



St. John's Lutheran Church

Called to Fill the Hungry with Good Things

The Messenger

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Phase 2 Kitchen Proposal 2023

The Church Council has called for a special congregational meeting on August 6th to discuss and vote on the Kitchen and Fellowship Hall remodeling proposal. All voting members of St. John's are encouraged to attend.

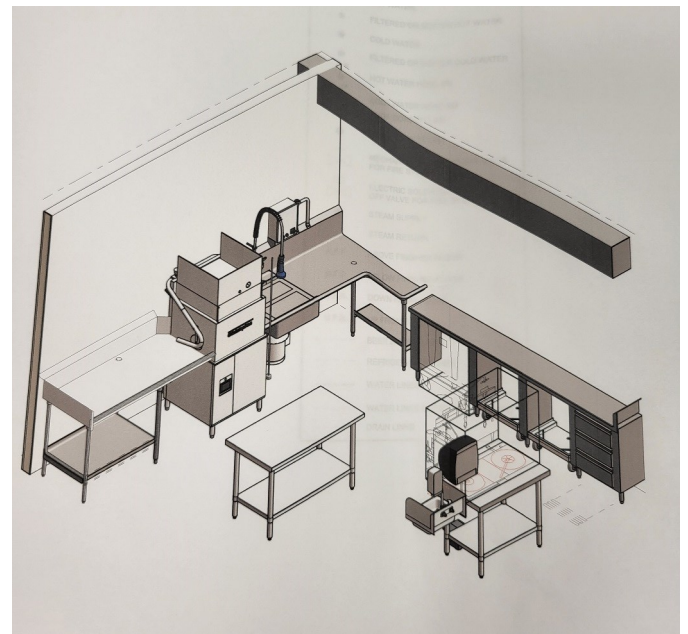
Key parts of the remodel:

- Expand the footprint of the kitchen by moving the wall and serving counter out.
- Install a counter height dish machine, rinse station, and disposal
- Install a dedicated hand wash sink (code required) and fellowship hall sink for handwashing before going to the serving line.
- Install a vent hood with fire suppression system and air make-up unit
- Total estimated cost \$480,000 including a \$50,000 contingency allowance.

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday August 6th @10 am

- Kitchen Project
- Loan proposal



A drawing of the expanded kitchen looking toward the fellowship hall showing the dish washer.

Questions and Answers-

Why does it cost so much?- By far the greatest share of the expense for this project comes directly from two items: the vent hood and the dishwasher. Those are also the key items that will allow for our kitchen to function for food preparation and clean-up. These are also items that would be very difficult and expensive to retrofit or install in the future. The council feels that if we are going to do this project, we should do it right.

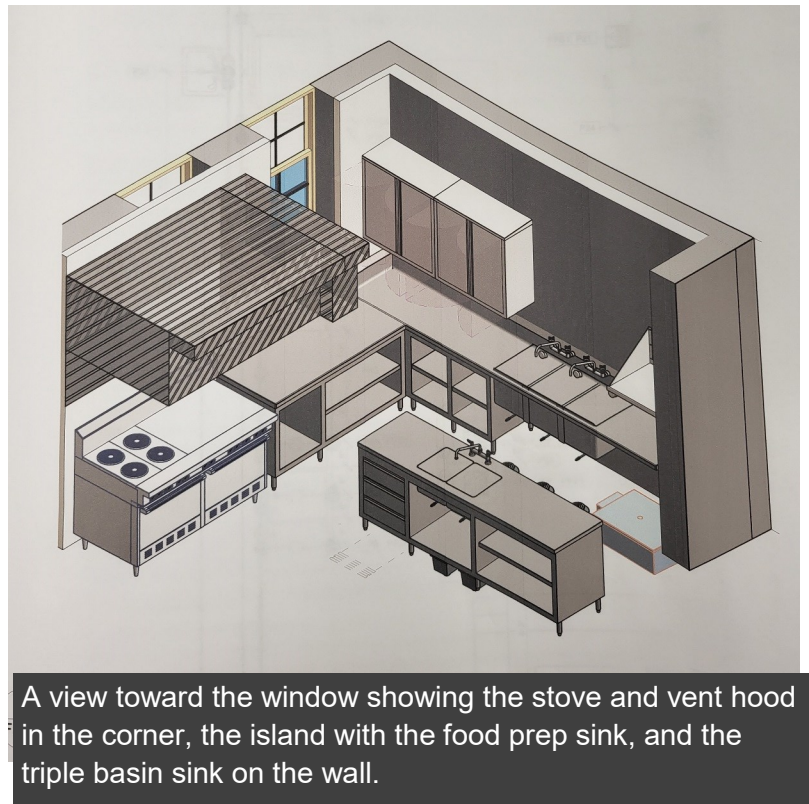
Is this the most important thing to do now? The kitchen space has been a priority for the past six years and this is the second time that a proposal has come to the council and the first that is being forwarded to the congregation. We will always have repairs and renovations while we are in a building of this size. This investment in the kitchen and fellowship hall is in line with past projects that have been completed.

When will it be done?- Based on current estimates, construction would begin in mid-February or March and last about 3 months.

Who has been a part of the process? The most recent primary planning and design people have been Shelley Mack, Gary Staab, Pastor Erik, Nick from Culinex, and David from Hilerud construction. Additional people who have helped shape the vision and layout including Phase 1 “the Pantry” include Shirley Unverferth, Sharon Docktor, Pam Golde, Pam Daugs, and Joann Deede. All key kitchen users have been consulted and invited to contribute along the way including the Women of the Church, Come to the Table leaders, Child in Our Hands, Sunday School and Confirmation leaders, as well as the funeral serving teams.

How can we afford this?- St. John’s has been growing smaller over the past decades and we do have fewer people to support major construction projects. The council has considered the financial implications and sees a way forward by raising about 20% of the project cost up front and borrowing the remaining amount. A monthly payment of about \$2,600 is not insignificant, but based on past giving is within reach.

Why didn’t “?X?” get included?- Many choices have been made along the way for the design and layout of this kitchen. It is not perfect, but it balances the general needs of preparation space, cooking space, and clean up space. Shelley Mack, with her years of food service experience has



A view toward the window showing the stove and vent hood in the corner, the island with the food prep sink, and the triple basin sink on the wall.

been invaluable in helping create a functional space. Some items- like the ice machine- were eliminated from the wish lists. Other items were included to satisfy best practice/code requirements such as a dedicated hand wash sink.

Where did all the cabinet space go?- We are trading cabinet space for work space in the new layout. Dishes, cups, glasses, and silverware will be stored on mobile racks and carts. Putting something away will look different in the new space.

Who will benefit from this project?- Everyone who is part of St. John's is connected to food in some way. Food is prepared and served every week of the year through our ministry in Jamestown. Renovating our Kitchen supports our calling to help fill the hungry with good things.

How does this project compare with past projects?

Selected Past Building Projects and costs

2001- New roof shingles	\$58,000
2008- Furnaces A/C sanctuary	\$350,000
2012- Sanctuary lighting/refurb	\$150,000
2015- Fit for the Journey	\$215,000
(elevator, alarm detectors, lighting, office carpet)	
2020- Doors, A/C , and Van	\$100,000

**Reference of past 3 years of
Designated Kitchen Fund Contributions**

2020	\$10,675
2021	\$10,497
2022	\$18,062
2023 (ytd)	\$11,600

These funds were contributed without a formal appeal or goal for the Kitchen Fund.

St. John's currently has @ \$40,000 in designated Kitchen Funds (in the past few years. funds have been spent on engineering drawings, refrigerator, freezer, and stove)

St. John's Proposed Kitchen Funding Proposal 2023

Expected Project Cost \$480,000. (\$100,000 equipment, \$330,000 construction, \$50,000 contingencies)

Initial Gift Period: Goal: August 1 to March 31, 2024 \$60,000 to supplement the \$40,000 we have in hand.

Total: \$100,000 up front money to reduce the amount we have to borrow.

We would hope to have a minimum of 20% of the total project cost in hand as our down payment. We would finance the balance.

Three Year Commitment Pledge: Goal April 1, 2024 to March 31 2027: \$100,000

The goal would be to secure pledges and contributions to fund the principal and interest payments. Money raised above \$100,000 during this time period would immediately be sent in as a principal reduction payment.

For example, if we receive \$100,000 in the first 24 months, any additional funds that come in during the next year would be sent in as principal reduction payments.

Additional Fund Appeals will be expected in 2027.

Proposed Benchmarks for the project:

By September 30th– have \$100,000 in hand in order to proceed

By September 30th– have monthly pledges totaling at least \$1,500 per month for the 1st 3 year repayment period.

We have a need to balance deposits to get onto construction schedules and to avoid rebidding (at a higher cost) and paying the increasing cost of equipment. (Nearly all of the equipment is 25% more than when we were pricing things 4 years ago.)

We also have a need to have confidence in congregational support and resources for our ongoing mission and ministry.



Kitchen & Fellowship Hall
Remodel Gift 2023



We pledge to support the remodeling costs of the Kitchen and Fellowship Hall in the following ways:

An Initial Gift (by March 31st 2024) of \$ _____

I plan to fulfill this pledge with...

Cash/check _____, a direct retirement plan distribution _____, gift of stock _____

**This Initial Gift will reduce the amount that St. John's borrows.

Looking Ahead: We estimate that we could contribute a monthly pledge of \$ _____ to assist with loan repayments. The initial 3 year commitment runs from April 1, 2024 to 2027. (our congregational goal is \$2600 per month)

I plan to fulfill this pledge with...

Cash/check _____, electronic giving _____,
a direct retirement plan distribution _____, gift of stock _____, other _____

The Kitchen Remodel contributions are above and beyond my regular giving to St. John's

Name (please print)

Signature _____

Date _____

Did you Know? In order to borrow money and have a lien placed on assets of the congregation– 2/3rds of the voting members present at a Congregational Meeting must vote to approve the action.

Below is the draft of the resolution that will be presented at the Special Meeting on August 6th to authorize the Congregation President to execute a loan.

**MISSION INVESTMENT FUND OF THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
8765 West Higgins Road
Chicago, Illinois 60631**

“WHEREAS the St. John’s Lutheran Church of Jamestown North Dakota (“Ministry”) proposes to borrow the sum of \$400,000 from the Mission Investment Fund of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America under the following conditions:

- (a) the loan proceeds are to be used for the purpose of completing the Kitchen Remodel.
- (b) the loan is to be secured by a first mortgage, or first lien deed of trust or other security instrument, on the real property of the Ministry, specifically the church buildings and grounds,
- (c) the loan will be for a term of 25 years at an interest rate to be adjusted every 5 years, and it is

RESOLVED that (a) the Ministry is authorized to borrow the sum of \$400,000 from the Mission Investment Fund of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, to be used for the foregoing purpose and to be secured by real property of the Ministry as set forth above;

- (b) the President and/or any Vice President of the Ministry are authorized to execute the promissory note and mortgage, or deed of trust or other security instrument, to evidence said borrowing, with such changes in those documents as such officers of the Ministry may approve,
- (c) those officers are also authorized to take all further actions and execute all such further documents as may be necessary to carry out the foregoing borrowing; and
- (d) those officers are also authorized to agree to any extensions in the payment dates or due dates under that promissory note as are acceptable to the Fund.”

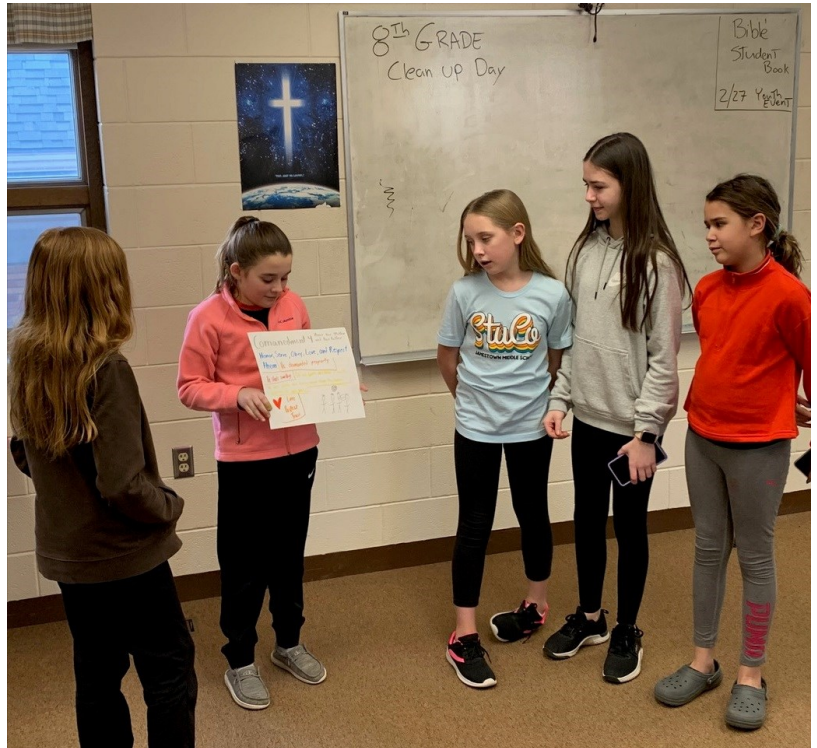
This resolution will only be needed if St. John’s proceeds with the Kitchen proposal as presented.

Confirmation 6th and 7th Grade

Orientation Meeting with Students and Parents August 9th at 5:30 pm at St. John's in Centennial Hall

Confirmation 8th Grade

Orientation Meeting with Students and Parents August 9th at 6:30 pm at Trinity Lutheran Fellowship Hall



Confirmation Classes for the 2023-24 School Year

Calling all 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders! Please join us on Wednesday, August 9th for an Orientation Event. Parents and students are invited to hear about the joint Confirmation Program offered by Atonement Lutheran, St. John's Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran Churches. At our Orientation we will share with you the goals for each class, the schedules for the year, and the faith formation that guides our time together. Orientation for 6th & 7th Graders and their parents will be held in Centennial Hall at St. John's Lutheran Church at 5:30 p.m. Orientation for 8th and their parents will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity Lutheran Church at 6:30 p.m. Classes will begin in September.

6th & 7th Graders will come to St. John's Lutheran Church immediately after school on Wednesdays to learn about the Bible. Snacks will be provided. Class will begin promptly at 4 pm and will be released at 5:15 p.m. Deacon Tara Ulrich and Pastor Stephanie will be a primary contact for 6th and 7th Confirmation class.

8th Graders will meet 2-3 times a month, as scheduled, at Trinity Lutheran Church at 6:30 p.m. to study Martin Luther's Small Catechism (the 10 Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, and the Sacraments). Class will be held at Trinity Lutheran from 6:30 pm until 8 pm. A caring adult is expected to attend each class. Pastor Susan Haukaas will be a primary contact for 8th grade Confirmation class.

More information will be sent by mail, email, and through REALM Connect in early August. We use REALM Connect as our primary way to communicate for Confirmation classes. If you have not already claimed your profile on REALM Connect you will need to accept the invitation sent to you. You will receive this invitation by email. Please contact your church office if you have not received an invitation.

We look forward to seeing you on August 9th!



My eyes have seen what Jesus saw

Thank you for the opportunity to take time in June to visit Jerusalem, the Sea of Galilee, and Jericho. The journey was safe and we experienced no travel disruptions, lost luggage, or weather concerns. One of the things that sticks with me in the weeks since returning home is the visual sight-lines of the area. I knew that the Holy Land is a compact place, but the visual effect of standing in one place and seeing another place that is important to completely different stories from the Bible is powerful. From the hill-top city of Bethlehem on a clear day you can see the hills on the other side of the Dead Sea- the land the Bible calls Moab. I had never considered the story of Naomi and Ruth in this way. When Naomi stood in Bethlehem and considered her options about where to go when a famine struck the land, I had never considered that she and Elimelech would head off

to a place that they could see from their home. It might be 30 miles or so to travel- across the Judean desert and down to the Dead Sea and then up the hills on the far side- But they could see it. And after Naomi's husband died and her two sons died, she and her daughter in law Ruth set off to return to Bethlehem.

Naomi could see the hill of her home from the place where she buried her family. The same holds true for Ruth- when she arrived in Bethlehem, she could look back to the east and see the hills of her homeland. The same sense of visual closeness happened in Nazareth, in the north, near the Sea of Galilee. When Jesus was growing up, he could see across the broad, wide valley to the hills of Samaria, he could see the solitary mountain where he would meet Moses and Elijah, he could see the city of Megiddo and the plain of Armageddon. Sitting by the Sea of Galilee, the disciples could easily see across the waters to the other side. Streetlights and houses today- campfires in Jesus' day twinkle with the stars after the sun goes down.

My feet have now walked where Jesus walked and my eyes have seen things that Jesus saw, but I did not have to travel to the Holy Land to see the most beautiful and important things that Jesus saw. He saw the face of his neighbors and had compassion for them. We can do the very same thing where we live. Every person you meet, every face in the store, at the gas station, in the drive-thru window, is a person that Jesus looks at and sees as a person with value and importance. It is fun to see the sites, but the lessons of the trip are not in the rocks and ruins, but in the people who continue to give us the opportunity to see Christ in others and to be Christ to a world in need. Travel has taught me that the important things in life are right here. The people that live here want the same things that people in Bethlehem or Jericho, or Jerusalem want- a place to be safe at night, a place where families and friends can live and gather, a way to provide for basic needs and children can learn and grow. The world is a wide place, but we can see the needs of the world by looking around in our own neighborhood. By doing that, each one of us can see what Jesus saw.

Peace, Pastor Erik



I'm a Lutheran: Ethel Heinle

I am the oldest of eight children, the only one in my family who was born in Dickinson, ND which is where I was baptized. The family moved to Driscoll when I was about 2 years old, where I did my communion and confirmation. All of this was in the Roman Catholic Church. After I got married and started having children, a dear friend invited me to come to the Lutheran Church in Medina. When I was a kid growing up, I kept seeing the fun things that the Lutheran kids were doing, so I was already open to learning about the Lutherans. Really, aside from a few things, the Lutherans and the Catholics are so much alike.

I work as the parish secretary for English Lutheran in Medina and do preliminary bulletin preparation work for St. John's in Jamestown. I've been a farm wife my whole life, but have had jobs as a secretary for a travel agency and for ICS in Medina. I love to read inspirational books and stories, but I have never had that powerful, wonderful faith story that others talk about. I've experienced things more like, "Lord, you need to slap me across the face because I'm not going to pick up on anything very quickly." My favorite bible story is the Birth of Christ. It is meaningful for me to hear that Jesus was born like we are. He came into this world like a normal person. I like that the wise men came. I am drawn to the stories about the life of Jesus: how he called to Zacchaeus to come down out of that tree, and how he healed so many people. I believe that people don't have much common sense these days. That is part of the reason that things get into such a mess. I also believe that people can help each other out. I pray for my family and for the different needs of people that come up. I remember people like the ones in Ukraine, but also our own country, which seems like such a mess sometimes.

I'm a Lutheran because my friends are here, I enjoy the services, and I find them meaningful. Right now I am the WELCA treasurer and I'm amazed at all the good we do in the church and our community. I'm more crafty than musical: I like to make cards and crochet. Sending greeting cards is one of my favorite things to do. I've traveled, mostly in the U.S. My first plane trip was to Alaska. That was quite an experience. The first time I visited my sister in Manhattan, I couldn't believe how many people there were. I wondered how people could live there. On a sister trip to Washington D.C. I enjoyed seeing the historical things that I had learned about. I was particularly touched by the JFK memorial, although I imagined that it would be bigger than it was.

I struggle with winter, especially not being able to get out when I'd like to because of the deep snow drifts. I've lived on the farm some 50 years, raised 3 kids, my husband and I are celebrating 50 years of marriage this fall- what more could I ask for? I've never been without food on the table, clothes on my back, or the chance to see my kids, grand kids and great-grand kids grow up. For the most part, life has been good.

New Youth Director



Hi! I am Deacon Tara and I am so excited to be a partner in the gospel working with the Christians in Action Partnership. I grew up in Ashley, North Dakota. I am a graduate of the University of Mary with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications with an emphasis in Journalism and an English minor. I am also a graduate of Wartburg Theological Seminary with a master of arts in youth, culture, and mission. I have served congregations in Beulah, North Dakota; Dilworth, Minnesota; Minot ND; and Williston ND. Most recently, I served Tri County Ministries which serves the communities of Klotten, McVille, Binford, Grace City, Cooperstown, and Hannaford ND.

I love spending time with my fur babies: my cats Luna Lovegood and Neville Longbottom. I love to read and write and spend time with my family and friends.

I look forward to connecting with and meeting all the families and homes that are part of this partnership.

Lay Preaching

It takes preparation and courage to stand up in front of a group of people and talk. Even experienced pastors get butterflies in their stomach sometimes at the thought of leading worship and preaching. One thing that is very clear in the world is that God speaks in many ways and through many different people. As part of Christians in Action, we are intentionally trying to create space where more voices can be heard in worship. During this first year of Christians in Action two lay leaders have said yes to preaching occasionally. Tena Lawrence and Eric Hassebrock have prepared and offered sermons for worship at Trinity, Montpelier, and Atonement. They meet regularly with Pastor Erik to share ideas and learn from each other about the process of preparing a message for a gathered congregation.

Lay preachers are not a new thing in the life of the church, but they have not been in fashion for many years. Somewhere along the way over the past 80 years, it became the “pastor’s” job to preach- to the exclusion of other voices. Reclaiming the place of a variety of voices requires something from all of us who worship. It requires that we listen with new ears. It requires that we open our worship services to voices that may be more nervous than we are used to hearing. It invites us to hear what God is up to in our community today.

Lay Preachers are a valuable part of our ability to continue to gather for worship every week. It is no secret that there are not as many pastors around as there used to be. There aren’t as many pastors available for calls to congregations that are searching. There aren’t as many retired pastors available to fill in. The good news is that God’s word can be lifted up by each one of us. If you have an interest in offering one sermon and give it a try, or are feeling led to join a more regular rotation of preaching or leading parts of worship, contact your local coordinator for Christians in Action or Pastor Erik at St. John’s for ways to get connected with the Lay Preachers group that helps people prepare.

Christians in Action – Summer Events

Late July and August are full of events in our congregations and communities.

Check out some of these special events within our Christians in Action partnership.

July 30 9:00 am at Atonement Lutheran 10:45 am at Trinity Lutheran
Installation of Deacon Tara Ulrich as Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries
Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth will preach and install Deacon Tara in her new role.

August 6

Welcome Event to meet Deacon Tara at St. John's Lutheran at 6 pm at McElroy Park

August 10 (Thursday 2:00-4:00 pm)

Coffee and Conversation with Deacon Tara

Middle and High School Youth are invited to Babb's Coffee House in Jamestown for some time to get to know one another and to hear about upcoming youth events.

August 13

End of Summer Picnic and Bonfire Worship at Red Willow Bible Camp
1651 Jacob Dr., Binford, ND 58416

If you drive yourself, plan to arrive at Red Willow between noon and 3:30 pm.

Events include Picnic Lunch from noon – 1:00 pm

Explore camp: swimming, canoeing/kayaking, hiking, playing yard games.

If you ride in the vans, meet in the St. John's parking lot at 1:30 pm.

We'll arrive at Red Willow around 3:00 pm. There will be time to enjoy some camp activities and S'mores over the bonfire before worship begins at 4:00 pm.

The vans will leave Red Willow by 5:15 pm and return to the St. John's parking lot around 6:30-6:45 pm.

August 13 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Atonement Music Festival Come enjoy music and refreshments on the lawn.
1009 12th Ave NE, Jamestown

August 20 5:00 pm

Christ the King Polka Fest Come enjoy polka music followed by refreshments.
713 3rd Ave N, Ellendale Outdoors weather permitting, or in the sanctuary.

Congregations participating in Christians in Action:

Atonement, Jamestown Christ the King, Ellendale Emmanuel, Gackle English, Medina
Montpelier, Montpelier St. John's, Jamestown Trinity, Jamestown Zion, Kulm



In Memory of

Vera Dominick
 Sandy Franke
 Sandy Franke
 Mark Frey
 Lindsey Vogel
 Vera Dominick
 Vera Dominick

Given By

John & Terry Schock
 Patricia Cooper
 Lynnette Witthauer
 Lynnette Witthauer
 Lynnette Witthauer
 Deborah Dominick
 Ed & Annette Schmid

**2023 SPONSORSHIP
 UPDATES**

Radio broadcast and Altar flower sponsorships for 2023 will cost \$40 for altar flowers and \$190 for the radio broadcast. It is a nice way to honor or memorialize a loved one. Contact the church office at 252-1198 to check on availability.

Radio August

8/6 Grace Walz and Family
 8/13 Kathy Frey
 8/20 Kollman
 8/27 Carl Franke

Flowers August

8/6 Grace Walz and Family
 8/13 Alice Bietz
 8/20 Kollman
 8/27 Carl Franke

For Dates available for Radio 12/17 is the only date left. Please contact the church office 252-1198. Still a few flower opening.

Volunteering Opportunities

Please consider signing up to volunteer during the summer.

- Lay Sacramentarian
- We need
- Readers
- Acolyte
- Altar Guild

- Streaming and Projector
- Tuesday Meal cooks

These tasks are small and they make many people happy. Consider volunteering

ATTENDANCE

	In Person	YouTube Live	YouTube recorded
6/25	70	0	0
7/2	56	9	100
7/9	64	22	53
7/16	65	22	

June income: \$ 32,170.25
 June expenses: \$ 37,825.33

Point of Reference– If St. John’s averages \$32,250 of income in a month we are on track for the year.



Ministerial Acts



None



None



None



Council Recap

At the July 10th meeting the council approved past minutes, pastor reports, and financial reports. The membership review contacts were turned in.

The majority of the time was spent reviewing the scope and cost of the proposed kitchen renovation. David Hilerud from Hilerud construction walked through the space and project with council members. The construction plans were available and reviewed, councilmember Jim Ritter had done an extensive review of the plans on behalf of council before the meeting. The council reviewed our current use of the kitchen and possibilities open up by the proposed upgrades.

The council voted to move forward with a recommendation of the project to the congregation at a special congregational meeting on Sunday August 6th following worship.

A two phase financial proposal will be presented to the congregation involving an upfront capital appeal to reduce the amount we need to borrow and a multi-year loan repayment appeal to meet principal and interest payments. Our known costs at this time are @\$430,000. The council considers a prudent contingency allowance to bring the total potential cost to \$480,000. If no major surprises arise, it is hoped to be less.

At the special congregational meeting, the congregation by 2/3 vote must approve the project and authorize the loan from the Mission Investment Fund.





Greetings from Child In Our Hands,

We have done a little bit of traveling here at the center this summer. The toddlers and child care got to ride in the church van to Party Crashers. The students were able to play in the bounce houses and explore the Discovery Zone.

We walked all of our kids to the Civic Center for Kids Safety Day. This is a great event put on by the community. Students were able to try CPR compressions, feel different pellets, practice riding bike, visit with police officers, learn farm safety, and tried to tell the difference between medicine and candy. We still have room in our preschool classes here at the center. You can call the center at 701-252-1903 or email Valerie.Ford@st-johnspreschool.org.

Thank you for the continued support of Child In Our Hands. We are so thankful to be a part of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Sincerely,
Valerie Ford
Interim Director





Thanks to Our Volunteers

Gem says Thank you to all who volunteer and make my job a little bit easier. I might not remember to thank you in person, but this is my chance to say thank you for everything you do, for stopping by to say hi and check how I am doing. Pr. Erik and Pr. Stephine share the same feeling.



Bibles that have deteriorated and are unable to be read will be respectfully buried in the cemetery at Eldridge. All are invited to attend a brief service at the cemetery. Thursday, August 3 at 11:00 am at Eldridge Cemetery

The service will include a time for giving thanks for the people who faithfully read these Bibles and a time for giving thanks for congregations in our area that have closed.

Bibles that are in good condition will be donated to Orphan Grain Train to be shared with people who will read them.

Are there other ways I can be involved?

Donations will be accepted to purchase books for local libraries. (Jamestown library lost many children's books to a recent flood. The local schools or other public libraries in all of our communities may also have lists of books they would like on their shelves.)

Notes for Local Congregation Coordinators

- 1) Set up a collection spot. Collect Bibles in boxes that are no larger than 18 x 11 x 9 (office paper box) or 16 x 12 x 13 (small moving "book" box) so they can be carried easily.
- 2) Separate new or like new Bibles that can be donated to Orphan Grain Train from deteriorating Bibles to be buried. Clearly label the boxes.
- 3) Deliver the boxes to Trinity Lutheran Church 523 4th Ave SE Jamestown on Monday, July 31 – Wednesday, August 2 between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm OR bring them with you to the Eldridge Cemetery at 11:00 am August 3. A brief liturgy for use at your local congregation will be sent in July for use during the July 30 worship service if you wish to do so before delivering the Bibles to Jamestown or Eldridge.
- 4) Collect financial donations and give them to your local public or school library, or ask your local library for a list of books that people can purchase and donate to the library.

Respectfully Disposing of Deteriorating Bibles

and Honoring the People who Faithfully Read Them

Do you have a Bible that was given to you but is in a condition that makes it unable to be read without pages falling out? Are you wondering what to do with that Bible? Our congregation will be collecting used Bibles July 16 – 30.

Please be sure to remove any photos, letters, or other family keepsakes from the Bible. What will happen to these Bibles?

2023-2024 Youth Trips

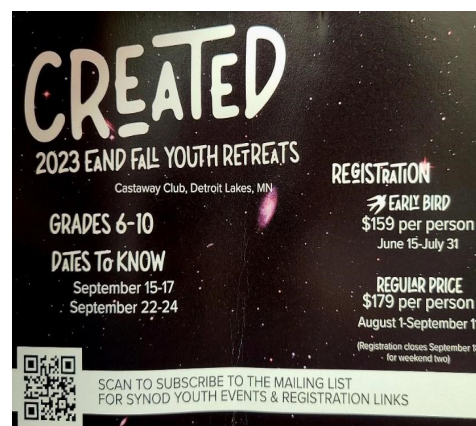
The end of September and especially next summer feel far away right now, yet it's time to register and start getting ready for both Castaway and the National Youth Gathering!

Middle Schoolers:

Castaway is an EAND Synod retreat for youth in middle and high school (6th - 10th grade)! It's always a favorite! We are planning to attend the second weekend: **September 22-24**. Cost is \$190/person which includes travel, lodging, meals (excluding Sunday lunch (\$10-\$15)) activities and a t-shirt. Reminder: Registration paperwork and a **\$90 deposit is due by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, August 23**.

Registration is open now- Bring your deposit by the church office to reserve your spot! Scholarships are available; contact your pastor if you have a need.

The retreat is held near Detroit Lakes, MN at Young Life's Castaway Club. This retreat offers worship, music and activities all centered around teens and their faith. Also available at Castaway: a 60 person hot tub, climbing wall, indoor gym, outdoor volleyball and basketball courts, a zip line and a game room that includes pool, ping pong, and foosball. It is always an awesome weekend! Young people from all over our synod attend.



8th graders and High Schoolers:

It's time to save the dates and start planning for the ELCA National Youth Gathering (NYG)! This is an incredible event for high school youth that only happens every three years! **July 16-20, 2024**, Lutheran high schoolers (9th-12th grade) and their adults from all over the country will converge in the city of **New Orleans, LA** to spend a week exploring their faith, making new friends, serving and worshiping God, and just having a blast! This will be NOLA's third time to serve as host city for the Gathering and they are thrilled to have us back! The NYG experience blows any other camp or mission trip out of the water, and is definitely one you don't want to miss!

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering



*Registration is open September 15- November 15, so by **October 15**, your pastor/ youth leader needs the **\$150 registration fee** from you to secure your spot! There will be plenty of fundraising opportunities to earn the rest of the money for the trip, but the first deposit will be an out of pocket commitment.*

Keep an eye out for upcoming opportunities to learn more about the Gathering, travel plans, and fundraising!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00am Worship - St. John's 10:30am Redemption in Christ Ministry - Centennial Hall	31	1 9:00am Staff Meeting 5:00pm Come to the Table Meal	2	3 11:00am Bible Burial - Eldridge Cemetery	4 Creative Fellowship	5 Creative Fellowship
6 Summer Book Study - zoom and in Person - St. John's 9:00am Worship - St. John's 10:00am Special congregation Meeting 10:30am Redemption in Christ Ministry - Centennial Hall 6:00pm Decan Tara Meet and Greet - McElroy Park	7	8 9:00am Staff Meeting 5:00pm Come to the Table Meal 5:30pm Council	9 2:00pm Ave Maria Wor- ship	10	11	12 Oscar Weber and Jenna Kallstad Wedding
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**Special Congregation Meeting
 Sunday August 6, 2023
 10:00 am after the service
 Regarding the Kitchen project**

Meeting

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Associate Pastor
 Stephanie Gossett

Admin Secretary/bookkeeper
 Gem Saied

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 Robin Vasquez

Child In Our Hands
 Valerie Ford - Interim

Choir Accompanist/Pianist
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