



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Grow in Christ

Sunday School-Confirmation-Adult Bible Class

God accomplishes this mission in us and through us in weekly worship, Bible Study and other fellowship opportunities. God comes to us in the Word and the Sacraments to show us the love and new life he has for us in Jesus Christ. He gives us the opportunity to serve others and reach out with his love.

Join Us ~ Service times:

Traditional Worship:
Saturday 6:00pm ~
Contemporary Worship:
Sunday 9:00 am

Education Hour~ Sunday 10:30 am

Sunday School- Infant-4th Grade
Confirmation-5-8th Grade
High School Youth 9-12
Adult Bible Study

Wednesday Bible Study: 9:30 am

Women's—Parish Hall Classroom
Men's —Parish Hall

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Katie Schnitzler
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Diane Stoural

Grace, mercy, and peace to you in Christ, amen!

By now, the school year is in full swing, and academics, sports schedules, and musicals are already up and running at full speed. Last month Pastor Fouts encouraged the congregation to work on our fellowshiping. With all the activities going on, it is easy to lose focus on why we gather. Our purpose is to advance the Gospel of Christ and to connect one another in the heart of Jesus. So, take a moment or two and hit the pause button, "To be still and know God" Ps. 46:10.

You already know our school theme this year is "Suit up, Stand Firm!" based on Ephesians 6:10-20. Consider this for a few moments, soldiers seldom work alone. Even snipers are a part of a reconnaissance team and rely on intelligence for their targets and the aid of scouts, all to accomplish a common objective- to defeat the enemy and neutralize it. So, why do we, as Spiritual Soldiers - Christians, so often attempt to work and walk alone even our athletic contests require a team of individuals working together to accomplish a common goal?

So, as partners in the gospel, let us unite and work with one another as we fellowship, connecting one another in the heart of Jesus. We need shield bearers who cover us in prayer, always praying in the spirit on all occasions to extinguish the devil's attacks against St. John Ministries. We need our teachers who put on the belt of truth and the helmet of salvation to proclaim the truth to our students all year long. Our students need the helmet of salvation to protect them from the lies and schemes of the devil. We need the breastplate of righteousness to protect our hearts from the enemy. We also need it to aid us in preserving every vital person on the ministry team, aka everyone who is a part of the St. John community of faith. We also need the people's prayers to aid the pastors in wielding the sword of the spirit so that we may equip you with the truth of the gospel so that the entire body may stand firm with feet fitted with the readiness that comes with the gospel of peace. So, let us stand firm together and come together to advance the gospel of Jesus as we connect one another in the heart of Jesus. I offer you my support, encouragement, and a challenge to find someone you don't normally associate with, connect with them in the heart of Jesus and suit up together to battle the devil and his attacks against St. John's Ministries. Let's suit up and stand firm together, connected in the heart of Jesus!

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Be on the lookout for additional opportunities as they develop throughout the year. Just glancing at the church and school calendars will give you plenty of opportunities to connect with a fellow warrior for Christ and to come alongside them to stand firm with them as you join in the heart of Jesus. So let us unite in the rallying call "Stand firm!"

Graciously Called to serve,
 Rev. Joseph Leech
 Pastor of Human Care Ministries and Adult Education



St. John K-8 grade children will be singing in church on Sunday, September 11 at 9:00 am



Church Choir Announcement

After a far-too-long hiatus, the St. John Church Choir will be reconvening this fall to once again join our voices in song and praise to the Lord! Choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 21 in the church sanctuary from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. everyone is welcome and encouraged to join!



Official Acts



Baptisms

Cynthia Mae French
 child of Daniel & Angela French was baptized into the Lord's family on August 6.
 Sponsors are William Hosford & Jolene Miller.

George Robert Frisch
 child of Robbie & Cassie Frisch was baptized into the Lord's family on August 14.
 Sponsors are Ben & Tisha Frisch & Dustin & Megan Weber



Wedding

Abby Westerman & Kobe Lade

were united in Holy Matrimony on August 13.

It's back! Get your team ready!

You're invited to:

TRIVIA NIGHT

Sponsored by the PTL of St. John Lutheran School and St. John Early Learning Center

Friday, November 18
 St. Patrick's Parish Hall - Battle Creek

Registration Information and Details at:
www.stjohnbc.net/trivia

My sincere thanks of gratitude for all the prayers, the thoughtful and caring cards and phone calls I received during my hospital and rehab stay and also since returning home. I would like to say a special thank you to Pastor Leech for all his caring visits. I have been so overwhelmed by all these loving acts of support and kindness. God and the power of prayer can do amazing things. God bless you all!
 Deb Miller

thank you

Want to grow your faith outside of
Sunday Worship?
Get involved in a small group Bible
Study.

Ms. Werner's Bible Study every Tuesday in the altar guild room in the church at 7:00 pm.

WiNGS (Women in God's Service) exists to honor and worship God, encourage and support women. WINGS meets the last Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm. They also offer a bible women's study every Wednesday at 9:30 am in the parish hall classroom studying a variety of topics.

Men's Bible Study with Pastor Leech meets on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am in the parish hall. The bible studies will be topical based according to the interests of what the men would like to learn and study. Beginning September 14.



GET CONNECTED

Looking for other ways to get involved?

Praise Team If you want to offer up your musical gifts talk to our Director of Music & Worship Mr. Whitney.

Adult Sports Fellowship -Sunday, 6:00-7:30 pm. Adults gathering for athletic time in fellowship.

PTL - St. John Ministries Parent-Teacher League meets the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at the child-care.

Senior Fun Day- Meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 1:00 pm for cards and snacks in the parish hall. Don't play cards? Come for the conversation.

Orphan Grain Train- Volunteer day 10:00-2:00 pm. First Friday every month.

Ministry Volunteer -Sound Booth Tech, Ushers, Altar Guild, Sunday School Helper, and Church Greeters are some of the ways you can serve the Lord.

Sunday morning Education Hour from 10:30-11:30 am beginning September 11.

- Mommy & Me- Infant to age 4
- Sunday School - Prek- Grade 4
- Confirmation -Grades 5-8
- High School Youth Grades 9-12
- Adult Bible Study

Youth grades 7-12 meet the third Sunday of the month at 4:00 pm. Subject to change do to planned events. Stay up to date by texting:

Youth Grades 7 & 8 Remind - <https://www.remind.com/join/sjbcfrogs> or text @sjbcfrogs to 81010

Youth Grade 9-12 Remind - <https://www.remind.com/join/sjbcflight> or text @sjbcflight to 81010



Certification Opportunity

The Nebraska District is offering an upcoming opportunities to become LERT (Lutheran Early Response Teams) certified. Training event will be held at: **Trinity Lutheran Church, 508 Jackson St., Madison, NE on November 5, 2022.** Participants will be introduced to the LCMS Disaster Response program and learn the basic nature of disasters, the opportunities to respond to personal needs in such disasters and how as Christians, can support families, congregations and the public, as the hands and feet of Jesus, during these trying times. The training will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants should arrive by 8:30 am to complete registration and sign in.

Please register to become a LERT volunteer at www.lcms-lert.org. Once registered, you may sign up for this training class at the same website. If you are already registered in the LERT system, simply sign up for the class at the website. A registration fee of **\$30** per person will cover the cost of lunch and snacks, training materials, and LERT T-shirt. Please send your registration fee to **Nebraska District LCMS Office, 152 S Columbia, Ave., Seward, NE 68434** ahead of time if possible, and note "LERT Training November 5, 2022" on your check. Participants are encouraged to pre-register before October 3, 2022 so we have the proper materials for everyone. Last minute attendees are also welcomed, however course materials may be limited if you are not pre-registered. If you have questions, please contact *Mick Onnen* at DisasterResponse@ndlcms.org.

Evangelism Collection for September is for Military Bible Sticks

HOPE FOR OUR HEROES!

Just \$25 provides a Military Bible Stick (the Audio Drama New Testament and selected Psalms) for one of the Troops who protect our nation and preserve our freedoms.

"This has been the most useful thing I've ever had. Every day I listen — and it has brought me closer to God,"

says a Navy pilot.

Thanks for giving a life-changing gift to the Troops!

**Donations can be placed in the collection plate marked Military Bible Sticks or watch for a drop box in the parish hall entryway.*



Church Pictorial Directories have Arrived!

We are asking for a suggested donation of \$10.00 to help offset the cost.

Stop by the table in the parish hall entryway or the church office to get yours!

Celebrate our church's 150th Anniversary!

Preorder now—\$20.00

See the table in the parish hall entryway or stop in the church office.

The cup features a double wall stainless steel that is vacuum insulated with a clear lid and a cork base to keep it firmly in place.



What is worship?

In this short piece each month we will pause to learn a little about Christian worship.

The Head, Heart, & Body of Worship



One of the great philosophical questions that worship leaders ask themselves (and in conversation with others, when they get the chance) is, “how do we engage our good German Lutheran congregation members during worship?” The butt of the joke always comes around to the fact that we are very good at our staunch, sit-down-and-listen upbringings, passed down from generation to generation since before our great-great grandparents left the homeland and immigrated to America. We say, “Good morning,” “And also with you,” and “Thanks be to God,” and that’s it - we’d dare not shout an “Amen!” during one of Pastor’s sermons.

A few years ago, there was a short few weeks when we saw video clips go viral on the internet of churches where the people were *really* feeling the Spirit move. We watched clips of people running around their sanctuary, singing and shouting. We had the Holy Spirit dancers, who let their hips loose, and moved as the spirit moved them. Obviously, viral videos online are great at showing the extreme side of things, but even so, I found myself thinking, “We could never do *that* in church, my great-grandmother would roll over in her grave!”

Thankfully, I’m not here to start a running club in the middle of our worship services in order to get you better connected and engaged in the happenings of our worship services. There are ways in which we already connect in worship, whether cognitive (head), affective (heart), or psychomotor (physical movement). Let’s break it down:

Cognitive - things relating to our brain working, things such as thinking, reasoning, or remembering. The easiest way to approach cognitive functions in worship is that we read what we see, whether on the screen or in the pew hymnals or Bibles. Simply by being in worship and following along, our brains are constantly engaged throughout worship. The reasoning may take a little more work - you have to pay attention to the sermon, but even the time when Pastor is sharing the Word of God and relating it to our lives, we are ingesting it and processing it.

Affective - relating to moods, feelings, and attitudes. We tend to not pay much attention to the emotional response we have within our worship services. However, there are many things that can elicit an emotional response. Music is a big trigger for emotional response, but not the only one. We can also find the moods within our worship services to help connect our hearts with worship. My favorite time of year is Lent - the mood is more sullen and somber, especially in knowing that during that time we are drawing closer to the death of Jesus. But, enter Easter, the most joyful of days, when death was defeated and Christ arose! Alleluia! We cannot help but be joyful on that day (and every day) as we live in constant celebration of Christ’s victory of sin, death, and the devil.

Psychomotor - physical movement. We do things in worship to engage our bodies: we stand up, sit down, sing, speak, and shake hands. We engage our bodies the most in worship, however, when we eat. Each week we engage in worship through the physical partaking of Christ’s true body and true blood through the Lord’s Supper. As an act of worship, we join in communion with one another to consume the physical and spiritual nourishment Christ provides to us through this Sacrament.

While we may not be a “Can I get an ‘Amen?’” congregation, there are still many ways in which we are able to engage with God’s Word to strengthen and nourish our faith in worship. The next time you join us for worship, consider the ways in which you are engaging with the service through cognitive, affective, and psychomotor engagement.



All Ministry offices & the Early Learning Center will be closed Monday, September 5.



Adult Sports Fellowship Returns!

Join us at 6:00 pm St. John School gym for friendly competition & fellowship.



In an effort to keep you informed on our Building Foundations of Faith Capital Campaign the numbers will be posted monthly in the newsletters and bulletins.

As of August 25, 2022

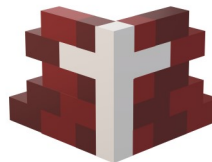
Campaign Debt Remaining: \$249,002.46

Operating Debt Incurred: \$200,000.00

Total Financial Obligations \$449,002.46

Download the Vanco giving App to give online. Set up a one time gift or give on a reoccurring basis.

BUILDING FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH



FYI:

Deadline for recipes to be submitted for the St. John 150th anniversary cookbook is September 30.

Drop off at the church office or use the box located in the Parish Hall entryway.



Celebration of *Life*

September Birthdays

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|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Kelly Griffith | 7 Kendall Haase | 16 Mary Fleer | 25 JW Ehrisman |
| 1 Tonja Hofmann | 8 Jeremy Grant | 17 Cassandra Forney | 25 Sandy Goodwater |
| 1 Elizabeth Long | 8 Jim Larson | 17 Brynlee Ruge | 26 Kylee McLean |
| 2 Addilynn Henery | 8 Ava Baumgartel | 18 Steve Klug | 26 Tria McLean |
| 2 Silas Lewis | 9 Ann Grant | 18 Taylen Kolm | 26 Jackson Schroeder |
| 3 Maverick Parker | 10 Brynlee Kerber | 19 Alice Miller | 26 Ivy Haack |
| 3 Jady Buckendahl | 10 Xander Larson | 19 Colin Pflueger | 27 Janice Glandt |
| 3 Pat Seelmeyer | 11 Bryan Daum | 19 Shirley Staver | 27 Kyler Onnen |
| 3 Preston Sunderman | 11 Payton Frederick | 20 Callie Reeves | 27 Rob Uecker |
| 4 Claie Anderson | 11 Joan Otjen | 21 Mike Anderson | 28 Jessica Allen |
| 4 Leah Ritze | 11 Barb Praeuner | 21 John Bredehoft | 29 Reyson Matteo |
| 4 Bob Praeuner | 11 Ashley Walz | 22 Claire Goodwater | 29 Jeston Hassler |
| 4 Lawrence Praeuner | 12 Austyn Otjen | 22 Allen Knapp | 29 Kyle Prauner |
| 4 Todd Roberts | 12 Chase Kossmann | 22 Mandy Lewis | 29 Sara Anderson |
| 4 Rowan Volquardsen | 12 Chris Lutt | 22 Randy Praeuner | 30 Roni Tone |
| 5 Sara Moeller | 13 Larry Moenning | 22 Michael Smith | 30 Grace Wysocki |
| 5 Brent Nygren | 14 Brandy Prauner | 23 Todd Bierman | 30 Sophia Kuchar |
| 6 Ethan Hintz | 14 Rachel Stratton | 23 Mike Goodwater | |
| 6 Angela Obst | 14 Dacia Vavra | 23 Alan Thomas | |
| 6 Brenda Painter | 14 Mark Werner | 23 Zoey Reeves | |
| 6 Mandi Uecker | 15 John Gauer | 24 Collin Bauer | |
| 6 Keaton Alberts | 15 Coleman Anderson | 24 Carrie Knull | |
| 7 Genie Kudym | 15 Rex Volk | 24 Noah Weber | |



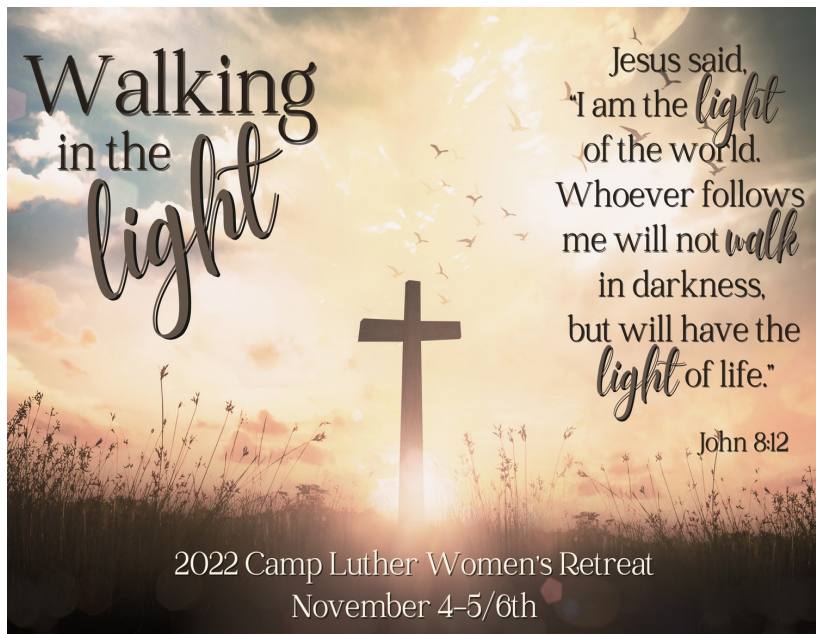


WiNGS—Women in Gods Service

Mission Statement: WINGS exists to honor and worship God, encourage and support women, grow in our faith together as we share the gospel and use the gifts He has given us to serve Him and others.

WINGS met on July 28, 2022. Pastor Leech led us in a devotion on Psalms 93 and 104. Our Mites offering followed. The 2023 Spring Event for the Norfolk LWML Zone will be hosted by WINGS. Discussions began regarding theme and guest speaker suggestions. Cards were finished for the Community Pride Care Center residents. On August 1, we served a continental breakfast and lunch to the Circuit pastors during their meeting at St. John. WINGS met at Goody's Grille on August 18, for a luncheon, with twelve members present. August birthdays were celebrated with balloons and gifts. Sarah Tillman reminded the group that we will be doing a skit for St. John chapel on September 21. The meal was delicious and there was much laughter and enjoyment being together.

On Saturday, August 20, WINGS hosted a bake sale during Battle Creek City Fest. Thank you, to all who donated baked and canned goods. And thank you to everyone who stopped by and found something yummy to take home. We had a great variety and lots of goodies. Our next meeting will be on September 29, at 1:30pm. All ladies are welcome to join us.



Join women from around the region for Christian growth and fellowship at the 2022 Camp Luther Women's Retreat!

Led by Author and Speaker Deb Burma and author Elizabeth Bruick
NOVEMBER 4-5/6

Check-in at 6:00 pm on Friday with retreat beginning at 7:00 pm

Cost: Varies with the length of your stay.

Space is limited, register today by going to campluther.org

Battle Creek Lions Club Needs You!

Join us on September 8 at 6:00 in the Community Building in the Park to learn more about the Lions and how you can get involved. Supper will be served so come hungry!



We sponsor the Community Food Pantry, Summerfest Parade, Easter Egg Hunt, Santa, give gifts to families in need at Christmas, financially support the recent fire victims and much more!



The Art of Marriage

Coming Soon: First of six sessions is Wednesday, September 21, at 7pm in the St. John Parish Hall.

In "The Art of Marriage," we weave together expert teaching, engaging stories, man-on-the-street interviews, humorous vignettes and much more to portray the hope and beauty of God's design for marriage. God can turn any marriage into a masterpiece. Every marriage is unique, expressed by the colorful personalities of each spouse and textured by the circumstances at play in their lives. Blending these to make marriage work is a divinely inspired art form - challenging to master, but worth the effort.

This class is open to 10 couples. Please register by calling the church office.



Confirmation

Confirmation Sunday is approaching. Confirmation will be Sunday, October 30 at 9:00am. Students who completed 8th grade last fall and their "4th-year" of confirmation classes will start class on Sunday, September 11 at 4:00pm in the St. John school conference room / youth room. Classes meet, September 11, 18, and 25, and October 2, 9 and 16.



On Facebook @ Snactified to Serve

Reading / Prayer Calendar - September 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
August 29, 2022	August 30, 2022	August 31, 2022	September 1, 2022	September 2, 2022
Deuteronomy 18	Deuteronomy 19	Deuteronomy 20	Deuteronomy 21	Deuteronomy 22
Pray for Schools	Pray for the Armed Forces	Pray for your children or nieces/nephews	Pray for your Pastor	Pray for blessings in worship

September 5, 2022	September 6, 2022	September 7, 2022	September 8, 2022	September 9, 2022
Deuteronomy 23	Deuteronomy 24	Deuteronomy 25	Deuteronomy 26	Deuteronomy 27
Pray for Teachers	Pray for the Government	Pray for your friends	Pray for Church staff	Pray for outreach in our community

September 12, 2022	September 13, 2022	September 14, 2022	September 15, 2022	September 16, 2022
Deuteronomy 28	Deuteronomy 29	Deuteronomy 30	Deuteronomy 31	Deuteronomy 32
Pray for School Administrators	Pray for the President	Pray for the Family	Pray for the lay leaders of the church	Pray for missionaries

September 19, 2022	September 20, 2022	September 21, 2022	September 22, 2022	September 23, 2022
Deuteronomy 33	Deuteronomy 34	Joshua 1	Joshua 2	Joshua 3
Pray for Students	Pray for Congress	Pray for your spouse or parent	Pray for the Church	Pray for the lost

St. John Lutheran Church Battle Creek, NE -Council Meeting Wednesday, August 24, 2022

Colby Kolm called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm.

Present: Colby Kolm, Randy Howser, Gary Volk, Tia Eriksen, Casey Heller, Heather Whitney, Pastor Fouts, Steven Whitney, Katie Schnitzler, Stacey Aldag, Kelsey Schnoor, Nick Onnen, and Skye Schott.

Opening devotion and prayer by Colby Kolm.

Approval of minutes from July 25, 2022, moved by Gary Volk and seconded by Randy Howser. Minutes approved.

Board Reports

Treasurer's Report by Katie Schnitzler beginning the new fiscal year. School tuition money is in and childcare income is up from where we were at this time last year. Currently we have a construction loan and an operating loan totaling nearly \$449,000. Randy Howser moved to approve the report and Heather Whitney seconded the motion. Treasurer's report was approved.

Trustees' Report given by Colby Kolm from Todd Roberts. They have started the roofing project this week, we will be trying a new product for the parish hall floors to address the moisture issue and decided on the date of October 15 for fall clean-up. The rain date will be October 22.

Elders' Report given by Randy Howser stated there were no transfers or releases in membership. The vacant elder position has been filled. Next Barbeque & Bible Study will be September 18. Randy moved to reappoint Mark Baumgartel to fill the vacant elder position, Gary Volk seconded the motion. Reappointment was approved.

Evangelism Report given by Heather Whitney. Cards will be handed out for members to share on information on the church. Working on ordering church anniversary mugs. The directory is complete and has been delivered. Due to increase in cost, congregation members will be asked to donate \$10 to help cover the cost. Bible study will soon be back in full swing, coffee and goodies are being planned. The group is considering a community outreach to show our support for the students in the community.

Parish Education Report given by Casey Heller. Finalized Sunday School planning and kick off will be August 28. Parish Ed members will lead a scavenger hunt which is open to all ages. High School bible study curriculum is being chosen. Mommy and Me groups will be started.

Parochial Education Report given by Nick Onnen. We have a full staff and we are very blessed. The 8th grade students had a great experience on their trip to Camp Luther. Working on the accreditation process. This an opportunity for self-reflection, celebration and improvement. The next IGNITE event will be held March 4, 2023..

Childcare Report given by Skye Schott. ELC is down 10 staff members. The group sponsored the Touch a Truck event during Battle Creek City Fest.

Stewardship Report given by Gary Volk. Volunteers helped in the park at Battle Creek City Fest. The group would like to see the operating loan diminish which means the greatest need for tithes is to the general fund.

Old Business: None

New Business: Child Care has two employees interested in going back to school. The TEACH Nebraska Scholarship Program will help fund these individuals. Heather Whitney moved to approve participation in the TEACH Nebraska Scholarship Program. Skye Schott seconded the motion and participation in the program was approved.

Next meeting, Monday, September 19, 2022 at 8:00 pm.

Nominations will be taken at September's meeting for individuals to attend the LCMS National Convention next summer.

Randy Howser moved to adjourn the meeting, Gary Volk seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully, Stacey Aldag

Questions to Ask Your Children After School

How often do you ask your child, or grandchild, "How was school today?"

I know I frequently ask my children and I might get the response. "It was boring." "Nothing." "Fine."

Now, I can assure you some days can be more boring than others. Some days are just "fine." However, the students at St. John are challenged, busy, and loved. By the time you see your child at the end of the day your children are...tired!

Attached are a few questions to help you positively engage in conversation after school.

I'd consider asking faith led questions as well.

With Love, Mrs. Onnen

- How did you serve Jesus today?
- What piece of armor are you focusing on lately?
- Did you need to forgive anyone today?
- Did you have to ask anyone for forgiveness today?
- Do you know how much Jesus loves you?
- What did you do today that was creative?
- Was someone kind to you today?
- Did you help someone today?
- What happened in school today? Tell me in a story form.
- What mistake did you make that taught you something?
- What are you excited to do in school tomorrow?
- What was your favorite subject today? Why?
- What made your teacher happy today?



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The first PTL meeting is Thursday, September 8 at 6:30 pm at St. John Early Learning Center. Join us in supporting our childcare/school and teachers.



Harvest Carnival 2022

If you have a child enrolled in St. John Lutheran School or the Early Learning Center come hang out with us at Poppy's Pumpkin Patch Sunday, September 25 from 6– 8:00 pm. Devotions at 6:15, Goosechase Scavenger Hunt at 6:30.

Adult Sports Fellowship will be held at 3:00 pm that day.

P.S. There is no school the following Monday!



STJ ELC CONNECTION

St. John Early Learning Center Monthly Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES

September 5th - Closed for Labor Day

September 8th - PTL at 6:30 pm in School Age Room

September 9th - 3:30 pm closure for staff training, no after-school care

September 11th - Two year old Bible Arrival

September 17th - Moms 4 Moms at 9:30 am in Preschool classroom
**Rescheduled from Sept. 10 due to city-wide garage sales

September 30th - Fall Photos

GET INVOLVED

Kelsey Schnoor

Quality early childhood education is a big part of how our community thrives. Skilled early childhood educators prepare children for school. Families can work knowing their children are in the safe, loving, and supportive care of a quality early childhood educator. And that provides Nebraska's employers with the talent they need to succeed now and in the future. But two-thirds of licensed center-based providers recently surveyed said they were experiencing turnover, and of those providers, nearly 70% reported that staff had found jobs outside of early childhood; 9 out of 10 providers employing staff have had difficulty hiring for open positions, including our center. This is a huge loss for children, families, and Nebraska's economy—but we can make a difference by ensuring our children and families have the quality early educators they need for success.

As an early childhood professional, I see the care and intentionality our teachers use to ensure quality learning experiences for your children. Our teachers help promote the physical, intellectual, and emotional well-being of children through frequent one-on-one interactions, and they support children are supported in learning through individualized means.

GET INVOLVED (CONT.)

I invite you to join me in supporting We Care for Kids—a campaign that’s helping communities across Nebraska solve the problem. Together, we can ensure that our children, families, and state thrive.

You can reach me directly to learn more. The campaign website, NebraskaCaresForKids.org, also has great information for families, parents, advocates, and communities like ours.

Show your care to support quality early childhood education in our community. You can also do so by nominating an early childhood professional for their exemplary service and dedication to our families by nominating them for the Nebraska Early Childhood Collaborative Recognition program! Over the next 12 months, NECC will recognize 24 early childhood professionals with a gift of \$1000 for their hard work in our field. Nominations are open until September 16, 2022, at nebraskaearly.org/champion.



TWO YEAR OLD BIBLE ARRIVAL

September 11th, 2022 will be two year old bible arrival. If you have a two year old enrolled in our program, you will be shortly receiving an invitation to join us and get a Beginner's Bible for your child.

This will be a time to sing songs, do bible activities, and experience a STJ ELC Jesus Time! Plan to join Ms. Kelsey and Ms. Lexi at 10:30 am with your two year old!

SCHEDULES

Schedules are due weekly by Wednesdays. Monthly schedules are preferred. Scan the QR code below to submit your child's schedule.



SPEAQ UP! NEBRASKA

SPEAQ Up! Nebraska is a series of community-based conversations designed to ensure the Nebraska Early Childhood Strategic Plan adequately addresses the opportunities and needs of diverse communities and stakeholders across the state.

You are invited to join us for an upcoming SPEAQ Up! Nebraska event in our community to discuss:

- What would help families in our community access the early childhood services they need?
- What would help families in our community find quality early care and education?
- What opportunities exist for collaboration at local and regional levels to improve access to quality early childhood care and education in our community?
- What changes are needed in statewide early childhood systems, policies, and programs to support improved access to quality care and education in our community?

Feedback from these conversations will be used to inform further development of the Nebraska Early Childhood Strategic Plan. Contact Kelsey if you're interested in participating in one of these meetings!

Youth and Family Ministry

Due to the Labor Day holiday there will be no Education Hour Sunday, September 5.

Bible Arrival 2022! Sunday, September 11

Know of a family with a 2 year old child OR a child entering 2nd grade?

Bring them to Bible Arrival where they'll learn about God's special gift to us and receive their very own Bible!



Connecting People in the Heat of Jesus



Who? Who loves you?
Jesus! That's who!

Come learn more at Bible Arrival 2021!

What is it? Bible Arrival is a special Sunday when we celebrate giving Bibles to families, learn about doing family devotions together, and give a blessing on the Bibles during the 9:00 service. After worship a special gathering will be held for children & families to get to know their Bibles.

2 year olds and parents will meet at the Early Learning Center and 2nd graders and their parents will meet in the second grade room at St. John School.

For more info: Contact Kelsey Schnoor 675-4035 or director@stjohnbc.net, for 2 yr. old children and Natasha Onnen at nonnen@stjohnbc.net for a 2nd grade child.

Also, if you know a 3 year old that didn't receive a Bible last year, invite them to come!

Watch for invitations to come in the mail!

Children's Resources

Children's Bulletins are available to use for each church service, ideal for kids ages 5-10. Each week will have new content that will coordinate with the Gospel reading for that day, to encourage the children to listen to what's happening during the service. Additionally this provides a great opportunity for conversation with parents at home. Please look for the Children's Bulletin in the back of the church or ask an usher.



Mommy & Me Sunday School class for moms & infants to 4 years. Join Jessica Fouts & Kelsey Schnoor at the Early Learning Center on Sunday, September 11 at 10:30.



Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6

FROGS Youth (7th & 8th Grade)

Fully Rely On God's Salvation

LIGHT Youth Ministry (9th-12th Grade)

Where we Learn, Invite, Give of ourselves, and Honor God Together

**LIGHT & FROGS Gathering Sunday, Septmeber
19 at 4:00 pm**

This is a great opportunity for kids to get together and grow in their Christian faith through studying the Word together with Pastor; doing fun activities; and developing service projects that share God's love with the congregation and our community. Invite a friend to come and share the LIGHT.



Jr. & Sr. High Youth Ministry

High School Bible Study resumes after an extended break. High School Bible Study will be in the youth room during Education Hour. The high school youth will also be joining with the Jr. High Youth / Confirmation classes to serve as mentors at the end of each Sunday's class time. Mrs. Stephanie Kollbaum will be teaching the class. Come and get to know Mrs. K, and get to know Jesus too.

FROG/LIGHT night will return to its monthly fellowship activity night. Sunday, September 19 at 4:00pm, join us for "Fall Classic Night" **a homage to all things baseball, and a lot of fun** along the way. FROGS (grades 7 & 8) and LIGHT (grades 9-12) will meet at the same time, but in separate locations at St. John school. A Meal will be provided. Details to come later.



*8th Grade Camp
Luther Retreat*

Deployed Military Care Packages

Area churches are helping to send care packages to our deployed military. USPS boxes are located in the parish hall entryway. Take a box, fill the box with the items listed below and drop off at Our Savior Lutheran Church office, or bring your box to our church office. They will be sending packages periodically until the end of December.

Here is the list of some of the more requested items:

As per Pastor Chad Boggs

- Deodorant/antiperspirant (no powders),
- mouthwash– toothpaste– toothbrushes
- First aid travel boxes
- Baby wipes– antibacterial wipes
- Liquid soap (no bars)
- Jerky
- Laundry pods
- Chap stick
- Bags of candy/snacks
- Fruit snacks
- Coffee (k-cup only)
- Powder coffee creamers
- Wooden stir sticks

Feel free to decorate the inside of your box. If you don't wish to fill a box, items are also welcomed for packing.



Connecting people in the heart of Jesus. Serving the Lord's House in September 2022
If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute and call the church office (675-3155) to correct the bulletin.

Date	Time	Elders	Ushers	Sound Booth
Sat. Sept 3 Sun Sept 4	6:00 9:00	Howser/Anderson J. Baumgartel/Prauner	Acklie/Volk Borchers	Volk Borchers/Kirby
Sat. Sept 10 Sun Sept 11	6:00 9:00	M. Baumgartel/Kossmann Sunderman/Freudenburg	Acklie/Volk Zohner/Fleer	Volk Tillmans
Sat Sept 17 Sun Sept 18	6:00 9:00	Anderson/Kossmann Sunderman/ J. Baumgartel	Acklie/Volk Werner/Werner	Ryan Zohner Brauers
Sat Sept 24 Sun Sept 25	6:00 9:00	Howser/Prauner Freudenburg/Wedekind	Acklie/Volk Werner/Fleer	Volk Zohner/Lutt

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SCHOOL YEAR THEME

This year's theme "Rooted and Grounded in Christ, Abounding in 'Thanksgiving'" is based on Colossians 2:6-7 – "Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL OVERSEAS

If you are a student, parent, grandparent, or anyone who enjoys traveling and would like to travel to learn more about a World War II, LHNE has an opportunity for you. In May 2023, LHNE students will be able to travel to London, Normandy, Nuremberg, Munich, and Berlin to see Churchill War Room, D-Days Beaches, Dachau Concentration Camp, and more. If you are interested in finding out more information, plan to attend the upcoming meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 23 at 7pm at LHNE Library. To View Itinerary, visit www.explorica.com/Beam-1852

FACULTY, STAFF & BUILDING UPDATES

Students will see a few new faces as they walk the halls this year! We are pleased to welcome our new school counselor, Mrs. Emily Woodall. Emily and her family join us from Valley Lutheran in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Her husband, Dylan, will be teaching math in Winside. Mike Scheffler is our full-time maintenance director. He joined our staff in January after our longtime custodian Mike Kesting retired. The night-time maintenance position was filled this fall by Dawn Brachle, who has a daughter in this year's freshman class. When you visit for activities and events this fall, please don't mind the dust! The construction has now moved to finishing off the interior spaces of the new additions, and some of the hallways will be cluttered with storage as we get closer. The progress is amazing and we look forward to moving into the new spaces in December!

SENIOR RETREAT

Just a few days after students returned for the new school year, Mr. Miller took our LHNE seniors on the senior retreat. Our seniors visited Sunstream Retreat Center, and Mission Central. This gave our seniors an opportunity to grow in their faith as well as prepare for their role as leaders this year at Lutheran High.

Upcoming Events

Sep 1– FB vs Twin River HOME
Sep 1 – VB @ NEN
Sep 3 – VB @ NEN
Sep 5 – No School
Sep 6 – FB – GACC Jr. Eagles
Sep 6 – FB – GACC JV – HOME
Sep 6 – VB – C, JV, V @ NC
Sep 8 – VB – Wakefield Tourn.
Sep 9 – X-Country @ Skyview
Sep 9 – FB @ GACC
Sep 10 – VB – Wakefield Tourn.
Sep 12 – X-Country @ Neligh
Sep 12 – FB HOME – Jr. Eagles
Sep 12 – VB -C, JV @ BC
Sep 12 – FFA Mtg
Sept 13 – VB, C, JV, V – @ HOME
Sep 14 – FFA Husker Harvest Days
Sep 15 – X-Country @ Columbus
Sep 15 – VB C, JV, V @ Wayne
Sept 16 – FB @ Summerland
Sep 16- No School
Sep 17 – FFA Tractor Driving contest in Pierce
Sep 18 – HOMECOMING WEEK
Sep 18 – Booster Club mtg
Sep 19 – FB- JV vs Plainview @ HOME
Sep 19 – VB – C, JV @ Wisner
Sep 19 – LHNE Blood Drive
Sep 20 – VB- C, JV, V - @ Howells
Sep 22 – VB – C, JV, V vs Pierce @ HOME
Sep 23 – FB vs North Central @ HOME
Sep 26 – FB – Jr. Eagles & JV @ Wisner
Sep 26 – VB – JV Triangular Away
Sep 27 – VB – V Triangular @ HOME
Sep 28 – FFA – District Dairy Judging
Sep 29 – VB – C, JV, V @ HOME
Sep 30 – FB @ Plainview

Educating for Life † Proclaiming the Faith



September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 No Education Hour 6:00 Adult Sports Fellowship	5 Labor Day Ministry Office's Closed	6 1:00 Senior Fun Day	7	8 7:00 PTL Meeting	9	10
11 9:00 Bible Arrival 9:00 K-8 Children Sing 10:30 Education Hr 4:00 4th Year Confirmation	12	13	14 9:30 Men's Bible Study 3:45 Leadership Team Meeting	15	16	17
18 6:00 Bible Study & BBQ 4:00 4th Year Confirmation 4:00 LIGHT & FROGS	19 8:00 Council Meeting	20 1:00 Senior Fun Day	21 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Adult Marriage Classes	22	23	24
25 3:00 Adult Sports Fellow 4:00 4th year Confirmation 6:00 Harvest Carnival Poppy's	26	27	28 12:00 Leadership Staff Meeting 7:00 Adult Marriage Classes	29 1:30 WINGS Meeting	30	

Join us!

Weekly Service times:

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

Chapel

Wednesday 8:30 am

**Education Hour/
Sunday School**

Sunday 10:30 am

Bible Studies:

Men & WINGS

Women's Bible Studies

Wednesday's 9:30 am

Parish Hall Classroom
& Parish Hall

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