

# The Church Door



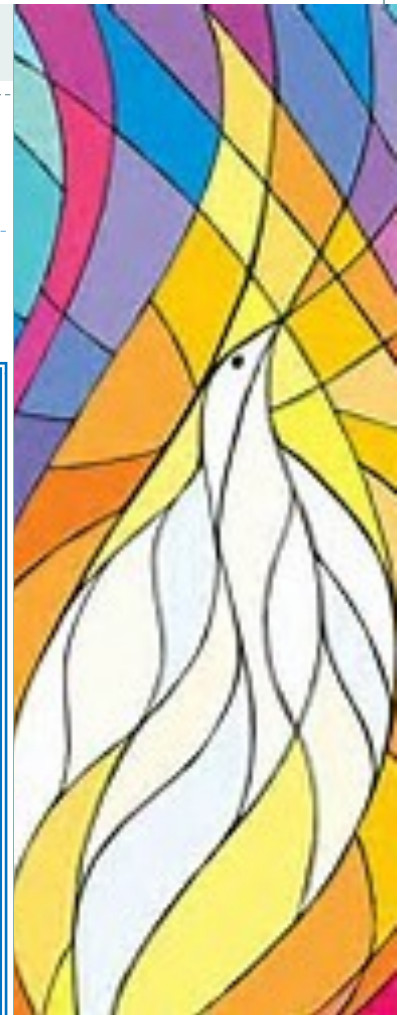
## Welcome Baby Johnson!

Samuel Edward Johnson was born on May 30, 2018, at 1:01pm.

He weighed 8lbs 14oz and is 20.5 inches long. He has red hair and blue eyes.

The family is now happily residing at home and mom and baby are both doing well.

We thank God for a healthy and successful pregnancy and delivery, the amazing care received while in the NICU, and all of the prayers and support from family and friends!

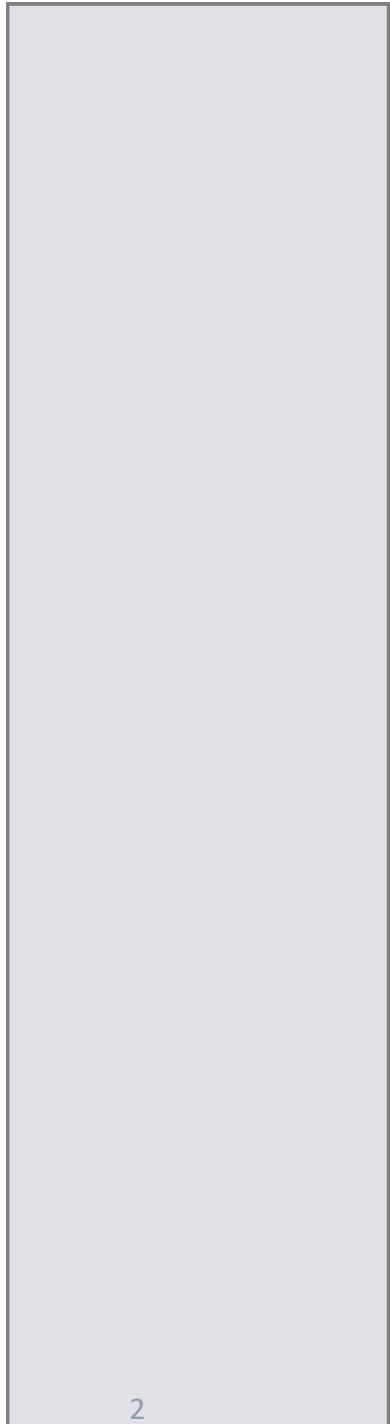


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# PASTOR'S CORNER



# LESSONS & HYMNS

## July 15, 2018— Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

<i>Deacon</i>	Jeff Ward	<b>Lessons</b>	<b>Hymns</b>
<i>Accomp.</i>	Nancy Gibson & Barb Anderson	Amos 7:7—15	#556—Morning Has Broken
<i>Lector</i>		Psalms 85:8—13	#
<i>Acolyte</i>	William Pastoor	Ephesians 1:3—14	#182—Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
<i>Ushers</i>	Randy Borreson & Dustin Shunta	Mark 6:14—29	#479—We Come to the Hungry Feast
<i>Safety</i>	Tom Whitehead & Dave Justian		#807—Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
<i>Nursery</i>	Michelle Ward		
<i>Counters</i>	Tom & Betty Proksa, John Moore, Tom Whitehead		

## July 22, 2018— Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

<i>Deacon</i>	Janeen Pastoor	<b>Lessons</b>	<b>Hymns</b>
<i>Accomp.</i>	John Bryson	Jeremiah 23:1—6	#802—Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus
<i>Lector</i>		Psalms 23	#782—My Shepherd, You Supply My Need
<i>Acolyte</i>	Hope Shunta	Ephesians 2:11—22	#611—I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
<i>Ushers</i>	Michelle & Jeff Ward	Mark 6:30—34, 53—56	#182—Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
<i>Safety</i>	Andrew Kitchka & Rich Wygant		#592—Just As I Am, without One Plea
<i>Nursery</i>	Donna Whitehead		#543—Go, My Children, with My Blessing
<i>Counters</i>	Randy & Cindy Borreson, Michelle Ward		

## July 29, 2018— Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (Baptism of Samuel Johnson)

<i>Presiding</i>	Bishop Wilma Kucharek	<b>Lessons</b>	<b>Hymns</b>
<i>Deacon</i>	Andrew Kitchka	2 Kings 4:42—44	#
<i>Accomp.</i>	Ardy Bulthouse	Psalms 145:10—18	#
<i>Lector</i>		Ephesians 3:14—21	#
<i>Acolyte</i>	Braxton Ward	John 6:1—21	#182—Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
<i>Crucifer</i>			#
<i>Torchbrs.</i>			#
<i>Ushers</i>			#
<i>Safety</i>	Tom Proksa & Mike Sellon		
<i>Nursery</i>	Lauren Johnson		
<i>Counters</i>	Emogene Cotal, Donna Whitehead, Janet Wolf		

# GROUP NEWS

**The Dorcas Circle** meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 am. The next meeting is Thursday, August 2, at 10:00 am. For more information on the Dorcas Circle please contact Betty Proksa.

**The Men's Club** meets for breakfast the second Saturday of each month at 9:00am for a time of fellowship and to discuss or take care of miscellaneous things around church. The next meeting is Saturday, July 14, at 9:00am at Whitlow's Forerunner Restaurant.  
Contact Tom Whitehead at 231-740-2144 for more information.

**The B.I.B.L.E. Club** meets immediately following the Children's Sermon during Sunday worship. B.I.B.L.E. Club will begin meeting again in the fall. This month the children are cleaning up the DML butterfly garden and installing a new butterfly house. Please contact Dawn Snider at 616 791-4413 for more information.



Happy 50th Wedding  
Anniversary to  
Dave and Rose Justian!  
Love is the greatest gift!

Thank you to all who attended the  
Special Congregational Meeting on  
July 8.

Please keep Laurie Tilden in your pray-  
ers as she undergoes surgery on July  
13. We'll be thinking of you and hoping  
for a speedy recovery!



## MILITARY FAMILY

*Please remember those serving*

**Master Chief Russ  
Tilden, Jr.  
United States Navy**

**Staff Sergeant Lance  
Hughson  
United States Air Force**

## Council News

Council met on June 5, 2018. The meeting was called to order by President Janeen Pastoor and she led the meeting with a prayer. Reports were received from all groups and committees. Among the topics discussed were the proposal for Pastor Johnson's office renovations to be voted on by the congregation on July 8 as well as the remaining topics of property upkeep, the framing of the Pastor's pictures and biographies in Fellowship Hall and upcoming events and projects. Summer Bible reading challenge will return and DML will once again be helping with St. Gregory's VBS. Details to come.



## Prayer List



Laurie Tilden	Roger Anderson	Pari Bailey	Christine Praskac
Jill Ward	Gene Fortune	Ada Filka	Sue Galekovich
Ann Hamil	Tom Hulka	Tillie Jandris	Carissa Jones
Tom Fortenbacher	Jan Kerekrety	Charlie Majersky	Danny Moore
Gary VanderStelt	Samuel & Katie Johnson		



# CALENDAR OBSERVANCES-JULY 2018

## Sunday, July 1

**Catherine Winkworth, died 1878; John Mason Neale, died 1866; hymn translators**

Neale was an English priest associated with the movement for church renewal at Cambridge. Winkworth lived most of her life in Manchester, where she was involved in promoting women's rights. These two hymnwriters translated many hymn texts into English. Catherine Winkworth devoted herself to the translation of German hymns, nineteen of which are included in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*; the fourteen hymn translations of John Mason Neale in the collection represent his specialization in ancient Latin and Greek hymns.

## Tuesday, July 3

**Thomas, Apostle**

Thomas is perhaps best remembered as "Doubting Thomas." But alongside this doubt, the Gospel of John shows Thomas as fiercely loyal: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16). And John's gospel shows Thomas moving from doubt to deep faith. Thomas makes one of the strongest confessions of faith in the New Testament, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). From this confession of faith, ancient stories tell of Thomas's missionary work to India, where Christian communities were flourishing a thousand years before the arrival of sixteenth-century missionaries.

## Friday, July 6

**Jan Hus, martyr, died 1415**

Jan Hus was a Bohemian priest who spoke against abuses in the church of his day in many of the same ways Luther would a century later. He spoke against the withholding of the cup at the eucharist and because of this stance was excommunicated, not for heresy but for insubordination toward his archbishop. He preached against the selling of indulgences and was particularly mortified by the indulgence trades of two rival claimants to the papacy who were raising money for war against each other. He was found guilty of heresy by the Council of Constance and burned at the stake. The followers of Jan Hus became known as the Czech Brethren and eventually continued as the Moravian Church.

## Wednesday, July 11

**Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, died around 540**

Benedict is known as the father of Western monasticism. He was educated in Rome but was appalled by the decline of life around him. He went to live as a hermit, and a community of monks came to gather around him. In the prologue of his rule for monasteries he wrote that his intent in drawing up his regulations was "to set down nothing harsh, nothing burdensome." It is that moderate spirit that characterizes his rule and the monastic communities that are formed by it. Benedict still encourages a generous spirit of hospitality in that visitors to Benedictine communities are to be welcomed as Christ himself.

## Thursday, July 12

**Nathan Söderblom, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1931**

In 1930, this Swedish theologian, ecumenist, and social activist received the Nobel Prize for peace. Söderblom (ZAY-der-blom) saw the value of the ancient worship of the church catholic and encouraged the liturgical movement. He also valued the work of liberal Protestant scholars and believed social action was a first step on the path toward a united Christianity. He organized the Universal Christian Council on Life and Work, one of the organizations that in 1948 came together to form the World Council of Churches.

## Tuesday, July 17

**Bartolomé de Las Casas, missionary to the Indies, died 1566**

Bartolomé de Las Casas was a Spanish priest and a missionary in the Western Hemisphere. He first came to the West while serving in the military, and he was granted a large estate that included a number of indigenous slaves. When he was ordained in 1513, he granted freedom to his servants. This act characterized much of the rest of Las Casas's ministry. Throughout the Caribbean and Central America, he worked to stop the enslavement of native people, to halt the brutal treatment of women by military forces, and to promote laws that humanized the process of colonization.

## Sunday, July 22

**Mary Magdalene, Apostle**

The gospels report Mary Magdalene was one of the women of Galilee who

followed Jesus. She was present at Jesus' crucifixion and his burial. When she went to the tomb on the first day of the week to anoint Jesus' body, she was the first person to whom the risen Lord appeared. She returned to the disciples with the news and has been called "the apostle to the apostles" for her proclamation of the resurrection. Because John's gospel describes Mary as weeping at the tomb, she is often portrayed in art with red eyes. Icons depict her standing by the tomb and holding a bright red egg, symbol of the resurrection.

## Monday, July 23

**Birgitta of Sweden, renewer of the church, died 1373**

Birgitta (beer-GEET-uh) was married at age thirteen and had four daughters with her husband. She was a woman of some standing who, in her early thirties, served as the chief lady-in-waiting to the queen of Sweden. She was widowed at the age of thirty-eight, shortly after she and her husband had made a religious pilgrimage. Following the death of her husband the religious dreams and visions that had begun in her youth occurred more regularly. Her devotional commitments led her to give to the poor and needy all that she owned, and she began to live a more ascetic life. She founded an order of monks and nuns, the Order of the Holy Savior (Brigittines), whose superior was a woman. Today the Society of St. Birgitta is a laypersons' society that continues her work of prayer and charity.

## Wednesday, July 25

**James, Apostle**

James is one of the sons of Zebedee and is counted as one of the twelve disciples. Together with his brother John they had the nickname "sons of thunder." One of the stories in the New Testament tells of their request for Jesus to grant them places of honor in the kingdom. They are also reported to have asked Jesus for permission to send down fire on a Samaritan village that had not welcomed them. James was the first of the Twelve to suffer martyrdom and is the only apostle whose martyrdom is recorded in scripture. He is sometimes called James the Elder to distinguish him from James the Less, commemorated with Philip on May 1, and James of Jerusalem, commemorated on October 23.

## Saturday, July 28

**Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750; Heinrich Schütz, died 1672;**

**George Frederick Handel, died 1759; musicians**

These three composers have done much to enrich the worship life of the church. Johann Sebastian Bach drew on the Lutheran tradition of hymnody and wrote about two hundred cantatas, including at least two for each Sunday and festival day in the Lutheran calendar of his day. He has been called "the fifth evangelist" for the ways he proclaimed the gospel through his music. George Frederick Handel was not primarily a church musician, but his great work *Messiah* is a musical proclamation of the scriptures. Heinrich Schütz wrote choral settings of biblical texts and paid special attention to ways his composition would underscore the meaning of the words.

## Sunday, July 29

**Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany**

Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality and refreshment they offered Jesus in their home. Following the characterization drawn by Luke, Martha represents the active life, Mary the contemplative. Mary is identified in the fourth gospel as the one who anointed Jesus before his passion and who was criticized for her act of devotion. Lazarus, Mary's and Martha's brother, was raised from the dead by Jesus as a sign of the eternal life offered to all believers. It was over Lazarus's tomb that Jesus wept for love of his friend.

## Sunday, July 29

**Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, died 1030**

Olaf is considered the patron saint of Norway. In his early career he engaged in war and piracy in the Baltic and in Normandy. In Rouen, though, he was baptized and became a Christian. He returned to Norway, succeeded his father as king, and from then on Christianity was the dominant religion of the realm. He revised the laws of the nation and enforced them with strict impartiality, eliminating the possibility of bribes. He thereby alienated much of the aristocracy. The harshness that he sometimes resorted to in order to establish Christianity and his own law led to a rebellion. After being driven from the country and into exile, he enlisted support from Sweden to try to regain his kingdom, but he died in battle.

# JULY 2018

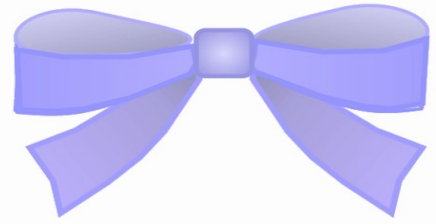
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am	2 Congregational Life 7:00pm	3 Church Council 6:30pm	4 <b>Independence Day</b>	5 Dorcas Circle 10:00am	6	7
8 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am  <i>Special Congregational Meeting</i>	9  Parish Education 7:00pm	10  Finance Committee 6:30pm	11	12	13	14  Men's Club 9:00am @ Whitlows  Butterfly Garden Cleanup 9:00am
15 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am	16  Property Committee 5:30pm	17  Worship & Music 6:30pm	18	19	20	21
22  Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am	23	24	25	26	27	28
29  Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am  <i>Baby Johnson's Baptism</i>	30	31				

The butterfly garden clean-up was postponed due to rain and rescheduled for



Saturday, July 14 at 9:00am.

B.I.B.L.E. Club children are invited to help with clean-up. A pizza lunch will be served afterwards.



Congratulations Matthew and Jennifer Kitchka on the birth of William Lee

Kitchka, 5 pounds, 13 ounces, 19 inches long on July 1, 2018. Both mom and baby are doing well!



The donation sent by Christine Praskac was used to purchase a butterfly house for the DML Butterfly Garden.

Thank you to Jill Ward for choosing such a nice butterfly house! The house will be installed on Saturday, June 23rd when B.I.B.L.E Club has their clean-up day. B.I.B.L.E Club would like to thank Christine for her generous donation!



Hope Shunta is in the Central Park Player's production of Shrek Jr. the Musical with Andrew Kitchka as Assistant Director at the Grand Haven Community Center, July 26-28 at 7:30pm! For ticket information please call 616-843-3906 or visit [centralparkplayers.org](http://centralparkplayers.org) starting July 12.

Thank you

Pastor Kenneth Michnay for leading us in worship while Pastor Mike was on leave enjoying his newborn son. You are appreciated!

Did you Know? We have Office Hours!!

Pastor Mike is in the office Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 4:00pm!

Andrea is in the Office Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00am to 12:00pm

Stop in and See us!

## Mission Statement

We are a people of God in Christ, called to believe and sent to serve.

The "Church Door" title is taken from the "Theses Door" of the Castle Church which has made Wittenburg so famous.

Just as the "Theses Door" was used as a bulletin board for notices in Luther's time, this newsletter can also be used by our members to communicate with each other and our guests about church life and events. Published monthly, The Church Door is available the last Sunday of the month.

Please contact Andrea Iams (231-730-3584 or [ai.dmlc@outlook.com](mailto:ai.dmlc@outlook.com)) if you'd like to add an article or event to next month's newsletter!

## Upcoming Events

July 14, 2018

### **Butterfly Garden Clean-Up**

9:00 am

July 29, 2018

### **Baptism of Samuel Edward Johnson**

10:00 am

July 30-August 2

### **St. Gregory's VBS/Arts Camp**

5:30 pm

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