



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE ELDERS

Christian greetings in the precious Name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

The 2016 Fish Boil was held July 10th for the benefit of Orphan Grain Train. 76 individuals were served. 31 volunteers worked 140 hours which helped raise \$1,077 and Thrivent donated an extra \$250. One box of used clothing was also given. A big thank you to the volunteers and the people who contributed to this effort.

VBS was held July 10-14. Thanks to

all the teachers, assistants, and other helpers that made it a success. Midweek school will start in mid September. Please prayerfully consider helping our educational program by volunteering to teach.

Please include our shut ins, those needing God's continued care, those serving in the military abroad and our adopted missionaries in your prayers.

God's blessings,

The Elders

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Thank you to all children, parents and volunteers for making VBS a success! There was an average of 25 children each night.

Fall Sunday school classes will begin on September 11th. The annual Teachers Appreciation picnic will follow. All students and parents please plan on attending this fun kick-off event! Details to come soon!

Midweek classes will begin on September 14th with a parent/student/teacher meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m.

LAMBS OF CHRIST PRESCHOOL NEWS

Lambs of Christ will begin the new school year on Monday, August 22. This year our theme will be "Upon this Rock". Based on Isaiah 26:4, "Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock." Jesus will be our rock as we discover more about this world He has given us to live in.

Young children enjoy collecting rocks so we begin the year by being rock hounds as we search for rocks of many colors and shapes. (If you have a colorful rock collection you would like to share contact Miss Rhonda)

This year we will again asking you to participate with us by being prayer partners with the children. We ask that a prayer partner keeps the Lambs of Christ student and their family in their prayers. You may also wish to send the student cards, notes and small gifts on holidays and their birthdays etc. We would like to in-

vite you to come to preschool events as well as visit preschool at your convenience. I will have the sign ups in the narthex shortly after school starts. Please contact me via email to sign-up.

Parents and students are invited to come to preschool on Wednesday, August 10 (M-W-F class) or Thursday, August 11 (T-Th class) at 6:00 pm. This will give students the opportunity to meet their classmates and check out the classroom. Parents will be given information to help make a smooth transition into preschool.

We could use the following items at the preschool. Please let me know if you would like to donate any of them.

- Cars, trucks and other equipment to be used in play inside or out
- Sand buckets and shovels

- Dolls and doll clothes
- Duplo or Lego Blocks

If you would like to donate some school supplies to the preschool we are requesting the following:

- Crayola Washable Markers Broad tips and fine tips
- Washable dry erase markers
- Crayola Crayons basic 8 colors
- Fat washable glue sticks
- 2 pocket folders red, blue or green.
- Rolls of kitchen paper towels

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER GROWTH

Schedule at a Glance

Worship Service (Sundays)	9:00 a.m.
Bible Class (Sundays)	10:30 a.m.
Elder's Meeting (August 1)	7:30 p.m.
LYF ()	Following Worship Service
Lutheran Women in Mission (August 16)	7:00 p.m.
Ladies Aid Meeting (August 31)	2:00 p.m.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & BAPTISMS

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Jason Jordan
- 5 Sara Sublett
- 10 Abbey Reetz
- 12 Amanda Rezac
- 13 Ray Bleich, Michael Reiss, Kristi Reitz
- 14 Todd Hoyer
- 15 Hannah Rethmeier
- 17 Eric Ellingson, Mara Hoyer, Madison Persing
- 18 Sheila Church, Marianne Tesar
- 19 Shirley Reetz, Darren Weber
- 20 Diane Gropp
- 21 Jim Ellingson
- 22 Terry Meinke, Kristine Muff
- 23 Jennifer Reetz
- 25 Garrett Mehl
- 26 Mike Langfeldt
- 28 Brad Kalkwarf, Miri-

- am Weber
- 30 Donna Kastanek
- 31 Donald Rejcha

BAPTISMS

- 1 Hope Hoyer
- 2 Leahh Anderson, LaVonne Nit- zel
- 3 Erica Sublett, Briggen Reetz
- 7 Marilyn Nast
- 8 Ashley Walker
- 10 Wayne Hansmeyer
- 11 Christopher Ladman, Tyler Stehlik, Easton Brethouwer
- 13 Alexandra Weber
- 19 Kyle Ochs
- 21 Gloria McDermott
- 22 Sara Sublett
- 23 Brad Pomajzl, Kristi Reitz
- 29 Madison Persing
- 30 Ariana Munro, Amanda Rezac

LADIES AID MINUTES

St. John Ladies Aid met on July 27, 2016, with Janice Reetz as hostess. We opened the meeting by singing "Just as I Am, without One Plea". Carol Brinkmeyer led us in Bible Study on Sarah, wife of Abraham.

Roll call was taken with ten members and one guest, Karen Rambo. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and the treasurer's report was given and approved.

OLD BUSINESS: Darleen Dittmer thanked the ladies for the food that was brought to the fish broil on July 10.

NEW BUSINESS: JoAnn Renner requested that the Ladies Aid make a financial donation to Lambs of Christ pre-school. A motion was made and seconded to donate \$100 to Lambs of Christ. Motion was passed.

Birthdays celebrated in July were Janice Reetz, Marilyn Nast, LaVonne Nitzel and Barb Meinke. The birthday song was sung. Celebrating an anniversary in July were Pastor and Carol Brinkmeyer.

The hostess for August will be Noreen Wild. We closed with the Lord's Prayer and the table prayer. Shirley Reetz, secretary

THOSE SERVING DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST

DUTY	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
Organist	Jayne VanAsperen	Jolene Reetz	Jolene Reetz	Jayne VanAsperen
Elders	John Reitz	Ken Tesar	Roger Koch	Terry Reetz
Greeters	Mr. & Mrs. Brian Persing	Mr. & Mrs. Dean Prochnow	Mr. & Mrs. Del Reiss	Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Nitzel
Acolytes	Elliott Reitz & Maggie Wohl	Ashly Adam & Colton Homolka	Mara & Skye Hoyer	Mersadies Kvasnicka & Aaron Meinke