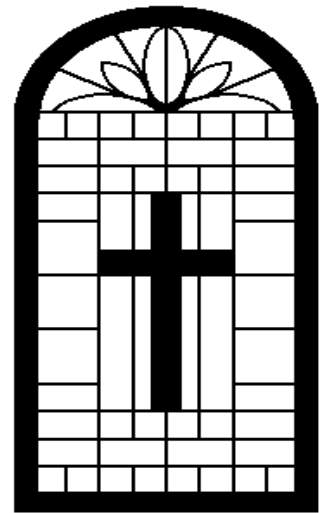


ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

BENNINGTON, NE 68007

Thru the Windows



**MAY 2010
BUILDING ON
THE LEGACY**

Congratulations to our Graduates

<i>Kelsey Arp</i>	<i>Bailey Backhuus</i>	<i>Erin Backhuus</i>
<i>Megan Bohn</i>	<i>Matthew Braden</i>	<i>Kylee Earll</i>
<i>Adam Elwood</i>	<i>Dillon Eurek</i>	<i>Samantha Japp</i>
<i>Michael Jensen</i>	<i>Brandon Mahon</i>	<i>Kyle Nelson</i>
<i>Holly Peterson</i>	<i>Brandon Pierson</i>	<i>Brock Pierson</i>
<i>Collin Quinn</i>	<i>Dillon Quinn</i>	

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 16
Graduate Blessing
8:30

May 22
CATCH THE SPIRIT
10:00-4:00

May 23
CATCH THE SPIRIT
Single Worship Service
10:30am
Dedication of stained glass
windows/Artist reception
following

May 30
Summer Worship
Schedule begins
8:30 & 10:30

June 14-18
Vacation Bible School
"SonRock Kids Camp"

CATCH THE SPIRIT

A Festival of Faith and Art

May 22-23

Presented by Enliven!

The Arts Ministry of St. John's Lutheran Church

(Look for details inside)

Pastor Stein Shares

“Now what?” Angrily and exhausted she picked up the phone, waiting for another chore to be burdened on her shoulders. “It is just too much! I cannot take it anymore”. Angela thought about screaming, but what good would that do? Ever since she became a single-mother she feels like it would just take one more little thing to push her over the edge.

Are you feeling on the edge? Feeling like when the phone rings one more time you will contact the phone service provider and cancel all contracts? Life can be awfully deflating. What once was a majestic air-balloon, slowly and steadily gliding through the air has become just a sad reminder of better days. This is often the story of life.

But the good news is: This is the story of your past. Maybe even the story of today. But it is not the story about your tomorrow. Your tomorrow will be full of the abundance of strength, joy and hope that comes from the Lord. And “tomorrow” does not only refer to our lives in God’s eternal kingdom on the other side of death. It is already a promise for life in this world. It is a promise for your life! It is God’s word for you, today!

But where can this be experienced? Where does that become a reality? It becomes a reality where we immerse ourselves in the presence of God. The presence of God is not something to be feared or dreaded. The presence of God is like a spa for our soul. Have you ever been in a spa? You know how it is: All our problems and tensions roll off our shoulders like they never existed. You leave feeling completely rejuvenated and relaxed. In a spa we find relaxation for our body. The spa of God, the presence of our Lord, works directly in our souls. We leave feeling empowered, hopeful and motivated again.

So: Come into the presence of God! In God’s presence your soul will find what you are longing for. “As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?” (Psalm 42:1-2). You are invited! You have an appointment in God’s heavenly spa! And it is free! Just come!

You Are Loved,
Rev. Andreas Stein

A Special Note from Pastor Stein

Thank you very much for the wonderful welcome you have given me and my wife at St. John's.

Thank you for all the great gifts and thoughtful cards. You have really taken us into your arms and made the transition for us a lot easier than it would have been otherwise. It has been (and continues to be) a great joy for us to get to know all of you.

It is an honor to serve as your Pastor.

Pastor Andreas & Daniela Stein



Council Summary

St. John's Council Minutes April 19, 2010

Stewardship Planning-discussion centered around the low percentage of our members who attend services. Council will have a half-day retreat to learn how to reconnect with members who are not attending.

New Business:

Total offerings during Holy Week were over \$10,000.

Committee Reports:

- * Pastor encouraged us to focus on fostering good relationships among the congregation.
- * Funding for the Youth mission trip is going well. There is a concert at the high school on June 17.
- * Proceeds from the July 18 Corn Feed and Family Festival will go toward the mission trip and the Lutheran Lighthouse. An over-all chairman for the event is still needed.
- * Arts Ministry Committee -“Enliven!”, will host a Pentecost Festival on May 22-23. New stained glass windows will be dedicated. Motion approved to use the Stained Glass Window fund and ask the Endowment Fund for the remaining balance.
- * New member dinner will be May 2.
- * A new freezer for the Fellowship Hall Kitchen will be installed soon. Winston and Karen Anderson and Dick and Leanna Flynn donated the entire cost .

Giving At-A-Glance

Monthly Budget	\$25,779	Jan. thru April Giving	\$ 98,763
April Giving	\$25,221	YTD Budget	\$103,114

CHURCH STAFF

Church Pastor	Rev. Andreas Stein
Office Administrator	Debbie Misfeldt
Director of Youth Ministry	Sharee Maki
Organist/Minister of Arts	Michael Bauer
Pianist/Assoc. Dir. of Music	Jan Braden
Chancel Choir Director	Kerry Greunke
Pre-school Director	Nicki Nutter
Bookkeeper	Gail Pfahl
Custodians	Tom & Cindy Koziol
Youth Intern	Nick Pinegar
Pre-school Teachers	Megan Smith & Shannon Lutter

2010 CHURCH COUNCIL

Scott Pierson	President
John McClelland	Vice President
Deb Almquist	Treasurer
Emily Laaker	Secretary
Wayne Andersen	Financial Secretary
Jan Braden	Special Funds Treasurer
Dana Tompkins	
Jim Pinegar	
Dave Sandstedt, Jr.	
Chris Tomjack	
Nick Pinegar	
Katy Bridgeford	

Director of Youth Ministry Shares



...And the basket goes to:

KID STUFF: Liz Bencker

FAMILY NIGHT: Darla Bell

FOR THE GOLFER: Brenda Teller

EMPTY NESTER: Jan Braden

BADGER FAN: Rob Loptin

GOOD HAIR DAY: Deb Fuscher

MAKE A SPLASH: Julie Clements

THANK YOU to all who purchased basket raffle tickets in support of our youth mission trip!



After the 11:00 service on May 2, stop outside and purchase lunch before you go! Hot dog, chips and soda for just \$3!



THE FLAMINGOS ARE BEGINNING TO MIGRATE!

Don't want them to land in your yard? Stop by the office and purchase insurance!

Want to choose whose yard they land in? Fill out a form and make a donation!

Contact Sharee Maki to join in the fun! 238-2483.



Why cook the evening before school is out?!

Eat at Runza between 5 & 8pm on May 27 and

15% of the profit helps to support our youth mission trip!!!



CONFIRMATION FAMILY CINCO DE MAYO PARTY!

WED., MAY 5 AT 6:30!



JOIN US AS WE HONOR OUR GRADUATING SENIORS

SUN., MAY 18-8:30
Reception to follow.



Join the 8th grade Confirmation class in cleaning up the church grounds and youth center Saturday, May 8 8:30 to noon.



Jr. High Lock-in at St. John's was held April 9. Led by the travel team of Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp, tons of fun was had!



Kid's Kingdom Christian Preschool News

April was filled with many exciting activities for the preschoolers. All classes were kept busy preparing gifts and a short presentation to honor their mothers and grandmothers in May. We also enjoyed being able to go outdoors and play for the first time in many months!

Activities in the three year olds classrooms included learning about butterflies, flowers and plants, and all sorts of worms and bugs! A favorite activity was bubble painting, where several of our youngest students learned how to use a straw to blow bubbles! These masterpieces will be on display in May for our Art Show.

The four year olds spent time learning about insects, plants, birds, the letters X, Y & Z, and numbers 6,7, & 8. Classmate Connor Flesner brought in some live baby chicks for the children to hold and observe. Special activities for Earth Day included creating their own planet Earth and recycling projects. They were very busy with special artworks for the spring show as well.

The K-Prep class has finished with the alphabet, and will continue to work on counting to 100. They enjoyed a walk to look for signs of spring, and created a poster for their classroom with photos of all the beautiful insects, trees, flowers, and birds seen on their walk. They are also hard at work rehearsing for the program they will be performing for the St. John's Senior Center on May 5, and for their mothers on May 7. They will also enjoy a lunch following the performance at preschool as a reward for all of their hard work!

All classes are waiting patiently for our butterfly chrysalis' to open! We received the larvae in early April, and observed closely as the caterpillars grew and spun their chrysalises. Soon, we will have butterflies to release on the playground! The children love to make their predictions as to when the big event will occur!

The children of Kid's Kingdom preschool would like to invite the congregation to view our wonderful artworks on display in the lower level preschool rooms on Sunday, May 16th. Our final week of classes will follow, with a sack lunch picnic at Centennial Park on the 19 to close out the year. Preschool will resume in September.

Nicki Nutter
Director



K-Prep students prepare works for the Art Show.



Baby chicks visit the Four year olds class.



Three year olds working in the classroom together.

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

Kid's Kingdom Christian Preschool has both morning and afternoon enrollments available next fall 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 Sunday School News



We've had a great year at Kingdom Quest! We had fantastic volunteers help teach the children the Good News. We hope to see everyone again next fall!

Our last day of Sunday School will be May 2nd with Family Fun Day. Parents and siblings are invited to attend this event. Family Fun Day will be from 9:30-10:45. Join us for this time of recognition and fun.

At 10:00 on May 2nd, the entire congregation is invited to join us in the upper fellowship hall for a special puppet show called "Noah".

This puppet show is being performed by West Hills Puppet Team.

Cookies and refreshments will be served following the show.

The Kingdom Quest children will be singing at the 11:00 service on May 2nd.

Join us for this fun day of celebration!

God Bless! Have a great summer!

Remember to come to Vacation Bible School on June 14th-18th!

Vacation Bible School News

SonRock Kids Camp :

An Adventure Camp Like No Other

SonRock campers will learn how their lives can be transformed by God's great love for them.

When: June 14 – June 18

Location: St. John's Lutheran Church

322 N. Molley St., Bennington, NE 68007

Who: 3 year olds – 6th grade (2009-2010 school year)

Camp opens at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary

Closing Assembly is at 12:00 Noon

Preschool Children will attend from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Cost: \$10 per child or \$25/family of 3 or more
(No one will be turned away for inability to pay)

Please return registrations with payment to the church office,
in the narthex, or Sunday School.

For more information, call: 238-2483

Registration forms are available in the narthex or at
www.stjohnsbennington.org

**Please be sure to register
by May 24th, 2010!**

*"How great is the love
the Father has lavished on us,
That we should be called
children of God!"*

1 John 3:1

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.

Email Heather at ttweditor@gmail.com

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

A BIG THANKS to Mike Tomjack for the trunk shredding work that he did.

A BIG THANKS to Winston Anderson for the recycling work that he does.

A BIG THANKS to Harry Junker for sign and banner patrol.

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

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

(Please return to the church office)

I would like to help in one or more of the following areas (please circle):

- Opening Activities Snack Center Bible Story Center Music Center
- Bible Games Center Closing Activities Photographer/ Videographer
- Craft Center Skits (actors & setup) Registration
- Float for the Bennington Daze Parade

I would like to be a camp guide for (please circle two choices):

- Preschool/Kindergarten 3rd Grade Camp Guide
- 1st Grade Camp Guide 4th Grade Camp Guide
- 2nd Grade Camp Guide 5th-6th Grade Camp Guide

Name _____

Email _____

Phone number _____

St. John's Women in Action

Coming Events

May Day Salad Luncheon

Saturday, May 1
St. John's Fellowship Hall
Entertainment by the
Chime Choir from Immanuel
Village

Fair Trade Sales

May 2nd

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

Mother's Day

May 9th

Saved to Serve Events

MOSAIC

Grand Island, NE
May 21-23

CAROL JOY HOLLING

Conference and Retreat Center

Ashland, NE
July 30-August 1

Registrations may be found on the
Women in Action Bulletin Board



*St. John's
Women in Action*

Join Us in Bible Study! *All Women are Welcome!*

Faith Circle Bible Study

May 11, at 1:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
Lesson Leader – Mary Meyer
Refreshments – Doris Gottsch

Rejoice Circle Bible Study

May 17, at 7:00 p.m.
Conference Room
Lesson/Refreshments –
Karen Anderson

Tuesday Bible Study

May 25, at 7:00 p.m.
Barb Feldhacker's home
drheathergoertz@yahoo.com

Young Women of the ELCA

BE BOLD!

Check out this website!

www.boldcafe.org

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.

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.

A man's heart reflects the man. Proverbs 27:19 (NIV)

The Bible uses the term "heart" to describe the bundle of desires, hopes, interests, ambitions, dreams, and affections that you have. Your heart represents the source of all your motivations—what you love to do and what you care about most. Even today, we still use the word in this way when we say, "I love you with all my heart."

The Bible says what is in your heart is what you really are, not what others think you are, or what circumstances force you to be (Proverbs 27:19). Your heart is the real you. It determines why you say the things you do, why you feel the way you do, and why you act the way you do.

In the same way, God has given each of us a unique emotional "heartbeat" that races when we think about the subjects, activities, or circumstances that interest us. We instinctively care about some things and not about others. These are clues to where you should be serving.

Another word for heart is passion. There are certain subjects that you feel deeply passionate about. Some experiences turn you on and capture your attention, while others turn you off or bore you. These reveal the nature of your heart; listen for inner promptings that can point to the ministry God intends for you to have.

Where did those interests come from? They came from God! God had a purpose in giving you these inborn interests. Your emotional heartbeat is a key to understanding your shape for service. Don't ignore your interests: consider how they might be used for God's glory. There is a reason that you love to do these things. Listen for inner promptings that can point to the ministry God intends for you to have.

Our quilting "servants" for April were: Betty Deardoff, Suzanne Kirby, Darlene Langendorfer, Lorene Andersen, Delores Thorell, Emily Laaker, Karen Arp, and Sara Church. We completed 18 crocheted and 21 flannel-fleece preemie pads, a total of 39, tied 8 and 1 machined quilted full size quilts, tied 2 lap robes and 8 flannel blankets for the Med Center.

"Thank-you" goes to all the ladies who make all the tops and backs and all other items at home in preparation for quilting every month. We couldn't get as much finished as we do if it wasn't for your dedication and hard work in preparing these items.

Submitted by Betty Deardoff

May Quilting Day
Monday, May 10: 9:00am (all day)

Festival of Faith & Art

Catch the Spirit A Festival of Faith and Art Presented by: Enliven! The Arts Ministry of St. John's Lutheran Church May 22-23

This past fall, St. John's initiated a new ministry that seeks to foster the understanding, practice and appreciation of the arts. This ministry is called "Enliven! The Arts Ministry of St. John's Lutheran Church "Enliven" is now planning its inaugural event: a weekend arts festival on Pentecost weekend, May 22 and 23. The festival will include the following events:

- (1) **Stained Glass:** The new stained glass windows that will adorn the entryway to St. Johns (see the accompanying article on page 12) will be dedicated and the congregation will have the opportunity to meet Charlotte Paul, the designer of the windows.
- (2) **Art Show:** During this weekend the fellowship hall will be turned into an art gallery for our first art show at St. John's featuring the work of Paula Wallace, a well known local artist who is active at the Hot Shops in Omaha. Paula will discuss her work on Saturday.
- (3) **Lute Program:** There will be a presentation of lute music and sacred poetry featuring Kenneth Bé, the outstanding lute player from Omaha.
- (4) **Keynote Address:** William Woeger, the Executive Director Cathedral Arts Project in Omaha, will give a keynote address entitled "the Divine Artist." Woeger is a nationally recognized liturgical consultant as well as a distinguished artist and iconographer.
- (5) **Film:** The acclaimed film "Babette's Feast" will be shown on Saturday afternoon with a discussion to follow. This film depicts the impact that a world-class French chef has on the lives of a conservative religious community on the coast of Denmark. It is an uplifting and insightful film that will teach us all about the value and meaning of celebration in our lives.
- (6) **Children's Art Workshop:** Our own Diane Warrick will lead a visual art workshop for children ages Kindergarten through 2nd grade.
- (7) **Special Worship Services:**
 - Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd – One Service, 10:30 a.m.**
This will be a special service involving jazz, poetry, visual art and dance.
 - Morning Prayer and Vespers – Saturday, May 22nd**
Opening and closing the Saturday events will be short services featuring various art forms

This will be a fun event for everyone, so bring the whole family. You may register for the Arts Festival following worship each Sunday in May or by calling the church office. Pre-Registration for the festival is not mandatory, but it is strongly encouraged as a way to help the Enliven committee plan.

The registration form is found in this newsletter. You can come for the whole day or drop in and spend as much time as you wish. We hope that you can attend this truly enlivening arts event!

Festival of Faith & Art

Saturday Schedule

- 10 a.m. Welcome
- 10:10 Morning Prayer
- 10:30 Keynote Talk: "The Divine Artist" Bro. William Woeger
- 10:30 Children's Art Workshop: kindergarten through second grade - Diane Warrick
- 11:15 Break
- 11:30 Artist Tour and Talk: Paula Wallace discusses her work
- 12:00 Lunch and time for viewing the art show
- 12:45 Movie: *Babette's Feast*
- 2:30 Discussion
- 2:45 Break
- 3:00 Lute music and poetry reading; Kenneth Bé, Lute
- 3:30 Vespers

Sunday Schedule

10:30 a.m. Jazz Service - Featuring special music, liturgical dance, poetry, visual art;
 dedication of three new stained glass windows at St. John's
 Immediately following worship - Artist Reception for Charlotte Paul (Stained Glass)
 and Paula Wallace (art show)

Catch the Spirit: A Festival of Faith and Art

Registration Form

(Pre-registration is not required, but it is very helpful)

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Number of persons attending Saturday festival _____

Number of persons for lunch on Saturday _____

Number of children for children's art workshop on Saturday _____

Please send or drop off registration forms to:
 St. John's Lutheran Church 322 N. Molley Street Bennington, Ne 68007

Or call (402) 238-2483 church office

Or e-mail stjohnsoffc@msn.com.

You can also see our website at: www.stjohnsbennington.org

Joys and Concerns

New Stained Glass Will Adorn Entryway

In December, 2008 a stained glass committee was convened for the purpose of furnishing St. John's with three new stained glass windows in the main entryway on the East entrance to the church. This project was made possible by a generous gift from Dr. Hickey and his daughters, a gift for which Paul Pooley has served as executor.

Committee members include: Winston Anderson, Karen Anderson, John McClelland, Lois Musel, John Pierson, Joan Pierson, Diane Warrick, and Michael Bauer, chair.

The committee engaged in a six-step process as it did its work. These steps included:

(1) *The education phase* when the committee learned about the properties, varieties, and history of stained glass.

(2) *The selection phase* when the committee identified and selected a designer and fabricator for the stained glass.

(4) *The Fabrication phase* when the stained glass company creates the new stained glass.

(5) *The Installation phase* when the glass is installed at St. John's

(6) *The Dedication* when the new glass is dedicated by the congregation.

We are pleased to announce that, after an extensive national search that involved viewing the work of many stained glass artists and interviewing three finalists, the stained glass windows are being designed and fabricated by the Charlotte Paul firm of Bloomfield, Indiana.

Charlotte Paul holds an M.S. in Art Education from Indiana University. She apprenticed in stained glass at Penco Stained Glass Studio, Louisville, Kentucky and at City Glass Specialty, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Since 1976, she has designed, constructed and installed stained glass in private and public spaces, including St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Bloomington, Indiana, and the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee.

The new stained glass windows will be dedicated during St. John's inaugural arts festival on Pentecost weekend, May 22-23, 2010. Charlotte Paul will be present at this time to discuss her work and participate in the dedication ceremony.

- ♥ **Eleanor (Musel) Gorgen** will be 90 on May 3, 2010. Cards may be sent to 15703 Bennington Road, Bennington, Nebraska 68007.
- ♥ **Please keep the Dee Micheel family** in your prayers. Dee's sister, Janet Higley of Arizona entered the eternal kingdom on March 30.
- ♥ **Please keep the Warren Negley family** in your prayers. Warren entered the eternal kingdom on March 24.
- ♥ **Please keep the Heather & Larry Goertz family** in your prayers. Heather's grandmother, Elmira Frolio entered the eternal kingdom on March 30.
- ♥ **Please keep the Jim Witt and Doug Smith families** in your prayers. Their grandmother, Helen Perchal entered the eternal kingdom on March 29.
- ♥ **Chloe Mae Seim** was received into God's Holy Kingdom through the washing of Holy Baptism on April 11. Chloe was born on March 11, 2008 and is the daughter of Chad and Elizabeth Seim. Chloe's sponsors are Alicia & Bob Wilson.
- ♥ **Gavin Oliver Seim** was received into God's Holy Kingdom through the washing of Holy Baptism on April 11. Gavin was born on January 28, 2009 and is the son of Chad and Elizabeth Seim. Gavin's sponsors are Kris & Mark Carl.
- ♥ **Altar flowers** are given by Christopher and Karrie (Ellermeier) Hanke who were united in marriage at St. John's on April 17. Congratulations!
- ♥ **We extend our sympathy** to Betty Deardoff in the recent passing of her sister-in-law, Nancy Ann Rose of Iowa.
- ♥ **The rose on the altar** was given by Steven and Katie (Mills) Dose in loving memory of their daughter, Samantha Rae who entered the eternal kingdom on April 19, 2010.
- ♥ **Thank you** to everyone who made the April 19 blood drive a success with 25 units of blood being donated. Special thanks to Suzanne Kirby, Mary Bequette, James Markmann & Carol Iltzsch. The next drive is June 21.
- ♥ **Congratulations to Annette (Musel) Madison** on receiving her Masters of Arts in Management

May Servants

5/2/2010	8:30am	11:00am
Greet	Tracey & Taylor Dreessen	Cindy & Ben Geibelhausen
Usher	Mike Iltzsch, Mert Opfer	Abby Misfeldt, Debbie Misfeldt
Lector	Dick Fritz	Kelly Witt
Acolyte	Layne Laaker, Alexis Farris	Kelsey Carl
5/9/2010	8:30am	11:00am
Greet	Paul & Linda Holtapp	Sharee Maki, Kylee & Amanda Earl
Usher	Mert Opfer, Al Weberg	John & Annette McClelland Family
Lector	Fred Barnhard	Michelle Pierson
Acolyte	Bailey Hartman, Madison Pooley	Paige Depperman
5/16/2010	8:30am	11:00am
Greet	Goertz Family	Elizabeth & Madison Pooley
Usher	Goertz Family	Gary & Mary Pat Schmidt
Lector	Wade Junker	Chris Tomjack
Acolyte	Michaela Bohn, Nicole Japp	Michaela DiMauro
5/23/2010	10:30-ONE SERVICE ONLY	
Greet	Paul & Linda Holtapp	
Usher	Mike and Carol Iltzsch Family	
Lector	Mark Sukraw	
Acolyte	Ben Giebelhausen, Payge Ehrp	
SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS		
5/30/2010	8:30am	**10:30am**
Greet	Lorene Andersen, Erma Trisler	Angie & Jake Menard
Usher	Harry & Mary Carol Junker	TBD
Lector	Fred Barnhard	Michelle Pierson
Acolyte	Drew Showers, Heather Showers	Brynlee Loptin

CHURCH OFFICE

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.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Harry Junker
Jake Tumbleson
Macy Tingelhoff
- 2 Debbie Misfeldt
Todd Omer
Lindsay Schellhardt
Scott Tingelhoff
- 3 Matthew Braden
Eleanor Gorgen (90)
John McClelland
- 4 Janet Kuhl
- 5 **Mary Poulsen (87)**
Colton Bourg
Wyatt Cox
Abigail Gochenour
- 6 Lance Arp
Nicole Flynn
Doris Gottsch
Dorothy Logemann (93)
- 7 Jeff Coe
Norma Collins (83)
Julie Hayden
Michelle Jensen
Debra Sass
Gary Schmidt
- 8 Dan Braesch
Trish Schmoltd
Kelly Sandstedt
- 9 David Mills
Kristina Wallingford
- 10 Grant Carl
- 11 Kaylee Bourg
Ed Menard
Jamey Teitge
- 12 Vicki Japp
Earl Timm (82)
- 13 Richard Anderson
Daniel Christianson
Jeff Staats
- 15 Sheri Kinser
Chris Flesner
- 16 Roland Sass
Kenneth Sukraw
- 18 Terry Hickman
Adam Lenhart
Julie Rothermund
Lizzie Noble
- 19 Brandon Book
Linda Holtapp

- 19 Paula Mills
Vernon Reed
Jeannette Schneider (86)
Dillon Steffes
Kevin Flesner
Al Logeman
- 20 Curt Frost
Chad Arellano
- 21 Kevin Braden
David Larsen
Angie Menard
Gene Bunz
- 22 Kinley Nelson
Kolton Nelson
Kristen Smith
- 23 Logan Circo
- 24 **Don Peetz (85)**
Bryce Scott
- 25 Mallory Mohr
Lori Eggink
Ronee Christensen
Laura Esper
- 26 Tracey Dreessen
Zachary Melvin
Caleb Coe
- 27 Larry Arp
David Bressman
Lane Welchert
- 28 Bryan Dunn
Matt Hinton
- 29 Audra Meador
Ashley Mohr
Mick Nelson
Madisen Larsen
- 30 Kevin Andersen
Dennis Schroeder
Don Wallingford
April Lucas
- 31 Monte Nelson
Bill Weidner
Jeffrey Schneider

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

- 8 Scott & Kara Sorenson
- 10 **Jeff & Julie Hayden (30)**
- 11 Joshua & Ronee Christensen
Jay & Mary Johaneck (25)
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Thank You May Sponsor
Doris Gottsch
Happy Birthday-May 6

May 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 12:00 May Day Salad Luncheon
2 8:30 Worship 9:30 Kingdom Quest 9:30 Coffee Fellowship 9:45 Bible Study 9:45 New Member Class 9:45 Mission Trip Mtg 11:00 Contemporary 12:00 Luncheon/ CFC-LL 12:00 Grad. Recep.-FH	3 6:00-7:15 Webelos 7:00 Tiger Cubs	4 2:30 5th Annual Family Festival Mtg 6:30 Endowment 7:00 Rejoice Circle	5 9:00 Over 60 6:30 Confirmation -Last Day 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:30 BYG 8:00 Exultation	6 10:30 New Beginnings 6:00 Benntown Gals Outing	7 6:30-8:30 Brownies-FH	8 8:30am 8th Grade Work Day
9 Mother's Day 8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee Fellowship 9:45 Bible Study 11:00 Contemporary	10 8-5 Census Bureau Training-Conf. Rm. 9:00 Quilters (all day) 5:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 Evangelism	11 8-5 Census Bureau Training-Conf. Rm Primary Election- All Day-FH 1:30 Faith Circle 7:00 Council Mtg	12 8-5 Census Bureau Training-Conf. Rm. 9:00 Over 60 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:30 BYG 8:00 Exultation	13 8-5 Census Bureau 9:30 Premiere Club 7:00 Preschool Grad/Art Show	14 3:30 Girl Scouts-LL	15 8:00 CFC Work Day - CJH
16 8:30 Worship/Graduate Recognition 9:30 Graduate Reception 9:45 Bible Study 11:00 Contemporary 2:00 BHS Graduation 2:00 Baby Shower-FH 3:30 Girl Scouts-LL	17 8-5 Census Bureau Training-Conf. Rm 12noon Keenagers 6:00-7:15 Webelos 7:00 Tiger Cubs-FH 7:00 Rejoice Circle	18 8-5 Census Bureau Training-Conf. Rm 6:00 Music/Worship 6:30 Preschool Board Meeting	19 8-5 Census Bureau Training-Conf. Rm 9:00 Over 60 10:00 Pre-school Picnic 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:30 BYG 8:00 Exultation	20 8-5 Census Bureau Training- Conf. Rm 10:30 New Beginnings 6:30 Recital	21	22 10-4:00 Catch the Spirit Festival of Faith and Art
23 Catch the Spirit (Single Service Only) 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship/Dedication of stained glass windows with Artist reception following 30 Summer Schedule 8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee Fellowship 9:45 Bible Study 10:30 Contemporary 11:30 Baby Shower-LL	24 31 Memorial Day <i>Office Closed</i> Legion Services 10:00 Flower Hill 11:00 German	25 6:30 Music/Worship	26 9:00 Over 60 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:30 BYG 8:00 Exultation	27 1:30pm Lutheran Club-FH 5:00-8:00 Youth Fund Raiser at Runza	28	29

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