



St. John's Lutheran Church

Called to Fill the Hungry with Good Things

The Messenger

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August 2021



Dear friends in Christ,

More than half the year has passed, and I thought it fitting to highlight some of the milestones that St. John's has achieved to date...

Our video streaming is up and running. It is a great complement to our radio broadcast ministry. The decision to

install this platform was primarily in response to the changing ways that our members worship, to keep up to date with technological trends as well as to enhance our ability to reach those in our congregation who are unable to attend in person services either for physical or geographical reasons. Being able to share our services with those quarantined due to the COVID-19 virus has been a blessing indeed. We have been pleased with the response and have found that our services are being streamed from long distance locations as well.

By the time this letter is published Pr. Erik and Pr. Kristi will have returned from their sabbatical. I am proud of the job that Pr. Lucas and the staff, along with a team of volunteers have done to keep St. John's running seamlessly. Just to mention a few of the obstacles that they had to overcome were the failure of the air conditioners for the office area, the delays in repairing the air conditioners for the sanctuary and Frank Perelberg's medical leave. We will be looking forward to welcoming Pr. Erik back and learning about the new and exciting things that he will be bringing back to us.

Hallelujah! The sanctuary air conditioner units have finally been replaced. The contracts were signed back in February with the full confidence that the work would be completed well before the hot weather arrived. Well, we didn't quite make it. Delays in getting the parts along with the early onset of hot weather caused us to be a little uncomfortable for a few weeks. They are working well now, which is great because more hot weather is forecast for the coming weeks.

Look at the progress that has been made on the kitchen. The new stove and convection oven was installed a while ago. Recently, we completed the addition of the pantry. It will allow us to store and maintain our consumables in a neat and efficient manner. We have ordered a new refrigerator and

freezer which should be delivered any day now. These appliances will be an invaluable asset when we start preparing congregational dinners again.

Vacation Bible School was a tremendous success. After being cancelled last year, about thirty children had a wonderful time laughing, singing, and learning bible stories. We had the pleasure of experiencing the animal backdrops that adorned our sanctuary for a couple of Sundays and the pleasure of hearing them sing their songs at the music on the lawn service. Thank you to all of the volunteers who made that possible. And thank you to Pr. Lucas for not breaking the Altar.

Have you seen our new van? After months of searching, a 2019 Ford Transit van that met our needs was located at a dealership near Minneapolis. I had no idea that finding a fifteen-passenger van would be such a daunting task. We will now be able to transport our youth groups and the Child in Our Hands children safely and comfortably. I am hoping that by the time you read this, we will have the graphics on the sides. I think you will love the new logo that the Child in our Hands daycare has developed. The old van was sold to a couple from Detroit Lakes. They seemed very happy to get it.

Although we acknowledge that the COVID-19 pandemic is not over. We have seen enough improvement that St. John's has been able to cautiously relax some of our Covid-19 restrictions. We will continue to do our best to provide a safe and healthy environment to worship in. We are eager to welcome all our members back to weekly worship services. In the interim, I encourage everyone to respect those people who wish to continue wearing masks and social distancing.

All of these gifts have been made possible by you to enhance the ministry of St. John's. With that in mind, I leave you with the words of Acts 20:35; "In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

God's Peace to All,

Gary Staab
Congregation President



What I did on Sabbatical (sort of like an end of summer essay)

St. John's granted me sabbatical leave from April 19 to July 18. During that time my wife, Kristi, and I drove about 10,000 miles from coast to coast. We saw some beautiful parts of this vast country and had the chance to visit and participate in worship with fellow Christians online and in-person. We ate well and got to be very proficient at checking into hotels and living out of our travel bags. Our longest stays were 11 nights at Lutheridge Bible Camp in Arden, North Carolina and 21 nights at Holden Village in Washington. From the time we left Jamestown in April until our return in July we spent just five nights in our own home.

When I left:

- The bulb out road project on 1st Ave was just beginning
- The new Church van had not yet arrived.
- The Domestic Hunger Grant was yet to be written
- The kitchen pantry was painted and dedicated, but not ready for stuff
- Rebecca Warner had accepted the music intern position but was still 6 weeks away from beginning
- There were 1111 active COVID cases in North Dakota and St. John's, Wal-Mart, and Hugo's had mask mandates
- The price of a gallon of gas was \$2.80

What I learned: The focus of the sabbatical learning was to interview people engaged in online worship and congregational life. Kristi and I spoke with over 35 people in eight states with particular attention paid to people who have joined congregations since the pandemic began and whose only experience with a particular congregation is online. We participated in many online worship services, interviewed practitioners, worshipers, musicians, and church staff, and tried to make some sense out of the next few years of opportunities and challenges for church in a digital age. One nugget of learning is that it is hard to identify online worshipers until they engage in some additional service, study, or relational groups. It is easy to remain anonymous. Even some of the best resourced congregations in the country have very few people that they can identify who are new online worshipers. I also learned that online worship is here to stay and it is one more way for the Good News of Jesus to be shared. St. John's is nine months into offering online worship and we are doing many things very well. I am coming back with ideas to engage online worshipers while continuing to offer high quality worship to those gathered in-person.

As we reconnect:

I thank the congregation for the gift of sabbatical time and in particular Pr. Lucas, Gem, Frank, and Charlotte for the extra work that they took on to make this time possible.

I return energized for ministry in Jamestown and am committed to walking alongside St. John's as we emerge from our time of COVID protocols.

I pray for you and ask God to continue to be in our midst as we move into an uncertain future together.

Thank you.

Pr. Erik





This summer has been a time of new experiences and growth, both for me and the congregation. Pastor Erik being on sabbatical and Frank being unable to work due to health reasons were both big changes we had to adapt to. Even though we had to shift our focus in the way things operated as a church we were able to continue to move forward and make more changes! St. Johns bought a new van and sold the old one, got a new air conditioning unit for the sanctuary (praise the Lord), and continued to work toward our ultimate goal of renovating our kitchen. We also continued our ministry with "Come to the Table" providing musical offerings of various groups and those that helped with providing a meal each week on the front lawn. I want to thank you. To all those that helped with church maintenance in cleaning bathrooms and all the nooks and crannies that needed to be cleaned...I want to thank you. To all those that stepped up, showed up, made meals, assisted with worship services and helped with various events throughout these past three months...I want to thank you. I wish I could list off every single person that helped out in some way to make this church a welcoming, loving, and cared for place, but there isn't enough paper to do so.

During this time and countless other times, I have been reminded that ministry isn't just the duty of the pastor or those that are hired on staff in the church. The church is the body of Christ. Through the action of the Holy Spirit within each of you we have been called to work together, serve one another, and grow into a church that not only speaks the Gospel, but shows it! I am reminded of excerpts from Luke verse 2 and 9 where it says, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few, therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out the laborers into his harvest. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The Kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

Whenever we are put in a position of extra responsibility, as long as we have the necessary support, we have the opportunity to flourish and grow. We are the Kingdom of God. It is at work. As fellow Christians we lean on each other as the body of Christ called by God giving each of us courage, grace, and strength to make it through.

Pastor Erik has returned from his sabbatical rested and with new knowledge. I was also able to grow in my own pastoral identity from this experience. However, the preachers of the love of Christ were all of you. Thank you for your embodiment of the love of Christ as we continue forward in this ministry together!

INTREIM MUSICIAN

Hello! My name is Rebekah, and I am the new church music intern for Trinity, St. John's, and English Lutheran churches. I am a junior at the University of Jamestown, majoring in communication and minoring in music. I am originally from Forest Lake, Minnesota but through the generosity of English Lutheran's congregation, I am living at the parsonage in Medina. I am so excited to be learning and growing here!

Under the direction of the wonderful Dick Morris, this summer I will be playing for the Sunday worship services at St. John's and English Lutheran churches as well as putting together and directing the St. John's choir! I will also be learning and executing a few administrative tasks as they pertain to worship.

I have been so grateful for everyone's hospitality as I get settled in. Everyone has been so willing to help out, despite a few road bumps, and I have felt so welcome at all three churches. I played for the first time this past Sunday and I could really tell that everyone has a true heart for Jesus and His church. I was also able to lead the children's choir for the St. John's VBS and I had such a wonderful time. Thank you all for your warm welcome and I am looking forward to having a wonderful time with you all this summer! God Bless!

Rebekah Werner
Philippians 4:7



Pianist: Rachel Williams, Connie Wells, and Rebekah Werner

Readers: Jim Ritter, Gavin Kutz, Sandy Franke, Pauline Roeske, Tonya Perkins, Ann Ede, Meghan Ford, Tara Kapp

Ushers: Bill Ebele, Lloyd Landscoot, Walter Klundt, and John Mayer.

Communion: Altar Guild, Pauline Roeske, Jim Ritter, Char Freeberg, Gavin Kutz, Sandy Franke, Tonya Perkins

Projector/Streaming: Lynn Krueger, Char Perleberg, John, Cindy, and Aaron Kleven, Camden Kutz, Robert Walton.

Cleaning: Dan Dockter, Tom Enderle, and Glenn Johnson, Lloyd Landscoot, Lynn Kruger, Cindy Kleven, Denise Walton.

Messenger: Tom Enderle and Walter Klundt

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 **Volunteers are the** one is
HEART
of our church



Sponsorships

Radio August and September

August 1	Lynnette Kriedeman
August 8	Grace Walz
August 15	Tom and Joan Enderle
August 22	Alvin and Delanda Kollman
August 29	Media Legacy Fund in memory of Harold and Mary Trautman
September 5	Media Legacy Fund in memory of Al Kessel
September 12	Ray & Lil Herr
September 19	Alice Bietz
September 26	Glenn Johnson

Flowers August and September

August 1	Lynnette Kriedeman
August 8	Grace Walz
August 15	Brian and Erin Paulson
August 22	Alvin and Delanda Kollman
August 29	Alice Bietz
September 5	Mr. and Mrs. D. Roeske
September 12	Ray & Lil Herr
September 19	JoAnn Deede
September 26	Available



CHURCH MINISTRY

Deaths

Members

Rose Schultz - d 6/7/21
Elmer Klose - d 6/12/21
Janice Fietzek -d 6/30

Celebration of Life

Oswald Schultz
Melva Oak
Duane Knutson



Fit for the Journey

FROM	FOR
Allen & Carol Dolliver	Arnie Becker
Mike & Dorothy Robyt	Arnie Becker
Elsie Robyt	Arnie Becker
Deloris Christy	Oswald Schultz
Alice Bietz	Rose Schultz
Charles & Connie Wells	Oswald and Rose Schultz
Deloris Christy	Rose Schultz
Darwin & Pauline Roeske	Rose Schultz
Deloris Christy	Melva Oak
Stanley and Ila Goter	Rose Schultz
Beverly Schaack	Melva Oak
Arlan and Arlene Meszaros	Melva Oak
Brad Edin	Duane Knudson
Jane Eberhardt	Duane Knudson

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS – AUGUST

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

Sunday Worship

9:00 am Worship

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting
 5:00 pm Come to the Table meal

August 2021

8/3 - 8/4 Rummage Sale Drop Off
 8/5—8 am Rummage Sale
 8/5—5:30 pm Executive Meeting
 8/6—8 am Rummage Sale
 8/10—6:30 pm Council Meeting
 8/25 Block Party

ATTENDANCE

May, June, and July 2021

May 30	52
June 6	62
June 13	55
June 20	50
June 27	60
July 4	49
July 11	64
July 18	59

Income for May: \$27,423.11
Expenses for May: \$ 24,771.66

Income for June: \$23,587.09
Expenses for June: \$ 27,738.31

Red Willow Ministries

is excited to put on our annual Quilt Auction, Saturday, August 28.

10 a.m. Viewing in the gym
 11-12:30 a.m. Picnic Lunch
 1:00 p.m. Live Auction
 10-2:30 p.m.: Silent Auction in the Chapel
 2:30 p.m.: Raffle Drawing

Quilt auction donation forms and absentee bidder forms can be found on our website at www.redwillowministries.com/happenings

Like us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/RedWillowMinistries) to view some quilts as they become available.

Church Activities during the month of June and July



Visiting Pastor



**Outside work and inside
Cleaning and repairs.
Then Pizza Party for lunch**



Thank you
**Dan Dockter - Moving cupboard/
kitchen counter**
Glenn Johnson - Yard work
**Lloyd Landscoot - Fellowship Hall
Shampoo**
**After much needed food, all orga-
nized the fellowship Hall for up-
coming funerals.**



***VBS Activities
So much fun
Children and
Young adult
Helping each other***



**To Each
Their own**



**Gifts and Talent
Thank you all**

Thank you!



Greetings from Child In Our Hands,

Summer is here and we are enjoying it! Our kids have thoroughly enjoyed the water hose outside on these hot days. Our teachers also enjoy spraying the kids. We filled a water table for the toddlers. They love putting toys and wood chips from the playground into the water just as much as they love splashing the water. The kids at our center also were able to walk to Chalkfest. They were able to see all the amazing drawings as well as make some of their own. Walks and playground time have also filled our days over the last month as we savor the warm days that allow us to get outside. We even have a few friends from our infant classroom who have joined us on the playground. They love sitting with the teachers and watching the other kids play. The older kids also love having the infants around. It is so special to see the way the kids all look out for each other. They all know each other's names even if they are not in the same classroom and greet each other in the hallways or outside when they see each other.

We still have some openings in our preschool classes for this coming year. Children three to five years old are welcome in the preschool classroom. You can stop at the office, call, or e-mail us to get more information.

We hope you are enjoying the beautiful summer weather and all of God's blessings!

Sincerely,

Valerie Ford
Child In Our Hands Interim Director





**CHILD
IN OUR
HANDS
INFANT,
CHILD CARE
AND
PRESCHOOL**



**Employment Opportunity
CIOH Director**

Child In Our Hands is currently seeking applications for a full time Center Director. Responsible for overall, day to day operation of three room child care and pre-school. Train and manage staff, set instructional objectives, create and maintain a positive work environment and develop a nurturing culture for children, staff and families. Qualifications must include one of the following: A bachelor's degree in the field of early childhood education or child development; A bachelor's degree with at least six months of experience in a child care center or similar setting; An associate's degree in the field of early childhood education or child development with at least six months of experience in a child care center or similar setting; An associate's degree with at least one year of experience in a child care center or similar setting; A current certification as a child development associate or successful completion of a department-approved diploma program with emphasis in early childhood or child care, with at least one year of experience in a child care center or similar setting. Send resumes to: Child in Our Hands Attn: CIOH Board 424 1st Ave S Jamestown ND 58401 ciohboard@st-johnspreschool.org





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Worship - St. John's 10:30 AM Rock of Ages	2 Rummage Sale Drop Off	3 Rummage Sale Drop Off 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Come to the Table Meal	4 Rummage Sale Drop Off	5 8:00 AM Rummage Sale 5:30 PM Executive Meeting	6 8:00 AM Rummage Sale	7
8 9:00 AM Worship - St. John's 3:00 PM Edgewood Nursing Home worship	9	10 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Come to the Table Meal 6:30 PM Council Meeting	11	12	13	14 Synod Assembly
15 Synod Assembly 9:00 AM Worship - St. John's	16 7:00 PM JAGST MEETING	17 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Come to the Table Meal	18	19	20	21
22 9:00 AM Worship - St. John's	23	24 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Come to the Table Meal	25 5:00 PM UJ Block Party	26	27	28
29 9:00 AM Worship - St. John's	30 7:00 PM JAGST MEETING	31 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Come to the Table Meal	1	2 5:30 PM Executive Meeting	3	4



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 ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN**

Senior Pastor
 Erik Weber

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 Frank Perleberg

Child In Our Hands Director
 Val Ford

Choir Accompanist/Pianist
 Rachel Williams
 Connie Wells



***St. John's Lutheran Church
 First Congregation UCC
 Basilica of St. James
 Thursday August 5, 8 am - 6 pm
 Friday August 6, 8am - 2 pm (\$2 bag)***

***Drop off items
 Tuesday August 3rd
 Wednesday August 4th
 8 am to 4 pm***