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**We hope everyone enjoys the 68th Annual Sweet Corn Festival — August 11th to 14th!**

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**August Birthdays, Anniversaries, Special Days, Upcoming Events**

God's continued blessings to the following members of our congregation...

**75th+ Birthday**

- Aug. 3 Pearl Merritt
- Aug. 4 Joyce Dinges
- Aug. 6 Daniel Randecker
- Aug. 8 Alberta Goebel
- Aug. 10 Mildred Stamberger  
Joyce Stein
- Aug. 15 David Schroeder
- Aug. 17 Carl Kerchner
- Aug. 25 Frances (Pat) Hrovat
- Aug. 29 Ed Bock
- Aug. 31 Allan (Tim) Munson

**Happy 50+ Anniversary!**

- Roger & Barbara Anderson  
August 5th — 55 years
- David & Melanie Schroeder  
August 17th — 53 years
- J. Leonard & Marilyn Schaller  
August 22nd — 57 years

**Congratulations!**

- Daniel & Sue Shirey  
August 15th — 35 years
- Gary & Becky Meyer  
August 31st — 25 years

**Upcoming Events**

**August**

- 4 All Teams meeting at 7pm
- 4 Sarah Circle at 1pm
- 6 Highway Clean-up at 9am
- 7 Maud Powell Recital at 3pm
- 17 Home Communion Team meeting at 9am
- 18 Church Council at 6:30pm
- 20/21 Backpack blessing during worship
- 23 Mission Quilt Day at 9am
- 24 Newsletter Assembly at 10:30am
- 24 SS Teacher/Staff Training at 6:30pm

**September**

- 1 All Teams meeting at 7pm
- 5 Labor Day - Office Closed
- 15 Church Council at 6:30pm
- 27 Mission Quilt Day at 9am
- 28 Newsletter Assembly at 10:30am

**Maud Powell Music Festival to present "An Afternoon of Music"**

St. John's Lutheran Church will be hosting a music recital on **Sunday, August 7th at 3pm**. This recital is part of the Maud Powell Music Festival. The recital will feature Shawn Weber McMahon, soprano and Mary Schallhorn, piano, St. John's member from Mendota, IL. Come and enjoy a break from the heat and a great afternoon of music with us. This program is free and open to the public. Call (815) 878-2495 for more information.

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**Special items of interest:**

- **We hope you will join us for worship!**  
Saturday worship 5pm  
Sunday worship 9am  
Fellowship 10am
- **If you want Pastor Lepp to know when you are hospitalized,** please contact the church office. Because of privacy laws, the hospital will not contact us.
- **We are missing a handbell case.** Please contact the office if you have any information. Thank you.
- **Several of our quilting ladies have been working on "Walker Bags"** for residents of area nursing homes. They are also making them available to members of our congregation. You will find a basket full of these colorful and handy fabric bags in the Narthex. Please feel free to take one for yourself or someone you know.
- **Highway Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, August 6th.** Please meet in the courtyard at 9am. Wear gloves, long pants, and closed toe shoes. Volunteers should be confirmation-age and older. Thank you!

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**God's work. Our hands.**

"God's Work. Our Hands." is a motto endorsed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This motto is a sign for us that God has important work to do in our world, and that God is relying upon us to carry out that work.

For the past several years, one Sunday has been set aside each year as "God's Work. Our hands." Sunday. This year the selected Sunday is September 11, 2016. On that date, members of ELCA congregations are encouraged to carry out service activities. Setting aside this one Sunday to gives us an opportunity to celebrate who we are – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. The estimated membership of the ELCA is 4 million members. Imagine what a difference we can make in our world when 4 million people commit to doing an act of service on this day.

September 11th will be Rally Sunday at St. John's. As part of our Rally Day activities, we will have two opportunities following worship to do "God's Work with Our Hands." These activities will be offered to all ages.

**LWR School Kits:** One activity will be the compiling of Lutheran Worship Relief School Kits which are sent to children throughout the world. Items needed include: Notebook (spiral bound 70 pages), Ruler, Pencil Sharpener, Scissors (blunt), #2 Pencils (unsharpened), Ink Pens (not gel), 16-24 Crayons, and Erasers. When you are shopping, please consider purchasing and donating any of these items. You can place your donations in the box marked "School Supplies" in the Fellowship Hall until September 6th.



**Fleece Blankets:** The other activity will be to make fleece blankets which will be distributed to local agencies that care for those who are suffering. The quilting women will prepare these blankets for us to tie. *Monetary donations are welcome for these blankets.*

We are reminded that service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of the our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

In Christ's love and grace,  
Pastor Janet Lepp

**Can you help us?**

To help decrease our postage and special paper costs, we would like to send as many *Eagle* newsletters by email as possible. If you currently receive a paper copy of the newsletter in the mail, would you please consider giving us your email address? We will continue to mail newsletters to households that prefer to receive a paper copy, and we will also have some available in the office. Thank you!

Thank You

Heartfelt and sincere appreciation to our St. John's Church family and friends for the outpouring of sympathy and support extended in our sorrow and celebration of the lives of two very special people—John & Betty Fassig. Your care and concern was, and continues to be, showered upon us through prayers, visits, touching cards, beautiful flowers, plants, gifts, comfort foods, remembrances & stories, generous memorials, and offers of assistance.

Having the visitation and funeral at St. John's where both John & Betty were baptized, confirmed, and married, a place Betty devoted many hours of volunteer and mission work, and where their four children and three granddaughters "grew up" just felt right and comforting. Our gratitude to Pastor Lepp, Maria, the office staff, organist Vicki, acolyte Cole, altar guild, custodial staff, the dedicated kitchen team who served a delicious funeral meal, and the knitters of the prayer shawls gifted to the family. Your care, time and efforts were so appreciated. Thank you for the love (the kind that never ends), hugs, tears, laughter, sympathy and caring. Your prayers are powerful, are felt and working within to help comfort each of us - please continue praying.

God's Blessings and Peace Be With You All - The Family of John & Betty Fassig

Vacation Bible School 2016 - Another Great Success!

Thank you to everyone who helped St. John's have a very successful Vacation Bible School. Thank you to Pastor Janet & Dan Lepp and Carl & Susan Ambler for hosting the four camp leaders from Lutherdale and providing them with breakfast each morning. Thank you to Melissa Nosalik, Laurie Zimmerman, Cyndy Kreiser, Maria Bonine for providing excellent lunches for the camp leaders each day. Thank you to the Amblers, Wujeks, Schallers, and Piersons for providing the camp leaders with their evening meals. Thank you to Hannah & Mariah Ambler, Matt Greuter, Sophie Holland, Maya Martin and Cole Zimmerman for assisting with making snacks, preparing for activities, and working with the children. Thank you to Susan Ambler & Shirley Pierson for coordinating VBS this year!



"Thank You" to the Outreach Team and all of the volunteers who made our annual Ice Cream Social such an enjoyable event!



St. John's Youth News "Growing Together in our Faith as we Serve Others"



Sunday School Students

Bring your backpack to worship with you on August 20th or 21st for a special "back to school" prayer. You will be called forward to have your backpack blessed and a gift will be attached to it for you to carry God's Love with you throughout your entire school year. We're looking forward to seeing you on August 20th at 5pm worship, or August 21st at 9am worship for the Backpack Blessing!

We had a great experience serving as God's Hands in Cincinnati!



Thank you to our church family for all of your prayers and support of our trip. It's time to start planning for our 2017 Mission Trip. On Sunday, August 21st, there will be a brief meeting in the fellowship hall following worship (approx. 10:15am) for any current 8th grade through high school senior who is interested in learning more about next summer's trip. Parents/family members are encouraged to attend.



The 2016-2017 Sunday School year will resume on Sunday, September 11th following 9am worship.

Sunday School has a new 10:10am start time and a new format with a dismissal at 11:10am. Sunday School will start with a 30 minute classroom lesson and snack. Classes will then have a 30 minute unit of music/art. Registration forms and more information will be mailed to homes in August. Please watch for more information in the weekly bulletins and the September Eagle newsletter. Our September 11th Rally Day will include "God's Work, Our Hands" activities.

Well done, Team Cincinnati! Thank you for doing God's Work with Your Hands.

