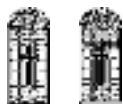


THRU THE WINDOWS



Vol. 68-8

St. John's Lutheran Church
Bennington, Nebraska

September 2008

September



GREETERS

September 7

8:30am Heather & Lucas Roth
11:00am Grace Baty

September 14

8:30am Vicki & Nicole Japp
11:00am Carol, Michaela, Alyssa
DiMauro

September 21

8:30am Heather & Lucas Roth
11:00am Carol, Michaela, Alyssa
DiMauro

September 28

8:30am Vicki & Nicole Japp
11:00am Carol, Michaela, Alyssa
DiMauro

LECTORS/CANTORS

September 7

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

September 14

8:30am Lector: David Mills
11:00am Lector: Heather Goertz

September 21

8:30am Lector/Cantor:
Mark Sukraw
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September 28

8:30am Lector: Dick Fritz
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USHERS

September 7

8:30am Al Weberg,
Clancy Laaker
11:00am Gary & Mary Pat
Schmidt

September 14

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September 21

8:30am Jim Bonge
Al Weberg
11:00am Gary & Mary Pat
Schmidt

September 28

8:30am Jim Bonge
Al Weberg
11:00am TBD

Counters

Grace Baty
Jim Pinegar
Scott Pierson

Welcome Back!

Greetings from Pastor...

We have celebrated Labor Day weekend and on September 7 we celebrated Rally Sunday. On that Sunday, we went back to our regular worship times with **Traditional Worship at 8:30am**, followed by our **Sunday school/Coffee Fellowship/Adult Education time from 9:30 to 10:45**, and our **Contemporary Service at 11:00am**.

Our Sunday school theme for Rally Sunday was, "**Revvin' Up For Jesus!**" We had real race cars along with games, crafts and popcorn. What fun!

We installed our new Youth Director, Sharee Maki, at both services.

So come and take part in all the fun and excitement as we kicked-off another Sunday school year at St. John's Lutheran Church!

Blessings, Pastor Jim Price

New Inquirer's Class beginning

On Sunday, September 14 from 7:00 pm to 8:00pm, Pastor Price will be holding the first of three Inquirer's Classes for those interested in becoming members at St. John's Lutheran Church. Additional class dates will be Sunday September 21 and 28 at 7pm with a make up class available on October 5 at 7pm for those that miss a class. New Members will be received into membership on **Sunday, October 12** at the 11am service, with a New Member Luncheon to be held for our New Members after the 11am worship service. If you would like to take part in this class, please fill out the "Worship Registration" form found in your bulletin or contact the Church Office at 238-2483.

DID YOU KNOW...

1. On Sunday, August 17, the congregation approved to give a gift of \$36,000 to the new west Omaha Lutheran mission congregation. (Living Grace Lutheran Church) located at the Rohwer Elementary school (180th and F Street).

The launching of the new congregation is

Sunday, September 14.

Thank you for your support.



September 10, 2008

Pastor James Lindberg of Living Grace Church, our new west Omaha Lutheran mission congregation, receives \$36,000.00 financial gift on behalf of St. John's Lutheran from Mert Opfer, Council President and Pastor James Price.

See letter from Pastor James Lindberg on next page.



St. John's Lutheran Church
322 N Molly St.
Bennington, NE 68007

September 10th, 2008

Dear Members and Friends of St. John's Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your financial gift of \$36,000 to our new west Omaha Lutheran mission congregation. Your gift will enable us to purchase our **entire** sound system, and an electronic keyboard as well. We will worship, sing, pray, and hear the scriptures proclaimed clearly each Sunday morning because of your generous gift.

I appreciate your generosity, prayer support, and partnership in mission. You are helping Living Grace in an important way as we partner with God and follow the lead of the Holy Spirit to reach, in Jesus' name, the over 10,000 people in west Omaha who have no connection with a church.

Again, thank you for your generous financial support. Your gift is, in the words of the Apostle Paul, a "sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God." (Philippians 4:18)

May God continue to richly bless you in your giving.

James Lindberg
Pastor Developer

Worship *Connect* *Go* *Bring*

E-MAIL jlindberg@livinggraceomaha.org
WEB SITE www.livinggraceomaha.org



Sonshine Café Update

I would like to update the congregation in regards to the status of the Sonshine Café. First allow me to explain how the Sonshine Café started. The Sonshine Café was a idea that came from a group of Church Council members whom I had asked to come up with ideas on how we could appear as a more welcoming congregation to "First Time" visitors. The ideas that developed were 1.) to have kid bags in the back of church for young children to pickup and take into the pew. Inside the bags, are activities for them to work on while their parents worshiped. 2.) to have flavored coffees and bagels available in the back of the church or in the Narthex for visitors to enjoy after the worship service. Members could then meet them and get acquainted so that we could invite them back, instead of just having them leave worship, go to their cars and drive away. 3.) Bake small loaves of bread for first-time visitors to pick up as thanks for coming and worshipping with us and invite them to come back again soon.

Due to their immediate success of the "kid bags," the flavored coffees and bagels, and the small loaves of bread for first-time visitors, the next thought was it would be even nicer for new visitors if we had an real "coffee shop". It would be similar to Starbucks that offered flavored coffees and bagels near the sanctuary that visitors could stop by and enjoy and hopefully get to meet with some of our members before walking out the door.

The idea was brought before the entire Church Council and the Council asked that we explore that idea and to make a long story short, someone came up with the idea to convert the Office Conference Room into a Sonshine Café by taking out the windows so that it could be accessible from the narthex area which a number of people felt was a low cost solution to the idea.

However, somewhere along the way it was conveyed to someone that converting the Office Conference Room was a "done deal." Let me go on the record to tell you...it isn't a done deal.

It is just an idea, a concept that is being discussed. And my plan is to bring this concept to an adult forum where we can all talk about it and other possible solutions to how we here at St. John's can add new things to our church that shows others that come here that we are and will continue to be "The Welcome Place."

So watch for a coming Adult Forum where we can sit down together and talk about ideas that can enhance our image here in the Bennington Area.

Blessings, Pastor Jim Price

September 10, 2008

Greetings members and friends of St. John's:

It is with abundant gratitude and appreciation that the members of the Church Council and the Stewardship Committee want to express our "Thanks" to the members of St. John's Lutheran Church for your faithful financial support in the past.

I know that we all understand that without God nothing is possible but with God anything is possible. God showed us the extent of His love when He gave His only Son, Jesus, to die for us on the Cross- for our salvation.

God's desire to "Give" makes everything possible for us as God's people. God blesses us so that we may live our lives and in thanks, return a portion of what we receive back to God.

Because of your generous giving to St. John's Lutheran Church the mission and ministries of the church such as The Pre-school, Kingdom Quest Sunday school, VBS, Adult and Youth Ministries, Wheels for Christ, Men's Ministry, Stephens Ministry, WELCA, Social Ministry and others are able to continue. Through your financial gifts and support many lives are touched. This is what good stewardship is all about.

Summer is typically that time of year when many members go on vacation. As a result, church attendance and giving is usually down. This summer was no exception. In the past attendance and giving pick back up in the fall with December being our best month. We hope this will be true this year as well.

The Church Council and the Stewardship Committee would like express how difficult this trend is on the operation of the church. It would be so helpful if giving were more balanced throughout the year.

As a result of our current financial condition, we are asking all of our members to review their 2008 pledge and if behind to please bring your pledged amount up-to-date as soon as possible. It would be so much better if when members were going away during the summer to please not forget about their church and its financial needs by continuing to send in their offerings.

One easy way to solve this problem and stay up-to-date on our pledges would be for all of us to take advantage of the "Simply Giving" program offered free through Thrivent Financial Services. **Simply Giving** is a safe and reliable way to put our stewardship giving plans into action. Our offerings would be paid electronically on time every month in the amount we prescribe so that we can then be assured that our church is well cared for while we are away. No need to play "catch-up" upon return. What could be easier than that? So, let's all think about signing up for **Simply Giving** this fall.

Again we thank you for your faithful support of the ministries, programs and staff here at St. John's. May we continue to work together to carry out our churches many ministries here in Bennington, Nebraska. May God bless us all!

Sincerely,
St. John's Church Council and St. John's Stewardship Committee

GREETINGS!

Hello St. John's! As your new Director of Youth Ministry, I want to introduce and tell you just a bit about myself, so here goes!

My name is Sharee Maki; my husband is Chris, and our children are Kylee (16 going on 23), Amanda (13 going on 40) and Austin (9 going on 10)! Each of them has taken turns challenging, frightening and, alas, *inspiring* us. My family not only supported me through prayer and encouraging words in my ministry, but also through action, deed, and service.

I started in Youth Ministry at the ripe old age of 22. I used to say it was by accident since it was something I had never considered doing before, but we can't call God's promptings and our responses accidental. Sometimes inexplicable, but never accidental! He has put a passion for walking with youth and guiding them on their faith journey in my heart, and being able to live from your God-given passion is a huge blessing!

When I left my interview with your hiring team and Pastor Jim, I felt such an excitement and a desire to minister here that I knew it was God trying to tell me something! With statistics from George Barna showing that of those who accept Christ in their lifetime, 43% will do so by age 13, 64% by age 18, 77% by age 21, and only 23% of the rest *ever* will, the local church simply *must* focus an enormous amount of attention on our youth, and what a blessing it is that this church has such a vision for and a commitment to nurturing the souls of our young members! Jeremy has laid a great foundation for us to build upon, and I look forward to partnering with you as we invite our youth to 'come and see' Jesus, with the hopes of equipping and empowering them to 'go and be' for others a glimpse of Jesus!

Christ's blessings,
Sharee Maki



St. John's Men's Ministry. On Saturday morning, **September 13**, the Men's Ministry will meet for breakfast and then work on the **Connie Smith Garage Roof Project.** Thanks to Thrivent Financial for providing funding for the repairs. The Men's Ministry volunteers will be installing a new neoprene roof membrane so we need lots of men to help tear the old roof off and prepare the roof for the new one. If you can help, please come for breakfast and lend a hand on **Saturday September 14 from 7:15am. to 12:00 noon.**

Installation of Sunday school Teachers

Sunday, September 14, we will be asking all Sunday school teachers to come to the **11am** Worship Service to be installed for the 2008-2009 school year. Please attend and share with them how much you appreciate everything they are doing for your children and grandchildren through this ministry of St. John's.

Christian Fellowship Club cook-out has been rescheduled from September 14 to September 21. We will gather at the home of Gary and Mary Pat Schmidt at 5:30pm. Please bring a dish to share.

Christian Fellowship Club) October 4th Outing

Saddle up and come with us to the Double D Ranch for the Chuckwagon Supper and live cowboy music show Saturday, October 4. The gates open at 4:30 pm and the dinner bell rings at 6:00 pm. The price for adults is \$27.00, young'uns 6-12 is \$15.00 while 5 and under are \$5.00. The train ride is included. Please pay me and I will pay Double D with one check. We received a discount so everyone needs to pay me \$25.00 for adults. Children would be \$13.00. Come hungry and experience the western days of "Gun Smoke". Train ride is free. Cyndee Barnhard 778-0676



Attention singers of all ages! Chancel choir rehearsals have started. They will meet on Wednesdays at 7pm.

Jr. Choir will meet Wednesdays at 5pm starting September 10, they are also looking to start a Jr. High vocal group to sing at contemporary services, so if anyone is interested, please let me know! Any questions, please contact Kerry Frey at 720-1184 or freykerry@hotmail.com.

"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 understand 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. The deadline for signing up will be Wednesday October 1st so sign up today. If you would like to attend the class or if you have any questions please contact the church office.



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Community Blood Drive on August 25. Special thanks to Carol Iltzsch, Suzanne Kirby and Deb Sass. Twenty-two units of blood were donated.



Thank you to all who donated to our First 5th Quarter after the BHS home football game on August 30. Sandwiches, pop, water and CHAPERONES came from both members and non-members of St. John's and helped out with our gathering of 150+ youth! For the first time, I got to witness what an awesome ministry this is to the youth of this community and I'm so very impressed! If you had a teen who attended, please tell them how awesome they were for the level of respect we adults witnessed! And a special "Thank You" goes to Di Loptin and Chris Tomjack for organizing it all! I look forward to what God has planned for our youth!
Sharee Maki, Youth Director

Thank you to everyone for their expressions of sympathy. We found comfort in the cards, food, memorials, kind words and prayers. Special thanks to all who attended, helped with the service, lunch, and provided food. The outpouring of God's love touched our hearts. May God richly bless you.
The family of Jerry Pooley.

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.

Cost - \$30.00 per person

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

Make checks payable to Dave Clark

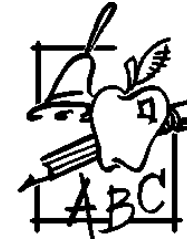
**Mail to: 410 North Molley Street
Bennington, NE 68007**

**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

KID'S KINGDOM PRESCHOOL NEWS



Have you visited the lower level of the church recently? If not, take a moment to stroll down the hall! You'll see many bright and wonderful changes! The preschool enrollment has doubled with the addition of our K-Prep classroom, and enrollment now stands at 36 students! We've added a new staff member, as well. She is Meghan Anderson, from the Blair area. Meghan has a degree in elementary education with an early childhood endorsement, and we are very pleased she has joined us. She will be teaching both the three and four year old classes.

Another change that may need explaining is in how security will work for the preschool. In order to keep our little ones as safe as possible, we will now need to lock the doors to the lower level from 8:45 AM to 3 PM, Monday through Friday, or whenever preschool is in session. If you do need to access the lower level during those hours, just ring the doorbell to the right of the preschool entrance, and someone will come to check your identity. You may also ask to be admitted through the church office. Although we do not wish to seem unfriendly, we are committed to the safety of the children.

We are very pleased with the support and enthusiasm we have witnessed this fall, and look forward to a wonderful year of learning and continued growth. We still have room for a few more children, so do let new families arriving in the community know where we are. We greatly appreciate the support everyone has shown.

Nicki Nutter
Kid's Kingdom Director



Kingdom Quest News

Installation for all Kingdom Quest volunteers (shepherds, puppeteers, large group presenters, and helpers) will be on Sunday, September 14 during the 11:00 service.

The Kingdom Quest Task Force is looking for some key people to help plan SlimeTime, a 2-hour outreach program that follows up our fabulous VBS PowerLab program. SlimeTime will take place on **Saturday, October 25**. If you are interested in this fun-filled program, please call 238-2483 or email the task force at kingdomquest@yahoo.com.

The Kingdom Quest Task Force is also looking for volunteers to help plan the Christmas program in December. If you would like to be a part of bringing the story of Jesus' birth to our congregation, please call 238-2483 or email the task force at kingdomquest@yahoo.com.

We're "Rewin' Up For Jesus" this year in Kingdom Quest and are excited to be a part of your children's spiritual growth!

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.

The annual Fall Senior Bus Trip sponsored by St. John's Lutheran Thrivent Congregation has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 16. Join us as we visit the Orpheum Theater, Omaha World Herald, glass atrium of 525 glass panels on the Strategic Air & Space Museum, and the Holy Family Shrine overlooking the Platte River Valley. Cost is \$30.00 per person.

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

7:15am Continental Breakfast served at
St. John's Lutheran Church.

Bus leaves at 7:45am. Return at approximately 5:30pm.

Reservations and payment due by September 12, 2008

Make checks payable to Dave Clark

Mail to: 410 N. Molley Street
Bennington, NE 68007

The BYG's

Bennington Youth Group

BYG Wish List

At first glance around the youth house, we've discovered some items that we would find useful. If you are able to donate any of the following, please let Sharee Maki know!

NEW: -vacuum cleaner
-digital camera (camera/camcorder would be great)
-Wii

NEW OR USED:-X-Box games (we have a system with no games!)
-Wii games and accessories

ONGOING: -snacks, -beverages (pop, water, sport drinks)

Thank you for continuing to support the youth of the congregation!

ARTS QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire is designed to provide a brief glimpse of the artistic tastes, background, and interests of St John's congregation. Completed forms can be dropped off in the offering plate or the church office.

Name _____ Phone _____

Email: _____

Age Group: Adult __, High School __, Junior High __

Visual Arts

1. Have you created visual art yourself? If so, please check the appropriate categories: (a) painting __ (b) sculpture __ (c) pottery __ (d) photography __ (e) jewelry making __ (f) stained glass __ (g) graphic arts __, (h) other visual art forms (specify):
2. Have you studied how to produce any of these visual art forms?
Yes __, No __
a. If so, was it in: college __ community __ high school __
3. Have you ever taken an art history or appreciation course? Yes __ No __
a. If so, was it in: college __, community __, high school __
4. Do you visit art museums: regularly __ on occasion __ never __

Literary and Dramatic Arts

1. Have you ever participated in a play? Yes __ No __
a. If so, was it in: college __ community __ high school __ church __
b. If so, in what capacity: act __, costumes __, set __, lighting __, directing __, other:
2. Have you ever engaged in creative writing? Yes __ No __
a. If so, was it: poetry __ plays __ short stories __ keeping a journal __, other:

3. Do you attend plays: regularly __ on occasion __ never __
4. Do you read: poetry __ novels __ science fiction __, non-fiction __ magazines __ other:
5. Do you watch movies: regularly __, on occasion __, never __
6. What type of movies do you most enjoy seeing:
art films __ comedy __ drama __ action __ horror __ sci-fi __, other:

Dance

1. How often do you dance: regularly __ on occasion __ never __
2. Have you ever studied dance? Yes __ No __
3. Do you attend dance recitals: regularly __ on occasion __ never __

Creative Activities

1. Are you a woodworker? Yes __ No __
2. Do you do any of the following: (e) quilting __, needlepoint __, embroidery __, knitting __, other fabric arts __
3. Do you care for a flower garden? Yes __ No __
4. Do you enjoy cooking? Yes __ No __
5. What collections do you have:

Arts Ministry

1. I might be interested in the following possible ministries:
film/discussion series __, concert series __, visual art show __, poetry ministry __, drama ministry __, dance ministry __, arts committee __

St. John's Women in Action

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

Coming Events

Fair Trade Sales September 14

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

Meet and Greet Women from Argentina and Tanzania September 19th

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 20th

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 – Sept. 9,
at 1:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Lesson Leader – Addie Backhuus

Refreshments – Gloria Jacobsen

Rejoice Circle Bible Study – Sept. 16,
at 7:00 p.m.

Conference Room

Lesson/Refreshments – Emily Laaker

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. Cardboard and paper are also being recycled.

Remember to recycle!

Every one is invited!!!

To The
Meet & Greet Potluck
Dinner!

September 19th at 6:00 p.m.
St. John's Fellowship Hall

Come share St. John's
hospitality with
Izabel (Chabela) Bezbach and
Maria Elena Parras of Argentina
and Faustine Mmary Kahwa and
Dominica Pendaeli Masaki of
Tanzania!

Call Emily Laaker if you have questions.

238-2583

*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: PENCIL SHARPENERS

You may also include 12" wooden rulers, wooden pencils, kid's scissors (blunt), and theme notebooks. See the box in the narthex for more info.

Thank you for your support!

*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

The World's largest mission field begins just outside your door.

**... go and proclaim the Kingdom of God.
Luke 9:60**

On August 11th and 12th the following ladies met: Doris Hoier, Betty Deardoff, Delores Thorell, Norma Collins, Emily Laaker, Carol and Amy Iltzsch, Gloria Jacobsen, and Lorene Andersen. We were able to tie and complete 3 baby quilts and 4 full size quilts. We also continued our work on the Yo-Yo quilt.

We are in need of more fabric to continue the making of quilts for those in need. Our supplies are really getting quite low. If you are able, please look about your homes for fabric suitable for making quilts and unused bed-sheets. We would like to continue making quilts for those that do not have anything to keep warm on these cold winter nights. Anything you are willing to share with us will go to a great cause.

We would also, like to invite all to come and quilt with us. If you are able to tie a knot then you are able to quilt. We always meet the second Tuesday of every month at 9 a.m. for a half a day, and all day the Monday preceding the Tuesday. We have a great time with fellowship during this time.

The Binding Stitch: God, show me ways to bless those who labor for you. Give me ideas that will delight the hearts of the people in my life who work hard



Congratulations to John and Nicole (Sass) Stallbaum who were united in marriage at St. John's Lutheran Church on August 9.



We extend our sympathy to the family of Margaret Mary (Stolenberg) Morrow of Lincoln, NE. Margaret passed away on August 4. The memorial service was held August 8 at First Lutheran Church in Lincoln, NE. Margaret was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church as well as being a long-time organist.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Elmer Petersen. Elmer passed away on Thursday, August 14. The funeral service was held August 18 at St. John's Lutheran Church with interment at Evergreen Cemetery. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Please keep the Porter and Bridgeford families in your prayers. Kevin Porter, the husband of Jenny (Bridgeford) Porter passed away on Monday, August 18. The funeral service was held August 22 at St. John's with the interment at Mt. Calvary in Elkhorn.

Please keep the Pooley and Neumeyer families in your prayers. Jerry Pooley, the wife of Paul Pooley, passed away on August 24. A memorial service was held at St. John's Lutheran Church on August 27.

Please keep Delores Thorell and family in your prayers. Her husband, Floyd passed away on August 29. The funeral service was held at St. John's on September 2.



Kenzie Lynn Kuhl was received into God's Holy Kingdom through the washing of Holy Baptism on August 10. Kenzie was born December 8, 2003 and is the daughter of Jerry & Amy Kuhl. Her sponsors are Bill & Wendy Anderson.

Mason Joseph Kuhl was received into God's Holy Kingdom through the washing of Holy Baptism on August 10. Mason was born on February 22, 2007 and is the son of Jeff and Catheryne Kuhl. His sponsors are Kathie Gaston and Adam Hill.



Flowers and Bulletins

August 3

Altar flowers were given in loving memory of Gretchen Mangold who passed away on July 25 at the Heritage Pointe Assisted Living community at age 100. A 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.

August 17

Altar flowers were given in loving memory of Elmer Petersen by the Redel family: Fizzy & Linda Redel and Emily & Tim Hurt.

August 24

Rose on the altar was given in honor of the birth of Cyris David Sass on August 9. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz and was 22inches long. His parents are Mark and Ashley Sass of Omaha, NE. Grandparents are Vic & Deb Sass. Great-grandparents are Howard and Phyllis Almquist.

August 31

Flowers are in loving memory of Jerry Pooley.

September 7

Altar flowers were given in loving memory of Floyd Thorell by his family.

Rose on the altar was given in honor of the birth of Caleb Lynn Clark on August 29. He weighed 7lbs and 7oz. His parents are Tim and Kerry Clark and his grandparents are Dave and Dee Clark.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 Kathryn Gochanour
Larry Janecek
Aaron Schmidt | 17 Nic Laue |
| 2 Mores Bergman | 18 Rhonda Logeman |
| 3 Kristin Sass | 19 Dallas Pagel |
| 4 Kathy Coe | 21 Dylan Renter |
| 5 Sheila Kroeger
Shelby Sass | 22 Joyce Graybill
Vernon Kuhl
Olivia Schneider |
| 6 Donald Mahoney
Leonard Meador | 23 Dale Eurek
Jodi Pooley
Lori Scott
Brayden Sass
Jacob Lage |
| 7 Alan Bolte
Kylee Neilsen | 24 Eileen Baker
Dale Christianson
Hunter Duffek |
| 8 Ryan Gochanour
Roger Hadan
Adam Iltzsch
Amy Iltzsch
Zach Westfall
Daniel Witte | 25 Jeremy Kruse
Sandra Showers
Louise Voss
Angie Sukraw
Katie Iltzsch |
| 9 Donna Janecek
Mary Kuhl
Tyler Mohr
Mark Sass
Cody Henrickson | 26 Lil Smith
Miriam Sukraw |
| 10 Lisa Hansen
Dale Smith
Robin Westfall | 27 Jane Frost
Betty Mohr
Matthew Mueller
Heather Goertz |
| 11 Debbie Almquist
Paige Depperman
Shannon Eggink
Whitney Stichler | 28 Samuel Giebelhausen
Colleen Crom
Virginia Willats
Evan Gliwa |
| 12 Katie Socha | 29 Layne Laaker
Merle Nelson
Philip Olsen
Freddie Schroeder |
| 13 Marilee Braesch
Marvin Heise
Tom Koziol
Avery Mohr | 30 Stephanie Lank
Josh Frost
Kaitlin Carl |
| 14 Wes Andersen
Ashley Janecek | |
| 15 Phyllis Almquist | |
| 16 Dale Dorau | |
| 17 Nathan Hickman
Dawn Blanchard | |

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

- Doris Littrell, 83 (9/19)
- Louise Voss, 88 (9/25)
- Virginia Willats, 81 (9/28)





HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 1 Dale & Tonya Eurek
- 2 Duane & Karma Ellermeier
Gerald & Maxine McMurphy
Rev. John & Joan Pierson
Scott & Julie Jensen
Vic & Deb Sass
Kyle & Lisa Kramer
Jacob & Tracy Lage
- 3 Leonard & Glorie Meador
Mick & Myrna Nelson
- 4 Jason & Amy Japp
Jim & Leola Bonge
- 6 Randy & Paula Schneider
- 9 Bruce & Adrienne Larsen
- 11 David & Joan Havekost
- 12 Alvin & Lorene Andersen
- 20 Wally & Karen Boever
- 22 Harvey & Mary Jensen
- 23 Lonny & Cindy Japp
- 24 Brent & Kristin Sass
- 26 Bob & Donna Schmidt
- 30 Cody & Mandy Henrickson

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Leonard & Gloria Meador, 25
- Jerry & Maxine McMurphy, 52
- John & Joan Pierson, 52
- Milton & Myrna Nelson 53
- Alvin & Lorene Andersen, 63
- Harvey & Mary Jensen, 63

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>10:00am</u>
August 3	88	70
August 10	99	114
August 17	?	80
August 24	85	71
August 31	86	59
September 7	118	96 (11:00am)

