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We hope everyone enjoys the 70th Annual Sweet Corn Festival — August 10th to 13th!

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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. 10 Mildred Stamberger  
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 — 56 years

David & Melanie Schroeder  
August 17th — 54 years

J. Leonard & Marilyn Schaller  
August 22nd — 58 years

Dennis & Connie Pohl  
August 26th — 50 years

Congratulations!

Craig & Luci Phalen  
August 8th — 30 years

Happy 100th Birthday!

We wish a very Happy 100th Birthday to  
Alberta Goebel on August 8th!

Upcoming Events

August

- 3 All Teams mtg. at 7pm
- 5 Highway Clean-up at 9am
- 17 Church Council mtg. at 6:30pm
- 18 St. John's Youth - Lunch in the Park
- 22 Mission Quilt Day at 9am
- 23 Newsletter Assembly at 10:30am

September

- 4 Office Closed—Labor Day
- 7 All Teams mtg. at 7pm
- 9 "Mission Mendota" work day
- 10 Sunday School Rally Day
- 21 Church Council mtg. at 6:30pm
- 26 Mission Quilt Day at 9am
- 27 Newsletter Assembly at 10:30am

Lost & Found

Items on the coat racks the Narthex and on the Information Booth in the Fellowship Hall will be donated if not claimed by August 30th. Please double-check if any of these items belong to you.

Rev. Robin Brown, Assistant Director ELCA World Hunger & Disaster Appeal will be preaching at St. John's on August 26th and 27th. Rev. Brown is a friend of the congregation and has preached here several times in the past few years. We are happy that she will be joining us again this month.

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Special items of interest:

- We hope you will join us for worship!  
Saturday worship 5pm  
Sunday worship 9am  
Fellowship 10am
- The hospital does not contact Pastor Lepp or the church when you are hospitalized. Please have a family member contact us.
- Volunteers are needed in September to host Fellowship Time. Sign up in the Kitchen.
- Parents with infants or small children are welcome to use the Nursery or the Cry Room (near the Women's restroom in the narthex) during Sunday services. TV monitors are provided in both locations so you may view the service. Please ask an usher for assistance.
- Highway Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, August 5th. 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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Mission Mendota is a time for the members of St. John's, for others in our community, and for our families to make a difference in our hometown of Mendota.

On Saturday, September 9th, we are rolling up our sleeves and pitching in to help with:

- Painting at the Mendota Swimming Pool;
- Painting the dugouts and small 2-story building at the baseball fields behind Sullivan's (near Purple Park);
- Clean-up of local parks;
- Decorating new garbage cans for the city;
- Painting the dining hall at the Mendota Lutheran Home;
- And other possibilities with details to be announced later.

There will be two shifts – one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The selected activities are intended to be intergenerational, so our hope is that entire families or friendship groups will sign up. However, we know some projects, such as the parks clean-up, will lend themselves better to our children.

There will be sign-up sheets so we know how many projects we can commit to, and how many materials we will need. Watch for the clipboards at church, or you may call the church office to sign up. Let's make this an amazing event!

Note: The rain date for outside activities will be September 23rd.

Pray for Mission Mendota: We believe that Mission Mendota will make such a difference in our community that we are asking for the prayers of our entire congregation as preparations are being made for this event.



Godspeed for Maria Bonine



Maria, our St. John's Youth Director these past 5 years, has entered the process of becoming an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the ELCA. Therefore, she has resigned from her position at St. John's in order to more fully focus upon her studies at Wartburg Seminary.

Sunday, August 20th will be Maria's last day as our Youth Director. On that day, we will be offering a Godspeed Prayer for Maria during worship. Following worship, there will be a reception for her in our Fellowship Hall.

We have been blessed with Maria's ministry and her faithfulness to the youth of our congregation and their families. As she wrote in her letter of resignation, "I trust that God will continue to bless us as we walk by faith and not by sight." Please join with us that day in thanking her.





**A heart-filled thank you to the members of St. John's for their generous contributions to the Mendota Lutheran Home "Bakeless Bake Sale".** With the combined donations of supporting churches we are able to purchase a pressure relieving mattress and two chair code alerts. Please know your monetary gifts are valuable blessings to the residents of the facility. We continue to work toward the purchase of major items to assist in the quality care for which MLH is known. *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* (Romans 15:13)





**Alberta Goebel is turning 100 years old, and you are invited to join the celebration!** There will be an open house in the Barth Lounge at Mendota Lutheran Home on Saturday, August 12th from 2pm to 4pm. Cards can be sent to 500 6th Street, Mendota, IL. No gifts, please.





**We are in need of Sunday School teachers for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year.** Won't you please prayerfully consider joining our Sunday School staff? Specifically, we are looking for teachers for a combined 1st & 2nd grade classroom, a combined 3rd & 4th grade classroom, and our high school class. In addition to classroom openings, there are many other ways for you to be involved with our Sunday School (which is for ages 3 to adult) and we welcome your input and ideas. Please contact Cyndy Kreiser at (815) 252-4836, Lauren Anderson at (815) 488-5776 or the church office if you would like more information. *The Sunday School teacher meeting is set for Wednesday, August 30th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm; and the first day of Sunday School is scheduled for Sunday, September 10th!*


**Can you believe it is almost time for the new school year?** School supply lists are ready and the stores have all the supplies on their shelves. This is a reminder that we at St. John's continue to support **Lutheran World Relief**. In addition to making quilts, we also assemble school kits. A total of 8 items are needed for each kit. LWR is very specific about items that are allowed in the school kits, so please refer to the list shown below. When you are shopping, would you consider purchasing and donating any of these items for our **LWR School Kit Project**. There is a box marked "School Supplies" in the Fellowship Hall for these items. Thank you for your continued support of LWR.


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**Notebook**  
(spiral 70 pgs)
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**Ruler**
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**Sharpener**
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**Scissors**  
(blunt)
- 

**#2 Pencils**  
(unsharpened)
- 

**Ink Pens**  
(no gel)
- 

**16-24 Crayons**
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**Eraser**



**Season of Creation Worship**

The Season of Creation is designed to be a rich celebration of the abundance of creation with Christ at the center. For four weeks our worship will be centered upon our connection with creation through the Bible readings, the songs, our prayers, the beauty of our worship space with all the new greenery, and all our rituals, including Holy Communion.

We also will be considering how we are to be good stewards of God's Creation: The Planet Earth Sunday on July 29 & 30, The Forests and Woodlands Sunday on August 5 & 6, The Land Sunday on August 12 & 13, and The Rivers and Waters Sunday on August 19 & 20. Each week there will be a special activity for children during worship.

Please join us and invite your neighbors and friends to these beautiful and relaxing services.

**Women of the ELCA  
29th Annual Northern Illinois  
Synod Convention**

**When:** Saturday, September 16th from 9am to mid-afternoon  
**Where:** Immanuel Lutheran Church, Dixon  
**Theme:** "Lifting The Least" with morning message by Bishop Jeffrey Clements  
**Registration and \$35 fee due by August 18th.** (Register online at [nisynod.org/women](http://nisynod.org/women))  
Additional information is available in the church office.



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



**The 2017-2018 Sunday School year will resume on Sunday, September 10th** following 9am worship. Sunday School begins at 10:10am and dismisses at 11:10am. 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.



**Backpack Blessing**

Students of all ages (and teachers, too) are invited to bring your backpack to worship with you on August 19th or 20th 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 19th at 5pm worship, or August 20th at 9am worship for the Backpack Blessing!

**Lunch In The Park — Friday, August 18th**



**High School and Junior High Students and families — Your helping hands and servant hearts are needed to make this year's Lunch In The Park a success!** High school classes will already be in session, so we ask our high school students to please participate by donating some of the needed items. We will be relying on our junior high students to help set up, serve, deliver orders to downtown businesses, and clean up. Donations of canned soda, bottled water, small bags of chips and individually wrapped desserts are needed. Proceeds will benefit all youth activities and mission trips. Thank you in advance!

**Well done, Team Red Lake! Thank you for doing God's Work with Your Hands!**

