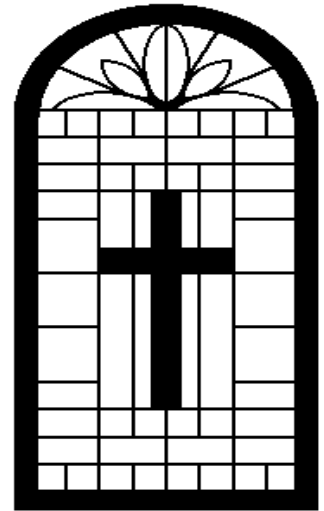


# Thru the Windows



**Kick off a new year  
of Sunday School**

with

**Camp Day!**

**September 12**

**9:30am-10:45am**

(Ages 3-6th grade)

Registration

Crafts

Games

Food



**Fall Worship Schedule Begins September 12**

**8:30am Traditional Worship with Communion**

**9:30 Coffee Fellowship**

**11:00am Contemporary Worship**

(First and Third Sunday Communion)

**SEPTEMBER  
2010**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SEPTEMBER 8  
CONFIRMATION RESUMES**

**OCTOBER 9  
CONNECT HOPE THRIVE  
CONFERENCE  
9:00-4:00  
(BENNINGTON H.S.)**

**OCTOBER 3  
WORLD COMMUNION  
SUNDAY**

**OCTOBER 17  
HEALING SERVICES**

**OCTOBER 31  
CONFIRMATION/  
REFORMATION  
SUNDAY**

## Pastor Stein Shares

### **I Love This Church**

I have fallen in love with this church, St. John's! Have you? And there is so much to love! Just think about it: People who care and want to be there for one another. Talented, gifted individuals who use their talents for the good of the church! Committed people who give happily and generously of their time, resources and skills! A network of relationships that allows everyone to feel safe and accepted! A place where encouragement and inspiration become a reality every time the people of St. John's come together! A group of individuals through which you can make a difference in your family the people you come in contact with every day!

I know I am not the only one who has fallen in love with St. John's. I have heard it from many. What has been most fascinating for me in listening to them is that they have fallen in love with St. John's for reasons I have often not even thought about. I realized that there is even more to love about St. John's than I have been aware of.

Over the next several months, during both worship services, you will hear people of St. John's sharing with us why they have fallen in love with St. John's. If you have fallen in love with St. John's and want to share something, just let the office know and we will schedule you. As you listen to your friends and fellow believers, I hope the same thing is going to happen that happened to me: That you fallen even deeper in love with St. John's.

## Worship at St. John's

Worship is the core of spiritual life. Worship is both a symptom and cause of spiritual growth. We observe that where a person grows closer to God, he will also grow deeper in the different expressions of worshipping God. And it is the exercise of worship that triggers us to grow spiritually closer to God. But not all worship is a symptom and cause of spiritual growth. Christ also tells us about worship that is empty, and as the result lifeless. We read about such worship in Matthew 15:9: They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.

Interestingly, this lifeless worship is characterized not by matters of style. Lifeless worship is worship that is rooted in human agendas or preferences. Sometimes these agendas come in the form of traditions. Sometimes these agendas come in the form of popular trends. This worship may or may not make us feel good, but it will not produce the lasting change that brings us closer to God. It may be like salt water for one dying of thirst. It feels good in the moment, but will leave us with an even bigger awareness of the hole inside of us later.

In contrast, worship that triggers spiritual growth is worship that is centered in Christ, which means more specifically that it is centered in the cross. This worship understands that Christ is the beginning, the end and the content of our lives and of worship, and that the more our focus is on Christ, the more the problems and challenges we face will fade.

Martin Luther used the phrase "Was Christum Treibet" to describe the Christian life and worship. Literally translated it says "What drives Christ". This may sound like a car commercial today, but Luther captured the truth: Everything that advances the cause of Christ, everything that brings us closer to Christ, everything that has Christ as the center – that is what worship is about.

Nothing is worse than lifeless worship. Life is too busy to waste our time with worship that does not challenge us to grow and overcome, to get empowered and inspired. It is the presence of Christ that does it! It is worship where it happens - worship that is centered in Christ.

## Council Summary

### Summary from the August 2010 Church Council Meeting

A task force is being created to formalize and publicize the support we offer our congregation members who are preparing for rostered ministry. Lori Rothermund and Heather Goertz are preparing for ordination. Sharee Maki is beginning her studies to become an AIM and Julie Dunn is preparing to become a PMA.

Forums held August 22 and 29 to introduce cost-cutting proposals for next year as well as staff restructuring proposals.

A new building committee is being formed to address sanctuary updates, to be paid for by the endowment fund.

Confirmation will be 6:30 to 8:00 on Wednesdays. Suggestions are needed for the 7th and 8th graders' service project. Sponsors, beverages and money for pizza are still needed for 5th Quarter sessions. BYG is looking for speakers for their lesson time.

Someone is needed to build and maintain the website for HOPE. Kids Kingdom has hired a replacement teacher.

The bill was \$1,200 from Bellaire Nursery, who did the tree trimming and removal.

### August Giving At-A-Glance

August Budget: 25,779  
 Giving Thru August: 25,702

YTD Budget: 206,230  
 Jan-Aug Giving: 189,146

#### 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	Shannon Lutter & Mindi Gansebom

#### 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	

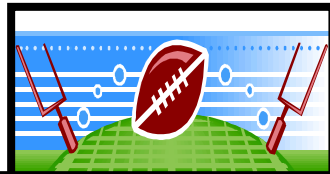
## Director of Family Ministry Shares



Once again, we'd like to thank our church family for all of your prayers, assistance and financial support!

### Youth Mission Trip 2010: Puerto Rico

Thirteen youth and two adults spent a week serving in Puerto Rico in July. Under the direction of YouthWorks, half of our group spent each day running a day camp for children in an impoverished neighborhood, while the other half served at a rehab facility for men convicted of drug related crimes. Things like watching a young child buy drugs for his dad, climbing on top of a tall building to paint (only to see the rain wash it away), extreme heat and humidity, frequent rain and driving in Puerto Rico all made for some intense times. Bonding with those we served, watching the communication barriers dissolve, growing closer as a group, visiting Old San Juan and El Yunke Rain Forest, attending a worship service, and meeting new friends all made it worth it.



### 5th Quarter needs your help!

*With a large crowd of youth gathering (100+) at the youth center after the home football games, we NEED chaperones to stay until 11:00 on*

***Sept. 3, Sept. 10, Sept 24,  
Oct. 8, and Oct. 22!***

*We also still need pop & pizza money donations. Please call or email Sharee Maki to sign up soon (shareesjlc@live.com) or bring donations to the youth office.*

### THANK YOU Confirmation volunteer staff for 2010-11:

**Mary Carol Junker**, 6th grade teacher

**Eileen Baker**, Confirmation Support Manager

**Di Loptin, Angie Menard, Shelly Christensen.**

**Tricia Schneider, Caryn Stichler and Kelly Witt**, Small Group Guides

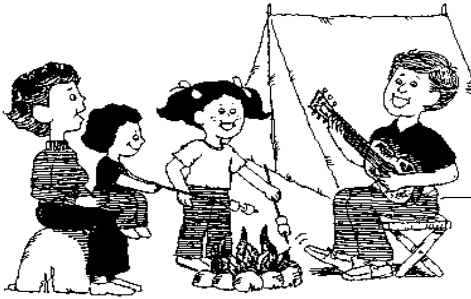
**Heather Goertz, Allison Junker and Kelsey Schneider**, substitutes

**We're so blessed to have you!!**

**HOPE** family ministry would like to have more team members to help us with the final stages of our divorce conference planning! Please contact Sharee at shareesjlc@live.com for more information on how to get involved!

**Do you have a story to share?** Or possibly some time? BYG would like to have guest speakers in to share their stories with us this school year, as well as people willing to spend some or all Wednesday evenings with us from 7:30 to 9. Please consider sharing your story or your time!

## Kingdom Quest Sunday School News



### **Kick off a new year of Sunday School with Camp Day!**

Sunday, September 12 beginning promptly at 9:30-10:45 a.m.

\*Registration

\*Crafts

\*Games

\*Food

All children ages 3 years old up to 6th grade are welcome

St. John's Lutheran Church

322 N. Molley Street, Bennington, NE \* 238-2483

### **Have fun with us in Kingdom Quest!**

#### **We have many opportunities for you to be a part of this fun-loving family!**

\*Puppeteers (puppeteer for about a 15 -20 minute skit during Sunday School)

\*Large group leaders

(interacts with the puppet and leads large group setting for 15-20 minutes during Sunday School)

\*Small group leaders

(meets with small group for first 10-15 minutes after opening and for last 20 minutes of Sunday School)

\*Music Team (helps with singing at the beginning of Sunday School for about 5-10 minutes)

\*Office staff (carries out various office duties during the Sunday School hour)

\*Greeters (greet children as they come into Sunday School)

\*Supply coordinators

(once a week commitment-you set the time-really good to have at least 2 people working together)

\*Correspondence Manager (sends follow-up notes to visitors – you set the time)

\*Camp day organizers

(help plan Camp Day activities for one Sunday every 4-6 weeks throughout the Sunday School year)

\*Birthday Coordinator (prepares birthday announcements – you set the time)

\*Christmas Program coordinators (Program is in December. You plan and coordinate practices and program.)

\*Task force member (meet once a month during SS year...fun family environment...We'd love to add to our crew!)

**Sign up in the narthex today!**

## Kingdom Quest Preschool

The 2010-11 Kid's Kingdom Preschool year will begin September 1 and 2 with Open Houses from 6:30 to 8:00pm both nights. Our enrollment has grown to just over 50 students. This fall, we have added one morning class for 3 Year Olds on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

Classes will start on Tuesday, September 7.

Our staff members are Shannon Lutter, returning as teacher for the 3 Year Olds. Shannon and her husband Rich live in Bennington with their children Lily, a student at Bennington High School, and Buzz, a student at Bennington Elementary. We are very pleased to have Shannon return this year.

Mindi Gansebom will be teaching our 4 Year Olds. She and her husband Darin live in Bennington with their five children, ages 6 to 20 years. Mindi has a Bachelors Degree in Business, and is again a college student studying Elementary and Early Childhood education. Prior to teaching with the preschool, Mindi ran an in-home daycare center in Bennington. We are very happy to welcome her to the preschool staff.

I will once again be teaching the K-Prep class in the afternoon, as well as the administrative tasks for the Preschool in the mornings. I am looking forward to another great year of fun and growth for the preschool program.

If you are interested in trying out preschool teaching by working as a paraprofessional or a substitute teacher, please contact the preschool office at 290-5014, or leave your name with Debbie Misfeldt at the church office. We are always looking for patient hands, loving hearts, and smiling faces.

Nicki Nutter

Director, Kid's Kingdom Christian Preschool

## Hope Ministries

Sadly, it seems impossible to meet anyone today whose life has not been impacted by divorce. This does not mean that everyone has gotten a divorce. Obviously! But most everyone knows someone within the immediate family or close circle of friends who has gone through this experience. Most everyone has tried to help or encourage someone who has dealt with this transition, only to find out that even the best of intentions is often not enough in order to be able to help. Part of the reason for this may be that divorce is a powerful emotional experience. Now, the exact nature of the emotions varies from individual to individual, but even today we will hardly find anyone who considers divorce business as usual.

H.O.P.E. recognizes that there is no place or ministry in or around Bennington that focuses on this life experience. It is our prayer that H.O.P.E. can fill this gap. H.O.P.E. will be launched at a conference at Bennington High School October 9. You find the brochure for this in this newsletter. Please, take more of the brochures from the church office and use them to invite your friends, coworkers or relatives. At church, H.O.P.E. will be launched during both worship services on October 10.

If you or someone you know has gone through this life-changing experience, H.O.P.E. may be a God-sent answer to empower you to help others or to find and learn the tools to rebuild your own life.

## St. John's Women in Action

### Coming Events

#### Fair Trade Sales September 12th

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

#### September 18<sup>th</sup>

Autumn Renewal  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
Wahoo, NE



*St. John's  
Women in Action*

### Join Us in Bible Study!

*All Women are Welcome!*

#### Faith Circle Bible Study

September 14, at 1:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Lesson Leader – Dorothy Bauermeister

Refreshments – Dorothy Bauermeister

#### Rejoice Circle Bible Study

September 20, at 7:00 p.m.

Conference Room

Lesson/Refreshments – Emily Laaker

#### Busy Women's Bible Study

September 28, at 7:00 p.m.

For location contact

drheathergoertz@yahoo.com

#### Executive Board Meeting

Sunday, September 19,

9:45 a.m.

\* Please help support the Trunk Ministry with food items. Items can place them 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.

Autumn Renewal  
September 18<sup>th</sup>  
Bethlehem Lutheran, Wahoo

*"Together, we live love with  
Tanzania"*

Break away from your routine for a fall day focusing on Tanzania and featuring inspiring presentations by Bob Kasworm, Operations Leader for Alegent Health Tanzania and Pastor Martin Russell, assistant to the Bishop in the Nebraska Synod.

Registration cost is \$18.00

Morning refreshments  
will be served at 8:30 a.m.,  
event begins at 9:00 a.m.

Lunch provided

**Registration deadline is  
9/8/2010**

See the Women in Action bulletin  
board for registration blank.

*In September, a new Bible Study will begin. The title is "The People of God: Unity in the Midst of Diversity". Why not check out the three Bible Study groups and see if there is a time that you might join in? It is an opportunity to share in fellowship with women and to gain insight into what the Bible is saying to us in this time and place.*

### Young Women of the ELCA

**BE BOLD!**

Check out this website!

[www.boldcafe.org](http://www.boldcafe.org)

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

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

Café is a free, monthly on-line magazine for young women offered by Women of the ELCA. Women of all ages are reading it!

**Café stands for Community,  
Advocacy, Faith, and  
Enlightenment**

## 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.

### Let's Go "Batty" for the Quilters!

**Quilters in Action** will be serving refreshments during Coffee Fellowship following the 8:30 worship service on September 26. The freewill offering will go towards a fund to purchase batting to be used in the quilts they make.

*For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.  
 Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)*

Our "quilting servants" for the month of August were: Betty Deardoff, Karen Arp, Norma Collins, Delores Thorell, Lorene Andersen, Mary Weberg, Doris Gottsch, and Addie Backhuus. We sewed, surged, tied and completed 1 baby quilt and 11 full size quilts. Many, many thanks for the donations of fabrics, all the work at home, the preparation that go into making everything ready for the next month.

We donated 10 quilts and one wall hanging to the quilt auction held on July 31, 2010. The total raised was \$1,225.00. The Harvest Wall Hanging (Sara Church) \$105.00, No Name Squares, (Sara Church) \$120.00, Trip around the World (Doris Gottsch) \$160.00, Lavender & Lace (Delores Thorell & Mary Weberg)-\$110.00, Cats at Rest (Delores Thorell & Mary Weberg)-\$80.00, Almost Rail Fence (Doris Gottsch)\$150.00, 4 squares & block-\$150.00, Shades of Blue \$75.00, More 4 square blocks-\$100.00, Rail Fence-\$95.00, and Candy stripe border-\$80.00.

Your work can be an act of worship. No matter what you do, it's never just a job if you are a believer. This is because God designed you with talents, gifts and interests that He wants used for His glory.

There's nobody like you in the whole world. And the gifts, the abilities, the talents, even the interests you have—they were genetically encoded into you by God. God made you with a specific mission in mind—and He wants you to use the gifts he's given you in your work.

The Greek word used for workmanship is 'poema'. That's where the English word 'poem' comes from—you are God's poem! You are God's work of art. You are God's masterpiece.

Your work is part of God's plan for your life and that is why, as you work, you worship God.

### September Quilting Days

Monday, Sept. 13 9:00 (all day)  
 Tuesday, Sept 14 9:00 (1/2 day)

Submitted by Betty Deardoff

## Service Opportunities and Church & Community News



### Who are you?

To help people recognize and get to know you, we are developing a plan to publish another pictorial church directory. Please contact the church office at 238-2483 or sign the

registration pad if you would like to assist with this important project.

**Chancel Choir rehearsals** will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 1 at 7pm. If you have any questions, please call Kerry Greunke at 445-9247.

**As you may know**, Bernetta Schroeder took a little tumble and is recuperating at home. You can help be part of her recovery by sending well wishes, phone calls, and scheduling visits. Her address is: 6803 N. 68<sup>th</sup> Plaza, Apt 306 Omaha, NE 68152. Phone: 614-8355.

**The friends and family of Alvin and Lorene Andersen** are invited to help them celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary. The celebration will be an open house which will be held on September 19 from 2:00 to 4:00 in the St. John's Fellowship Hall.

**Starting September 5** at 9:30 am a bible study titled *Life Lessons with Max Lucado Book of Genesis* will begin. If you are interested in this study, please call Julie at 238-2659.

### New member classes

New member classes will be held October 24, 31 and November 7. New members will be received at the 11:00 worship service on November 7th. If you are interested in becoming a new member or if you know of someone who wants to become a member at St. John's please contact the church office.

### Marquis Place and Prime Home Care presents Dr. Richard Taylor

World renowned speaker Dr. Richard Taylor, PhD will be joining us at the Alzheimer's Association from 10am to 12noon on Monday, September 13 and at Marquis Place of Elkhorn, LLC September 13 at 6:30pm to discuss effective communication with those who are afflicted with this disease. On a personal note, Dr. Taylor has been diagnosed with dementia, probably the Alzheimer's type, and has found a new sense of purpose in life by educating those that care for individuals with this disease. Check out his website at [www.richardtaylorphd.com](http://www.richardtaylorphd.com) for more information about Dr. Taylor and how he brings this disease to Life. RSVP to Summer Sergeant, Marquis Place Adm. at [admin@marquisplace.omhcoxmail.com](mailto:admin@marquisplace.omhcoxmail.com) or you may call Mary Demers at 289-9229 for the evening event.

### Tanzania Overview

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

**July 12-27, 2011**

**Feb. 6-21, 2012**

### Costs

Estimated costs range from \$3,750 (February trips) to \$4,350 (July trips) which covers all airfare, transportation, meals, safari fees and visas. The trip includes visits to ministry sites of the Northern Diocese as well as a safari to the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater.

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

### Questions

Interested? Please contact [Rev. Martin Russell](#) in the Nebraska Synod office at (402) 896-5311.

Group size is limited.

## Celebration and Service Opportunity

**REJOICE!**--The word says it all! "Coined" as the name of the Campus Lutheran Ministry in the late 1960's, **REJOICE!** became the symbol of the incredible ministry established and now continuing out of Campus Lutheran Center at the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

**Forty years ago!** *Can you believe it?* Chuck Salestrom (*Kearney State College undergrad*), Jim Salestrom (*Kearney High*), Dee Kath (*Peshek Campus Ministry Secretary*) and Pastor Roger Sasse (*wet-behind-the-ears brand new seminary grad Campus Pastor*) teamed up to mark this new ministry with a new sound! Worship "*happened*" in The Thirsty Ear, the ministry's coffee house--then moved into the *brand new* Campus Lutheran Center in 1970.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Members of the 1970 Folk Group, Roger and Norm have agreed to lead us in a *throwback* worship from 1970! We'll worship at the Merryman Center in Kearney at 10 a.m....have lunch together...and a very brief program after (*hosted by former Campus Pastor Paul Coen*) as we join in singing and celebrating *as we did in 1970* to mark Campus Lutheran's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Don't miss it!

**MEMORIES?** If you worshipped with us *then* (and aren't afraid to divulge your "age") or were pastoring a church in those days, please be in contact with us. Roger ([rsasse@neb.rr.com](mailto:rsasse@neb.rr.com)), Diane ([d.kelly@nelcm.com](mailto:d.kelly@nelcm.com)) or Pastor Tom ([t.wilson@nelcm.com](mailto:t.wilson@nelcm.com)). Let us know where you are, what you *remember*, and how we might be in contact with you for further details. **Thanks be to God for what IS because of what WAS!**

### Celebration Details:

**Saturday, September 18, 2010**

8:00 p.m. Reception - Campus Lutheran

**Sunday, September 19, 2010**

7:30-9:00 a.m. Breakfast - Campus Lutheran

9:30 a.m. Merryman Center--Prelude Music by Jim and Chuck Salestrom and 1970 Folk Group

**10:00 a.m. "Throwback to 1970" Worship**

"The Rev's" Roger Sasse and Norm Metzler

11:30 a.m. Lunch

12:45 p.m. Brief Program

Rev. Paul Coen, Master of Ceremonies

2:00 p.m. David Bronstad Memorial Tree Planting - Campus Lutheran

## the Field Trip

Mission

Sept. 24-26, 2010

Lutheran Metro Ministries &  
Fontenelle Community Church  
Omaha

Let's go somewhere outside our normal daily surroundings... where we can meet and listen to people we haven't met before... an opportunity to spend time together serving, worshipping and developing a greater sense of community.

In other words, **a field trip.**

This fall, the Nebraska Synod is inviting you to be part of The Field Trip, a service/worship/fellowship experience in support of our Mission Field Nebraska ministries.



Beginning the morning of **Friday, Sept. 24,**

participants will assist with various service projects at Lutheran Metro Ministries, Fontenelle Community Church and the Project Hope food pantry. Those projects will continue on **Saturday, Sept. 25,** culminating in a community meal with the people of Fontenelle Community Church and the neighborhood. The Field Trip will conclude on **Sunday, Sept. 26** as we worship together at Fontenelle Community Church.



The cost of participating will be \$85 per person, which includes project supplies, programming and meals. Housing is available for an additional \$30.

To register, go to our website at [nebraskasynod.org](http://nebraskasynod.org), click on Events, click on "The Field Trip" and download and complete the registration form.

## Joys and Concerns

- ♥ **Please keep Jerry, Eileen, Patrick and Ryan Baker in your prayers.** Jerry's father, Albert Baker, passed away on Sunday, July 25. Funeral Services were held on Thursday, July 29. A peace plant was given to St. John's in his memory. Eileen's, great-niece Amelia Grace Lorang was born on July 28 and was also called home on July 28 to be with our Heavenly Father. Please keep Amelia's parents, Tim & Melissa Lorang family in your prayers.
- ♥ **Allison Renee Kuhl** was received into God's Holy Kingdom on August 1 through the washing of Holy Baptism. Allison was born on November 4, 2009 and is the daughter of Jeff and Catheryne Kuhl. Her sponsors are Amy Kuhl and Kyle Gaston.
- ♥ **Drake Alan Kuhl** was received into God's Holy Kingdom on August 1 through the washing of Holy Baptism. Drake was born on July 10, 2009 and is the son of Jerry and Amy Kuhl. His sponsors are Jeff & Catheryne Kuhl.
- ♥ **Jakob "Eli" Hannum, II** was received into God's Holy Kingdom on August 1 through the washing of Holy Baptism. Eli was born on May 6, 2010 and is the son of Rebecca Smith. His sponsors are Carrie Leinen and Robert Blaha.
- ♥ **The rose on the altar** August 8 was given by Jordyn and Madison Laue in celebration of the August 2 birth of their brother, Caden Paul Laue. Caden weighed 4lbs. and 11 oz. and was 17 inches long. He is the son of Stacy and Nic Laue.
- ♥ **Bulletins on** August 8 were given by Dick and Leanna Flynn in celebration of the birth of their grandson, Caden Paul Laue.
- ♥ **Altar flowers** on August 22 were given to the Glory of God in honor of George and Mary Poulsen's 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary from their family.
- ♥ **Flowers** near the pulpit on August 22 were given in loving memory of Robert "Bob" Goldberg from his family. Bob entered the eternal kingdom on August 15. Funeral services were held at St. John's on August 19.
- ♥ **Flowers near the lectern** on August 22 were given by Seth and Jennifer (Demuth) Backhuus who were united in marriage at St. John's on August 21. Congratulations!
- ♥ **Flowers in the narthex** on August 22 were given in loving memory of Marie Schmidt by her family. Funeral Services were held at Moser Funeral Home in Fremont, NE on August 17.
- ♥ **Congratulations to David and Lisa (Adkins) Logemann** who were united in marriage at the Elk City Chapel on Friday, August 20.
- ♥ **Altar flowers** on August 29 were given by Ron & Barb Kruse in honor of their 35<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary which they are celebrating today.
- ♥ **Flowers near the pulpit** on August 29 were provided by the Frey family in celebration of Maria Greunke's baptism and Dave & Kerry's anniversary.
- ♥ **Maria Ann Greunke** was received into God's Holy Kingdom through the washing of Holy Baptism on August 29. Maria was born on June 16, 2010 and is the daughter of David & Kerry Greunke. Her sponsors are Laura Kazmierski and Crissy Swoboda.

### Back to School Breakfast held August 17!

We served over 100 Bennington teachers and staff  
**Thank You** to all who made the yummy casseroles, muffins, and served and cleaned-up!



## 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](mailto:ttweditor@gmail.com)

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

**Special Thanks** to Winston Anderson and John McClelland for refinishing a lower level classroom wall due to water damage.

**Special Thanks** to Curt & Jane Frost, Dick Flynn for their work on the Kingdom Quest Pre-school Playground.

**A Big Thanks to the big hearts** that helped reach out to a family in need. The family had been praying and your generosity answered their prayers by donating much needed clothes and school supplies.

**Thanks to the Cooks for Christ Team for sponsoring an August 13** ice cream social at the Bennview Community Room. Ice cream sundaes and brownies were enjoyed by all.

### Church Office Hours, Due Dates & Such

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

#### **Monthly Publication:**

##### **Thru the Windows**

The due date for information for the monthly newsletter, "Thru the Windows," is the 15th of each month. Any articles or information after that date will go into the next month's newsletter. Please submit all articles to [ttweditor@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Please note that office staff will be in prayer** for St. John's and its people and friends from 9:30-9:45 daily. Please contact the church office if you have prayer requests.

## Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations

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| <p>1 Kathryn Gochanour<br/>Larry Janecek<br/>Aaron Schmidt</p> <p>2 Mores Bergman</p> <p>3 Kristin Sass</p> <p>4 Kathy Coe<br/>Payge Ehrp</p> <p>5 Sheila Kroeger<br/>Shelby Sass</p> <p>6 Donald Mahoney<br/>Leonard Meador</p> <p>8 Ryan Gochanour<br/>Roger Hadan<br/>Adam Iltzsch<br/>Amy Iltzsch<br/>Zach Westfall<br/>Daniel Witte</p> <p>9 Mary Kuhl<br/>Tyler Mohr<br/>Mark Sass<br/>Cody Henrickson</p> <p>10 Lisa Hansen<br/>Dale Smith<br/>Robin Westfall</p> <p>11 Debbie Almquist<br/>Paige Depperman<br/>Shannon Eggink<br/>Whitney Stichler</p> <p>13 Marilee Braesch<br/>Marvin Heise<br/>Tom Koziol<br/>Avery Mohr</p> <p>14 Wes Andersen<br/>Hunter Musel</p> <p>15 Phyllis Almquist</p> <p>16 Dale Dorau<br/>Kellen Krivohlavek</p> <p>17 Dawn Blanchard<br/>Nic Laue</p> <p>18 Rhonda Logeman</p> <p>19 Dallas Pagel</p> <p>21 Dylan Renter<br/><b>Dorothy Mohr (80)</b></p> <p>22 Joyce Graybill<br/>Vernon Kuhl</p> <p>23 Dale Eurek<br/>Jodi Pooley<br/>Lori Scott<br/>Brayden Sass<br/>Jacob Lage</p> | <p>24 Eileen Baker<br/>Hunter Duffek</p> <p>25 Jeremy Kruse<br/>Sandra Showers<br/><b>Louise Voss (90)</b><br/>Angie Sukraw<br/>Katie Iltzsch</p> <p>26 Lil Smith<br/>Miriam Sukraw</p> <p>27 Jane Frost<br/><b>Betty Mohr (80)</b><br/>Matthew Mueller<br/>Heather Goertz</p> <p>28 Samuel Giebelhausen<br/><b>Virginia Willats (83)</b><br/>Evan Gliwa</p> <p>29 Layne Laaker<br/>Merle Nelson<br/>Freddie Schroeder</p> <p>30 Stephanie Lank<br/>Josh Frost<br/>Kaitlin Carl</p> |
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### Thank you

Roger & Michelle Haden  
Chevy & Sam  
Mylee and Racine  
for sponsoring our  
August cards!

### Happy 55th

**Wedding Anniversary  
Mick & Myrna Nelson!**

### *Anniversary*

### *Celebrations*

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| <p>1 <b>Dale &amp; Tonya Eurek (20)</b><br/>Duane &amp; Karma Ellermeier<br/><b>Gerald &amp; Maxine<br/>McMurphy (54)</b><br/><b>Rev. John &amp; Joan Pierson<br/>(54)</b><br/>Vic &amp; Deb Sass<br/><b>Kyle &amp; Lisa Kramer (10)</b><br/><b>Jacob &amp; Tracy Lage (10)</b></p> <p>3 Leonard &amp; Glorie Meador<br/><b>Mick &amp; Myrna Nelson (55)</b></p> <p>4 <b>Jim &amp; Leola Bonge (45)</b></p> <p>10 Bruce &amp; Adrienne Larsen</p> <p>11 David &amp; Joan Havekost</p> <p>12 <b>Alvin &amp; Lorene Andersen,<br/>(65)</b></p> <p>20 <b>Wally &amp; Karen Boever (35)</b></p> <p>22 <b>Harvey &amp; Mary Jensen (65)</b></p> <p>23 Lonny &amp; Cindy Japp</p> <p>24 Brent &amp; Kristin Sass</p> <p>26 <b>Bob &amp; Donna Schmidt (40)</b></p> <p>30 Cody &amp; Mandy Henrickson</p> |
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### Card Ministry

*So you say it's your Birthday?*  
How about those homemade  
cards that you will be receiving  
in your home mailbox this year?  
The Social Ministry Team  
believes that relationships are  
key to the outreach ministries of  
St. John's and wants you to  
know that we are here for you.  
On your birthday, and special  
occasions, you should receive a  
personalized note from us!

## September Servants

<b>September 5</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
Greet	Pat Taylor	Sharee Maki, Kylee & Amanda Earl
Usher	Mert Opfer, Jerrilynn Petznick	TBD
Lector-	Dick Fritz Cantor-Kerry Greunke	Kylee Earl
Acolyte	Nick Brown	TBD

<b>September 12</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
Greet	Vicki Japp	TBD
Usher	Mert Opfer, Jerrilynn Petznick	TBD
Lector	Jane Frost	Michelle Pierson
Acolyte	Nicole Japp, Dillon Hilger	Madison Pooley

<b>September 19</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
Greet	Ron & Sandie Showers	TBD
Usher	Mert Opfer, Jerrilynn Petznick	TBD
Lector	Mark Sukraw	Heather Goertz
Acolyte	Drew Showers, Heather Showers	Paige Depperman

<b>September 26</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
Greet	Delores Thorell, Erma Trisler	TBD
Usher	Jerry Baker, Mile Iltzsch	TBD
Lector	Wade Junker	Chris Tomjack
Acolyte	Alexis Farris, Zac Melvin	Bailey Hartman

Please step up to serve. We are always looking for Worship Servants. Please contact the church office to volunteer. Scheduling of ushers, greeters and communion assistants will be done on a monthly basis by various ministry groups starting in November.

# SEPTEMBER 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 6:30-8:00 Pre-school Open House 7:00pm Chancel Choir Resumes 8:00 Exultation	2 6:30-8:00 Pre-school Open House	3 6:00 Wedding Rehearsal 7:00 Rehearsal Dinner-FH 9:00-11:00 5th Quarter	4 9:30 Music/ Worship Mtg 4:00pm Brunner/Smith Wedding
5 8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee Fellowship 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Contemporary	6 Labor Day <i>(Office Closed)</i>	7  1st day of Class T/TH Pre-school	8 9:00 Over 60 5:45 Confirmation Tailgate 6:30-8 Confirmation 7:00pm Chancel Choir 8:00 Exultation 1st day of Class M/W/F Pre-school	9 9:30 Premiere Club  4:00 Cooks 4 Christ- Cook-a-thon-LL	10  6:30 Girl Scouts-FH 9:00-11:00 5th Quarter	11
<b>12 RALLY SUNDAY</b> 8:30 Worship <b>9:30-10:45 Kingdom Quest</b> <b>Sunday School Resumes</b> 9:30 Coffee Fellowship 9:30 Bible Study <b>11:00</b> Contemporary 12noon Music/Worship TBD-CFC Cook-Out	13 9:00 Quilting (all day)  5:30-7:30 Girl Scouts-FH	14 9:00 Quilters (1/2 day) 1:30 Faith Circle  7:00 Council	15 9:00 Over 60  6:30-8 Confirmation 7:00pm Chancel Choir 8:00 Exultation	16	17	18
19 8:30 Worship 9:30-10:45 Kingdom Quest 9:30 Coffee Fellowship 9:30 Bible Study 9:45 Women of ELCA Exec. Bd. Mtg 11:00 Contemporary 2:00-4:00 Open House Alvin & Loren Andersen's 65th	20  12:00 Keenagers 7:00 Rejoice Circle	21	22 9:00 Over 60  Homecoming Week- No Confirmation 7:00pm Chancel Choir 8:00 Exultation	23 1:30 Lutheran Club	24  9:00-11:00 5th Quarter	25
26 8:30 Worship 9:30-10:45 Kingdom Quest 9:30 Coffee Fellowship 9:30 Bible Study 11:00 Contemporary	27	28  7:00 Bible Study	29 9:00 Over 60  6:30-8 Confirmation 7:00pm Chancel Choir 8:00 Exultation	30		

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# St. John's Lutheran Church "The Place to Be"

**Clothing Drive at St. John's.** During the month of September, please donate your gently used men, women, and children clothing and shoes. There is a need in our own community and surrounding areas.  
Drop off location: lower level -westside of church under the stairwell.