



St. John Lutheran Church Newsletter

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972-802-0444 (pastor) 9:30 a.m. Sunday Divine Service & 10:45 Bible Study

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“Redeeming Holy Days from Pagan Lies”

[This is the title of series posted on this Lutheran website (articles written by LCMS pastors and laymen)

<https://steadfastlutherans.org/redeeming-holy-days/>

This time of year, there is much disinformation and fake news floating about regarding Christianity copying pagan sources for holidays such as Halloween, All Saints’ Day and Christmas. I encourage to read through some of these articles to help you better understand and defend our Christian Holy Days. -Pastor

Below here is a running list of all the articles from latest published to earliest.

- [Redeeming Christian Holy Days: Brumalia in the Roman Republic](#)
- [Redeeming Christian Holy Days: The Christians Stole December 25th](#)
- [Redeeming Holy Days from Pagan Lies — Easter, Eggs, and Nowruz](#)
- [Redeeming Holy Days-Candlemas/Presentation](#)
- [Christ Myth Theory: Horus? Born of a Virgin? Not!](#)
- [Redeeming Holy Days from Pagan Lies: Christmas and Saturnalia](#)
- [Redeeming Holy Days from Pagan Lies: Christmas and Sigillaria](#)
- [Redeeming Holy Days from Pagan Lies: Christmas and Juvenalia](#)
- [Christ Myth Theory \[Jesus is a copy-cat\]](#)
- [Redeeming Holy Days from Pagan Lies: All Hallows’ Eve in the Mediaeval Church and the Reformation](#)
- [Redeeming Holy Days from Pagan Lies: All Saints’ Day/Eve and Samhain](#)
- [Redeeming Christian Holy Days from Pagan Lies: Nativity of St. John \(Part 3\)](#)
- [Redeeming Christian Holy Days from Pagan Lies: Nativity of St. John \(Part 2\)](#)
- [Redeeming Christian Holy Days from Pagan Lies: Nativity of St. John \(Part 1\)](#)
- [Redeeming Christian Holy Days: St. Walpurga and Beltane](#)
- [Redeeming Christian Holy Days: Another Bunny Attacks](#)
- [Redeeming Holy Days from Pagan Lies-Easter 2](#)
- [Redeeming Holy Days from Pagan Lies-Easter 1](#)
- [Redeeming Holy Days from Pagan Lies — Ash Wednesday and Lent](#)
- [Redeeming Holy Days from Pagan Lies — Ash Wednesday and Lent](#)

- [Redeeming Holy Days-Candlemas/Presentation](#)
- [Redeeming Holy Days from Pagan Lies — Christmas and Sol Invictus](#)
- [Redeeming Holy Days from Pagan Lies — Christmas](#)
- [Redeeming Christian Holy Days: Halloween Resources pt. 1](#)
- [Redeeming Holy Days from Pagan Lies — Hallowe'en: A short history](#)
- [Redeeming Christian Holy Days from Pagan Lies: Nativity of St. John \(Part 3\)](#)
- [Redeeming Christian Holy Days from Pagan Lies: Nativity of St. John \(Part 2\)](#)
- [Redeeming Christian Holy Days from Pagan Lies: Nativity of St. John \(Part 1\)](#)
- [Redeeming Holy Days from Pagan Lies — Pentecost](#)
- [Redeeming Christian Holy Days From Pagan Lies: Walpurgisnacht](#)
- [Redeeming Holy Days from Pagan Lies-Easter 2](#)
- [Redeeming Holy Days from Pagan Lies-Easter 1](#)
- [Redeeming Holy Days from Pagan Lies — Annunciation](#)
- [Redeeming Holy Days from Pagan Lies — Valentine's Day](#)
- [Redeeming Holy Days from Pagan Lies — Pagan Solstice Celebrations 3](#)
- [Redeeming Holy Days from Pagan Lies — Pagan Solstice Celebrations 2](#)
- [Redeeming Holy Days from Pagan Lies — Pagan Solstice Celebrations](#)
- [Redeeming Holy Days from Pagan Lies — Christmas and Sol Invictus](#)
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Don't forget to check the Church Calendar page on the website for up-to-date activities and times: <http://www.stjohnfrisco.org/category/events/>

Note: St. John/Pastor is using the email addresses pastor@sjlcfrisco.com and pastorstark@gmail.com to send information and requests for information to the members. Please check your Spam or Junk mail folders for emails from these addresses.

Christian Education, Human Care & Evangelism

Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7:00 p.m.

Audio of the [sermon is available on our website](#). **Homebound Communion:** If you are unable to attend the Divine Service, you may always arrange communion with pastor.

Audio of Bible Class: No need to sign-up anymore. I will attach the previous week's recording(s) to the eblast each week. If an eblast doesn't have them attached, assume the recorder failed or I failed in some way 😊

Sunday Bible Class: Adult Catechesis for several weeks before beginning our study of Proverbs.

Ladies Group meets this **month 11/17 at 6:30 p.m.** All ladies are welcome! **Ladies' Group Christmas Party**
Save the Date: Sunday 12/4 at 4:00 p.m.

Men's Study Wednesday at **10:00 a.m.** *The Book of Concord 1580.*

Midweek Bible Study: Mondays, 1:00 p.m.

Sunday School is in full swing.

Youth Catechesis: Sunday's 12 – 1 p.m. to Palm Sunday. Youth Confirmation on Palm Sunday.

Adult Catechesis: If you know someone who would like to learn more about what we as Lutherans believe, please have them contact Pastor.

New Members: We welcome Timothy and Jennifer Azzelio by Adult Confirmation, and their son, Adam, by Holy Baptism. By way of transfer, we welcome: Simon Coble; Stephen, Saron, Jake, William, and Bella Hand; Evi Meyers; Matthew, Jessica and Emma Sparks.

Private Confession and Absolution offered all week upon request.

For Information on Closed Communion, check out the brochure at church or see our website. You may always talk to me too. <http://www.stjohnfrisco.org/holy-communion/> & <http://www.stjohnfrisco.org/why-closed-communion/>

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. You can listen at your convenience at <https://www.issuesetc.org> and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app. You can **listen to Lutheran music** at <https://www.lutheranpublicradio.org>

BIBLE STUDY: The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL You can listen at your convenience at <https://www.thewordendures.org>, on your favorite podcast provider, or the LPR mobile app.

Children's Bulletins Available: *Lessons for Lambs* is not meant to serve as a way to keep kids busy and quiet during the service, but rather to involve them in what's going on in the service so they can begin thinking about it. The bulletins are geared toward kids in 2nd through 6th grades with varying degrees of independence. They could certainly be used with younger kids, in part, with help from their parents.

Got questions? *What About Series:* <https://steadfastlutherans.org/whatabout/>

Home Devotions Resources: Reminder that there are resources on the table in the Narthex. The "Lesson for Lambs" and "Lambs at Pasture" are great resources to use in the home during the week. There is even an answer guide. Also, additional resources are on our website. **Home Devotional Resources:** <https://www.mlchouston.org/about-us/memorial-moments> & <http://www.steadfastlutherans.org/2017/02/lambs-at-pasture-daily-devotions-for-the-family/>

Evangelism: [Sharing our website with others is a great way to let others to learn about us.](#) **Church Business Cards** still available for you to take. Let's get our name out there and invite others to hear the sweet Gospel! **Evangelism Tracts using the Small Catechism AVAILABLE! Also, tracts on the Explanation of the Church Service available now too!**



Frisco Family Services is now known as Frisco Family Services Market. This rebranding reflects a heartfelt consideration for the health, safety, and respect for our neighbors during an unexpected crisis. Now, Frisco Family Services Market better portrays the experience families and individuals are used to when shopping in a grocery store.

In addition to in person client-choice shopping, they have added **Market Express**, an online shopping alternative for those who are ill, do not feel comfortable with in person shopping, or have limited time to shop due to their work schedule. Similar to retail curbside pickup, their clients access an online shopping list, make their selections and schedule a convenient pickup time. Clients arrive at their scheduled time and volunteers load their chosen items into their vehicle.

For seniors and those who are unable to drive or do not have transportation, their **Mobile Market** provides home delivery. Having these options will ensure the health, safety, and confidentiality of those needing to use Frisco Family Services Market while navigating their crisis.

Additionally, they have added a Fresh produce section for the shoppers, funded by a recent Leadership Frisco class.

As a church, St. John continues its support of Frisco Family Services Market with stable food item donations to their food pantry. A collection basket has been placed at church for your donations. Please consider donating any regular sized canned or boxed goods that are within the expiration date. They also need laundry and cleaning supplies. We will not be able to provide fresh produce through this collection basket. Thank you for helping!

Christian Stewardship -Time, Talent, and Treasure

Nominations for serving as an officer or board member next year: Please talk to our congregation president, Steve Leight, if you are interested. **Voters' Meeting 12/11/22 @ 11 a.m.** to elect officers and 2023 budget.

Choir: Please lend your voice and come sing with us. See church calendar for rehearsal times.

Handchime Choir: On Sunday mornings the Handchime Choir will rehearsal from 8:30 till 9:15 (before Worship Services). If you are interested in ringing, please let me know. Becky Greer, 504-812-7951

Weekly Stewardship bulletin sentences from synod are in our bulletin most weeks—check them out.

Church Cleaning: Thank you to all who have served. Always looking for new volunteers. Bill or Denise Eggert if you have questions.

A flower chart for 2022 is posted on the wall by the coffee station. We have updated our **Altar flower sign up** procedure. Flowers will be available for order to be displayed on the Sunday of your choice. The cost is \$30 per

vase. We encourage multiple families to sign up together (one for each vase) on the Sunday they would like to commemorate or give thanks in this way. As is needed, the elder board will purchase the second vase and distribute those flowers to our homebound members. Please sign up at least one week in advance, either on the sheet near the bulletin board or by sending your altar flower request to our volunteer church secretary at admin@sjlcfisco.com or text message to 214-425-9777.

Amazon Smile: Don't forget you can support our church by designating St. John through *Amazon Smile*.

“Merchant Rewards Programs: In addition to Amazon Smile, St. John is now set up with Kroger.

1. Apply for a Kroger rewards card, if you don't already have one.
2. Sign in, or create an account with Kroger at <https://www.kroger.com>
3. Go to the Savings & Rewards menu.
4. Select Community Rewards and enter "Saint John Lutheran Church" in the search window, and then search.
5. We should be the first entry in the search results. Our Organization Number is: YV240
6. Select "ENROLL" and hit enter. You're set up.

Prayer: Please continue to pray for our congregation. Also, please take home your bulletin and pray during the week for those who have requested our prayers.

Interested in serving as a Church Greeter? Please speak to an elder.

Human Care Group: Want to be available to make a meal, give a ride, and such, to a fellow member in a time of need? Speak with an elder to sign-up to be on our human care group list.

Building Fund: If you would like to contribute to the fund, please write, "Building Fund" on your check. The **Capital Campaign** handout is in the narthex if you missed it.

Welcoming Committee: If you have an interest in welcoming and contacting first-time visitors with a call, card, or home visit to simply say, “We are glad you came. Hope you come again.”, please contact an elder.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

<https://www.lcms.org/stewardship>

November 2022 Stewardship article: <https://files.lcms.org/dl/f/AADC4911-4594-478A-B511-8CE769A22151>

What should I be doing as a steward of the gifts the Lord has given me? Our *Small Catechism*, from Scripture, shows us our duties in our God-given vocations. Each month, I plan to cycle through parts of the *Table of Duties*:

Table of Duties Monthly Review: **To Husbands**

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers. **1 Peter 3:7** Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. **Col. 3:19**

Table of Duties Monthly Review: **To Wives**

Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. **Eph. 5:22** They were submissive to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear. **1 Peter 3:5–6**

*Let each his lesson learn with care,
and all the household well shall fare.*

Other News

For current events, please visit our website and see the church calendar. You can sync our calendar to your computer or smartphone. <http://www.stjohnfrisco.org/st-john-church-calendar/> Church events are shown at <http://www.stjohnfrisco.org/category/events/>

Also, please see the two bulletin boards by the coffee cart for announcements that aren't always in the bulletin and newsletter. **A list of who is serving is also posted there.**

Some Member at Faith Lutheran in Plano are planning a trip to Israel for June 2023. If you are interested, email me (pastor) and I can forward you the information.

Connecting the Dots: Before the service, try reading through the Gospel lesson and see if you can link it to the other lessons, Introit, Gradual, and Collect. (Hint: Start with the Collect as it usually summarizes the theme of the day)

Newsletter Deadline is the 20th of each month. Send submissions to pastorstark@gmail.com

Other Articles/Resources

<https://www.lutherclassical.org/podcast/>

<https://www.lcms.org/news/publications>

<https://steadfastlutherans.org/>

<https://lcmsside.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/4-Rev.-Michael-Kearney-Magdeburg-Confession-.pdf>

<https://www.gottesdienst.org/gottesblog/2020/10/3/the-magdeburg-confession-of-1550>

<https://www.bugenhagenconference.org/resistance-to-tyrannical-government>

<https://lutheransforlife.org/resources/life-blog/>

To God be the Glory!