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Special Information

With the exception of Sunday morning worship, the church building remains closed for events and activities.

If you have any concerns or health issues, are high-risk or have been sick or around someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, we strongly recommend you remain at home and watch worship services online via Zoom, Facebook Live or on our website at [www.stjohnsmendota.org](http://www.stjohnsmendota.org).

The church office staff is available to assist you Monday—Thursday from 8:30am to noon.

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

75th+ Birthday

July 1 Judy Schuster  
July 3 Harold Meisel  
July 9 Carol Kellen  
July 25 Janet Piller

Happy 50+ Anniversary and  
Milestone Anniversary Wishes!

Ron & Marlene Egler  
July 4th — 51 years

Harold & Darlene Meisel  
July 6th — 74 years

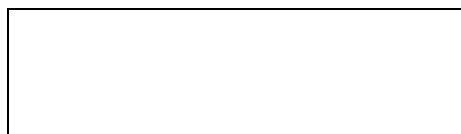
Brad & Angie Jackson  
July 22nd — 20 years

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of Recognition from the Northern  
Illinois Synod for our support of  
ELCA World Hunger.



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Special items  
of interest:

•The hospital does not  
contact the church  
when you are hospital-  
ized. Please have a fam-  
ily member contact us.

• St. John's offers Elec-  
tronic Giving. If you  
are interested please con-  
tact Susan in the office.

•The Christ In Our  
Home daily devotional  
booklets are available  
in the narthex and in the  
box outside of the office  
door.

•Worship in our Sanc-  
tuary continues each  
Sunday morning at  
9am. If you are unable  
to attend, we hope you  
will join us online via  
Zoom, Facebook Live, or  
on the St. John's website  
([www.stjohnsmendota.org](http://www.stjohnsmendota.org)).

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From the Pastor ...

My prayer for this Independence Day

I pray for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic, and for  
strength and courage for those who are caring for the  
sick.

I pray for gifts of wisdom and discernment for those  
who we entrust with leadership.

I pray for civility in public discourse, and for ways to find unity in our common life as Ameri-  
cans.

I pray for an end to the violence in our streets, for an end to race hatred, and for a nation that  
lives in peace both within its borders and among the other nations of the world.

I pray for the just and proper use of the resources of the Earth that are God's gifts to us.

I pray that our military, our law enforcement, and all who serve the common good, will be  
safe from harm and will act justly and with integrity.

And I thank God that we live in a land in which we can not only pray for these things, but in  
which we have the liberty to work toward them as well.

Have a safe and peaceful 4th of July!

Steve Mindrup

Sunday Scriptures for July

July 5th: The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Zechariah 9:9-12 The coming messianic king brings peace and prosperity.

Romans 7:15-25a Paul feels the conflict between the power of sin and the demands of  
God's law.

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 "Come to me, all you who are weary ... and I will give you rest."

July 12th: The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:10-13 Even nature rejoices as the exiles return to the Holy Land.

Romans 8:1-11 The grace of God in Christ has cancelled the effects of sin.

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 God's kingdom is like a farmer sowing seed in a field .

July 19th: The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 44:6-8 There is no other god but God.

Romans 8:12-25 We have been adopted as God's children, and received God's Spirit.

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 God's justice is like a farmer separating weeds from wheat.

July 26th: The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 3:5-12 Solomon asks for wisdom to govern God's people well.

Romans 8:26-39 The Holy Spirit prays with us, and imparts the goodness of God.

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 Jesus' parables show the reign of God growing slowly but pow-  
erfully.

Church Council Highlights

The following are some highlights from the June 18, 2020 Church Council meeting held via Zoom.

- The Council reported that in-person worship services will resume on June 28th with one service at 9am Sunday in the Sanctuary. We will also continue online streaming of the service.
- The Council approved the “Back to the Building” procedures which will be sent out to the congregation. They also approved for some members of the Praise Band to provide music from the balcony in a safe manner.
- The Council agreed that they will return to in-person, socially-distanced meetings held in the Fellowship Hall in July.
- The Call Committee will be conducting an in-person interview with prospective candidate #10.
- Pastor Mindrup reported that he remains in contact with the confirmands and hopes to schedule Confirmation for sometime in September.

Finance Report Year To Date thru May 2020:

Budgeted Income \$146,938	Actual Income \$138,106
Budgeted Expense \$153,543	Actual Expense \$124,692

We are grateful for your continued financial support, through your offerings in person, through the mail, and through automatic giving. We are blessed to have such a faithful St. John’s family.

Zoom Log-in Information for July worship

**5th Sunday after Pentecost — July 5th, 9am**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8191024353?pwd=YIA5TU1MNvJ5bDFzMXZ2b0VnNkpUQT09>  
Dial up: 1 312 626 6799  
Meeting ID: 819 102 4353  
Passcode: 316316

**6th Sunday after Pentecost — July 12th, 9am**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8191024353?pwd=YIA5TU1MNvJ5bDFzMXZ2b0VnNkpUQT09>  
Dial up: 1 312 626 6799  
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**7th Sunday after Pentecost — July 19th, 9am**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8191024353?pwd=YIA5TU1MNvJ5bDFzMXZ2b0VnNkpUQT09>  
Dial up: 1 312 626 6799  
Meeting ID: 819 102 4353  
Passcode: 316316

**8th Sunday after Pentecost — July 26th, 9am**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8191024353?pwd=YIA5TU1MNvJ5bDFzMXZ2b0VnNkpUQT09>  
Dial up: 1 312 626 6799  
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You will notice that the Meeting ID and Passcode are the same for each week during July. **This is not an error.** We hope that it will make it easier for those logging in to Zoom.

~ A Letter from Deacon Cheryl A. Erdmann, Assistant to the Bishop ~

Dear friends,  
Good Summer Day! I am writing to you to invite you to be part of our first “Summer Ministry Conversation,” an hour-long informational event being held on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 1 p.m. via Zoom.  
This Conversation, "Until All Are Fed: ELCA World Hunger and Your Congregation," will be led by Pastor Robin Brown, of the ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal, who had been scheduled to be one of our keynote speakers at the 2020 Synod Assembly. We were excited to have her scheduled to be with us then, and we are excited to have her with us now!  
Registration for "Until All Are Fed" is now open at the following link: <https://nis.elvanto.net/form/d3442a99-2be7-46cc-b485-4960b5e29013>.  
You will find information on this event and on the remaining "Conversations" (July 21 at 1 p.m. and August 6 at 10 a.m.) on our Northern Illinois Synod website at <https://nisynod.org/summer-ministry-conversations/>. We hope that you are able to join us at all three of the Conversations.

In Christ,  
  
Deacon Cheryl A. Erdmann (she/her/hers)  
Minister of Word and Service  
Assistant to the Bishop  
Northern Illinois Synod, ELCA



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



Youth to Help in Community Garden

*"Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help."* (Isaiah 58:7)

Excited to help serve those in need in our community, both our Jr. High and High School youth will plan to each assist on a day at the OSF St. Paul Medical Center community garden during the week of July 20-26. We will be weeding as well as harvesting produce which will then be donated to the Mendota Area Food Pantry, the hospital’s food program, or used directly in the kitchen to provide healthy additions to patient & staff meals at the hospital.

Specific details will be communicated to youth and their families closer to our assigned week as we see weather forecasts and learn of our specific list of tasks from the hospital garden coordinator. We will plan to meet at the hospital garden. A second adult will be needed for each group. If you would be interested in joining us in that capacity, please let Karen Goy know by phone/text (815) 228-2391 or by email to [karen@stjohnsmendota.org](mailto:karen@stjohnsmendota.org).

What a fun way to serve as Christ’s hands and heart as we help to provide healthy food for those in need! We hope you’ll join us.



**Our own Haleigh Wendel is currently at boot camp for the United States Navy.** If you would like to provide a card or note of encouragement or just "thinking of you" to be sent to Haleigh, you are invited to drop it off with Karen Goy at the church or place it in Karen Goy’s home mailbox at 2102 Stroble Avenue and she will see that it gets mailed.

We recently received Haleigh’s mailing address, and we’re sure that she will enjoy receiving lots of cards and notes from her St. John’s family.

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OUR COLLEGE SUPPORT TEAM NEEDS YOU!!



Are you looking for a way to make a difference in someone’s day... from the comfort of your own home? We have several young adults from St. John’s who will be attending college in the fall. While it is an exciting time, it also can be a time of stress, pressure, and missing home and family.

We are looking for encouraging people to join our College Support Team to be a connection from St. John’s to one or more of our college youth by sending a card or note, etc. to them sometime each month. You may choose to add a Bible verse, an encouraging saying, something funny, etc... but it is certainly not expected.

Each youth has been sent a questionnaire about their year and studies, roommate, upcoming events this year, and a few “things you like” questions to give us a little information about them specifically. If you choose to join our team, a copy of the questionnaire filled out by the college partner you are assigned will be provided to you (IF they have returned it). In polling the college youth about last year’s college support team, they commented how much of a “pick me up” it was to go to the mailbox and find mail!!, as well as that it made them feel connected to their St. John’s church family.

Now, more than ever, we all realize the need for connecting with and encouraging one another. I hope you will prayerfully consider being one of the ones that helps to provide that for our college youth. Please let Karen Goy know if you have questions or would be interested in being a partner for one or more of our youth (815-228-2391 or [karen@stjohnsmendota.org](mailto:karen@stjohnsmendota.org)). Thanks for the many ways you make a difference!!