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## THRU THE WINDOWS

St. John's Lutheran Church  
Bennington, Nebraska

August 2008

# SHARE THE FAITH

### GREETERS

#### August 3

8:30am Mary Bequette  
10:00am Rhonda Logeman

#### August 10

8:30am Dallas Pagel, Jamie Stastney  
10:00am Rhonda Logemann

#### August 17

8:30am Debbie & Paige Depperman  
10:00am Rhonda Logeman

#### August 24

8:30am Debbie & Paige Depperman  
10:00am Rhonda Logemann

#### August 31

8:30am Karen Arp  
10:00am Rhonda Logeman

### USHERS

#### August 3

8:30am Jerry & Doris Gottsch  
10:00am Mark & Karla Backhuus

#### August 10

8:30am Jerry & Doris Gottsch  
10:00am Mark & Karla Backhuus

#### August 17

8:30am Dick & Lois Musel  
10:00am Mark & Karla Backhuus

#### August 24

8:30am Bob & Andy Frahm  
10:00am Mark & Karla Backhuus

#### August 31

8:30am Jerry & Doris Gottsch  
10:00am Mark & Karla Backhuus

### LECTORS/CANTORS

#### August 3

8:30am Lector: Julie Dunn  
10:00am Lector: Heather Goertz

#### August 10

8:30am Lector: Jane Frost  
Cantor: Angie Sukraw  
10:00am Lector: Heather Goertz

#### August 17

8:30am Lector: David Mills  
10:00am Lector: Heather Goertz

#### August 24

8:30am Lector/Cantor:  
Fred Barnhard

#### August 31

8:30am TBD

### Counters

Mark Backhuus  
Wayne Andersen  
Scott Pierson

## Greetings Members and Friends of St. John's,

I hope you are enjoying your summer and time away with family and friends in the great outdoors. While you're out there, remember who you are and to whom you belong. You belong to Christ through death on the Cross. He bought your freedom from slavery to sin and death and by your baptism into Christ your sins were taken away and you were filled with the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit that fills you with joy as God's Word declares in Psalm 5:11, which tells us that because of the Lord's protection we can "ever sing for joy." Psalm 28:7 tells us that because the Lord is our shield our "heart leaps for joy." Psalm 42:4 speaks about how because the Lord is with us we can "give shouts of joy and thanksgiving."

And then there is Psalm 51 that tells us that even when we wander away from the Lord, God calls us to turn around and come back to Him. When we do, He forgives us and restores our joy again, our joy in the Lord. Psalm 51:12 says, "Restore to me the joy of your salvation...." It is in realizing our salvation won for us by Jesus Christ that we realize the joy of our salvation through faith in Him, joy that will last all of our lives.

So as you enjoy the great outdoors remember that the Lord is with you. Set aside time to worship Him, spend time in His Holy Word and in prayer so that your joy may be complete.

Then share the Joy of the Lord with others so that they may come to know Jesus as the answer for how to live victoriously in this world as well. May God richly bless you this summer and fill you with joy! See you in Church!

Pastor Jim Price

### Fall Inquirer's Class forming

Our Fall Inquirer's Classes for those people who would like to know more about St. John's Lutheran Church and how to become a member will start in September. The 3 classes will held in the main Conference Room from 7pm to 8pm on Sunday September 14, 21, and 28 with a makeup class held at 7pm on Sunday October 5. Those wishing to become members will be received into the congregation on Sunday October 12. Please sign up to attend the class on the back of any Sunday Worship Registration Form. If you have any questions or concerns, please just call the Church Office at 238-2483.

**August Men's Ministry Meeting** Our next Men's Ministry meeting will be Saturday, August 9 beginning at 7:15 with a full breakfast followed by a Bible Study and short meeting to plan our fall activities. Meeting is over by 9:00. Please come and bring a friend.

## DID YOU KNOW...

**The new west Omaha Lutheran mission congregation** (Living Grace Lutheran Church) located at the Rohwer Elementary school (180th and F Street) is entering a critical time in the ministry, as they finalize the list of items needed for launching the new congregation on **Sunday, September 14**. Costs for sound and projection equipment, Sunday school materials, signage, pew Bibles and other items add up quickly. On behalf of the mission congregation, Pastor James Lindberg has asked for our financial assistance. Therefore, on behalf of the Church Council and the Endowment Committee, our next forum is scheduled for **August 10 at 9:30am** in the Fellowship Hall to discuss their request. We will vote on **August 17** by ballot on the Church Council's recommendation to provide financial assistance to Living Grace Lutheran Church.

**Join us August 10**, as the Mississippi Mission Trip youth from Bennington and First Lutheran Church in Fremont will lead the 8:30am and 10:00am worship services.

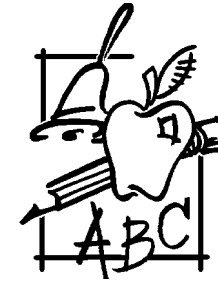
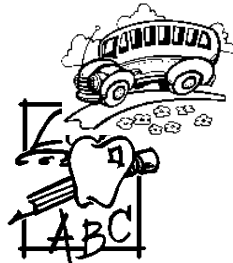
**Thank you** to all the fabulous volunteers that helped with our PowerLab Vacation Bible school the week of June 9. Also, thank you to all the wonderful people in our congregation who donated supplies. We had 86 kids join us for a great week of learning about the power of God's love.

**Help is needed for funeral luncheons served at St. John's.** Sandwiches are usually served and prepared by the Women of the ELCA. To make our luncheons more complete, we would love to serve additional side dishes or desserts. If you can help in this ministry, please sign up on the Worship Registration form enclosed in your Sunday bulletin or call the church office at 238-2483. We will add your name to our calling list. Thank you.

### Worship Assistant Workshops Planned

During August and September there will be two opportunities for lectors, cantors, ushers and greeters to attend worship assistant workshops. The dates of these workshops are **Saturday, August 23** and **Saturday, September 6**. The workshops will run from 9:00-11:00 a.m. They are intended for all current and prospective worship assistants. The workshops will include large group meetings followed by break-out sessions for each different position. Our aim is to make everyone more comfortable and knowledgeable as we serve the people of God in public worship. We will be done about 11:00, so you can plan your day accordingly. Thanks. We hope to see a lot of willing servers.

# The Fall Senior Bus Trip



**Tuesday, September 16, 2008**

## Did You Know?



*The Orpheum Theater was built in 1927 as a vaudeville house.*



*The Omaha World Herald is the largest employee-owned daily newspaper in the U.S.*



*The glass atrium of 525 glass panels on the Strategic Air & Space Museum was built around the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird.*



*The Holy Family Shrine is a living story of perseverance and faith overlooking the Platte River Valley.*

Continental Breakfast  
Served at 7:15 A.M.  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
Bennington, NE  
Bus leaves at 7:45 A.M.

**Make checks payable to Dave Clark**

**Mail to: 410 North Molley Street  
Bennington, NE 68007**

**Cost - \$30.00 per person**

Trip includes continental breakfast, lunch and admission to all attractions.

Returning to St. John's  
Approximately 5:30 P.M.

**Reservations and payment due by September 12, 2008**

*Sponsored by St. John's Lutheran Thrivent Congregation*

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

Kid's Kingdom Christian Preschool is about to begin its second year of serving the community of Bennington! We'd like to invite the congregation to visit us at our **Open Houses on August 27 or 28**. The staff will be in the classrooms to welcome the children who will begin classes with us on September 2, 2008.

The preschool has experienced growth, and we have done a little remodeling to give us an additional classroom and an office space. When school starts, we will have nearly 35 students and now can offer classes for ages three years to five+, in both the mornings and afternoons.

Staff members for the 2008-09 school year are; Diane Frizzell, teaching the three year olds, Megan Anderson, teaching the fours, and Nicki Nutter, teaching the Kindergarten Prep class. We are excited about our growth, and look very forward to another year of enriching the lives of the youngest citizens of the community and church. **Please join us at either Open House from 6 to 8 PM to welcome the parents and their little ones!**

I'd like to express my gratitude to the Preschool Board and church Council members for their cooperation and assistance in completing the remodeling. With all of your support, the program can continue to grow and serve a very real need within the community and the church.

Nicki L. Nutter  
Director, Kid's Kingdom Christian Preschool

# *St. John's Women in Action*



News and Information for *all* Women of St. John's  
August, 2008

## **Coming Events**

### **Fair Trade Sales**

**August 10th**

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

### **Meet and Greet Women from Argentina and Tanzania**

**September 19<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Everyone is invited** to a pot luck dinner where we will meet and greet several women from Argentina and Tanzania. They will bring greetings and answer questions that we might have about their respective countries.

### **Autumn Renewal**

**September 20<sup>th</sup>**

### **First Lutheran in Fremont**

See Emily Laaker or check bulletin board in hallway for registration forms.

## **Join us in Bible Study**

**All Women are welcome!**

***Faith Circle Bible Study – August 12,***

**at 1:30 p.m.**

**Fellowship Hall**

**Lesson Leader – Erma Trisler**

**Refreshments – Dorothy Bauermeister**

***Rejoice Circle Bible Study –, August 19,***

**at 7:00 p.m.**

**Conference Room**

**Lesson/Refreshments – Jane Frost**

## **Fellowship Hall Kitchen**

If you bring food to the fellowship hall for a reception, dinner, family gathering, etc., please remember to remove any leftover food items from the refrigerator and take them home with you. Food left in the refrigerator gets moldy and nasty after a few days. If you must leave food for any reason, please label it so that we know who is to use it. Thank you!



*Don't forget 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.*

***St John's Women of the ELCA  
Mission Action Project for 2008***

***100 School Kits for  
Lutheran World Relief.***

A school kit may provide the only supplies for children returning to school after the disruption of war. We need your help!

The kits contain nine special items. There will be an emphasis each month asking for one of these special items. Please donate new items without any religious or patriotic symbols on them. If you are not able to go out and purchase the item you can make a cash donation to the Women of St John's and we will go out and buy the items for you.

**This month's items: Crayons (24 count)**  
**You may also include 12" wooden rulers, wooden pencils, kids scissors (blunt), pencil sharpeners, and theme notebooks.** See the box in the narthex for more information.

Thank you for your support!

## **Quilters in Action**

Measure each day through love and service to our Lord

I know your deeds, your love, and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more... -Revelation 2:19

The Quilting Frame: God's language is difficult to understand, too. He uses complex terms, such as love, forgiveness, grace, and mercy. That is why Jesus used visual aids to communicate the point He was making. "Look at the lilies," He once said. "Consider how they neither toil nor spin, yet Solomon in all his magnificence was not arrayed like them. If God so clothes the grass of the field, will He not much more surely clothe you?" (Matthew 6:25-34).

On June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, the following nine ladies met: Doris Hoier, Lorene Andersen, Doris Gottsch, Delores Thorell, Gloria Jacobsen, Norma Collins, Mary Weberg, and Betty Deardoff. We were able to tie and complete 1 full size quilt and 4 baby quilts. We also worked on the Yo-yo quilt.

On July 8 and 9<sup>th</sup>, the following eight ladies met: Doris Gottsch, Gloria Jacobsen, Betty Deardoff, Mary Weberg, Norma Collins, Delores Thorell, Lorene Andersen, and Addie Backhuus. We were able to tie and complete 2 full size and 3 baby quilts. We also packed 11 baby quilts to go to Childrens Hospital in Omaha, and 13 full size quilts for the Lutheran World Relief. We set 4 full size quilts aside for the quilt auction in 2009. Several ladies worked on our Yo-yo quilt. We have had to a lot of reconstruction on the top before actually being able to make more yo-yo's to add the areas that are needed to complete the top. We also cleaned and reorganized the quilt room. We would like to express our "Thanks" to all in helping the quilters in whatever manner they were able. We would like to invite all to come and spend some time with us and have a good time as we are quilting.

**The Binding Stitch: Your love for me is too great to understand, but thank You for Your unrelenting effort to explain it to me.**

# The BYG's

## Bennington Youth Group

BYG's, Bennington Youth Group is for all youth in 9th-12th grade. During the summer, we will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Evenings from 7:30-9:00pm at the St. John's Youth Center. Snacks are needed for Wednesday evenings. Some of their favorites are Licorice Nibs, microwave popcorn, candy bars, chips, beef jerky. Items can be dropped off in the church office.

**Do you have a passion to help Middle School youth in the confirmation program?** Become part of the Confirmation Team. This team will look at the future of the Confirmation Ministry now and the years to come. Check the Registration insert if interested.

### Youth Director Search Committee continues to interview candidates.

A Youth Director Search Team has been put together and we have reviewed the Youth Director Job description and made some needed changes. It will be posted on our website for applicants to look at and download. We have placed ads in the Omaha World Herald and the Lincoln Star and posted an ad online at the Youth Ministry Network website. The Youth Director search team will next meet and review all applicants and select those we wish to interview and set up that process. Please continue to pray for the Lord to send us the right person who will have the skills and training to take our Youth Program to the next level. Thank You!

Youth Director Search Team



**Congratulations to Aaron and Megan (Hoge) Schmidt** who were united in marriage at St. John's Lutheran Church on July 12.



**We extend our sympathy to the family of Charles Cummings.** Charles passed away on July 4. A memorial service was held at Reichmuth Funeral Home on Saturday, July 12, and inurnment was at Flower Hill Cemetery. Please keep his wife, Mary, children Mike and Patti, and grandson Kobe in your prayers.

### **We extend our sympathy to Deb and Mic Fuchser and family.**

Deb's father, Ervin Sebade, passed away on Sunday, July 6. The funeral service was held July 9 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Emerson, NE with interment at the Rose Hill Cemetery. Please keep the family in your prayers.

**We extend our sympathy to the family of Gretchen Mangold.** Gretchen passed away on July 25 at the Heritage Pointe Assisted Living community at the age of 100. The memorial service was held at St. John's on July 29 with interment at Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Please keep her daughter and son-in-law Sharon and Jack Rogers and son and daughter in-law Stephen and Mindy Mangold and families in your prayers.



**Lillian Presley Lang and Savannah Grace Lang** were received into God's Holy Kingdom through the washing of Holy Baptism on June 8. Lillian and Savannah were born on December 8, 2007 and are the daughters of Phillip and Laurel Lang. Their sponsors are Jacob Lang, Bradley Warner and Rebecca Warner-Vanness.

**Justin Patrick Kramer** was received into God's Holy Kingdom through the washing of Holy Baptism on June 22. Justin was born on February 25 and is the son of Kyle and Lisa Kramer. Stephen and Michelle Lichter are his sponsors.

**Callie Lyne Smith** was received into God's Kingdom through the washing of Holy Baptism on June 22. Callie was born on February 25, 2008 and is the daughter of Tommy and Laura Smith. Jason Hunke and Mike and Elizabeth Monical are her sponsors.



## Flowers/Bulletins/Memorials

A memorial was given in loving memory of Margaret Suvekrubbe Wrich who was called Home on March 19, 2008. The memorial was given by her family: son Jon and Emily Wrich, grandchildren Myles of Jacksonville, FL, James Wrich and Jenifer Wrich of Oregon; daughter and son-in-law Susan and Douglas of Hawthorne, CA and sister and brother-in-law Myrt and Cliff Jacobs of Goodyear, AZ.

### June 22

**Flowers on the altar** were given by the family of Lois Petersen in honor of her 80th birthday on June 24.

### June 29

**Flowers on the altar** were given by the Braden family in celebration of Kevin and Jan's 26th wedding anniversary on June 26.

### July 6

**Altar flowers** were given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 46th wedding anniversary of Clarence and Emily Laaker.

### July 13

**Altar flowers** were given in loving memory of Les Coe by his family. The funeral service was held at St. John's Lutheran Church on Wednesday, July 9. Please keep his wife, Janiece and family in your prayers.

**The rosebud on the altar** was given in celebration of the birth of Reese Lane Almquist on July 10. Reese weighed 9 lbs. and 13 ½ oz. and is the daughter of Brad & Samantha Almquist. Proud grandparents are Mike & Debbie Almquist and great -grandparents are Howard & Phyllis Almquist and Jerry & Doris Gottsch.

### July 27

**Altar flowers** were given today in celebration of Addie Backhuus' 80th Birthday. They are given by her children Mark and Karla Backhuus, Van and Nancy Mohr, Mike and Carole Backhuus, and Annette Backhuus.

**Bulletins and Children's Bulletins** were given today in honor of Addie's 80th Birthday by her grandchildren Erica and Terry Morrison, Seth and Joel Backhuus, Cody and Mandy Henrickson, Mallory and Jacob Mohr, Ryan and Erin Backhuus, and Shelby and Bailey Backhuus; step-grandson, Joel Schuett and great- grandson, Alex Morrison.

## AUGUST BIRTHDAY'S



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|----|---|----|---|
| 1  | Mike Backhuus<br>Monte Christensen<br>Delores Purdy                                       | 16 | Benjamin Flesner<br>Jacob Flesner<br>Wyatt Flesner  |
| 2  | Rev. James Price  | 17 | Daniel Ryan<br>Connor Neilsen   |
| 3  | Lauren Pierson  | 18 | Katie Korth<br>Jeffrey Curtis   |
| 4  | Beth Curtis<br>Jean Olsen<br>Keeley Dowling   | 19 | Courtney Loptin   |
| 5  | Megan Bohn<br>Jesse Dorau<br>Delores Thorell<br>Jason Brunk                               | 20 | Nik Sather<br>Robert Schmidt  |
| 6  | Lori Olsen<br>Lori Rothermund<br>Cassidy Sandstedt  | 21 | Joey Hayden<br>Brandon Curtis   |
| 8  | Tim Clark<br>Paul Holtapp<br>Elizabeth Nelson   | 22 | Dale Mohr<br>Sharon Herzberg<br>Dia Snyders   |
| 9  | Peggy Christensen<br>Paula Schneider<br>Ryan Johaneck                                     | 24 | Colton Loftus<br>Pat Schmidt<br>Madison Tumbleson   |
| 10 | Bailey Backhuus<br>Vicki Dorau<br>Benjamin Pierson<br>Dorothy Reimers<br>Helen Bridgeford | 25 | Jerry Baker<br>Tracy Christianson   |
| 11 | Jesse Claeys<br>Austin Mills<br>Marilyn "Mimi" Roe  | 26 | CoeLeta Logemann<br>Jan Lichty<br>Brock Sass<br>Jim Witt  |
| 12 | Doug Laaker<br>Michael Jensen   | 27 | Cindy Buhl  |
| 13 | Al Barber<br>Kathie Kuhl<br>Brittany Pierson<br>Jack Pooley                               | 28 | Richard Japp<br>Melissa Johnson<br>Zachary Goertz<br>Emma Sather<br>Debra Schneider                           |
| 14 | Cole Stichler<br>Jeff Kuhl  | 29 | Verjean Bohn<br>Kathy Bunz<br>Jami Mueller<br>Terry Redel<br>Alexis Sather<br>Emily Bressman<br>Alexis Sather |
| 15 | Brian Andersen<br>Brett Tomjack<br>Tracy Lage   | 31 | Joan Pierson  |
| 16 | Karen Arp<br>Tom Dall<br>Eric Tomjack   |    |   |

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Harry & Mary Carol Junker
- 3 Ken & Polly Jensen
- 5 Paul & Jerry Pooley
- 6 Larry & Toni Janecek
- 10 Terry & Erica Morrison
- 12 Amond & DeLores Ohms  
Mark & Colleen Crom
- 14 Fred & Cyndee Barnhard
- 16 Richard & Mayone Japp
- 17 Ted & Suzanne Kirby
- 20 John & Peggy Christensen  
George & Mary Poulsen
- 24 Mike & Jennifer Gliwa  
John & Mary Mueller
- 25 Jerry & Eileen Baker
- 26 Jim & Pam Curtsinger  
Wade & Allison Junker
- 27 Cory & Jenny Furstenau
- 28 Dan & Marilee Braesch
- 29 Ron & Barb Kruse
- 30 Timothy & Jodi Engel
- 31 Scott & Michelle Pierson

**SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:**

- ◆ Delores Thorell, 81
- ◆ Dorothy Reimers, 85

**SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:**

- ◆ Larry & Toni Janecek, 15
- ◆ Ted & Suzanne Kirby, 50
- ◆ Richard & Mayone Japp, 55
- ◆ George & Mary Poulsen, 63
- ◆ Paul & Jerry Pooley, 64

### Church Office Hours, Deadlines & Other Important Information

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

**Monthly Publication**

The deadline 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.

**Office Hours**

Keep in mind the posted hours of the church office: Monday through Friday are 8:00am-4:00pm. The church staff meets at 9:00am 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.

**June/July Worship Attendance**

	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>10:00am</u>
June 1	68	74
June 8	79	112
June 15	--	154 One Service
June 22	87	105
June 29	73	56
July 6	90	69
July 13	105	62
July 20	70	?
July 27	--	153-One Service

