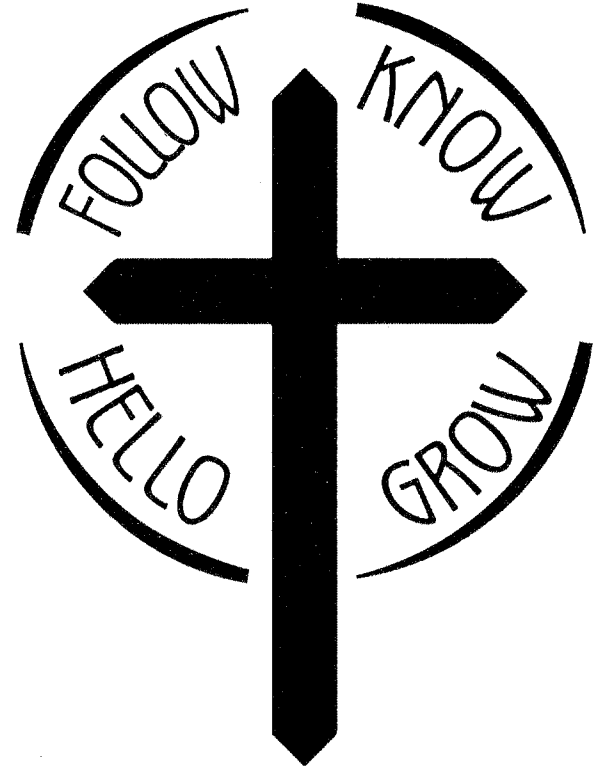


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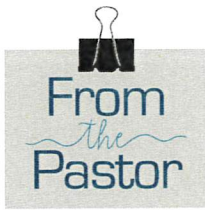


St. John's Lutheran Church



**Welcoming Everyone
Making Disciples
Trusting Jesus
Empowering Leaders**

June 2026



Years ago, I was present for a sermon given by pastor Mark VanderTuig when he was the Service Coordinator for Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. He mentioned that in America there are two reasons that Christians don't attend worship services:

Bad Weather ... and Good Weather. It's supposed to be a joke, but everyone knows it's very true. We don't go to worship when it rains too hard or snows too much. Many people don't go to church if it **might** rain or **might** snow! And, of course, when the sun is shining and the weather is beautiful, we might choose to go camping for the weekend instead of going to church. We tend to come up with **lots** of excuses to miss worship and with summer approaching it's only going to become easier to find those excuses.

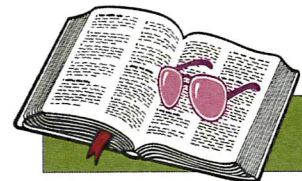
This reminds me of the two reasons people most often give **me** for why they can't get up and go to church. Some tell me that they are too busy. They have too much going on either on Saturday nights that keep them out too late or they have too many activities on Sunday morning or early afternoon. Others tell me that it's not that they are too busy, but that they want to sleep in, rest, or just hang out with absolutely nothing to do on Sundays. Unfortunately, if we only wait for the weather to be just right or our schedules to be perfect, we might find that it's never the right time to worship God. Now just imagine: If it's this hard to come to worship for one hour a week, how much **more** difficult is it to grow spiritually throughout the rest of the week!?! When we find so many excuses for not prioritizing God on Sundays, imagine how much more easily we can find reasons to not challenge ourselves every day to follow Jesus!

School is out. Work hours might relax a little. There will be vacations and longer days. I want you to consider how you will spend this time spiritually? Will you wait until Fall to start praying or will you learn to pray when the schedule is light so that, when times get tough, you will already be in the habit? Everything grows in the summer, but Christians tend to get lazy. I'm not just talking about worship, but about becoming more Christ-like in **every** aspect of your life. Summertime doesn't mean we get to take three months off from our faith. Instead, summer can be a great opportunity to do things you never have time to

do during the rest of the year.

If your kids are too busy reading their schoolbooks during the year, encourage them to read their Bible during the summer. See how far they can get in the New Testament each week. Talk with your family about it. If you are waking up earlier than ever because the sun is out, what better time to learn to pray for the events of your day and do a short devotional? If your kids are gone at camp, take time with your spouse to grow as a couple and talk about your values and what your struggles are spiritually. Read a book about a spiritual topic. Get involved in a ministry at your church. You might say that you are too busy, or you might say that you just want a break, but God never takes a break from desiring to know you more and the opportunity to get to know Him is more important than you think. This summer, don't slide into apathy, **GROW** in your faith! Then, in the Fall, you won't be struggling to get back into the swing of things, but you will be ready to fulfill all the purposes God has for your life!

"So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith." Galatians 6:9-10



Summer Worship
Schedule

Sunday Worship Schedule

There will be 1 service @ 9:30 am
Starting Sunday, **June 7th**

Wednesday Worship Services
will begin again after Labor Day.

A quick reminder...Church expenses don't take a Summer Vacation. When you are traveling this summer, why not try Tithely or our ACH Giving Program. These are a great way to be sure your offerings get to church, even when you aren't able to. See Kim in the office to sign up!



Summer Giving Reminder



Contact us: 712-546-8855 or stjohns@stjohnslemarsia.org

If you would like to supply **ALTAR FLOWERS** in honor of an occasion or in memory of someone, please call the office to make arrangements. 546-8855



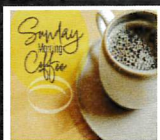
Record Keeping **CHURCH RECORDS FOR MAY**
Baptism: Enzo Javier Hoffman

Service Times for Summer
9:30 am Blended Worship
All services are now Live Streaming to Facebook and YouTube.



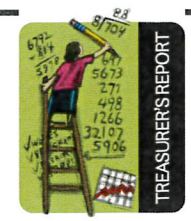
Remember These People in Prayer: Karla Hansen, Tim Lohafer, Jae'cion, Nancy H., Bellamy, Hanna Francksen-Small, Nash, Diane K., Denise, Angie, Carolyn, Bryan Utesch; **Ongoing Prayers:** Blake Plueger, Mason Sitzmann, Missy Rarrat, Alex Hines, Taelynn Ortmann, Kendra, Sherry Jo Wittkop, Jen, and Diane Riediger; **Care Facility Residents:** Good Samaritan - Russ Martfeld, Lorraine Luksan, Dennis Ashe; Accura Health - Patty Lubben, Bob & Nancy Potter; Stonebridge Suites - Joanne Klohs, Lynne Bogh, Roger Athens; Floyd Senior Living - Diane Utesch; Heartland Care Center - Le Ann Hurlbut; Happy Siesta - Eleanor Westhoff, Wade Thompson
Sympathies to the family and friends of Wayne Winterfeld, who passed away in Ord, NE, May 6th. St. John's family includes Jean Winterfeld. A Celebration of Life Service was held May 11th, at Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ord. The obituary can be found at www.ordmemorialchapel.com.
Prayers of Thanksgiving for the safe return of Kylee Britt and Nathan Jester.

CONFIRMATION PICTURES are here. Confirmands, be sure to pick yours up today. They are located in the office hallway.

 **COFFEE IS ON!!!** The coffee bar will be ready at 9 am Sunday mornings! Come early or stay after. Grab a cup of coffee and a Lally's donut hole, or two! Free will donations are appreciated. Enjoy!!

Treasurer's Report


April 2026




1. Our Operating Checking Account increased \$1,368 in April to \$30,068. We have \$5,078 of Benevolence Liabilities due as of April 30th.
2. We continue to be debt free.
3. Offerings of \$32,403 in April with 2026 year-to-date total of \$162,832. This year-to-date total compares favorably to 2025 total of \$153,038, 2024 total of \$159,070, and 2023 total of \$161,087.
4. April operating expenses were \$13,542 under our monthly budget due to not having to incur the monthly health insurance premium of \$5,670 as we were billed April's premium in March. We are now \$7,457 under our operating expense budget for 2026. We did pay our second installment of \$4,000 to the Unstuck Company and \$39,331 for elevator repairs in April. Both these two expenses are being paid from our Estate funds, not our operating funds.
5. Our endowment funds had an investment gain of \$41,249 in April after incurring a \$34,302 investment loss in March. 2026 Year-to-date gain is now \$34,551. Total amount under investment is now at \$708,675.

Bill Young
Church Treasurer


REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS
HOME COMMUNION
If you or someone you know is homebound and would like visits and communion from Pastor Broers and our Visitation Team, please contact the office and let us know. Our phone number is 712-546-8855. Thanks!

 **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD DONATIONS** We are starting early to collect for this project. Donations can be left in the marked box near the Resource Room. Thanks!



RightNow MEDIA
 Welcome to “Pastor Steven’s Picks.” You can find these in the St. John’s Lutheran Church Custom Library under “Pastor Steven’s Picks” when you login to your RightNow Media account.

Get Access
 Scan the QR code to create your free account and start browsing.



1. Mental Health Toolkit Collection

There are ten videos available on Right Now Media that can help you with various mental health issues ranging from Understanding Childhood Trauma to Overcoming Burnout. These can help you deal with your own struggles or help others in your life who are dealing with these issues.

2. The Mission of the Church: A RightNow Conference Collection

Ministry is built on the rock of Jesus Christ, but it can be easy to lose sight of our primary purpose. Whether we are distracted by local church traditions, cultural fads, or the desire to be relevant, we can all get sidetracked from God’s mission. This collection of RightNow Conference talks will remind, inspire, and encourage you to focus on your ministry’s first purpose.

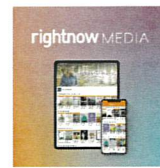
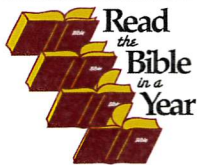
3. MoneyWise: Practical Steps for Biblical Financial Stewardship – Adam Tarnow

Our culture has a bad relationship with money. Debt is common, many live paycheck to paycheck, and some of us would rather ignore our bank statements than face our financial reality. But there is hope. This six-session series, made in partnership with MoneyWise, a ministry of Watermark Community Church in Dallas, TX, covers basic financial stewardship—everything from creating a spending plan to paying off your debt to planning your investments. God’s wisdom will not only help you find solutions for your financial struggles but will transform your heart as you begin to see your finances his way.

I hope that you will take advantage of these videos and the over 25,000 other videos on all kinds of spiritual topics. They can really help you grow in your faith!

– Pastor Broers

Have you ever been interested in reading the Bible in a Year? Summer is a great time to start! You can find a reading schedule on the information table in the lobby to assist you in studying God’s word in 2026. Pick up your copy soon and get started!!!



LEARN HOW TO USE RIGHTNOW MEDIA


Want to get the most out of your free access to RightNow Media? Join us for a brief class on how to sign in, browse studies, use the app and find great content for individuals and families. All ages and skill levels are welcome! **Date:** June 7
Time: 10:45am **Location:** Church library. For questions, contact Nicole Jarvis at 712-389-1221.



DIRECTORIES Be sure to check your emails for a code to set up the “Online” directory through the “MyUCD” App or on your desktop. If you did not have your picture taken, you can now purchase a hard copy from the office for \$15.00. Call the office with questions.
Correction to the new directory...Lavonne Wiener Cell # 540-6315 Home # 541-6015.




RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
 June 5th
 9:30-2:30 in the St. John’s Fellowship Hall
 Sign up at: redcrossblood.org



ELEVATOR REPAIR NOTICE
 St. John’s elevator repair work has begun. They are doing prep work for when the elevator will be completely out of commission mid-May. We are told, the work will take 2 - 3 weeks. Please keep this in mind if you regularly use the elevator to get downstairs. We ask for your cooperation and patience as we make the necessary updates to the elevator. Thank you.

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

**Please turn in your newsletter articles by
June 20.**

ELDERBERRIES



Join St. John's fellow seniors 55+ for an afternoon of fun and fellowship on June 24th @ 2 pm. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us!

WOMEN'S CIRCLES



MONDAY, JUNE 15

1:30 PM Anna Circle, Library

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

1:30 PM Dorcas Circle, Library

All women are welcome to join St. John's Women Circles. Circle meetings are held the 3rd Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of each month.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18 DO-DAY 9 AM

Join us from **9 am-3 pm** as we put together quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief and Global Health. If you can iron, sew, tie a knot, or use a scissors, we want you to join us! Please call the church office if you would like more information or pick up a booklet from the information table in the entryway or lobby to learn more about this women's ministry!

Please save your gently used Bibles and canceled postage stamps for Do-Day. These items can be placed in the designated baskets which are currently in the north entryway of the church.



King David wanted to build a glorious temple for worshiping God and for housing the ark of the covenant. God, however, did not permit him to build it. Instead, God chose Solomon, David's son, to head up the building program. Why wasn't David allowed the honor of building the temple? (find the answer elsewhere in the newsletter)

- A. David was getting too old to supervise such an undertaking.
- B. David had been a warrior and had shed blood.
- C. David had stopped taking God seriously.
- D. David's attention was required elsewhere.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**June 8th - 11th
9 am - 2 pm
Pre-k through
5th grade**



Okoboji Bible Camp Counselors will be leading this years VBS, with the theme, "TO KNOW HIS NAME." Register by using this QR code or go the St. John's website, under "Youth." You can also pick up a form in the lobby.



Thank you to Ashley Koopman for being our Director this year!

Here are some specific needs, please consider helping. Sign up on the bulletin board in the lobby.

- ◇ Lunch for counselors at VBS
- ◇ Snacks for students
- ◇ Volunteer/Guides: Prek-K ~ 1 adult, 1 youth
K-1st ~ 1 adult, 1 youth
2nd-3rd ~ 1 adult, 1 youth
4th-5th ~ 1 adult, 1 youth

**We can't wait to see you all at
"To Know His Name"!!!**



EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE!

Come & represent St. John's in the **ICE CREAM DAYS PARADE.**

Saturday, June 20th at 9:30 am. Please consider volunteering to walk alongside the float and hand-out rubber bracelets to kids. Line up will be on the boulevard. (8th St.) If you need more details, contact Roma Lancaster (712) 541-1832. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		10 am Staff Meeting 2 pm Imagine Small Group L/L 5:30 pm People of Praise 6:30 – 8 pm Practicing the Way Course L/L		9 – 10 am Prayer Time in Sanctuary	Red Cross Blood Drive 9:30 – 2:30 pm @ St. John's	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:30 am Worship w/Comm 10:30 am How To Use RightNow Media – L/L 10:30 am Mission Trip Meeting Y/R	9 – 2 pm VBS 7 pm Church Council D/R	9 – 2 pm VBS 5:30 pm People of Praise 6:30 – 8 pm Practicing the Way Course L/L	9 – 2 pm VBS 9:30 – 11am Chapel Services at Care Facilities	9 – 2 pm VBS	4 pm Wedding Rehearsal	3 pm Kellen/Rodman Wedding <i>With this Ring...</i> 
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:30 am Worship w/Comm	1:30 pm Anna Circle-L/L	10 am Staff Meeting 2 pm Imagine Small Group L/L 5:30 pm People of Praise 5:30 pm Outreach/Missions Meeting F/H 6:30 – 8 pm Practicing the Way Course L/L	1:30 pm Dorcas Circle L/L	9 – 10 am Prayer Time in Sanctuary 9 am Do-Day	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	9:30 am ICE CREAM DAYS PARADE 1 - 4 PM Koerselman Event F/H
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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NOISY OFFERING 28 9:30 am Worship w/Comm	29	30				



Send a Note to Bible Campers

BIBLE CAMP

PARTICIPANTS FOR 2026

St. John's members would love to hear from you! Please consider sending a note of encouragement & well wishes to them, letting them know you are keeping them in your prayers! Thank you for remembering them!

Please mail notes of encouragement early to insure they receive it while at camp. A couple of days before the kids camp dates should work out well.

JUNE 14 - 19 #1 TRAILBLAZERS (4-6th) Ingham Lutheran Bible Camp

Avery Bogh Mail to: Attn: *Avery Bogh*, ILBC, 2258 450th Ave., Wallingford, IA 51365

Avery is 12 years old and has 4 siblings: Haley, Addison, Jacob and Tegan. Parents are Phil and the late Shannon Bogh.

Jacob Bogh Mail to: Attn: *Jacob Bogh*, ILBC, 2258 450th Ave., Wallingford, IA 51365

Jacob is 10 years old and has 4 siblings: Haley, Addison, Avery and Tegan. Parents are Phil and the late Shannon Bogh.

JULY 5 - 10 #2 TRAILBLAZERS (4-6th) Ingham Lutheran Bible Camp

Kali Gerloff Mail to: Attn: *Kali Gerloff*, ILBC, 2258 450th Ave., Wallingford, IA 51365

Kali is 11 years old and has 3 siblings: Kayla, Colten, and Caleb. Parents are Chris & Katie.

JUNE/JULY COUNSELOR Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp

Malachi Broers Mail to: Attn: *Malachi Broers*, OLBC, 1203 Inwan St., Milford, IA 51351

JUNE/JULY SUPPORT STAFF Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp

Micah Broers Mail to: Attn: *Micah Broers*, OLBC, 1203 Inwan St., Milford, IA 51351

Thank you to those serving St. John's this month:

Worship Assistants Schedule

Sunday, June 7: 9:30 AM

Greeter: Steve & Lynn Breuer
Jane & Kent Westphal

Lector: Joel Johnson

Communion Server: Adam Schmidt
Amy Schmidt
Joel Johnson

Sunday, June 14: 9:30 AM

Greeter: Joyce Roeser
Bette Miller

Lector: Sophia Brennan

Communion Server: Lynn Breuer
Ethan Rachuy
Emma Ryan

Sunday, June 21: 9:30 AM

Greeter: Janys Schroeder
Judy Schulz

Lector: Lauren Forbes

Communion Server: Ellen Russell
Steve Breuer
Lynn Breuer

Sunday, June 28: 9:30 AM

Greeter: Gabe Davis Family
Rose Heeren

Lector: Aleigha Bohlken

Communion Server: Pam Roling
Roma Lancaster
Kyleigh Bohlken

Sound Board Schedule

June 7th

Megan Jeneary - slides
Jacob Jeneary - video/sound

June 14th

Keith Westhoff - slides
Keith Westhoff - video/sound

June 21st

Megan Brennan - slides
Carter Westphal - video/sound

June 28th

Becky DeRuyter - slides
Tim Larson - video/sound

Alter Guild

Janys Schroeder, Chr., Beth Larson,
Rose Heeren, Donna Duque, Janice
Milne, Paula Kommes, Carolyn Strub,
Tammy Lee

Acolytes Schedule

Sunday, June 7: 9:30 AM

Crucifer: Kenna Grage
Acolytes: Kenzie Harms & Riley Harms

Sunday, June 14: 9:30 AM

Crucifer: Harper Grause
Acolytes: Sophia Brennan & Zoey Junck

Sunday, June 21: 9:30 AM

Crucifer: Kenzie Harms
Acolytes: Riley Harms & Keyanna Miller

Sunday, June 28: 9:30 AM

Crucifer: Ethan Rachuy
Acolytes: Chesney Keleher
Journey Keleher

Coffee Bar Schedule

June 7 Chris Knapp

June 14 Lynn Breuer

June 21 Jane Westphal

June 28 Sheri Oetken

June Usher Schedule

Captains:

Rod LaBahn & Gary Borchers,
Joel Johnson, Henry Herring,
Mark Kehrberg, Lowell Penning,
Harold Lee, Jeff Jelken,
Levi Te Brink



SENIOR CLASS REFLECTIONS

**Moments become memory.
Memories become treasure.**

MY BEST MEMORY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL IS WHEN...

- No Name** – I don't remember a whole lot of it.
- Kyndal Davis** - We would sing the song about the animals around the room.
- Mia Skov** - Singing the butterfly song every morning.
- Jackson Majeres** - When my mom subbed and brought us donuts.
- Jarett Forbes** - Jackson was crying throughout the Christmas re-enactment.
- Megan Brennan** - My 5th grade SS class had to meet in the hallway and every week we had Cheeze Its and chocolate animal crackers during Bible study.
- Logan Anderson** - My mom would dress me up in these ridiculous nice outfits that had to match.
- Ian DeRuyter** - Denise Anthony got us biscuits every Sunday.

MY FAVORITE CONFIRMATION MEMORY ...

- No Name** – Just being at church on Wednesdays and being able to talk to my friend and spend time with them. Also going to Walmart to get food for the food bank.
- Kyndal Davis** - When me and my group would have group discussions.
- Mia Skov** - Spending time with my small group on Wednesdays.
- Jackson Majeres** - Over night lock in at the church.
- Jarett Forbes** - Picking up the parks for a service projects.
- Megan Brennan** - Doing a Starbucks trunk-or-treat with our group.
- Logan Anderson** - Every Wednesday night with my classmates and the horrible taste of wine.
- Ian DeRuyter** - Playing hide and seek in the church.

ONE PERSON I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER FROM CHURCH IS AND WHY...

- No Name** - A person I will remember most is Pastor Chris, because of how much he helped the church.
- Kyndal Davis** - My group confirmation leaders because they helped me understand the gospel more.
- Mia Skov** - Pastor Chris, I remember going to his children's sermons on Sunday.
- Jackson Majeres** - Pastor Chris, because he was always nice to me and just a cool guy.
- Jarett Forbes** - Lowell Klemme, because he would bark at us.
- Megan Brennan** - Ashley Bennett-one of my catechism guides who volunteered to lead our group with my mom.
- Logan Anderson** - Pastor Chris, he loved to hunt just like I do.
- Ian DeRuyter** - Marissa and Hope because they were good catechism leaders.

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL ...

- No Name** - Going to College at WITCC to get my electrician diploma.
- Kyndal Davis** - I plan to go to Iowa State for Early Childhood Education.
- Mia Skov** - Attend Iowa State and become an accountant.
- Jackson Majeres** - Go to DMACC to major in business then transfer to Iowa State.
- Jarett Forbes** - Attend the University of Iowa.
- Megan Brennan** - Attending UNI to major in elementary education and minor in special education.
- Logan Anderson** - Attend Iowa Lakes Community College for Construction Technology Management.
- Ian DeRuyter** - To go to the University of Iowa on the Pre-Med track.

TEN YEARS FROM NOW I HOPE TO BE ... DOING ...

- No Name** - I hope to be in Iowa around family and working as an electrician.
- Kyndal Davis** - I hope to be a teacher in Le Mars.
- Mia Skov** - Back in Le Mars, working as an accountant, with my family.
- Jackson Majeres** - Living somewhere warm, running by own business.
- Jarett Forbes** - Somewhere in the Midwest, working as a Financial Advisor.
- Megan Brennan** - Teaching somewhere in Iowa or somewhere else in the Midwest.
- Logan Anderson** - Back in Le mars doing construction/concrete work and starting my own business.
- Ian DeRuyter** - I hope to be in a new place practicing medicine.



LEMARS COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

friday

June 5

9:00 am - 2:30 pm

YMCA-Upper Level Fitness Room


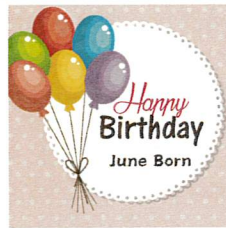
APPOINTMENTS ARE ENCOURAGED

TEXT lifeserve to 515.815.7242
CALL 800.287.4903
VISIT lifeservebloodcenter.org



BLESSINGS TO:

- 06/01** Ethan Jauron, Julie Hulstein, Karen Uren
06/02 Carter Hargens, Joan Osterbuhr, Ruth Detloff
06/03 Samual Vacura
06/04 Douglas Schultz, Ava Niehus, Emmett TeBrink
06/05 Lloyd Braband, Glenn Kellen
06/06 Jett Anthony, Brett Volkert, Gina Vacura,
Greg Jeneary, Merek Cochran, Riley Bruns, Marleen Baugous
06/07 Anthony Peyton, Bruce Ludwigs
06/08 Alyssa Feller, Allyson Lane, Kenzie Niehus, Jacob Weilt, Alexandra Niehus
06/09 Elizabeth Ihrke, Renae Buss, Coy Kramer
06/10 Beau Detloff
06/13 Holly McNaughton, Dawn Otto
06/14 Brian Hessenius, Clara Weidauer
06/15 Brianna Dunn, Elizabeth Kruse
06/16 Dan Vander Well, Chris Royalty
06/18 Mark Kehrberg, Rick Beeck, Steven Kehrberg, Haylee Jarvis, Caroline Larson
06/19 Aubrey Jelken
06/20 Beverly Nelson, Colton Beitelspacher, Kayla Foelske, Shari Sitzmann,
Courtney DeMey, Lyanna Westhoff
06/21 Kasey Grause, Kylie Kray, Bentley Hightree, Sawyer Weidauer
06/23 Brock Hessenius, Elizabeth Hines, Nicole Thompson
06/24 Dick Kirchoff, Linda Niehus, Mark Varenhorst, Kashton Waggoner,
Aaliyah Ufken
06/25 Joni Pauling, Paula Kommes
06/26 Kougar Sargisson, Rex Knapp
06/27 Charlotte Miller
06/28 Charlene Pearse, Steve Powell, Karol Holton, Jaclyn Westhoff
06/29 Derek Reinking, Ellen Russell, Tim Lohafer
06/30 Amanda Westphal, Sandy LaBahn, Gavin Detloff



Noisy Offerings will be collected on **June 28th** for “Ministry Money for Mission Trip Chicago 2026.” **These funds will help offset costs of mission projects the youth will be helping with in Chicago next Summer.** Remember to mark on your calendars the last Sunday of the month, Noisy Offering Sunday!! Thanks in advance from your Outreach Team!

ST. JOHN’S MINISTRY PARTNERS

St. John’s is supporting the following agencies with Benevolence funds in 2026:

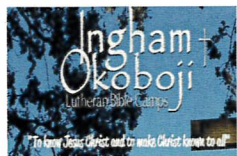
- Lutheran Services in Iowa LSIowa.org
- Lutheran World Relief LWR.org
- Ingham Lake Bible Camp www.okoboji.org/ingham
- Global Health Ministries www.ghm.org

We encourage you to go to each of these agencies websites to read more about the good work they do.



NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH If you wish to stay informed on what is happening in the NALC, you can go to: www.thenalc.org/newsletter and subscribe. You will receive informative newsletters by email. Sign up today to receive the “NALC News.” You can also go to www.thenalc.org for the main church website.

To stay up to date on what is happening in the LCMC, go to this link to sign up for their e/newsletter. <https://mailchi.mp/ed05627605ee/lcmc> You can also go to www.lcmc.net for the main church website. Printed materials may also be found on the information tables in the lobby and north entryway.



Check out the Bible Camp website: okoboji.org
There are a lot of fun events happening! For all ages coming up.

ELDERVERSITY - for kids 55+ will be held on June 1 - 2 at Okoboji. Come enjoy the camp experience and listen to guest speaker, Pastor Scott Meyer.

TRAVEL CAMP TO MACKINAC ISLAND Oct. 4-10 This would be a great opportunity to travel with some great people to a great location!

SHARE THE WORD OF GOD BY SPONSORING

FORTRESS OF FAITH, a half hour recording of the church service broadcast on 1410 KLEM/AM on Sundays at 1 pm. Your name and reason for sponsoring will be included in the broadcast. The cost to sponsor this is \$25. **SPONSORS ARE NEEDED!**



SPONSOR A RADIO MESSAGE, which airs on Fridays on KLEM, advertising our service information for the upcoming weekend, and costs \$10. **CALL THE CHURCH TO SPONSOR!** You can sponsor either (or both!) of these in memory or in honor of a loved one, in honor of an anniversary or birthday, or you can sponsor anonymously as a friend of St. John's. 712-546-8855 **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**



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A Little Free Pantry always needs donations. No one needs to know, shop for non-perishable items (quick snacks are best) and drop them off at the Pantry. Please keep in mind as the weather warms up, avoid items that may melt or glass that may break. Thanks!

Rejoice! Food Bank Distribution is the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 4-5 pm. If you are in need, please call 548-4430 or email rejoice@hotmail.com.

Sunnybrook Hope Center Food Pantry Distribution is the 3rd Monday each month from 6 - 8 pm by appt. Located West of Le Mars Fareway. Make a reservation through the QR Code or go to www.sunnybrookchurch.churchcenter.com/people/forms/399133



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If you love to spend time with children, the **Foster Grandparent** program may be what you are looking for. Foster Grandparents assist and spend time with children at local schools and childcare centers.

Would you like to make a difference for adults in your community? **Senior Companions** assist adults to remain independent by providing socialization, visitation, and transportation services.

Here are some benefits that also come with working with this organization: Tax-free stipend, transportation reimbursement, meal reimbursement and friendship and lasting relationships. Call 712-476-2628 to find out more information!

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Answer: 1 Chronicles 28:3