



# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE ELDERS

As the children all go back to school, we at St. John also are gearing up for many educational opportunities. Fall Sunday School classes begin on September 11. On that same day, the annual Teacher Appreciation and Sunday School picnic will be held at the church following classes.

Then, Midweek classes from grades 4-8 starts September 14 at 6:30.

And as the saying goes, "it is never too late to learn and you are never

too old to learn" keep in mind the opportunities available for adults. Adult Bible Class is held the same time as Sunday School. Why not join the class in exploring the book "Being Lutheran." There's also many cell groups. If you are interested, you can contact one of the elders for more information

Blessings to you and your family as we get back into the groove of learning!

St. John Elders

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Fall Sunday school classes will begin on September 11th. The annual Teachers Appreciation & Sunday School Kickoff picnic will follow at approximately 11:30 a.m. All students and parents please plan on attending this fun kick-off event! The main dish will be provided, please bring a side dish or dessert to share!

Midweek classes will begin on September 14th with a parent/student/teacher meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m.

## LWML

1. Thirteen quilts and seventeen blankets will go with Karen Tiedeman and Marla Musil when they travel to Russia the Balkan nations.
2. The Nebraska District LWML Convention will be held September 16-17 in Kearney. Sandi Karl will attend as our delegate and will take the school supplies we are gathering for the convention. (A box is in the narthex).
3. The Zone Rally will be held on October 2 at 1:00 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran in Lincoln.
4. LWML Sunday will be October 9. Pastor Williamson and the ladies will finalize the plans at the September meeting.
5. Work Day will be September 1, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
6. Watch these highlights for a surprise in spring.

## LAMBS OF CHRIST PRESCHOOL NEWS

We welcome 13 students to Lambs of Christ Preschool this fall. We are hopeful that a few more children will be joining us throughout the year. The children have had a great start to their preschool year. We have started our year with the "Creation Story" for Jesus Time. God has made this beautiful world to live in and care for. He has also made us and made us His special children. This year we have purchased the New "One In Christ" Curriculum from Concordia Publishing House. We will be following this as we progress through the school year. The Curriculum was purchased with from special gifts given to the Preschool.

**Lambs of Christ Meet and Greet Picnic will be held Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00 PM in the Crete City Park.** The preschool board will be serving hotdogs and the PS parents will bring side dishes and desserts. If you would like to join us for the picnic please RSVP to the Preschool by Monday, September 12.

**Prayer Partners for Preschool students and their families.** I will have a bulletin board at Bethlehem for people to sign up to be prayer partners coming soon. If you are unable to sign up on the bulletin board please contact me and I will be happy to sign you up as a prayer partner. Prayer Partners are invited to join us for the Meet and Greet Picnic.

**T-Shirt orders,** We are selling T-shirts with the Preschool logos. If you would like to order a T-shirt please contact us.

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**OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER GROWTH**

Worship Service (Sundays)	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School (Sundays)	10:15 a.m.
Bible Class (Sundays)	10:30 a.m.
LYF meeting (September 18)	10:30 a.m.
Midweek Classes (Wednesdays)	6:30 p.m.
Elder's Meeting (September 12)	7:30 p.m.
Lutheran Women in Mission (September 20)	7:00 p.m.
Ladies Aid Meeting (September 28)	2:00 p.m.

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & BAPTISMS****BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Dave Wagner
- 3 Aubrey Shore
- 4 Vivian Kirkpatrick
- 6 Natahsa Ellingson
- 8 Janice Reetz, Paisley Williams
- 9 Karla Renner
- 10 Blake Yost
- 13 Cheyenne DuBray, Bruce Nitzel, Kelly Reetz
- 14 Tonya Clark
- 15 Genie Dittmer, Tim McDermott, Linda Pomajzl
- 16 James Doiel, Wayne Eggert, Taylor Shore
- 18 Chris Reetz, Marilyn Weidner
- 20 Josh Wohl
- 22 Charles Slama
- 23 Abbie Reitz
- 25 Brady Ellingson, Bernadean Strufing
- 26 Chris Kirkpatrick, Shane Renner
- 27 Madison Hefner-

Kattau, Brianna Williams

28 Austin Weber

30 August Wendelin

**BAPTISMS**

- 2 Hannah Rethmeier, Marianne Tesar
- 4 Jennifer Reetz, Terry Meinke
- 7 Ray Bleich, Shirley Reetz
- 8 Michael Reiss
- 10 Sheila Church, Aubrey Shore
- 12 Mara Hoyer, Miriam Weber
- 13 Kelli Jordan
- 16 Austin Adams, Diane Gropp
- 17 Karen Bachman
- 18 Blake Yost
- 21 Kelly Reetz
- 24 Bruce Nitzel, Abbey Reetz
- 25 Bailey Stougard
- 27 Paisley Williams
- 28 Madison Hefner-Kattau
- 30 Natasha Ellingson, Taylor Shore, David Wagner

**LADIES AID MINUTES**

The St. John Ladies Aid met on August 31, 2016, with Noreen Wild as hostess. The meeting opened by singing the hymn, "Christ Be My Leader". Carol Brinkmeyer continued the Bible Study on Sarah.

Roll call was taken with ten members present. The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved. Janice Reetz gave the treasurer's report, which was also accepted as given.

An August birthday was celebrated by Shirley Reetz. The birthday song was sung.

The hostess for September will be Marilyn Nast. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and table prayer.

Shirley Reetz, secretary

**THOSE SERVING DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**

DUTY	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
<b>Organist</b>	Jayne VanAsperen	Jolene Reetz	Jayne VanAsperen	Jolene Reetz
<b>Elders</b>	Tim McDermott	Ken Tesar	Terry Reetz	Brent Wohl
<b>Greeters</b>	Mr. & Mrs. Rollo Schultz	Mr. & Mrs. Byron Shore	Mr. & Mrs. Ken Tesar	Mr. & Mrs. James Walker
<b>Acolytes</b>	Madison Persing & Elliott Reitz	Olivia & Hugo Pomajzl	Maggie Wohl & Ashlyn Adam	Colton Homolka & Mersadies Kvasnicka