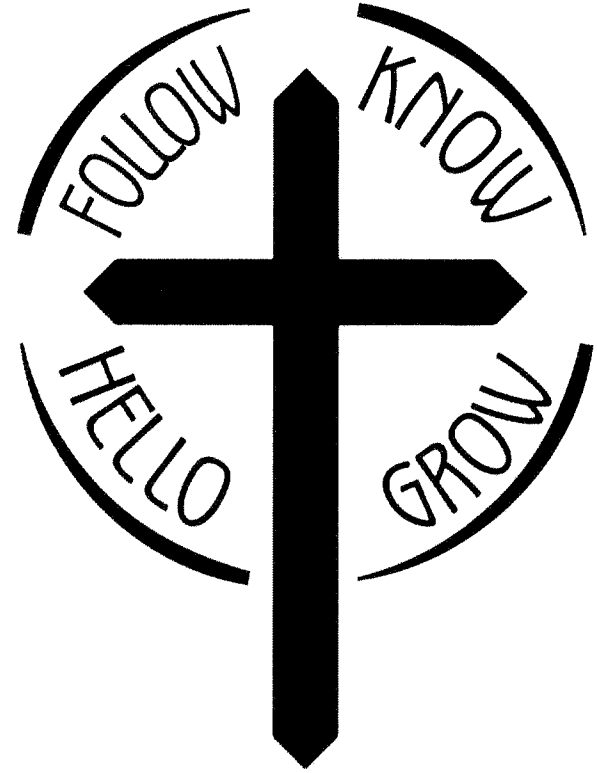


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Welcoming Everyone
Making Disciples
Trusting Jesus
Empowering Leaders



August 2025



After Jesus was born, He spent thirty years living and working in His hometown of Nazareth before He was baptized in the Jordan river by John the Baptist and began His ministry. “As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased. Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.” (Matthew 3:16-18)

Jesus would spend about three years total doing His ministry on Earth before He was crucified, died, was raised from the dead and ascended into heaven. Three years preaching sermons, healing the sick, casting out demons and teaching. And He spent all of His time with a small group of twelve disciples. I believe that if Jesus had wanted to, He could have build a huge church and had thousands of followers come to a weekly service. But that’s **not** what He chose to do. Learning about Jesus’ ministry, shows us the **power** of small group ministry.

I recently listened to an interview that the Christian artist Lecrae had with a favorite pastor and author of mine, Francis Chan. (You can find the entire interview on YouTube by searching the following title: “Why Francis Chan Abandoned His Megachurch for Living Rooms”) The whole interview was terrific, but Chan explained that one of the reasons he left his church to focus on small group ministry was because he realized that if Jesus planted a church in his town, Jesus’ church would probably have fewer people. Jesus **could** have brought in more people of course, but Jesus wanted to be more focused on building relationships with people and helping them to become leaders who used their spiritual gifts. Worshipping together on Sundays is inspirational and wonderful, but meeting with a small group of other people can really become a life-changing experience.

Recently, I was talking to God and sharing with Him how much I have missed people this summer at church services. While we averaged about 300 people a week throughout the school year, we have been only seeing about 150 people a week on average throughout the summer. He asked me, “Would you be happy if there were 150 people meeting in their small groups?” And I said, “Of course!” He encouraged me to stop worrying so much about how many people show up on Sundays and refocus on getting people connected to one another throughout the week in this small group ministry. I truly believe that when we meet in a small group and focus on learning the Bible, learning to love one another and support each other in faith, amazing things begin to happen!

With the school year beginning soon, many small groups will begin meeting again as well. **That means that we are looking for small group leaders!** People who want to share their lives with others and learn more about Jesus in the process. You don’t need to be an expert in the Bible to lead a Bible study; it’s a place to learn more about God’s Word with others. Just pick a night and a time and let the office know. You are welcome to invite people into your group from outside of church of course! I would

like to have a list of groups that people from church could join that we can post for those who might be interested. Some groups meet in different homes while others meet at church. Again, that is up to you. Please ask Pastor Broers if you have other questions.

But even if you do not want to lead a Bible study, I encourage you to **join** a Bible study this Fall. You might feel like you don’t have time, but if you give it a chance, you might be surprised how wonderful it can be! So many people have told me how much they appreciate their time with their small groups. Not just because they **learn** a lot but because of the **relationships** that are being built. That’s why many of the groups are planning on beginning again this Fall! **Please consider joining a small group this Fall.** I encourage groups to meet at least 8-10 times, either weekly or every two weeks, before taking a break for the Christmas season when our lives get super busy. Hopefully, many of those groups will begin again after the New Year!

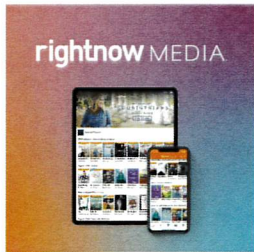
Becoming a part of a small group is a way to meet new people, grow closer to God and really start to learn to follow Jesus in a powerful new way. Jesus seemed to believe that this type of ministry was essential to raising up disciples who were able to lead the church after He had ascended back into heaven. I believe that we should also focus on doing that at St. John’s. Pray about being a small group leader and/or attending a small group this Fall. I believe that the more people we have in small groups, the greater impact God’s Word will have on each of us and the greater impact we can have on the kingdom of God!



LCMC National Gathering at Hosanna Lutheran in Lakeville, MN

One of my favorite times of the year is when I attend the National Gathering for LCMC. It’s an amazing opportunity to connect to other Christians from around the world, be inspired by great speakers and learn more about how God is working in the church. This year, the gathering takes place pretty close to St. John’s (only four hours away in Lakeville, MN) and I want to encourage you to attend!

The gathering lasts from Sunday, October 5th through Wednesday, October 8th. The registration deadline is September 15th. There are daily Bible studies, worship services, breakout sessions, missionaries, speakers and lots of time to get to know other Christians who are seeking to live out their faith just like we are. I always come back inspired and excited, but I have found that it’s a lot more helpful if people I know go along as well so that there are others who have caught the vision of what God can do in our church! St. John’s can help with costs if you would like to attend. Please contact Pastor Broers for more information or with interest.



RightNow MEDIA

Thanks to everyone who has signed up for an account with Rightnow Media! Next, I want to encourage you to **use** it! In order to make that happen, I thought that I would give you all a few suggestions on some videos that I believe are really good. Some of these are meant to be used for personal devotions while others would work best in a small group. You can also find them in the St. John's Lutheran Church Custom Library under "Pastor Steven's Picks" when you login to your RightNow Media account.

RightNow Media

1. **Mission in Motion** – Claude Hickman and Todd Ahrend

God has called all believers to go and make disciples of all nations, yet there remain thousands of people groups around the world who have never heard the name of Jesus Christ. The harvest is plentiful, so why are the laborers so few? Living on mission isn't just for "missionaries"—we all have a role in sharing Christ to the ends of the earth. In this series, Claude Hickman and Todd Ahrend of The Traveling Team help us rediscover our God-given purpose in life and examine ways that each of us can be involved in God's great mission.

2. **Hermie and Friends** – Max Lucado

This is a great video for kids! Hermie and friends is a Best selling animated series created by Max Lucado. The series deals with issues like fear....Pride...Obedience...As Hermie and Wormie and a host of characters experience life in the garden under the watchful and loving eyes of God. It's action...Adventure...Laughter...And fun as they learn lessons of life through these inspirational stories of faith.

3. **Creation, Noah's Ark and Other Bible Stories Vol. 1** – Holy Moly Bible Studies

Another one for kids, but I think that they are also fun to watch as an adult. Each video helps kids explore more of God's awesome story. In addition to "Noah's Ark" and "God's Promise to Abraham," this volume includes episodes covering Old Testament stories such as "Creation", "Adam and Eve", "Jacob and Esau", and "Joseph and His Brothers". Animated scripture retellings bring each story to life for kids 3–10. The visuals and sound effects give kids the opportunity to retell the story in their own words. The kids who field-tested Holy Moly videos said, "They were so hilarious!"

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

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Excel in The Grace of Giving! "

"Everyone can experience the joy and blessing of generosity because everyone has something to give." - Jan Grace.

We have expenses at St. John's all summer long. Even when you are on vacation, please remember to support your church. Thanks!

"You will never fulfill the wonderful destiny God has envisioned for your life if you cannot manage your finances. And it begins with a budget." *Beyond Blessed*, Pastor Robert Morris.

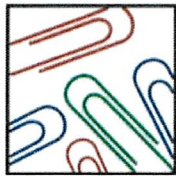
Tithing (10%) is a traditional guide for giving in the church, but it's not a requirement. God wants us to give joyfully whether it's less or more than a tithe.

Thank you so much for your giving! Every gift, big and small, fuels the ministry of St. John's!

June 2025 Treasurer's Report

- 1) Cash in our Operating Checking decreased \$12,368 in June to minus \$6,225. All benevolences were paid current as of quarter end. Our \$39,000 operating cash balance as of the beginning of this year has now been fully used to fund operating expenses not covered by our offerings.
- 2) We borrowed \$2,500 from our operating note on June 30th and the balance was paid off the next day.
- 3) June offerings of \$34,353 with the first 6-month offerings totaling \$222,384. This compares to \$224,822 in 2024, \$234,794 in 2023, \$183,362 in 2022, and \$241,430 in 2021.
- 4) June operating expenses came in at \$15,000 under budget and we are now about \$19,000 under budget for 2025. Salaries expense is approximately \$11,000 under budget.
- 5) Endowment funds now total \$642,943 after a net market investment gain of \$16,813 in June. The overall investment gain for 2025 is now \$34,540.
- 6) Treasurer's analysis for balance of 2025. To stay out of debt at year end 2025, we will need to increase our offerings from \$37,000 average per month in the first half of 2025 to \$50,000 average per month in the second half of this year. This calculates to be a 35% increase. For reference, this corresponds to the same percentage and dollar amount as the second half of last year.

Bill Young
Church Treasurer



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

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



St. John's Sunday School

*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:18*

Join us for Sunday School!

September 7

9:15 am —10:15 am

3 year olds—5th grade

Meet in the Auditorium

Middle School meet in
the Youth Room

Fall Church Service Times

8:00 am Traditional

9:15 am Fellowship

10:15 am Contemporary

CHURCH RECORDS FOR JULY

Deaths: Darrell Wiener



Service Times for August

One Service

**9:30 am Worship Service
With Communion**

**All services are now
Live Streaming to Facebook and
YouTube.**

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



Don't Miss the

DEADLINE!

**Please turn in
your newsletter
articles by
August 19**

FOUND A collapsible lawn chair was
left at the park a couple of weeks ago.
If it is yours, you can find it in the
office hallway.



Remember These People in Prayer: Alex Hines,
Richard Miller, Mason Sitzmann, Gavin, Taelynn
Ortmann, Michael, Kendra, Terri Clinton, James, Scott,
Logan, Norm Nielsen, Katie, Bob Pick, and Kay Allen

Ongoing Prayers: Roma Lancaster, Steve Bates, Louis
Westhoff, Steve Kolker, Sherry Jo Wittkop, Robert, Ali, Jenn, Paula Parkin,
Brady Plucker, Diane Riediger, and Missy Rarrat

Sympathies to the family of Darrell Wiener, who passed away on July 5th.
St. John's family includes his wife, Janet and siblings, Lee, Arlene, and
Lavonne Wiener and Marylyn Muecke.

Care Facility Residents: Happy Siesta - Steve Bates; Good Samaritan - Ron
Smith, Russ Martfeld, Lorraine Luksan, Dennis Asche, Warren Oetken;
Accura Health - Patty Lubben, Marge Adler; Stonebridge Suites - Ellen
Utesch, Joanne Klohs, Lynne Bogh, Roger Athens, Dorothy Luschen; Floyd
Senior Living - Diane Utesch, Judy Schmidt; Heartland Care Center - Le Ann
Hurlbut; Holy Spirit Retirement Home - Alma Willer; Prime Living - Wade
& Betty Thompson

WOMEN'S CIRCLES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

1:30 PM Anna & 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.

Join us the 2nd Tuesday of the month from Sept.-Nov. & Jan.-Jun. from
9 am-3 pm. 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!

**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. We will **no longer** be
collecting pop tabs. Individuals can deliver these to McDonald's at any
time.

COMING FAST—NEEDS FOR MISSIONS
FOR LWR

School supplies for 2025 are showing up in stores, so now is the time to purchase them. Please leave the items in the basket in the entryway. Here is the needed list for the kits.

Each school kit contains:

- 4 - 70 sheet notebooks (no loose leaf paper)
- 1 - wooden ruler
- 1 - pencil sharpener
- 1 - blunt scissors
- 5 - unsharpened pencils (yellow w/erasers, unsharpened & noncommercial)
- 5 - black or blue ball point pens (no gel ink)
- 1 - 24 count box of crayons
- 1 - eraser (about 2 1/2" long)

Thank you!



THANK YOU!

St. John's Church Members:

We gratefully acknowledge your kind support of our program. Your contribution of US stamps will help cheer a hospitalized or out-patient veteran. We thank you on behalf of those who will benefit from your generosity. Our veterans will enjoy this material. Thanks, too, for the prayer booklets.

Sincerely, Paula Jensen, Stamps for the Wounded



Summer Special Music - Do you sing? Play an instrument? We would love to hear you share your musical talents with us during worship. Please contact Mike to sign up.

People of Praise practices have moved to Tuesday at 5:30pm. Talk to Mike if you would like to play or sing in the band.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO
ST. JOHN'S MEMBERS
WHO HAVE AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:



- 1: Shirley Lang (Estill), Kelli Schoenrock
- 2: Earl Draayer, Jacquelyn Panzer, Genevieve Hanisch, Keyanna Miller, Kristy Broers
- 3: Cleo Ahrendsen, Maverick Niehus
- 4: Kent Westphal, Betty Thompson, Jean Wilken
- 5: Palmer Anthony, Kristina Dreckman
- 6: Ian Ferguson, Meredith Arnold, Treyton Miller
- 7: Chase Hammons, Dan Plueger, Nichole Heitritter
- 8: Ryker Cochran, Nancy Heintz
- 9: Cindy Kamies, Rosalie Ellefson, Tanya Hightree, Rebecca Hines
- 10: Ciara Nelson, Debbie Kellerson, Jordan Schleis, Alaina Koerselman
- 11: Jacob Ahrendsen, Mary Grosenheider
- 12: Kyler Albert, Kinley Tingwald, Hope Erdmann
- 13: Amy Schmidt, Nicholas Rolling
- 14: Judy Schmidt, Logan Anderson, Judd Herzberg
- 16: Eliese Hoffman, Jeff Jelken, Michael Schleis, Rich Ellefson, Kyle Van Oort
- 17: Claire Arens
- 18: Oaklyn Acevedo, Natasha Mairose
- 20: Judy Bultman, William Hines
- 21: Vincent Kruse, Chris Schuett
- 22: Julie Albert, Kyle Foelske, Emma Wendt, Logan Wendt
- 23: Neal Anthony, Adam Curry, Allison Pyzel, Lexi Sturgeon
- 24: Joyce Gronemeyer, Lacey Kern, Dayton Rand
- 25: Don Curry, Hannah Zubrod, Kynlee Schmidt, Roger Neyens
- 26: Simon Kern, Tate Candor
- 27: Brittany Cochran
- 28: Eric Athens, Sherri Harms, Tyler Niehus, Ty Westhoff, Taylor Wulf
- 29: Adelita Stamer-Fuentes, Delana Ihrke, Sonya Hanisch, Quinn Posivio, Wanda MaComb
- 30: Emily Chihak, Taelyn Ortmann
- 31: Gene Pageler, Shirley Lang (Norm), Mikayla Westhoff

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

Worship Assistants

Sunday, August 3

9:30 AM

Greeter: Gabe & Amy Davis Family

Lector: Keith Westhoff

Communion Server: Mary Roder
Krista Plueger

Sunday, August 10

9:30 AM

Greeter: Jo Ellen Cronin

Lector: Ken Freyermuth

Communion Server: Dianne Baack
Eliese Hoffman

Sunday, August 17

9:30 AM

Greeter: Rose Heeren

Lector: Rose Heeren

Communion Server: Elvira Nielsen
Janys Schroeder

Sunday, August 24

9:30 AM

Greeter: Iris Hemmingson

Lector: Janet Wiener

Communion Server: Rex & Chris Knapp

Sunday, August 31

9:30 AM

Greeter: Joel Johnson

Lector: Joel Johnson

Communion Server: Henry & Teri Herrig



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

Acolyte Schedule

August 3

9:30

Crucifer: Harper Grause

Acolytes: Luke Britt, Owen Fintel

August 10

9:30

Crucifer: Aaliyah Warner

Acolytes: Mia Petsch, Audrina Schoenrock

August 17

9:30

Crucifer: Landen Hightree

Acolytes: Kemper Davis, Bentley Hightree

August 24

9:30

Crucifer: Carter Westphal

Acolytes: Lauren Forbes, Kenna Grage

August 31

9:30

Crucifer: Miles Kruse

Acolytes: Chase McNaughton
Kinley Tingwald

Altar Guild

August 3rd

Cindy Kamies

Tammy Lee

August 10th

Janys Schroeder

Brenda Haverhals

August 17th

Elvira Nielsen

Brenda Haverhals

August 24th

Jane Arnold

Ashley Bennett

August 31st

Krista Plueger

Sheryl Oetken

Sound Board

August 3

Sophia Brennan - **Pro Presenter**

Brenda Haverhals - **Sound/video**

August 10

Ian DeRuyter - **Pro Presenter**

Becky DeRuyter - **Sound/video**

August 17

Megan Brennan - **Pro Presenter**

Larry Brangwin - **Sound/video**

August 24

Megan Jeneary - **Pro Presenter**

Jacob Jeneary - **Sound/video**

August 31

Keith Westhoff - **Pro Presenter**

Tim Larson - **Sound/video**

Coffee Bar Schedule

August 3

Ginny Freyermuth

August 10

Lynn Breuer

August 17

Ashley Bennett

August 24

Lynn Breuer

August 31

Lynn Breuer

August Usher Schedule

Ken Freyermuth, Capt.

Adam Schmidt, Capt.

Keith & Brady Westhoff, Glenn Kellen

Mike Haverhals, Simon Kern, Dan Albert

Doug & Karen Carlson, Graham Forbes



WHY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IS KEY

Jesus' followers aren't meant to pursue faith by themselves. In fact, that's impossible! A *family* and *the body* signify plural members. It is among brothers and sisters in Christ that we:

- experience our Savior's presence, living and incarnate;
- unite in worship, confess our sins, hear the gospel and receive Communion;
- accept church discipline through the gentle guidance of others;
- learn — through other people's examples and experiences — what it means to live a life of discipleship;
- and lovingly serve together as Jesus' hands and feet.

>>> August 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
		
3 Jamie Lennon-Guest 9:30 am Worship w/Comm 10:30 am Fellowship Time	4 6:00 pm Outreach Mtg. L/L	5 10 am Imagine Study Group L/L 10 am Staff Mtg 4:30 pm Worship Team Mtg 5:30 pm People of Praise
10 9:30 am Worship w/Comm 10:30 am Fellowship Time	11 7 pm Church Council D/R	12 10 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm People of Praise
17 9:30 am Worship w/Comm 10:30 am Fellowship Time	18 5 pm Spiritual Growth Mtg L/L 6 pm Youth Ministry Mtg L/L	19 Newsletter Deadline 10 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm People of Praise
24 9:30 am Worship w/Comm Baptism Cooper Royalty 10:30 am Fellowship Time 10:30 am GROW, Sunday School, Catechism Training F/H	25	26 10 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm People of Praise
31 Noisy Offering 9:30 am Worship w/Comm 10:30 am Fellowship Time		

>>> August 2025

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2
6	7 9 – 10 am Prayer Time in Sanctuary	8	9
13 9:30 am – 11 am Chapel Services at Care Facilities 5:30 pm Personnel Mtg L/L	14 9 – 10 am Prayer Time in Sanctuary	15	16
20 9:30 am Prime Living Chap. 10 am Accura Chapel 1:30 pm Anna & Dorcas Circle L/L	21 9 – 10 am Prayer Time in Sanctuary	22	23
27 2 pm Elderberries D/R	28 9 – 10 am Prayer Time in Sanctuary	29	30
			

JOIN US THIS FALL TO

GROW

in the grace and knowledge
of our Lord Jesus Christ.
~ 2 Peter 3:18

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

SEPT 10- MAY 6

~ DINNER ~ SERVICE ~ EDUCATION ~

GROW KICK OFF



WED. SEPT. 10, 2025
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

All Pre-K through 5th
grade students are invited
to our new Wednesday
night program at St.
John's Lutheran, to come
GROW in the grace and
knowledge of Jesus Christ.

NEW THIS YEAR!!!

Evening Highlights

Dinner 5:00- 5:45 ◀

Check our schedule to see what meals will
be served each week. All are welcome.

Worship 6:00-6:30 ◀

Meet in the sanctuary for our
Wednesday night worship service.

Catechism & GROW 6:30- 8:00 ◀

Bible education for Catechism students
6th-9th and GROW students Pre K-5th.

High School Youth Group ◀

All High School students are welcome
to join us in the Youth Room from
8:15PM - 9:15PM each Wednesday.

Contact us:
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www.stjohnslmarsia.org

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Help Wanted

We're looking for people that love God, love kids and are willing to spend their Wednesday nights growing the kingdom of God. Positions to prayerfully consider: **Readers/Guides ~ Helpers ~ Kitchen Helpers ~ Greeters** ~ Please pray and ask God if He is wanting you to step out in faith and join us! Contact Kristy or Pastor Broers. Thanks!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD®

This year the St. John's youth will be taking part in a mission project packing shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child**. The mission of **Operation**

Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations and they do it all one shoebox at a time.

Each month between August-November we will be working as a church to gather items for the kids to pack in the shoeboxes come mid-November. These boxes will go to children between the **ages of 2-14** all over the world. All donations can be placed in the OCC box located by the church office. For a quick and easy way to shop for appropriate items, there is an Amazon link listed on the website <http://www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ> under "gift suggestions". If you would rather donate **money**, we are also seeking the funds to ship the boxes (\$10 each), for the discipleship program for each recipient (\$6 each), and for the designated plastic shoe boxes (12 for \$25). Simply write "Operation Christmas Child" on your check or envelope and put it in the offering plate. Please keep in mind that all items donated need to fit inside a shoebox, so they must be small.

August Collection Items:

School supplies

• Pencils, sharpener, and erasers • Pencil container • Pens • Crayons • Colored pencils • Markers • Notebooks • Index cards • Calculator • Scissors • Ruler • Glue stick • Small adhesive tape • Drawstring bag

Clothing and Accessories

• Flip-flops or shoes • Sunglasses • Hat • Wristwatch • Costume jewelry • Hair accessories • Clothing and undergarments • Winter cap, scarf, and mittens

Please do not include any of the following: • Soap • Food, candy, or gum • Toothpaste • Used or damaged items • Scary or war-related items • Wearable traditional camouflage • Seeds or organic matter • Liquids • Medication • Money • Breakable items • Matches, fire starters, or aerosols • Knives, saws, or razor blades

Thank you for your generosity and for helping to show our youth the joy of sharing Jesus with others while providing for their needs.

WHAT COLLEGE STUDENT DOESN'T LOVE TO RECEIVE MAIL?

We need St. John's members to join in a new writing ministry for our college students.



Life after high school graduation and throughout the college years can be difficult. This ministry is designed to encourage and help our college students during the school year. Through this ministry we will connect each college student with adults from our church who will send them a note/card (once per month) to remind them that someone from home loves and cares about them!

What does this require?

- College Students - need to provide contact information, likes, birthday, and parent information
- St. John's members - need to commit to sending a note/card once per month – September thru April. Each month you will receive (via email) a different student to write, so by the end of the school year you will have blessed eight students!

Let's show our students that they are in our thoughts and in our prayers even while they are away at school.

Registration forms will be ready in early August. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Brennan via phone/text at 540-7315.



PRAYER PARTNERS WANTED! We are looking for Prayer Partners for the incoming 6th graders, who will be starting Catechism this fall. Call the office to sign up or for more information. Thanks! 546-8855

CATECHISM GUIDES NEEDED! We are looking for two people to commit to being confirmation Guides for our 6th grade boys starting this Fall. We meet each Wednesday evening from 6:30-8 pm. Please contact Pastor Broers with interest or questions. Thank you!

TRAINING for GROW, CATECHISM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 @ 10:30AM.

Puzzle!

The biblical calendar had many feasts and festivals. They were connected with the changing of the seasons or special events.

Use the code to find the name of the special days the Israelites observed.

CODE:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
Z	Y	X	W	V	U	T	S	R	Q	P	O	N	M	L	K	J	I	H	G	F	E	D	C	B	A

SEASON

1. End of Summer

I L H S S Z H S Z M Z S

2. Fall

B L N P R K K F I

3. Fall

H F P P L G S

4. Winter

S Z M F P P Z S

5. Winter

K F I R N

6. Spring

K Z H H L E V I

7. Spring

H S Z E F L G

HOLIDAY

New Year

Day of Atonement

Festival of Booths

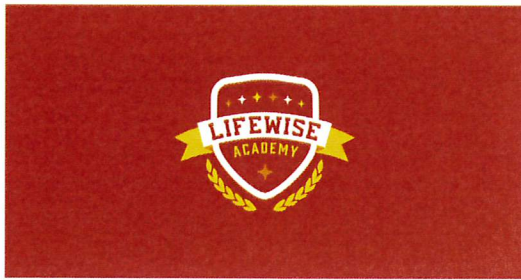
Festival of Rededication

Festival of Lots

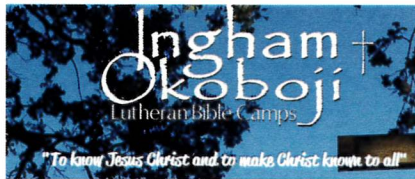
Festival of Unleavened Bread

Feast of Weeks/Pentecost

Answers: 1. Rosh Hashanah, 2. Yom Kippur, 3. Sukkoth, 4. Hanukkah, 5. Purim, 6. Passover, 7. Shavuot



LIFEWISE LE MARS PRAYER NEED We are hoping to offer 15 classes each week (1st-5th grade) this fall. We are still in need of teachers and volunteers for some classes. Schedule is flexible and teachers can be paid. Do you have 1-2 hours per week to invest in these students? Please contact Lindy Dohman at 320-292-0591 or lindydohman@lifewise.org to learn more.



INGHAM OKOBOJI'S 38TH ANNUAL QUILT AUCTION Go to www.okoboji.org to see all the events happening on Aug. 1st & 2nd. A Scandinavian Feast, Glenn Henriksen Concert, 5K Run/Walk and the Quilt Auction. You won't want to miss it!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

Online Auction: Friday, 8 am - Monday, 6 pm

Quilt Preview in Gym: 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Scandinavian Feast: 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Glenn Henriksen Concert: 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

5K Run/Walk: 8:00 AM

Quilt Preview in Gym: 9:00 - 11:30 AM

Lunch in Dining Hall: 11:00 AM- 12:30 PM

LIVE AUCTION: 12:00 (NOON)

Check out the Bible camp website: Okoboji.org
There are a lot of fun events happening! For all ages!

INGHAM LAKE BIBLE CAMP

HOG ROAST

PIE AUCTION

SUNDAY, AUG. 24
4:00-6:00 PM
PIE AUCTION 6 PM
FREE WILL DONATION

SPONSORED BY THE INGHAM AUXILIARY
 PROCEEDS WILL FUND SHINGLES ON THE
 RETREAT HOUSE AND EDEN CENTER AND
 OTHER CAMP MAINTENANCE.

THANKS TO DAN YONKER FAMILY FOR PROVIDING
 AND ROASTING THE DELICIOUS PORK.

INGHAM LAKE BIBLE CAMP IS LOCATED 5 MILES
 EAST OF WALLINGFORD, IA OFF COUNTY RD A34
 2258 450TH AVE, WALLINGFORD, IA

WWW.OKOBOJI.ORG/HOGROAST | 712-867-4170



ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY PARTNERS

St. John's is supporting the following agencies with Benevolence funds in 2025:

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| • 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.



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.



THANK YOU!

On behalf of all of us at Luther House of Study, thank you so much for your recent donation and your continued support. We are so grateful to be in partnership ministry with you.

Sincerely, The Team at Luther House



Global
Health
Ministries

Dear Friends,
On behalf of Global Health Ministries, we thank you for your personal investment in our mission to help the hands that heal throughout the world. Each day, our medical

partners are able to provide lifesaving medical procedures and vital health and wellness initiatives because of your generous giving.

I recently visited Dr. Longin at Peace Clinic in Liberia where he led us through the hospital enthusiastically pointing out recent gifts from GHM, including patient monitors, digital x-ray machine, full-size and handheld ultrasound units, an oxygen concentrator, IV poles and newborn kits.

Midwife Ester shared her passion for helping young mothers have healthy deliveries. She goes into the local market to educate women about pregnancy and then teaches them like her own daughter when they come to the clinic terrified by the pain of labor. They expressed great gratitude for the mission we share together in helping the hands that heal.

Together, each year we partner to serve over 1,000,000 of our most vulnerable neighbors. What our Great Physician, Jesus, began is continued by thousands of our partners around the globe who bring healing and wholeness to a weary world. Thank you for being a part of this miraculous work.

Together in service and prayer,
Pastor Doug Cox



Noisy Offerings will be collected on **August 31** for The Gospel Mission. Remember to mark on your calendars the last Sunday of the month, Noisy Offering Sunday!! Thanks in advance from your Outreach Team!

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!**



Watch St. John's worship services on **CABLE CHANNEL 12** on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm, or on the St. John's website, www.stjohnslemarsia.org listed under Video Sermons on the left side of the home page.

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 QRcode or go to www.sunnybrookchurch.churchcenter.com/people/forms/399133



PLEASE DONATE TO SAFEPLACE

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

Shampoo/Conditioner
Body Wash
Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
Deodorant/Lotions
Hairbrushes and combs
Towels/washcloths
New women's underwear
Women's pajamas/robes
New women's sweatpants
Writing journals
Women's hygiene products

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Pots/pans Dishes/silverware
Paper products Sheets/blankets
Coffee and filters Disposable razors
Canned foods, Pastas
Laundry soap
Zip Lock bags/Garbage bags
Clorox wipes/Bleach
Dish soap/cleaning supplies
Luggage

These are just a few of the ways you can help. For more information go to the website: www.safeplacesiouxland.org

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Mark Your Calendars -- New Fall Sunday Worship Schedule

Sunday morning worship times will be changing beginning September 7th. New service times will be:

8:00 AM Worship w/Communion

9:15 - 10:15 AM Study Hour

10:30 AM Worship w/Communion (no change)

