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We hope everyone enjoys the 72nd Annual Sweet Corn Festival — August 8th to 11th!

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August Birthdays, Anniversaries, Special Days, and Upcoming Events

God's blessings to...

75th+ Birthday

Aug. 3 Pearl Merritt
Aug. 4 Joyce Dinges
Donna Hagemann
Aug. 6 Daniel Randecker
Aug. 9 Leslie Althaus
Aug. 15 David Schroeder
Aug. 29 Ed Bock
Aug. 31 Allan (Tim) Munson

Happy 50+ Anniversary!

Dale & Georgia Mathesius
August 3rd — 51 years
Roger & Barbara Anderson
August 5th — 58 years
David & Melanie Schroeder
August 17th — 56 years
J. Leonard & Marilyn Schaller
August 22nd — 60 years
John & Carol Wheeler
August 23rd — 50 years
Dennis & Connie Pohl
August 26th — 52 years

Upcoming Events

August

1 Sarah Circle at 1pm
1 All Teams meeting at 7pm
12 Rebecca Circle at 7pm
15 Church Council meeting at 6:30pm
22 Newsletter Assembly at 10:30am
27 Mission Quilt Day at 9am
31 No Chapel worship

September

2 Office Closed — Labor Day
5 All Teams meeting at 7pm
8 Sunday School resumes
19 Church Council meeting at 6:30pm

Congratulations!

Aaron & Bethany Lijewski
August 16th — 5 years
James & Laura Younger
August 20th — 25 years
Troy & Aimee Holland
August 27th — 25 years
Bob & Debra Klein
August 31st — 45 years

Dear St. John's Members,

We are so thankful for your prayers, visits, and calls, etc. They have meant so much to us. We have been negligent in expressing our thankfulness — our gratitude. Thank you, immensely!!

We love you,
Gladys and Holly Brantner
(Becky and Bonnie too)

Dear St. John's Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to share ministry at St. John's, including preaching and visitation. May God bless you with Pastor Steve. May he continue to hold you strong in ministry as you seek to call a Pastor. You continue to be in our prayers.

In Christ,
Pastor Harold Grafe

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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 the church when you are hospitalized.** Please have a family member contact us.

• St. John's offers **Electronic Giving.** If you are interested please contact Susan in the office.

• **Volunteers are needed** in August & September to host Fellowship Time. Please sign up in the Kitchen.

• **THANK YOU! to all of the weed-pullers** who took care of getting the flower beds cleaned up at the parsonage and in front of the Mendota swimming pool. We appreciate your hard work!

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A Message from Pastor Steve Mindrup

Thanks so much for the very cordial welcome for Kelley and me on our first Sunday. Your practice of worship is very similar to my own, so I felt at home almost immediately. The worship space is beautiful, the energy seems very positive, and we are happy to have this interim assignment with you.

About us: I am ordained in the United Methodist Church. Since our two denominations are in full communion with each other, our clergy can serve congregations in either tradition. I recently retired from full time ministry after 49 years. I've served congregations in Freeport, Rockford, Cherry Valley, West Dundee and Sandwich. I was also a retirement home chaplain for several years.

Kelley and I recently celebrated our 15th anniversary. She is working on a degree in business and human resources at Waubesa Community College. We live in Yorkville at 310 E. Kendall Drive, Apt. 101 (60560).

Contacting me: My email address is pastormindrup@gmail.com. My mobile phone number is 815-988-4992. I don't use Facebook or Twitter or any other social media, but I'm available by phone or email any time. A good friend and colleague of mine used to put in his newsletter every issue, "Your pastor is as near as your phone." I want that to be true of me as well.

My schedule: Other than for Saturday and Sunday worship, I plan to be in Mendota on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Except for emergencies, you should be able to find me in the office Tuesdays from 2pm until 5pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9am until 1pm. The rest of the time will be spent visiting the nursing home and retirement home residents, and calling on our home bound and hospitalized members.

Even though an interim pastor is "officially" part time, I want to be available if you need me. If there's a need for pastoral care, don't hesitate to pick up the phone.

However long our journey together turns out to be, I pray that it will be fruitful and guided by the Holy Spirit. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you.

Grace and peace,
Steve Mindrup

St. John's Scholarship Fund Recipients

Scholarships in the amount of \$12,000 were awarded to several young church members. Congratulations to:

Peyton Baird (St. Francis University), *Katie Beetz* (St. Ambrose University), *Grace Brandner* (IVCC), *Lukas Brandner* (University of Iowa), *Gabrielle Brown* (Illinois State University), *Natalie Landgraf* (Western Illinois University), *Gabrielle Peasley* (Illinois State University), *Abby Phalen* (Augustana University), *Cameron Schumacher* (Bradley University), *Gillian Sutton* (St. Ambrose University), *MiKayla Wilhelm* (Southern Illinois University—Edwardsville), *Katherine Wohrley* (Northern Illinois University), and *Melissa Wohrley* (North Central College).

Our college students are also asked to please share an updated college residence address once they get settled in. Addresses can be emailed to the office or sent via text/email to Karen Goy at (815) 228-2391.

Church Council Highlights

The following are some highlights from the July 18, 2019 Church Council meeting.

- The Call Committee reported that they will be interviewing a candidate.
- The Council approved the college scholarship awards as recommended by the Scholarship Team.
- Pastor Mindrup will be leading Confirmation class starting this fall.

Finance Report Year To Date thru June 2019:

Budgeted Income	\$181,883	Actual Income	\$187,350
Budgeted Expense	\$187,629	Actual Expense	\$148,912
Behind Budget on Regular Offerings by -\$7,996			


August 2019: Scriptures for Worship

August 4: Eighth Sunday of Pentecost
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23 *Our vocation must be about more than material gain.*
Colossians 3:1-11 *Those who Christ has raised up must live a new life in him.*
Luke 12:13-21 *Jesus' parable warns us against complacency and false security.*

August 11: Ninth Sunday of Pentecost
Genesis 15:1-6 *Abraham is declared righteous through trust and faithfulness.*
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 *Faith is defined through the example of Israel's ancestors.*
Luke 12:34-40 *Be alert every moment for the advent of Christ.*

August 18: Tenth Sunday of Pentecost
Jeremiah 23:23-29 *The prophet's message of God's judgment is rejected.*
Hebrews 11:29-12:2 *We are close to the fulfillment of God's promises to his people.*
Luke 12:49-56 *Jesus warns that his coming will bring upheaval and division.*

August 25: Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost
Isaiah 58:9-14 *God promises a restored Israel, founded on justice and mercy.*
Hebrews 12:18-29 *Through faith, believers participate in God's new order of creation.*
Luke 13:10-17 *Jesus is reprimanded for healing a woman on the Sabbath.*



The Mendota Lutheran Home is hosting Lunch In The Park on Friday, August 23rd from 11am to 1:30pm.


The menu includes a variety of grilled sandwiches (pork chop, brat, cheeseburger, hamburger, hot dog), chips, desserts, and beverages.

All proceeds will be designated to the MLH Enhancement Fund.

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.



Notebook
(spiral 70 pgs)



Ruler



Sharpener



Scissors
(blunt)



#2 Pencils
(unsharpened)



Ink Pens
(no gel)



16-24 Crayons



Eraser



St. John's Youth News

"Growing Together in our Faith as we Serve Others"





We wish the best of luck to three of our recent MHS graduates — *Katie Beetz, Abby Phalen, and Katherine Wohrley* — who will be participating in the Sweet Corn Festival Queen Pageant on Friday, August 9th! Our own Don & Karen Goy will emcee the event.



The 2019-2020 Sunday School year will resume on Sunday, September 8th following 9am worship. Sunday School begins at 10:10am and dismisses at 11:10am. Registration forms & more information will be mailed to homes in late 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 Sunday School Rally Day, September 8th for a special "back to school" prayer. You will be called forward to have your backpack blessed and you will be given a gift that you can attach to your backpack to carry God's love with you throughout the entire school year. We're looking forward to seeing you on September 8th for the Backpack Blessing and Rally Day!

Would you like to be a part of our College Kids Support Team? We are sending out questionnaires to each of our 13 college students about their upcoming year. If you'd like to be a part of the team, you would be invited to "adopt" a college student and provided with their questionnaire to give you a little info about them. We would ask that at least once a month you send them a card. If you choose to, you may (very once in a while) send a little care package, but it is certainly not expected. This is just one way to help them feel connected to their church family while they're away and to provide a little joy when they arrive at a mailbox and find MAIL!! If you are interested, please let Karen Goy know.

Well done, Team St. Louis!

Thank you for doing God's Work with Your Hands!

