



St. John's Lutheran Church

Called to Fill the Hungry with Good Things

The Messenger

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February 2023

Giving statements have been mailed—

Please check your statement for accuracy and notify Gem in the office about any corrections. If your statement has not arrived, please let the office know.

We are still waiting for 2023 envelopes.

Annual Meeting of St. John's Lutheran Church

February 5th after worship
(@10:15 am)

Annual reports are available in the Narthex.



Sunday February 5th following the Annual Meeting

Even though the 'big game' isn't played until Feb. 12th, The St. John's Souper Bowl will kick off this week with the opportunity to make an offering or bring a caned good to support local programs to stop hunger. Canned goods will be delivered to the Salvation Army. Cash donations will help fund the Come to the Table program here at St. John's.

Last year \$412 was donated for this challenge.

Bring some coin, bring some cash, contribute electronically, it is all going to a good cause.

Soup will be available for a light meal following the annual meeting,

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I'm a Lutheran who is thankful for my congregation



Decorating and un-decorating at Christmastime.

How many trees can we fit in the Christmas closet?



In December of this year, my family helped set up Christmas decorations at Trinity and had a great time!. We plan to add it to our annual holiday tradition for next year and years to come. It will really help us get the Christmas spirit moving!
- Eric Hassebrock



Note the mowed lawn ready for play.

Sometimes chores aren't much fun, especially when they aren't your own. Even though I only occasionally mow at Trinity, when completed, it really leaves me feeling like I've done something worthwhile.
- Mark Pollert

My family had a great time at the outdoor carnival. It was a fun opportunity to gather at church outside of regular church hours!
- Beth Schwanz



GIVING HEARTS DAY 2023 Send Some Love to the Eastern North Dakota Synod!

Giving Hearts Day continues to grow as a vital avenue to support synod ministries. We are **STRONGER TOGETHER** as congregations, parishes, and ministries. We hope that you will participate in this year's Giving Hearts Day. Our goal is to raise \$80,000! We have already raised \$40,000 in match dollars.

Be a part of the work that we do across the Eastern North Dakota Synod. Together, we are able to serve neighbors near and far. We invite you to think of the ways that the EaND Synod has helped your ministry be able to love God and serve our neighbor. If you have been impacted by the ministry of the EaND Synod, we would love to hear those stories and encourage you to be generous to the work we do together.

Please plan to make a gift yourself!

Did you know you can **schedule your gift to the Synod** for Giving Hearts Day by clicking [HERE](#)?

You can also mail a check to:

Eastern North Dakota Synod PO Box 2019 Fargo, ND 58107

Please make sure it has "GHD" in the memo line, is dated 2/9/2023 and is received in our office by 2/9/2023 (mail by 2/6/2023).



Mission Trip Opportunity for Junior & Senior High Youth

2023 marks the 100th anniversary of Lutheran mission in the Sudan (present day Cameroon & Central African Republic). A celebration will take place July 8-9, 2023 in Minneapolis and will include representatives from Cameroon and the CAR, as well as US and Canadian synod bishops. As part of the centennial celebration, youth groups are invited to participate in a Glocal Mission Trip (Global/Local) in Minneapolis! Groups will spend a few days learning about urban ministry in Minneapolis and then participate in the Centennial Celebration. If you know a Jr. or Sr. High student who is interested in being a part of this learning opportunity contact your pastor! Contact Pr. Stephanie for more information.

SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM MCCOY MINISTRIES

Dear Women of St. John's Lutheran Church:
Thank you for the wonderful gift of \$ 500 helping us continue the ministry. Your gift is a blessing and encouragement. Psalm 68:32 "Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth, sing praise to the Lord".

Bryce Tahran



One of the benefits of Christians in Action is shared scheduling that allows pastors to bring communion to congregations without an ordained pastoral leader. On January 8th, Pr. Erik was leading worship at Montpelier Lutheran and presiding at communion. Pastors, Lay ministers, and lay preachers are all working together to serve in our area.



Giving Hearts Day Treat

The Eastern North Dakota Synod had a prize last year for the Conference that had the highest percentage participation of pastoral leaders in Giving Hearts Day. The Jamestown Conference prevailed!!!

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.



Christians in Action – Inviting a Pastoral Intern

One strength of the Christians in Action Partnership is the variety of experiences our congregations provide for future pastors to learn about serving in rural communities. Together, we have applied to become an internship site for a pastoral intern during the 2023-2024 academic year.

At Annual Meetings in January, both Emmanuel in Gackle and Trinity in Jamestown voted to proceed with an application to Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (PLTS) for an intern. The proposal in our application is for the intern to live in the parsonage in Gackle and serve 15 hours per week as part of ministry with Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Pastor Kristi Weber would serve as the intern supervisor and the intern would serve 10 hours per week as part of ministry with Trinity Lutheran in Jamestown. A third congregation would be served by the intern for Sunday worship twice a month and have one half day per week of ministry in that community. Montpelier Lutheran will decide in the coming weeks if they wish to be that third internship partner.

The remaining 10 hours each week would be spent wherever it makes the most sense for the particular learning goals at the time. For example, leading a weekly Bible study for one congregation might be part of a six to eight week experience at some point during the year. Participation in weekly text study with other pastors might take place in Jamestown. The learning needs and interests of the intern will influence the actual schedule for this full time position.

The anticipated timeline for the internship process to unfold looks like this:

October 2022 – The Intent to Apply for an Intern form was sent to PLTS after discussion among the Christians in Action Local Coordinators and among the Councils at Trinity and Emmanuel.

January 2023 – The Eastern North Dakota Synod Endowment Committee voted to award a grant of \$15,000 to support the Christians in Action Partnership in hosting an intern.

January 2023 – Emmanuel in Gackle and Trinity in Jamestown voted to apply to host an intern.

Spring 2023 – The seminary will match available interns with internship sites.

Late Spring/Early Summer – An internship committee of 2 members from each of the 3 primary congregations partnering for the internship will be formed to prepare for the arrival of the intern.

Late Summer/Early Fall – The intern will arrive to begin learning and serving in our communities.

12 Month Internship – Throughout the year, the internship committee will meet with the intern to provide feedback on the learning goals that the intern is working toward. The intern and supervisor will meet weekly. The congregations will have a variety of opportunities to meet and work with the intern on Sundays and during the week during the year.

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

Ministerial Acts



Baptisms

† none



Weddings

† none



Funerals

† 1/7/2023	Rhonda DeVries	St. John's
† 1/9/2023	Lonny Michel	St. John's
† 1/17/2023	Kenneth Frey	Immanuel

Council Recap

The St. John's Council met on January 5th. Monthly and year end financial reports were reviewed in preparation for the Annual Report. The Designated Funds report was also reviewed. The council acted to declare the council seat of Shilo Ford vacant (his work schedule has prevented his participation in council meetings) and the remaining one year of his term will be added to the ballot for the Annual Meeting.

Twenty one names were reviewed by the council for transfer from Active member to Inactive member. Nearly all are in their 20's and no longer live near Jamestown. The Mission and Ministry plan was reviewed and recommended to the congregation at the annual meeting. Additional conversation was held about the status of nominations for elections at the annual meeting.

The council re-appointed an audit team of Pauline Roemmich, Paulette Ritter, and Steve Halberg, subject to their acceptance. Char F. gave an update as the Christians in Action Local Coordinator about the internship application and timeline. The council is sponsoring the coffee hour on Jan. 29th and council members were reminded that the installation of council members will be at worship on Sunday Feb. 12th.



ATTENTION ALL 6TH - 12TH GRADERS
JOIN US FOR A BOWLING PARTY
AT BUFFALO LANES IN JAMESTOWN
SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH @ 1:00 P.M.
Cost per person is \$15
(Includes bowling, shoe rental, pizza and pop.)
Bring extra cash if you want to play in the arcade
You MUST RSVP by Sunday February 12, 2023

ARE YOU UP-TO-DATE?

TO CHECK YOUR CURRENT IMMUNIZATION RECORDS:

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JAMESTOWN

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bit.ly/immunization_record_request

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Greetings from Child In Our Hands,

With this article, I would like to take the time to give a little recap in the happenings of Child In Our Hands over the last year. My hope is that it will provide some insight into the challenges we have faced and the difficult decisions that had to be made.

January 2022 through May 2022 – Child In Our Hands operates with four full time staff. This includes the preschool teacher also serving as the interim director. During this time frame, the center chooses to not accept any more new children into the center as we would not be able to meet the staff to child ratios required by licensing.

June 2022 – A new director officially starts at the center.

June 2022 through mid August 2022 -Our three part time college students are hired as full time workers during their summer break.

Mid August 2022 – The college students return to school leaving the center with five full time workers.

September 2022 – One of our full time child care worker leaves the center. The center now has four full time workers.

November 2022 – We lose another full time worker, leaving the center with three full time workers – the director, our infant teacher, and the preschool teacher.

Mid November 2022 – The CIOH Board makes the difficult decision to close the toddler and child care classrooms. The infant room and preschool room remain open.

December 2022 – The director decides to step down and take a leave of absence. Preschool teacher takes on interim director duties. Two full time child care workers are added to the staff.

January 2023 – The center has four full time workers. Our infant and toddler classroom are running at half capacity and our child care classroom remains closed.

Child In Our Hands has four classrooms: infant, toddler, child care, and preschool. In order to serve children in all of these rooms we need seven full time staff plus a director. Our center has not been fully staffed for over a year. We know this is not only an issue at our center but other centers and businesses as well.

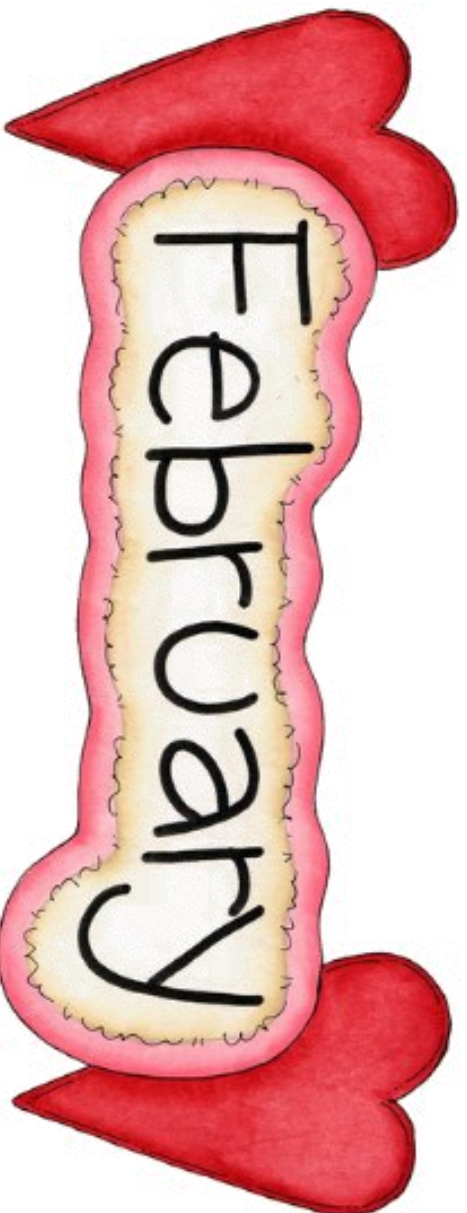
The following verse comes to mind as I write this: *So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ~Galatians 6:9.* Child In Our Hands has shown great strength and perseverance this past year. Our center may not be running at full capacity, but we are thriving in the area of quality care. The current staff here at the center is one that I would highly recommend to anyone. I could not be more proud and more thankful for the care we are providing to the children entrusted to us.

Valerie Ford
Interim Director

Donation

As we are entering cold season, Child In Our will gladly take any donations of Kleenex or paper towels. Thank you.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <p>9:00am Worship - St. John's 10:00am Sunday School 10:30am Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10:00am Staff Meeting 5:00pm Come to the Table Meal 6:00pm Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10:30am Preschool Chapel 1:30pm Preschool Chapel 4:00pm 6th and 7th Grade Confirmation</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:00pm Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:00pm Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>9:00am Worship - St. John's 10:00am Sunday School 10:15am Annual Meeting in Sanctuary 10:30am Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00pm CIOH Board Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00am Staff Meeting 5:00pm Come to the Table Meal 6:00pm Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:30am Preschool Chapel 1:30pm Preschool Chapel 4:00pm 6th and 7th Grade Confirmation 7:15pm 8th Grade Confirmation - Trinity</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:00pm Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:00pm Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall</p>	<p>11</p>
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Church Members in Care Centers

*If you know of others, -
please let the office know*

Correction-
Enderlin Nursing Home
Betty Frigen

**Sign Up for Lent Meal
Wednesday**

2/22

3/1

3/8

3/15

3/29

**Worship starts at 5:30 pm
Meal follow the worship**

**The sign up sheet outside
Gem's Office**



Christmas 2022

with Pr. Stephanie and Pr. Erik



Frosted trees have been pretty this winter

Meet Pr. Stephanie
Events

Tuesday Tapas– Sign
up outside church
office.

An informal Tuesday
evening gathering with
Pr. Stephanie for
appetizers and
conversation.

Upcoming:

Feb. 21

Feb. 28

Mar. 7



In Memory of:

Given by:

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.

January 2023

Radio February

February 5 Gerald & Marjorie Lippert
 February 12 Patrick & Shelley Mack
 February 19 Denise Steele
 February 26 St. John's Endowment
 Media Legacy Fund

Flowers February

February 5 Darwin & Pauline Roeske
 February 12 Darwin & Pauline Roeske
 February 19 Denise Steele
 February 26 Gem Saied

For Dates available for Altar Flowers and Radio, please contact the church office 252-1198

Giving Matters

ATTENDANCE

	In Person	YouTube Live	YouTube recorded
January 1	56	17	52
January 8	100	22	57
January 15	84	23	91
January 22			

December income: \$ 49,158.86
 December expenses: \$ 40,55.10

2023 Offering Envelopes

As of Dec. 27th, our envelopes are still in production, with a February estimated arrival.

Please be patient– We will get them out just as soon as they arrive.

If possible, please consider signing up for electronic giving. If you give regularly and give the same amount, it is a great time saver for the church and cuts down on human error.

It is quick and easy to sign up and can be changed by contacting the church office.



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Worship Services

Sundays

~ 9:00 am

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Wednesday Confirmation

~ 4:00 pm - Worship

Holy Communion

All Worship Services

Church Office 701-252-1198

Preschool/Child Care 701-252-1903

Website: www.st-johnslutheran.org

email: stjohns@st-johnslutheran.org

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Child In Our Hands
Valerie Ford - Interim

Choir Accompanist/Pianist
Connie Wells

Ash Wednesday and Lent Worship

2/22 - Ash Wednesday

12:10 pm imposition of ashes

5:30 pm worship followed by a meal

Every Lenten Wednesday

5:30 pm worship

Followed by soup and sandwich meal

