

THE GOOD NEWSLETTER

June 2017



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“God’s Love in Action”

Worship in June:

With the summer months kicking in, I want to devote my June article to some upcoming worship details for the month of June. There are three Sundays in June when I will be gone for some events. The following, is a simple schedule as to what's ahead in June. Also included is information as to where I will be when absent from worship that month.

Sunday June 4th - Worship and Holy Communion (8:00 & 9:30 a.m.)

Preacher: Rev. Kate Campbell

Pr. Odermann attending worship service in Austin, MN to honor his daughter's high school graduation class.

Sunday June 11 - Worship (8:00 & 9:30 a.m.)

Preacher: Rev. Kate Campbell

Pr. Odermann attending events Friday night, Saturday & Sunday morning as this is the weekend his daughter graduates from high school.

Sunday June 18 - Worship and Holy Communion (8:00 & 9:30 a.m.)

Preacher: Pr. Bill Odermann

Sunday June 25 - Worship (8:00 & 9:30 a.m.)

Preacher: Rev. Steve Smith

Chair of Religion & Philosophy/Asst. Professor
Waldorf University, Forest City, Iowa

Pr. Odermann in Alexandria, MN at Mount Carmel Ministries for continuing Education week on Reformation studies. Pr. Paul Nelson, Waverly, Iowa, will handle emergency calls in his absence.

There are some changes reflected in this final schedule. Originally, after talking with council leaders, we were going to suspend Holy Communion on June 4th, given the difficulty of finding ordained pastors to come and preside over communion this time of year and on such short notice. Thankfully, Kate Campbell, an Episcopalian minister, was available to also help on June 4th.

Kate is authorized to handle communion for you as the ELCA is in full communion fellowship with the Episcopal church, authorizing their ministers to perform communion in either denominational setting. Kate has done this for other ELCA congregations. She will serve you well.

The other change involves June 11th. I was already scheduled to attend Synod Assembly but cannot as this is the same weekend as my daughter's high school graduation. There is a formal event Friday night, Saturday late morning and into the evening, as well as Sunday morning. The synod will refund payment to St. John since I cannot attend synod assembly this year. When I am absent, the call committee is expected to keep you updated on the call process and how close they are to finalizing a candidate to bring before council and congregation.

That's it for this newsletter article from me. Enjoy your time off, your vacations, the nice weather, and keep the call committee in your prayers. Enjoy the month of June and live in the light of God's love and in holy anticipation as to what the Lord has in store for you as a congregation in light of the call process!

Pr. Bill Odermann, Interim Pastor

2017 is the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation so in honor of the anniversary Martin Luther is hanging out in a couple of places in this newsletter! Can you find him?

**OF
NOTE...**

Scripture Readers for Worship Service

There is a sign-up sheet on the glass case in the Narthex for anyone who would like to help out during worship by reading the scriptures for the day! Kathy in the office will provide you with a copy of the scriptures to read over.

Thank you to the St. John Meals on Wheels drivers for May: Rosie Pieper, Kathy Waldorf, June Kehret, Dave & Shirley Ripley, Linda Reit, Richard Gifford, Ron Rasmussen, Al & Diane Cross, Barb Tommingo, Sue Baron, Jean Rima, Mary Mooberry, Lynn & Peg Poppen & Jim Zirbel



The St. John Youth & Stewardship boards will be hosting a meal during RAGBRAI.

We are planning to feed about 700 people, so we will need a lot of volunteer help for this event! We will be serving from 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 26, 2017. Youth and parents, & congregation members - get this date on your calendars now. This is a GREAT opportunity to raise some money for St. John!

The St. John book club will meet June 26th at 7:00 p.m.

They will be reviewing the book *The Innocent Man* by John Grisham. "Grisham has written both an American tragedy and his strongest legal thriller yet, all the more gripping because it happens to be true." *Entertainment Weekly*



**St. John Youth Mission Trip
July 5th - July 9th**



The St. John Youth Board would like to invite any St. John students who have completed 6th- 12th grade to join us on a youth/mission trip to the Commonwealth of Kentucky. We would also encourage you to bring a friend. Please sign up by June 5th on the bulletin board outside of the Youth & Family office. (More information can be found in the Youth & Family article)



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Will be coming **AUGUST 7TH - 10TH**

5:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

More information will be shared in upcoming newsletters.

June Birthdays

1 st	Jim Gambaiani	23 rd	Lynn Poppen
8 th	Irene Mehmen	24 th	Helen Schmidt
15 th	Louis Streich	26 th	Mary Lindaman
21 st	Clarice Leraaen		

June Anniversaries

June 12, 1960	Bill & Marilu Wohlers
June 26, 1948	Bob & Eunice Tommingo
June 29, 1958	Bob & Helen Peterson
June 30, 1957	Ron & Connie Rasmussen



Memorials have been given in memory of:

Mabel Henrietta Wichman Kreger: Herbert & Vera Hinz, Leona Howe, Karen Streich, Mary Ann Townsend, Leon & Marilyn Isakson, John & Jean Rima, Ron & Connie Rasmussen, Leon & Jan Mulford, Ruth Farmer, Kip & Judy Hauser, Dennis & Gloria Carr

Lyle Alan Sprout: Helen Goplerud, Lynn & Peg Poppen, Arlene Thomas, John & Myrna Culbertson, Kip & Judy Hauser, Leon & Jan Mulford, Ruth Farmer, Bob & Bev Friend, Leon & Marilyn Isakson, Dolores Markle

Jo Schmidt: Ruth Farmer, Bob & Bev Friend

Betty Jo Ferch: Lynn & Peg Poppen, Mary Mooberry, Arlene Thomas, Karen Streich, Elsie Ferguson, Tom & Joan Daiker, Tami & Paul Halverson, Cal & Joyce Wood, Richard & B. J. Gifford

Jaden & Marilyn Wulff: Brian, Gina & Jordan Wulff

Funeral:

May 8, 2017 *Lyle Alan Sprout*
 May 10, 2017 *Betty Jo Ferch*

Baptism:

April 30, 2017 *Kyleigh Sue McDonald*
 May 14, 2017 *Madilyn Abigail Lessin*

Wedding:

May 13, 2017 *Lowen John & Lindsay Marie 'Lewis' Reams*

ALTAR GUILD – JUNE

Kathy Waldorf, Dorothy Parson

Alzheimer's Support Group will meet June 20th at 4:00 p.m.

Do Day Quilters

Meets June 8th & 22nd

The Parkinson's support group

will meet June 1st at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome. Contact Carol Quade at 330-3268 or 228-5053 for more information.

St. John Lutheran Card

Ministry: Will meet June 12th at 1:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.

St. John's Parent Support Group will be meeting on an **as needed basis ONLY**. Anyone who needs to meet should contact Jill Connell at 319-215-8252 or jillconnell@hotmail.com.

JUNE FUNERAL CALLERS & HELPING HANDS:

CALLER – Barb Tommingo, Tina Marth. Thanks to our May caller Arlene Thomas and to all who provided food and served.

HELPERS – Brenda Bailey, Jacque Brandau, Leslie Bechold, Tara Dean, Marcia DeVore, Susan Erickson, Phyllis Foxen, Cynthia Frascht, Beverly Friend, Nancy Heiter, Danielle Hillegas, Lorie Hoef, Raina Kellogg, Julie Kincannon, Jennifer Lessin, **Tina Marth**, Georgina Miller, Kay Slindee, **Barbara Tommingo**, Shannon Venz, Marilu Wohlers

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**Bulletin Stuffer:
Acolytes:**

Worship Assistants: 8:00 a.m. Makenna Schmiedel, Kristin George
 9:30 a.m. Joey Heidebrink, Lauren Connell

Dates & times when the youth are serving are posted on the bulletin board outside the Business Manager's office.



St. John Youth

“Serve willingly, as if you were serving the Lord and not merely people.”

Ephesians 6:7

Blessings,

Laurie Heidebrink

YOUTH NEWS

The Youth Board is sponsoring a mission trip to **Kentucky from July 5-9, 2017**. This mission trip is open to St. John 6th-12th graders and friends. Parents are welcome to participate, too. Registration forms can be picked up in the office.

This mission trip should be a great opportunity to serve and to have some fun doing it! We plan to work at Big Bone Lick State Historic Site, Buckley Wildlife Sanctuary, and a couple of sites near or in the city of Crestview Hills. For fun, we plan to visit “The Ark”, the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, and visit some other local attractions.

If you are interested, please contact Laurie at 228-3397. The estimated cost is \$150 per student. We do plan to hold a **bake sale** at the church on Sunday, **June 11th** as a fundraiser to help offset the cost of those attending and sell some baked goods at the Farmer’s Market **on June 24th**. Youth may also use the funds in their family account at St. John to help pay for this trip.

The Youth Board would welcome any donations toward the cost of fuel for the bus. If you feel called to donate, stop into the Business Office or put Sunday, June 11th on your calendar to attend our bake sale in the Narthex. The youth participating in the mission trip will again be baking pies and other goodies to sell between and after worship services.

The Youth and Stewardship Boards will be working together to host an evening meal the night **RAGBRAI** comes through Charles City. This will require LOTS of volunteers! There is a sign-up sheet outside my office for anyone willing to work at this St. John fundraiser.

CONFIRMATION

Those students who have finished the third year of our confirmation program are required to write personal faith statements to put on their display board for the Confirmation Fair on Wednesday, October 4th. The writing of these faith statements will hopefully give the students an opportunity to reflect on what they have learned, what they believe, and how their faith will affect the way they live their daily life following Confirmation Sunday. The display boards will also contain some other information such as reflections on their baptism, and their favorite service project. These faith statements are due Wednesday, September 27th in the Youth and Family office, but will require some work over the summer, so Parents – don’t let your student wait until school starts in August to get started! Confirmation Sunday is October 8, 2017.

PARISH ED NEWS

SAVE THE DATES: August 7-10 will be Vacation Bible School! Registration will begin at 5:15pm on the 7th.

- Plan on having your kids attend from 5:30pm-8:00pm on Monday-Thursday!
- VBS is open to kids in Preschool-5th grades. We will serve a light supper for the kids each evening.
- Our theme this year is **“A Mighty Fortress – In Jesus the Victory is Won”**
- The cost for VBS will be \$5 per child with a maximum family fee of \$15. Look for registration forms in the bulletins coming soon.
- Our hope is that having VBS in the evenings will make it more accessible for those who work during the day, both parents AND volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering at VBS, please contact Laurie.

Be watching for our donation requests coming this summer. I can’t thank this congregation enough for how supportive you are when we ask for supplies! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



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It's hard to be unhappy when God blesses us with a beautiful spring-time world! While it was sad to say good-bye to our little ones who are moving on to Kindergarten, it is a blessing to be able to continue touching the lives of new friends who will enter our preschool in the fall.

We are excited to welcome many of our preschool friends back for the afternoon classes this year and are also anxious to meet many new friends. We do have a few openings in our program. Our Afternoon 3-day and 5-day classes are open to any child who will be at least 4 on or before September 15, 2017. Please call the preschool (228-7274) if you would like more information.

We would also like to remind everyone that the preschool will be continuing to sell Kwik Star gift cards throughout the summer. We have amounts from \$5-\$100. The preschool receives 5% of the card's face value. If we do not have the card amount you would like, there is a form you can fill out and I will get them ordered. Gift cards will be available through Kathy in the church office OR just message me through our Facebook page (St. John Christian Preschool).

Thank you for the many blessings that you bestow upon our preschool program. Without your prayers and support we would not be able to do what we do. We love sharing God's love with our friends and we thank you for helping us share that important message!

In HIS Name, Whittney Franke



The St. John Christian Preschool is looking for substitute teachers for the 2017 - 2018 school year. If you are interested in working with our enthusiastic young students please contact Whittney Franke (SJCP Director) at 228-7274

*As you go on your way, may God go with you;
May He go before you to show you the way;
May He go behind you to encourage you;
Beside you to befriend you;
Above you to watch over you;
And within you to give you peace.*

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen



June 2017 Birthdays!!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Jim Gambaiani Mikaela Kreger	Melanie Johanningmeier	Mike Cotton Randy Evans Torie Kehret Sara Titus Linn Wolf
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Roger Jacobs Bailee Wilts		Angela Ayers Bob Dight Greg Heidebrink Morgan Kellogg Derek LaBarge Roger Michael Dick Nelson		Annemarie Hansen Irene Mehmen Jacob Vance	Mike Brown Janice Dana	Tyler LaBarge Kyleigh McDonald Peter Rogotzke
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Denise Bledsoe Aaron Sande	Alvin Marth	Michael Heiter	Linda Frascht	Joshua Johnson Louis Streich	Tyler Parish	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Kip Hauser Cory Marth		Dennis Dietrich Aaron Platte	Gary Dana Randy Heise Clarice Leraaen	Gavin Connell Quinn Heidebrink Jeremy Heyer Lorne Johnson Addison Tracey	Christian Kreger Steve Martin Sue McDonald Colleen Ortmyer Dennis Petersen Lynn Poppen	Sarah Bauer Jeffrey Kisch Kelsi Schilling Helen Schmidt
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Shirley Hall Kay Slindee John Swiggum	Brent Hinz Tyler Kubic Brandi Lantz Mary Lindaman Kari Ungs Lori Wink	Dennis Brinkman	Sonja Cotton Dylan Montagne Benjamin Tracey	Jaclyn Knutson Wendy LaBarge Diane Sande Lucas Sharp	Lester King Madisyn Millermon Gary Quade	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				1:00 p.m. Parkinson's Support group		
4 Communion Sunday	5	6	7	8	9 Synod Assembly	10 Synod Assembly
8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship	7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible study 5:00 p.m. Women's Ministry	5:15 p.m. Stewardship board 5:15 p.m. Youth board	9:00 a.m. Do Day Quilters		
11 Synod Assembly	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship Mission trip Bakesale 10:30 a.m. Family board	1:00 p.m. Card making at St. John 6:00 p.m. Finance	7:00 p.m. Council	5:30 p.m. Communication board 			
18 Communion Sunday	19	20	21 Newsletter Deadline	22	23	24
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