

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN LCMS  
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Come to the cross and learn of God's great love for all His people. There is friendship, fellowship, and the gift of God's word of forgiveness.

## ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



The Elders would like to thank our youth for serving another great Easter breakfast. We are blessed to have them and their leaders, Bryan and Erin Bell, which are doing a terrific job with the LYF program. The Board of Education has announced that **VBS will be held from July 24 to the 28** so please enroll your children, grandchildren or friends of the family when the time comes. This is a great opportunity for the children to learn and grow with our Lord Jesus. **The church picnic has been scheduled for May 22.**

We will have an **outdoor service with a potluck dinner** afterward. The Elders will provide shredded pork sandwiches. The congregation can either bring a main dish, side dish or a dessert which are always welcomed. Drinks will be provided.

As we go about our daily lives, we may feel that the world around us is crumbling. There is high inflation and gas prices, pandemics, war, and others that don't have the beliefs that we cherish as Christians. Psalm 9:9-10 says, **"The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you."** Never let us doubt the promise of God's faithfulness to all who are his children by grace through faith in Christ. Have a Blessed May.

The Elders

**PLEASE HAVE ALL INFORMATION OR ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER TO CHRIS HOLLMAN BY 25TH, THANK YOU!**

Clothing for Orphan Grain Train: We can once again send used clothing to Orphan Grain Train. When leaving clothes in the drop box outside the church by the back door, please mark them for either OGT or PCM (People's City Mission).

### EXTRA NOTES

- It looks like the Ladies Aid will accept recipes for a few weeks yet. If you have any recipes you would like to share, please get them to the Ladies Aid
- And this is a BIG extra note...I am unsure about summer break for Sunday School, LYF and the Midweek Classes. So please accept my apologies if dates or information I provided is incorrect!
- I don't know what else I have missed but I am sure I will think of it the minute I print!
- And last (but not least), please plan to join your St. John family at the May 22 Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic



### BIRTHDAYS

1 Chris Hollman  
 2 Joshua Shore  
 3 Darleen Dittmer,  
 Brady Hestermann  
 6 Ellie Koch  
 7 Lisa Nelson, Arlyn Wohl,  
 Carsyn Ziemann  
 10 Ken Behrens, Becky Dittmer  
 12 Terry Reetz  
 13 Elliott Reitz, Brent Wohl  
 14 Coen Ziemann  
 15 Marvin Nitzel  
 16 John Reitz  
 17 Doug Karl, Shirley Vosika,  
 Anton Slama  
 18 Ron Kalkwarf  
 20 Diane Kahle  
 21 Axel Heusinkvelt

22 Jessie (Dittmer) Graff  
 23 Andrea Pomajzl  
 25 Marlene Wagner  
 26 Kirk Miller, Ethan Sublett  
 27 John Haufle, Tyler Stehlik  
 29 Michael Ellingson, Michael  
 Gropp, 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

**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.



**That All May  
Know Him**



## VBS 2022 FOOD TRUCK PARTY!

Join us July 24-28 from 5:00 pm to 7:45 pm for a fun week filled with lessons, crafts, science experiments, music, games and lots of yummy food! Registration to come soon. Tell you friends and family. Hope to see you there.

# CELEBRATE



**Mara Hoyer** will graduate from Crete High School on May 15, 2022

**Aaron Meinke** will graduate from Crete High School on May 15, 2022

**Madison Persing** will graduate from Crete High School on May 15, 2022

**Elliott Reitz** will graduate from Milford High School on May 14, 2022

**Erica Sublett** will graduate from Pike Valley High School, Scandia KS on May 15, 2022

(As of this printing of the Newsletter, I am not aware of any college graduates)

## LYF NEWS



The LYF would like to thank all of our fellow members at St. John for the support you have given us. Without the congregation support we would not be able to continue with our various projects that we have tackled so far this year—the Valentine’s Day Dinner, the Youth Easter Egg Hunt, the Easter morning breakfast and also the Road Side Cleanup. Also, a special thanks to Brian and Erin Bell and for all the additional support from Pastor Toensing and Shelley.

## LADIES AID MINUTES

St. John Ladies Aid met on April 27, 2022, with Ellie Koch as hostess. We opened with hymn #729 “I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus” and then Diane Kahle led us in a Bible study on “Meet the What-Abouts” from Romans 8:28 and “Refreshment, Anyone?” from Jeremiah 31:25.

Roll call was taken with 11 members present. The minutes of the March 2022 meeting were read and approved. The treasurer’s report was given.

A thank you card was passed around from Olga Weidner for the Christmas flower she received.

We thank the Altar Committee for decorating the altar for Easter.

The Lenten lunch was a success with 20+ congregants attending.

We have received more recipes to put us over 300 submitted. We will still receive recipes for the next several weeks for those who would still like to contribute.

We will be setting up committees for the anniversary celebration in the next month or two.

We thank Gloria McDermott for making 4 more aprons to go in the kitchen.

We will serve strawberry shortcake after the Ascension Day service on May 26.

Marianne Tesar will be the hostess for May.

Donna Hillgren and Pastor Toensing celebrated birthdays in April and Roger & Ellie Koch celebrated an anniversary. We sang the birthday and anniversary song.

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

Deb Walker, Secretary

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER GROWTH

**Schedule at a Glance**

Worship Service (Sundays)	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School/LYF (Sundays)	10:30 a.m.
Bible Class (Sundays)	10:30 a.m.
Midweek Classes (Wednesdays)	6:30 p.m.
Elder's Meeting (May 2)	6:30 p.m.
Lutheran Women in Mission (May 17)	10:00 a.m.
Evangelism Board (May 19)	8:30 a.m.
Ladies Aid Meeting (May 25)	2:00 p.m.



**LWML NEWS**

In thanksgiving for 80 years of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, and being encouraged to reflect God's love by blessing others the LWML is asking for donations of energy and protein bars which will be donated to the People's City Mission. We will be taking donations through the month of May. Thanks to all of you!

**THOSE SERVING DURING THE MONTH OF MAY**

DUTY	5/1/22	5/8/22	5/15/22	5/22/22	5/26/22	5/29/22
Organist	Jayne	Jolene	Jayne	Jolene		Jayne
Elders	John R.	Dolyn M.	James W.	Phil H.	Dolyn M.	Troy H.
Greeters	Gary & Lynn Meinke					
Acolytes	Amy Hollman		Kian Morris			Paisley Williams