



Connecting people in the Heart of Jesus

February 2023

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:

Chapel- Wednesday 8:30 am

Traditional Worship:

Saturday 6:00 pm

Contemporary Worship:

Sunday 9:00 am

Education Hour~ Sunday 10:30 am

My Child & Me- 0-3 years

Sunday School- 3 years –Grade 4

Confirmation Grade 5 –8

High School Youth 9-12

Adult Bible Study

Wednesday Bible Study:

Men's –Parish Hall- 9:00 am

Women's—Parish Hall -9:30 am

About Us: St John Ministries

St. John Lutheran Church

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Rev. B.J. Fouts

Associate Pastor:

Rev. Joseph Leech

Director of Music & Worship:

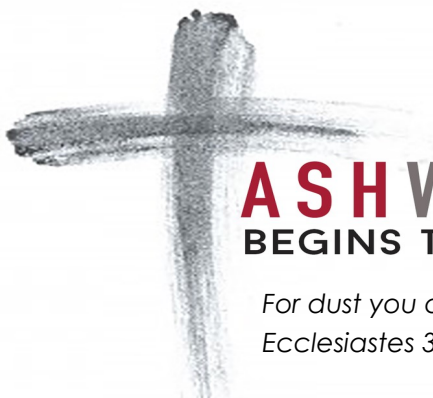
Mr. Steven Whitney

Business & HR Manager:

Katie Schnitzler

Administrative Assistant :

Diane Stoural



ASH WEDNESDAY BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT

*For dust you are and to dust you will return
Ecclesiastes 3:20*

Bad Evangelism: Techniques and (t)Reasons

So this article on evangelism is not really an article on evangelism. Not too long ago, I was participating in a workshop on the topic of church marketing and congregational growth, and while there were some extreme views presented in the workshop (i.e. your church should never send a piece of mail again,) there were also some interesting points to ponder (80% of people visit a church because a friend or coworker invites them, and 80% of those are likely to come back if their friend or coworker introduces them to the pastor; and finally, 80% of those who come back for a second visit will come back for a third and a fourth, if each time they visit, their friends are there.) But, my favorite line from the workshop dealt with the goal, and I love it so much, I would almost push to revise our mission statement, "Let's hijack hell, and overflow heaven." With some theological issues aside, the thought is the same, "Let's make disciples of all nations."

Its all about the mission. However you put it, as a believer in Jesus and lover of God, I want all people to know what I know, that Jesus Christ loves and cares for them and has provided eternal salvation for them, free of charge. God loves the unloved, He provides for those in need, He gives hope to the hopeless. This is the most beautiful part of Christianity and the most beautiful part of our church. How beautiful is the church that practices this mission.

How ugly is the church that loses its mission. When the church quibbles, the mission is lost. When the church members struggle to love each other, the mission is lost. When the church becomes a "country club" for "members only" and starts to cater to individual preferences, the mission is lost. When the concern is for the present more than the absent, the mission is lost. When the mission is lost, no one is drawn into that church.

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Early in January all of the board members and officers of St. John were invited for a pre-budget presentation. We talked about the budget process and had some discussions on ways to improve the financial position of the church. The elephant in the room was the fact that resources are limited, so either the congregation needs to spend less or the members need to give more. Once the elephant was evident, the conversation evolved from stewardship to evangelism. What are ways to bring more people to St. John? On the surface, this sounds positive: How do we do more mission?



Under the surface, there is an issue, and maybe it is hard to perceive, but what motivated the evangelistic desire? If the motivation for evangelism is to increase offering/income and thereby decrease the burden on those already invested, then once more the mission is lost. No one is drawn to the church so that they may give more money to their new church.



Sterling Richard Stueve

Child of Levi & Jaime Stueve was baptized into the Lord's family on January 14. Sponsors are Luke Stueve & Leah Fincey

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Funerals

Mildred Mae Praeuner

was taken home to be with her Lord on December 31. Her funeral was here at St. John on January 4.

Fredrick John Prauner

was taken home to be with his Lord on January 13. His funeral was here at St. John on January 18.



Ben Dailey from The Gospel Institute says, "Sadly, many churches are experiencing a slow death, and they are not being killed from the outside, but rather from the inside." This death from within is the result of a church un-willing to support itself, leading to its eventual implosion. Why can't the church support itself? The Church cannot support itself when its mission becomes supporting itself. That might take some mental gymnastics, but the church that is more worried about bringing people into the church for the sake of keeping the church open, instead of bringing people into the kingdom of God, is a church ready for collapse.

Instead of asking, "How do we get more people to give an offering?" I encourage you to ask, "What can I offer to get more people?" That's the question that will hijack hell.

Sanctified to Serve,

Rev. B.J.Fouts



Be Informed

St. John Ministries
Quarterly Voters' Meeting
February 26 following
Education Hour at
11:30 am.



Church Council Planning Meeting
Monday, February 20 at 6:00 pm
in the Parish Hall.

This includes all Board Member's
Supper will be served

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+ Please pray for our Board
Members as they meet to decide the
issues facing our St. John Ministry in
2023-24



Join us for a family fellowship meal every Wednesday through Lent. Beginning at 6:00 pm and serving till just before 7:00 pm.

Thank you to our Ministry Board Members, WINGS and Youth & Parents for providing the meals:

Lent Meals -Scheduled to Serve:

Ash Wednesday Feb. 22

Served by Elders, President & Vice
Chili Soup & Rolls

March 1

Served by Stewardship & Trustees
Hot Dogs & Brats & Chips

March 8

Served by WINGS– Mexis & Potatoe Salad

March 15

Served by Parish Ed & Evangelism
Hot Ham & Cheese & Chips

March 22

Served by Parochial Ed & Childcare
TBA

March 29

LIGHT-TBA

All meals served with a choice of desserts or bars and drinks– Free Will Offering

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 22 Worship– 7:00 pm



In honor of the 250 anniversary of the writing of "Amazing Grace," this worship series for Lent by theologian Michael Hoy ties the words of the beloved song to our lives today as Christ's disciples. Those in the Bible who experienced the amazing grace of God help us each week to realize that though we once were lost in sin, we now have been found by Jesus, and though we once were blind to God's mercy, we now can see his love at work in us through our Savior's death and resurrection.

Feb 22-Ash Wednesday • David (Psalm 51:1):

We find comfort that King David confessed his sins to God and received amazing grace in God's forgiveness and a connection to Jesus, the Savior.

March 1-Week 1 • Isaiah of Babylon (Isaiah 6:7):

We see God's amazing grace at work in the life of the prophet Isaiah, who proclaimed to God's people the salvation that was to come through the Suffering Servant.

March 8-Week 2 • The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:32):

We hear of the great love of a father who lavished amazing grace upon the Prodigal Son, a picture of our Heavenly Father's lavish compassion toward us.

March 15-Week 3 • The Blind Man (John 9:24):

We witness Jesus bringing sight to a man born blind, giving the man the added spiritual vision to see the amazing grace of God found in Jesus, who heals us all.

March 22-Week 4 • The Woman at the Well (John 4:13-14):

We listen to Jesus teach a woman at the well of his amazing grace poured out for us abundantly, which satisfies our thirsting souls for all eternity.

March 29-Week 5 • Paul (1 Timothy 1:15):

We marvel at the story of amazing grace in the life of Paul, who turned from persecutor of Christ to proclaimer of our Lord through the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

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

As of January 25, 2023:

Campaign Debt Remaining: \$163,675.04

Operating Debt Incurred: \$ 70,000.00

Total Financial Obligations: \$233,675.04

BUILDING FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH



Save the Date for the 2nd Annual IGNITE auction to be held on **March 4, 2023** at Divots Event Center!

Portals of Prayer booklets are cheerfully provided by St. John Ministries. If you have been blessed by these booklets, please consider making a donation to help offset the cost, even just a dollar helps. Your gifts go a long way to help those in need by directing our resources to others.

Currently we are providing 104 Portals of Prayer each quarter for a total cost of \$504 annually.



Senior High Scholarship Application

High School Senior Scholarship Application Spring 2023. A scholarship fund has been established for graduating high school seniors who are confirmed and active members of St. John Lutheran Church. St. John Stewardship Board will govern the award. Visit stjohnbc.net/church to apply or call the church office for more information.

St. John Ministries Church Workers Scholarship Opportunities

St. John Ministries has established a scholarship fund for a high school senior or current college students attending any Concordia (Missouri Synod) University. These students must also be in a declared church work major. The application and further details can be found on our website at

stjohnbc.net/church.

LCMS Scholarships

Nebraska District financial support is available to anyone preparing for full-time service in the church. More information on these scholarship opportunities can be found here: <https://ndlcms.org/scholarships/>.



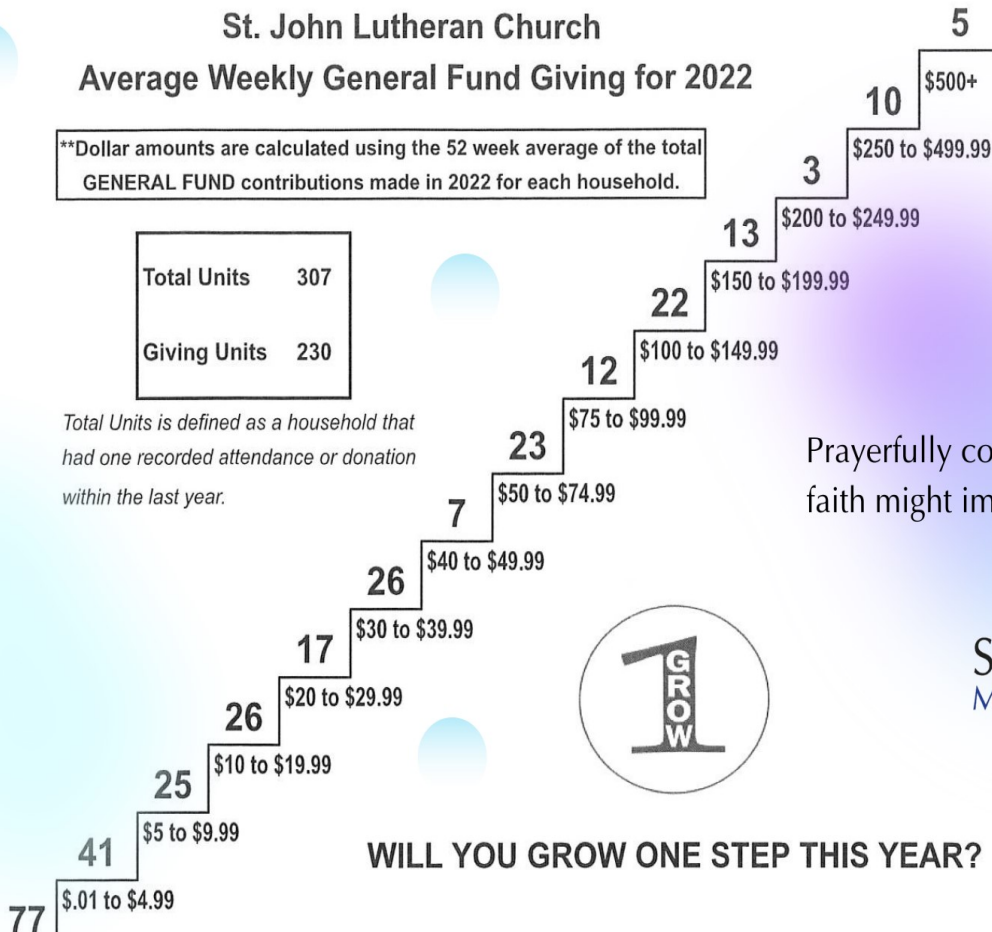
On-line giving has never been easier. Download the Vanco App on your smartphone or tablet and set-up your account today. Choose from several giving opportunities and the frequency of your donation. Or go to stjohnbc.net/church and use the Donate Now button.

St. John Lutheran Church Average Weekly General Fund Giving for 2022

****Dollar amounts are calculated using the 52 week average of the total GENERAL FUND contributions made in 2022 for each household.**

Total Units	307
Giving Units	230

Total Units is defined as a household that had one recorded attendance or donation within the last year.



Prayerfully consider how your faith might impact your giving



WILL YOU GROW ONE STEP THIS YEAR?

ST. JOHN ENDOWMENT FUND

THE ENDOWMENT FUND MAXIMIZES MINISTRY SUPPORT WHILE PROTECTING THE PRINCIPAL FOR CONTINUED INVESTMENT OF THE FUND. PLEASE REFERENCE THE ENDOWMENT FUND PAMPHLET INSERTED WITH YOUR BULLETIN FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND AND THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF GIFTS ACCEPTED.

OVER THE YEARS THE ENDOWMENT FUND HAS FINANCED THE FOLLOWING:

PLAYGROUND FENCING



PARISH HALL HANDICAP DOOR

SMART BOARD



OVER \$27,400 IN ST. JOHN SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

LHNE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



HEARING ASSIST DEVICES

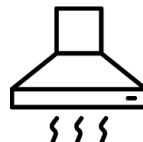
MODULAR CLASSROOM UPDATES



CHURCH PHONE SYSTEM



LANDSCAPING



CHILDCARE OVEN HOOD



St. John Lutheran Church Battle Creek, NE Council Meeting

Monday, January 16, 2023

Present: Colby Kolm, Todd Roberts, Reid Ehrisman, Randy Howser, Casey Heller, Heather Whitney, Pastor Fouts, Steven Whitney, Katie Schnitzler, Stacey Aldag, Kelsey Schnoor, Pastor Leech, Skye Schott, Nick Onnen, and Brian Wysocki.

President Colby Kolm called the meeting to order at 8:10 pm.

The opening devotion and prayer was given by Colby Kolm.

Approval of minutes from December 19, 2022, moved by Todd Roberts and seconded by Randy Howser. Minutes approved.

Board Reports

Treasurer's Report was given by Katie Schnitzler. Receipts and Disbursement income is increasing from this time last year. Expenses are about the same or a bit higher due to inflation. The insurance payout for the gym floor has been received but will not be paid until the project is complete. Currently we have a construction loan and an operating loan totaling \$233,675.04 in debt. Randy Howser moved to approve the report and Heather Whitney seconded the motion. Treasurer's report was approved.

Trustees' Report was given by Todd Roberts. Snow removal plan was reviewed, and the crew is still seeking more help. Trustees will serve the Lenten meal on March 1 with Stewardship. Church security was also discussed. A doorbell system for the office and lighting in the parking lot will be researched.

Elders' Report was given by Randy Howser. The group discussed the 150 years celebration events to be coordinated by various groups. Motion for transfer out: Chad, Valissa, Brooklynn and Gavin Tegeler to Our Savior Lutheran Church moved by Randy and seconded by Todd Roberts. Motion carried.

Evangelism Report was given by Heather Whitney. February 12 potluck with a Valentine Creation Event at 10:30 am with families. Some of the Valentines may be delivered by St. John students.

Parish Education Report was given by Casey Heller. Parish Ed made 100 bags for the family Christmas services, many left over. VBS will change to 4 days and will be held on July 17-20, 2023.

Parochial Education Report was given by Brian Wysocki. Main discussion of the meeting was tuition for next year, also made a list of nominations for next term board members.

Childcare Report was given by Skye Schott. They discussed the employee handbook, reviewed policies and procedures and how to get information out to the employees.

Stewardship Report was given by Katie Schnitzler for Gary Volk. Main discussion was about consecration weekend and finalizing plans for the event.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Next Meeting: Unified Planning Meeting on Monday, February 20, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Katie moved to adjourn the meeting; Brian Wysocki seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm followed by a prayer with Pastor Fouts.

Respectfully,
Stacey Aldag

Reading / Prayer Calendar - February 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
January 30, 2023	January 31, 2023	February 1, 2023	February 2, 2023	February 3, 2023
2 Samuel 14	2 Samuel 15	2 Samuel 16	2 Samuel 17	2 Samuel 18
Pray for Schools	Pray for the Armed Forces	Pray for your children or nieces/nephews	Pray for your Pastor	Pray for blessings in worship
February 6, 2023	February 7, 2023	February 8, 2023	February 9, 2023	February 10, 2023
2 Samuel 19	2 Samuel 20	2 Samuel 21	2 Samuel 22	2 Samuel 23
Pray for Teachers	Pray for the Government	Pray for your friends	Pray for Church staff	Pray for outreach in our community
February 13, 2023	February 14, 2023	February 15, 2023	February 16, 2023	February 17, 2023
2 Samuel 24	1 Kings 1	1 Kings 2	1 Kings 3	1 Kings 4
Pray for School Administrators	Pray for the President	Pray for the Family	Pray for the lay leaders of the church	Pray for missionaries
February 20, 2023	February 21, 2023	February 22, 2023	February 23, 2023	February 24, 2023
1 Kings 5	1 Kings 6	1 Kings 7	1 Kings 8	1 Kings 9
Pray for Students	Pray for Congress	Pray for your spouse or parent	Pray for the Church	Pray for the lost

Celebration
of *Life*

February Birthdays

1 Brooks Onnen	6 Scott Henery	11 Diane Pratt	20 Rod Nicolay
1 Myles Schurman	6 Colby Kerber	11 Jason Freudenburg	20 Karen Ritterbush
2 Richard Frank	6 Ethan Koopman	12 Robert Praeuner	21 John Hrabanek
2 Hunter Harbottle	6 Chelsea Zohner	13 Kooper Uecker	23 Heather Whitney
2 Seth Kossmann	6 Jonas Weber	13 Loreen Glandt	23 Scott Carlson
2 Nicole Kuchar	7 Miles Loftis	13 Dave Rodekohr	23 Adam Roker
2 Dan Schott	7 Kelly Griffith	13 Bonnie Schulz	23 Val Sovereign
2 Barry Stueve	7 Alexandria Noble	13 Arvid Warneke	23 Troy Koopman
3 Ayden Freudenburg	8 Kelsey Tiedtke	14 Amy Klug	23 Joy Pack
3 William Houlden	8 Jane Warneke	14 Makayla Ruge	25 Teresa Hitz
3 Jena French	8 Marrisa Hitz	15 Owen Roth	25 Lenyx Jessen
4 Josh Rakowsky	9 Brenda Borchers	16 Doug Trowbridge	26 Ryan Miller
4 Angie Weber	9 Cathie Praeuner	17 Caleb Zohner	26 Nikki Prauner
4 Cody Weldon	9 Seth Kossmann	18 Lucille Korth	26 Jim Werner
5 Bailey Hurlburt	10 Tanner Krueger	18 Pete Smith	27 Fred Reitz
5 Jesse Peters	10 Randy Ritterbush	18 Walker Unkel	27 Sarah Tillman
5 Wylie Trowbridge	10 Barrett Belina	19 Tracy Stoural	28 Alice Smith
6 Bryson Anderson	11 Wolter Klein	20 Ella Anderson	28 Oliver Spulak

Happy
Birthday!



Golden Oreo Poke Cake

Easy and delicious!

Ingredients

- 1 box Betty Crocker Vanilla Cake Mix
- 1 package of Golden Oreos (crushed)
- 1 3.4 oz package of instant pudding mix
- 2 cups of milk
- 1 8 oz tub of Cool Whip



Instructions

Prepare the cake mix according to the package directions. Mix in 2 cups of crushed Golden Oreos. Bake according to directions. Let the cake cool completely. Poke holes in the cake using a wooden spoon handle. In a small bowl mix the pudding and milk together and stir for 2-3 mins. Pudding should be thick but pourable. Pour pudding in the holes in the cake then over all the cake. Refrigerate at least an hour to let the pudding set up. Spread the Cool Whip over the chilled cake and top with the remaining crushed cookies.

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 welcomes all women. Our next meeting is February 23, @1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall Classroom. January began a new year for WiNGS.

New officers: President Ann Koopman, Vice President Patty Renner, and Becky Ridder as Treasurer. The WiNGS Officers met to discuss the upcoming year. They look forward to continuing to serving the Lord through missions in our community.

Does LWML still collect used postage stamps? The answer is YES!



LWML is exceedingly blessed by the generosity of the women and men in our congregations! LWML members share and give in so many different ways. Did you know that some of our members and groups are collecting cancelled stamps? Stamps that have their perforations intact, are not too heavily cancelled, and are not torn, cut or stained can be saved for charity. When they are cut from an envelope or postcard, it is best to leave at least 1/4 inch on each side of the stamp.

Nonprofit and not-for-profit organizations take donated used stamps – also known as recycled stamps – and sell them individually or in bulk through auctions directly to stamp dealers or collectors to raise funds for various charitable programs. Charities that collect cancelled stamps are Wycliffe Associates to Fund Bible translation around the world and Sisters of the Holy Cross Ministry with the Poor. Deposit your stamps in the wooden box on the LWML table in the church Narthex (By the BIG Mite Box)



From the principal...



It's fun to be a part of a winning team. As a Husker fan... that's probably a bad example. Let's start over. It's fun to be a part of a winning team. Over the last few years, St. John School has had the opportunity to feel like we're on a winning team a lot. In any of our students' successes, please know that you have played an instrumental role. Without your support, many of our students couldn't be here. Without you, we would have no school.

You may not be aware, but last Spring, our girls won the Class A Lutheran State Championship in Basketball against much bigger schools like Lincoln Lutheran and Concordia, Omaha. They then went on to finish in the top 10 at the National Lutheran Tournament in Indiana. This fall, our girls continued that success as they took runner-up in the Class A Lutheran State volleyball tournament. It's fun to feel like we're on a winning team.

However, a winning team isn't just in sports. When the names of our former students are called when announcing the high school honor roll on the radio, it feels like we're on a winning team. As we have worked through the accreditation process, we have had to track the success of our former students. We learned that of all our students who have gone on to attend Battle Creek High over the last 4 years, 79% have appeared on the honor roll.

It feels like we're on a winning team when we walk down the hallways of our beautiful new facility. We can feel the support for what we're doing. In ALL of our successes, you have played a huge part. It's fun to feel like we're on a winning team. There will be a time when it doesn't always seem as though we're always on a winning team. We'll have slumps when we don't win championships. Our student success will inevitably wane. However, our biggest success will always be present. We're all about Jesus, every day, all the time, no matter what.

Of all the aspects of St. John School to be proud of, by far our best feature is that our students get to learn about Jesus every single day. We get to share the world from a Biblical perspective. When students make mistakes, we get to show them the law... and then restore them with the gospel message of forgiveness. By the time our students have graduated 8th grade, they will have written Advent devotions, written children's messages, led the liturgy in chapel, led over 150 other students in prayer, and stepped out as faith leaders in multiple ways. In these ways, our success can't be taken away. Jesus is the same, yesterday, today, and forever.

There are so many good missions to which you could dedicate your time and your money. I thank God you have chosen to partner with and support our school. Two-thirds of the cost for every student at St. John is paid for by individuals at St. John Lutheran Church. What a blessing! As you hear about the success of our students, I hope you see them as individuals. They're individuals who have the opportunity to learn more about Jesus every single day, because of you, and because of your support for the team.

We Praise God for you and for allowing us to do what we do.

Growing Together in Christ

Mr. Onnen

it's all about
Jesus

Best Practices for Ministry Conference

St. John Ministries is excited to offer the opportunity for several staff members to attend this conference.

This conference is thousands of dollars cheaper than the previously scheduled LEA Convocation. Because the staff has raised money through special fundraisers and this conference has no registration fee, St. John will be blessed to attend and save money in the annual professional development budget.

Aside from finances, the Best Practice Ministries Conference was created specifically for Lutheran church, school, and childcare professional staff and volunteer leadership for professional development and networking. The staff looks forward to growing together in ministry and bringing home new skills and strategies for reaching the community and growing the kingdom of Christ.

LUTHERAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION



- 1 \$350 Membership Fee
- 2 \$125 Convocation Fee
- 3 Cost of Food
- 4 Transportation at Conference

BEST PRACTICE MINISTRY



- 1 No Membership Fees
- 2 Free Conference
- 3 Meals Provided
- 4 Free Shuttle

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In Common

1. Thousands of Lutheran professionals gather and are reinvigorated
2. Extraordinary camaraderie opportunities
3. Top-notch professional development for specific ministries & evangelism

In an effort to pay down the Building Foundations of Faith Building Project, **IGNITE II** has been scheduled for **March 4** at Divots in Norfolk. To sign up for the live event, or preview silent and live auction items go to:

<https://EVENTS.HANDBID.COM/AUCTIONS/IGNITE-II>

- 5:00 - Doors Open
- 6:00 - Dinner Served
- 6:15 - Magician Joe Cole
- 7:15 - Live Auction
- Live Band to Follow



Reserve Your Tickets Here!



St. John Lutheran School
Battle Creek

February 28
6:30-7:30 PM

Join us!
Kindergarten
Round-Up

'If you look at the teachers that are here, and the students that are here; when you're not with your kids, those are the people you want your kids to be with.' – Travis Humphrey, St. John Parent

StJohnBC.net/School
StJohnBCSchool

St. John Pre-Enrollment for the
2023-24 School Year
opens February 1

\$50/student to pre-enroll by March 31

PTL MEETING

(Parent, Teacher League)

Thursday, February
9 at 6:30 pm
St. John Early
Learning Center

If you have a child enrolled in
St. John School or Childcare
you are a member of PTL.
We look forward to seeing
you at the meeting.



St. John Ministries Servant Project ~ Everyone is invited to participate

VALENTINE'S DAY
SERVANT PROJECT
HOSTED BY ST. JOHN EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 FOLLOWING WORSHIP
ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN MAKING CARDS FOR CPCC RESIDENTS
POTLUCK TO FOLLOW-BRING A DISH TO SHARE

~Sharing the love of Jesus with others~

There will be no
Sunday School or
Adult Bible Study
this day.

Confirmation
class will be held
as scheduled.



Youth and Family Ministry



High School Bible Study– Led by Mrs. Kollbaum

Does God Exist?

High school Sunday school has been going through the "True U" curriculum, which is designed by The Truth Project for younger audiences. While students have been taking in a lot of scientific information and details and theories, the bottom line is this: God's fingerprints are everywhere, and it is impossible to look at His creation on *any* scale and think that there is no Creator! This video series has walked us through different world views in comparison to creationism and Christianity in hopes that our students will be able to walk through this world with a better biblical foundation to support their faith in the real world. Join us each Sunday in the school conference room to be part of our discussions!

arise and
shine forth

4 NPS

LIGHT

Learn, Invite, Gather, and Honor (God) Together

All high school students are invited to participate in LIGHT Bible studies and activities.

FROGS

where we Fully Rely On God's Son for our salvation

All 7th & 8th grade youth are invited to participate in FROGS activities and events.



2023 LCMS District Youth Gathering - KEARNEY
hosted by the Nebraska District

SAVE THE DATE!

Nov. 17-19, 2023

Registration information will be sent in August of 2023.



For current information, like us:
facebook.com/DistrictYouthGatheringOmaha/



LCMS



Join the conversation and stay informed by going to the District Youth Gathering Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/DistrictYouthGatheringKearney>



LIGHT-GRADES 9-12 FROGS-GRADES 7-8

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19
4:30 -6:00 PM
SCHOOL YOUTH ROOM

fun stuff and
food provided

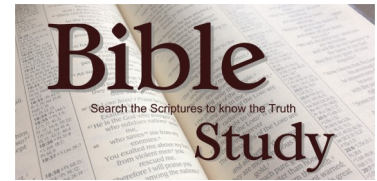
CONNECT. EQUIP. ENGAGE

Youth

Education hour has something for every age. Join us on Sunday following worship at 10:30 am



My Child & Me 0-3 years
Sunday School 3 years –Grade 4
Confirmation Grade 5 –8
High School Youth 9-12
Adult Bible Study



Shining a Spotlight on the Caring Ministries of St. John Ministries

Pastoral Care: Did you know that St. John Ministries has several facets of prayer and caring ministry? Pastor Joseph Leech is a certified Stephen Minister and an Ambassador of Reconciliation. Both of which are Recognized Service Organizations of the LCMS. If you or someone you know is in need of one-on-one spiritual care, pastoral counseling, or are estranged from someone feel free to contact Pastor Joe either via phone 402-675-3155 or email at pastorleech@stjohnbc.net. This is not limited to active St. John members. Providing Spiritual Care to a person in need can often be an effective tool for evangelism as well. Pastoral Counseling is available to help with a variety of spiritual and emotional concerns including, but not limited to depression, grief, divorce, marital concerns, hospice care, or other life adjustment concerns. We are expanding our spiritual care ministries, starting our Stephen Ministries program at St. John Ministries. We have registered with Stephen Ministries and have one person training to be a female leader. Prayerfully consider being a part of this ministry. Stay tuned for more information on Stephen Ministries, or contact Pastor Leech.

Prayer: Cherie Werner facilitates a prayer team meeting at 5 pm in the parish hall classroom the third Saturday of each month (*February's meeting will be on the 25*) This team prays for special requests, our ministry and our community. Cherie is also available for special prayer requests at cwerner@stjohnbc.net.

Our Prayer Chain is a group of dedicated members who pray for special requests made by members for emergency situations or health or surgery issues. All requests are confidential unless specified otherwise. All members are welcome to join in the prayer group or prayer chain. Contact the church office if you have a prayer request. 402-675-3155 or email the office at churchsecretary@stjohnbc.net, or for more information on joining our prayer teams.

We are Hiring at the Early Learning Center!

Positions available are:

- After School Tutors and Mentors
- Childcare Support Staff

For more information email Kelsey -director@stjohnbc.net

Apply by Texting: 415-851-3180- 1183324

Apply on-line at stjohnbc.net/childcare

Proudly Sharing the Love of Jesus since 2006



The faith community at St. John Early Learning Center, St. John Lutheran Church and St. John Lutheran School comes together to provide care and support for one another, especially during the earliest years in life. Alongside We Care for Kids, we can make a difference in the lives of all families through access to quality early childhood care and education.

Learn more at NebraskaCaresForKids.org and be sure to "Like" our page to see more about all the great things happening at St. John ELC [#NebraskaCaresForKids](https://twitter.com/NebraskaCaresForKids)

Early childhood care
and education
helps children learn
and grow to their
full potential.



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Connecting people in the heart of Jesus. Serving the Lord's House in February 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
Sat. Feb 4 Sun. Feb 5	6:00 9:00	M. Baumgartel/Wedekind Howser/Freudenburg	Acklie/Volk Zohner	Volk Borchers/Kirby
Sat. Feb 11 Sun. Feb 12	6:00 9:00	Kossmann/Prauner Sunderman/Freudenburg	Acklie/Volk Fleer/Werner	Volk Wragges
Sat. Feb 18 Sun. Feb 19	6:00 9:00	Kossmann/Wedekind J Baumgartel/Prauner	Acklie/Volk Borchers/ J. Werner	Volk Brauers
Wed Feb 22 Sat. Feb 25 Sun. Feb 26	7:00 6:00 9:00	Howser/ Prauner M. Baumgartel/Howser J Baumgartel/Sunderman	Borchers/Acklie Acklie/Volk Fleer/D. Werner	Fouts Volk Zohner/Lutt

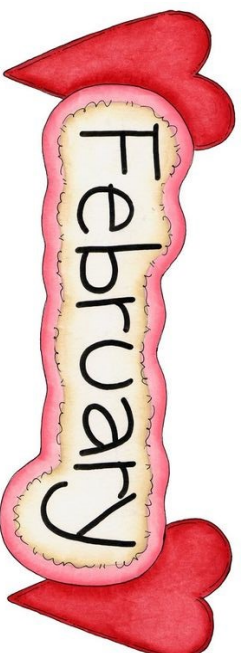
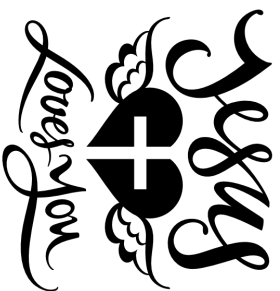
Acolytes:

Saturday: 6:00 Aria Hoehne & Janelle Ehrisman ~ Sunday 9:00: Avery Onnen & Titus Lewis

Lent Worship 7:00 pm (*Beginning on Feb 22*) Sherridan Kirby & Halle Borchers

Save the Date....





Join us!

Weekly Service times:

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

School Chapel

Wednesday 8:30 am

**Education Hour/
Sunday School**

Sunday 10:15 am

Bible Studies:

Tuesday-7:00 pm

Parish hall

Wednesday 9:30 am

Women's Study

Parish Hall Classroom

Men's Study

Parish Hall

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00 Choir 7:00 Art of Marriage Class	2 7:00 Wellness Meeting	3	4
5 6:00 Adult Sports Fellowship	6	7 1:00 Senior Fun Day	8 6:00 Choir 7:00 Art of Marriage Class	9 6:30 PTL Meeting At ELC	10	11 9:30 MOMS4MOMS
12 10:30 Valentines Servant Event & Potluck 6:00 Adult Sports Fellowship	13	14 	15 4:00 Leadership Team Meeting 7:00 Art of Marriage Class	16 Best Practices for Ministry Retreat Teachers & Ministry Leadership Staff	17	18
19 4:30 LIGHT & FROGS 6:00 Adult Sports Fellowship	20 6:00 Boards & Council Planning Meeting & Meal	21 1:00 Senior Fun Day	22 6:00 Lent Meal Chili Soup & Rolls 6:30 Choir 7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship	23 1:30 WINGS Meeting	24	25 5:00 Prayer Meeting
26 11:30 Voter Meeting 6:00 Adult Sports Fellowship	27	28				

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Ribbon Cutting for New Additions

Mark your calendars for the official Ribbon-Cutting event for the new Science & Agriculture additions. It will be held on Sunday, March 12th at 3pm. We are currently putting the finishing touches on the additions and waiting for some items that were ordered to be shipped and installed. Our teachers have been able to teach in the new spaces and enjoy the spacious rooms and beautiful sunlight through the new windows!

LHNE Students Participate in March for Life

Lutheran High Northeast Students in ninth and tenth grade joined Norfolk Catholic students as they participated in the third annual March for Life in Northeast Nebraska on January 20th. It was a great opportunity to show the Norfolk community our support in pro-life efforts across the state and the United States.

LHNE Musical – The Pirates of Penzance

Frederic, a young man who was accidentally assigned as an apprentice to pirates (instead of *pilots*) as a boy, reaches the age of 21 when his apprenticeship is officially complete. Saying farewell to the Pirate King and his band of pirates, he leaves to begin a respectable lifestyle. Off on his own with his nursery maid, Ruth, who has been with him his whole life, he runs into a group of beautiful women, daughters of the Major-General. Asking them to help him reform from pirate life, all reject him except daughter, Mabel, and the two fall madly in love. However, the band of pirates storm the beach and intend to marry the other daughters against their will! The Major-General swoops in to save them and claims to be an orphan; the pirates agree to release the women (seeing as how they *always* take pity on orphans). However, more chaos ensues as Frederic schemes to help the police arrest the pirates, Frederic finds out he was born in leap-year, and the secret gets out that the Major-General isn't an orphan after all – meaning that the pirates have no obligation to not pilfer and plunder, as is the nature of pirates. Mark your calendars for this comedic LHNE performance on the weekend of March 24th!

Upcoming Events

Feb 2 – BB C-teams vs Wayne
Feb 4 – BB C-teams vs Battle Creek
Feb 4 – Speech Meet
Feb 6 – BB C-teams @ Pender
Feb 7 – BB B/G @ LLC
Feb 9 – FFA Mtg
Feb 10 – BB B/G vs Summerland
(Senior Night)
Feb 11 – Wrestling Districts
Feb 11 – Speech Meet
Feb 13,14,16 – Girls BB Subdistricts
Feb 16-18 – State Wrestling
Feb 17 – BB Boys @ Howells
Feb 18 – Speech Meet
Feb 18 – Girls District Final
Feb 18- 25 – FFA Week
Feb 19 – LHNE Booster Club Mtg
Feb 20, 21, 23 – Boys BB Subdistricts
Feb 24 – 25- FFA Leadership Conf.
Feb 24 – LHNE Speech Invite
Feb 26 – Power Lifting – Fremont
Feb 26 – LHNE Music Concert
Feb 27 – Boys BB District Final
Feb 27 – FFA District CDE's

Mock Trial Addition!

Last month we announced the exciting news of our LHNE Mock Trial team placing 4th at state.. An error was made and one member's name was left off of the team list. This year's Varsity Mock Trial Team included Zachary Baumann, Will Bryant, Tristen Buss, Marian Chapman, Abbie Kollbaum, Ally Moreno, Madi Pedersen, & Carleigh Tietz. CONGRATULATIONS Eagles!

~Educating for Life † Proclaiming the Faith~