



## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TAMMY



*Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!*

I pray that God has blessed you all with good health and wellness. You have been in my daily prayers for God's mighty hand to protect you, keep you, grant you peace, and sustain you during these challenging times. I lift up Paul's words in his letter to the **Romans, Chapter 12, verse 12**: *"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."* I encourage us all to be diligent in our prayer life as we hold one another in our petitions ever sustained by the presence of God.

Praise the Lord for continuing to walk beside each one of us during this time of pandemic and unrest. We, at St. John's, are so blessed to have an incredibly dedicated ministry team and band of musicians. The Holy Spirit continues to stir up creativity!

On March 22<sup>nd</sup> we were able to jump right in to live streaming our worship services on account of the Holy Spirit working through Henry, Marie, Deacon Betsey, Deacon Ken, and Janice. My sincere thanks to each and every one of them. And, my thanks to our young people who, with the help of their Sunday school teachers, parents, and guardians, were able to creatively and safely share with us prerecorded Bible Story skits that were absolutely delightful and fun to watch.

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, we excitedly began our Drive-In Park and Pray worship services with the support of our church council members. Further, on June 28<sup>th</sup> we added "*lawnship*" worship allowing for social distancing under the shady trees alongside the cars. How wonderful to be able to see so many of your faces again. How wonderful to be able to gather around Word and Sacrament together again, safely having communion thanks to the craftsmanship of Roy Fennimore and his communion sticks. And, how wonderful to be able to worship with so many of you online! We will continue to live stream, worshiping with you, even when we gather again in the sanctuary.

I remain grateful to God for all of you; I am honored to serve as your pastor. I feel grateful and privileged to lead worship services supported by such a gifted and committed ministry team, a team that has expanded. Thank you, Ted and Leah for jumping in to assist with the Drive-In services. Bravo and thank you to our band musicians who now join Ken, Betsey, and Janice in making joyful noises to the Lord — thanks Bill, Mackenzie, Thomas, Steven, Rich, and Harrison, for sharing your talents for the glory of God.

God bless each and every one of you. May God continue to keep us all in God's grace as we welcome new friends in worship, proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ, walking in His ways, remaining patient, prayerful, and ever rejoicing in hope.

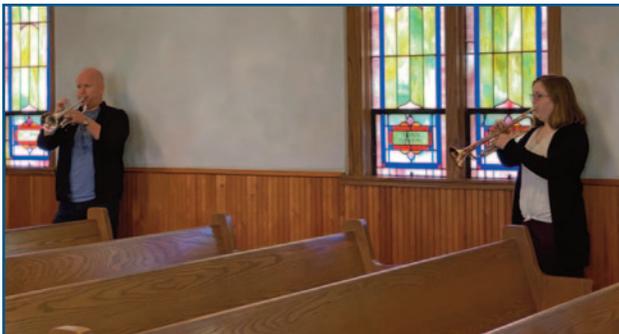
Blessings,

Pastor Tammy



2020 March, April & May

## St. John's Lutheran Church Indoor Live Streaming of Church Services



St. John's began streaming indoor worship services when the prohibition on gathering in person was first announced. At that time, masks were not yet mandatory, but the worship team did maintain social distancing. The live streaming of indoor services continued through May 31<sup>st</sup>.



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## St. John's Lutheran Church Outdoor Live Streaming of Church Services



As the weather finally allowed, we began holding outdoor drive-in worship services on June 7<sup>th</sup>, while live streaming continued. Pastor Tammy led the service from the "upper deck" at the back of the parish house, and communion was served once again.



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Worshippers listen to the sermon, receive communion and clap along with familiar hymns once again.



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Creative ideas allowed us to safely worship together, using FM broadcasting to car radios, and "Fennimore sticks" to distribute the elements from a safe distance.

# ST. JOHN CHURCH PHOTO GALLERY



## 2020 June • Park and Pray & Lawnship Worship Service St. John's Lutheran Church Outdoor Live Streaming of Church Services



With restrictions on gathering being eased, St. John's held its first "Lawnship" worship service on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Worshipers had the choice of staying in their cars or sitting in chairs in the shade. St. John's Little Big Band played at ground level.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE NEWSLETTER TEAM



We do expect to continue live streaming and worshipping outside, always following current guidelines and regulations for gathering in a safe manner. While we are always hopeful for a quick return to what used to be our normal gatherings in the sanctuary for worship, we may find that for the remainder of the summer our “normal” worship service will be on the lawn (weather permitting) and on Facebook.

We will be livestreaming from inside the sanctuary on a regular basis even when we can safely gather inside, allowing anyone home-bound or away on vacation — or anywhere in the world on the internet — to join us in worship.

## ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF



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