



St. John's Lutheran Church

Called to Fill the Hungry with Good Things

The Messenger

(Monthly publication)

June 2021



Dear friends in Christ,

May is always a month of renewal and that is abundantly clear at St. John's. Here is a list of renewal items that directly relate to our ministry at St. John's Lutheran church...

A few months back we added video streaming to our ministry. We would prefer to see your faces but if you are unable to worship in person you can watch our services on YouTube. The services are recorded and stay on the site for several weeks so you can watch a service at your convenience. Our live radio broadcasts continue as well so there are several ways to worship with your congregation.

We have a new van. Thanks to the generous donations from our congregation, we were able to purchase a 2019 Ford Transit 15 passenger van. We now have a reliable vehicle to use for youth trips and Child in Our Hand Daycare to use for their field trips. It is parked in the parking lot behind the church, our name is not on it yet but will be soon. Take a look.

We will soon have new air conditioning units. Again, thanks to the generosity of our members we were able to raise the funds needed to replace the old and failing air conditioning units. The contracts have been signed and the components have been ordered. If all goes as planned, we will be able to keep the building comfortable when the warm weather returns.

Pr. Eric and Pr. Kristi have begun their sabbatical. This is a time of renewal for them as well. They are planning to visit other congregations around the country to glean ideas and best practices that can be used to enhance their congregations here in Jamestown. We eagerly anticipate their return with their new energy, ideas, and perspectives. Our kitchen remodeling project is showing significant signs of renewal. The new stove and oven were installed a while ago giving us the opportunity to prepare foods that are not cold on the left and burned on the right. I have been told

that we are able to boil water in minutes rather than hours as before. Our pantry area is complete. It looks great and we will be able store our supplies and appliances in an organized, manageable manner. For the next step, our council has approved the purchase of a new commercial refrigerator and a new freezer that will further enhance our abilities to prepare meals and serve the needs of our congregation.

On a separate topic. Several people asked about when we plan to lift the mask requirement at St. John's. That is not an easy question to answer. At present, we are following the CDC guidelines regarding indoor gatherings. Although we have relaxed some of our earlier requirements, we still want to promote a safe and healthy environment for our members. The Covid-19 pandemic is not over yet. The most recent data shows North Dakota at about 40% vaccinated. The experts say normalcy probably cannot be obtained until we reach 70-80%. I do not like wearing masks and I miss shaking hands. I also look forward to the return of our coffee hour.

For months I have been writing about hope and faith. I have tried to offer words of inspiration and scripture verses that reaffirm that renewal is just around the corner. I still believe that. My letter would not be complete without a reference to scripture passages that pertain to my message of the month. I would like to leave you with two for you to contemplate.

Isaiah 40:31 but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.

Revelation 21:4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." 5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

God's Peace to All,
Gary Staab, Congregation President



This month, through graduation day and parties, we celebrate, full of enthusiasm the next chapter of these young adults' lives. This is often thought of (age 18-22) as a time of massive personal growth and transformation. We often think of shaping our identity as young adult problem, yet everyone faces it at every changing point in our lives. Both trying to meet our personal, social, and societies goals is a vital aspect of being human and we perceive that it is the difference in order to be happy. When I think back on my life, much of my energy was spent on worrying and obsessing what my perceived identity was. Though I still have my mid-life crises to look forward to, I am continuing asking myself why is it so important to meet every high expectations I have for myself? I think most of us have similar answers to my question, but truth be told, I don't think I have ever been completely satisfied with any expectation I have.

For me my expectations and my faith are in a complicated relationship. Whenever I am in an overwhelming situation or I know my expectations aren't being meet, my faith tends not to be at the forefront of my mind. However, when that overwhelming situation passes, I think back, I realize that I didn't need to invest the amount of energy I did worrying about meeting my expectations. More importantly, God is there with me, being present in my life, always.

In Philippians 2:1-4, "Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united in Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others."

When there is fear, anxiety, and an unpredictable future, it is easy to lose sight of what is important. God has given us faith and discipleship to be stewards of His love. To know that we should be thankful for the gift of life and that we can shape our world to become a better, healthier, and safer place together. We fix our eyes on Christ, who guides us in hope, healing, and gratefulness in what is to come. Not only may you find yourself leaning on God's love to guide you through the rest of the year, but to help embrace others in that love of Christ.

During every Sunday worship, my favorite parts of the service is the confession and forgiveness. Being reminded that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We don't serve our neighbor as we should even though we are great serving ourselves. Yet, God's abiding grace and abundance help me gain additional perspectives of myself, which are that despite the fact that I may fail my unrealistic expectations. I am still a child of God saved from sin through the grace of Jesus Christ, born with a purpose and able to bring a light to the world.

Pr. Lucas Holsten
Associate Pastor



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, and Cindy Kleven, Camden Kutz, Robert Walton.

Shoveling and yard work: Dan Dockter, Tom Enderle, and Glenn Johnson.

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 one is watching. Thank you so much to all.



Volunteers are the
HEART
of our church



Sponsorships

Radio June

June 6	Tom and Joan Enderle
June 13	Deloris Christy
June 20	Endowment
June 27	Pam Golde



Flowers June

June 6	Brian and Erin Paulson
June 13	Deloris Christy
June 20	Endowment
June 27	Pam Golde



CHURCH MINISTRY

Baptism

Deaths

Members

Arnold Becker - died 5/7

Non Members



Fit for the Journey

FROM	FOR
Todd & JoAnne Anderson	Marie Loose
Stanley & Ila Goter	Oswald Schultz

ATTENDANCE

March & April 2021

April 25	97
May 2	85
May 9	78
May 16	72
May 23	69

Income for April: \$25,489.15
Expenses for April: \$ 26,261.66

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS – April

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

June 2021

6/3 - 5:30 pm Executive Meeting
6/6 to 6/9 -5:00 pm VBS
6/8 - 6:30 pm Council Meeting
6/11-6/12 Creative Fellowship

Radio Broadcast and Altar Flowers Available days

Please contact the church office 252-1198.

Radio: 9/26 and 10/31

Altar Flowers: 9/5 and 10/31

Council Meeting Recap

The council met on Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Minutes of the April Council meeting was approved.

April Treasures report was approved.

April giving was \$25,492.41
April expenses were \$26,261.66

Discussed selling the old church van. Gary said that the Kelly Blue Book shows the value to be about \$1800.

Authorized the purchase of a refrigerator and a freezer for the kitchen. The designated kitchen fund has more than enough to cover the cost.

The latest elevator inspection uncovered several problems. Approved \$4487 to have them corrected.

Discussed graphics for the new van. We are waiting for Child in Our Hands to develop a new LOGO.

Next council meeting is scheduled for June 8th.



Women of the Church

Even though last year we did not see much of them, they were busy working from home. They completed 365 quilts, loaded the Doctor van and headed to Fargo to donate the quilts to YWCA .

Thank You Note

Just a note to THANK YOU for sharing the information about our Swiss Steak Supper on April 29 with the members of your churches. We appreciate your assistance in getting the word out. We served 265 meals and had a nice – but windy – day to offer the drive-up meals.

Thank you again for your help!!
Pastor Tammy Toepke-Floyd
First Congregational United Church of Christ of Jamestown
firstcongucc@csicable.net

Women of the Church



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We Have Great News!

Our Annual Rummage Sale will be on Thursday August 5th and Friday August 6th. You can start bringing your treasures on Tuesday August 3rd from 8:00 - 6:00 and on Wednesday August 4th from 8:00 - 6:00. We will have the Southwest back door open. We will have Men to help you bring your items into the sale

We are in need of Brown Paper Bags. They can be left at the church office any time. WE ARE REALLY EXCITED TO FINALLY HAVE THE SALE!

*Most important we will need VOLUNTEERS on Tuesday and Wednesday to set up and on Friday to clear everything out of the Fellowship Hall.

We have also been very busy putting quilts together (Sharon, Adeline, Gladys and Shirley). We recently delivered 365 quilts to Fargo. 75 to Youth Works and 290 to the YWCA .

We also have had 5 times of tying Quilts. Thank you to everyone that helped. I wish I could list all of your names. YOU ARE "SPECIAL ANGELS"

We also delivered 38 Sewing Kits, 20 Layettes, and 20 Personal Care Kits to Lutheran World Relief in Fargo. Special Thank You to Gayl Lange, Deb Thompkins, Deloris Lux, Adeline Grenz, Shirley Unverferth and Sharon Dockter for helping fill all the boxes.

1st Communion

**Annabelle Paulson, Tyler Perkins,
Alexis Windingland**



Welcome Church Music Intern

Rebekah Werner begins a summer internship as a church musician on June 1. She will be serving the partnership between English Lutheran, St. John's, and Trinity Lutheran Churches. Rebekah plans to begin her junior year at the University of Jamestown this fall. She has been taking piano lessons since she was in elementary school and looks forward to learning to play the organ and to conducting a choir.

As congregational partners, English Lutheran, St. John's, and Trinity are giving Rebekah the opportunity to grow as a church musician this summer. Dick Morris will supervise this internship and serve as organ and conducting coach. Rebekah will also learn some of the behind the scenes parts of church music such as preparing bulletins, projection, livestreaming, and copyright reporting. Much of Rebekah's time will be dedicated to practicing organ and preparing for rehearsals. If you are in one of the church buildings this summer and hear organ music, be sure to say hello to Rebekah.

We are aware that many churches struggle to find organists, pianists, and choir directors. That void continues to grow, and we need to discover ways to develop future church musicians. This summer internship is one answer to that concern. The hope is that this program will not just encourage one person to serve the church in the future but will also serve as a pilot project which could be duplicated around the country. We are grateful for Rebekah's enthusiasm and look forward to experiencing her growth as a church musician.





2021 High School Graduates

Pr. Lucas Holsten, Meghan Ford, Cora Wolsky, Emily Sargeant,

Kade Schumacher, and Alec Horn

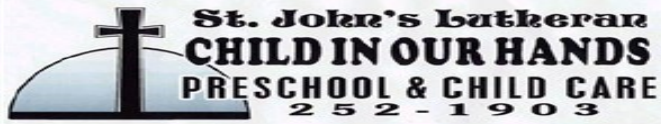
Not Featured

Dominic Elhard, Kylie Herman, Dawson Mee,

Jade Wahl, and Mia Wilson

Those who could not make it, please stop by the church and pick up your bible.





Greetings from Child In Our Hands,

Another month has quickly passed here at Child In Our Hands. It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of the preschool year. We have certainly enjoyed the time with the preschoolers. We are also grateful that we were able to be in person for preschool. Each day welcoming them into the classroom was savored as a special experience after not having that closure last year. We wish the preschoolers that are going to Kindergarten this fall all the best and we hope they always remember they are a special child of God.

A few of our friends in Noah's Ark will be moving up this summer to the toddler room. In preparation, they have been going and playing with the toddlers and they love it! It is so fun to watch them toddle after the older kids trying to keep up with them. God's Little Lambs rearranged their classroom and switched out some toys. The toddlers love the kitchen set and are always making something for their teachers to eat. Caring Cross welcomed the warmer weather by decorating their room with raindrops and flowers. The kids love having their projects on display.

The center is looking for donations of any outside toys for our kids to enjoy on the playground. This could be balls, big trucks, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, etc. Any donations can be dropped off at the office and will be thoroughly enjoyed and used by our kids.

Preschool registration for next year is ongoing. If you know of someone looking for preschool options, please send them our way. They can call the center, stop by the office, or send an e-mail Valerie.Ford@st-johnspreschool.org

Sincerely,

Valerie Ford
Child In Our Hands Interim Director



***The Children are having
way too much fun.
Let the game begin***



***Even the teachers has to
Join in the fun***



**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
30 9:00 AM Worship - St. John's	31 Church offices closed - Memorial Day CIOH Closed	1 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Come to the Table Meal	2	3 5:30 PM Executive Meeting	4	5
6 9:00 AM Worship - St. John's 5:00 PM VBS	7 5:00 PM VBS	8 5:00 PM Come to the Table Meal 5:00 PM VBS 6:30 PM Council Meeting	9 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM VBS	10	11 Creative Fellowship	12 creative fellowship
13 9:00 AM Worship - St. John's	14	15 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Come to the Table Meal	16	17	18	19
20 9:00 AM Worship - St. John's	21	22 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Music on the Lawn and Meal	23	24	25	26
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All Worship Services

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 Erik Weber

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 Lucas Holsten

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 Frank Perleberg

Child In Our Hands Director
 Val Ford

Choir Accompanist/Pianist
 Rachel Williams
 Connie Wells

***VBS Theme this year is
 Railroad Wreck***

***Sunday June 6 to Wednesday June 9
 5:00 pm gathering and meal
 5:45—7:00 pm
 program and activities
 Wednesday is family night.***

