

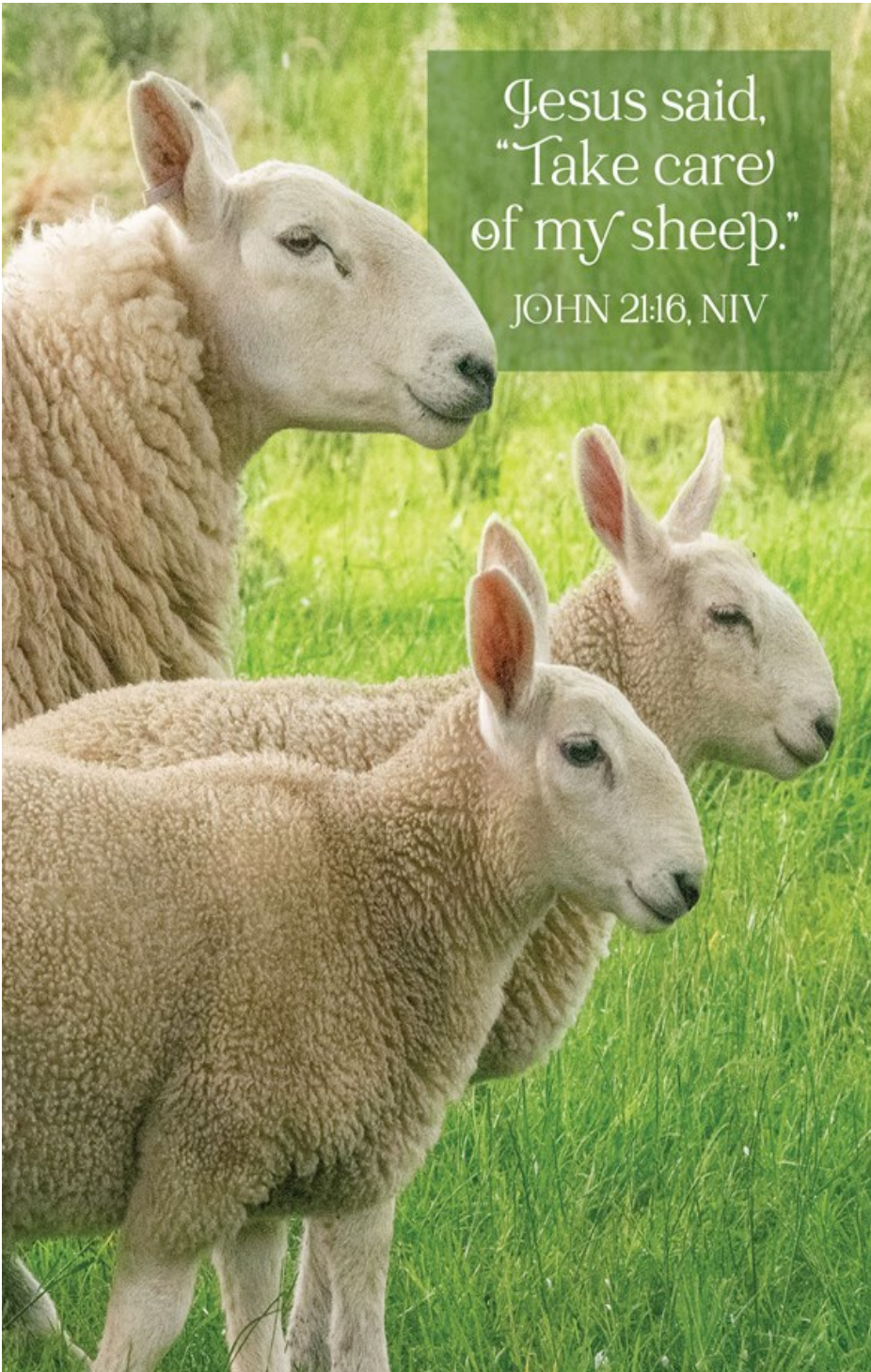


St. John's Lutheran Church

Called to Fill the Hungry with Good Things

The Messenger *(a monthly publication)*

May 2022



Jesus said,
"Take care
of my sheep."

JOHN 21:16, NIV

Vacation Bible School

June 20-22

9:00 am—3:00 pm

Knights of Abounding Love

Online Registration is available at www.trinityjamestown.com and www.st-johnslutheran.org
For children completing kindergarten through 5th grade

Register by May 31

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I'm a Lutheran (serving on the Planning Team)



Phillip Hofmann

The only congregation that I have ever belonged to is English Lutheran in Medina. I was baptized and confirmed there. I currently serve as the Congregation President and as a member of the Discernment Team.

I am a farmer. I grew up on the farm and raise corn, soy beans, and wheat. I found my faith through going to church and in seeing different things throughout my life. Reading the Bible is important part of my faith story.

I'm investing my time and energy in the future of English Lutheran Church.

My favorite Bible story is the Easter Story: Jesus being raised from the dead and opening the way to salvation speaks to me. I also like the Wedding at Cana. Jesus is asked by his mom, Mary, to help because the host ran out of wine. Jesus says not now, but then does it. In fact, he does much more than expected. The wine is better than the first wine. What Jesus has in store for us is better than what we have had.

I believe that despite what we see on the news most people are good and want what is good for everyone else. An example of that is the way that these different communities and congregations are coming together to talk about ministry in our area. We are coming together toward a common goal. We all want our communities and congregations to be alive.

I pray that people can set aside their politics and come together for the greater good. I pray for healing for those who are sick. I pray for no more war, that people have enough to eat, and that we can let petty things go away.

I struggle with staying on task. I work at putting my time to better use. People are

surprised that I like to play around in the stock market.

If I could change anything, I would lower the high cost of living, especially with inflation as high as it is right now. As long as I'm wishing, I wish that every township road was paved.

I'm a Lutheran because I strongly believe what we say at the communion table: that All are Welcome Here.

For me, music is something that I can use to unplug, get lost in, and relax. I like the Beatles most of all, but am not particular with oldies and classic rock. It pains me a bit to hear songs from my high school years already on the Classic Rock stations.

I have never traveled abroad, but in my journeys I have met many people from all over and I have always been able to get along with them and that helps me know that we are not all that different.

Serving on a Church Council and Township Board has opened my eyes to what goes on in the background that many people do not see. It is a challenge to take everyone's needs into account.

I want to read more articles like this one

"I'm a Lutheran" is a regular feature in *Living Lutheran*, an online and paper magazine of the ELCA.

Check out the online edition at www.livinglutheran.org

Ministerial Acts



Funerals

† 3/26/2022 Jade Lutt Trinity
† 3/28/2022 Dave Farthing Trinity
† 4/21/2022 Thelma Barnick St. John's

Additional Deaths

† Vicki Gunsch St. John's
† James Ley St. John's
† Jamie Frey St. John's
† Loraine Zimney St. John's
† Amber Bjerke St. John's

Library of Celsus in Ephesus
This is one of several buildings reconstructed in Ephesus. Paul wrote a letter to the Ephesians.

Shrine of Mary near Ephesus
Christian tradition associates this site with the place where Jesus' mother lived late in her life.



Travel that Inspires Faith

My wife, Lainie, and I traveled quite a bit after I retired. One place that really touched us was our visit to Ephesus in Turkey. The old seaport and trading center is now far inland because the old harbor silted in.

I remember visiting the shrine of the Virgin Mary. According to tradition, John brought Mary to Ephesus after the crucifixion of Jesus. In Jesus' words from the Cross, He tells the disciple "this is your mother." It was an incredible feeling, standing there, knowing that John and Mary walked on that site. There is a shrine by a small cottage where Mary may have actually lived out her life. People have left messages and notes. The city also has a large coliseum where the Apostle Paul walked and preached. Julius Caesar and Marc Anthony also walked in the city. I studied history in school, and this was a powerful connection for me.

We also visited Rome and went to the Vatican. We saw the Pope, but he was far away and we could not see much. But walking through the area was a unique experience for a Norwegian Lutheran. On another trip, we sailed up the Rhine and one of the stops was the city of Cologne in Germany. There is a famous cathedral located in Cologne that took 700 years to complete. It was incredible.

We are very fortunate that God has given us the health and financial ability to travel in retirement. We have many more trips planned, and we are looking forward to hitting many of them. It is wonderful to see great sites of our planet and view what God has created.

Bob Toso

Music Opportunities

Sunday, May 1 2:00 p.m.
University of Jamestown
Wind Ensemble Concert

Monday, May 2 7:30 p.m.
Jamestown High School
JHS Awards Concert

Tuesday, May 10 7:00 p.m.
Jamestown High School
Middle School Concert

Thursday, May 12 7:00 p.m.
Jamestown High School
Orchestra Concert—grades 5-12

Community Notices

5/2 Kiwanis Pancake Feed
11:00 am Club 1883
Tickets: adult \$10, Children \$ 5, Family \$25

5/7 University of Jamestown
Commencement Ceremony
Harold Newman Arena
10:30 am Baccalaureate and
2:30 pm Commencement

5/15 James River Exotic Animal Sale
10:30 am Stutsman Co. Fairgrounds

5/18 Jamestown High School
Baccalaureate – 7:00 pm
Jamestown High School

5/22 Medina High School Graduation -
2:00 pm Medina School Gymnasium

5/29 Jamestown High School Graduation -
2:30 pm at the Civic Center

Congregation Notices

5/1 — 4 pm to 5 pm Legacy Planning Event
hosted at Trinity.

5/5 – 5:30 pm Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
St. John's

5/8 – 10:00 am Mother's Day Brunch
Last day of Sunday School at St. John's

5/15 – High School Graduate Recognition
9:00 am at St. John's
10:45 am at Trinity
Last day of Faith Quest at Trinity

5/15- Closing of Congregation Worship Service
10:30 am St. Luke Lutheran, Streeter

6/11—English Lutheran 100th anniversary meal
RSVP at medinastreeterparish.org by 5/16

6/12—11:00 am English Lutheran, Medina
100th anniversary worship service
followed by brunch



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Through mid-April 2022 donations had exceeded \$1,382.00 to Support St. John's Lutheran Church.

Eastern North Dakota Synod News

CONFIRMATION PAINT ALONG WITH PAUL OMAN EVENT!

If you enjoyed the Lenten videos watching the canvas come to life through Paul's talent as he told the Gospel, let Paul walk you through creating your own canvas of a Gospel story he will share.

Wednesday, May 11th

Atonement Lutheran Church, Jamestown

Food at 6 pm

Grabbing materials for painting by 6:45

Painting at 7 pm



This event is for 6th—9th graders.

**A community event for all ages
is being planned for
Tuesday, August 30
at the Arts Park**

Synod Staff Areas of Responsibility

- **Alyssa Holmen**, *Administrative Assistant for Leadership*
- **Deacon Laura Carson**, *Associate with the Bishop for Formation and Administration*
- **Pastor Brad Skogen**, *Associate with the Bishop for Congregational Leadership And Transitions*
- **Deacon Erin Power**, *Director for Evangelical Mission*
- **Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth**

Synod Assembly Information Theme: Called to Serve

The Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly will be June 4-5 at the Holiday Inn in Fargo. You can visit the [**Synod Assembly Website**](#) for all the details and registration link.

Rev. Robin Brown will be our churchwide representative and serves as the Director of Congregational Generosity for the ELCA. Dr. Michael Chan will be our Bible study leader and preacher for closing worship. He currently serves as Associate Professor of Old Testament at Luther Seminary and will begin on June 1 as the Director of Faith and Learning at Concordia College.

Here is a list of upcoming deadlines:
Hotel Reservation Deadline - May 3rd,
Resolutions Deadline - May 5th,
Registration Deadline - May 19th

Discernment Process among South Central North Dakota ELCA Congregations

Overview

The Planning Team met April 19 and worked through the next steps for our discernment process.

1. A short video presentation introduces the two models to all eight congregations. The video will be used in all of the congregations to introduce the two models.
2. Diagrams of each of the models will be used in the video and be available for handouts.
3. At each of the congregations time will be allotted for questions, comments, and conversation about the models. The video presentation and the conversation time will be led by representatives from the local congregation and/or representatives from other participating congregations.
4. All congregation members who view the video and/or participate in the follow-up conversation will be invited to complete the Congregation Consensus Poll. This will measure the level of agreement and support for both of the options.
5. The video presentation and Consensus Poll will be available online at the congregations' websites. Those who want to view the video and complete the poll who were not able to attend the other meetings will be able to do so.

Future Steps of the Timeline

April 24—May 15 First set of Options will be presented to each congregation for feedback
Anyone from any congregation is welcome to attend whichever presentation works best for them.
Sunday, April 24 10:00 am at St. John's
Sunday, May 1 10:00 am at Atonement (across from Jamestown High School)
Wednesday, May 4 7:15 pm at Trinity

May 20—June—Refined options and a recommendation from the Planning Team will be presented to each congregation. Congregations will be asked to decide whether or not to continue as they are or to accept the recommended option(s) and begin implementing those plans.

Every option being developed will share these core values:

- Jesus Christ calls these congregations to be in mission in our communities
- Relationships within and among congregations are important
- Joy for volunteers, participants and staff will sustain this model
- Communication within and among congregations is essential

Planning Team Members:

Phillip Hofmann and Bryan Behm – English Lutheran, Medina
Brett Thielges and Char Freeberg – St. John's Lutheran, Jamestown
Joni Zink and Bob Toso – Trinity Lutheran, Jamestown
Deb Elhard and Jodi Bruns — Christ the King, Ellendale
Ben Pesek and Lucinda Malm — Zion, Kulm
Derek Hust and Bonnie Denning — Emmanuel, Gackle
Teagan Thompson and Deb Hatlewick — Immanuel, Jamestown
LeAnn Fuchs and Tory Hart — Atonement, Jamestown

Pastors and Pastoral Leaders from these congregations participate as advisory members. They are Nathan Wicks, Linda Schauer, Mary Jo Kinzler, Lucinda Lien, Susan Haukaas, Erik Weber, Kristi Weber

Jesus Prays



On the same night that Jesus gathers with his disciples for the Last Supper, Jesus prays, "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me....Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them." John 17:20-26

When we cooperate with other Christians, we become the living examples of what Jesus prayed for us when he gathered with his disciples. We who believe in Jesus may all be one. The love of God that was in Jesus lives in us.

This kind of cooperation can be very formal, like the kinds of cooperation that the Planning Team has been discussing since last October for eight specific ELCA congregations in our area. Or this kind of cooperation can be very informal, like the cooperation of our congregations to host an evening of painting for youth at Atonement Lutheran in May with the artist, Pastor Paul Oman, who provided the videos of miracles of Jesus painted on a grand scale to bring a deeper understanding to these miracles.

Another kind of cooperation is the kind that happens one on one between neighbors and friends. I've heard many stories of caring for one another during these past couple of years that have really touched my heart. One woman invites her neighbor to her apartment to participate in the 10:45 am livestream. Together they share communion with the whole congregation as this holy meal of Jesus is extended to them in the apartment living room. Another couple found comfort from the church after their neighbor knew they were going through a difficult health crises and suggested that they give the pastor a call because our church is open to everyone. Driveways shoveled. Garbage cans returned home after their wind blown adventure. A warm meal brought to a family following the birth of a child. Each of these one on one acts shows the love of God living through us.

Jesus prays that we who believe in Jesus may all be one. One in faith. One in love. One in our witness to neighbors who see the love of God through these acts of caring.

In Peace,

Pastor Kristi Weber

Vacation Bible School

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, June 20-22 9:00 am—3:00 pm
Knights of Abounding Love

Online Registration is available at www.trinityjamestown.com and www.st-johnslutheran.org
For children completing kindergarten through 5th grade—register by May 31

Pre-school Vacation Bible School

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, June 20-22 9:30 am-11:30 am

Online Registration coming soon at www.trinityjamestown.com and www.st-johnslutheran.org
For children 3 years old through not yet attended kindergarten



1st Communion on Palm Sunday
Maelee and Rylan Dockter, Cayden and Colby Quigley, Ayden Thielges, Sara Everson

Additional 1st Communions in April
Christian Wilkinson, Riley Schlafman, Brianna Hayes, Maci Fisher, Madilyn Roaldson.

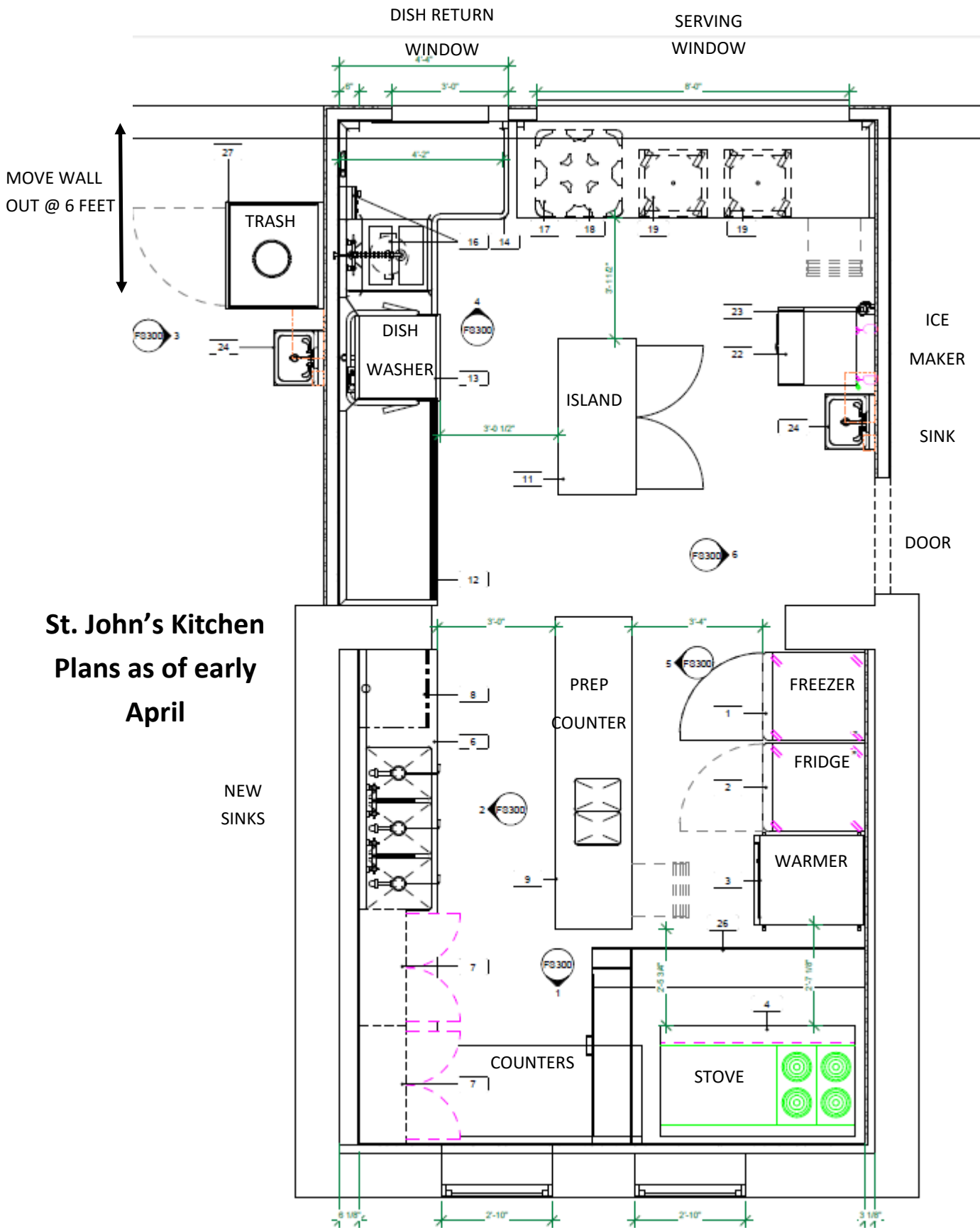
Confirmation

Hangout time before worship and lesson



Congratulation High School Graduates- 2022

Camden "Little" Kutz (pictured)
Hannah Murchie
Kayla Reimers
Kaylee Erickson



Kitchen Project is moving into Pricing and final refinements. The design team has been working all winter to refine the plans for the St. John's Kitchen remodel. Equipment, construction, plumbing, electrical, asbestos abatement, and a timeline are being developed. Look for additional information in the coming months.



Greetings from Child in Our Hands,

“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” ~Matthew 19:14

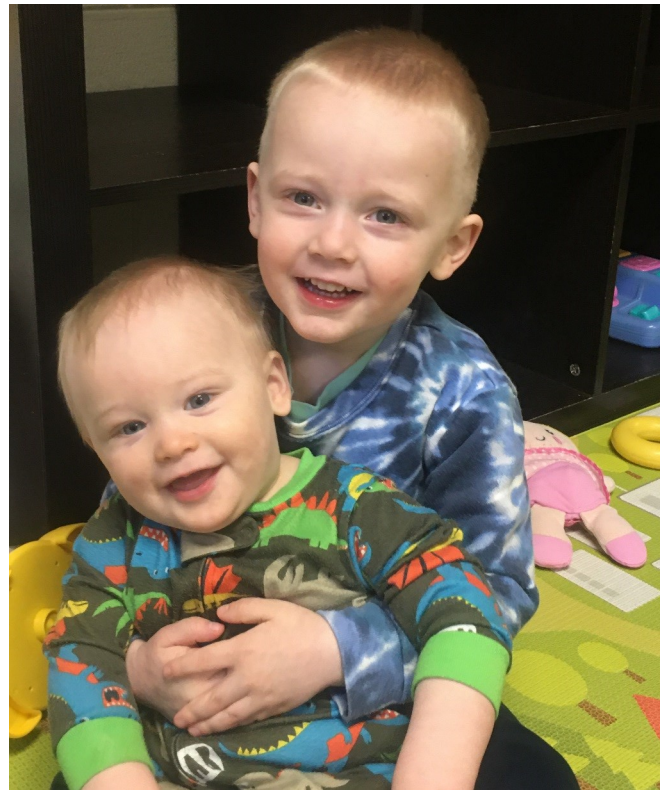
This is a verse that has been on my mind this past month. It has me reflecting on our positions here at Child In Our Hands and the honor we have each day to teach the ways of Jesus to these young children. It is such a blessing to have chapel each week with Pastor Erik. If you could only hear some of the questions they have after listening to a Bible story. I truly appreciate that we are in an environment where these questions can be explored and answered. I also appreciate and love the way our church community welcomes and greets the children in our care anytime they see them in the halls of the church. This always makes the children feel so special. Thank you for continuing to support Child In Our Hands as a ministry of the church. You truly make all of us feel blessed to be a part of St. John’s Lutheran.

A little bit of what has been happening in our classrooms this past month. Noah’s Ark has a few infants who are so close to walking! They are standing and about to take those steps. We also have many infants in that room who are eating food. This is exciting but also adds a whole new level of messiness in that room. □ The toddlers in God’s Little Lambs have blossomed so much this past month. These shy little ones are talking up a storm to staff. We love hearing their stories and seeing the excitement that bubbles out of them as their confidence level has grown. Caring Cross has really stepped up in their roles as the “oldest” at the center. They are constantly offering to help with the younger ones and when they do help they do it with the kindest heart. They remind us of the pure joy that can come from reaching out to others. Preschool registration is open for next school year. We will have two options. Three Day Preschool is Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 8:30-11:30 AM. Five Day Preschool is Monday through Friday from 12:30-3:30 PM. If you are interested in Preschool or have any questions please call the center or e-mail Valerie.Ford@st-johnspreschool.org.

Sincerely,

Valerie Ford
Interim Director





CIOH
After Easter Egg Hunt
And showing our crafts
We Love to help our teachers

STEWARDSHIP



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ATTENDANCE - St. John's

	In person	Live	recorded
April 3	118	17	58
April 6	64	4	38
April 10	147	43	74
April 15	76	22	71
April 17	189	31	84
April 24	79	30	74
March Income:	\$ 26,459		
March Expenses	\$ 26,236		



**April 3rd, Rachel Williams
Last Sunday at St. John's**

May 2022—Radio

May 1	Bob & Pat Fennern
May 8	Gladys Ley
May 15	Kathy Burkle
May 22	Grace Walz
May 29	Charles & Connie Wells

May 2022—Flowers

May 1	Bob & Pat Fennern
May 8	Gladys Ley
May 15	Curtis Goehner
May 22	Grace Walz
May 29	St. John's

If you are thinking about sponsoring radio broadcast and/or Altar flowers in 2023. Please contact the church office to reserved the date.

There are many that have yearly reservation and there are limited opening for both.

Thank you for your sponsorship.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHT

Due to the weather the council did not meet this month. Next meeting May 10th



**Thank you
For the delicious Palm
Sunday Breakfast**

**Russ and Gwen
Geizsler
Paul and Kathy Burkle
JoAnn Deede
Pam Golde and
grandson**

**They cooked and served a delicious
meal
To about 50 people**

**Appreciation to the Streaming
Team**

A congregation family members sent this note: we attended the Easter service on line and he should know what a great job everyone did!! It was so nice to be out of town and still celebrate with our church .

Special Thank you

Ushers and Greeters

Roaldson Family
Paulson Family
Deloris Lux
Deloris Christy
Walton Family
Walter and Mary Klundt
Jerry and Darlene Michael
John Mayer
Daniel Kapp
Rick Kapp
Tom Enderle
Daniel Dockter

*Thank
You*

Thanks to Our Volunteers

**Volunteers of the Month
Discernment Team
Of St. John's Lutheran Church**

**Char Freeberg
Brett Theilges**

**Every month while we are enjoying a quite
Tuesday evening Char and Brett with Pr.
Erik and other churches are on a Zoom
Meeting for two hours.**

Thank you for all you do.



This church and its ministries mean a lot to you. And they mean a lot to the communities they serve. The ELCA Foundation is here to help you ensure the continuation of God's work in the world for years to come.

Gift planning services for individuals:

We can help you navigate your options to create a gift plan that benefits the ministries that mean the most to you, while maximizing tax advantages and your financial estate-planning goals. Options include:

- Gifts made through wills, trusts or estates
- Charitable gift annuities
- Donor-advised funds
- Named endowment funds
- Gifts of cash, securities and real estate
- Qualified charitable distributions from your IRA
- And more



Legacy Planning Seminar

Trinity Lutheran Church
523 4th Ave SE
Jamestown
Sunday, May 1
4:00-5:00 pm

There is no charge for this seminar.

Meet Your Regional Gift Planner

Rev. Keith Pearson
Mobile: (612) 718- 4197
Email: Keith.Pearson@elca.org

Do you have a plan? If not, the government does. But do you really want the government to decide what happens to your hard-earned savings and other assets after you die?



One of the best gifts you can give your heirs is a well-crafted estate plan (and no, you don't have to be rich to have an estate). With a little work and using some free resources you can lay out a clear path to all your assets and articulate a strong message of your intentions for what should happen next.

It is one last chance to let your loved ones hear from you.

And, really, that's what they want most anyway.

MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Worship - St. John's 10:30 AM Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall 10:30 AM Rock of Ages 4:00 PM Legacy Planning	2 9:30 AM Chapel 12:30 PM Eventide Assisted Living Communion and Bible Study	3 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:30 PM Chapel 5:00 PM Come to the Table Meal 6:00 PM Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall	4 4:00 PM Confirmation	5 5:30 PM Volunteer Appreciation Banquet 6:00 PM Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall	6 6:00 PM Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall	7 6:00 PM Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall - set up
8 9:00 AM Worship - St. John's 10:30 AM Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall	9 9:30 AM Chapel	10 1:30 PM Chapel 5:00 PM Come to the Table Meal 6:00 PM Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall 6:30 PM Council Meeting	11 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Confirmation - Atonement Lutheran Church	12 6:00 PM Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall	13 6:00 PM Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall	14 6:00 PM Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall - set up
15 9:00 AM Worship - St. John's 10:00 AM Mothers' Day Brunch - Last day of Sunday School 10:30 AM Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall	16 9:30 AM Chapel	17 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:30 PM Chapel 5:00 PM Come to the Table Meal 6:00 PM Discernment Process zoom meeting 6:00 PM Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall	18	19 6:00 PM Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall	20 6:00 PM Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall	21 6:00 PM Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall - set up
22 9:00 AM Worship - St. John's 10:30 AM Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall	23	24 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Come to the Table Meal 6:00 PM Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall	25	26 6:00 PM Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall	27 6:00 PM Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall	28 6:00 PM Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall - set up
29 9:00 AM Worship - St. John's 10:30 AM Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall	30 CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED	31 VBS registration dead line 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Come to the Table Meal 6:00 PM Hope for the Hopeless Church - Centennial Hall	1	2 5:30 PM Executive Meeting	3	4



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~ 4:00 pm - Worship

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All Worship Services

Church Office 701-252-1198

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Website: www.st-johnslutheran.org
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Custodian
Frank Perleberg

Child In Our Hands
Valerie Ford - Interim

Choir Accompanist/Pianist
Connie Wells

Class of 2022

***We will celebrate
With our Graduates
Sunday May 15, 2022
10:00 am
During Coffee Hour
Please stay to wish them
God's blessings***

