

July 2024 Newsletter

Pastor's Message:

Dear Partners in Ministry,

I love summertime, and I know what I'd *like to* think about in summer: getting out and enjoying God's creation; family gatherings and some vacation time; driving one of my old cars; going to Crossways Camps with our young people; catching up with many of you at Saturday Drive-in Service or the July 24 Cookout/Campfire!

And then there are always those things *we have to or need to think about* in this summer, like: "What is a follower of Jesus to do when so many divisive issues and hurtful things are swirling about us?" Or, "How do I as a Christian tune into the news? Or 'process' the news? And find the truth? And respond to the BS?" Or, "When I am going to schedule that test? Or make or update a will? Or tackle some of those things I've been putting off?" (I try to not let such things keep me awake at night-but then, there are some things that perhaps should keep us awake!)

The times we live in are times to really stay or get 'centered' in the words, and callings, and commands of Jesus. "Love God, Love your neighbor as yourself." Is still pretty important! "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" is becoming more important! "Come to me, you who are weary from carrying heavy burdens" is still a welcoming word. "O Lord, hear my prayer" is still an essential cry.

We may have more than we need on our plates this summer. And the assurance of God's presence, and the promise that God's grace is sufficient for each day-is surely part of what we need most. We're always being coached by Jesus, by scripture, and by the saints who have gone before us, to be faithful servants; to be a non-anxious presence in this highly anxious world; and to be messengers of hope and of healing!

We're all in this together, and the loving, powerful, Spirit of Jesus is right in there with us! Blessings in all of the opportunities and challenges this summer brings! -Pastor Paul



Changing up Sunday Worship time, starting July 7!

Worship Committee and Pastor decided we'd try ONE service on Sundays in July & August, at **9am**. (Saturday remains the same at 5pm.) Thanks for passing the word and adjusting your schedule. We'll stay at 9am through Labor Day. (And we'll always try to have the correct schedule on the answering machine, St. John's website, and St. John's Facebook!)

The Prairie Garden is planted! Phase 1 has been completed by Eagle Scout Kyle, with guidance from Tim Kiernan! The plan is that next spring, we'll work and seed a larger area that will also become a "Scattering Garden" for ashes, with some way to mark the names of those who are 'resting' there. Thanks for your support of Kyle, and for the healthy amount of interest in this project!



Year to Date as of May

+YTD General Fund

Receipts: \$ 85,595

Expenses: \$ 93,897

+YTD Building & Grounds Fund:

Receipts: \$ 11,007

Expenses: \$ 1588

+YTD Missionary Sponsorship:

Receipts: \$ 3465

Goal for 2024 \$8,000

+YTD ELCA Benevolence:

Receipts: \$ 7426

Goal for 2024 18,000

+YTD Good Samaritan

Receipts \$ 6412

Goal for 2024 \$ 8,000

What's Happening at St. John's

Monday Study at 9am meets outdoors, weather-permitting, or in the Upper Room. We could include you at home via Zoom as well, if you'd like to participate that way! Let Pastor know.

Our Grief Support Group is meeting Monday evening July 1 & July 15 at 6:30, and you will find a sense of welcome and understanding plus encouragement from others who are also on a journey through grief. We gather confident that Jesus knows our sorrows and our tears, and journeys with us!

Wednesday evening July 24 Cookout & Campfire is at 6pm and is a good time for fellowship and simple worship (especially for those of you who are away on weekends in the summer!) Come on over, and bring a side-item to add to the brats/burgers/hot dogs we'll provide!

Church Council is going to study a draft of our ELCA Social Statement on "**Civic Life & Faith**", a teaching document that seeks to help congregations and members engage faithfully and thoughtfully in our democracy. A "social statement" in our ELCA is put together by a well-rounded task force, working over several years; and then a 'draft' statement is distributed for congregations to study and provide feedback on. And then, after revisions are made, such a statement would have to be adopted by 2/3 vote at our next ELCA Churchwide Assembly (2025). We'll keep you posted on opportunities to participate in the conversation. (And you can Google "ELCA Social Statements" to easily find any of the 13 current topics, and this one that is being formulated.)

The next Veterans meeting will be at 9:00am on Tuesday July 9th at St. John's. All Veterans are welcome.



St. John's week to provide meals for Family Promise is coming up

from Monday, July 15th through Sunday, July 21st. Family Promise provides area families with emergency shelter, food, resources and guidance to help them build a better future. Area churches take turns providing dinners for the residents for one week. We have a group of cooks that each provide a simple hot meal of their choice, along with sides, for one day that week, but several cooks are on vacation in July. If you are interested in helping prepare a meal call Nancy at the church office at 262-677-3176, or email officestjohnsjackson@gmail.com.

Special thanks to those who have been visiting and providing meals to shut-ins; to Tim & Sharon Kiernan for helping with the prairie; to Scott Kinter, Pete Kutzora, Dan Johnson, Pat & Ken Zieglebauer for yardwork and weeding; to Dick Uhlig for wood chips; to Keith Heidtke for keeping up with cemetery needs; to Darlene and Gerald for tending the Prayer Garden; to Pam & Paul Stahl and Carey Schoner for cookout organizing; and to all of you who are pitching in for whatever is needed!

Friberg Update May 2024***and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8***

The HIV epidemic in Uganda in the 1980s was devastating. The middle-aged and most productive generation was lost over a decade. Grandparents were left raising their grandchildren. Children had to work the family fields and gardens because there were so few adult laborers.

As you know, the HIV virus destroys the T4 lymphocyte helper cells which coordinate the entire immune system. Gradually, the inflammatory process of the body fighting the virus causes scarring of the lymphatic tissue which supports all immune cells. The immune system collapses over approximately 10 years. Opportunistic fungal, viral, bacterial, and mycobacterial infections overwhelm. Beautiful bodies and vibrant lives of all ages are slowly destroyed.

Fortunately in Tanzania, around the year 2000 the US government started providing free anti-retroviral therapy (ARVs) to people living with HIV. This program has been hugely successful in keeping the prevalence of HIV to less than 5%. Tanzania did not lose a whole generation of its population to HIV as happened in Uganda. People using ARVs are living well for decades, can continue working their jobs, and are far less infectious to others. ARVs block the maternal transmission of HIV to infants. All pregnant women are tested for HIV in prenatal clinic and are started on ARVs immediately if positive.

Our 8 small health centers on the Serengeti, in the Rift Valley, and on the South Maasai Steppe provide this essential care. Your regular support is increased exponentially through cooperation with large programs of the WHO, Tanzania Ministry of Health, and the Tanzania Lutheran Church. The large programs rely on motivated and competent staff on the ground.



Our doctors and nurses encourage drug compliance, treat underlying infections, educate on healthy nutrition, discourage addictions, encourage faithfulness in marriage, and listen to patients' economic and emotional struggles. Every patient has unique issues. Many of our staff are gifted and comfortable going beyond medical care. They can bridge people to holistic care available through the local church.

Thank you for partnering with us in Tanzania.

July Birthdays



Happy Birthday!

- July 1 Owen Ziegelbauer
- July 4 Amy Meyers
- July 5 Brooke Freund
- July 7 Connor Stoecker
- July 7 Luke Troester
- July 8 Dave Gardipee
- July 8 Susan Hollister
- July 10 Ty Brennan
- July 10 Kiarta Siegert
- July 11 Rick Corlett
- July 12 Janelle Lisko
- July 12 Kristy Young
- July 13 Kathy Hansen
- July 13 Own Pickart
- July 13 Ella Pickart
- July 14 Sam Eisenhauer
- July 14 Elsie Lease
- July 15 Staci Benz
- July 15 Mary Glocke
- July 15 Pete Kutzora
- July 18 Natalia Haltner
- July 18 Ashley Liebner
- July 20 Warren Dhein
- July 20 Robert Glorioso
- July 20 Robert Hertzfeld
- July 20 Olivia Micksch
- July 21 Sharon Adametz
- July 22 Bob Bernau
- July 22 Clint Corwin
- July 22 Mike Starzman
- July 23 Dennis Liebl
- July 23 Nadea Oestreich
- July 24 Laura Hahn
- July 24 Samantha Kreis
- July 25 Karlie Binversie
- July 25 Laurie Matthews
- July 28 Heather Anders
- July 28 Sue Schroeder
- July 28 Nicole Seatz
- July 28 Isabella Weninger
- July 29 Dennis Leist
- July 29 Maximus Moeller
- July 29 Jamie Stoecker
- July 30 Riley Nelsen
- July 30 Lona Skyles
- July 31 Heidi Kressin
- July 31 Tracy Weninger

Born to Eternal Life

+ Eileen H. Dieringer – June 16 +



- July 5, 2003 Rod & Terry Legate – 21 years
- July 7, 1956 Ken & Janet Hansen – 68 years
- July 7, 2007 Jason & Jamie Stoecker – 17 years
- July 9, 1983 Skip & Laura Bartelt – 41 years
- July 12, 1980 Paul & Beth Mittermaier – 44 years
- July 12, 1987 Bryan & Laura Scheunemann – 37 years
- July 13, 2019 Jared & Elizabeth Kison – 5 years
- July 22, 2017 Jack & Lindsey Stern – 7 years
- July 24, 1965 Butch & Sue Callum - 59 years
- July 25, 1987 Greg & Linda Grosser – 37 years
- July 30, 1994 Scott & Mary Novotny – 30 years

July Serving Schedule

9:00	7/7/2024	7/14/2024	7/21/2024	7/28/2024
Reader	Laura Bartelt	Reuben Heidtke	Laura Hahn	Scott Kinter
Communion	Sarah Stoecker	George Liberatore	Laura Hahn	Eileen Mack
Assistants	Peter Uhlig	Diane Liberatore	Jim Hahn	Scott Kinter
Ushers	Skip Bartelt	George Liberatore	Tim Kiernan	Bukovics
	Joel Heidtke	Joe Liberatore		Bukovics
Greeter	Keith Heidtke	Diane Liberatore		Nancy Kinter
Power Point	Wendy Heidtke	Wendy Wolf	Sharon K	Sam/Ed
Facebook	Sharon K	Scott K	Jenny	Sam/Ed

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At St. John's we're privileged and challenged to *Welcome, Worship, and Witness* in Christ's name. Thank you for being part of this faith community and for the serving you do to the glory of God!

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Worship Services: Saturday 5:00 pm
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Facebook Live at 9:45 am on Sunday

