



St. John's Lutheran Church

Called to Fill the Hungry with Good Things

The Messenger

(Monthly publication)



Dear friends in Christ,
Wow! It's the middle of July already. It wasn't that long ago that I was trying to keep up with the snow in my driveway. Now I'm trying to keep up with my lawn that needs mowing every three or four days. People like to complain about the seasons; too hot in the summer, or, too cold in the winter. But I

must admit, I've been all around this great nation and there is nowhere I'd rather be.

I love watching the seasons unfold. Each brings forth the wonder of God's hands on our planet. When I contemplate the miracle of the crops growing in the fields, the flowers blooming everywhere, the new life I witness in my backyard, including the pair of fawns that have taken a liking to my garden, I am awed by the power of God's hands at work.

Take a moment to truly observe the world around you. Watch a bee as it gathers pollen. Experience raindrops on your face. Take a moment to smell a flower or watch the squirrels as they run through the trees. When you slow down and truly experience the majesty of this great planet of ours you will be filled with a newfound appreciation.

Remember that God appointed us as stewards of this great creation of his. We are entrusted with protecting it and ensuring that future generations will be able to look around them with the same awe and wonder that I have now. When asked to do your part in protecting our planet please join me in saying, "I will, with the help of God".

God's Peace to All,

Gary Staab
Congregation President

AUGUST 2019

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS – August

For current and update calendar
<http://www.st-johnslutheran.org/#/calendar>

Sunday Worship

9:00 am and 10:45 am

Tuesday

9:30 am Staff Meeting

August

8/1	5:30 pm	Executive Meeting
8/3	10:00 am	Eventide Assisted Living Bible Study
8/7	11:00 am	Women of the Church Salad Luncheon
8/8	2:30 pm 10:00 am	Ave Maria Worship Eventide Communion Service
8/11	11:45 am 2:30 pm	Pre-baptism Class Ave Maria Worship
8/13	5:00 pm 5:30 pm	Evangelism Meeting Council Meeting
8/14	5:15 pm	Confirmation Orientation
8/17	10:00 am	Eventide Assisted Living Bible Study
8/18	11:45 am	Confirmation Orientation School starts
8/22	5:30 pm	Volunteer appreciation dinner
8/25	9:00 am 10:45 am	Blessing of the Backpacks Blessing of the Backpacks
8/28	5:00 pm 4:00 pm	Block Party 6th—8th Grade confirmation





Photo Directory-
It has been five years since the last St. John's photo directory was produced. Plans are underway to start production of a new directory that should be available before Christmas. The key to any good directory is wide participation. Dutton's Valley Gallery from Valley City will be working with us on this project. They will be offering several days of photography at St. John's in August

and again in October. There will be no cost to individuals and families to have their picture taken and included in the directory. Portraits may be purchased at a reasonable cost. Congregational activities will be photographed as part of the October dates. This directory is for all members and friends who participate in the life of the congregation. Invitations will be extended to active and inactive members of St. John's who live in the area. You can help this directory by signing up early for a photo appointment, calling and inviting you family members to let them know about this opportunity, and reaching out to former members who we haven't seen for a while.

To get a Directory—have your picture taken!! Appointments will be done online, on Sunday mornings, or by calling the church office. If the dates do not work for your family - you can schedule a directory session at Dutton's Valley Studio, Valley City, ND.

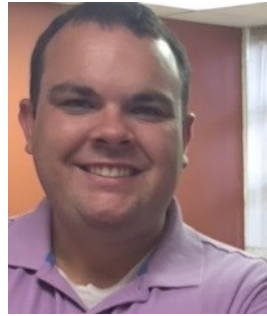
We will also need some volunteers to place phone calls and to assist in check in and address verification.

PHOTOS SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 11-13
OCTOBER 5-8

Pr. Erik



Volunteers



Legally, when we make that decision to have a child we are committing to 18 years of supporting their basic needs. However, no mater if you have a child or not ...I think we all know it is a lot more then that.

When we talk about stewardship in the church, we often come to the conclusion of giving money. Really what stewardship is all about is making God the top priority; allowing us to listen and asking the question, "What is next?"

This article being in the middle of Family vacations, I think it is appropriate to talk about one of the greatest commitments some of us have or will take. Growing up, my father has worked for the same company since he finished school and has always worked long days. However, that didn't stop my dad from being one of my biggest role models. He was my soccer coach and my confirmation leader. He even went through training to be a soccer referee when I was 14 and refereed with me my first year. My mother gave up her successful career of designing and creating weight rooms for businesses, in order to be fully present in my brother and my life while we were in school. Most importantly my family was regular Sunday worshipers and went on my yearly mission trip to Mexico. They went out of their way to be with me and instilled the values that I carry today.

In our society we often run out of time, but my family's motto is, "you don't run out of time you make time." We all have very busy lives, but it's up to us to follow God so we know what to make a priority. Notice I didn't exclude sports or non-church events, those are important too and I recognize how those have impacted my life. When we are born, we are born with a clean slate and it is up to us as a community of people to paint a picture. With my family, they had one giant paintbrush for me. How has your parents impacted your life? What were important values to your parents? We all have the power to influence each other's lives, if we keep God at the center, we will show our children a form of love deeper then we could give.

Pr. Lucas



Quilters Appreciation Gathering



OUTDOORS ACTIVITIES



Save the day
Volunteer appreciation Dinner
 Thursday August 22, 2019
 RSVP by
 August 10, 2019

a Heartfelt 

THANK YOU!

TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Women of the Church
Salad Luncheon
 Wednesday August 7, 2019
 Starts at 11:00 am
 Salads can be dropped
 Tuesday no later than 2:00 pm
 Or by 10:00 am on Wednesday





Pianist: Rachel Williams, Connie Wells, and Mark Wolf

Acolyte: Bennett Goehner, Maddie Ede, Ty Kapp, Braxton Perkins, McKenna Miller, Jackson Seckerson, Anya Bostan, Chloe and Maddie .

Greeters: Selmer Bender, Mary Klundt, Deloris Lux, Margie Schrenk, Paulette Schumaker

Readers: **Anne Ede**, Terri Bostan, Sandy Franke, Ann Ede, Tara Kapp, Tonya Perkins, Jim Ritter, Charles Wells

Communion Assistant: Joan Enderle, Jim and Paulette Ritter, Carl and Sandy Franke, Char Freeberg, Cindy Wolff, Ann Ede

Ushers: Bill Ebele, Jolene Baltrusch, Walter Klundt, Jerry and Darlene Michel, Lloyd Landscoot, David Gasal, Glenn Johnson, JoAnn Deede, Gary Lauf, Daniel Dockter, Tom and Joan Enderle, John and Cindy Kleven, Pam Golde, Pam Daugs, Jeanne Rosemore, Linda Misemer, Arlene Bitterman.

Communion Prep: Cindy Kleven, Landa Kollman and Mary Klundt, Kathy Wiest, Tom and Joan Enderley

Fellowship Coffee Hour: Margie Schrenk and Lorene Iverson - Co-op 5

Van Drivers: Dan Dockter, Tom Enderle, John Kleven, Howard Weispfenning Jr.

Special thanks to those who decorate the church, insure the children bags have books and activities, Sunday School Teachers, individuals that are always available to lend a hand to shovel the snow, keep the front of the church clean, help with mailing. There are many that quietly go about doing what needs to be done and get it done when no one is watching. Thank you so much to all.



**Radio Broadcast and
Altar Flowers Sponsorship**

Radio August

August 4	Grace Walz
August 11	Lynnette Kriedeman
August 18	Russ and Gwen Gieszler
August 25	JoAnn Deede



Flowers August

August 4	Alice Bietz
August 11	Lynnette Kriedeman
August 18	Russ and Gwen Gieszler
August 25	Elroy and Marlys Wiest



**BAPTISM CLASS
SUNDAY August 11 —11:45 AM**



CHURCH MINISTRY

FUNERALS

Cindy Willey - 6/21
 Calvin Schultz 6/23
 Walter Perleberg 7/8
 Emogene Stopplesworth 7/10
 Samuel Williams 7/13
 Marcy Ketelsen 7/20 –Burial

BAPTISM

Samuel Lochlan Williams 7/6

Fit for the Journey

FROM	FOR
Norman & Arlene Bitterman	Cindy Willey
Carl and Sandy Franke	Cindy Willey
Pam Golde	Cindy Willey
	Robert Hertel
Shirley Unverfert	Robert Hertel
	Alvina Schultz
	Cindy Willey
Ken & Pam Daug	Cindy Willey
Alvina Schultz Family	Alvina Schulz
Charles & Connie Wells	Cindy Willey
Russ & Gwen Geiszler	Walter Perleberg
Margie Schrenk	Walter Perleberg
	Cindy Willey
Marlys Perleberg	Walter Perleberg
Pamela Perleberg	Walter Perleberg
Florence Goehner	Walter Perleberg
Norman & Arlene Bitterman	Walter Perleberg



ATTENDANCE

June 2019

Wednesday	19	15
Sunday	23	201
Wednesday	26	40
Sunday	30	139

July 2019

Wednesday	3	No Service
Sunday	7	126
Wednesday	10	35
Sunday	14	152
Wednesday	17	45
Sunday	21	152

GENERAL GIVING FOR June \$ 27,065
Our Monthly Target is \$30,000 of general fund giving.

July Council Recap

The Council Approved construction of the Pantry as Phase 1 of the Kitchen redesign. The Council endorses a kitchen project that is completed in as short a time as possible, that expands the square footage of the kitchen to accommodate current priorities, and reviewed possible funding sources. The Council chose to pursue prequalification for a \$100,000 loan from the ELCA Mission Investment Fund and proposed calling for a special congregational meeting to support that decision. Informational conversations for the congregation were scheduled for July 14 and 21 to discuss the kitchen.

Pr. Erik reviewed the revised position descriptions and proposed work schedules reflecting priorities for 32 hour work weeks for staff during the summer months.

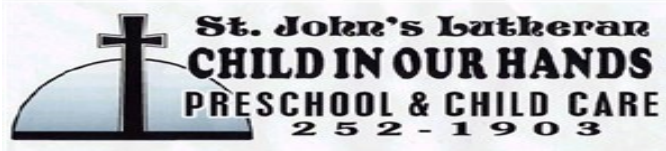
The council hear about Property items including the visit from Anne Gerrietts from the Mission Investment Fund, repairs to the main sanctuary A/C unit (leak fixed and recharged), and additional problems with the church van).

Proposed 2019 updates to the St. John's Employee handbook were circulated at the Exec meeting.

Sunday School

Planning Is on going
Check the church calendar
For the start date





Greetings and god bless to all!

To think it is already July and Summer feels nearly over is crazy. We have just over a month left of Summer Vacation and we have so much going on. As a center we are currently looking to relicense for another year within the next few weeks, as well as we are renovating our playground. I know it's looking messy out there but any project done right always tends to get a bit messy just ask our kids!

In Noah's Ark we lost nearly all of our mobile infants as they moved up to the toddler room. This room has fully shifted back to a younger room, which is equally as sad as it is nice. We miss our friends dearly, but it is always a joy to get some more one on one time with our littlest to help them achieve new milestones. It has been a bit too hot, too wet, or just far too many mosquitos for us to enjoy being outside, but we sure do enjoy adventuring to the park. We look forward to a bit of a cool down and all of our long walks.

In God's little Lamb's we are really enjoying being outside. We've enjoyed our playground, and long walks with our walking rope. It seems like yesterday they were just in the buggy and stroller and now they are showing us how big they are by walking on their own with their teachers. We have also enjoyed watching them learn to enjoy all things summer has to offer, such as water days. I have never seen a group a kid's go from hating to play with water to loving it so fast. This class is really looking forward to our new playground resurfacing so they can have some dirt-free playtime on our playground.

In Caring Cross, losing all of our Kindergarten friends has been a little bit of a rude awakening for our younger 3 year old's. They miss all of their friends dearly and miss having such good role models. This group has grown up so fast. I am starting to feel like every time they come back from the weekend they have grown a foot. As we are still in summer mode, we are preparing to switch gears to start to get ready for school.

Our school aged room has been keeping Ms. Mackenzie super busy! We continue to enjoy multiple places all week long. They are currently working on earning a trip to the Edgley outdoor pool. We have all the faith in the world that they will achieve their goal by summers end. This group challenges us every day, but there is no one else we'd rather have to occupy our empty preschool room!

With that being said we are now accepting enrollment for our 2019/2020 preschool year. If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call or send me an E-mail.

Sincerely,
Torrey Herrington, Director





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee and Fellowship 10:45 AM Worship	29	30 9:30 AM Staff Meeting	31 5:15 PM Music on the Lawn	1 5:30 PM Art in the Park	2	31 10:00 am Bible Study— Eventide Assisted Living
4 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee and Fellowship 10:45 AM Worship	5	6 9:30 AM Staff Meeting	7 11:00 AM Women of the Church Salad Luncheon 2:30 PM Ave Maria Worship	8 10:00 AM Eventide Communion Service 5:30 PM Executive Meeting	9	10
11 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee and Fellowship 10:45 AM Worship 11:45 AM Baptism Class 2:30 PM Ave Maria Worship	12 12:00 PM JAGST	13 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Evangelism Meeting 5:30 PM Council Meeting 7:00 PM Joint Council Meeting	14 5:00 PM Confirmation Orientation	15	16	17 10:00 AM Jamestown Community Prayer - Pioneer Church 10:00 am Bible Study— Eventide Assisted Living
18 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee and Fellowship 10:45 AM Worship 11:45 AM Confirmation Orientation	19	20 9:30 AM Staff Meeting	21	22 1st day of school 5:30 PM Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	23	24
25 9:00 AM Worship - Blessing of the Backpacks 10:00 AM Coffee and Fellowship 10:45 AM Worship - Blessing of the Backpacks	26	27 9:30 AM Staff Meeting	28 4:00 PM Confirmation 6th - 8th grade 5:00 PM Block Party	29	30	31



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Worship Services

Sundays

9:00 am

10:45 am

Holy Communion

All Worship Services

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 ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN**

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 Erik Weber

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 Frank Perleberg

Child In Our Hands Director
 Torrey Herrington

Choir Accompanist/Pianist
 Rachel Williams
 Connie Wells



**AUGUST 11-13
 OCTOBER 5-8**

Reserve your spot

By signing up online or calling the church

Option to buy a family portrait

Will be offered. If you moved or

Changed your phone number

Contact the church with

Updated information

Special Arrangements will be made

For Nursing Homes and

Assisted Living Residents