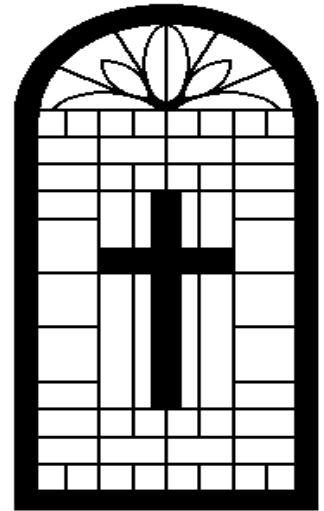


ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

BENNINGTON, NE 68007

Thru the Windows



Pastor Installation

We request your prayers and presence in attendance at the service of Holy Communion and the Rite of Installation for

Reverend Andreas Stein

as he will be installed to the office of Pastor
of St. John's Lutheran Church

on March 28, 2010
at 8:30 & 11:00
during regular worship services

Receptions will immediately follow each service with the
noon reception being a potluck dinner to welcome
Pastor Andreas & Daniela Stein.
(For Pastor Andreas's biography see page 2.)

**MARCH
2010
BUILDING ON
THE LEGACY**

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 10, 17, 24

5th Grade Students
First Communion Classes
6:00pm

March 14
Constitutional Forum
9:30am

March 21
Special Congregational
Mtg to approve
Constitutional
Amendments
9:30am

Reception
for Rev. Clay
and Heather
10:00am

Wednesday night Lenten Schedule through March 24th

6:00-6:45pm Soup Supper
6:15pm Adult Bible Study*
7:00pm Lenten Service

***Hand in Hand: A Global Journey Bible Study** as we journey with
Jesus and hear the stories and reflections of ELCA missionaries serving
in Japan, Palestine, Botswana, Chile and India.

Mid Week Lenten Themes

March 3 Judas's response of jealousy
March 10 Acceptance/Resignation
-Gethsemane's prayer
March 17 Six trials of Injustice
March 24 Radical Grace

Director of Ministry Shares

Dear Family in Christ,

As St. John's completes the transition from the 17-month interim ministry team to the welcoming of Pastor Andreas Stein, I thank you for your commitment of carrying on our mission to welcome all to grow in faith through celebrating and serving Jesus Christ. This interim has been memorable, marked with the 111th anniversary of St. John's. Psalm 111 reminds us to praise God's wonderful works, and there are many to be praised here. During an interim period, churches can become weary, membership can decline, and giving of time/talents/resources can fade. Together, with the loving leadership of Rev. Clay, the teamed efforts of Council, and the daily blessings of our ministry teams ...we have excelled beyond expectation! The 2009 numbers tell us that St. John's continues to grow in size and service with 56 new members, 21 baptisms, 10 confirmands, and 5 weddings. Thanks to each of you who helped make this interim a time of growth and opportunity. We have seen congregational success (debt reduction with \$22,726.19 helping pay off the line of credit), ministry success, including completion of Jakson's House, the minibus, new exercise program and Bible studies, as well as a growing praise band, Christmas Cantata, Arts Ministry, and the new Trunk Ministry. Signs of progress continue around the property from the Youth Center, landscaping, signage, sacristy water heater, and even the rehangng of the Boy Scout plaques. And this is just a rough sketch....so much growth and opportunity to rejoice in!!

As we anticipate the arrival of Reverend Andreas Stein and Daniela this month, I thank the Pastoral Call Team (Eileen Baker, Dick Fritz, Dana Tompkins, Nick Pinegar, Carol Loptin, Carol DiMauro, and Harry Junker) for their bold faith, discernment, and dedicated efforts in seeking the next pastor.

Rev. Andrea's will be installed on March 28 at 8:30 and 11:00. This installation represents the continuation of a legacy and a hope. Please join St. John's as we rejoice in this historical event!

Love and Live by Faith, Heather Goertz (Director of Ministry)

Reverend Andreas Stein

After serving Christ Lutheran Church in Alvord, IA for more than six years, Rev. Andreas Stein began his ministry at Immanuel Lutheran in Coleridge in May of 2004. He was raised in Hannover, Germany, and studied theology at the Theological Seminary of the Conference of Evangelical Free Churches and the Lutheran University of Hamburg. In September of 1997 he moved to Sioux Falls, SD, where he completed his theological education at Sioux Falls Seminary and graduated with a Masters degree in Divinity.

"My approach to ministry is based upon my own personal experience of how God reached out to me and literally turned my life around" says Rev. Stein. The foundations of this ministry are the message of encouragement and hope that is called the Gospel of Jesus Christ. "I believe that as individual believers and the church of Christ we have been called to be a light in this world of darkness. We are called to reach out to everyone, because Christ has died for everyone".

Rev. Stein has also completed extensive class work in the Ph.D. program in Counseling and Psychology in Education at the University of South Dakota. He has a special commitment to working with families through hope-oriented and Christ-based counseling. "There is nothing more rewarding than seeing a marriage or a family that was at the verge of the abyss recover and grow again".

Rev. Stein has been married to his wife Daniela since August of 1993. His wife, a native of Romania, is currently working as a Psychiatric Social Worker at the Human Services Center in Yankton, SD. Over the years she has worn many professional hats: Midwife, Private Practice Charge Nurse, Family Therapist/ Case Manager, Social Worker and Adjunct Faculty at Northwest Iowa Community College.

Council Summary

St. John's Council Minutes Summary February 9, 2010

Correspondence was presented: Worship Outreach contributed to Haiti Relief fund. Douglas County will use St. John's building for a voting site. Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministry sent thank you for donation. Synod Assembly is June 4 & 5; delegates are needed by March 1st.

Annual Meeting Review: Special meeting to call Pastor Andreas Stein resulted in 123 yes, 8 no. The forums the two Sundays before were helpful in keeping the discussions at a minimum at the annual meeting. Recommend that the entire annual report be available next year for the forums.

Pastor Andreas Stein: Pastor Stein extended his thanks for the trust we showed him in extending the call without knowing him that well. He looks forward to getting to know each of us, as well as the entire congregation. His first day will be March 22, with installation on Palm Sunday, March 28.

Constitution Amendments: Changes are to align with the revised version of the model constitution provided by the ELCA. Motion approved to present the second draft document, with minor changes, to the congregation for approval. A special meeting for the congregation to vote will be March 21. One forum will be held between services on March 14.

Stained Glass Window Fund Repayment Plan: the consensus was that a general emphasis on stewardship bring in the funds. If funds don't return by the time needed, use line of credit.

2010 Stewardship Committee will be the entire council, with meetings at the start of each council meeting. We need an all-year approach.

2010 Officers: Motion accepted of officers (President: Scott Pierson, VP: John McClelland, Secretary: Emily Laaker, Treasurer: Debbie Almquist, Special Funds Treasurer: Jan Braden, Financial Secretary: Wayne Andersen) as decided at the organizational meeting on January 31.

Treasurer's Report: Arts Ministry Committee will have a line item under the Current Fund Miscellaneous Designated Income for 2010.

Office Technology: Computers and copiers are aging in main office. Some parts are obsolete. Currently, implement backup plan on USB drives. Anticipate new technology in the future.

Committee Reports: Youth collected \$187 with Souper Bowl Sunday. Finance noted that audited is needed for 2009. Need chairperson for Social Ministry Team. Women in Action will host reception for Rev. Clay and Heather on March 21.

2010 Giving At-A-Glance

Monthly Budget	\$25,779	Jan. thru Feb 23 Giving	\$37,725
Thru February 23	\$14,002	YTD Budget	\$51,557

CHURCH STAFF		2010 CHURCH COUNCIL	
Interim Reverend	Rev. Clay Skurdahl	Scott Pierson	President
Director of Ministry	Heather Goertz	John McClelland	Vice President
Office Administrator	Debbie Misfeldt	Deb Almquist	Treasurer
Director of Youth Ministry	Sharee Maki	Emily Laaker	Secretary
Organist/Minister of Arts	Michael Bauer	Wayne Andersen	Financial Secretary
Pianist/Assoc. Dir. of Music	Jan Braden	Jan Braden	Special Funds Treas.
Chancel Choir Director	Kerry Greunke	Dana Tompkins	
Pre-school Director	Nicki Nutter	Jim Pinegar	
Bookkeeper	Gail Pfahl	Dave Sandstedt, Jr.	
Custodians	Tom & Cindy Koziol	Chris Tomjack	
Youth Intern	Nick Pinegar	Nick Pinegar	
Pre-school Teachers	Megan Smith & Shannon Lutter	Katy Bridgeford	

Director of Youth Ministry Shares



Teens are welcome and invited to join the Bennington Youth Group BYG meets in the LLYC on Wednesdays from 7:30- 9:00 p.m.

PANCAKES, PIES, AND HOT PINK HAIR DYE!

Fat Tuesday found us celebrating with an exciting Pancake Feed, thanks to the work of **Di Loptin** and MANY others! Many came out and enjoyed pancakes, pie throwing, and other exciting happenings, and what good sports we had to be the pie recipients, cooks and food servers, money takers, etc! Such a successful event that will help toward the funding of our BYG mission trip to Puerto Rico! See Page 10 for pictures.



Smile, pretty Valentine's! We love Progressive Dinner Dates! Thank you Lori Kuker for the amazing dessert!



...And the announcement has been made: The 2012 ELCA National Youth Gathering will once again be held in New Orleans!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS!

Once again, the Confirmation families will be serving up the soup each Wednesday during Lent from 6:00 to 6:45. Invite all your friends and come enjoy great food and great fellowship!



BYG participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday, collecting \$178 to split between Kids Against Hunger Omaha and St. John's Trunk Ministry. This year, 8370 groups nationally collected a combined total of \$7, 494, 860 to donate to the local organization of their choice. Thank you to all who participated!

2010 BYG MISSION TRIP: Puerto Rico!

While most of us think of beautiful sand beaches and resorts when thinking of the US commonwealth of Puerto Rico, there's a different story to be told outside of the resorts. In Arecibo, 49.4 percent of residents live below the poverty level and the unemployment rate is 16.3 percent. In addition, more than 7,000 Puerto Ricans are homeless. We will spend our week under the direction of an organization called Youth Works. Though we won't know before arriving exactly what we will be doing, some possibilities include leading children's programs, serving at Elderly Centers, Soup Kitchens/Homeless Shelters and Thrift Stores, and possibly doing some home repair/building.



A tisket, a tasket...

From now until the Easter breakfast on April 4, you will have the opportunity to purchase chances to win one or more of several baskets of AMAZING ITEMS! Check out the contents, as there will be something for everyone! Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and all proceeds will help our 2 adults and 12 youth spend a week serving in Puerto Rico this Summer.

Kid's Kingdom Christian Preschool News

The preschoolers enjoyed many activities this month centering around family, friends, and Valentines Day. Each class enjoyed a classroom party to exchange valentines and share in a special "friendship mix" snack. Valentine holders were created to hold the treasures, and the three year old children enjoyed many learning centers and games based on shapes, colors, and numbers. They are also working on matching like items.

The four year olds reviewed shapes, added the letters Q, R, S, and T to their list of mastered letters of the alphabet, and added numbers 3, 4, and 5 to their counting skills.

The five year olds enjoyed a Slime Day and created Slippery Syrup Art for our upcoming art show this spring. They also celebrated the letter T with a Teddy Bear day, and enjoyed Upside Down Art for the letter U. They are now counting into the 'double digits' with number 10!

On Sunday, February 21st, all classes were invited to St. John's to sing "If I Were a Butterfly" for the congregation! It was wonderful hearing their young voices singing praises to God! Thank you, parents, for bringing them to church that day!

Enrollment continues for classes next fall. Both morning and afternoon classes have a few remaining openings, but our three year olds classes are filling up quickly. Open enrollment will continue until all classes are filled, and a waiting list will be established. Tours of the preschool are conducted Monday through Friday mornings, from 9 –11 AM. If you are interested in enrollment or have any questions about preschool classes, please call the office at 290-5014.



February 21, 2010 Worship

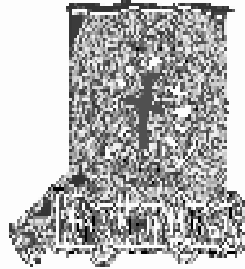


Valentines Day Snack

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

Kid's Kingdom Christian Preschool has both morning and afternoon enrollments available second semester for children ages 3-5 years. Two, three and five day programs are available, both mornings and afternoons. If you have been thinking about preschool for your little one, please call the preschool office for more information @ 290-5014.

Kingdom Quest



During the month of February, the Kingdom Quest children brought a special offering for the Open Door Mission's Hearts of Hope campaign. Each week they brought in quarters to help provide food, shelter, clothing, and the sharing of God's word with those who are homeless or near homeless in the Omaha area. What a wonderful gift they have given to the Open Door Mission.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming events at Kingdom Quest:

- March 28 Palm Sunday. The Kingdom Quest children will be singing at the 11:00 service. This is also a service project day for the children during Kingdom Quest.
- April 4 Easter Sunday. Kingdom Quest classes will not meet on this day. Happy Easter everyone!
- April 25 Volunteer Appreciation. This is a great time for all of us to thank the many volunteers of Kingdom Quest. We will have a special activity planned for this Sunday.
- May 2 Family Fun Day at Kingdom Quest. This is also the last day of Sunday School until the classes start in September. Have a great summer! Remember to join us for Vacation Bible School.

First Communion Classes

The classes for students in 5th grade and older students who have not had communion preparation will be held on March 10, March 17, and March 24 from 6:00-6:50 in the Sunday school gathering room on the lower level. Students are to bring a Bible and a pen (Pencil). Since the soup suppers start at 6 p.m. students are also welcome to bring food to the room (please clean up). First Communion will be held on Maundy Thursday. First communicants are encouraged to invite parents, grandparents as well as God parents to this important event.

Are your kids looking for fun and adventure this summer?

A new Creation (2 Corinthians 5:17) is the theme for the Summer 2010 Camps at Carol Joy Holling. Registration information is in the narthex. The camp is located in Ashland, NE. Check out the various options for kids and families.

Service Opportunities & Giving Thanks



The Church Mouse scurries 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 church mouse likes to bring that to our attention so we can express a warm THANKS. Let us know who has helped you...

People that we "caught" in the act this past month at St. John's

Thank You to the youth for their service of ushers, greeters and acolytes during the month of February and to Dave Clark, Scott Pierson and Rob Loptin for giving them assistance.

Thank You to Di, Rob, Jordan, Cori, Brynlee Loptin, Mark Carl, Angie Menard, Cindy Giebelhausen, Scott Pierson, Jim Witt, Kevin Braden, Mert Opfer, Greg Stichler, Joann Warrick, and all the Youth and many others for making our 1st Fat Tuesday Pancake Feed/Pie Toss (Carnival of Celebrations) a huge success!

Thank You to Winston & Karen Anderson, Clancy & Emily Laaker, Grace Baty, Harry Junker for your assistance with our February mass mailing project!

Thank You to Emily Lakker, Deb Almquist, Karen Anderson, Annette Kay for the deep cleaning of the Fellowship Hall Kitchen and lower level refrigerator.

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Phil: 2.3-4

Consider a Trip to Tanzania

You are invited to visit our companion synod in Tanzania! As we continue to deepen our relationship with the Northern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, two Nebraska Synod-sponsored trips to Tanzania are planned for 2011:

February 7-22, 2011, July 12-27, 2011, February 6-21, 2012

Estimated costs range from \$3,700 (February Trip) to \$4,450 (July Trip) which covers all airfare, transportation, meals, safari fees, and visas. The trip includes visits to ministry sites of the Northern Diocese as well as a safari to the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater.

These trips flow from the relationship we share with our companion synod in Tanzania. The companion synod program enables the Nebraska Synod to experience the gifts and witness of the Northern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

Interested? Please contact Pr. Martin Russell or Stephanie Lusienki in the Nebraska Synod office (402.896.5311). Space is limited.

Buenos Aires Mission Trip Feb. 11-21, 2011: Have you ever wondered if other countries farm the same way we do here? Here's your chance to find out! This special agricultural vision trip will take us to Buenos Aires as well as agricultural communities in the Patagonia region. The estimated cost is \$2,500, which covers all airfare, transportation, lodging, and most meals. These trips flow from the relationship we share with our companion synod in Latin America. The companion synod program enables the Nebraska Synod to experience the gifts and witness of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argentina and Uruguay. As we prepare for our trip, we believe we will be very blessed by our IELU mission, encapsulated and summarized succinctly in one unusual word: "accompaniment." We accompany one another on the journey of faith, as Luther put it, "showing one another where to find bread." Interested? Please contact Rev. Martin Russell or contact Stephanie Lusienki in the [Nebraska Synod office](#). Group size is limited.

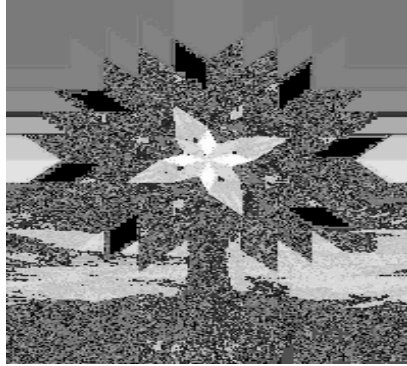
St. John's Women in Action

Coming Events

Fair Trade Sales

March 14th

in the Narthex between services
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Hot
Chocolate, Nuts and Chocolate
Bars



World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 5th

May Day Salad

Luncheon

Saturday, May 1st

Entertainment will be the
Chime Choir from Immanuel
Village

Spring Gathering

April 17th

First Lutheran in Blair
Look for registration forms
on the bulletin board.

*St. John's
Women in Action*

Join Us in Bible Study!

All Women are Welcome!

Faith Circle Bible Study

March 9, at 1:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Lesson Leader:

Lorene Andersen

Refreshments: Mary Meyer

Rejoice Circle Bible Study

March 15, at 7:00 p.m.

Conference Room

Lesson/Refreshments:

Jane Frost

Young Women of the ELCA

BE BOLD!

Check out this website!

www.boldcafe.org

[www.twitter.com/Womenofthe ELCA](http://www.twitter.com/WomenoftheELCA)

<http://blogs.elca.org/women>

Café is a free, monthly on-line magazine for young women offered by Women of the ELCA.

Women of all ages are reading it!

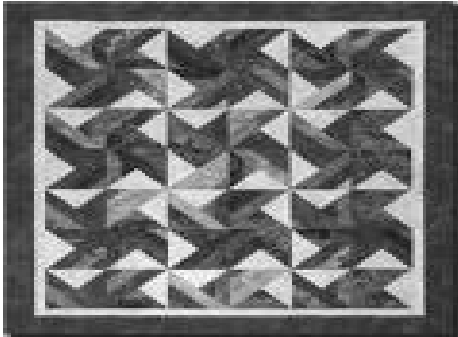
Café stands for Community, Advocacy, Faith, and Enlightenment

Please help support St. John's Trunk Ministry with food items. You can place items in the shopping carts located in the entry to the lower level and to the fellowship hall.

Campbell's Soup labels may be left in the box below the mailboxes in the fellowship hall entry.

**You are invited to the
World Day of Prayer
Service at
Emmaus Lutheran Church
in Kennard, NE
on Friday, March 5 at 2:00pm**

Quilters in Action



Quilter's Prayer

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 & enjoyment.

Father, I return this gift to You.
Use this talent to serve your purpose in the world. Bless each item
we quilt so that it radiates Your love to the person who receives it.
Amen.

Real servants do their best with what they have. Servants don't make excuses, procrastinate, or wait for better circumstances. Servants seldom say, "One of these days" or "When the time is right." They just do what needs to be done.

The Bible says,
"If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done"
(Ecclesiastes 11:4 NLT).

God expects you to do what you can, with what you have, wherever you are.
Less-than-perfect service is always better than the best intention.

One reason many people never serve is that they fear they are not good enough to serve. They have believed that serving God is only for superstars. Some churches have fostered this myth by making excellence an idol, which makes people of average talent hesitant to get involved.

You may have heard it said, "If it can't be done with excellence, don't do it." Well, Jesus never said that! The truth is, almost everything we do is done poorly when we first start doing it—that's how we learn.

The quilting servants were unable to meet in February because of inclement weather. Just because we were not able to meet, our work at home also continues. We appreciate all the fabric donations, and the time spent by everyone in making quilt tops to give to the homeless and others in need. Please feel free to come and join us and continue to donate **the extra fabric you have no further need for.**

"If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done"

(Ecclesiastes 11:4 NLT).

March Quilting Days

Monday, March 9: 9:00am (all day)
Tuesday, March 10: 9:00am (1/2 day)

1st Annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Feed/Pie Toss (Carnival of Celebrations)



Upcoming Events & Community News

THE 2010 NEBRASKA SYNOD ASSEMBLY will be held June 4-5 at the Heartland Event Center in Grand Island, NE. If you would like to be a St. John's representative, please call the church office as soon as possible.

EASTER LILIES may be ordered and donations may be given by completing the form located in your Sunday bulletin or by calling the church office at 238-2483. The cost is \$6.00.
Deadline to order is March 26.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
for those attending an accredited college, trade school, community college, or other form of post secondary education in the Fall of 2010 on a full time basis (as defined by the institution college) and St. John's College Scholarship (for those attending an ELCA Church College) are available in the narthex.
Look for the yellow and green folders. **Deadline May 1, 2010.**

SAVE THE DATE!
March 20, 2010 (Saturday)
Pancake Feed/Bake Sale
Sponsored by the Bennington American Legion

GRADUATION WORSHIP SERVICE
May 16th, 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
Honoring Graduating Seniors at St. John's.

BENNINGTON HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS:



Coming
Friday, March 19 -7:00pm
Saturday, March 20-7:00pm
Sunday, March 21-6:00pm

66 cast members strong!
(includes St. John's Lutheran Church Youth)

HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE
The City of Bennington has joined with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission to provide a Hunter Education Course to any persons 11 years of age (prior to 3-22-2010) or older. Hunters must have successfully completed this state-certified course prior to hunting and must have their valid hunter education card in their possession while hunting. Classes will be held from 6:00 – 9:30 p.m. on Monday, March 22; Tuesday, March 23; Thursday, March 25 at St. John's Lutheran Church. Contact the city office at 238-2375 to register.

BENNINGTON LIONS CLUB
8th Annual BBQ Rib Feed
Monday, March 15 Serving 4:30-7:00pm
Bennington High School Commons
All You Can Eat:
Featherbone Ribs, Corn Fritters, Cole slaw, baked beans
Advance Tickets : Adults-\$10, Ages 5-12-\$5
Under 5 Free At the door-\$12
Proceeds to scholarship fund and community projects
Elderly/Handicapped accessibility south entrance

Joys and Concerns

- ♥ On Feb. 14, Bella Nicole Stallbaum was received into God's Holy Kingdom through the washing of Holy Baptism. Bella was born on October 25, 2009 and is the daughter of John and Nicole (Sass) Stallbaum. Bella's sponsors are Natalie Sass and Rachel Judd.
- ♥ Bulletins were given on Feb. 14 by Dorothy Reimers in loving memory of her sister, Rosalie May Wendt who passed away on January 5.
- ♥ Our sympathy to Mick and Deb Fuchser and families in the recent passing of Mick's mother, Janice of Emerson, NE on February 7. Please keep them in your prayers.
- ♥ Calvin Theodore Flesner was received into God's Holy Kingdom through the washing of Holy Baptism on Feb. 28. Calvin was born on Sept. 16, 2009 and is the son of Christopher and Andrea Flesner. Calvin's sponsors are Dheadra & Rich Wang and Kevin & Lisa Flesner.
- ♥ Congratulations to Lucas and Heather Roth on the February 23 birth of their son, Hudson Dean. Hudson weighed 8lbs & 12oz and is 20 ¾ long. Hudson is also welcomed home by his big sister, Lucy who will be 3 years old the end of March.



Online Town Hall Forum with ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson

You're invited to attend a one-hour live webcast Sunday, March 7, at 4 p.m. CST with Bishop Hanson and ELCA members from across the country.

Visit www.elca.org/townhall at 4 p.m. CST to join the conversation.

CHURCH OFFICE

Hours, Due Dates & Such

Please help our office to be as efficient and helpful as possible by keeping the following in mind:

Monthly Publication:

Thru the Windows

The due date for information for the monthly newsletter, "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.

Service Schedule - March Servants

3/3/2010	7:00pm	
Greet	Mary Carol Junker	
Usher	Harry Junker	
Acolyte	Taylor Dreesen	
3/7/2010	8:30am	11:00am
Greet	Mark & Karla Backhuus	Alvin & Lorene Andersen
Usher	Tim & Kerry Clark	Pierson Family
Lector	Jane Frost	Kelly Witt
Acolyte	Drew & Heather Showers	Brynlee Loptin
3/10/2010	7:00pm	
Greet	Alison Junker	
Usher	Wade Junker	
Acolyte	Jacob Menard	
3/14/2010	8:30am	11:00am
Greet	Mark & Karla Backhuus	Addie Backhuus, Erma Trisler
Usher	Vic Sass, Dave Clark	Gene and Joyce Baldwin
Lector	Wade Junker	Chris Tomjack
Acolyte	Ben Giebelhausen, Payge Ehrp	Abby Misfeldt
3/17/2010	7:00pm	
Greet	Dee Clark	
Usher	Dave Clark	
Acolyte	Dillon Hilger	
3/21/2010	8:30am	11:00am
Greet	Mark & Karla Backhuus	Addie Backhuus, Bob Dornacker
Usher	Tim & Kerry Clark	Dennis & Freddie Schroeder
Lector	David Mills	Michelle Pierson
Acolyte	Haley & Zac Melvin	Cassidy Sandstedt
3/24/2010	7:00 pm	
Greet	Angie Sukraw	
Usher	Mark Sukraw	
Acolyte	Alec Knutson-Smith	
3/28/2010	8:30am	11:00am
Greet	Betty Deardoff, Andy Frahm	Pierson Family
Usher	Butch & JoAnn Redel	Pierson Family
Lector	Fred Barnhard	Chris Tomjack
Acolyte	Daniel & Jacob Bressman	Zach Westfall

MARCH BIRTHDAYS			
1	Pamela Andersen	17	Mayone Japp
	Collin Keysor		Chelsi Pinegar
2	Julie Clements	18	Josephine Turner
3	Evelyn Suverkrubbe (90)		Duane Ellermeier
	Michaela DiMauro		Patsy Mahoney
	Leyla O'Connor		Allyson Mohr
	Janet Olson-Finken		George Poulsen (88)
	Jacquelyn Frost	19	Kris Carl
4	Kassidy Goertz	20	Sarah Stephens
5	Faye Bridgeford		Abby Misfeldt
	Stacey Havekost	21	Andrea Witte
	Angie Schmidt		Darian Sorensen
	Al Weberg	22	Tyler Brunk
6	John Pierson		Londo Auch
	Caleb Logemann		Jerry Kuhl
7	Tonya Eurek	23	Kirk Weidner
8	Ruberta Christensen (97)		Nick Coe
	Caleb Schneider		Matthew Coe
	William Rosenthal	24	Brynlee Loptin
9	Annette McClelland	25	Linda Bohn
10	Sue Hinton		Paige Teller
	Caryn Stichler	26	Jennifer Bressman
	Cassidy Noble		Kenneth Gottsch
	Taylor Gochenour		Donald Jensen
11	Bailey North	28	Molly Krivohlavek
12	Adrienne Larsen		Kim Blacketer
	Tami Sass	29	Joshua Menard
	John Lichty		Jerry Gottsch
13	Kerry Greunke	30	Gerald McMurphy
	Katelyn Kramer		Janiece Coe
14	Ben Weidner		Jessica Curtsinger
	Sharee Maki	31	Shawn Klabunde
	Alyssa DiMauro		Lisa Muhleka
15	Jaden Maxey		Lucy Roth
16	JoAnn Redel		
	Trevor Logeman		

CELEBRATING THEIR ANNIVERSARY

1	Jim & Jodie Tulson
5	Mitch & Roxanne Lenhart
6	Josh & Jacquelyn Frost
10	David & Mary Larsen
13	J & Jodi Grothendick
14	Lee & Kathy Bunz
16	Earl & Connie Timm
18	Michael & Carol DiMauro
20	Wes & Pamela Andersen
24	Jerry & Marilyn Roe

Special Anniversary Wishes to:
 Michael & Carol DiMauro, 15 years
 Lee & Kathy Bunz, 40 years
 Jerry & Mimi Roe, 54 years

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Thank You March Sponsors
 Mike and Carol DiMauro
 Happy 15 Anniversary –March 18
 Michaela DiMauro
 Happy Birthday-March 3
 Alyssa DiMauro
 Happy Birthday-March 14

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 6:30-8:30 Tiger Cubs-FH	2	3 9:00 Over 60 6:00 Soup Supper 6:15 Adult Bible Study 6:15 Jr. Choir 7:00 Lenten Service 8:00pm Exultation	4 10:30am New Beginnings	5 World Day of Prayer	6
7 8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee Fellowship 9:30 Kingdom Quest 9:45 Bible Study 11:00 Contemporary	8 9:00 Quilters (all day) 6:00 City Council 7:00 Youth Ministry Board Mtg 5:30-7:30 Daisys-LL 6:00-7:15 Webelos	9 9:00 Quilters (half day) 1:30 Faith Circle 7:00 Council Mtg	10 9:00 Over 60 6:00 Soup Supper 6:00 First Communion 6:15 Adult Bible Study 6:15 Jr. Choir 7:00 Lenten Service 8:00pm Exultation	11 12noon Premiere Club luncheon	12 3:30 Girl Scouts-LL 6:30-9:00 Girl Scouts-FH	13 9:00Arts Comm. Mtg.
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28 Pastor Andreas Stein Installation Palm Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:30 Kingdom Quest 9:30 Reception 9:45 Bible Study 11:00 Contemporary 12:00 Potluck Dinner	29	30	31 9:00 Over 60			

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Holy Week Service Schedule

March 28- Palm Sunday

Installation of Pastor Andreas Stein

8:30am and 11:00am

April 1-Maundy Thursday

10:00am and 7:00pm*

*5th Grade Students First Communion

April 2-Good Friday

7:00pm

April 4-Easter

7:00am Sunrise Service

7:30-8:45am Hot Breakfast

8:30am Traditional Service

11:00am Contemporary Service