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We have accumulated several hats and coats on the coat racks in the Narthex.

If they have not been claimed by the end of June, they will be donated to Nightengale's.

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June Birthdays, Anniversaries, Special Days, Upcoming Events

God's blessings to...

75th+ Birthday

June 1 Annette Truckenbrod
June 6 Norma Peasley
June 9 William Silfies
June 16 Jon Dinges
June 21 Judy Kerns
June 27 Gerald Eich, June Martens

Happy Anniversary!

Marlin & Joyce Hoelzer
June 12th — 63 years

Robert & Joanne Politsch
June 13th — 20 years

Tom & Judy Kerns
John & Shirley Pierson
June 19th — 53 years

Frank & Lois Etheridge
June 20th — 64 years

Robert & Cynthia Kreiser
June 23rd — 45 years

Chris & Melissa Nosalik
June 28th — 15 years

Upcoming Events

June

1 Poured Out Mission Trip begins
2 Highway Clean-up at 9am
7 All Teams meeting at 7pm
9 Mission: Mendota Spring Event
18 VBS week begins
21 Church Council meeting at 6:30pm
23 Mission: Mendota rain date
24 Confirmation Camp week begins
26 Mission Quilt Day at 9am
28 Newsletter Assembly at 10:30am

July

1 Confirmation Camp Report at worship
4 Office Closed — Independence Day
5 All Teams meeting at 7pm
6 Lunch In The Park — 11am to 1pm
15 Mission Trip blessing & departure
19 Church Council meeting at 6:30pm
22 Mission Trip Team leads worship
24 Mission Quilt Day at 9am
26 Newsletter Assembly at 10:30am

Upcoming Events...

June 1st to 3rd

Junior High Mission Trip

June 15th & 16th

Synod Assembly

June 18th to 21st

Vacation Bible School

June 24th to 29th

Confirmation Camp at Lutherdale

July 15th to 20th

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 the church when you are hospitalized.** Please have a family member call the office and we will arrange to have Pastor Jeff or Pastor Kim contact you. If you have an emergency outside of office hours, please contact Pastor Jeff at (815) 931-8324.

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

• **Volunteers are needed** in June to host Fellowship Time. Sign up in Kitchen.

• **Congratulations to Delle & Mike Vercimak** on the birth of their daughter, Jacqueline Louise, who was born on Wednesday, May 23rd.

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Don't Put Me on Hold!

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your god.... The Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it. – Exodus 20:8-10a, 11b.

It's the same old story. You're in a hurry and have to make an important phone call. You dial the number, someone answers the phone and says, "Will you hold, please?" Before you can respond you immediately hear a click followed by the typical elevator music. Then you wait...and you wait...and you wait. Drives me nuts! I don't care who's on that other line; their time isn't any more valuable than mine. The way I see it, if you're just going to put me on hold, don't answer the phone in the first place! Wait until you're finished with the other call. One of these days, just to protect my time I'm going to shout, "Don't put me on hold!" right after I hear the word, "Hello," and see what happens.

I wonder if God ever feels like the people God loves (that would be us!) try to put God on hold sometimes. In most Lutheran congregations when summer arrives, worship attendance drops significantly. It's as if we're saying we

need a break from church. Now I understand the need for rest and renewal in all aspects of our lives, and that means in our spiritual lives as well. But while we find that rest from work and our daily routines by "getting away from it all," the rest we need for our spirits comes to us in a different way. In this case it's not getting away from something (after all, it's not like we worship eight hours a day, five or six days a week!) but rather getting back to the Word of God. The rest that we find for our spirits comes through the gathering of the people of God in worship. It is there that we meet the living Lord Jesus Christ.; it is there that we hear his renewing word to us; it is there that we experience that much needed rest for our souls.

Worship is much like a spiritual gas station. You fill up with the Lord's gifts on Sunday, use that tank-full to get you

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Congratulations to our 8th Graders who were Confirmed on Sunday, May 13, 2018.

Pictured are (front row) Bailey Baird, Marley Bodine, Grace Jackson, Sophie Holland, Samantha Katschke, Maya Martin, (back row) Ms. Bonni Kaiser, Jacob Jackson, Ted Landgraf, Logan Brandner, Ethan Hanaman, Luke Jackson, and Rev. Jeff Chubb.



Don't Put Me on Hold!

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through the week, and then when you're about empty you come back the next Sunday to fill up again! You miss a Sunday and you end up trying to coast through the next week on spiritual fumes. Like a car that won't run if you don't fill the gas tank on a regular basis, so will we run down if we attempt to "put God on hold" during the summer and don't come to worship on a regular basis.

So enjoy your summer; get the down-time and rest that you need; find renewal in body, mind and spirit. Just don't put God on hold in the process! See you in worship!

~ Pastor Jeff

End of the Sunday School Year "Paw-ty!"

Our Sunday School children, their families, and the congregation enjoyed a "Paw-ty" on Sunday, May 20th. Everyone learned a bit more about IVAR and ELCA Hurricane Relief, the two agencies we supported with our Sunday School offerings this year. Some videos were shown, refreshments were served, prizes were given out, and all Sunday School teachers & staff were recognized and thanked for another awesome year. Thank you to the Educational Ministry Team for organizing this event! Sunday School resumes on September 9th. Enjoy your summer!



Sign-up sheets are posted in the Narthex and the hallway into the Fellowship Hall. We'll need people power, prayer partners, cookie makers, water providers. Let's get our game on and do our part to make Mendota a little nicer. So get involved. Sign up today and commit yourself to a few hours of giving back to our town.

Join us for Mission Mendota 2018 Spring Clean-Up!

Saturday, June 9th (rain date of Saturday, June 23rd)

8am to 11am — general clean-up work at Purple Park, the swimming pool, and the ball diamonds (meet in the swimming pool parking lot).

11am to 2pm — we will focus on clean-up in the Lake Mendota area (meet in the Civic Center parking lot).

Church Council Highlights

The following are some highlights from the May 17, 2018 Church Council meeting. Council approved:

- Pastor's summer series, "Western Theology";
- Kids Against Hunger to be held in our Fellowship Hall;
- College Scholarship awards for 13 students;
- A fun summer activity, "Flat Jesus" (based on the book "Flat Stanley");
- VBS counselors' usage of the parsonage during camp;
- Call Committee alternates Carol Dilbeck and Shirley Pierson, and accepted resignation of Carl Ambler.

Finance Report Year To Date thru April 2018:

Budgeted Income \$120,546 Actual Income \$117,348
Budgeted Expense \$123,413 Actual Expense \$112,281
Behind Budget on Regular Offerings by -\$4,557

Call Committee Update

The Call Committee continues to meet and work on St. John's Ministry Site Profile. Thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaire provided to us by the Northern Illinois Synod. It is a very important tool in the Call process.

Northern Illinois Synod Assembly
June 15-16, 2018

We thank our delegates, Steve Florschuetz, Susan Florschuetz, Myrna Simon, Lori Losey (alternate), and Pastor Jeff Chubb who will be representing our congregation at the Northern Illinois Synod Assembly on June 15th and 16th at Augustana College.



Highway Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, June 2nd. 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. This is a great service opportunity for our members who are high school age and older.



St. John's Youth News

"Growing Together in our Faith as we Serve Others"



Can I just tell you how blessed I continue to feel as I get more snippets of time with the young people in our congregation?! Thank you, eighth graders, for the courage to share your faith statements at your confirmation service! What an inspiration and "shot in the arm" you gave all of us in the hearing. Your sharing offered us an opportunity to ponder how we are actually "living" the words that we say we believe. Thanks for blessing us in that way!

This month is packed with all kinds of opportunities for our young people to be living the word "LOVE."



On June 1-3 six young women & their two chaperones will be going to Belvidere for the Poured Out Mission Trip. I hope you'll join us for a congregational blessing at church on May 27 and a send-off here in the courtyard at 4pm on June 1. We will pray for them & those they will be serving throughout the weekend, and they will share about their experience in church on June 10.



Our High Schoolers & recent 8th grade graduates will participate in an ENOUGH mission event (including pizza of course) on Monday, June 4 from 5:30-7:45ish here at the church. We'll be designing and painting kindness rocks with posi-

tive and encouraging messages to be dispersed throughout the parks that will be cleaned on June 9 during the Mission: Mendota event. What a cool way to bless strangers with a timely encouraging word! (Ephesians 4:29)



Our now 6th, 7th & 8th graders will participate in their first AGENTS OF CHANGE mission event on Tuesday, June 5 from 11:30-1:30ish here at church. Our mission will be the same as that of the high school group.

Five young people along with Shirley Pierson & I will be attending Confirmation Camp at Lutherdale June 24-29. We will be congregationally blessing them June 24 and hearing about their experiences on July 1 during worship.

If you'd like to serve as a prayer partner for any of these young people while they serve in Belvidere or attend camp OR if you'd like to join us for our mission events - let me know. It would bless you as well as them!

St. John's Youth will be sponsoring the July 6 Lunch in the Park. Watch for details to come on how you might help us.

~ Karen Goy, Youth Director

Congratulations to all of our Graduates!



Grace Brandner will attend IVCC for two years, and then transfer to Illinois State University to pursue a degree in nursing.



Natalie Landgraf will attend Western Illinois University to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management with an emphasis on international relations, as well as a Master's of Business Administration in Supply Chain Management.



Gillian Brown graduated from Coe College with an Athletic Training Degree. She has an endorsement in strength and conditioning. Her plans include moving to the Twin Cities.



Gabrielle Peasley will attend Illinois State University and major in Biology. She hopes to become an Emergency Medical Physician.



MiKayla Wilhelm graduated from Princeton High School.

Congratulations to our 8th grade graduates

Bailey Baird, Marley Bodine, Logan Brandner, Ethan Hanaman, Sophie Holland, Grace Jackson, Jacob Jackson, Luke Jackson, Samantha Katschke, Ted Landgraf, and Maya Martin.