Library.

For centuries, Christians have used color in divine worship to emphasize the redemptive action of God through his Son. Liturgical color complements the message of the seasons and occasions during the church year and establish a climate in which Law and Gospel may be heard and received. The colors become familiar and help us engage emotionally and intellectually in our worship.

The paraments, vestments, altar cloths, and banners traditionally employed each Sunday, must be seen as more than an attempt to decorate, or give accent to the chancel. A greater service is demanded of our liturgical colors than merely making the surroundings “pretty.”

The colors used are blue, green, black, gold, scarlet, purple, white and red. Each month we will look at a color and explore its deeper meanings.

For July: GREEN

Green is by far the most common color seen during the year. *Lutheran Service Book* calls for its use during the seasons of Epiphany and Pentecost. The first Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox (March 21), also known as Easter Sunday, determines the length of these two seasons.

The days of Epiphany may entail a total of, but not more than, eight Sundays. The season of Pentecost, on the other hand, can last from 22 to 28 Sundays. Green is the appointed color for all but a few of the Sundays during these seasons. Consequently, green may be used an average of six to eight months of any given liturgical year!





Epiphany's message of Christ's revelation to the Gentiles along with the season's traditional emphasis on extending Christ's kingdom through missions, calls for the use of green-the color symbolic of growth.

The Sundays following Pentecost, observed as “the time of the church,” share a somewhat similar theme as that of Epiphany. Affectionately called the season of the “green meadow,” no doubt due to the fact of green being the established color, these Sundays also emphasize the subject of growth.

Green is a neutral color, but there is nothing colorless about our need to grow and mature as disciples of Jesus Christ. That's why the “green meadow” time of the church year is so lengthy. Time must be given to encourage all worshipers to maintain their faith through the constant use of God's means of grace.

Spiritual Tools: Meet Life with a Resounding, “Yes”

Words are symbols we use to express our thoughts, feelings, and intentions. Words have weight, and they carry energy. Words can affect us both positively and negatively. The word yes is particularly powerful. A sincere yes opens our hearts and declares “I am ready, willing, and able.” Words, whether spoken aloud or quietly from the heart are a prayer. Our yes usually answers another's prayer. We want God to say yes to us. Let us first say yes to Him, resoundingly so!

“For all the promises of God find their Yes in [Christ]. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.” 2 Corinthians 1:20

Peace be with you,
Christina Keiper
Altar Guild Chair

Come Holy Spirit



This month I would like to examine a word that you probably read about, or heard in a sermon, but the meaning of the word is a little strange to some of us. The word is “Kairos”, and the origin of the word is Greek. Translated it means “the opportune moment.” It is a call for us to act now, a time when conditions are right for the accomplishment of a crucial action.

Looking at Luke 12:54-56, we begin to understand a little more: “And He was also saying to the multitudes, when you see a cloud rising in the west. Immediately you say, a shower is coming and so it turns out. And when you see a south wind blowing, you say it will be a hot day, and it turns out that way.” God is at hand in every moment, every Kairos, consider these two powerful questions: What is God saying? And how can I respond?

Mark 1: verse 15 instructs us this way: “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” So how do we participate in a Kairos moment? Better yet, how do we recognize one? We should always live our days looking for those moments in our daily walks with Christ. They can happen anytime. Ask yourself, “Am I ready, willing and watching for Him to move in new and exciting ways?”

There is a season for love and birth and death and creativity. You know when the season has come, but you never could expect it ahead of time. Everything we do is marked by the steady march of time. Seconds to minutes to hours to days to months and years. The problem for all of us is that the clock crawls toward the next tick. Let’s ask ourselves the following two questions: Where did all the years go? Did I miss out on my chance to make a difference?

See you at church!
Dennis Smith



June 2022

The BOD met on 6/23/22, for their regularly scheduled Board meeting. We are still meeting virtually on Zoom.

Our financial situation continues to be sound. As we were last month, we remain in the black. The Board thanks everyone for your continued giving during this challenging time as we search for a new pastor.

The Board approved the bid for the complete remodel at a cost of \$131,900.00 and approved the first phase. This includes repair of the damage caused by termites and weather-related water damage located on the outside of the Community Room by the air conditioners, which is estimated at \$47,900.00. Part of the work will be removing the electrical panel by the air conditioners at the back entrance to rebuild the walls. This will require us to cut off the electricity for at least five days or more. The work is scheduled during the week. The total project is planned to be done in three phases. The next phase will be replacing the doors in the sanctuary leading outside. They have heavy weather damage and will be replaced. The last phase will include updating outside lighting around the building, replacing damaged areas outside of the building and updating the fellowship hall. We thank everyone for their patience as we complete this major improvement project.

Other issues discussed at the Board meeting:

- Re-establish ushers, readers, and greeters. Christopher Longman and Nancy Kaul will coordinate and develop a plan of action.
- The Oktoberfest committee continues to meet and plan. Please consider assisting with this mission project that includes a lot of fellowship as we plan for our 42nd annual Oktoberfest celebration. Jane Kersh and Mark Keyl will serve as co-facilitators this year. Please see Jane or Mark if you are interested in helping with the coordination of the event.
- The Call process continues, with the Call Committee interviewing potential candidates. Please keep the committee and the process in your prayers.
- The minutes of the Board meetings can be reviewed on the bulletin board near the pastor's office.

That is all for now. Please contact any BOD member if you have any questions. We all are the church and it is your congregation.

Yours in Christ,
The Board



LWML Mites collected on Sunday, June 5, 2022 totaled \$92.30. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of the Mission Grants selected in convention by the Gulf States District and National LWML.

Summer has arrived! In past years, prior to Covid 19, the LWML members would take a break from regular business activities to enjoy times with family, travel, visiting friends, etc. Even though there were no planned activities scheduled during the summer months, we would continue to "serve the Lord" and show the "Love of Jesus" at every opportunity. In July, we would host a "Summer Luncheon" at a favorite restaurant and invite all women and friends from Saint John Lutheran to come and enjoy the fellowship. Some of you may remember - the last luncheon was held on July 27, 2019, at Cotton Blues restaurant in Hattiesburg. There were twenty-six women and friends in attendance!

On June 5, 2022, LWML Business meeting, members voted to host a special Potluck Salad Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, August 6, 2022. All women and friends from Saint John Lutheran—especially new women- are invited! It has been a long three years since we have been able to share the opportunity of fellowship with our sisters in Christ here at Saint John Lutheran. We are planning an afternoon of good food, fun, and fellowship! Ladies! You are Invited!! Please mark your calendar now and make plans to come, bring a friend, and enjoy this special day! Watch for more information in the upcoming Bulletins and Newsletter.

On Sunday, July 3, 2022, there will be a short Business meeting in the Community Room immediately following the worship service. Agenda: Finalize plans for the Potluck Salad Luncheon on Saturday, August 6, 2022.

LWML Mites will be collected on Sunday, July 3, 2022. If you are unable to attend the worship service, you may make your check out to Saint John Lutheran LWML and mail it directly to Christian Noffke at 108 Ramblewood Drive, Hattiesburg, MS 39402.

LWML MISSION STATEMENT:

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support Missions and equip women to honor God by serving others.

Until Next Time "Serve the Lord with Gladness!!!"
Shirley Thone
President LWML

*Think Inside
the Box*



OCTOBERFEST PREPARATION SCHEDULE FOR 2022

DATE	LEADER	ACTIVITY	TIME	PEOPLE NEEDED
JULY 1ST	MARK KEYL	CLEAN REFRIGERATORS, PUBLICITY, MUSIC, PURCHASE MATERIALS, ETC	30HRS	8
AUG 20th SATURDAY	BOB CUBLEY	MAKE 20 GALLONS OF MUSTARD	4 HRS	Volunteer Slots Filled
AUG 7TH SUNDAY	MARY & MAGGIE	CUT BUTTER, SOUR CREAM & EGG MIXTURE /MAKE DOUGH	3 HRS	15
AUG 13TH SATURDAY	MARY & MAGGIE	MAKE STRUDELS	6 HRS	20
SEPT 18TH SUNDAY	MARY & MAGGIE	FRY BACON & SORT POTATOES	4 HRS	15
SEPT 24TH SATURDAY	MARY & MAGGIE	MAKE POTATO SALAD	7 HRS	25
SEPT 25TH SUNDAY	MARY & MAGGIE	MAKE SAUERKRAUT	7HRS	20
SEPT 29TH THURSDAY		BAKE STRUDELS ? , CUT UP ONIONS FOR LINE, FILL UP DELI CONTAINERS WITH SAUERKRAUT & POTATO SALAD	8 HRS	5
SEPT 30TH FRIDAY		TEA MAKING?, FINISH HALL, DELI ETC. SET UP		
OCT 1ST SATURDAY		OCTOBERFEST & CLEAN UP	15 HRS	70
NOTES:				
NEED MUSTARD & INGREDIENTS BEFORE JULY 9TH				
NEED BUTTER, SOUR CREAM, EGGS, APPLES BEFORE AUG 7TH				
NEED CUT UP BACON & POTATOES BEFORE SEPT. 18TH				
NEED APPLES, SAUERKRAUT BEFORE SEPT 25TH				



What's the Buzz?

Kaffee Klatsch: We will be meeting at 1:30 on Wednesday, July 20th to work on our OKTOBERFEST quilt raffle tickets.

Ladies of St. John: Saturday, August 6, is the date that has been chosen by LWML for our ladies' luncheon. We have not gathered together for a couple of years so we are really looking forward to a fellowship of all the ladies. Reserve the date now and we will have more details for you after our July Meeting. Him we serve, The LWML

Breadbasket: "I was hungry and you gave me food." Matthew 25:35

First Sunday Breadbasket Collection will begin in August. Of course, you are welcome to bring canned and non-perishable items anytime. Food items go in the basket on the hall credenza across from the classrooms. One of our members then sees that the items make their way to the Edwards Street Fellowship Center.

Items requested: canned goods, cereal, peanut butter, bags of rice, bags of beans, Jiffy Mix, mac and cheese dinners, and saltines.

LCMS Youth Gathering: Mark Keyl, Ethan Potesta, and Shelley Thomson will be assisting at this incredible event. The LCMS Youth Gathering is scheduled for July 9–13, 2022, in Houston, Texas, under the theme "In All Things." The gathering has been held every three years since 1980. Please keep Mark, Ethan, Shelley and all those attending the Youth Gathering in your prayers.

Oktoberfest: The "Day of Volunteer" sign up board is now available in the church lobby awaiting your signatures!

Men's Breakfast: The next meeting is on Saturday, July 2nd at 9AM. We will meet for breakfast and fellowship at Chesterfields located at 4646 Hardy Street. Bring a friend, your appetite, and a smile. See you there!

The Avenues Bible Study Group: Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 10am at Saint John. They are studying Be Still & Know: A Study of Rest and Refuge. The next meeting will be July 13th.

July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 12pm AA	2 9am Men's Breakfast 10am AA
3 10:30am Worship MITES Collected	4 12pm AA Office Closed Independence Day!!	5 12pm AA	6 10am Avenue's Bible Study 12pm AA	7 12pm AA	8 12pm AA	9 10am AA
10 10:30am Worship	11 12pm AA	12 12pm AA	13 12pm AA	14 12pm AA	15 12pm AA	16 10am AA
17 10:30am Worship Oktoberfest Meeting	18 12pm AA	19 12pm AA	20 10am Avenue's Bible Study 12pm AA	21 12pm AA 7pm BOD	22 12pm AA	23 10am AA
24 10:30am Worship	25 12pm AA	26 12pm AA	27 12pm AA	28 12pm AA	29 12pm AA	30 10am AA
31 10:30am Worship						

Serving in July

Interim Pastor

Gary Weier

Music Director

Jason Sims

Altar Care Team

Jane Kersh & Christina Keiper

Live Streaming of Worship Services — www.saintjohnhattiesburg.com.

Portals of Prayer for July-Sept are available at the lobby mailboxes.

July Newsletter — available via the church website and printed copies are at the foyer mailboxes. Thanks to all those who contributed!

August Newsletter Deadline — Monday, July 18th at 10am.

LWML Mites — will be collected July 3rd. Thank you for supporting the Mission grants of the National and Gulf States District.

LWML Meeting — following worship in the Community room, Sunday, July 3rd. Agenda: Summer Plans.

Next Men's Breakfast – August 6th at 9:00am. Food and Fellowship at Chesterfield's.



Birthdays in July

Grey Jordan 7/1	Julia Hagen 7/2	Dennis Smith 7/3
Ethan Noffke 7/4	Nancy Kaul 7/6	Lillian Smith 7/7
Cindy Landry 7/8	Bridgette Lee 7/10	Cheyenne Thiel 7/16
Robert Meyer 7/21	Jesse Cubley-Jordan 7/22	Patrice Lovdahl 7/22
Debbie Geroux 7/27	Lorhetta Lawrence 7/27	Colin Cubley 7/29
	Joyce Coll 7/30	



Baptisms in July

Christina Noffke 7/2	Elaine Kersh 7/10	Patrice Lovdahl 7/20
Jesse Cubley-Jordan 7/26	Cheyenne Thiel 7/27	Donna Blair 7/28



Weddings in July

James & Renee Elledge, 38 yrs 7/14	Steve & Lorhetta Lawrence, 20 yrs 7/27
Brand & Bridgette Lee, 16 yrs 7/10	Norbert & Trenia Thiel, 28 yrs 7/30

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