



# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

**OUR MISSION** Share the Joy of His News by growing inward through God's Word, Sacraments and fellowship and by growing outward through words, actions, and mission outreach.

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## FROM THE ELDERS

God's blessings to you! We hope you are enjoying your summer. Please remember to make worship a part of your weekly schedule.

The 2016 annual fish boil will be held Sunday July 10th after church service at the Kramer Hall from 11:30 to 1pm. Everyone is invited to attend. Please come & enjoy the fellowship and a delicious meal while supporting the Orphan Grain Train.

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner (July 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>). This is a great opportunity for kids to have summer fun while learning about their Lord

and Savior Jesus Christ.

Pastor Williamson has agreed to serve as our vacancy Pastor for Sunday services and Adult Bible Studies. He will also teach Midweek classes this fall as well as Advent and Lent services. During the week, Pastor Haynes will take care of emergency visits, shut-ins and funerals.

Remember to keep Pastors in your prayers. Let us give thanks to God for providing us with pastors who share with us the blessings of God.

Have a safe and enjoyable July.

The Elders

## HEALTHY HABITS: DEALING WITH BUG BITES

It's that time of year when the bugs out there are looking for a tasty meal: You. It's best to avoid bug bites by wearing long pants, shirts with sleeves, and insect repellent. Stay indoors at dusk and dawn when insects are actively seeking a meal. Insects do not like the smell of peppermint, rosemary, citrus, or eucalyptus so setting pots of these plants on your deck or patio will help discourage them.

No matter how vigilant you are, eventually a bug wins the battle and you are left with an itchy wound. Here's what to do when you get a bug bite.

1. Look to see if there is a stinger attached. If so, pull it out with a tweezers or scrape the spot with a credit card. The stinger is usually not deep so it is not too difficult to remove.

2. Wash the spot with soap and water.

3. Apply a cold pack such as an ice cube wrapped in a cloth. This will help reduce the swelling and relieve the itch.

4. Apply an anti-itch ointment such as Caladryl or Cortizone Cream to the spot. Reapply as directed on the package.

Seek medical attention immediately if the victim has shortness of breath, swollen tongue or lips, or hives. These indicate an allergic reaction to the bite and can be life threatening.

Having said all this, have an enjoyable summer enjoying the great outdoors and God's amazing creation.

## VBS 2016 JULY 10<sup>TH</sup> - JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>

**VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING** will be held on Tuesday, July 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please attend if you have signed up to volunteer or if you would like to know more information about volunteering. This year's theme is "Created in Christ with Bible Olympics". We need volunteers to provide meals, snacks, assist with "Olympic Games", crafts and teaching lessons. Call or email Tammy Homolka with questions: 402-826-9098 or [trhomolka@gmail.com](mailto:trhomolka@gmail.com) Please remember it take a lot of volunteers to have a successful VBS, thanks in advance!

## LADIES AID MINUTES

St. John Ladies Aid met on June 29, 2016, with Barb Meinke and Irene Reiss as hostesses. We opened the meeting by singing, "Take My Life and Let It Be". Carol Brinkmeyer led us in the final chapter in our study of Naomi. Next month we will start learning about Sarah, the wife of Abraham.

Roll call was taken with twelve members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and the treasurer's report was given and approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The elders asked if the Ladies Aid would be willing to furnish salads and desserts for the fish broil on July 10th. The ladies were willing and a sign-up sheet was passed around.

Anniversaries celebrated in June were: Elmer and Shirley Reetz, Ken and Diane Kahle and Wayne and Linda Eggert.

The hostess for next month will be Janice Reetz. We closed with the Lord's Prayer and table prayer.

Shirley Reetz, secretary

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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 (July 11)	7:30 p.m.
LYF ( )	Following Worship Service
Lutheran Women in Mission (July 19)	7:00 p.m.
Ladies Aid Meeting (July 27)	2:00 p.m.

**JULY BIRTHDAYS & BAPTISMS**

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Harlow Dewey
- 3 A. J. Ellingson, Lisa Rejcha, Sherry Rezac
- 5 Janice Reetz
- 6 Terry Stehlik
- 8 Phyllis Wendelin
- 9 Hugo Pomajzl
- 10 Les Korte, Linda Lee
- 11 Sandi Karl, Marilyn Nast
- 12 Hope Hoyer, Gary Meinke, Erica Sublett
- 13 Trevor Nitzel
- 15 LaVonne Nitzel
- 16 Lynn Meinke
- 19 Lisa Shore
- 20 Leahh Anderson, Karen Bachman, Ashley Walker
- 21 Alexandra Weber
- 23 Briggen Reetz
- 24 Megan Behrends
- 25 Wayne Hansmeyer, Frank Slama, Bailey Stougaard
- 26 Joe Hoesche
- 29 Barb Meinke, Aleece Reetz
- 31 Brad Pomajzl

**BAPTISMS**

- 1 James Haufle, Jeff Hollman, Heath & Harlow Dewey
- 3 Brian Poole, Jacob Wohl
- 4 Wendie & Austin Haufle, Marvin Nitzel
- 5 Roger Koch, Tessa Miller
- 7 Amanda Easley
- 8 Devon Reitz, Marlene Wagner
- 10 James Doiel, Cindy Hoyer
- 11 Victoria Rethmeier
- 12 Sherry Rezac
- 13 Calen Homolka
- 14 Eric Dewey, Lydia Lee, Morgan Wohl
- 15 Ethan Sublett
- 16 Trevor Nitzel
- 18 Elmer Reetz, Garrett Reitz
- 19 Dylan Wagner
- 20 Lisa Rejcha
- 22 Wally Wild
- 24 Shawna Doiel
- 25 Les Korte, Janice Reetz
- 27 Gary Meinke
- 28 Sandi Karl
- 29 Olga Weidner
- 30 JoAnn Renner

**LAMBS OF CHRIST**

**PRESCHOOL NEWS**

The Lambs of Christ Preschool Board would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the Garage Sale. This year we made over \$1,500 in donations and sales. Just so you know many items left from the garage sale were donated to Orphan Grain Train and other non-profits.

We are still taking enrollment for the 2016-2017 School year Contact Michelle Wittstuck for more information. We have made some yard signs to place around town. If you live on a busy street and wouldn't mind a sign in your yard please let us know.

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**THOSE SERVING DURING THE MONTH OF JULY**

DUTY	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
<b>Organist</b>	Jolene Reetz	Jayne VanAsperen	Jolene Reetz	Jayne VanAsperen	Jolene Reetz
<b>Elders</b>	John Reitz	Terry Reetz	Roger Koch	Brent Wohl	Ken Tesar
<b>Greeters</b>	Mr. & Mrs. Tim McDermott	Barb Meinke & Fran Sieck	Mr. & Mrs. Gary Meinke	Mr. & Mrs. Dave Musil	Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Nitzel
<b>Acolytes</b>	Maggie Wohl & Ashlyn Adam	Colton Homolka & Mersadies Kvasnicka	Mara & Skye Hoyer	Aaron Meinke & Madison Persing	Olivia & Hugo Pomajzl