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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 — 62 years

John & Carolyn Hartt
June 16th — 54 years

Tom & Judy Kerns
June 19th — 52 years

John & Shirley Pierson
June 19th — 52 years

Frank & Lois Etheridge
June 20th — 63 years

Congratulations!

Herbert & Nancy Champlin
June 4th — 40th Anniversary

Dennis & Katherine Politsch
June 24th — 45th Anniversary

Albert & Patricia Schrader
June 25th — 35th Anniversary

Eric & Lauren Anderson
June 27th — 30th Anniversary

Upcoming Events

June
1 All Teams meeting at 7pm
2 Poured Out Mission Trip begins
4 Backpack packing at 10am
15 Church Council meeting at 6:30pm
16 Synod Assembly begins
18 VBS Counselors arrive
19 Vacation Bible School begins
25 Confirmation Camp begins
27 Mission Quilt Day at 9am
28 Newsletter Assembly at 10:30am

Upcoming Events...

June 2nd to 4th
Junior High Mission Trip

June 16th & 17th
Synod Assembly

June 19th to 22nd
Vacation Bible School

June 25th to 30th
Confirmation Camp at Lutherdale

July 15th to 21st
High School Mission Trip



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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 needed** in July to host Fellowship Time. Sign up in 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.
- **Volunteers are needed** to stock the pews with the pew supplies. (Cards, Pencils, Offering Envelopes, etc.) Contact the church office if you can help.

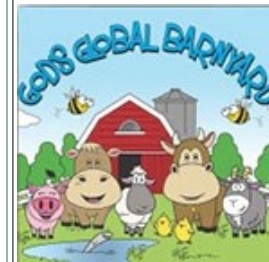
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Feed The Need in Mendota



The third activity of our Feed The Need project, **Backpack Blessings**, will kick off on Sunday, June 4th and continue through the summer months. Volunteers are needed to help pack backpacks on Sunday, June 4th following worship (approx. 10am). We will meet in the Fellowship Hall, and there is no need to sign up. Just come and join us! We are collecting the following items as fun add-ons to the backpacks: watercolor paints & brushes, sidewalk chalk, markers, bubbles, coloring books & crayons, fun notebooks for drawing, play doh, birthday cake mix, frosting, candles, and balloons. These items can be dropped off at St. John's until June 4th. Volunteers are also needed on distribution days: Saturday, June 17th—9am to noon; Saturday, July 15th—9am to noon; and Saturday, August 19th—9am to noon. Please contact Valerie Kreiser at 815-866-4946 to sign up to help with these distribution days.



St. John's Barnyard has been growing steadily each week and will wrap-up at the end of May. As of the printing of this newsletter, we have 230 chicks, 28 honeybees, 30 goats, 22 pigs, and 5 cows. All of these animals will be donated to the ELCA's God's Global Barnyard. Thank you for your outstanding support of this effort to feed hungry people worldwide.

Congratulations to our 8th Graders who were Confirmed on Sunday, May 14, 2017.

Pictured are *Maria Bonine, Dylan Denault, Christian Dean, Lauren Beetz, Matthew Greuter, Shashawna Reger-Kendall, Cole Zimmerman, Bonni Kaiser, Dan Lepp, and Pastor Janet Lepp.*





Everyone had a GREAT time celebrating the end of the school year at the Sunday School Talent Show! Congratulations to all of the performers on a job well done!



Throughout the month of June St. John's has the opportunity to support the Mendota Lutheran Home through a **Bakeless Bake Sale** sponsored by our church council and the MLH Auxiliary. Late state funds and a low census has placed an economic impact, we are hoping to raise funds for code alert safety monitors (\$285) and/or alternating pressure mattresses (\$800).

*A bit of news we have today...
A BAKELESS BAKE SALE is on the way.*

*In these busy days, who wants to bake
a pie or cookies or even a cake?*

*You'd be surprised if you counted the cost
of ingredients, heat and the time you've lost.*

*Baking for sales is extra work.
Yet nobody really wants to shirk.*

*So we've thought of a plan that's really grand,
and feel quite sure you'll understand.*

*In an envelope, if you like, please include the price
of a pie or cake or anything nice.*

*Without fuss or bother, you've done your part.
We hope you'll give with a willing heart.*

If you would like to join in supporting this effort, please make checks payable to St. John's with "Bakeless Bake Sale" in the memo line and put it in the offering or bring it to the office. Your prayerful consideration is greatly appreciated.

Northern Illinois Synod Assembly June 16-17, 2017

We thank our delegates, Carol Dilbeck, Melissa Nosalik, Dennis Bieser, Deb Bieser (alternate), and Pastor Janet Lepp who will be representing our congregation at the Northern Illinois Synod Assembly on June 16th and 17th at Augustana College.

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, encouragement, and support. I am happy to report that I successfully completed my first year at Wartburg Theological Seminary. I am looking forward to all of the activities, camps, and trips with our youth this summer. I will continue my Seminary studies in the Fall.

~ Maria Bonine

It's Not Too Late To Register for VBS!



Vacation Bible School for students who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade is scheduled for Monday, June 19th through Thursday, June 22nd.

Please return your completed registration form to the church office TODAY!

Highway Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, June 3rd. 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"



Our High School Mission Trip Team will depart for Minnesota in less than 2 months! Please put these dates on your calendar: Sunday, July 9th-blessing during 9am worship with a brief meeting afterwards to complete required paperwork; Saturday, July 15th-early morning departure (likely 6am); Friday, July 21st-late night return to St. John's; Sunday, July 23rd-lead worship and share about our experience. Watch your mailbox for more info!



Our Junior High Mission Trip Team will be serving in Belvidere with "Poured Out 2017". There is a brief meeting on Tuesday, May 30th at 8pm in the Library. We will load our vans at St. John's on Friday, June 2nd at 4pm, and return between 1pm and 2pm on Sunday, June 4th. We will participate in worship on Sunday, June 11th.

Ten members of our Confirmation Class will participate in a week-long camp at Lutherdale beginning on Sunday, June 25th. Please keep *Bailey Baird, Marley Bodine, Logan Brandner, Ethan Hanaman, Sophie Holland, Grace Jackson, Jake Jackson, Luke Jackson, Samantha Katschke, and Maya Martin* in your prayers.

Congratulations to all of our Graduates!



Emily Bedford will either attend IVCC then transfer to a university to major in speech pathology, or she will go to school to become a flight attendant.



Kianne Brown joined the United States Army as a Chaplain's Assistant. She will also be taking online classes to major in teaching and minor in theology.



Erik Greuter will undecided about his career path. He plans to travel the world to see what it has to offer.



Cameron Schumacher will attend IVCC then transfer to Bradley University to obtain her Bachelor's in Psychology.



Gillian Sutton will attend St. Ambrose University in Davenport, IA to major in Exercise Science.



Jacquelynn Wendel will attend IVCC then transfer to a university to study pre-med.



Melissa Wohrley will attend North Central College in Naperville, IL to major in neuroscience and minor in biology.



Brady Hughes graduated from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign on May 13th with a double major in Global Studies and Spanish.



Page Holland Graduated from Western Illinois University on May 12th with a Masters degree in Psychology. She is currently working at Sinnissippi Mental Health in Rochelle, IL.

Congratulations to our 8th grade graduates

Lauren Beetz, Christian Dean, Dylan Denault, Matthew Greuter, Shashawna Reger-Kendall, and Cole Zimmerman

Enjoy your summer!