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The Messenger

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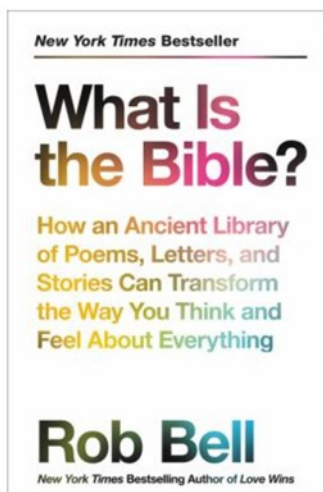
Stay Connected Summer

Last Call- Vocational Bible School- Register online by June 1st.

For youth who have completed K-5th grade
June 19 - June 23 9 am - 3 pm
Hosted by Atonement Lutheran Church

In partnership with Trinity, St. John's and Immanuel

Summer Book Study Now forming:



Rob Bell's *What is the Bible? How an Ancient Library of Poems, Letters, and Stories Can Transform the Way You Think and Feel About Everything*

When: **1st and 3rd Sunday evenings in July and August**

Where: Hybrid meetings at STJ and on Zoom

Contact the office to sign up by Sunday, June 18.

Once a group is formed, we will select a gathering time that works best for the majority. When you sign-up, please indicate whether you will purchase your own copy of the book, or would like the church to order a book for you.

Romans Bible Study begins June 6th

Bring your Bibles and appetite for the Come to the Table meal and a journey through Paul's letter to the Romans.

When: **Tuesday evenings** beginning **June 6**

Gathering at 5:15pm with discussion beginning at 5:30pm

Where: STJ Conference Room across from the office



Travel to Jerusalem



In June, Pastor Kristi and I are traveling to Jerusalem. Kristi spent five weeks there in 1991 but it will be my first time. We are traveling with a St. Olaf adult study group. One of the advantages of this type of travel is that the college has decades of experience and contacts in the area: they know people on the ground. Our participation has involved almost a year of preparation for the trip and a lifetime of preparation for the journey. There are different areas to pay attention to on a trip like this one and each has its own demands.

As a journey of faith, this trip can be considered a pilgrimage. We are traveling to a place that is foundational to the Christian story. We will visit Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Jericho, and the Sea of Galilee. We will have the chance to stand where the crowds gathered as bread was passed out as the 5000 were fed. We will have a chance to pray on the Mount of Olives where Jesus knelt in prayer after the Last Supper. We will visit the Church of the Nativity, built on the traditional site of the birth of Jesus. These places are all important, but they are also just a narrow slice of the long history of the area. Layer upon layer of faith stories occupy every hill and valley. I have visited important religious places in the past: Wartburg castle in Germany where Martin Luther translated the Bible, St. Mark's in Venice, built just before the split between the Eastern and Western Church, and St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, built on the site of Peter's martyrdom. Standing in these places offers a new appreciation for the stories of faith.

This is also a journey to a place where people continue to live. It is a place that people call home. Jews, Muslims, and Christians continue to want the same things for their families as we want for ours: freedom to worship and work, safe streets and homes, access to education and health care. This continues to be an unsettled time for the region. We will have the opportunity to listen to and visit with people who live amid the tension of Israeli domestic political protests, ongoing Jewish/Palestinian conflicts, and the return of tourists who want to see the sites but ignore the people who live there. Some of the recommended pre-trip reading include reflections on living in a place that has been occupied by others far more than it has been free to determine its own path as well as a current novel by an author who lives near Jerusalem.

Kristi and I do ask for your prayers as we embark on this journey. Prayers for safety for us and for the group are welcomed. But also pray for an openness to hear the stories of people who are living today in the region. There are shepherds, and farmers, and merchants who make their living doing the things that people have been doing there for thousands of years. The shepherds heard the angels singing and traveled to Bethlehem to see the thing that had been told them. After telling Mary and Joseph all that they had heard, they returned to their flocks. Some of their descendants have stories to tell as well about what they see God up to in the world. This trip straddles the time from the Biblical witness to the lived testimony of living people.

Pastor Erik



The Women of the Church prepare Layettes for delivery to World Relief. A few items for new babies can be tightly packaged into a bundle of hope and care for children around the world.



The Stutsman County Library Bookmobile makes regular stops at Child in Our Hands. The big step up for little legs is worth it when the children get to pick some books to borrow.

Carpenter Needed: Help build some more Faith Chests

If you have carpentry experience

Or would like to learn- St. John's Lutheran Church would like you to share your talent and help build more faith chests.

Help continue with the tradition of giving a special gift on behalf on the congregation for each baptism.

Look for a Faith Chest building event in Early July!

Dear Young Adults:

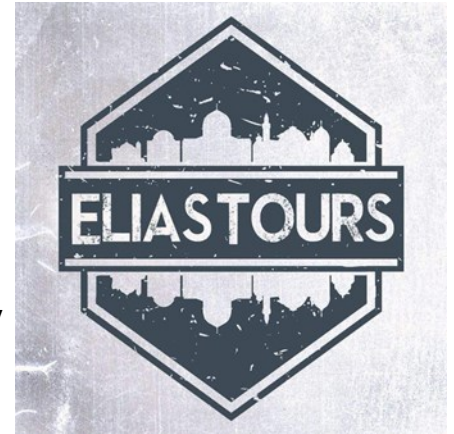
We'd like to keep in touch with our new and recent graduates! Where in the world are you? Working, Tech school, University, Armed forces, Other?? Please share. Let the church office know your school address, and keep an eye out for a care package (or two) during the school year.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Get your passports ready! Pastor Stephanie is in contact with Elias Tours to plan a ***pilgrimage to the Holy Land after Easter in 2025!*** A few of you have already expressed interest, and there are surely others who have always dreamed of walking in the footsteps of Jesus and our many faith heroes.

Wednesday, June 21 at 5:30PM, we will gather at St John's for a brief glimpse into Pastor Stephanie's trip last year, along with time for any questions or concerns you may have about travel to the Holy Land. Appetizers and drinks will be provided!

If you cannot make the informational gathering, but would like more information, please contact Pastor Stephanie or the STJ office.



Pastor Stephanie along with Pastor Peter and Pastor Susan attended the Festival of Homiletics in May. This year the annual event was held in Minneapolis. Keynote speakers, working preachers, and teachers of preaching enrich the craft of proclaiming the Good News in our world today.

Pastor Erik is working with Lay Preachers as part of Christians in Action. If you have a desire to give voice to a sermon in worship, check in with Pastor Erik for upcoming workshops.



Memorial given for Sandy Franke

Darwin & Pauline Roeske; Franke Family, Roeske Family, Tom & Mary Kay Lindberg, Carolyn Haltestad, Steve & Gay Bentlage, Glenn & Shelle, Will, Andrew, and Kathy Franke, Justin & Kelsey Halikias, Brad, & Mary Weidner, Jenean Gawan, Zachary & Marie Simmons, Curits & Darlene Goehner, Tim & Cindy Wolff, Judy Scherbenske, Gerald & Louise Weidner, Ed & Annette Schmid, Tom & Joan Enderel, Deb Clemens, Mary Englund, Ken & Shar Gumke, Robert & Jacinta Piatz, Shane & Ann Ede, John & Terry Schock, Michael Tellinghuisen, Marlys Perleberg, Alden & De Landa Kollman, Charles & Connie Wells, Deloris Christy, Jill & Terry Shaffer, Ken & Pan Daus, Evelyn Entzi, Norman & Arlene Bitterman, LaDona Tarno, Alice Bietz, Kathy Block, Cheryll Bratroid, Russ & Gwen Geiszler, Gladys Lay. Marvis Truax Keven & Brenda Donoho, Peter & Sara Harbaugh.

In Memory of

Avis Halverson
Avis Halverson

Lois Knudson

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Tami Bauger
Charlene Dalliver &
Family

Bruce & Cheri Winter
Mark & Kathy Finstad
Glenn & Cora Hayes
Michel & Dorothy
Robyt

Marvis Truax
Evelyn Entzi

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 June

6/4 Norman & Arlene Bitterman
6/11 Deloris Christy
6/18 Richard & Geneal Hall
6/25 Bill Kust

Flowers June

6/4 Brian & Erin Paulson
6/11 Deloris Christy
6/18 Brian & Erin Paulson
6/25 Bill Kust

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

Mow the church lawn

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

ATTENDANCE

	In Person	YouTube Live	YouTube recorded
4/23	97	32	89
4/30	132	23	75
5/7	96	20	82
5/14	128	14	35
5/21	100	20	

April income: \$ 29,420

April expenses: \$ 27,546

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

Ministerial Acts

Baptisms

- + Kamron Emmitt Krumwiede 5/21/2023
- + Kayleah Mattie Krumwiede 5/21/2023

Weddings

None

Funerals

- + Edith Raatz died 4/24/2023
- + Sandra Franke died 4/28/2023
- + Elsie Robyt died 5/3/2023
- + Lois Knudson Memorial 5/5/12/2023
- + Raymond Johnson Graveside 5/18/23
- + Avis Halverson Memorial 5/26/2023



Youth are mowing this summer for credit toward upcoming trips. Thanks Shyah for being first.

Council Recap

Minutes from the April 17 council meeting were corrected. A Budget Stabilization Fund was established at the April meeting. "Temporarily restricted estate" funds will now be designated as the Budget Stabilization Fund.

Pastor Erik completed VANCO's annual attestation for Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard compliance for online payment processing.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pastor Erik is waiting on a an additional building insurance bid from Church Mutual. Charlie made a motion to authorize the Executive Committee to make the final decision on an insurance carrier when the bid is received, seconded by David. Motion carried. Current coverage ends 6/1/23

Pastor Erik has not yet executed the contract with Electro Watchman for annual fire alarm testing and inspection services. He is waiting to hear back from them on the services provided in their contract proposal.

Subcontractor bids for phase two of the kitchen remodel project are still forthcoming.

NEW BUSINESS:

The process for replacing a member of the Endowment Committee was discussed. Pastor Erik made a motion to delegate the Endowment Committee to appoint a member to fill in until the next annual meeting, seconded by Pam G. Motion carried.

Furniture replacement was discussed. Charlie made a motion to spend \$1,800 on new furniture, seconded by David. Motion carried.

St. John's will be the Christians in Action (CIA) host site for a synod-wide worship service on June 11, recognizing the synod's partnership with the Central African Republic. A new youth and family director should be in place July 1 for Christians in Action. Lynn, Char, Pam Daugs, Pastor Stephanie and Pastor Erik are registered as voting members for the Synod Assembly, June 3-4. The Christians in Action will be presenting information about the first-of-its-kind consortium, showing other congregations how they too can work together to meet needs.

A lawn care plan is in place. Congregational youth will sign up for hourly mowing and outdoor cleanup work in exchange for monetary credit toward future youth trips.

Hope for the Hopeless ministry will no longer be utilizing the building. A new group is organizing.



Greetings from Child In Our Hands,
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.
Psalms 107:1

May had brought sunshine and many outdoor activities here at the center. We have enjoyed trips to the park, walks, and water fun. The afternoon preschool class went on a field trip to the Bismarck Zoo. They loved guessing the names of the animals, feeding the goats, and exploring the different playgrounds at the zoo.

Seven preschoolers graduated from Child In Our Hands and will go on to Kindergarten this fall. We are so thankful for the time we had with these students. They were such a blessing and will be greatly missed. We know they will continue to do great things.

Child In Our Hands will be fully staffed for the summer! We are excited for the future of our center as we continue to grow and develop. We want to continue to work hard to provide the best care to the children here and hopefully start the process of building back up to capacity. We are so thankful for all the prayers and support that have been sent our way through these tough times. We know God has been with us, and we are grateful for the dedicated staff that has been sent our way.

If you are interested in preschool for next year, please call the center at 701-252-1903 or send an e-mail to Valerie.Ford@st-johnspreschool.org.

Sincerely,
Valerie Ford
Interim Director



2023 High School

Teagan Bosche
Carlson Dewald
Sydney Fisher
Tamika Holte
Kellen Lange
Mason Lunzman
Hannah Sjostrom
Macey Steele
Robert Walton
Andrew Walz

University Graduates

Aaron Kleven
Aaron Mack
Cassidy Neuman
(CIOH employee)

Congratulation to one and all

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.



Once a year, representatives from the 180+ congregations of the Eastern North Dakota Synod gather for the Synod Assembly on a Saturday and Sunday. Knowing that most of the rostered leaders (pastors, deacons, and SAMS) will be attending the Synod Assembly, the Bishop prepares a sermon and makes it available for the congregations to use. There's a copy that can be printed so that someone can read the sermon on that Sunday. There's also a video version of the Bishop preaching the sermon, that congregations can show if they have the capability. The sermon is only one part of the whole service though. Someone needs to lead the other parts of worship. Each year this becomes a part of the preparation for Synod Assembly, recruiting someone to lead Sunday Worship.

Within the Christians in Action partnership this same need has been identified. Within the partnership there's a lot of pulpits to fill so that everyone hears the word of God proclaimed each week. So, early on the need for lay preachers was identified. What do you do though if there's a lay preacher prepared to preach, but the clergy are all assigned to be somewhere else? It's a lot like Synod Assembly - there's a sermon available, but someone needs to lead worship. The lay preacher *could lead worship too, but they're already traveling and each congregation does things a little differently. A better solution would be to treat those Sundays like Synod Assembly weekend and recruit someone from within the congregation to lead worship. After all, someone from within the congregation already has knowledge of how things are done!*

Pr. Susan Haukaas took on lay worship training as a part of her work within the partnership and in April training began. In their own churches, using the patterns of worship they are already familiar with, those who volunteered practiced the basics of leading worship. They realized quickly that most of what they needed to know they've learned just by attending worship in their congregation. Mostly a worship leader keeps things going in the right order. The congregation generally knows when to sit and stand, when to sing or speak, they just need to be invited to do those things.

Having worship leaders will allow our lay preachers to travel more broadly in the partnership. They won't need to bring clergy along with them to lead the rest of the service and that will allow clergy to preach and lead in other congregations within the partnership. Lay worship leaders know the specific traditions and patterns within their own congregations. With some basic training they can easily guide the congregation through worship. Most importantly lay worship leadership adds another opportunity for people to be involved in the ministry we do together as Christians in Action in Eastern North Dakota. We hope to eventually have lay worship leaders trained in all of the Christians in Action congregations. Those leaders will be invited to be in conversation and community with each other, as a means of support and encouragement of their ministry!

If you are interested in being trained in the basics of worship leadership contact Pastor Susan Haukaas @ pastorsusan@ndchristiansact.org

Christians in Action

Among the 8 congregations of the Christians in Action Partnership, there are approximately 220-240 youth in middle and high school.

Since October 2022, a search team including Carson Bayer, Julie Fischer, and Dana Kolden from Atonement and Addison Mansavage, Brent Berry, and Jay Oettle from Trinity, along with Pastor Kristi Weber, have been preparing to welcome a Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries.

After Zoom and in-person interviews in March, the search team recommended that Deacon Tara Ulrich be called as the Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries.

By agreement of the congregations, Trinity Lutheran is the congregation that extends a call. This is similar to when a congregation calls a pastor. Trinity members voted at a congregational meeting Sunday, May 7 to call Deacon Tara Ulrich to serve our congregations. The Councils of the partner congregations have agreed to contribute to the balance of the compensation package beyond Trinity's portion.

This call is in partnership with the other congregations of Christians in Action. Deacon Tara will serve an average of 17 hours per week with Trinity (Jamestown), 13 hours per week with Atonement (Jamestown), 4 hours per week with St. John's (Jamestown), and 6 hours per week shared by Emmanuel (Gackle), English (Medina), and Zion (Kulm) Lutheran Churches.

Please prepare your hearts and minds to welcome Deacon Tara Ulrich to the Christians in Action partnership. She has strong gifts to bring to our congregations.

About Deacon Tara Ulrich

Deacon Tara Ulrich grew up in Ashley, North Dakota. She attended the University of Mary in Bismarck and attended seminary at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, where she received her Masters of Arts in Youth, Culture and Mission degree in 2005. Deacon Tara has served children, youth and families in Lutheran congregations in Minnesota and North Dakota for the past seventeen years. She enjoys baking, reading, and spending time with her fur babies (her cats) Luna Lovegood and Neville Longbottom.

Anticipated Start Date July 2023 – The Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries will begin serving in our communities to coordinate large group events as well as coordinating local events for youth from our congregations.

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Day of Pentecost 9:00am Worship - St. John's 10:30am Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall	29 Church offices closed	30 9:00am Staff Meeting 5:00pm Come to the Table Meal 6:00pm Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall	31	1	2	3 Synod Assembly
4 Synod Assembly 9:00am Worship - St. John's 10:30am Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall	5 12:00pm CIOH Board Meeting 5:30pm Council Meeting	6 9:00am Staff Meeting 5:00pm Come to the Table Meal 6:00pm Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall	7	8	9	10
11 Host Synod Worship with CAR Bishops - 100 year ministry in Sudan 9:00am Worship - St. John's 10:30am Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall 2:00pm Host Synod Worship commemorating 100 year ministry in Sudan	12	13 9:00am Staff Meeting 5:00pm Come to the Table Meal 5:15pm Romans Bible Study 5:30pm Council Meeting 6:00pm Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall	14	15	16 Newsletter dead line	17
18 9:00am Worship - St. John's 10:30am Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall	19 9:00am VBS - Atonement Lutheran Church 12:00pm Vera Dominick Memorial Service	20 9:00am Staff Meeting 9:00am VBS - Atonement Lutheran Church 5:00pm Come to the Table Meal 5:15pm Romans Bible Study 6:00pm Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall	21 9:00am VBS - Atonement Lutheran Church 5:30pm Travel trip to the Holy Land discussion with Pr. Stephanie	22 9:00am VBS - Atonement Lutheran Church	23 Creative Fellowship 9:00am VBS - Atonement Lutheran Church	24 Creative Fellowship
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Sundays

~ 9:00 am at St. John's

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11:00 am at English, Medina

Holy Communion

All Worship Services

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