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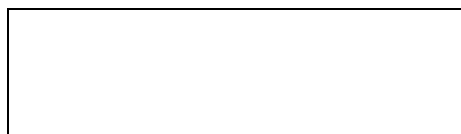
The church office will be **CLOSED** on **May 29th.**

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May Birthdays, Anniversaries
& Upcoming Events

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



75th+ Birthday

May 2 Barb Anderson
May 5 Dotti Scholz
May 7 Ken Betz
May 9 Ruth Delhotal
May 24 Gene Orstead
May 25 Otto Meyer
May 31 Janice Vegetabile

Happy Milestone
and 50+ Anniversary!

Don & Karen Goy
May 28th — 40 years

Jon & Joyce Dinges
May 29th — 64 years

May Calendar of Events

4 Sarah Circle 1pm
4 All Teams meeting 7pm
7 Graduate recognition at 9am worship
8 Rebecca Circle 1:30pm
11 Heritage Health 10am
14 Vicar Anthony's Graduation Day!
17 Stonecroft 10am
20 Confirmation Rehearsal 10:30am
21 Last Day of Sunday School Celebration
21 Church Council meeting 10:15am
23 Quilting 9am
28 Confirmation at 9am worship
29 Office Closed — Memorial Day holiday

Looking Ahead...

June 16th & 17th
Northern Illinois Synod Assembly

July 9th to 13th
High School Mission Trip to Altoona, PA

July 21st
Lunch In The Park

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Special items of interest:

- **Worship in our Sanctuary continues** each Sunday morning at 9am. If you are unable to attend, you can join us for virtual worship on our YouTube page. (Go to [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for STJ LUTHERAN MENDOTA.)
- **If you would like our Interim Minister Vicar Anthony Windau to know when you are hospitalized,** please contact the church office. Because of privacy laws, the hospital will not contact us.
- St. John's offers **Electronic Giving.** If you are interested please contact Susan in the office. You can also **give online** through the link on our website.



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Summer Months

May begins the much-anticipated summer months. We've had some up-and-down weather this spring, so I look forward to the consistent warm days. With that nice weather comes the end of school, graduation parties, lazy days in the sun, and vacations. I don't have any planned vacations, but I will enjoy the few days off in mid-May to travel to Dubuque, IA so I can graduate seminary!

In the past few months, we celebrated Holy Week, culminating in two beautiful Easter services (bonus points for those that joined me at 6am), formed the Transition Team and then the Call Committee to begin the search for a new pastor, and gathered weekly for worship, including a few funerals, first communion, and even a baptism. We've been busy.

You've all earned a break to rest and go have fun. I encourage you to do so! Rest, relaxation, and play are good for you. Enjoy a Sabbath day to recharge and refocus on God too.

When you're off traveling, look for a church to worship with in-person or join our live stream on YouTube. Although good church attendance doesn't make you a good Christian, staying in the habit can most certainly benefit your soul.

May through August usually see a slump in attendance and offering while people travel on vacation, but there's still plenty to do at St. John's. If you'd like to continue to support the ministry of St. John's while you're away, consider setting up automatic offering through Vanco, or contacting Susan to learn more about bank transfers. These are great options even outside of the summer months.

This summer, I hope to offer another after-church Bible Study (topic TBD), and our High School youth will go on their mission trip to Altoona, PA. Towards the end of summer, we'll celebrate my time as your intern turned interim, and we even have a few courtyard events in the works! All the while still gathering for worship.

I hope you'll join us and keep worship in your summer routine, but if you go on vacation, travel, or sleep in, remember that God loves you!

Peace!
Vicar Anthony

Church Council Highlights

The following are some highlights from the April 20, 2023 meeting of our church council.

- Vicar Anthony has arranged pulpit supply for May 14th. Deaconess Lindsay Fertig-Johnson will lead worship while Vicar is in Dubuque graduating from Seminary. There will be no communion offered on May 14th
- We are planning to recognize our high school graduates during worship on Sunday, May 7th. Confirmation of our 8th graders is set for Pentecost Sunday, May 28th.
- The Educational Ministry Team is planning for Vacation Bible School.
- The Property Team shared that the stained glass window repair project is complete and looks wonderful. We are very close to covering all of the costs of the repairs. The Property Team is currently putting together and prioritizing a list of future projects.
- A bid was accepted for mowing the Troy Grove Lutheran Cemetery.
- The Outreach Team noted that there are 30 quilts completed for Lutheran World Relief. The quilting group is always looking for new people to join them on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 9am.
- The Call Committee has made the following appointments: *Tony Troyer* — Chairperson, and *Karen Goy* — Secretary. The Call Committee also includes *Charlie Betz, Sarah Coss, Melissa Doll, Sue Florschuetz, Mike Maas, Lisa Martin, Nick Piller, and Garret Zinke.*
- The colorful courtyard banners will be updated soon.
- All Teams will continue to meet on the first Monday of each month. The next All Teams Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 7pm.

Finance Report Year To Date thru March 2023:
Budgeted Income \$80,829 Actual Income \$93,490
Budgeted Expense \$78,672 Actual Expense \$81,283


We are grateful for your continued financial support, through your offerings in person, through the mail, and through automatic giving. We are blessed to have such a faithful St. John’s family.



CONGRATULATIONS!

The team from St. John’s recently competed at First United Methodist Church’s Trivia Night, and came away with **FIRST PLACE!**


Pictured above are Vicar Anthony Windau, Maddox Rosales, Corbin Doll, Quin Holland, Melissa Nosalik, Learl McDonald, Aimee Holland, and Dennis Bieser. We are proud of you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

“Thank You!” to our Sunday School Teachers


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


Melissa Doll, Linda Erlenborn, Sophie Holland, Alayna Nosalik (*Kindergarten/1st/2nd*); Melissa Nosalik, Dawn Kendall (*3rd/4th*); Sarah Coss, Theresa Komitas (*5th/6th*); Todd & Monica Zimmerlein (*Confirmation 7th/8th*); Vicar Anthony Windau (*High School*); James Younger (*Music*); Kora Jones, Valerie Kreiser, Lisa Martin (*substitute teachers*); Ed & Karyn Bock, Dorothy Brandner, Angela Kent, Laurie Ladenburger, Melissa Nosalik, Chris & Christy Perra, Shirley Pierson, Deb Rose, Jeff & Lori Simonton, Laurie Zimmerman (*Sunday School Greeters*). We also thank our Educational Ministry Team of Melissa Doll, Charnelle Fara, Dawn Kendall, Sandi Maas & Melissa Nosalik for all of their hard work this year.



St. John’s Youth News

"Growing Together in our Faith as we Serve Others"






Congratulations to our 2023 First Communion class!

On Palm Sunday, we welcomed seven children to the Lord’s Table. Pictured with Vicar Anthony Windau are:

(front) Quinton Truckenbrod, Kylynn Truckenbrod, Lily Grace Weathers, Evalyn Eslinger; (back) Easton Pyse, Lillian Hansen. Absent from photo is Robert Bailey.


Congratulations to our High School Seniors



On Sunday, May 7th we will recognize our graduating seniors during 9am worship.


God’s blessings on *Landon Kreiser, Abby Kunz, Matt Miller, Alayna Nosalik, Laurel Politsch, Garret Zinke, and Gracie Zinke.*

Last Day of Sunday School



The last day of Sunday School for all ages (kindergarten through high school) will be May 21st.

We will celebrate with a variety of games, crafts, and snacks in the courtyard. Everything will move into the fellowship hall if the weather doesn’t cooperate. We hope you will make plans to join in the fun!



Plans are being made for an awesome week of Vacation Bible School and we hope you will join us!

WHEN: Monday, June 12th to Friday, June 16th
9am to 12pm

WHO: All children in kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome to join the fun! **Children must be 5 years old by June 12th.* Registration forms will be available on Sunday, May 21st and are due to the church office by June 5th.

ALSO: We would love to have several older kids (6th grade through high school) volunteer to help with activities. You don’t have to commit to the whole week. We will work with your availability. Please contact Melissa Nosalik or the church office (815) 539-5626 if you are interested in learning more.