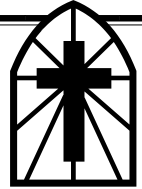


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ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

OUR MISSION Share the Joy of His News by growing inward through God's Word, Sacraments and fellowship and by growing outward through words, actions, and mission outreach.

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WORSHIP CHANGES

Beginning Sunday, **May 9**, we will begin transitioning toward more "normal" worship services. We continue to offer two worship opportunities, but signing up will no longer be required. We will still encourage the practice of distancing in the early service by using only every other pew. The early service will begin at 8:00 am and the late service at 10:30 am. Adult Bible Class from 9:15 to 10:00 am in the sanctuary. Sunday School will be at the same time, 9:15 to 10:00 am, but will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School classes will **begin summer break** on May 16.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!!

Hunter Persing is graduating from Doane on May 15th.

Ashlyn Adam is graduating from Crete High School on May 16th.

Olivia Pomajzl will be graduating from Wilber Clatonia High School on May 15th



LADIES AID

St. John Ladies Aid met on April 28, 2021, with Janice Reetz as hostess. Carol Brinkmeyer led us in prayer and a Bible study entitled, "Heroes of the Faith: Apollos" and then we sang "Baptized into Your Name Most Holy".

Roll call was taken with 7 members and 1 guest present. The minutes of the March 2021 meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given.

We thank Diane Kahle, Diane Kouba, Janice Reetz and Donna Brunelle for cleaning out the kitchen area and refrigerators and for organizing flower decorations made by the late Irene Reiss.

Olga Weidner would like to be put on the list of callers to call members to bring food for funerals and she would also like to bring food as well.

We will serve strawberry shortcake after the Ascension Day service on May 13 if ok with Pastor Toensing. A sign-up sheet was passed around for bringing food.

We will start work in January 2022 on the cookbook for the 100th anniversary of Ladies Aid. We will also be keeping a list of ideas of what to do at the anniversary celebration.

Donna Hillgren and Pastor Toensing celebrated birthdays in April.

Donna Brunelle will be the hostess for May.

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and the common Table Prayer.

Deb Walker, Secretary

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First Quarter Voters' Meeting Minutes

The **approved** minutes of the First Quarter Voters' Meeting in January, are available in the church office. Please contact Chris Hollman and a copy will be printed for you.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER GROWTH**Schedule at a Glance**

Worship Service (Sundays **beginning May 9** 8:00 am and 10:30 am)

Sunday School will take a **summer break beginning May 16**

Bible Class (Sundays **beginning May 9** 9:15 am to 10 am)

Evangelism Meeting (May 3 @ 1:30 pm)

Elder's Meeting (May 4 @ 6:30 pm)

Constitution & By-Law Committee Meeting (May 6 @ ?)

Quilting Group (May 11 @ 9:30 am-2:00 pm)

Lutheran Women in Mission (May 18 @ 7:00 pm)

Ladies Aid Meeting (May 26 @ 2:00 pm)

MAY BIRTHDAYS AND BAPTISMS**BIRTHDAYS**

1 Chris Hollman
2 Joshua Shore
3 Darleen Dittmer, Brady Hestermann
4 Katelyn Novak
5 Kristen Nyhoff
6 Ellie Koch
7 Lisa Nelson, Arlyn Wohl, Carsyn Ziemann
10 Ken Behrens, Becky Dittmer
12 Terry Reetz
13 Elliott Reitz, Brent Wohl
15 Marvin Nitzel
16 John Reitz
17 Doug Karl, Shirley Vosika, Anton Slama
18 Ron Kalkwarf
20 Diane Kahle
21 Axel Heusinkvelt
23 Andrea Pomajzl
25 Marlene Wagner
26 Kirk Miller, Ethan Sublett
27 John Haufle, Tyler Stehlik
29 Michael Ellingson, Michael Gropp,

Calen Homolka, Alex Munro

30 Dylan Wagner

31 Bob Renner

BAPTISMS

2 Brad Kalkwarf, Taylor Ziemann

4 Butch Mehl, Jennifer Meinke, Victoria Slama

6 Andrew Ellingson, Christina Rezac, Frank Slama, Sami Weber

8 Kourtlynn Reetz

10 Dennis Kattau

12 Deb Nyhoff

14 Jason Jordan, Kristi Reetz

15 Lee Miller

16 Jerome Kalkwarf, Dean Prochnow

17 Barry Doiel, Dominick Hensley, Chris Kirkpatrick, Lillian Kubicek, Janice Reetz, Pastor Maynard Toensing

18 Becky Dittmer, Chris Hollman

22 Arlyn Wohl

23 Ellie Koch, Brent Wohl

26 Jessica Trautman, Carsyn Ziemann

27 Terry Reetz, Terry Stehlik

28 Ron Kalkwarf, Josh Shore, Kaylie Brethouwer