

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

607 10th Avenue  
Mendota, IL 61342



Phone: 815-539-5626  
Fax: 815-539-9006  
E-mail: [office@stjohnsmendota.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmendota.org)

Share Your Photos!

If you are part of a small group, Bible study, etc., please feel free to take and share photographs of your group and any activities that you participate in. Any photos can be emailed to: [office@stjohnsmendota.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmendota.org). Thank you!

Find us on Facebook!

Search for "St. John's Lutheran Church" and join our page.



Periodicals

St. John's EAGLE (USPS 639-560) is published monthly by St. John's Lutheran Church, 607 10th Ave., Mendota, Illinois 61342-1935.

Periodicals nonprofit postage paid at Mendota, IL 61342-7935.

Postmaster, please send address change to St. John's Lutheran Church, 607 10th Ave., Mendota, IL 61342-1935. Susan Garner, editor.



June Birthdays, Anniversaries, Special Days, Upcoming Events

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

75th+ Birthday

June 1 Annette Truckenbrod  
June 6 Norma Peasley  
June 9 William Silfies  
June 16 Jon Dinges  
June 27 Gerald Eich  
June Martens

Happy 50+ Anniversary!

Marlin & Joyce Hoelzer  
June 12th — 61 years

John & Carolyn Hartt  
June 16th — 53 years

Tom & Judy Kerns  
June 19th — 51 years

John & Shirley Pierson  
June 19th — 51 years

Frank & Lois Etheridge  
June 20th — 62 years

Congratulations!

Happy 25th Wedding Anniversary to Leo & Connie Quick on June 1st

Happy 25th Wedding Anniversary to Jeff & Lori Simonton on June 8th

Happy 15th Wedding Anniversary to Robert & Donna Hagemann on June 9th

Happy 5th Wedding Anniversary to Bradley & Michelle Wilhelm on June 25th

Upcoming Events

June

- 2 All Teams meeting at 7pm
- 3 Jr. High Mission Trip begins
- 4 Highway Clean-up at 9am
- 12 Piano Recital - Sarah Lepp at 3pm
- 16 NI Synod Assembly begins
- 22 Newsletter Assembly at 10:30am
- 23 Church Council meeting at 6:30pm
- 26 Confirmation Camp begins
- 28 Mission Quilt Day at 9am

Food Pantry Kid Packs

The Mendota Area Christian Food Pantry is collecting food items to be packaged into KID PACKS which will be distributed during the summer months. The KID PACKS provide a week's worth of food (breakfast & lunch) for 1-2 children in each bag; and provide supplemental food to help through the months while the kids are not in school and do not receive breakfast and/or lunch. Some suggested items include: *fruit snacks or roll-ups; small chip packs; pop tarts; peanut butter crackers; granola bars; beef jerky; chicken salad kits; easy mac; single serve pudding or fruit.* (A full list of suggested items is available in the office.)

We will be collecting food items from June 18th to July 17th. You may place your donations in the shopping carts located in the narthex or near the office. Thanks!

St. John's Lutheran Church



ST. JOHN'S EAGLE

Volume 45, Issue 5

June 2016

Special items of interest:

We hope you will join us for worship!

Saturday worship 5pm  
Sunday worship 9am  
Fellowship 10am

From Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend we will offer Holy Communion at the two stations at the front of the church.

St. John's former pastor, Rev. Dell C. Olson, will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination on June 19th. If you would like to honor Pastor Dell with a card, greetings can be sent to him at 3615 Vista Bella #23, Oceanside, CA 92057.

Rev. Kurt Nordby, Assistant to the Bishop for Stewardship and Development, will join us for our All Teams Meeting in the Fellowship Hall on June 2nd at 7pm. Everyone is invited, especially members of our church council, all team members, and those who are interested in the future of our congregation.

Revelation Bible Study continues on Wednesday evenings at 7pm.

Inside this issue:

Congrats to our Confirmands!	2
VBS Information	2
Sarah Lepp in Concert	2
Mission Quilt Day - June 28th	2
Upcoming Ice Cream Social	2
Youth News	3
Birthdays & Upcoming Events	4

Prayer at St. John's

As Christians, prayer is very important to us. Through prayer we are given the privilege of being close to God, and carrying to God all our concerns for ourselves, our family and friends, and our world. On Confirmation Sunday we heard the Confirmands tell us about their favorite places to pray, about why the Lord's Prayer is important to them, and then thank the congregation for our support, including prayer support.

Each of us has our own ways of praying, our favorite places to pray, and those people we name each day in prayer. There are also ways, places, and times we pray as a congregation. Here is a glimpse of what prayer is like at St. John's:

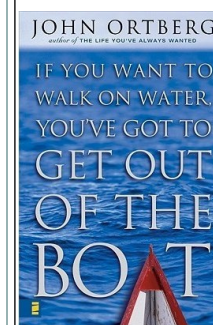
- Small groups, committees, the council, Choir and Praise Band, and study groups share concerns and engage in prayer for and with each other.
- St. John's has a Prayer Chain that is activated for emergency situations by contacting the church office or a staff member.
- We pray during worship for newborns, those getting married, those going on mission trips, and those involved in special events, such as graduations and confirmation. We pray for those who mourn, those who are ill, and those who suffer; including those we hold in our hearts.
- We also pray for the church universal, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel; for the well-being of creation; for peace and justice in the world, and for the leaders of the nations.
- And we remember in thanksgiving before God the Saints who have gone before us.

In addition, I would also encourage all of us to take the Announcement Sheet inserted in the bulletin each week and place it in our favorite place to pray. This way we can remember to pray for the ministries we support, for upcoming events, for members of the Council and teams within the congregation, and for our staff.

Regardless of how we pray, and even when we don't have the words to say, we trust that God hears our prayers with mercy and compassion.

~ Pastor Janet

If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat



There is something – Someone – inside us who tells us there is more to life than sitting in the boat. There is something inside you that wants to walk on the water – to leave the comfort of routine existence and abandon yourself to the high adventure of following God.

You are invited to take an adventure this summer and attend a 6-week Book Study on Sunday mornings beginning on June 5 at 10:15am.

Pastor Lepp will be leading this study based upon "If You Want to Walk on Water" by John Ortberg. Although you may attend these classes without reading the book, it is available in the church office for \$10 along with a workbook for \$8.

Child Care is available upon request. Please call the church office at (815) 539-5626 to reserve a place for your children.



**Congratulations to our 8th Graders  
who were confirmed on  
Sunday, May 15th.**



Front: Maria Bonine, Emily Elwell, Paige Champlin, Haleigh Wendel, Hannah Ambler  
Back: Dan Lepp, Tim Miller, Aaron Brandner, Gavin Glazebrook, Pastor Janet Lepp



**Vacation Bible School will be held at St. John's from Monday, July 11th to Thursday, July 14th (9am to 2:30pm).** The counselors will arrive on Sunday, July 10th and will be introduced to the congregation during worship. VBS is open to all students who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade during the 2015-2016 school year. Students will be asked to bring a sack lunch and a drink each day. A morning snack will be provided daily. This year's theme is *The Jesus Way*. We are planning for 32 students which will enable Lutherdale Bible Camp to send us four camp leaders. In order to assure that St. John's will be able to support VBS at our church, it is necessary to have your child registered now. Please submit the registration form and the \$10/camper or \$20/family fee to the church office. Registration will be opened to other area churches by June 5th.

**Sarah Lepp In Concert — June 12, 2016 — 2pm**

You are invited to join us in our Sanctuary on Sunday, June 12th at 2pm for an enjoyable afternoon of piano music by Brahms, Chopin, Ravel, and Rachmaninoff. Sarah Lepp, daughter of Pastor Janet and Dan Lepp, holds both a Master of Music degree and a Bachelor of Music degree in piano performance from the University of Texas at Austin. Sarah has studied with Gregory Allen, Sharon Jensen, Betty Mallard, Jose Mendez, Sheila Paige, and Ted Reuter. She has toured in the Midwest, Texas and Czech Republic. Sarah currently maintains a piano studio where she enjoys sharing her love for music with her students. She grew up in Dubuque, IA and currently lives in Knoxville, TN. Guest pianist - Janet Lepp. Open to the public. Admission is free.

**Mission Quilt Day — June 28th**



The Mission Quilt Day ladies continue to meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month to cut fabric and assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief. **Everyone is invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, June 28th, beginning at 9am.** We are expanding our mission work to include making quilts for children baptized at St. John's, for clients of PADS, and for Another Child Foundation. Also, we recently sewed "walker bags" for area nursing home residents.

If you are unable to join us on Mission Quilt Day, but would like to sew a quilt top at home, Quilt Top kits can be found in the Information Booth.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

St. John's Ice Cream Social is being planned for Sunday, July 24th from 2pm to 4pm. More information will be shared as the date approaches.

**Highway Clean-up** is scheduled for Saturday, June 4th. We will meet in the church courtyard at 9am to hand out safety vests and bags. Please wear long pants, closed toe shoes and gloves.



**St. John's Youth News**

*"Growing Together in our Faith as we Serve Others"*



**Mission Trip Youth, chaperones, and parents...**

We will meet briefly after worship on Sunday, June 12th (approx. 10:15am) for an update on our trip planning. Please make every effort to attend.



**Our Junior High Mission Trip Team will be serving in Belvidere as part of "Poured Out 2016".** We will leave from St. John's on Friday, June 3rd at 4pm. We will return around 2pm on Sunday, June 5th. Our Team will participate in the worship service on Sunday, June 12th.

Six members of our Confirmation Class will participate in a week-long camp at Lutherdale beginning on Sunday, June 26th. Please keep *Lauren Beetz, Christian Dean, Dylan Denault, Matthew Greuter, Shashawna Reger-Kendall, and Cole Zimmerman* in your prayers.

**Congratulations to all of our Graduates!**



**Mariah Ambler** is a 2016 graduate of Mendota High School. Mariah's future plans are to work for a year before joining the United States Marine Corps.



**Liam Bogle** is a 2016 graduate of Mendota High School. His future plans are to attend IVCC (then transfer to University of Wisconsin—Whitewater) to pursue a career in the field of Computer Science.



**Abram Green** is a 2016 graduate of Mendota High School.



**Gage Glazebrook** is a 2016 graduate of Mendota High School. Gage plans to work as a carpenter in the construction business.



**Griffin Anderson** graduated from Illinois State University on May 7th with a degree in Environmental Health and a minor in Safety. After an internship as the Sustainability Coordinator for Lincoln Memorial Hospital this summer, he will pursue a career in his field.



**Rachel Garthe** received her PHD in Developmental Psychology on May 14th from Virginia Commonwealth University. She plans to be a professor at a University.



**Grant Zimmerman** graduated from Wartburg College on May 22nd with a double major in Accounting and Business Administration. Grant will be relocating to Daytona Beach, Florida to begin his career at Hamlin & Associates.

**Congratulations to our 8th grade graduates**

Hannah Ambler, Aaron Brandner, Paige Champlin, Emily Elwell, Gavin Glazebrook, Tim Miller, and Haleigh Wendel.

*Enjoy your summer!*