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St. Michael and All Angels

By Pastor Dan

There are many mistaken ideas about who angels are, what they do, the fallen angels, and if we will eventually become angels. On September 29th the larger Christian Church celebrates the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. This year the feast falls on a Tuesday so we will not be recognizing this feast in worship. However, this is a good opportunity to learn more about who the angels are and what they do for us. Below is an excerpt from *Celebrating the Saints* by William Weedon (CPH 2016) where the history of this feast and the biblical witness to angels is discussed. Enjoy!

Your Fellow Servant in Christ,

Pastor Dan

SEPTEMBER 29 - With great joy, the Holy Church celebrates on this day the Feast of **St. Michael and All Angels.**

Originally, this was just the Feast of St. Michael, the archangel. The idea of including all the angels on this day arose among the Anglican Christians and was carried over by English-speaking Lutherans. This was an easy adaptation since Lutherans from the time of the Reformation had used the feast to set forth the biblical teaching on the service of the holy angels to the children of God.

The name Michael in Hebrew means “Who is like God?” We first meet this angel by name in the Book of Daniel. He appears again in the New Testament in Jude and in the twelfth chapter of Revelation. He is depicted as warring with Satan and the fallen angels and serving and protecting the people of God.

In Church tradition, Michael is most often joined to Gabriel (mentioned in Luke’s Gospel) and Raphael (from the Apocrypha). These are the latter creatures referenced in the Church’s great Proper Preface during the Diving Service: “with angels and archangels.”

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On this day, we remember how Scripture relates angels constantly weaving in and out of the Gospel itself. An angel announces the impending birth of Christ to Mary in person and to Joseph in a dream. An angel announces the birth of Christ as good news of great joy to the shepherds. Angels sing glory to God and peace on earth on Christmas night. Angels direct Joseph's trip to Egypt and back. Our Lord teaches that the angels who serve the little ones constantly behold the Father's face in heaven. Angels are present at our Lord's Passion in Gethsemane. They announce His resurrection on Easter morning. They speak to the disciples at the Ascension. They free Peter from prison. They speak to Paul. They long to look into the mysteries that are revealed now through the Church's proclamation. We gather with them when we worship. They appear throughout the Revelation to St. John.

The Old Testament is as replete as the New Testament with references to them. Their special task regarding believers is given in Psalm 34:7: "The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them." We remember them in our morning and evening prayers when we pray to the heavenly Father, "Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me." We ask God to send His holy angels to accompany us along our life's journey and know that in the end of our days, we will join them in singing His praises forever.

Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angles always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. Amen.

READINGS: Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3 / Revelation 12:7-12 / Matthew 18:1-11 / Luke 10:17-20

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain: "Alleluia!"
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!" (LSB 670:1)



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In Our Prayers

Shut-Ins: Lucy Brown, Dale Kletke, June Maw, Joan Foster

Sick and/or Recovering: Debbie Ledbetter, Zoey (Tangkawarow's family member), Mary Richardson, Cody Atkinson, Pastor Dan Kletke, Don Kirkegaard (Bob's brother), Steve Tabb, Donna Heldt, Bonnie Yeatts (George's sister-in-law), Sue Poehlein, Dave Schouweiler, Carolyn Westlund.

Prayer Chain: For prayer concerns please contact one of the following:

- Phone prayer chain: Mary Richardson, (719) 269-1426
- E-mail prayer chain: Sue Poehlein, cspoehlein@gmail.com

If you would like to join either prayer chain, please contact Mary or Sue respectively. If you would like a Christian greeting card from St. John sent to your loved one listed on the above prayer list, please contact Mary Richardson, with the address where it should be sent.

Service Members: Jake Langley (U.S. Navy), Jerrico Leason (U.S. Customs and Border Protection), April Collins (Albuquerque Police Dept., Dietrich Kletke (Hartsel Fire Dept.).

Missionaries: JP & Aimee Cima - missionaries in Cambodia that St. John has adopted.

Special Prayers: Please talk to the Pastor prior to the Sunday service for special prayers



Members receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion and blessings on August 23.



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St. John News and Notes

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, July 5	74	Sunday, July 12	76	Sunday, July 19	86
Sunday, July 26	72	Sunday, August 2	73	Sunday, August 9	75
Sunday, August 16	89	Sunday, August 23	116 (40 th Anniversary Sunday)		

SNAPSHOTS AROUND ST. JOHN: Please email Gail K. your church activity photos for our newsletters to office@stjohncanoncity.org, ATTN: Gail. Thank you very much.



In September the Red Sock Dime Mission contribution is 9 dimes or the equivalent. Once again, I'll make you a deal. If you contribute \$1 in September, the extra dime can be applied to the November contribution when it is 11 dimes. Red Socks easily accommodate \$1 bills. We have an anonymous LWML supporter who has offered to match the total Red Sock Dime Mission contributions. Please share Red Sock Dime Mission recipient ideas with Toni Davidson or me. It would be great if you can provide a website or other information about the proposed recipient.

The Fall Rally will be held at Faith Lutheran Church in Falcon, CO. The date will be either September 19 or October 10. I will share more details as I receive them.

LWML meeting dates are temporarily moving off the third Saturday of each month. Due to the car show and church retreat, in September, the LWML meeting will be Saturday the 12th @ 9 am. We will meet at church. The November LMWL meeting will be November 14th. The Ladies Christmas Brunch will be Saturday December 12th. Please save the date in December and join us for fellowship and a mission project activity.

Blessings to All,
Angela Bellantoni



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Snapshots Around St. John



Chaplain David Wurdemann leads the childrens' message July 5.



Rev. Rick Barklage delivers the sermon on July 26.



Rev. Rick Barklage leads the childrens' message on August 2.



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Elder Curtis Eulert
lights the candles
on July 19, 2026.



Former member Lily, her husband Connor Foster, and son Theodore, visited St. John on August 9, 2026.



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We appreciate our trustees: Bob Kirkegaard, Nate, Cody, & Matt Harms.



Doris Cunningham
February 25, 1935~
June 26, 2026



The funeral for former member Doris Cunningham was held at St. John on July 9, 2026.



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We Received Ten New Members on August 23, 2026

Absent were Mike Critchett and Sonny Zimmerman



Robin Burke



Michael & Katherine Dacey



Tessa Sandoval



Tabor & Alison Stevens



John & Harriet
Stevenson



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New Member Sunday: August 23, 2026

Please welcome them to St. John.



L-R: Tessa Sandoval, Harriet & John Stevenson, Robin Burke, Michael & Katherine Dacey, Alison & Tabor Stevens.



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St. John Celebrates 40 Years of Ministry



The St. John Lutheran Church congregation gathered on the north lawn in front of the cross for a full group photograph after their 40th Anniversary worship service on August 23, 2026.

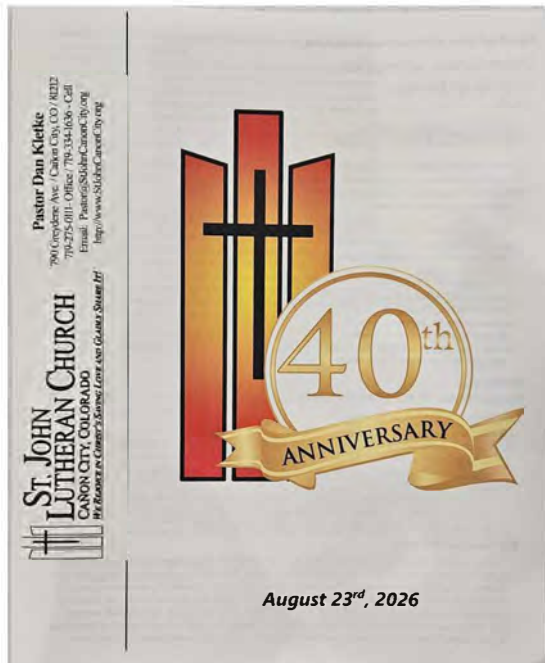
Thirteen well-behaved children were seated on a quilt, twenty people sat on chairs, and everyone else gathered behind them, according to height as well as possible. We stretched farther east and west than expected. The weather was wonderful, thanks to the Lord. Pastor Dan Kletke is kneeling on the left; President Rev. James Maxwell is kneeling on the right.

*(Photo taken by Gail Kirkegaard, and brightened by filtering by Ashley Thom.
If you would like a copy please let Gail K. know and she will send you one by email.)*



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LCMS District
President, Rev.
James Maxwell,
preached.

Sermon

Our worship attendance was 116.

Ryan's tee shirt: **R.E.D.** stands for **Remember Everyone Deployed**.





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The choir sang "Built on The Rock" before the service.





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The procession and recession of the Cross.



Acolytes Martha & Leif





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People were gathered inside before moving outside for the food.





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St. John To-Do List

Ways to be involved at St. John Lutheran Church

Acolyte - Altar candle duty for boys and girls at worship services.
Adult Bible Class - Sunday mornings at 10:30am after our time of fellowship.
Adult Choir - Join your voice with others on special festivals.
Altar Guild - Prepare vestments, candles, banners, etc. for worship.
Audio-Visual - Operate the slides and video production during worship service.
Bulletin Help - Print worship bulletins a few times per year as needed.
Car Show - Annual fundraiser on the church grounds that needs many helpers.
Christmas Program - Help or take a part in the Sunday School program.
Church Council - Serve on a church board, or as church president, etc.
Communications - Publish events on the Website, newsletter, and Facebook.
Confirmation Class - Teens meet with Pastor for Christian instruction.
Door Keeper - Open the door and welcome people arriving at church.
Driver - Provide transportation for those who cannot drive to church.
Elders - Men who assist the Pastor with the spiritual life of the congregation.
Evangelism - Carry out evangelism programs in the church and community.
Fellowship - Serve refreshments after worship, and assist with special events.
Garage Sale - Annual fundraiser at St. John that needs many helpers.
Gardener - Keep the flower beds in neat and weed-free condition.
Greeter - Welcome and offer Sunday bulletin and visitor packet to worshippers.
LWML - Women's Auxiliary of the LCMS supports LCMS missions.
Men's Breakfast - Men of St. John have breakfast about twice a month.
Missions - Direct monetary resources for LCMS missionaries and missions.
Nursery - Volunteers assist parents who need help in the nursery.
Prayer Chain - Receive notice of prayer requests and pray for those in need.
Quilters - Construct quilts almost weekly for charities and individuals.
Readers - Read assigned Scripture passages at the lectern during services.
Shut-In Visitation - Spend time with members who cannot attend church.
Sunday School - Classes for kids at 10:30am after worship and refreshments.
Teach - Help children learn about their Savior, Preschool through High School.
Tidy the Pews - Pick up trash and re-rack service books after worship services.
Trail Mix - Hike on local and other Colorado trails with members and friends.
Trustees - Oversee maintenance, repair, cleaning of buildings and grounds.
Ushers - Assist people with special needs, direct worshipers for Holy Communion.
Vacation Bible School - A children's short-term summer educational activity.
Wednesday Bible Class - Study at 10:00am Wednesdays with Pastor Dan.
Youth Group - Our youth discuss their faith as it applies to life's challenges.



St. John September Birthdays



Sept. 1 - Brycen Thom



Sept. 2 - Tricia Kletke



Sept. 3 - Caiden Thom



Sept. 4 - Joe Brown



Sept. 4 - Jim Estes



Sept. 5 - Lynn Wetters



Sept. 7 - Dylan Thom



Sept. 10 - Natalee Thom



Sept. 12 - Landon Thom



Sept. 14 - Rowan Thom



Sept. 16 - Madelynn Thom



Sept. 20 Waylon Thom



Sept. 23 - Sonny
Zimmerman



Sept. 24 - Matt Harms



Sept. 25 - Dietrich Kletke



Sept. 28 - Leif Booth

St. John September Anniversaries



Sept. 6 - Richard & Nancy
Mowers



Sept. 6 - Larry & Sharleen
Vargas



Sept. 7 - Kris & Lori Holt



12th Annual Benefit Car Show

Saturday, September 19th, 2026

790 Greydene Ave., Cañon City, CO 719-275-0111

Display Cars Park on Grass
9:00am to 2:00pm

Food & Drink Available
One Free Lunch for Car Owners

Dash Plaques for Registered Cars
Registration / Donation--\$20.00/Car
*Optional additional donation of \$5/car for drawing
to have your car on the 2027 Dash Plaque*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

All Makes and Models Welcome!

Vehicle Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Mail pre-registrations to Gene Foster / 809 S. 8th St. / Cañon City, CO / 81212

For more information call Gene Foster @ 719-315-2232

All Proceeds to benefit the St. John's Youth & Missions

Spectators Free: Come One – Come All



It was in the humble room pictured to the top left, in [Wartburg Castle](#), that Martin Luther translated the Greek New Testament into German (in just eleven weeks!). Luther's spent 10 months at Wartburg in hiding. His life was in danger since being declared an outlaw by the [Edict of Worms](#) in 1521. Luther used the secluded time productively, helping God's people understand God's Word. [Luther's translation](#) remains the standard German text even today.

Our family had the privilege of being in that room this June. Standing there, we felt thankful for the pioneering work of Luther despite enormous challenges. But we also felt privileged to be doing work in the same spirit as Luther—helping God's people hear, understand, and live by God's Word. Whether it is in 16th century Saxony or 21st century Southeast Asia, God's Word continues to be preached and taught with words and in ways that common people can understand. Luther gives us a great legacy!

We were [in Germany](#) as a part of our Asia team's yearly gathering. Usually these events happen in Asia, but this year we had a special opportunity to meet in Wittenberg. What a precious opportunity to strengthen our Asia team (pictured left at Wartburg Castle) while experiencing and learning about our Lutheran heritage firsthand!

Planning meetings and events for missionaries is a part of Aimee's role as Asia's Coordinator of Care and Development. This began with an [initial trip](#) back in October to work out logistics, and continued through the event itself. It is no small task arranging housing and meals for 22 missionaries and their families! Fortunately, Aimee had support from others on the Asia Leadership Team and also from staff at the [International Lutheran Center](#) in Wittenberg.

Each day included [teaching](#) by [Rev. Dr. Carl Beckwith](#) of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, part of which was done while walking through historical sites, but all with a focus on the missiological themes of the Reformation. Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Weber provided [daily Bible teaching](#), and various Asia missionaries ([including JP](#)) served as liturgists and preachers for the daily orders of worship. Thanks to volunteers from the US, the children even had [their own programming](#). It was a deeply encouraging time of professional and spiritual growth.

Our family enjoyed a [few days in Berlin](#) to cap our time in Germany before heading to the US for planned time off.

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:10-11 ESV



PRaise: for the Asia team retreat; for progress on the CLC's visitation; for Bella and Celeste's summer jobs at [Redeemer Lutheran CDC](#); for time in Virginia with family. **PRayer:** for travel to a missionary training conference on July 11 and back to Cambodia on July 31; for leaders and people of the Cambodia Lutheran Church.

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MEANWHILE, IN CAMBODIA...

The work of [intentional visitation](#) continues! As [reported](#) by Mr. Khorn Sopha (the Director of [Lutheran Heritage Foundation's](#) local office), leaders of the Cambodia Lutheran Church have made visits to multiple congregations (and preaching stations at [Garuna schools](#)) throughout Cambodia, including congregations in Siem Reap, Kampong Thom, Prey Veng, and Kampot.

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The month of July was spent on personal time in the United States. Every two years, our time in the USA is spent on "home service," i.e., visiting, thanking, and reporting to our supporting congregations and individuals. But even in off-years like this, we've ended up engaging these activities if we've been in the USA. This summer, for the first time in 19 years, we decided to resist scheduling any speaking engagements in order to dedicate time to rest and family. It was a fun- and family-filled summer. We were thankful to stay with Aimee's dad in Williamsburg, and even held a special "Christmas in July" dinner with her brother's family (pic 1). We also stayed with J.P.'s mom in Richmond (pic 8). Bella, who is entering her senior year, made some college visits, including UVA (pic 7), JMU, and VCU (her sister, who is already at VCU, is pushing that one hard!). Aimee made an impromptu trip to Illinois to visit her extended family, including her aunt and uncle, cousins, and her 94-year-old grandmother (pic 6). Isaac enjoyed time at Busch Gardens with cousins (pic 5) and numerous hikes in Richmond and Williamsburg, including one with his oldest sister (pic 2). While most of our time was in Virginia, we did make one trip to Colorado, to Mission Training International (MTI), to participate in their Debriefing and Renewal event. This program is designed for missionaries who are in transition or, like us, are wanting to "check in" mid-service. Indeed, we are in our 20th year of international service, so it seemed like a good time to reflect on our experiences. The program's sessions were centered on daily themes—paradox, stress, transition, loss and grief, and soul-care. We discussed this theme within our cohort, which included missionaries from a variety of theological traditions and serving all over the world. When discussing loss and grief, we wrote down ways that our missionary experience was different than we expected, finishing the sentence, "but I had hoped...", filling a large sheet of paper with laments to pray over (pic 3). MTI also had a children's program, mirroring the themes of the adult program but in age appropriate ways. We are thankful for a "respite" grant from LCMS to participate in this program. It was impactful for the whole family! Plus, while in Colorado, we got to catch up with dear friends (pic 4)!

RAISE: for a fun and refreshing summer; for the opportunity to reflect on cross-cultural service at MTI; for our safe return to Cambodia on August 1; for a good start to Isaac and Bella's school year on August 3. **PRAYER:** for Bella as she takes the SATs again on August 22 and starts the college application process; for Aimee as she travels to Taiwan and the USA starting August 11. Thank you!

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