

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 6:00 pm ~ Blended 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

About Us: St John Ministries

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Mr. Steven Whitney

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Katie Schnitzler

Administrative Assistant:

Diane Stoural



A Letter From The Pastor

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

School and all its activities are in full swing, and so is our theme for this year, Go and Tell tell HiStory, based on the book "The Story" by Randy Frazee. If you have not joined a Bible Study group, it's not too late.

We have officially became a Stephen Ministry Congregation. We are now in the active recruitment phase of seeking both men and women to receive the training to become Stephen Ministers. If you are interested, please get in touch with either myself or Ginger Howser. Stephen Ministers provides one-on-one care to individuals, men to men, and women to women who receive monthly supervision in the caregiving relationship. This is a safe, confidential relationship for the care receiver. Being a Stephen Minister is a big commitment. A few of the required training topics include active listening, caring from a distinctively Christian perspective, grief care, assertiveness training, boundary setting and maintaining them, crisis theory, keeping confidentiality and knowing when to refer to a mental health professional. It also has tremendous rewards for both the caregiver and the care receiver.

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



Official Acts



Baptisms

Warren Duane Bernhardt

child of Tristen Bernhardt &
Alyssa Nelson was baptized into
the Lord's family on August 20.
Sponsors are Colby Nelson,
Madison Huber,
Evan & Nicole Unkel

Funerals

Lucille Ida Korth

Lucille went home to be with the Lord on August 2. Her funeral was at St. John on August 8

Ann Marie Koopman

Ann went home to be with the Lord on August 10. Her funeral was at St. John on August 15

Adelaide (Addie) Scheve

Addie went home to be with the Lord on August 10. Her funeral was at St. John on August 19.

"Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." Romans 6:3-4



"Comfort, comfort my people, says the Lord." Isaiah 40:1

There are many ways to serve each other in the body of Christ. We want to say thank you to all those who bring in food or serve at our funeral meals. This long-standing tradition at St. John has comforted many families in their time of grief. Prayerfully consider volunteering just a few hours of your time to help out in this area of the ministry. Please call the church office to be put in touch with the funeral committee.







Don't miss out on the greatest story ever told...His Story!

Still needing to order a book?
Stop at the table in the parish hall entryway to order or call the church office.









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

Bible study groups are forming for "**The Story.**" To get connected call the church office or join one of the groups below.

Ms. Werner's Bible Study every Tuesday in the parish hall 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 1:30 pm. They also offer a women's Bible study every Wednesday at 9:30 am in the parish hall classroom.

Men's Bible Study with Pastor Joe meets on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am in the parish hall. Bible study begins on September 13.

Looking for other ways to get involved?

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

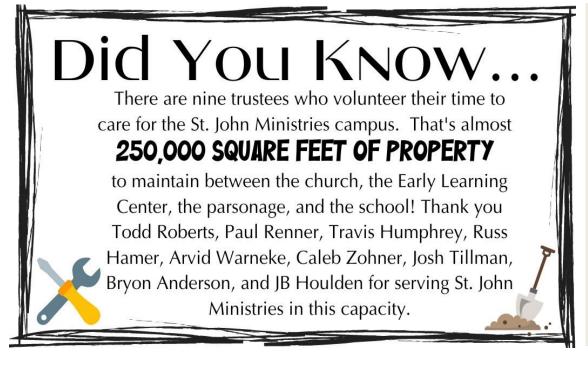
Adult Sports Fellowship -Sunday, 6:00-7:30 pm. Adults gathering for athletic time in fellowship.

PTL - St. John Ministries Parent-Teacher League meets the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at the childcare.

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, are some of the ways you can serve the Lord.



Stewardship

Giving to God what is His.

Time

Treasures

Talents



The Nebraska District LLL is again making plans to share a message of hope and salvation found only in Jesus Christ through our State Fair Booth. Your help in this venture would be greatly appreciated. Come join us as we give witness and provide Christian resources to fair-goers. Also plan to attend the Lutheran

State Fair Worship service, September 3 rd at 10:30 AM on the AGI Family Fun Zone Stage. Guest preacher will be Nebraska District President Rev. Richard Snow.

You will be blessed and inspired by his message.

MESSAGE FROM NEBRASKA DISTRICT LLL – MICK ONNEN

Here are some quick calendar reminders:

8 Jim Larson

8 Ava Baumgartel

- State Fair Booth August 25 through September 4. Volunteers needed!!
- Nebraska District LLL Board Meeting August 26 th, Peace Lutheran Church, GI
- State Fair Worship Service September 3, 10:30 AM
- Fall 2023 LLL Virtual Event September 20, 2023

The State Fair begins the end of this week, August 25th. We could still use additional volunteers to man the fair booth. If interested, please contact LLoyd

Probasco, <u>lloydprobasco@gmail.com,402-613-8001</u> or Paul Schmidt, <u>psflatwater@icloud.com</u> 402-460-0004.

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| 1 Tonja Hofmann | 10 Brynlee Kerber | 20 Callie Reeves | 29 Jeston Hassler |
| 1 Elizabeth Long | 10 Xander Larson | 21 Mike Anderson | 29 Kyle Prauner |
| 2 Addilynn Henery | 11 Bryan Daum | 21 John Bredehoft | 29 Sara Anderson |
| 2 Silas Lewis | 11 Payton Frederick | 22 Claire Goodwater | 30 Roni Tone |
| 3 Maverick Parker | 11 Joan Otjen | 22 Allen Knapp | 30 Grace Wysocki |
| 3 Jadyn Buckendahl | 11 Barb Praeuner | 22 Mandy Lewis | 30 Sophia Kuchar |
| 3 Pat Seelmeyer | 11 Ashley Walz | 22 Randy Praeuner | |
| 3 Preston Sunderman | 12 Austyn Otjen | 22 Michael Smith | |
| 4 Claire Anderson | 12 Chase Kossmann | 23 Todd Bierman | |
| 4 Leah Ritze | 12 Chris Lutt | 23 Mike Goodwater | |
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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.

Pastor Joe led devotion for our July 27th meeting. Focusing on Romans 8:18, 26-27, he shared with us that even in suffering, God has a purpose for our life and that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us when we pray.

The bake sale in the park, during Battle Creek's 150th celebration, went very well. Thank you, to all who donated baked goods and garden produce, and to those who volunteered to help work the sale. We appreciate all of you. Also, thank you, to everyone who stopped and found something delicious to take home with them. WINGS will be discussing to which local missions and community needs the funds will be donated. What a blessing it is, to be a part of this community!

On Wednesday, August 30, WINGS will lead chapel for St. John school. Come and join us to hear how we can share the Fruits of the Spirit with others.

On August 10, God called home our dear friend and fellow WINGS member, Ann Koopman. She was our current President, a committed member of our ministry, and she led with a servant's heart. We will miss her presence and the love she shared with us, but celebrate with joy that she is home in the arms of Jesus and we will see her again. WINGS meets on the last Thursday of each month, at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall classroom. Please prayerfully consider becoming a part of this women's ministry.

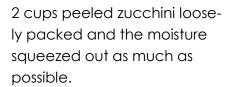
Lemon Zucchini Bread

by Becky Ridder

1-boxed lemon cake



1/2 cup vegetable oil



Preheat oven to 350. Coat 2-8x4 inch loaf pans with cooking spray. Mix all the ingredients together with a spoon and divide the mixture between the 2 pans. Bake for approximately 30-35 minutes. Test with a toothpick it should be clean. Cool the pans for 15 minutes and remove the loaves to a baking rack. Enjoy!

Camp Luther Women's Retreat:

Every year Camp Luther hosts a retreat exclusively for women to grow in faith and friendship in an overnight camp setting. Open to women of all ages and all across Nebraska (and beyond!), it's the chance to be encouraged and refreshed by God's love in a positive, fun, and relaxing environment! Activities include crafts, group games, personal retreat time, devotions, worship, and more. Wherever you are in your walk with God, you are welcome to come share in His joy and love with your sisters in Christ! Visit campluther.org to register or contact us if you have any questions.

(402) 352-5655

Camp Luther Women's Retreat 2023 UNSHAKABLE!

October 20th-21st or 20th-22nd





St. John Lutheran Church, Battle Creek, NE Council Meeting Monday, August 21, 2023

In attendance: Reid Ehrisman, Kelsey Schnoor, Jessica Fouts, Katie Schnitzler, Steven Whitney, Karen Grant, Mike Anderson, Bryon Anderson, Deanna Anderson, Brett Freudenburg, Pastor Fouts, Pastor Leech, Tia Eriksen and Mandy Lewis

Call to Order: By Chairman Reid Ehrisman at 8:01 pm.

Opening Devotion & Prayer: Reid gave devotion on Matthew chapter 15 and then followed with prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Mike Anderson made a motion to approve the July 24, 2023 Council meeting minutes. Second by Brett Freudenburg. Motion carried.

Board Reports

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> by Katie Schnitzler. The treasurer gave a positive report and expressed thanks for God's blessings. Income is up due to school tuition money and the first payment of the ERC credit being received. The grand total of the ministry match for July was \$76,024.02. Current operating debt has been paid down to \$47,009.86. There was some discussion regarding replacement of the A/C unit in the parish hall kitchen, but expenses have remained minimal otherwise. Mike Anderson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Bryon Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

<u>Trustees Report</u> by Bryon Anderson. The trustees discussed the replacement of additional heating and cooling units at the school and the one in the parish hall kitchen. The trustees have decided to keep the green space in the empty lot next to the parsonage. A donor has agreed to cover the cost of the grass seed. The trustees are considering a sprinkler system, not underground, but one that could be mobile. Having the green space without underground sprinklers aids in snow removal. Fall clean-up day has been scheduled for October 21, with a rain date of October 28.

<u>Elders Report</u> by Mike Anderson. There were no transfers or releases for this month. Worship and the picnic in the park for Battle Creek's 150th was moved to the school gym and parish hall due to weather. Despite the last-minute location change, good attendance was still achieved. The Story series will be beginning September 10. A confirmation informational meeting is set for Sunday, August 27 for all students and families in grades 5-8 following worship. Confirmation will take place on Reformation Sunday, October 29.

Evangelism Report by Tia Eriksen. Evangelism discussed wanting to use Sign-Up Genius for hosting fellowship treats and coffee after church. They would like to have each board take a weekend to sponsor fellowship. The sign-up will also be open to other congregation members and organizations to help to fill in open dates. The treats and coffee will be offered in the parish hall in between worship and the education hour.

<u>Parish Ed Report</u> by Jessica Fouts. The Sunday school kick off is happening Sunday, August 27. They will be serving ice cream sundaes and having a "wax museum" of Bible characters. All of the Sunday School volunteer positions have been filled. New this year, all Sunday school, confirmation, high school youth and adult Bible study attendees will gather in the parish hall at the beginning of education hour for a large-group multi-generational opening, and then disperse in their respective groups.

<u>Parochial Ed Report</u> by Brett Freudenburg. This is the start of the second week of school. The Parochial Ed Board meeting was joined by Bob Ziegler, head of Education and Youth Ministries for the Nebraska District LCMS. The girls basketball coaching position has been filled. The school is now searching for an athletic director. The gym floor issue has still not been resolved. The company who did the installation will be onsite to do vapor testing. The results of the testing will help to determine the next steps. Volleyball practices are currently being held at LHNE.

Early Learning Center (ELC) Report by Deanna Anderson. The Early Learning Center Board also met with Bob Ziegler. The ELC is looking for part-time staff, specifically for after school. They will be looking into updating their technology in the near future. Fundraisers have been discussed to help offset the cost of new technology. The ELC is transitioning from using Procare to Brightwheel operating software in September.

<u>Stewardship Report</u> by Karen Grant. Stewardship was grateful for a good treasurer's report. Stewardship recognizes that we need to use the money we have wisely and continue to be good stewards of God's gifts. Stewardship board members will be leaving "kindness" cards to people they encounter in everyday activities. The board was thankful for a good turnout for picnic in the park, having served 130 people, despite the location change due to the weather.

Old Business: None.

New Business

Proposed Policy: To provide guidance for the interview process for positions of employment within St. John Ministries.

The goal of this policy is to provide additional guidance, safety, and consistency for the hiring process. Staff positions were broken down into a three-tier system as follows: (1) Leadership Team Positions (Senior or Associate Pastors, School Principal, ELC Director, Worship Director, Business Manager, Facility Manager, etc.), (2) Other called or lead positions (lead/supervisory classroom teachers, assistant directors, etc.), (3) Remaining support staff positions (secretaries, aides, athletic directors, coaches, janitorial staff etc.). The appropriate personnel to serve on the interview team for each of these respective tiers is outlined in the policy.

Additional guidance was established for interview teams in the hiring process. These include things like having at least two representatives from St. John present at all interviews. Additionally, St. John will not provide candidates who were not offered a position rationale from the interview team, committee, or voters' decision. This is standard practice for organizations with a hiring process. The interview team for the athletic director will be comprised of personnel outlined in the third tier of the proposed policy. This proposed policy and additional guidance will provide clarity to an issue that has been discussed several times over the years. (A copy of the entire policy is attached with the official record of these Council meeting minutes.) Mike Anderson made a motion to approve the proposed policy. Deanna Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

<u>Other:</u> Steven Whitney shared the Oktoberfest committee is beginning to finalize the details of the church anniversary event happening on October 7. Watch for more information in the October Newsletter.

Next Meeting September 18, 2023 @ 8:00 pm

Adjourn: Mike Anderson made a motion to adjourn. Brett Freudenburg seconded. Motion carried.

Closing Prayer by Pastor Fouts.

Minutes submitted by Mandy Lewis.



Watch for more information on how to give to these worthwhile missions.



Reading / Prayer Calendar - September 2023

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| August 28, 2023 | August 29, 2023 | August 30, 2023 | August 31, 2023 | September 1, 2023 |
| Nehemiah 13 | Esther 1 | Esther 2 | Esther 3 | Esther 4 |
| Pray for Schools | Pray for the Armed Forces | Pray for your children or nieces/nephews | Pray for your Pastor | Pray for blessings in worship |
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| September 4, 2023 | September 5, 2023 | September 6, 2023 | September 7, 2023 | September 8, 2023 |
| Esther 5 | Esther 6 | Esther 7 | Esther 8 | Esther 9 |
| Pray for Teachers | Pray for the Govern- ment | Pray for your friends | Pray for Church staff | Pray for outreach in our community |
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| September 11, 2023 | September 12, 2023 | September 13, 2023 | September 14, 2023 | September 15, 2023 |
| Esther 10 | Job 1 | Job 2 | Job 3 | Job 4 |
| Pray for School Ad- ministrators | Pray for the President | Pray for the Family | Pray for the lay lead- ers of the church | Pray for missionaries |
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| September 18, 2023 | September 19, 2023 | September 20, 2023 | September 21, 2023 | September 22, 2023 |
| Job 5 | Job 6 | Job 7 | Job 8 | Job 9 |
| Pray for Students | Pray for Congress | Pray for your spouse or parent | Pray for the Church | Pray for the lost |
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| September 25, 2023 | September 26, 2023 | September 27, 2023 | September 28, 2023 | September 29, 2023 |
| Job 10 | Job 11 | Job 12 | Job 13 | Job 14 |
| Pray for Teacher Aides | Pray for Judges | Pray for grandpar- ents / grandchildren | Pray for Mission Work in your town | Pray for those who have wandered away |

Connecting people in the heart of Jesus. Serving the Lord's House in September 2023 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 | Acolytes |
|-------------|------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Sat Sept 2 | 6:00 | Prauner/Anderson | Acklie/Volk | Volk | L & H Prauner |
| Sun Sept 3 | 9:00 | J Baumgartel/Zohner | Borchers/Fleer | Borchers/Kirby | A Baumgartel/ T Lewis |
| Sat. Sept 9 | 6:00 | Wedekind/M Baumgartel | Acklie/Schwede | Wragges | H & E Anderson |
| Sun Sept 10 | 9:00 | Howser/Sunderman | J Borchers/Zohner | Fouts | T Schnoor/T Lewis |
| Sat Sept 16 | 6:00 | Borgelt/Anderson | Acklie/Volk | Volk | H & E Anderson |
| Sun Sept 17 | 9:00 | Wedekind/Kossmann | D & J Werner | Brauers | T Schnoor/T Lewis |
| Sat Sept 23 | 6:00 | Borgelt/M. Baumgartel | Acklie/Volk | Volk | H & E Anderson |
| Sun Sept 24 | 9:00 | J Baumgartel/Zohner | D Werner/Wolf | Fouts/Kuchar | T Schnoor/T Lewis |
| Sat Sept 30 | 6:00 | Prauner/M Baumgartel | Acklie/Volk | Volk | H & E Anderson |



Thank you to those who have worked to get this Sunday morning fellowship underway.

Many hands make light work!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...



to bring treats for Sunday morning fellowship

Use the QR code to sign up, or call the church office







402-675-3605 Mr. Nicholas Onnen, Principal principal@stjohnbc.net

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?
- 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?



Where is Mrs. Heller?



Haven't seen Mrs. Heller in the office? That is because she had a baby! Kennedy Ann Heller was born on Thursday, July 20. Kennedy was welcomed home by her big brother, Jackson! We are thankful for this wonderful new blessing, and for Mrs. Wragge and all the other people filling in while she is gone.

The first PTL meeting is Thursday,
September 14 at 6:30 pm at St. John
Early Learning Center. Join us in
supporting our childcare/school and
teachers.



Harvest Carnival 2023

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 24 from 6–8:00 pm. Devotions at 6:15.

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



EARLY LEARNING CONNECTION



SEPTEMBER

HEALTHY SLEEP HABITS

Sleep is crucial for children's daily functioning. It aids in preparing them for new experiences, improving memory and concentration, and fostering constructive connections with others. Healthy sleep habits early on can prevent long-term sleep patterns and other problems, including obesity, poor academic performance, aggression, and difficulties in interpersonal relationships. As a parent, you play a critical role in helping your child establish healthy sleeping patterns.

Achieving healthy sleep habits can be broken down into distinct, but related, components. All of these elements should be present to ensure that your child is getting the best possible sleep. Consider the following:

- Sleep Duration: Make sure your child gets enough sleep each day, accounting for both naps and nighttime rest. The table below outlines recommended sleep durations by age.
- Naps: Ensure that your child takes regular naps. The frequency and length of naps should be adjusted based on your child's age. By four months, most children take three to four naps per day. By eight months, most children take two naps per day. By 21 months, most children take one nap per day. By age six, most children no longer nap.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- September 4-ELC Closed, Happy Labor Day
- September 10-**Bible Arrival**
- September 14-PTL 6:30pm
- September 15-3:30 closure, staff development

Recommended Amount of Sleep for Pediatric Populations*

| Age | Recommended Sleep Hours per 24 Hour Period | | |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Infants: 4 to 12 months | 12 to 16 hours (including naps) | | |
| Toddlers: 1 to 2 years | 11 to 14 hours (including naps) | | |
| Preschoolers: 3 to 5 years | 10 to 13 hours (including naps) | | |
| Gradeschoolers: 6 to 12 years | 9 to 12 hours | | |
| Teens: 13 to 18 years | 8 to 10 hours | | |
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*The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has issued a Statement of Endorsement supporting these guidelines from the

American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM).

Source: Paruthi S, Brooks U, D'Ambrosio C, Hall W, Kotasal S, Lloyd RM, Malow B. Maski K, Nichols C, Ouan SF, Rosen CL, Troester MM, Wise MS.

Recommended Amount of Sleep for Pediatric Populations: A Statement of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine. J Clin Sleep Med. 2016 May 25.

pil: jc-00158-16. PubMed PMID: 27250809.



HEALTHY SLEEP HABITS (CONTINUED)

- Sleep Quality: Continuous sleep is crucial for promoting brain growth and a natural sleep cycle. Too many awakenings can disrupt this process. Naps of less than one hour do not provide enough time for the brain to benefit, so try to avoid short naps.
- Recognize Signs of Drowsiness: Be familiar with your child's signs of drowsiness. These may include drooping eyelids, decreased activity, slower movements, and yawning. Putting your child to sleep during the drowsy stage, rather than when they are overtired, can help them fall asleep more easily.
- Establish Consistent Bedtime and Wake-Up Routines: Creating a consistent bedtime routine helps to maintain your child's internal clock on a 24-hour cycle. Choose calming activities before bed, such as reading or storytelling, and avoid stimulating activities like watching television or playing video games.
- Communicate: Talk to others involved in your child's life, such as caregivers or family members, about your child's sleep routine. Share your strategies and your child's drowsiness signs to ensure that everyone is on the same page.

Remember, it takes time and patience to establish healthy sleep habits, but it is worth the effort!



WE CARE FOR KIDS

We Care for Kids is an organization that ensures all Nebraska families have access to quality early childhood education. They provide information on the importance of such education and the role it plays in helping families raise children who are prepared for school and life. The organization also supports early childhood educators and helps Nebraska's economy thrive. Join today and follow along to show support for early childhood education and our teachers!

August We Care for Kids Newsletter:

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Sponsor a St. John ELC child to provide a Scholastic book each month, September through May! All thake is Sal; "Drop your donation in the form of cash or crack in the donation plate. "Drop your donation at the children effice. "Mail your check or each to: St. John Early Learning Center 3 or S and St. Battle Creek NE 6873. All checks should be made to "St. John Early Learning Center on Monte of the Book Fundraiser. FOR MORE WITHOUT SALES. FOR MORE WITHOUT SALES. FOR MORE WITHOUT SALES.

MINISTRY CORNER







TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Sarah Nelson, Pre-K Lead Teacher



Sarah Has been at St. John ELC since 2022. She has a bachelor's and teaching certificate in Early Childhood Education. She'll be going on maternity leave with her first child very soon! Prayers to Sarah and her family!

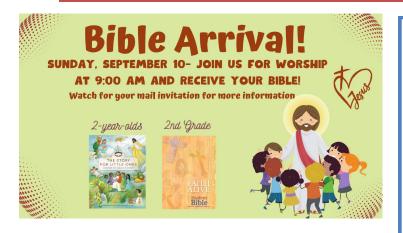
Youth and Family Ministry







Education Hour Begins Sunday September 10.



Education Hour

Sunday morning Education Hour from 10:30-11:30 am beginning September 10. Everyone meet in the parish hall for the opening ceremony!

- My Child & Me-Infant to age 4
- Sunday School Prek

 Grade 4
- Confirmation –Grades 5-8
- High School Youth Grades 9-12
- Adult Bible Study



Confirmation 2023

Confirmation Sunday is approaching. Confirmation will be Sunday, October 29 at 9:00am. Students who completed 8th grade last fall and their "4th-year" of confirmation classes will start class on Sunday, September 10 at 4:00 pm in the St. John school conference room / youth room. Classes meet, September 10, 17, and 24, and October 1, 8, and 15.

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

Come learn more at Bible Arrival 2023!

Sunday, September 10

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.

Meet in the parish hall following worship

For more info: Contact Kelsey Schnoor 675-4035 or director@stjohnbc.net, for 2 yr. old children and Jill Baumgartel at jillbaumgartel @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!

St. John K-8 grade children will be singing in church on Sunday. September 10 at 9:00 am





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8th Grade Retreat

8th grade retreat is for St. John school 8th grade students in the fall. Focus is leadership development within the school community.

How has God uniquely created you? Who has influenced you? What legacy do you want to leave at St. John individually and as a class? When does/did this begin?

During the 8th grade field trip to Camp Luther students took the Strength Finder 2.0 to dive deeply into how they're individually created, and tackled these question and more. Thank you to the team who put this together for our students!



LIGHT Youth Ministry

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

The St. John Youth program focuses on encouraging the youth to **grow in their faith and community with one another to serve the Lord**. Please feel free to invite friends to come to our events. They need not be a St. John Member to join us.

Upcoming LIGHT Events:

- 9/10 Bible Study Kick Off Event
- 9/13 Homecoming Event @ St John's School
- 9/30 Fall Event @ Poppy's Pumpkin Patch 5-8pm

Please use the following link or QR code if you plan on coming to the Poppies event so we can be prepared.



https://bit.ly/45nYJsb

Bible Study

The LIGHT group will be participating in a Sunday Morning Bible Study beginning September 10th, Join us in the YOUTH room after the opening ceremony in the parish hall following worship at 10:30. We can't wait to see you!



Youth Parent Survey-Inventory 2023 -

How can you help with Youth Ministry?

To better shape and build the senior high youth ministry program at St. John, all parents are asked to complete the following interest inventory. Only one form is needed per household, but it will be asking information of both parents, as applicable. The information collected will help the leadership committee seek volunteers to fill specific needs, and to guide the leadership committee in shaping and growing the youth ministry program.

Thank you!

Link to Survey: https://forms.gle/DXeqWZQfKTyu5nvH6



Contact Information

As the school year begins the Youth Council would love to get contact information for all our Senior High Youth Members. Please use the link or QR Code with Parent's and your youth(s) cell phone numbers as we're gathering a listing of youth names and



Link: https://forms.gle/4sWmKNFo4g8fZ3rN6

numbers for future events!



"[Extra]ordinary" will lead students through encounters with Jesus who answers questions and calms fears. Students will discover that the love of Jesus is the "extra" that their ordinary needs. High school students in grades 9-12 and their adult leaders are invited to join other LCMS youth at the 2023 LCMS District Youth Gathering—Kearney. Friends of youth group members are invited and encouraged to attend, too! The gathering will include an off-site servant event component, giving all participants the opportunity to honor God through service to others in the Kearney community. Make plans now to attend!

LIGHT youth participated in the Battle Creek 150th Celebration by serving over 300 people at our annual Pancake Feed. Thank you to all who attended! Your overwhelming generosity is appreciated!



Dear God, please give the young people in our community wisdom as they make important decisions. Help them to seek Your will in all that they do, including through their church worship. And please give them the courage to follow Your leading, no matter where it might take them. Help them to not forsake the meeting together in Bible studies and in fellowship. Amen

BOOKS FOR EVERY CHILD

Sponsor a St. John ELC child to provide a Scholastic book each month, September through May!

All it takes is \$15!

How you can donate:

*Drop your donation in the form of cash or check in the donation plate.

*Drop off your donation at the childcare office.

*Mail your check or cash to:

St. John Early Learning Center

301 S 2nd St.

Battle Creek, NE 68715



All checks should be made to "St. John Early Learning Center" and noted for the Book Fundraiser.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
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BEEF BLAST! Sunday, Aug. 27

Doors Open 11:00 A.M. Lunch Served until 1:30 P.M.

Live Auction Begins 12:45 P.M.

Silent Auction Closes 1:30 P.M.

Picnic-Style Roast Beef Lunch - No Tickets Needed - Free Will Donation- Fun for all Ages!

See Items Online Friday and See You at LHNE on Sunday!



September 2023

Join us!

Weekly Service times:

Saturday 6:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am

Chapel

Education Hour/Sunday School Wednesday 8:30 am

Sunday 10:30 am

Bible Studies:

Women's Bible Studies Parish Hall Classroom Wednesday's 9:30 am Men & WINGS & Parish Hall

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| 24 4:00 Confirmation Class 6:00 Harvest Carnival | 17 4:00 Confirmation Class | our | | |
| 25 | 18 8:00 Council Meeting | 11 | 4 Labor Day Ministry Office's Closed | Mon |
| 26 | 19 1:00 Senior Fun Day | 12 | 5 1:00 Senior Fun Day | Tue |
| 27 12:15 Leadership Staff Meeting | 20 6:30 Choir Practice | 9:00 Men's Bible Study Begins 4:15 Leadership Team Meeting 6:30 Choir Practice | 6 6:30 Choir Practice Begins | Wed |
| 28 1:30 WINGS Meeting | 21 | 14 6:30 PTL (Parent Teacher League) | 7 | Thu |
| 29 | 22 | 15 | œ | 1 3. |
| 30 5:00 Youth Night Poppy's Pumpkin | 23 | 16 5:00 Promises in Prayer Group | 9 | Sat 2 |

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