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ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Prayer: A Ship or a Boat?

Do you know the difference between a ship and a boat? I used to think it was just a matter of size—a ship was bigger, a boat was smaller. But it's actually more specific than that: a ship is a vessel that has its own boat. That's right; a ship always has a smaller vessel, a boat, that it carries until it's needed—for example, when the ship is sinking, a lifeboat. Now, a lifeboat is a very good thing, but the fact is that most ships never need their boat that way. Most ships go their entire sailing life without ever using the lifeboat. Almost all the time, you do your sailing in the ship.

Is prayer a lifeboat, or is it a ship?

"Pastor, would you pray for me? The doctor says I have a tumor."

Absolutely, yes, and Pastor does. Even when it may appear all hope is lost, the ship is sinking, God answers prayer, and it may be his will to work a miracle, to spare one's life. Prayer can be a lifeboat. But God's intent in giving us the gift of prayer isn't that we wait to pray until all seems lost. God in-

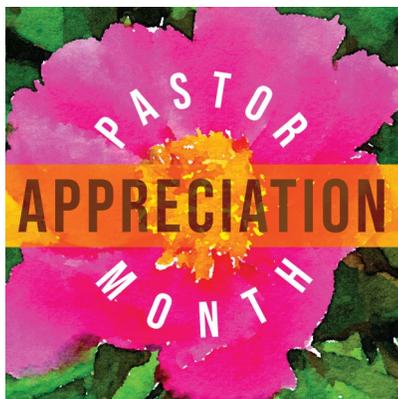
tends that prayer be an everyday, every moment part of the Christian life, including when life seems to be clear sailing, a pleasure cruise. The fact is that God rights the ship, keeps the world on an even keel, by the prayers of his Church. The saints on earth and in heaven are constantly praying, and God is constantly answering—with good weather, good crops, good health, and all sorts of things we might take for granted. God invites us to pray about everything every day, not just as a last resort.

It's like the difference between a ship and a boat. The ship—constant, daily prayer—also has a boat, like that life and death prayer Abraham brought before the Lord (Gen 8:22-33). But God invites us to sail every day, pray every minute, in the ship.



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Yours in Christ, Pastor Toensing



October is Pastor (or Clergy) Appreciation Month, reminding church members to thank their hardworking ministry leaders. But the people in the pews — though they might lack official church titles — also play important roles in doing God's work.

University Lutheran Chapel Open House

Construction is almost completely finished at the renovated University Lutheran Chapel – Lincoln. We have an exciting weekend of open house hours and a dedication service planned in October.

Saturday, October 26: Open House

We are excited to have you come and see the renovations that have been made at the University Lutheran Chapel. The timing of the open house hours are being arranged around that day's Huskers football game. As you know, we will not know the kickoff time until that week. [If you would like us to email you the confirmed details when we have them, fill in the registration at this link.](#) *Otherwise, no RSVP is needed.* For now, the plans are as follows: If the 10/26 Huskers game starts before noon, we will hold the open house immediately after the game ends. If the game starts after noon, we will hold the open house 3 hours before kickoff.

Sunday, October 27: Dedication, Lunch, and Open House

On Sunday, October 27 we will hold a worship service at 10:30 with dedication of the space, followed by lunch, then open house hours from 1:00-3:00. [If you plan to attend the lunch portion of this day, we would appreciate your RSVP at this page](#) so we can have enough food for all who plan to attend. If you only plan to attend the open house hours, no RSVP is needed.

While work to renovate the Chapel is nearly finished, our work to raise the funds continues. To learn more about this project and to donate, please visit <http://www.ndlcms.org/pledge/>.



October & BAPTISMS

BIRTHDAYS

1 Ken Kastanek
2 Bruce Miller, Gary Renner
4 Barry Doiel, Mindie Hughes, Nathan Patak
6 Jarod Mundt
8 Cheryl Skillett
9 Amber Johnson
10 Hannah Ochs, Dale Wohl
12 Bryce Kalkwarf
15 Dianne Kouba
16 Joe Kalkwarf, Jaclyn Ourada, Elyana Lee
19 Scott Brunelle, Jerad Reetz, Abigail Scott, James Walker
21 Sean Murphy
22 Michelle Kvasnicka

23 Donna Brunelle, Chloe Davis, Levi Mehl, Bruce Tiedeman, Trevis Trautman
24 Gwen Kalkwarf
25 Raelyn Morava, Alexandria Tremblay
26 Jerry Ferguson Jr., Slane Kvasnicka
27 Ellen Miller
28 Jeff Tremblay
29 Fran Sieck
30 Kourtney Tarnick

BAPTISMS

2 Chris Reetz, Shane Renner
3 Brady Hestermann

4 Linda Lee, Dewayne & Henry Slama
7 Marilyn Weidner
8 Joshua Wohl, Petra Dewey
9 Genie Dittmer, Brianna Williams
12 Garrett Mehl
14 Kirk Miller, Ted Muff
16 Jim Ellingson
17 Randy Adams
18 Austin Weber
19 Jarod Mundt
20 Travis Eggert
21 Lynn Meinke, Gary Renner
24 Mindie Hughes
25 Cinder Johnson, Kirk Johnson
29 Colton Homolka
30 Wayne Eggert
31 Dianne Kouba

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.



Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 25

Games in Church 6:30-7:30

Trunk or Treat 7:30

Bonfire following, weather permitting

This year we are switching things around a bit. Games will be first from 6:30 to 7:30. There will be some new games, and some fun science activities!

Cars for Trunk or Treat should be in place by 7:15. We will come out to Trunk or Treat at 7:30.

Right after this, we will head to the bonfire for smores, weather permitting.

Please join us for this fun event!!!

LADIES AID MINUTES

St. John Ladies Aid met on September 25, 2019, with Shirley Reetz as hostess. The meeting opened by singing "My Faith Looks Up To Thee". Pastor Toensing led us in bible study on Rahab-Alone in Faith.

Roll call was taken with eight members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read. There was one correction. Pastor Toensing led the altar committee and Diane in going through the altar covers. The treasurer's report was given.

OLD BUSINESS: Diane Kahle ordered some information about fundraising for the Church's 150 anniversary in 2024, It was decided to table more discussion until 2022.

It was decided to revise the food list for funerals. Diane is going to check on what changes need to be made.

Linda Pomajzl celebrated a birthday in September. September anniversaries were celebrated by Ray and Bonnie Bleich, Freddie and Olga Weidner, Wally and Noreen Wild and Del and Irene Reiss.

LaVonne Nitzel will be the hostess in October. We closed with the Lord's Prayer and common table prayer.

Shirley Reetz, secretary

MAIN STREET NEWS

Main Street Living is a television program that has been airing throughout South Dakota for 17 years and has expanded to surrounding areas. This program airs in Lincoln area on KLKN television station at 10:30 am on Sunday mornings. Here is a schedule for October programs:

Oct 6—Rev. Gideon Pullman, Zion Lutheran, Tobias, NE

Oct 13—Rev. Matthew Koterba, Zion Lutheran, Jansen, NE

Oct 20—Rev. Clint Poppe, Good Shepherd, Lincoln NE

Oct 27—Rev. Gregory Seltz, Executive Director of Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty for LCMS in Washington DC

Address for donations:

Main Street Living – Lincoln, 3825 Wildbriar Ln, Lincoln NE 68516

LYF NEWS**Roca Berry Farm Trip**

Sunday, October 13

We will be having a taco lunch at church following Bible Class and then we will head to Roca Berry Farm. Admission is covered by LYF, however, you will need your own cash for snacks or events you might want to do. All LYF members going need to turn in the permission slip by Sunday, October 6 so that we can be sure to have enough transportation arranged. If any parent would like to go and help chaperone, please let Pastor or Shelley Toensing know ASAP.

Trunk or Treat Set Up

We will be setting up for Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 24 at 6:00 p.m. We need all the help we can get to get it done quickly!

Trunk or Treat

Please be at church by 6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 25 to complete last minute set up and organize for Trunk or Treat.

Lock-In

The LYF Lock-in will be held following Trunk or Treat. LYF members may bring a friend. Everyone attending the lock-in must have a permission slip. Admission is a snack or pop to share. Late night pizza and breakfast donuts will be provided. Bring a sleeping bag and pillow. The lock-in will end at 8:00 a.m. Contact Shelley Toensing with any questions.

LAMBS OF CHRIST PRESCHOOL**Thank You**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support of the program with the donations from our supply list.

Classes Are In Full Swing

September has really flown by we have been very busy. The children are quite comfortable with our routines and are learning so much! The families had a great time at the meet and greet picnic and the children sang some fun songs for the group. We would love to add more children to our program so keep spreading the word. We can enroll students at any time. In January we will be offering the early 3's program again for those that were not old enough to begin in August.

Prayer Partners

At this time we still have 5 children that do not have a partner. The information about each child is on our bulletin board in the hallway by the church office. Becoming a partner is a blessing to both you and the child, stop by and sign up to be part of a child's life.

October Happenings

We will be learning about all the wonders of the fall season. The firefighters will be visiting during fire prevention week and of course we will celebrate Halloween at the end of the month

God's Blessings, Kathy Oelschlager

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER GROWTH

Schedule at a Glance

Worship Service (Sundays)	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School/LYF/Bible Class (Sundays)	10:30 a.m.
Midweek/Confirmation Classes (Wednesdays)	6:30 p.m.
Evangelism Committee (Oct 1)	7:00 p.m.
Quilting (Oct 3)	9:30 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.
Men’s Bible Study (Oct 8)	7:00 p.m.
Ladies Bible Study (Oct 12)	10:00 a.m.
Lutheran Women in Mission (Oct 15)	7:00 p.m.
Ladies Aid Meeting (Oct 30)	2:00 p.m.

FROM THE ELDER’S

Brothers and sisters, what a fabulous time it is belong to St John's Lutheran Church in Kramer Nebraska. With the arrival of the fall equinox we will begin to enjoy many wonderful changes that will be occurring to this beautiful place we call home.

Just like in the fall, the church also experiences changes throughout the year. One thing they both have in common is a start and a finish . In the church we start the year with the death and resurrection of Christ and every year we end with his birthday. Seems a little backwards doesn't it? Usually we associate the beginning with the birth. In my mind, the beginning is the Resurrection.

In the beginning of a New Year we anticipate the arrival of everything beautiful. Just as we do with the resurrection.

Please take the time to remember Christ in everything you do and the beauty that he brings. John 12:23-25.....

23 Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. 25 Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

Blessings to all of you in Christ. The Elders

THOSE SERVING DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

DUTY	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
Organist/Pianist	Jayne VanAsperen	Jayne VanAsperen	Ellen Miller	Jayne VanAsperen
Elders	Todd Hoyer	Mitch Homolka	James Walker	Gary Meinke
Greeters	Mr & Mrs Del Reiss and Mr & Mrs James Walker	Mr & Mrs Bob Renner and Mr & Mrs Terry Reetz	Mr & Mrs Rollo Schultz and Mr & Mrs Jeff Meinke	Mr & Mrs Byron Shore and Mr & Mrs Wally Wild
Acolytes	Jacob Meinke & Skye Hoyer	Cole and Katelyn Novak	Jordyn Adam & Calen Homolka	Nick Hollman, Kian Morris & Ethan Sublett



Puzzle!

Each year, the Israelites had three harvests. Find and circle these foods that the people gathered.

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| almonds | gourds | nuts |
| apples | grapes | olives |
| barley | herbs | onions |
| beans | leeks | pomegranates |
| cucumbers | lentils | rye |
| figs | melons | wheat |

H A C B R Y E B R V E N
 G A U A S N O L E M S U
 R L C R F I G S T A T T
 A M U L I M B E H A N S
 P O M E G R A N A T E S
 E N B Y E S E L P P A K
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 T I S M E S L I T N E L
 S E V I L O W H E A T H



Friends in the Lord

Jesus offers a perfect example of friendship. What does he do for his friends?

Directions: Follow the clues to fill in the blanks. Then write the completed Bible verse below.

- Better than; rhymes with *crater*: _____
- Opposite of hate: _____
- Opposite of yes: _____
- Three minus two: _____
- Not _____ but that; rhymes with *hiss*: _____
- To place something down; rhymes with *say*: _____
- Opposite of up: _____
- Opposite of death: _____
- Best buds: _____

" _____¹ _____² has _____³
 _____⁴ than _____⁵: to _____⁶ _____⁷
 one's _____⁸ for one's _____⁹."

JOHN 15:13, NIV

Answer: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13, NIV

