

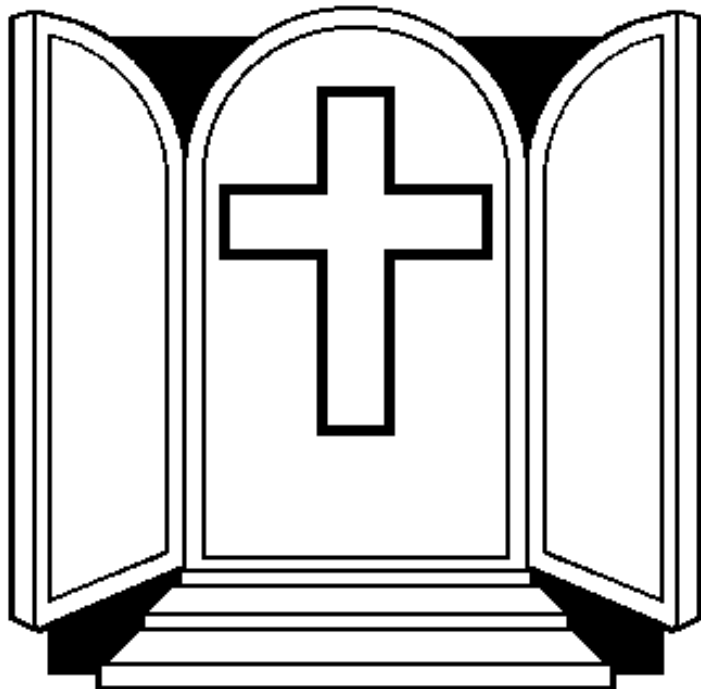
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THRU THE WINDOWS

St. John's Lutheran Church
Bennington, Nebraska

September 2008

October 26 Reformation and Confirmation Sunday



8:30am Traditional Worship Service
11:00am Contemporary Worship Service
and Rite of Confirmation

GREETERS

October 5

8:30am Leola Bonge
11:00am Lynda & Bailey
Hartman

October 12

8:30am Leola Bonge
11:00am Helen Braesch

October 19

8:30am Bill & Verjean Bohn
11:00am Carl Family

October 26

8:30am Bill & Verjean Bohn
11:00am Helen Braesch

LECTORS/CANTORS

October 5

8:30am Lector/Cantor:
Fred Barnhard
11:00am Lector: Heather Goertz

October 12

8:30am Lector: Julie Dunn
11:00am Lector: Heather Goertz

October 19

8:30am Lector/Cantor:
Mark Sukraw
11:00am Lector: Heather Goertz

October 26

8:30am Lector: Wade Junker
11:00am Lector: Heather Goertz

USHERS

October 5

8:30am Doug & Layne Laaker
11:00am Pierson Family

October 12

8:30am Doug & Layne Laaker
11:00am Pierson Family

October 19

8:30am Doug & Layne Laaker
11:00am Pierson Family

October 26

8:30am Doug & Layne Laaker
11:00am Pierson Family

ACOLYTES

October 5

8:30am Heather & Drew Showers
11:00am Amanda Earl

October 12

8:30am Paige Depperman, Katie Iltzsch
11:00am Sam Steffes

October 19

8:30am Layne Laaker, Hayden Renter
11:00am Molly Misfeldt

October 26

8:30am Paige Depperman
Michaela DiMauro
11:00am Amanda Earl

Counters

Dana Tompkins
Bill Dunn
John McClelland

Reformation Sunday, October 26

Greetings Members and Friends of St. John's:

The days are getting shorter and the mornings are certainly getting cooler. And by the time you read this, October will have arrived. Soon the "first" frost will come and then the first snows as we move from fall into winter here in the Midwest. This month, we as Lutherans, get to celebrate the **Festival of the Reformation, or Reformation Day**, which we will celebrate on Reformation Sunday, October 26, the Sunday before All Saints Sunday on November 2.

Reformation Day officially began on **October 31, 1513**; the day Martin Luther posted his **95 Theses** on the Castle Church doors in Wittenberg, Germany to debate the doctrine and practice of indulgences. As many already know, Luther's action was not a provocation or an act of defiance as sometimes thought. The 95 Theses were written in Latin and not in German for all to see. It was meant for the learned professors of Wittenberg to read in Latin and then discuss with Dr. Luther at some future date. Nevertheless, his act led to Luther being excommunicated from the Church and eventually to the Reformation, or the Reformation of the Christian Church and the birth of the Lutheran Church.

Here at St. John's Lutheran Church we will be celebrating Reformation Sunday with the singing of our traditional Lutheran hymns at our **8:30am Traditional Worship Service** and at our **11am Contemporary Worship Service** with the "**Rite of Confirmation**," as we confirm 7 of our 9th grade youth who have completed all three years of confirmation training and who are now eligible to be made full members of this church.

The color of the day will be **RED**, which represents the Holy Spirit and those Martyred because of their faith in Jesus Christ. As Christians wear something red on that day if you are able, that we might stand together in solidarity with those that have given the ultimate sacrifice for their faith. Let us join together to worship the Lord our God and thank Him for all He has done for us and for our salvation through faith in Jesus who is the Christ. God Bless you all!

See you in Church. Pastor Jim Price

Did You Know.....

1. Committee chairpersons/church council representatives.

It is time to start working on the 2009 budget. The 2009 proposed budget worksheets that consist of ministry specific year-to-date 2008 expenses have been distributed. Check your church mailbox. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 238-2483.

Please submit your 2009 budget proposal to the church office by October 10. Budget proposals will be reviewed at the October church council meeting.

2. Flu Immunizations will be available on **Wednesday, October 15 from 9am-11am** in the Fellowship Hall of St. John's Lutheran Church. The cost of the flu shot is \$25. The Visiting Nurse Association accepts traditional Medicare Part B and Railroad Insurance plans.

3. A Harvest Dinner and Festival will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 26, at 5:30pm. Meat will be provided, please bring a side dish to share. Entertainment will be by church members and treats and fun for kids.

"See Through the Scriptures" Bible Study Class

On **Saturday October 11**, St. John's Lutheran Church will take you on a fast-paced but revealing journey through the entire Bible, tracing the key themes that surface within it. Our goal is the help people gain a clearer understanding of what preceded Jesus in order to understand the truly immense and earth-shattering nature of His ministry.

"See Through the Scriptures" Bible Study is ideal for busy families, students and Sunday school teachers that would like a better understanding of the greatest story ever told.

The class will begin at 9am and conclude at/or before 4pm, with pizza for lunch. The cost is \$20.00 per person for the class, workbook and lunch. Please contact the church office if you would like to attend.

ELCA'S Human Sexuality Study class will be offered on Thursday, October 9 and 23.

The ELCA's "Human Sexuality" study will be offered as a discussion class here at St. John's Lutheran Church as requested by our Bishop Mark Hanson so that members from St. John's who take part in the study, can send into the ELCA headquarters in Chicago their response as to what they feel should be done about our human sexuality, especially the ELCA response to the Gay and Lesbian issues regarding the Ordination of Clergy and the blessing of same-sex marriages. If you are interested in taking part of this study please contact the church office so that we can order enough materials.

October Men's Ministry Breakfast Meeting



Saturday October 11, will be the next Men's Ministry breakfast and meeting beginning at 7:15am in the Church Fellowship Hall. All men are invited to come and join us as we fellowship together, learn from God's Word and plan ways to put our faith into action.

Blessings, Men's Ministry

Membership Sunday

On Sunday, October 12 8 new member adults and their children will be received into membership at the 11am Worship Service. After the service they will be treated to a New Member Luncheon in the Church Fellowship Hall. We thank our Evangelism Committee for organizing and planning this event and for their commitment to welcome our newest members here at St. John's Lutheran Church. Please watch for pictures of our newest members that will be posted in the narthex and please introduce yourselves to them and make them feel welcome here at the "Welcome Place," St John's Lutheran Church in Bennington.

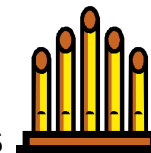
Branson and Eureka Springs Trip

Next September (2009), join your friends at St. John's for a bus trip to Branson and Eureka Springs. We will see The Passion Play and Holy Walk, The Promise, Noah the musical, and other shows. Questions, please contact Jodi Pooley at 238-2109.

Cooks 4 Christ is a ministry providing meals for people in our community that for what ever reason can not prepare or provide food for themselves and their family. If you know of someone in need, please call Julie 238-2659, Jodi 238-2109 or the church office 238-2483.

"**Thanksgiving**" food baskets are being assembled by the Cooks 4 Christ for 30 families in our community who are experiencing financial difficulties. Can you help? Any canned or dry packaged goods will be greatly appreciated. Look for our labeled boxes. Help us feed the hungry in our Bennington community. THANKS Jodi 238-2109 Julie 238-2659.

THANKS to everyone who provided food and labor to prepare and freeze 218 meals for Cooks 4 Christ on September 8!!!! We are truly blessed by your support. Jodi & Julie



Music in Mission Presents Organist Anna Myeong

On Sunday, November 16 at 3:00 p.m, Music in Mission, the annual concert series at St. John's Lutheran Church will present organist Anna Myeong in recital. This is a benefit concert with proceeds directed to the Evangeline Meyer Scholarship Fund. The money raised will provide funds for scholarship assistance to church music students and seminarians at Midwestern universities and Lutheran seminaries. A free will offering will be taken during the concert.

Anna Myeong is organist at Trinity Lutheran Church, Mission KS. A native of Korea, Ms. Myeong earned her Bachelor of Music degree at Yonsei University in Seoul, and served as organist for three churches in downtown Seoul from 1990 to 1996 including the largest Presbyterian Church in the world.

In the United States she has studied at the University of Oregon and the University of Kansas, where she earned her masters degree and is currently completing her doctorate in organ. Her organ teachers include Myung-Ja Cho, In-Hyung Cho, and Hee-Sung Kim, Barbara Baird and James Higdon. She has also participated in master classes with Marie-Claire Alain, Guy Bovet. Lynne Davis, Michael Bauer, Susan Landale, and John Grew.

In recent years Anna Myeong has given numerous recitals in North America and Europe, including programs at Washington (DC) National Cathedral, St. Thomas Church in New York City, Princeton University Chapel in New Jersey, Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, Trinity Church in Boston, and Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris.

Opportunities to Serve in Worship October Ministry Drive

St. John's is seeking people who might enjoy serving in a variety of different capacities in worship. During the month of October we are actively looking for additional volunteers who feel they have gifts and the potential to serve in any of the following areas:

(1) Lectors and cantors – this is one of our most important ministries. It helps the people of God experience the power and richness of God's Word in public worship. As the Word of God is a foundation for our common life, so this ministry provides a grounding in faith and hope for all who attend our worship services. Advance preparation for Sunday commitments is important and training will be provided for all volunteers. We are especially interested in locating youth who might like to serve in this capacity.

(2) Altar committee – Worship is often called the source and summit of Christian life. It consists of two major parts: the Word and the Sacraments. In addition to our need for lectors and cantors to serve in the ministry of the Word, we also need those who want to assist us with the sacrament of the Eucharist. First of all, this means that we need people to help in the preparation of the Lord's Table, preparing the wine and wafers for our celebration, setting the table, washing up afterwards, doing many of the same things we do when we have guests over for dinner. We are in need of additional help in this area at the present time.

(3) Assisting Ministers – The celebration of the Eucharist also requires us to be good hosts by serving one another the meal. We would like to expand our communion stations from one to two. This means we need additional volunteers who are willing to stand with the communion tray and the paten and provide the elements to all those who seek the grace of the Lord at God's holy table.

(4) Acolytes – The acolytes serve in a variety of different capacities, providing practical help to the pastor during worship and exhibiting some of the primary symbols of the faith, including light and the cross of Christ. This is an important ministry that helps form the people of God on their path of discipleship.

If you are interested in any of these ministries, please sign up on the worship registration form during October. Please direct any questions about these ministries to Joann Warrick or Michael Bauer. Thank you for your prayerful response to this request.



Launch News September 17, 2008

Over 200 People Help Launch Living Grace!

Lift off! It's official -- Living Grace Lutheran Church is now launched! We're now a public community of believers who gather regularly to worship God, connect with others in meaningful ways, show God's love in practical ways, and bring others along with us on this journey of faith.

On Sunday, over 200 adults and children gathered for worship and Grace Place Sunday School. They then stayed to eat lunch, meet new friends, and watch the kids play in the bounce houses. It was a wonderful and exciting day! You could feel the prayers and support, not only from those who had gathered at Rohwer, but also from the hundreds of our prayer partners and partner churches around the country.

I would like to thank our launch teams for their hard work -- Children's Ministry, Outreach and Fellowship, Hospitality, and Worship and Music. Their dedication and commitment helped make Launch Sunday a success. I also want to thank all those family and friends who came from other churches to support us on this special day.

And finally, thank you to all those who got a flyer, gift bag, door hanger or postcard who decided to come check us out. Please join us again this Sunday for worship and Grace Place Sunday School (infant through 5th grade) at 10:00 AM.

KID'S KINGDOM PRESCHOOL NEWS



Our preschool year is off to a wonderful start! Classes began on September 2 and 3, with children enrolled in classes for three, four, and five year olds. The children are adjusting beautifully to the daily routine, and come to class eager to learn and participate.

At last count, 36 children were enrolled this fall, up from the eighteen that attended last year. We look forward to continued growth, and appreciate all the positive referrals we are getting from parents, church members, and friends. Please continue to get our name out into the community, as word of mouth is the very best form of advertising!

October will be full of learning and fun, as we have class and individual photos scheduled, along with a walk to the Fire Station and a visit by the fireman. We'll plan to visit Pooley's Pumpkin Patch, enjoy a hayrack ride, and choose a pumpkin to take it home.

We'll have fall festival games and activities to close out the month of October. Early plans for November include the creation of child made ornaments for the Festival of Tree's.

Revvin' Up For Jesus!



Kingdom Quest News

Our Sunday school year has gotten off to a great start. Our theme this year is "**Revvin' Up For Jesus!**" We have 44 volunteers that are revved up to share the word of our Lord with around 70-80 children. Please thank those volunteers as you see them in the church and community. This program would not be possible without them.

Rally Sunday was well attended with around 100 adults and children. The kids enjoyed playing games, making quilt frames, putting their handprint on the wall, welcoming back the puppet Gordy, and fellowship. Larry and Zach Goertz had their race car and go cart in the parking lot for the kids to check out and get their pictures taken. Thanks again to Larry and Zach. It was a highlight of the morning.

We had 67 children register for Kingdom Quest on Rally Sunday and have since added a few more. The children have already started bringing friends to share the lessons they are learning in class. We love to have friends joining us and highly encourage the children to bring them to Kingdom Quest.

The 3 year olds have been learning about creation and how our Lord created this wonderful place we live in. The 4, 5, K classrooms have been learning about how God is our King. He helps us to make wise choices like King Solomon. He helps us when we have problems like he did with King Jehoshaphat. We can pray to God and he hears our prayers like he did with King Hezekiah.

The 1st-4th graders have been learning about King David and how Satan tries to trap us into sin. Confess your sin, and bring your broken heart to God. They also have learned that sin and rebellion can pull a family apart like Absalom's rebellion pulled his family apart. God's love is strong for us.

The 5th-6th graders have been enjoying their classes in the youth house. They have been learning about choosing friends that bring out God's best in them. Also covered this month, was to have a soft heart and you will be able to feel God's love.

On October 5 we will be presenting Bibles to the 3rd grade class. Please join us for this special occasion at the 11:00 service.

Watch for more information coming on SlimeTime in November. There will be gobs of games, tons of goodies, and a life-changing message for the whole family. We hope we will have record turn-outs for this family event.

We welcome all children 3 years old through 6th grade to join us for Kingdom Quest Sunday school every Sunday from 9:30-10:45 in the lower level.

THANK YOU KINGDOM QUEST VOLUNTEERS

Wendy Andersen
Linda Bohn
Jennifer Bressman
Stacy Brown
Kaitlin Carl
Kris Carl
Kelsey Carl
Shelly Christensen
Tina Crnic
Beth Curtis
Paige Depperman
Debbie Depperman
Michaela Di Mauro
Carol Di Mauro
Tracy Dreessen
Nicki Flynn
Tayler Goertz
Heather Goertz
Jodi Grothendick
Katie Iltzsch
Mike Iltzsch
Nicole Japp
Melissa Johnson
Mary Carol Junker

Merlin Kay
Lori Kuker
Rhonda Logeman
Annette McClelland
Kris Melvin
Angie Menard
Sarah Misfeldt
Michelle Pierson
Scott Pierson
Cathy Price
Jamie Reynoso
Bret Reynoso
Julie Rothermund
Kelly Sandstedt
Jami Sass
Mary Pat Schmidt
Angie Smith
Brenda Teller
Chris Tomjack
Sonya Tompkins
Jim Witt

WORLDWIDE

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DATES: Oct. 11-19, 2008

To learn more about the weekly schedule and accommodations, visit www.thriventbuilds.com/worldwide. For more information about **joining our team** in the Mississippi Gulf Coast contact:

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Lutheran Community Relations
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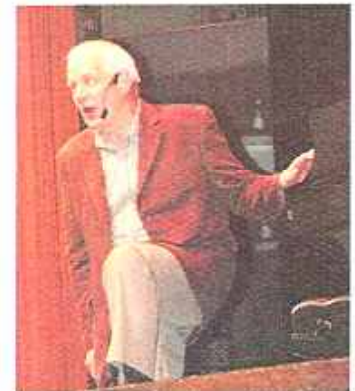
Renowned Christian musician and
songwriter

Ken Medema

in concert in Omaha!

Sat. Oct. 4, 7-9 pm
at Bethany Lutheran Church,
4200 North 204th Street, Elkhorn
(There is no admission cost for the concert)

Living the Generous Life Singing God's Praises



Gifted singer, songwriter and teacher of the faith, Ken Medema will compose brand-new songs based on local stories about grace, gratitude, generosity and giving as he travels Nebraska this October. Members of his audiences will be invited to share a story how God's generosity is present in their lives, and Ken's song will catch the spirit of each story.

Blind from birth, Ken discovered music as one of his gifts. He will share a monologue about giving, and several of his musical compositions at the concert.

Be inspired and deepen the connection between Ken's songs in "The Offering" and your heart with Ken Medema in Concert.

Confirmation Corner

7th and 8th grade Confirmation October calendar:

01-WOW 6:30-8:15

08-Large group service project 6:30-8:15

10-5th Quarter after the FB game until 11:00

15-WOW 6:30-8:15

22- WOW 6:30-8:15

29-Day off!

31-November Urban Plunge registration and fee due

We still have spots available for the November 7-9 Urban Plunge—let Sharee know right away if you'd like to go on this one! 7th and 8th graders were sent home with forms that should be returned to let us know if they'd like to attend the November or February Urban Plunge. They should also have received information on *Recharge* and *Loser*, 2 retreat options that happen before the end of 2008.

All 2008-2009 Confirmation calendars are on the web! Check it out at www.stjohnsbennington.org/youth.

The BYG's Bennington Youth Group

The youth group could use a new vacuum cleaner, digital camera and some other items. See the wish list at www.stjohnsbennington.org/youth and help us out if you can! We may add/change things as we collect some things and get more projects going on, so check back from time to time!

October calendar:

01-BYG 7:30-9:00

08- BYG 7:30-9:00

12-at 10:00am. Parent and teen meeting for all thinking about the Nat'l Youth Gathering in July 2009 in New Orleans.

15- BYG 7:30-9:00

22- BYG 7:30-9:00

29-TBA

*St. John's Women
in Action*



Coming Events

Fair Trade Sales

October 12

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

General Meeting

October 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Hear from Emily about the
Triennial Convention
was held in Salt Lake City in July.
Election of Officers

Join us in Bible Study!

All Women are welcome!

Faith Circle Bible Study – October 14th
at 1:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Lesson Leader – Mary Meyer

Refreshments – Erma Trisler

Rejoice Circle Bible Study – October 21st
at 7:00 p.m.

Conference Room

Lesson/Refreshments – Karen Anderson

Recycle! Recycle! Recycle!

Three tubs have been placed in the south entry to the fellowship hall. The tubs are marked for plastic, tin, and glass and they are to be used for recycling items used at St. John's church activities. Plastic grocery bags may be included but not bread wrappers, etc. Cardboard and paper are also being recycled.

Remember to recycle!

110 School Kits!!!

Thank you to everyone who contributed items
for the

Lutheran World Relief School Kits.

We were able to complete 110!!!

They will go to school children
throughout the world.

*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.*

QUILTERS IN ACTION

Before becoming an effective worker for the Lord, take time to study THE MANUAL.

For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. Luke 21:15

The Quilting Frame: Just as we save our best gifts for our own families, God gives his best gifts to those who say, "Jesus is my Lord." To His own family, God gives spiritual insights that illuminate our lives for good. To some He gives the power to speak wisdom to a person who doesn't know what to do, and to another He gives a word of understanding that brings peace in the midst of chaos (Corinthians 12). But just as we have not had done anything to deserve any of our gifts, we cannot deserve God's gifts. His grace is offered to us because of who we are in Christ, not because of what we have done.

On September 8th & 9th, the following 12 ladies met: Betty Deardoff, Delores Thorell, Gloria Jacobsen, Mary Weberg, Sarah Misfeldt and daughter Ellie, Norma Collins, Doris Gottsch, Carol Iltzsch, Addie Backhuus, Doris Hoier, Lorene Andersen, and Emily Laaker. We had a great time tying and sewing new tops. We were able to continue work on our Yo-Yo quilt also. We are beginning to see the end of the work on the top. We also began "ripping", stripping, and rolling bandages. We completed 7 baby quilts and 4 full size quilts. We would like to invite all to come and join us on our quilting days, always the second Tuesday of the month and all day the Monday that precedes it. We began something new in September; all who attended brought a small salad to share with others. There was plenty of food to go around.

We are in need of more fabric to make quilts. **Please, look through your stashes and see if you can share fabric and bed sheets that are in good condition and no longer in need. We would be thrilled to receive all you can spare to make the quilts for those in need.**

The Binding Stitch: Thank You for claiming me as your own and for giving to me undeserved covering for otherwise cold nights.



Lainey Johnson was received into God's Holy Kingdom through the washing of Holy Baptism on September 14. Lainey was born October 3, 2007 and is the daughter of Jasey Ruff and Troy Johnson. Her sponsors are Katelyn Ruff and Terry Johnson.

Madisen Anne Larsen was received into God's Holy Kingdom through the washing of Holy Baptism on September 14. Madisen was born May 29, 2008 and is the daughter of Bruce and Adrienne (Auch) Larsen. Her sponsors are Andrew Auch and Ashley Keihner. Madisen wore the baptismal gown that her great-grandfather, Chester Auch wore 88 years ago.

Madyson Taylor Alexis Mildward was received into God's Holy Kingdom through the washing of Holy Baptism on September 21. Madyson was born April 10 and is the daughter of Kip and Amy (Frahm) Mildward. Her sponsors are Valerie Thompson, Tim Stutzman and Jason Heiman.



We extend our sympathy to the family of Winifred Phillips. "Wini", age 86, passed away on September 24 at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Home in Blair, NE. The funeral service was held on Friday at Campbell-Aman Funeral Home in Blair with interment at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Omaha, NE.

Flowers and Bulletins

September 14

Altar flowers were given by Lorna and Londa Auch in honor of the baptism of Madisen, their first granddaughter.

Bulletins were given by Uncle Andrew Auch and Aunt Ashley Keihner in honor of Madisen's baptism.

September 21

Flowers near the pulpit were given in honor of Madyson Frahm's baptism by her grandparents, Bob and Janie Frahm and uncle, Andy Frahm.

OCTOBER

- 1 Ron Kruse
Hilda Meeves
Emily Jacobs
Cory Furstenau
- 2 Reid Japp
Matt Cox
Cole Klabunde
Easton Krumm
- 3 Elizabeth Weidner
- 4 Betty Deardoff
Mike Wesemann
Shane Jacobs
Michelle Knapp
- 5 Benjamin Japp
- 6 Karey Sass
Cory Havekost
Courtney Braesch
Wyatt Smith
- 7 Michelle Jacobs
Jake Depperman
Brooke Sass
Taylor Sass
- 8 Tyler Ahlrich
- 9 Rita Timperley
Jim Curtsinger
Jacob Smith
Debra Muhleka
Wayne Wenz
Hayden Renter
- 10 Leola Bonge
Alanah Bonney
Alec Capps
- 11 Harriette Peetz
Gloria Wiedrick
Thomas Staats
- 12 Mark Backhuus
Debbra Fuchser
Jamie Price
Steve Baehr
Mary Johaneck
Kyle Nelson
- 13 Barry Braesch
Amy Japp
Ginger Sass

BIRTHDAYS

- 14 Courtney Leming
Richard Herzberg
Steve Lucas
- 15 Harold Schmidt
Darrell Kading
Jennifer Welchert
Larry Goertz
- 16 Jim Smith
Kevin Olson
Jami Sass
- 17 Cindy Japp
- 18 Mary Jensen
Wayne Andersen
Mike Smith
- 19 Howard Almquist
Jon Weberg
Beverly Knoch
- 20 Jim Reed
Jeff Curtsinger
- 21 Christina Capps
Marc Madison
- 22 Shanon Claeys
Shelby Backhuus
Ryan Korth
Hailey Teller
- 23 Cheyenne Flynn
Dathan Hansen
- 24 Ila Mohr
- 25 Lori Moeller
Tyler Schmidt
- 26 Dee Micheel
Trent Mumma
Sarah Christianson
Stacy Brown
- 27 Judy Hickman
Aidan Mohr
- 28 Scott Hansen
Kristen Bonney
- 29 Alvin Andersen
- 30 Doug Stephens
Elizabeth Kuker
Bill Kinser
- 31 Stacey Noble

- 31 Jeff Pooley
Cory Baldwin
Crystal Goedeker
Daniel Bressman
Jacob Bressman

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

-
- Alvin Andersen, 89 (10/29)
- Howard Almquist, 87 (10/19)
- Hilda Meeves, 86 (10/1)
- Mary Jensen, 84 (10/18)
- Harriette Peetz, 82 (10/11)
- Harold Schmidt, 80 (10/15)

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Jonathan & Genna Campbell
- 6 Mark & Sue Hinton
- 7 Terry & Carol Loptin
- 9 John & Pamela Klabunde
- 10 Danny & Marlene Mohr
- 11 Dale & Victoria Dorau
Mark & Sheri Crawford
- 12 John & Shawn Klabunde
- 14 Larry & Heather Goertz
- 15 Andrew & Kristen Cook
- 17 Dick & Leanna Flynn
- 21 John & Annette McClelland
- 23 Walter & Gloria Sass
Roger & Michelle Hadan
Eric & Christina Capps
- 24 Kip & Amy Mildward
- 25 Terry & Kathryn Gochanour
- 31 Donald & Patsy Mahoney

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

- Mark & Sheri Crawford, 5
(10/11)
- Kip & Amy Mildward, 10 (10/24)
- Eric & Christina Capps, 15 (10/23)
- Mark & Sue Hinton, 35 (10/6)
- Don & Pat Mahoney, 55 (10/31)

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.

August Worship Attendance		
	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
September 14	102	144
September 21	116	113
September 28	68	89

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St. John's Lutheran Church
322 North Molley Street
James M. Price, Pastor

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Worship Services

8:30am Traditional with Holy Communion
11:00am Contemporary*

*Holy Communion will be celebrated on the First and third Sunday of each month

2008 Church Council

- Mert Opfer..... President/Special Funds Treasurer
- Bill Dunn..... Vice President/Music/Worship
- Mark Backhuus..... Co-Treasurer/Mutual Ministry
- Deb Almquist*..... Co-Current Fund Treasurer
/Mission Share Treasurer
- Wayne Andersen..... Financial Secretary
- Jim Pinegar..... Secretary/Property
- Jim Peterson..... Evangelism/Property
- Grace Baty..... Evangelism
- Dana Tompkins..... Stewardship
- Scott Pierson..... Stewardship
- John McClelland..... Christian Education
- Di Loptin..... Social Ministry

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- Youth Director..... Sharee Maki
- Secretary Debbie Misfeldt
- Organist..... Michael Bauer
- Choir Director..... Kerry Frey
- Junior Choir Director Kerry Frey
- Pre-school Director..... Nicki Nutter
- Bookkeeper..... Gail Pfahl
- Custodians..... Tom Koziol/Cindy Koziol