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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
Georgia Mathesius
May 9 Ruth Delhotal
May 25 Otto Meyer
May 30 Helen Jackson

Congratulations

Happy 50+ Anniversary!

Jon & Joyce Dinges
May 29th — 60 years

Upcoming Events

May

2 Sarah Circle at 1pm
2 Executive Team meeting at 6:30pm
2 All Teams meeting at 7pm
5 Confirmation Rehearsal and Breakfast
12 Mother's Day
12 Confirmation Sunday
12 Recognition of HS Graduates during 9am worship
13 Rebecca Circle at 7pm
16 Church Council meeting at 6:30pm
19 Last Day of Sunday School
20 Newsletter Deadline
23 Newsletter Assembly at 10:30am
25 No Chapel worship
27 Office Closed - Memorial Day
28 Mission Quilt Day at 9am

June

6 All Teams meeting at 7pm
7 Lunch In The Park!
20 Church Council meeting at 6:30pm

Mark Your Calendars...

June 7th to 8th

5th to 8th Grade Mission Day and Lock-In

June 14th & 15th

Northern Illinois Synod Assembly

June 17th to 21st

Vacation Bible School

June 17th to 21st

Confirmation Camp at Lutherdale

July 14th to 19th

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 the church when you are hospitalized.** Please have a family member contact us.
- St. John's offers **Electronic Giving**. If you are interested please contact Susan in the office.
- **Volunteers are needed** in May and June to host Fellowship Time. Sign up in Kitchen today.
- 5th through 8th grade youth should mark their calendars for an exciting **Mission Day and Lock-In** beginning on Friday, June 7th and continuing until Saturday morning, June 8th. More details will be sent to those students soon. We will also need some adult helpers throughout the event. Please contact Karen Goy if you can help in any way.

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Confirmation Sunday — May 12th



On Sunday, May 12th, we will celebrate as six of our young people will be Confirmed. Please keep *Landon Kreiser, Matthew Miller, Alayna Nosalik, Laurel Politsch, Garret Zinke, and Gracie Zinke* in your prayers as they prepare for this special day. Over the past two years, these Confirmation students have studied together, worshiped together, completed significant acts of service together, enjoyed camp, and many 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 a 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.

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.

Thank you to everyone who provided the sweet treats for our Easter Egg Hunt after worship on Easter morning! All of the children really enjoyed gathering the colorful eggs from the church courtyard!



Church Council Highlights

The following are some highlights from the April 25, 2019 Church Council meeting.

Council approved hiring Grace Brandner as our Summer College Intern. She will be helping in the office, with youth activities, and other duties for about 10 weeks.

Council voted to approve changes to our Ministry Site Profile as requested by the Call Committee.

Council learned that the Mendota Lutheran Home has a positive outlook for the near future.

Finance Report Year To Date thru March 2019:

Budgeted Income \$93,368 Actual Income \$94,252
Budgeted Expense \$92,767 Actual Expense \$74,100

We are ahead of regular offerings (year-to-date) by \$146.00.

Guest Pastor Schedule for May 2019

- May 4th — Rev. Susan Presley
- May 5th — Rev. Bob Hansen
- May 11th — Rev. Tammy Anderson
- May 12th — Rev. Robin Brown
- May 18th — Rev. Susan Presley
- May 19th — Rev. Dennis Heaney
- May 25th — NO Chapel worship
- May 26th — Rev. Harold Grafe

St. John's Task Force Update

Members of the St. John's Task Force met recently to plan several events for the congregation.

Kids Against Hunger food pack event — will be held in our fellowship hall on October 19th.

PADS Homeless Shelter expansion — financial support to sponsor a family sleeping room and an administration office. We will also be helping out with the move into the expansion in a hands-on way, hopefully at the end of August.

Mission: Mendota — Community-wide service project(s) with more information to follow as plans are finalized. Also, plans are being made to hold an intergenerational Trivia Night.



Our Adult Sunday School group is beginning a new video based study and you're invited!

"H2O - A Journey of Faith"

meets following 9am worship around the big table in the north end of the fellowship hall. We invite you to pick up a cup of coffee and join us for the weekly videos and thought-provoking discussions.

Last Day of Sunday School
Sunday, May 19th



We would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You!" to everyone who invested their time in the faith development of our children this year!

Gary & Sheila Duttlinger (*PreSchool & PreK*); Sarah Coss, Sammye Schumacher, Linda Erlenborn, Lynette Piller (*Kindergarten/1st/2nd*); Melissa Nosalik, Dawn Kendall (*3rd/4th*); Tara Champlin, Jeni Holland (*5th/6th*); former Interim Pastor Jeff Chubb, Shirley Pierson, Jeff Simonton (*Confirmation 7th/8th*); Karen Goy (*High School*); James Younger (*Music*); Kora Jones, Jamie Kreiser, Valerie Kreiser, Lisa Martin (*substitute teachers*); Ed & Karyn Bock, Dave & Dorothy Brandner, Grace Brandner, Laurie Ladenburger, Ron & Deb Rose, Dave & Mel Schroeder, Jeff & Lori Simonton, Laurie Zimmerman (*Sunday School Greeters*). We also thank our Educational Ministry Team of Melvette Jones, Cyndy Kreiser, Sandi Maas & Melissa Nosalik for all of their hard work this year.

Thrivent Financial Members



Please make sure that you have designated St. John's as the recipient for your Choice Dollars. Also, remember that you are eligible to receive two grants of \$250 each year. We have been blessed to be able to use these grants for Vacation Bible School, many youth events and activities, and Outreach activities. If you are interested in applying for a grant to be used for St. John's ministries, please contact Karen Goy as they are looking for additional funding for Lunch in the Park scheduled for Friday, June 7th. She would be happy to help write the grant as well as the follow up report. Thank you in advance!



St. John's Youth News

"Growing Together in our Faith as we Serve Others"



Confirmation Class News...

- Confirmation Rehearsal will take place on Sunday, May 5th during Sunday School. Following the Rehearsal, our 8th graders and their families are invited to a Confirmation Breakfast served and joined by the 7th graders. It will be the last time you will have together as a group and we want to celebrate all that you have put into and shared this year!
- Confirmation of our 8th graders will take place on Sunday, May 12th. Please keep *Landon Kreiser, Matthew Miller, Alayna Nosalik, Laurel Politsch, Garret Zinke, and Gracie Zinke* in your prayers as they prepare for this very special day.
- A photo of the newly-Confirmed 8th graders will be taken after worship on May 12th.

Start Getting Excited... For Lunch in the Park!!



Weather's getting warmer. School is nearly out. It's time to begin looking forward to Lunch in the Park! St. John's Youth will be providing Lunch in the Park on Friday, June 7th. Our young people will be serving freshly grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, and pork chop sandwiches along with chips, desserts, and drinks. We hope you'll mark your calendars and plan to join us for lunch and fellowship... and bring your friends, neighbors, and coworkers! The monies raised will go to help with the costs of mission trips and many other youth activities.

We will also be collecting monetary donations at the event to be donated to the family of a Mendota High School peer who is presently battling cancer. Should the day happen to bring rain instead of sunshine - we'll just plan to serve the community from our parish hall!

We would welcome any donations of bottled water, iced tea, or soda; ice; buns; individually bagged assorted chips; and individually wrapped desserts such as bars, cookies, or cupcakes. A donation signup sheet will be posted on the information booth in mid-May.



Plans are being made for an exciting week of Vacation Bible School this summer entitled *ROAR! Life is Wild... God is Good!* VBS will be held on Monday, June 17th through Friday, June 21st from 9am to Noon for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. ****Children must be 5 years old on or before June 17th.** Registration forms will be sent home with our Sunday School students on May 5th and are due by Sunday, May 19th. It's sure to be a week filled with fun, friendship, and worshipping God!! We hope you'll tell a friend and share in the fun and excitement of VBS! Those interested in helping, please contact one of the co-coordinators, Valerie Kreiser at (815) 866-4946 or Deb Rose at (815) 866-5833.



High School Seniors — On Sunday, May 12th we will recognize our graduating seniors during 9am worship. We are pleased that our seniors will be greeters for worship on this day.

God's blessings on *Peyton Baird, Katie Beetz, Gabrielle Brown, Abby Phalen, and Katherine Wohrley*.



High School Help Needed!! Vacation Bible School is in need of two high school youth to lead their physical activity time each day, June 17th to 21st, from 9am to 10:45am. You may commit to one or more days depending on your schedule. Activities would be planned and materials would be there for you. If you are interested, please let Karen Goy know.