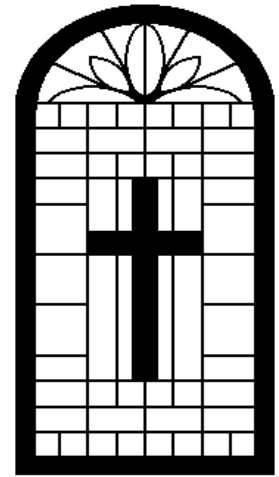


ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thru the Windows



St. John's 4th Annual Community Corn Roast & Family Festival Sunday, July 19

10:00 Outdoor Worship Service

11:00-2:00 Corn Roast & Family Festival

**JUNE/JULY
2009**

Everyone is Welcome

Block Party

Food

Praise Band Concert

Tractor & Car Show

Bennington's Best
Bake Sale

Kids Games

Inflatables



Freewill donation appreciated to support
St. John's Lutheran Lighthouse Youth Center

Upcoming Events

June 7

Music in Mission
Concert "Village
Voices" - Kansas City

June 15-19

Vacation Bible
School

June 21

10:00am
Community Worship
Centennial Park
9:30am Coffee/Rolls

Reverend Clay Skurdahl Shares

Pentecost was quite the day as the Spirit of God came upon all believers, and Peter preached with power. Acts 2:41 says that, *“those who welcomed Peter’s first sermon that day and were baptized numbered about three thousand”*.

During this Interim, God has blessed us with many Baptisms. Like the early Church, Christ’s Spirit is alive and active at St. John’s.

The Interpreters Dictionary says this about Pentecost: *“The Greek term for the Jewish Feast of Weeks so named because it fell on the 50th day after the ceremony of the barley sheaf during the Passover observance. It marked the beginning of the offering of first fruits. It was one of the three great Jewish festivals. All Jewish men within 20 miles were expected to walk up to the temple for worship”*. Therefore, Pentecost comes with the early harvest, like radishes and strawberries. We celebrated Pentecost this year on the last Sunday of May.

The Old Testament Pentecost also came 50 days after the Exodus and marked the giving of the law. God saved and established the way for his people to live in peace. In the New Testament, Pentecost came 50 days after Easter’s salvation. It was marked with God’s law of love written on our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

In the New Testament, instead of barley, the fruit of the Spirit of God are: *“Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control”*. (Galatians 5:22-23)

The new world of the Holy Spirit was the opposite of the Tower of Babel's loss of communication. The Holy Spirit brought a universal language of love greater than language differences or anything else that would divide and separate us. The work of the Holy Spirit was to create God’s community of love not competition or spiritual one up man ship.

As we prepare for our future, God wants us to abide in his love and allow His Spirit to guide, empower and unite us.

God wants to delight in the fruit we bear. For this reason, Christ commands that we abide in His Love. Worship and praise are important this summer. Do not believe that Christians do not have to worship and work together to bear fruit any more than watermelons grow apart from the vine.

Please remain attached to Christ and bear much of the fruit of God’s Spirit.

*In God’s peace,
Pastor Clay*

*Stay for
Summer and
Pack the Pews*

May Council Minutes Summary

Old Business

- Pastoral Call Team Update - The SJLC Congregational Profile was completed and will be going to the Nebraska Synod soon for approval for the final and official document. The team is going thru mock interviews at this time. Profile was approved.
- Legacy 111 Update: \$16,801.57 raised as of 5/3/09. Debt currently at (21,645)
- Corn Roast and Family Festival. Funds raised will be used for the LLYC Outdoor Worship center.
- SJLC Worship during Bennington Daze will be held at Centennial Park. There will only be one service that day. The rain location will be at SJLC. Volunteers are needed to help with the parade.

New Business

- Wheels 4 Christ is looking for ways to expand the ministry. All St. John's vehicles will be organized under Wheels 4 Christ (i.e. Buick, mini-bus, bus).
- The Youth Ministry Board and the BYG's are hosting an outdoor concert from 8-11pm on June 20th for community teens that is being held in the SJLC parking lot.
- Stewardship letter will be sent out this summer asking people to stay current on their pledges.
- Boys Scouts and Men's Ministry will be painting the parking lot lines soon.
- Jump for Joy: \$2500 was raised during this event for Jakson House. Stephen's Ministry is working with Ridgewood Retirement Community and welcoming them as partners.

The Stained Glass Committee

continues a five-phase process to study, plan, design, create, and install three stained-glass windows in the main entry. As the various colors of light enter into our gathering space through these windows, we will be reminded of God's illuminating presence in our lives. Please contact the committee if you have any questions: Winston and Karen Anderson, John McClelland, Lois Musel, John and Joan Pierson, Diane Warrick, and Michael Bauer.

2009 Giving At-A-Glance	
Monthly Budget:	27,870
May Giving thru 5/24/09:	23, 837
Year To Date Budget	139,385
January thru 5/24/09 Giving	119,463

2009 CHURCH COUNCIL	
Scott Pierson	President
John McClelland	Vice President
Deb Almquist	Treasurer
Wayne Andersen	Financial Secretary
Di Loptin	Secretary
Jan Braden	Special Funds Treas.
Jim Pinegar	
Emily Laaker	
Dave Sandstedt, Jr.	
Mary Pat Schmidt	
Chris Tomjack	
Dana Tompkins	

CHURCH STAFF	
Interim Reverend	Rev. Clay Skurdahl
Director of Ministry	Heather Goertz
Office Administrator	Debbie Misfeldt
Director of Youth Ministry	Sharee Maki
Organist	Michael Bauer
Accompanist	Jan Braden
Choir & Jr. Choir Director	Kerry Frey
Pre-school Director	Nicki Nutter
Bookkeeper	Gail Pfahl
Custodians	Tom & Cindy Koziol
Youth Intern	Nick Pinegar

BYG News

Director of Youth Ministry Shares

The Confirmation year has officially come to a close! What an amazing year it has been, working with such wonderful youth and seeing so many “AHA!” moments. They’re a blessing! Mary Carol Junker has once again led our 6th grade class through the Bible, Eileen Baker has worked tirelessly to keep all of us in line in so many different ways, and our small group guides, Allison Junker, Carol DiMauro, Debbie Depperman, Tonya Eurek, Cindy Japp, Stacey Noble and Sheri Thelen have touched the hearts of our 7th and 8th graders during their many Wednesday evenings with us.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND PARENTS

We have Confirmation students still needing to complete their requirements before they can wrap this year up. If you’re not sure where your child stands, please get in touch with Sharee Maki to find out and/or to schedule time for them to come in and work on getting caught up! These things need to be completed by the time we resume classes in the Fall.

WE LOVE YOU, DI!

BYG sadly announces the departure of their faithful, lovely assistant, Di Loptin. Di will be stepping back from BYG to join the Confirmation team, and BYG will definitely miss her presence and wish her well. That being said...we’d love to have some more adults step in and help with BYG, so please prayerfully consider if this could be YOU! Whether you’re able to help on a regular basis, a rotating basis, or just with special events, I’d love to talk to you about it!

TEEN STREET DANCE WITH LIVE BANDS!

As part of the Bennington Daze celebration, there will be a street dance/concert for teens in the parking lot of St. John’s from 8:00 pm-11:00pm on Saturday, June 20. Bring \$3, bring your friends, and get ready to jam with

WhenLightBreaks!

Care to help us promote BYG?

We have t-shirts for \$12 that we’d love to see walking around town!

BYG kidz, be watching for a Summer schedule of events!

In addition to meeting at the youth house, we’ll be doing some bowling, having some pool parties, a scavenger hunt, and other such craziness.

Those attending the National Youth Gathering are working on some more fundraising events:

- ♥ Please join us on Sunday, June 28 immediately following the 10:00 worship service for “**Jan and the Sonshine boys**”! They don’t perform often, so don’t miss out! A free will offering will be taken.
- ♥ **Got stuff Garage Sale:** On June 27 and 28, we’re having a garage sale! Please consider donating those clothes, tools, household items, furnishings, etc that you no longer use. Items can be dropped off Sunday, June 14 through Thursday, June 18 between 9am and 7pm to the South, lower level door of the church building (there will be signs). We can price them if we need to, but would love it if you feel up to pricing them before you bring them in! This is a Thrivent matching funds event, so please donate and come and shop on the 27th/28th to help us make this a success!

Kid's Kingdom Christian Preschool News

Year two for Kid's Kingdom is now over! We've been so blessed with such wonderful families who have shared their children with us.

Prior to the start of school last fall, we had an enrollment of just twenty-three children. At the start of classes in September, we numbered thirty-six. Our ending enrollment was at forty, and we anticipate starting next fall with at least that many children.

This growth however, did create some growing pains. The existing playground was installed at a time when the preschool consisted of three and four year olds. Though adequate for those ages, it had been outgrown. The children could no longer stand up inside the little structure, and the only challenge was running up the slide, or leaping from the rail, both definitely against the rules!

Two fundraising events were held in the fall and spring, and with the help of chairpersons Jodi Kohl and Kristen Nicholas, we had the funds to build the wonderful new structure that exists today.

This structure didn't build itself, though! It was built in just one day through the collaborative efforts of Dick Fritz & Wayne Andersen, from St. John's Men's Ministries, and the Kid's Kingdom crew of Shawn Nutter & Kevin Flesner and Justin Nelson. As these gentlemen took the instructions from the box, it became apparent that we were looking at quite a bit more work than the 2 to 4 hours stated on the outside of the box. It didn't look like we could possibly finish it in time. The children were expecting a playground to be there on Monday, so we just dug in and began deciphering the directions. Around 9a.m., three trucks from Mares Refrigeration pulled into the lot. Justin Nelson, Marty Nelson & Ron Pryor had arrived! They quickly used their carpentry skills to begin the actual building process while the rest of us prepared the lot and assembled the slide.

A mere nine hours later, we had a playground! The children were absolutely thrilled when they came to school on Monday! What a wonderful last day of school! It simply could not have happened without the dedication of the men from Mareck Refrigeration. Altogether, they donated 27 hours of labor to get the job done. We were blessed with their assistance, and so grateful for their talent.

Thanks also go to Matt Nicholas for arranging for the mulch, and to Tami Koley, of *A Perfect Dreamscape*, for the donation of the edging material. Each one of these generous souls played a role in changing the landscape in St. John's backyard. What a gift to the children in this program and this church! What a great tool this new playground will be for the 'selling' of our program. Imagine the impression this makes as prospective parents and children come for a tour!

Our hearts are full of love and appreciation for each of you! May God bless you as you have blessed us with your time and talents.

Nicki Nutter, Director

Kid's Kingdom Christian Preschool

Kid's Kingdom Preschool is looking for a part-time 3 year old teacher. This is a paid position. Contact Nicki Nutter at 290-5014 or the church office at 238-2483.



Kingdom Quest Sunday School News

Perfect Attendance

Congratulations to the following children for having Perfect Attendance in the third trimester of Sunday School.

3 yr olds

Connor Flesner
Ethan Korth
Natalie McClelland

2nd Grade

Ben Pierson
Katie Misfeldt
Caitlin Sandstedt

.5,K

Cheyenne Flynn
Will Knutson-Smith
Ellie Misfeldt
Lauren Circo
Hailey Teller
Amber Goertz
Kenzie Johnson
Kenzie Kuhl
Jacob Kuhl
Jacob Stier
Lauren Pierson

3rd Grade

Grant Carl
Kaitlyn Knutson-Smith
Madison Laue

4th Grade

Alyssa DiMauro
Kassidy Goertz

5th/ 6th Grade

Adam Iltzsch
Amy Iltzsch
Abby Misfeldt
Alec Knutson-Smith
Zach Goertz
Cassidy Sandstedt
Michaela Bohn

1st Grade

Wyatt Knutson-Smith
Stephanie McClelland
Sarah Tompkins
James Tompkins

God Bless! Have a safe and fun summer!

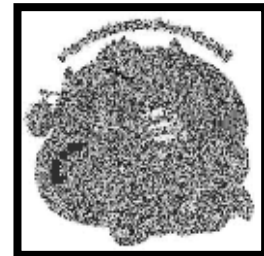


Vacation Bible School Planning

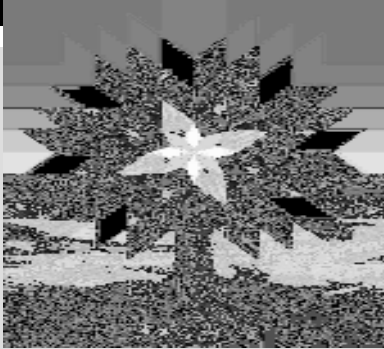
Join us on a trek into the bayou where fearless kids shine God's light this summer at St. John's Vacation Bible School.

If you would like to volunteer to help with VBS, please contact Mary Carol Junker at 238-2863. It's a heart-warming experience spending a week sharing God's love with the children of our community. Please prayerfully consider being a volunteer as we need help to bring this bayou experience to the children!

The Kingdom Quest task force welcomes volunteers to let us know if you would like to help next fall with Kingdom Quest as a member of the task force, a shepherd, supply staff, or office staff. You can contact any of the task force members: Annette McClelland, Carol DiMauro, Kelly Witt, Mary Carol Junker, Michelle Pierson, and Sonya Tompkins.



St. John's Women in Action



**Young Women of the
ELCA...
BE BOLD**

*Check out this website:
www.boldcafe.org*

*Café is a free, monthly online
magazine for young women
offered by Women of the ELCA.
Women of all ages are reading
it! Café stands for Community
Advocacy, Faith, Enlightenment*

Join Us in Bible Study!

All Women are Welcome!

Faith Circle Bible Study

June 9, at 1:30 p.m.-Fellowship Hall
Lesson Leader – Bernetta Schroeder
Refreshments – Delores Thorell

July 14, at 1:30 p.m.
Lesson Leader – Dorothy Bauermeister
Refreshments – Bernetta Schroeder

Rejoice Circle Bible Study

June 16, at 7:00 p.m.-Conference Room
Lesson/Refreshments – Deb Sass

July 20, at 7:00 p.m.
Lesson/Refreshments – Debbie Almquist

General Meeting July 27th

Hostesses: Rejoice Circle Debbie Almquist, Deb Sass, Jane Frost

“Saved to Serve”

We have two Saved to Serve opportunities offered this summer. One is June 12 - 14 at the Lakota Lutheran Center and Chapel at Scottsbluff. The other is July 10 - 12 with the Prison Ministry, the Bridge, and FEAST in Lincoln. The cost is only \$39 for each. Where else can you spend so little and do so much? Join other women from across Nebraska in a weekend of fellowship, Bible study and service. See the Women in Action bulletin board or talk to Emily for details.

The Church Mouse hangs out around St. John's and notices those who have put in an act of good works or service for our Lord. These servants of God may not always be noticed for they often work behind the scenes. Our church is full of wonderful members who help others and the mouse likes to bring that to our attention so we can express a warm THANKS.



The Church Mouse Recognizes the following people for their good deeds:

- Di Loptin for her years of leadership in BYGs (Bennington Youth Group)
- Angela Sukraw for developing the lector/cantor schedule for the 8:30am worship services
- Boy Scouts for striping the parking lot
- Dick Fritz and Wayne Andersen for helping the preschool parents construct the new playground.

Quilters in Action

REAL SERVANTS PAY ATTENTION

“Never tell your neighbors to wait until tomorrow if you can help them now” (Proverbs 3:28 TEV).

Real servants pay attention to needs. Servants are always on the lookout for ways to help others. When they see a need, they seize the moment to meet it, just as the Bible commands us: “Whenever we have the opportunity, we have to do what is good for everyone, especially for the family of believers.” (Galatians 6:10 GWT).

When God puts someone in need right in front of you he is giving you the opportunity to grow in servant hood. Notice that God says the needs of your church family are to be given preference, not put on the bottom of your “things to do” list. We miss many occasions for serving because we lack sensitivity and spontaneity. Great opportunities to serve never last long. They pass quickly, sometimes never to return again. You may only get one chance to serve that person, so take advantage of the moment. You can begin by looking for small tasks that no one else wants to do. Do these little things as if they were great things because God is watching.

Our “May Quilting Servants” were Sarah Misfeldt, Norma Collins, Mary Weberg, Addie Backhuus, Doris Gottsch, Lorene Andersen, Emily Laaker, Suzanne Kirby, Delores Thorell, and Betty Deardoff. Deb Sass donated a crocheted prayer shawl which we gave to Doris Hoier. We would like to say “thank you” to Deb Sass for the “prayer shawl”. We also made ready, for the Camp Carol Joy Holling quilt auction on July 25th, our Yo-yo quilt, 4 full size quilts, and 5 baby quilts. “Thank you” Doris G. for taking the pictures and printing them. We also readied 28 baby quilts for Children’s Hospital and 13 full size quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We tied a total of 8 baby quilts and 6 full size quilts. Ladies, you are true Servants of God. I cannot thank you enough for all your dedication and help.

St John’s Partnership with Ridgewood Active Retirement Community

We are excited to announce the upcoming opening of Ridgewood Active Retirement Community. Overlooking miles of country side, Ridgewood includes Villa Homes, Independent Living Apartments, Assisted Living Apartments, Memory Care Suites and a beautiful Clubhouse. Ridgewood is located at 149th and Highway 36 in Bennington.

Ridgewood is designed to provide a beautiful home for residents, while offering an elegant environment and services needed to maintain an active, quality lifestyle. The home atmosphere allows residents to enjoy the advantages of retirement living without compromising ones individuality, privacy and choice. We provide tours daily by appointment, so we invite you to come out and see what’s new in retirement living.

Take advantage of our early bird move in specials! Call 214-7359 today to schedule your appointment and learn more about the lifetime discounts! A donation is made to St. John’s for every tour label and every move in.

Quilter’s Prayer of

Thankfulness

Thank You for blessing me with the ability to quilt.

Thank You for the joy, peace and blessing it brings into my life. It is a gift that has brought me countless hours of pleasure and enjoyment. Father, I return this gift to You. Use this talent to serve Your purpose in the world. Bless each item I quilt so that it radiates Your love to the person who will receive it.

*Remember to **support the Western Douglas County Pantry** with food items.*

You can place them in the shopping carts located in the entry to the lower level and to the fellowship hall.

*Also, **Campbell’s Soup labels** may be left in the box below the mailboxes.*

Serving Christ through Service Opportunities



It's almost Summer time and Jakson's House is almost complete. Now that the weather is nice, we still need some help in the form of donations or time. If you are able to help, contact David Porter at daporter@cox.net. Visit <http://www.houseforjakson.com/> to see our progress and make a tax-deductible donation. Let's show the community how St. John's can help!

Stephen Ministry Training.

*Do you enjoy being with other people?
*Do you have an hour a week available to brighten peoples lives?

Then consider, becoming a Stephen minister. Classes will start soon.
Contact Julie Dunn at 238-2659 or juliedunn5@cox.net

Music in Mission Concert at St. John's

The spring **Music in Mission** concert will be held on Sunday, June 7th at 3:00 p.m. here at St. John's. The youth choir from Village Presbyterian Church in Kansas City will be singing a concert for us as part of their spring tour. Village Presbyterian Church is the largest mainline church in Kansas City. The choir is an outstanding youth choir that we know you will enjoy. A free will offering will be taken at the concert to benefit scholarships for Lutheran seminarians and church music students. Please come and bring your friends to this exciting event.

St. John's is heading down South...

Enjoy great shows in Branson, MO and Eureka Springs, AR September 17-20th . Those of you who have already indicated interest will be receiving details soon. There is still room for more. Invite your friends. Contact Jodi Pooley for more information at 238-2109.

FREE Everyone is Invited! Carnival and Games,
Pony Rides, Free Food, "Souled Out" Concert
Concordia Jr./Sr. High School
156th & Fort Streets

Saturday, June 20, 2009, 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
Northwest Douglas Sarpy Chapter
Participants: Lutheran Family Services, Open Door
Mission, Lydia House, Mosaic, Boy Scouts of
America, Habitat for Humanity

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Service Schedule

LECTORS	8:30	10:00
6/7	Mark Sukraw	TBD
6/14	Wade Junker	TBD
6/21	One Service Outdoor-10am Fred Barnhard	
6/28	Dick Fritz	TBD
7/5	Jane Frost	TBD
7/12	David Mills	TBD
7/19	Wade Junker	TBD
7/26	One Service Outdoor-10am Dick Fritz	
GREETERS	8:30	10:00
6/7	Janet Finken-Olsen	TBD
6/14	Deb Hilger	TBD
6/21	One Service Outdoor-10am Janet Finken-Olsen	
6/28	Janet Finken-Olsen	TBD
7/5	TBD	TBD
7/12	TBD	TBD
7/19	TBD	TBD
7/26	One Service-Outdoor-10am	
USHERS	8:30	10:00
6/7	Mike Iltzsch	TBD
	Harry/Mary Carol Junker	
6/14	Mike Iltzsch	Harry/Mary Carol Junker
6/21	One Service-Outdoor-10am Mike Iltzsch, Harry & Mary Carol Junker	
6/28	Mike Iltzsch	TBD
7/5	TBD	TBD
7/12	TBD	TBD
7/19	TBD	TBD
7/26	One Service-Outdoor-10am TBD	
ACOLYTES	8:30	10:00
6/7	Tyler Brunk	Autumn McDaniel
6/14	Madison Pooley	Cody Bridgeford
6/21	Outdoor Worship Service	
6/28	Autumn McDaniel	Tyler Brunk
7/5	Samantha Steffes	Nicholas Brown
7/12	Derek Christensen	Adam Iltzsch
7/19	Natalie Schmidt	Jadyn Tomjack

PLEASE STEP UP TO SERVE

We are always looking for Worship servants. Please contact the church office to volunteer. Scheduling of Ushers, Greeters, Acolytes, Lectors, and Communion Assistants can also be done by signing the weekly registration form during service on Sundays.

Joys and Concerns

- ♥ On May 3rd, the altar flowers were given by Dee Micheel in congratulations of Kari Micheel's May 1st graduation from the University of Nebraska Medical Center with a doctorate of Physical Therapy degree
- ♥ On May 3rd, the flowers near the pulpit were given by the Good Shepherd Lutheran Community in Blair, NE in appreciation of our continued support and in celebration of Older American month.
- ♥ On May 10th, Zoe Monet Nelson was received into God's Holy Kingdom through Holy Baptism. Zoe was born on July 18, 2008 and is the daughter of Merle and Jennifer Nelson. Her sponsors are Christy Bart and Mike Laaker.
- ♥ On May 17th, altar flowers were given in honor of Trevor James Hilger's graduation from Blair High School and the Class of 2009 by David, Deb, Brandon, Dillon and Colton Hilger.
- ♥ Congratulations to the following who have been awarded an Endowment Fund Scholarship: Kayla Book, Stacey Havekost, Liz Weidner. 2nd Year applicants were: Shelby Backhuus, Shannon Eggink, Brittany Pierson, Chelsi Pinegar & Sarah Rothermund
- ♥ On May 24, Joslyn Beth Frost was received into God's Holy Kingdom through the washing of Holy Baptism. Joslyn was born on February 5, 2009 and is the daughter of Josh & Jackie Frost. Her sponsors are Lyndi Jimenez and Tarra Terry.
- ♥ On May 24, bulletins were given by Don & Harriette Peetz in honor of Don's 84th birthday which he is celebrating that day.
- ♥ Please keep the family of Mark Mahon in your prayers in the sudden loss of their father/husband on May 23.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bennington Daze

Friday, June 19 BBQ 5:00pm
 Saturday, June 20 Parade 1:00pm
 Sunday, June 21 10am Outdoor Worship

Church Office Hours, Due Dates & Such

Please help our office to be as efficient and helpful as possible.

Monthly Publication: Thru the Windows

The due date for information for the "Thru the Windows," is the 15th of each month. Any articles or information after that date will go into the next month's newsletter. Please submit all articles to ttweditor@gmail.com

Office Hours

Monday through Friday are 8:00am-4:00pm. The church staff meets at 9:30am on Tuesdays. Usually there are volunteers to answer the phones during that time. If not, the phone will go to voicemail. Occasionally, the staff will have lunch offsite on Tuesdays so please call before coming to make sure we are here. If you need access to the church at other times, please call and we will work with you to make other arrangements.

Voice Mail & E-mail

All voicemail & email messages will be answered as soon as possible. Messages left after 4:00pm on Friday will be returned on the next business day.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Farmer's Market Vendors Wanted

Bennington's Farmer's Market is open June 20th thru August 15th at Bennington Elementary School! We will hold a vendor meeting May 21st @ 6:30pm in the Community Room to finalize details and issue market permits. Contact the city office for details.

Breakfast Fundraiser The Bennington Dance Team is having a breakfast fundraiser at the Elkhorn Eagles Lodge (right by the post office in Elkhorn). The date is June 14th from 8 am to 12:30 pm. It is \$5.00 per person and \$1.00 each for raffle tickets. We will have several prizes to win. Please come and enjoy breakfast with the 2009-2010 Bennington Dance Team.

June Celebrations



Happy Birthday!

- 1 Julie Krause
- 2 Carol Backhuus
Michelle Christensen
Racine Hadan
- 3 Joan Havekost
- 4 Joanna Ziemba
Taylor Dreessen
Heather Roth
- 6 Mary Finn
Joshua Christensen
Kurtis Moeller
- 7 Caitlin Sandstedt
- 8 **Lola Bunz (94)**
Myrna Nelson
Mary Larsen
Ann Weidner
- 9 Irwin Bridgeford
- 10 Jacob Mohr
Conor Dunn
Chris Renter
- 11 Thomas Giebelhausen
Maddison Johaneck
Mark Carl
- 12 Walter Sass
Juli Logemann
Sarah Rothermund
Eric Nelson
Tricia Knock
Julie Dunn
- 14 **Erma Bunz (88)**
Ryan Fuchser
Peggy Dall
Caleb Simmons
- 15 Wendy Christensen
Beau Kinser
Bailey Hartman
Kaitlyn Scott
Garrett Cox
- 16 Jared Mills
Kyle Fuchser
- 17 Kaitlyn Smith
- 18 Ted Kirby
Ashton Klahn
- 19 Melayna Miller
Alec Smith
- 20 **Bernetta Schroeder (87)**
Chris Tomjack
- 21 Nicholas Pinegar
Nicole Spies
- 22 Chad Blacketer
- 23 Christopher Havekost
- 24 **Lois Petersen (81)**
Patrick Mueller
Nicole Japp
Robyn Snyder
- 25 Brandon Mahon
Ethan York
- 26 Butch Redel
Tom Rivera
Lisa Kramer
J.J. Smith
- 27 Marisa Tomjack
Kevin Flesner
- 28 Deena Slechta
- 29 Mindi Laaker
Katie Mills
- 30 **Jean Biesendorfer (88)**
LaFern Dierks (85)
Bruce Pierson
Michael Braden

- 30 Jason Jensen
James Mahon
Jesse Grothendick

Happy Anniversary!

- 1 Michael & Marlene Smith
Jerry & Amy Kuhl
- 2 Matthew and Janice Cox
Don & Kristina Wallingford
- 3 William & Verjean Bohn
Darrell & Shirley Kading
- 4 John & Betty Davis
- 5 Phil & Laurel Lang
- 8 Mike & Lindsey Schellhardt
- 9 Lucas & Heather Roth
Joseph & Laura Gochanour
- 10 Londo & Lorna Auch
- 11 Mark & Kris Carl
- 13 Doug & Carol Stephens
- 14 **Winston & Karen Anderson (45)**
Greg & Caryn Stichler
Jeffrey & Angela Coe
- 17 **Bruce & Nina Pierson (20)**
Kevin & Lisa Flesner
Tyler & Kimberly Fritz
- 19 Bill & Jackie Weidner
- 23 **Jim & Sheri Pinegar (25)**
- 25 Van & Nancy Mohr
- 26 Kevin & Jan Braden
Mike & Wendy Christensen
Jeffrey & Nicole Flynn (10)
- 27 Greg & Jodi Pooley
- 28 Ryan & Katie Korth
- 30 Richard & Lois Musel
Dennis & Freddie Schroeder
Kelsey & Tricia Schneider

July Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

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| 1 | April Turner
Sam Lurvey
Stephanie McClelland
Patty North | 16 | Norma Heise
Jerry Wesemann
Jim Scott |
| 2 | Jenny Porter | 17 | Cody Flynn
Heath Johnson
Barbara Armstrong |
| 3 | Lorene Andersen (85)
Rich Anderson
Roy Eipperle (80) | 18 | Pam Curtsinger
Becky Jensen
Kris Melvin
Ray Schneider (85) |
| 4 | Susan Coe
Dylan Furstenuau
Angie Knutson-Smith | 20 | Richard Metcalf
Karma Ellermeier
Tony Frost
Joann Warrick
Kelly Witt
Frankie Schmidt |
| 5 | Mark Hinton
David Sandstedt | 22 | Jennifer Gliwa
Benjamin Giebelhausen
Kimberly Fritz |
| 7 | Sheila Dreessen
David Havekost
Jeffrey Bourg | 23 | Joshua Coe |
| 8 | DeLores Ohmns | 25 | Angie Coe
Madison Pooley
Carter Christensen
Bruce Larsen |
| 9 | Molly Misfeldt
Shelby Schneider
Doug Smith | 26 | Wendy Andersen
Addie Backhuus (81)
Brock Sass |
| 10 | Steve Nelson
Ryan Witt
Evelyn Wulf (91) | 27 | Madison Johnson
Glen Mohr (83)
Lynne Ziemba |
| 11 | Michael Iltzsch
Scott Thelen | 28 | Dave Clark
Katie Circo
Cynthia Giebelhausen
Jeff Hayden
Megan Witt
Kelly Baehr |
| 13 | Harvey Jensen (87)
Jontavous Curtis
Carol DiMauro
Jamie Christensen | | |
| 14 | William Bohn
Dorothy Sass
Kimberly Merritt | | |
| 15 | Natalie Schmidt
Nicholas Brown
Sheri Thelen | | |

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| | Kennedy Pagel |
| 29 | Jim Bridgeford |
| 30 | Wade Junker
Megan Nelson |
| 31 | Sheri Pinegar
Charity Curtis |

Happy Anniversary

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| 2 | Richard & Dawn Metcalf |
| 3 | Dale & Colleen Smith (50)
Tom & Cynthia Rivera
Mark & Angela Sukraw (5) |
| 6 | Jeff and Cathy Kuhl |
| 8 | Chris & Katie Circo
Clancy & Emily Laaker
Sonny & Nancy Schmidt |
| 10 | Tom & Mary Bequette |
| 15 | Stanley & JoAnn Redel
Monte & Teri Sue Nelson |
| 16 | Jeff & Gwen O'Connor |
| 19 | Tom & Peggy Dall |
| 25 | John & Jan Lichty |
| 26 | Mark & Debbie Misfeldt |
| 29 | Greg & Linda Bohn (20) |
| 30 | Dale & Ila Mohr (54) |

Social Ministry's Card Ministry

The Social Ministry Team believes that relationships are key to the outreach ministries of St. John's and wants you to know that we are here for you. On your birthday, and special occasions, you should receive a personalized note from us!

JUNE 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 7pm Evangelism Mtg	2	3 9am Over 60 7:30pm BYGs	4 10:30am New Beginnings	5 Synod Assembly in Fremont	6 Synod Assembly in Fremont
7 8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee/Rolls 10:00 Contemporary Worship 3pm "Village Voices" from KC Concert Synod Assembly in Fremont	8 9:00am Quilters (all day)	9 9:00am Quilters (half day) 1:30 Faith Circle 7:00 Council Mtg	10 9am Over 60 3pm Worship/ Music Mtg 7pm Exultation 7:30pm BYGs	11 9:30am Premiere Club at Ridgewood	12	13
14 8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee/Rolls 9:45am Thrivent 10:00 Contemporary Worship TBD CFC Outing	15 9-12 noon VBS 12:00noon Keenagers 7pm Rejoice Circle	16 9-12 noon VBS 7pm Endowment Com- mittee Mtg	17 9-12 noon VBS 9am Over 60 7:30pm BYGs	18 9-12 noon VBS 10:30am New Beginnings	19 9-12 noon VBS 6pm Wedding Re- hearsal Bennington Daze	20 4pm Braesch/ Sukalsk Wedding Benn. Daze
21 Father's Day 9:30am Coffee/Rolls- Centennial Park 10am Outdoor Community Worship- Centennial Park	22	23	24 9am Over 60 7pm Exultation 7:30pm BYGs	25 1:30pm Lutheran Club	26	27
28 8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee/Rolls 10:00 Contemporary Worship 2pm-5pm Open House for Jean Biesendorfer 88th B-day-FH	29	30				

JULY 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 9am Over 60 7:30pm BYGs	2	3	4 4th of July
5 8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee/Rolls 10:00 Contemporary Worship	6 7:00pm Evangelism	7	8 9am Over 60 7pm Exultation 7:30pm BYGs	9 9:30am Premiere Club	10	11
12 8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee/Rolls 9:45am Thrivent 10:00 Contemporary Worship 11am Rev. Clay 40 anniversary Ordination Potluck Luncheon TBD-CFC to Melodrama at Mahoney State Park	13 9:00am Quilters (all day)	14 9:00am Quilters (half day) 1:30 Faith Circle 7:00 Council Mtg	15 9am Over 60 7pm Wedding Coordinators Mtg 7:30pm BYGs	16	17	18
19 10am Corn Roast & Family Festival	20 12noon Keenagers 7pm Rejoice Circle Youth Depart for Natl Youth Gathering in New Orleans	21	22 9am Over 60 7pm Exultation	23 1:30pm Lutheran Club	24	25
26 8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee/Rolls 10:00 Contemporary Worship TBA-Shower-LL	27 7pm Women in Action Mtg Youth Return from Natl Youth Gathering in New Orleans	28	29 9am Over 60	30	31	

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8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion

10:00 Contemporary*

*Holy Communion will be celebrated on
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