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**May Birthdays, Anniversaries, Special Days, Upcoming Events**

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

**75th+ Birthday**

- May 2 Barb Anderson
- May 5 Verdell Miller  
Dotti Scholz
- May 9 Ruth Delhotal
- May 12 Bernice Eich
- May 25 Otto Meyer
- May 30 Helen Jackson

*Congratulations*

**Happy 50+ Anniversary!**

- Robert & Joyce Stein  
May 26th — 70 years
- Jon & Joyce Dinges  
May 29th — 57 years

**Upcoming Events**

**May**

- 4 Revelation Bible Study at 7pm
- 5 All Teams meeting at 7pm
- 10 Youth Huddle meeting at 7pm
- 11 Confirmation practice/photos at 6pm
- 11 Revelation Bible Study at 7pm
- 15 Confirmation Day at 9am worship
- 15 Baccalaureate service at First United Methodist Church at 3pm
- 18 Revelation Bible Study at 7pm
- 19 Church Council meeting at 6:30pm
- 22 Intergenerational Luke Event at 10:15am
- 24 Mission Quilt Day at 9am
- 25 Revelation Bible Study at 7pm
- 30 Office Closed — Memorial Day

**June**

- 2 All Teams meeting at 7pm
- 3 Jr. High Mission Trip begins
- 12 Piano Recital - Sarah Lepp at 3pm
- 16 NI Synod Assembly begins
- 16 Church Council meeting at 6:30pm
- 26 Confirmation Camp begins

**Looking Ahead...**

**June 3rd to 5th**

Junior High Mission Trip

**June 16th to 18th**

Synod Assembly

**June 26th to July 1st**

Confirmation Camp at Lutherdale

**July 10th to 14th**

Vacation Bible School

**July 17th to 22nd**

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  
Sunday School 10:15am
- St. John's offers **Electronic Giving**. If you are interested please contact Susan in the office.
- **The Revelation Bible Study continues on Wednesday, May 4th at 7pm.** Please join Pastor Janet in the Disciples' Den.
- 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**. Pastors Dell and Frances are living near their son, Dean, daughter-in-law, Ayumi, and grandson, Gabriel.
- Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a **preventive health clinic event here at St. John's on Thursday, May 12th**. If you would like more information or to register for this event, please call (888) 653-6441.

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**Confirmation Sunday: A Holy Day of Promises  
May 15, 2016**

Seven young people will be confirmed on May 15: Hannah Ambler, Aaron Brandner, Paige Champlin, Emily Elwell, Gavin Glazebrook, Tim Miller, and Haleigh Wendel. These Confirmation students over the past two years have studied together, worshiped together, done significant acts of service together, played the chimes together, and enjoyed camp, a lock-in and other fun events together. Now they have arrived at this important milestone in their lives and we rejoice and give thanks and praise to God for their presence in our community of faith.

Confirmation Sunday is Holy Day of Promises in the life of our congregation as the confirmands Affirm their Baptism. Affirmation of Baptism means the young people will promise to continue in the covenant God made with them when they were baptized and claimed as God's beloved children. Now as they become confirmed members of St. John's they will be making their own Holy Promises: to worship God, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through words and deed, to serve all people following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. These are the very same promises that each confirmed member of our congregation has made. It would be impossible to carry out these promises on their own, so the Holy Spirit has given them, and all of us, the gift of this congregation of St. John's so that we can help each other to grow in faith and serve in love together.

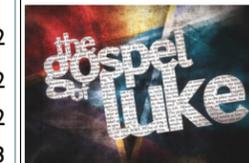


Following the promises of the confirmands, the whole congregation will also make important Holy Promises: to support these brothers and sister in the years ahead and pray for them in their life of faith.

Please attend this important day of worship in the lives of our youth. You will have an opportunity to greet and congratulate our confirmands following worship.

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Janet Lepp

**Have You Been Reading Luke?**



We have been encouraging EVERYONE to read the Gospel of Luke. Once you are done, add your name to the Luke board in the Fellowship Hall. On Sunday, May 22nd, we will be celebrating the end of the Sunday School year with an intergenerational Luke Event. EVERYONE is invited to attend! Following worship, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for snacks, trivia, table conversation, and lots of fun for all ages. Parents, please plan to attend this Luke Event with your child(ren). We look forward to seeing you there!

### “How Lovely Are the Feet of Him Who Brings Good News!”

Feet. There are all kinds of references to feet in regards to our faith journey. We are invited to sit at Jesus' feet. We are called to “wash others' feet” or serve others. We are commissioned to be the lovely feet that bring others the Good News. This spring, we at St. John's have been invited to participate once again in an opportunity to serve as Christ in the World in a unique way through the care of “feet.” Another Child Foundation has asked if we would like to be “one of the ones” that participates in Project Respond who is partnering with Shoes for Orphan Souls by collecting new shoes and socks to be delivered by Christians to orphans and families in need in Romania.



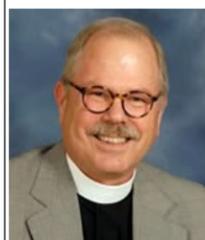
**This year St. John's will be collecting new athletic shoes for children ages 3-14 as well as new socks from May 8th through June 9th.** We are setting a goal of at least 100 new pairs of shoes! Boxes will be placed in the Nar-

thex, the Parish Hall, and outside the church office to receive donations.

In addition to donations, other needs include: 1) a person to deliver our shoe/sock donations to the collection event in Princeton on July 30th and 2) we are asked to contribute \$200 to cover the cost of shipping.

*Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality as it is written, 'he who gathered much will not have too much and he who gathered little will not have too little.'* (2 Corinthians 8:13-15)

We invite you to prayerfully consider whether you would like to join us in serving as Christ in the world in this way.



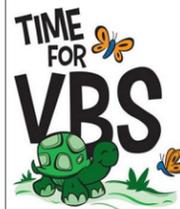
Rev. Kurt Nordby, Assistant to the Bishop for Stewardship and Development, will join us for our All Teams Meeting in the Fellowship Hall on June 2nd at 7pm. Everyone is invited, especially members of our church council, all team members, and those who are interested in the future of our congregation.

#### St. John's New Members



Since Pastor Janet Lepp's arrival at St. John's, we have received several new members. We welcomed Brooklyn Lynaya Crawley, Lillian Mabel Hansen, Easton William Pyse, Evalyn Wynter Eslinger, Rory Hazel Eich, and Wyatt James Kempson who were all baptized by Pastor Janet. We also welcomed the following individuals and families — Phil, Andrea & Marley Bodine; Dan & Janet Lepp; Kim & Dominick Lewis; Dean, Shylah, Jaxon & Liam Ward; Carol Wheeler; Linda Buettner; James Ebens; Daniel Francis; and Jessica Hayungs.

#### VBS Summer Camp — July 11th to July 14th



Vacation Bible School will be held at St. John's from Monday, July 11th to Thursday, July 14th (9am to 2:30pm). On Sunday, July 10th, four camp leaders from Lutherdale Bible Camp in Elkhorn, Wisconsin will be at St. John's for our 9am worship service. They will be introduced and will lead our congregation in some camp songs. Immediately after the service, parents, children and all congregation members are invited to the Fellowship Hall for light refreshments. 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 drink each day. (A morning snack will be provided daily.) Registration forms were handed out to our Sunday School students recently. Although it seems early, we are asking you to fill out the registration form at this time and turn it in to the office along with the \$10/camper or \$20/family fee. Additional forms can be found in the office or on the Information Booth. Lutherdale would like the first list of campers in May.



## St. John's Youth News

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



### ~ Current 5th through 7th Graders ~ Junior High Mission Trip Friday, June 3rd - Sunday, June 5th



Have you been praying about joining us for "Poured Out 2016", the junior high mission trip to Belvidere planned for this summer? Information and registration forms are available in the mailbox outside of Maria's office. Your registration form and \$25.00 deposit payable to "St. John's" is due by Sunday, May 8th. If you have any questions, please speak with Maria.

The Poured Out 2016 team will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, May 25th from 6pm to 8pm for pizza, games and to talk about our trip.

#### Cincinnati Mission Trip Team



We are very excited to announce the members of the Cincinnati Mission Trip Team — Aaron Brandner, Grace Brandner, Gavin Glazebrook, Natalie Landgraf, Cameron Schumacher, Gillian Sutton, Haleigh Wendel, Jacquelynn Wendel, Maria Bonine, Dave Brandner, and Roberta Wendel. Cincinnati's greatest issue is its high child poverty rate. While there, we will partner with local agencies to serve children. We ask for your prayers for our team and for the children of Cincinnati.

#### 2016 Community Baccalaureate Service



Baccalaureate Service

All 2016 high school graduates, regardless of church affiliation, are invited to a Baccalaureate Service at First United Methodist Church on Sunday, May 15th at 3pm. This special service has been planned by the participating seniors, their families, and clergy members from area churches; and will include an individual blessing for each senior as these young adults move on to the next chapter of their lives. The Baccalaureate service is open to the public. Please spread the news and make plans to join us!

#### Confirmation Class News...



Several of our 7th and 8th grade Confirmation students (and some friends) had a great time together playing laser tag in Rockford recently. They also enjoyed dinner at Portillo's. Thank you to Maria Bonine, Laura Glazebrook, Liz Miller, Melissa Nosalik, and Laurie Zimmerman for transporting and chaperoning our group!

Confirmation Day for our 8th grade students is set for Sunday, May 15th during 9am worship. We will hold a rehearsal and take a group picture on Wednesday, May 11th from 6pm to 8pm. (7th graders should also plan to attend.) Please keep our 8th graders: Aaron, Emily, Gavin, Haleigh, Hannah, Paige, and Tim in your prayers as they prepare for their special day.



**High School Seniors — On May 15th** we will recognize our graduating seniors during 9am worship. Our seniors will be leading worship this day (ushers, greeters, readers). Please let Maria know how you would like to help. Also, we ask that you gather in the Fellowship Hall following worship for a group picture and a reception in your honor.

God's blessings on Mariah Ambler, Liam Bogle, Gage Glazebrook, Abram Green, Becca Weide, Mollie Wixom, and Kyle Wood.

**High School or College Graduates —** Please submit a photo and information regarding your future plans to the office by Monday, May 2nd. You will be recognized during worship on May 15th. We will also include your photo and information in the June Eagle newsletter. Thank you!