



JULY 2023 NEWS

## **Pastor's Message: A Regular Meal**

It always surprises me when I'm teaching a class and someone says, "I remember a sermon when you once said....." It is incredibly humbling; and yet surprising. By the very nature of my week to week schedule, on Monday morning I don't remember much of what was said on Sunday. I'm already moving on to the next sermon and Bible class.

It brings to mind a story I once heard. There was a gentleman in England who was tired of going to church and, in particular, having to sit through long and boring sermons. So one day he wrote into the local newspaper expressing his frustration. "I don't see the point in going to church anymore. I have attended worship services faithfully for over twenty years, and I can't remember a single sermon that was so tremendous or spectacular, that it has stuck in my head. The whole experience just doesn't seem worth my time and effort anymore." Well, over the following weeks, there were a few replies to the editorial, most of which agreed with the gentleman's sentiments. That is, until one such reply appeared in the editorials. The response said, "Sir, I certainly understand your grievances. However, I have eaten my wife's cooking every evening for the past 30 years. In that time I can't remember any special dinner that was so tremendous or spectacular that it stands out in my mind. And yet, I know that if I had not eaten them, I would surely have died."

Once again, I am truly humbled when someone thinks something I have said is worth pondering and remembering. It is one of the highest compliments I could possibly receive. And yet, the practice of coming to worship each week is less about hearing something "tremendous or spectacular" than it is being fed by God's Word and Sacraments so that you are refreshed and strengthened to face the world and all its temptations in the coming week. The writer of Hebrews likewise encourages us writing, "Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:24-25).

I know that summer is a busy time for families with many of us travelling. However, I would encourage you, when Sunday rolls around again, whether you are in Cañon or not, find a church (preferably LCMS) and be fed by God's word and sacraments. It is only HIS Word that will refresh you and prepare you for whatever whatever the coming week may bring. Enjoy your summer!

Your Fellow Servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Dan".

Pastor Dan



# ST. JOHN Education

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## St. John Vacation Bible School

The "Miraculous Mission" had a successful launch and reached it's goal. This summer's vacation bible school told God's plan of salvation with a space launch as the building theme. Beginning with the Creation story we continued through God's promise to Abraham, Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection, and the Promise to return.

Thirty-two students attended activities from storytelling to music, games, crafts and snacks. Ten of the students were members of St. John, the others were guests from the community (a great opportunity for witness).

The volunteers who made it possible were: Martha Kletke who devoted hours to creating decorations and being a group leader. She was joined as group leader by Lily Booth and Karla Lehmpuhl. Judith Crider mesmerized the children as Storyteller. Pastor Lyle followed up with Discovery activities. Valerie Langley and Evie, once again, came up with great crafts to highlight the themes. Dustin Kletke helped wear off some energy with games. Connie Willyard and grandkids fed that energy with snacks. Gail Kirkegaard created the child registration form, posted the event on Facebook and on our website, and put it in the Cañon City Daily Record Local Events page. And, finally Elizabeth Walestad used her musical gifts (writing a couple of her own songs) to lead singing.

Our thanks to the congregation for the support that helped make all of this possible.

Pastor Lyle







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## Missionary JP Cima Visited St. John on May 28 - 29

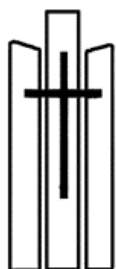


## Walk for Life at Arkansas Riverwalk Trail

Saturday, June 10, 2023.  
For the Cañon City Pregnancy Center.



Gail Kirkegaard, Kerri and Jerricho Leason, and Carol Skoda.



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## News & Notes

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### Church Attendance

May 28	86
June 4	76
June 11	84
June 18	87

**New Baby:** Please join Linda Beermann in thanking the Lord for her second great-grandson, Trenton Dean Allen. He was born June 9 at 10:22 a.m. and weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces. He joins his two-year-old brother, CJ, and his parents in Arvada, Colorado. May God bless this family and teach them to walk in the ways of the Lord.



**Aluminum Pull Tabs:** The red plastic basket for collecting aluminum pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Colorado Springs has been rather empty for the past couple of months. I would like to keep the recycling effort going but I need your help. Please save the tabs in zip-lock bags or any container and bring them to the red plastic basket. (As a reminder, pull tabs on steel cans, i.e. soup, cat food, tuna, canned vegetables etc. are not acceptable, sorry. Only aluminum pull tabs are recycled for cash by the House). On June 15th I delivered 4.75 lbs. of aluminum pull tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Colorado Springs. As always, the clerk was overwhelmed at the amount we had collected. Every penny they receive from recycling efforts goes towards their operating expenses. BIG THANKS TO YOU ALL IN RETURN.

Thank you very much,  
Susan Smiley

**St. John Business Directory:** If you have a business, you can have it listed in our business directory. Forms and an envelope to submit your business are by the mailboxes. We are collecting submissions through August. The pdf business directory will be e-mailed to members. If you have questions, please call Gail (720) 201-8743.

**Church Nursery:** Parents may use the nursery in back of the church. We are still in the process of painting and equipping it, but it can still provide a retreat for you and your little ones. This is an unattended nursery.

**Announcements:** Please e-mail any announcements for the Sunday bulletins and monthly newsletters to [office@StJohnCanonCity.org](mailto:office@StJohnCanonCity.org). Sarah does the bulletins and Gail does the newsletter. Thank You.

**Altar Flowers:** A sign-up chart is near the mailboxes. Envelopes are also there for a donation of \$50 for two arrangements. Please note "altar flowers" on your check, fill out the envelope and place in the offering plate.

**Prayer Chain:** If you have a prayer concern we have a phone chain and an e-mail chain. Please contact one of the following: **Phone:** Mary Richardson, (719) 269-1426 **E-mail:** Sue Poehlein, [cspoehlein@gmail.com](mailto:cspoehlein@gmail.com)

**Ride to Church:** If you or another member who you know needs transportation to church on Sundays, please call Ken Davidson at 719-429-4919.

**Special Prayers:** Please contact Pastor Dan prior to the Sunday service for special prayers.





# ST. JOHN LWML News

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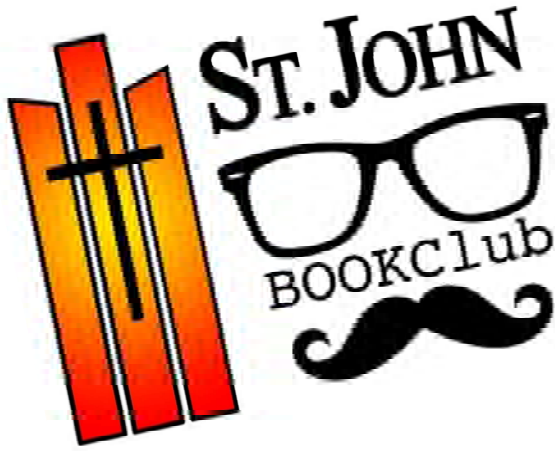
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Becky Rollands of Mercy Today Ministries (MTM) was the guest at the Ladies' Spring Salad Supper on May 10. MTM operates from the building that was formerly known as Merlino's Belvedere on Elm Street. MTM purchased the property and now serves those in need in our community from this location. Anyone with a need, whether it is socks, peanut butter, a microwave or a bicycle, if MTM can meet the need, it will. Becky prepares and serves lunch on Tuesdays. MTM has a bicycle ministry for those without driver's licenses but need transportation. Whereas Loaves and Fishes/Chayah House ministers to the homeless, MTM ministers to any age and anyone with a need from the widowed, to the unemployed to a struggling young family. If you'd like more information about MTM, the office is open Mondays and Tuesdays.

Blessings to All,  
Angela Bellantoni





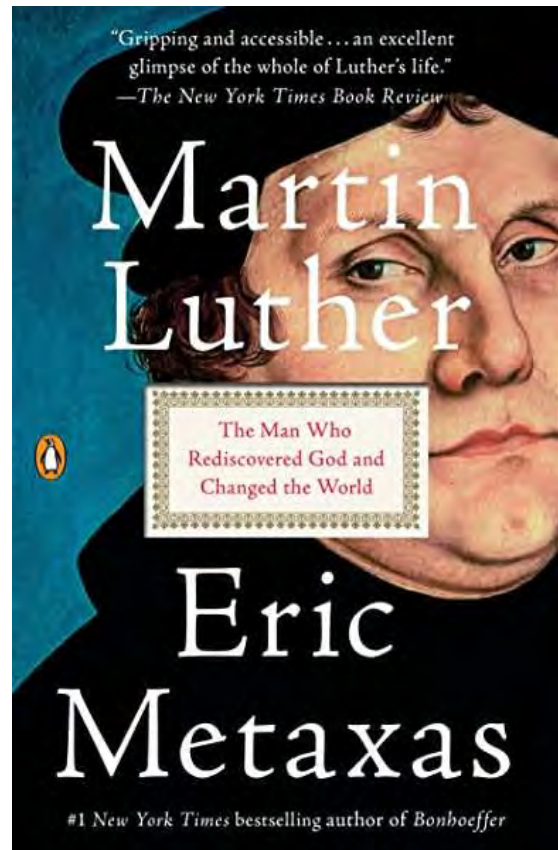
# June & July 2023

Here is what is happening at the BOOKClub:

The next book on our list is Martin Luther The Man Who Rediscovered God and Changed the World (ISBN 978-1101980019) by Eric Metaxas. This book comes *HIGHLY* recommended by Gordon. The description reads:

From #1 New York Times bestselling author Eric Metaxas comes a brilliant and inspiring biography of the most influential man in modern history, Martin Luther.

On All Hallows' Eve in 1517, a young monk named Martin Luther posted a document he hoped would spark an academic debate, but that instead ignited a conflagration that would forever destroy the world he knew. Five hundred years after Luther's now famous Ninety-five Theses appeared, Eric Metaxas, acclaimed biographer of the bestselling Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy and Amazing Grace: William Wilberforce and the Heroic Campaign to End Slavery, paints a startling portrait of the wild figure whose adamant faith cracked the edifice of Western Christendom and dragged medieval Europe into the future. Written in riveting prose and impeccably researched, Martin Luther tells the searing tale of a humble man who, by bringing ugly truths to the highest seats of power, caused the explosion whose sound is still ringing in our ears. Luther's monumental faith and courage gave birth to the ideals of liberty, equality, and individualism that today lie at the heart of all modern life.



3 copies have been ordered for the church and will be in shortly. Used copies are available on Amazon for \$5-6, and a Kindle edition for \$16, and an Audible audiobook for \$7. If you have any problems finding a copy, please call Pastor Dan.

The date for discussing this book is July 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm.

*Pick up a book & join us at the BOOKClub!*





## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Car Show

Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

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 2024 Dash Plaque*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*All Makes and Models Welcome!*

Vehicle Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail pre-registrations to Carol Skoda / 1112 Field Ave. / Cañon City, CO / 81212

For more information call Carol Skoda @ 719-320-9812 or Gene Foster @ 719-315-2232

**All Proceeds to benefit the St. John's Mission Teams & Youth Group**  
**Spectators Free: Come One – Come All**



Dcs.  
Carol  
Halter



Ps.  
Michael  
Wu

This spring, Aimee visited Hong Kong and Macau to spend time with two LCMS missionaries she cares for as Mercy Manager for the Asia region. It was a valuable visit, providing insight that can never be gained from reading reports or Zoom meetings! In addition to working with local partners, planning the family gathering and opportunities for continuing education for the whole region, Aimee provides one-on-one support to four missionaries on the team.

The first few days Aimee attempted to keep up with [Deaconess Carol Halter's](#) busy schedule: providing care to shut-ins, sharing with an LWML group from the United States, meeting local friends for meals, sharing the Gospel, and learning about the history of the LCMS' mission in Asia. For more than 40 years, Dcs. Halter has been training Sunday school teachers, proclaiming the Gospel alongside partner church members, and caring for marginalized people. Meredith (pictured top left), a 92-year-old woman we visited in a government nursing home said, "The snacks that she brings me are nice, but time spent with Carol is essential!"

After 4 days in Hong Kong, Dcs. Halter and Aimee traveled to Macau to visit with alliance missionary Pastor Michael Wu (pictured bottom left). Together they visited the [Concordia School for Special Education](#) (CSSE), where Pastor Wu leads chapel and youth group. CSSE was founded around 40 years ago and serves local families in Macau. Over 180 special-needs students currently receive services from the school. While in Macau, Aimee met a young woman named Debbie. She first heard the gospel from LCMS missionaries at CSSE, where her brother attended. As a teenager, she fled her abusive mother and got involved with a casino-based mafia group and started using drugs. Many years later, Dcs. Halter encouraged her to remember her baptism and turn from her dangerous lifestyle. Praise God, Debbie repented and returned to faith. This past Easter she joyfully celebrated her 16th baptismal birthday.

Aimee finds immense joy in supporting and advocating for missionaries like Dcs. Halter and Pastor Wu, so that they can continue to do the life-changing work God has called them to do!

# SQUARE TWO

The Cima Family Newsletter  
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## WANNA HELP US IMPACT THE PEOPLE OF CAMBODIA AND BEYOND?

Give online [here](#) or mail a check to 1) P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861 (payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod), OR 2) 40718 Highway E-16, Mapleton, IA 51034 (payable to Mission Central). For ALL checks, in the memo line write "Cima family-Cambodia."



## [John Albert Cima](#)


December 21, 1952 – May 7, 2023



Upon his father's death, J.P. travelled quickly to Virginia to be with his family. A very meaningful [memorial service](#) was held on June 10, in which Dad's life and eternal life were celebrated. **Please pray** for the Cima family as they miss a one-in-a-million husband, father, and friend. Dad loved so many so well and was well loved by so many. Pray especially for J.P.'s mom, who now adjusts to life without her husband of 43 years. **Please give thanks** for Dad's eternal life with Jesus. The Gospel promise of the resurrection of all believers gives us remarkable hope amidst the sadness. This is why we do what we do—so that more people would know that promise and hope!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFT. PENTECOST</b> <b>9:00</b> Divine Service <b>10:30</b> Adult Bible Class <b>11:30</b> Elder's Meeting	3  <b>7:30a</b> Morning Prayer	4  <b>7:30a</b> Morning Prayer  <i>Independence Day</i>	5  <b>7:30a</b> Morning Prayer  <b>6:00p</b> Youth Group	6  <b>7:30a</b> Morning Prayer  <b>7:00a</b> Men's Breakfast	7  <b>7:30a</b> Morning Prayer	1 <hr/> 8
<b>9 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFT. PENTECOST</b> <b>9:00</b> Divine Service w/ Holy Communion <b>10:30</b> Adult Bible Class <b>11:30</b> Council Meeting	10  <b>7:30a</b> Morning Prayer	11  <b>7:30a</b> Morning Prayer	12  <b>7:30a</b> Morning Prayer  <b>6:00p</b> Youth Group	13  <b>7:30a</b> Morning Prayer  6:30p BOOKClub	14  <b>7:30a</b> Morning Prayer	15
<b>16 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFT. PENTECOST</b> <b>9:00</b> Divine Service <b>10:30</b> Adult Bible Class	17  <b>7:30a</b> Morning Prayer	18  <b>7:30a</b> Morning Prayer	19  <b>7:30a</b> Morning Prayer  <b>6:00p</b> Youth Group	20  <b>7:00a</b> Men's Breakfast	21  <b>7:30a</b> Morning Prayer  <i>Pastor Out of the Office- Prison Ministry</i>	22
<b>23 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFT. PENTECOST</b> <b>9:00</b> Divine Service w/ Holy Communion <b>10:30</b> Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	24  <b>7:30a</b> Morning Prayer	25  <b>7:30a</b> Morning Prayer	26  <b>7:30a</b> Morning Prayer  <b>6:00p</b> Youth Group	27  <b>7:30a</b> Morning Prayer	28  <b>7:30a</b> Morning Prayer	29  <b>LCMS National Convention</b>
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