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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 Verdel Miller
Dotti Scholz
May 7 Kenneth Betz
May 9 Ruth Delhotal
May 25 Otto Meyer
May 30 Helen Jackson

~ Happy 100th Birthday ~
Bernice Eich on May 12th!

Happy 50+ Anniversary!

Jon & Joyce Dinges
May 29th — 58 years

Congratulations!

John & Kris Baird
May 3rd — 20 years

Bill & Denise Garthe
May 15th — 35 years

Upcoming Events

May

4 All Teams meeting at 7pm
6 8th grade students meet at 11am
13 Confirmation rehearsal at 1pm
14 Confirmation during 9am worship
18 Church Council meeting at 6:30pm
23 Mission Quilt Day at 9am
24 Newsletter Assembly at 10:30am
29 Office Closed — Memorial Day

June

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

July

4 Office Closed — Independence Day
6 All Teams meeting at 7pm
16 High School Mission Trip begins
20 Church Council meeting at 6:30pm
26 Newsletter Assembly at 10:30am

Looking Ahead...

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 16th 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
Sunday School 10:10am
- The hospital does not contact Pastor Lepp or the church when you are hospitalized. Please have a family member contact us.
- Volunteers needed in May 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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Confirmation Sunday: A Holy Day of Promises
May 14, 2017

Six young people will be confirmed on May 14: Lauren Beetz, Christian Dean, Dylan Denault, Matthew Greuter, Shashawna Reger-Kendall, and Cole Zimmerman. 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.



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

Their Confirmation verse is Joshua 1:9, *Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.*

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



Everyone of all ages is invited to join us on Sunday, May 21st as we celebrate the end of the Sunday School year with a Talent Show in the Fellowship Hall at 10:10am following worship!

Our Talent Show will feature a variety of performances from all of our Sunday School classes — from Preschoolers through Adults. It promises to be lots of fun for everyone! Refreshments will be served.

St. John's Finance News

Did you know that St. John's offers various ways for you to give financial support for all of our ministries: offerings collected at each worship service, offerings sent in the mail or dropped off at the office, automatic giving set up through the church office, and coming soon - PayPal on the new church website.

This year \$120,000 of the gifts, offerings, and Ministry Enhancement funds will be used for Benevolence Distribution to the following agencies. \$51,300 Mission Support to the NI Synod and the ELCA for Global Mission Relief and Developments. Programs such as the Malaria Project, World Hunger (*Health Clinics, Water Wells, Food Supplies*), HIV & AIDS Projects, Disaster Response Programs and Immigration and Refugee Services are a few of the ways the funds are used. \$17,583 to other various ministries such as Another Child Romanian Orphanage, Mendota Area Christian Food

Pantry, Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center, Illinois Valley PADS Homeless Shelter, Lutherdale Camp, Mendota Lutheran Home, Mendota Area Senior Services and St. John's Good Samaritan Fund as well as Sunday School benevolences. \$50,000 Ministry Enhancement Distribution to Crossroads Counseling Center, MLH, Task Force – Feed the Need, LSSI, Lutherdale, Food Pantry, LOMC, ELCA Disaster Response, MASS, IVCIL, Lutheran Campus Ministry, Abigail's Women's Clinic, SS Matching Funds, Horizon House, ADV Shelter, Trinity Health Clinic, Freedom House, 211 Services.

Our Budget through March 31st is \$-2,668 (YTD Budget is \$-6,652), so we are ahead of our Budget and we are also ahead of our Budgeted Regular offerings by \$1,399. There are 317 givers (giving units). Thank you for your continued support of St. John's.



The second activity of our **Feed The Need** project, will kick off on Sunday, April 30th and continue through Sunday, May 28th.

Our mission will be to stock **St. John's Barnyard** with honey bees, chicks, pigs, goats, and cows. These animals will then be donated to **God's Global Barnyard**, part of the ELCA Good Gifts program. Farm animals are gifted to families around the world to help them escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good. Animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell on the market. Give a man a meal, and you feed him for a day. Help a man be a farmer, and he will feed himself and others for a lifetime!

Maud Powell Music Festival to present
"An Afternoon of Music"

St. John's Lutheran Church will be hosting a music recital on Saturday, May 20th at 2pm. This recital is part of the Maud Powell Music Festival annual recital series. The recital will feature Kevin McMahon, violin, from Wisconsin, and Mary Schallhorn, piano, from Mendota, Illinois. Come and enjoy some great music. Think of it as preparation for the 5pm worship and a time to be thoughtful and meditate. This program is free and open to the public. Call (815) 878-2495 for more information.

Wartburg Theological Seminary
President to visit St. John's



On Thursday, May 18th, President Louise Johnson of Wartburg Theological Seminary will be visiting St. John's.

An afternoon tea is planned at 3pm on May 18th in the Fellowship Hall for all of you who would like to meet her. President Johnson is looking forward to coming to St. John's, her first trip here, and sharing how Wartburg Seminary is training future leaders of the church through some new innovations in learning.

President Johnson will also be meeting with council members and other leaders that evening.

Support our Mendota Lutheran Home

We invite you to celebrate National Nursing Home Week and support our Mendota Lutheran Home at the annual Pork Chop Lunch! The lunch will take place on Friday, May 19th from 11am to 1pm. Please join us, rain or shine, in the Mendota Lutheran Home Activity Room. One pork chop lunch is \$8.00. Two pork chop lunch is \$10.00. Hot dog lunch is \$3.00. Tickets are available at the door.



St. John's Youth News

"Growing Together in our Faith as we Serve Others"



High School and College Graduates — Please submit a photo and information regarding your future plans to the office by Monday, May 1st. You will be recognized during worship on May 21st. We will also include your photo and information in the June *Eagle* newsletter. Thank you!



High School Seniors — On May 21st we will recognize our graduating seniors during 9am worship. Our seniors will be greeters for worship on this day. Also, we ask that you gather at the altar following worship for a group picture.

God's blessings on *Emily Bedford, Kianne Brown, Erik Grenter, Jackson Guo, Cameron Schumacher, Gillian Sutton, Jacquelynn Wendel, and Melissa Wohrley.*



High School Mission Trip Team (aka "Team Red Lake") — We are planning to meet before our trip to fill out paperwork, we just haven't set a date yet. (We won't schedule anything until after school is finished.) Watch your bulletins and mailbox for more information.

Confirmation Class News...

•Confirmation Day for our 8th grade students (Christian, Cole, Dylan, Lauren, Matthew & Shashawna) is set for Sunday, May 14th during 9am worship.



•We will meet on Saturday, May 6th at 11am to work on our stoles.

•We will hold a rehearsal and take a group picture on Saturday, May 13th at 1pm. (7th graders should also plan to attend the rehearsal.)



Current 5th through 7th graders... have you been praying about joining us for "*Poured Out 2017*", the junior high mission trip to Belvidere planned for June 2nd to June 4th? 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 7th. If you have any questions, please speak with Maria.

VBS Summer Camp — June 19th to June 22nd



Vacation Bible School information and registration forms will soon be going home with our Kindergarten through 5th grade Sunday School students. VBS will be held at St. John's from Monday, June 19th through Thursday, June 22nd (9am to 2:30pm). When the information is received, it is extremely important that parents who wish to have their children attend VBS fill out the registration form and return it to their Sunday School teachers or to the church office immediately. The number of camp leaders that Lutherdale Bible Camp will send to us is totally dependent on the number of students who sign up for camp. We would like to have at least 30 students so that Lutherdale will send us four camp leaders. The leaders will arrive on Sunday, June 18th, hopefully in time to be introduced during 9am worship.

We will need two families to host our leaders from Sunday evening through Thursday morning. The host families will also provide them with breakfast. Also needed are persons or families who are able to provide lunches and dinners for the leaders throughout their time with us. These meals can be homemade or purchased. If you would be willing to be a host family or provide a lunch or dinner for the camp leaders, please contact Susan Ambler at (815) 910-3958 or call the church office. We appreciate all of the help we have received in the past, and hope to hear from many more of our members this year!