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# St. John's Messenger Aug., Sept., & Oct., 2025

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# Reflections will be back next newsletter!

August 3-6th 6:00 p.m -8:15 p.m Vacation Bibles School <u>Wednesday, August 6 at 6:00 p.m.</u> Everyone is invited to join us on the last night, for our program, lunch and Wheels for Wilson, Cruise on in event. Push, pull or drag anything and park it on the grassy area that evening.

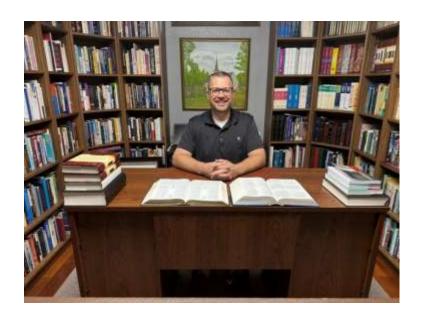
August 10th 9:30a.m. Heatwole Service

Tuesday, August 19 5:00-8 p.m. Kidzjam will be held for kids ages 2 and up on. It will be a come and go event where parents can drop off their kids anytime between 5:00-8:00. We will provide snacks, free-play, crafts, music and story. Sign up on the bulletin board in back of church or let Andrea, Dawn or Jodi know.

#### REMEMBER FALL HOURS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 7TH

9:15 a.m. Sunday School-VBS slideshow-kids will NOT sing during worship 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship with communion

Come celebrate St. John's 160th Anniversary on September 21st! A free catered meal of roast beef, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, coleslaw, dinner roll and dessert will be served after the 10:30 service. There will be a bouncy house for the kids and Luke Winger, an inspirational speaker and juggler, will be doing a show from 1:00-2:00 PM. The sign-up for the meal is on the back bulletin board. The deadline to sign up is September 7th. If you have any questions or want to RSVP by phone, please contact Michelle Alsleben at (320) 223-4153. You won't want to miss this family fun day celebrating the 160 years of St. John's Church!



Pastor Bjorn's New Office!!!!

# Pastor's Notes:

Recently, I've been thinking a lot about meaningful church membership. Specifically, I've been wondering about how best to engage with those who have disengaged with the church. I understand there are a variety of reasons why people cannot attend regularly. Health issues keep many people away on Sunday morning, as do conflicting work schedules. Thank you to everyone who has informed me of these situations. If health, work, or another factor interferes with your regular worship, please communicate that with me or a council member, as it helps us know how to best pray for you. I also understand that the summers are short in Minnesota, and several people spend their weekends at the lake. Praise God that He has blessed you in this way and enables you to enjoy His creation. When you're not at the cabin or traveling, please bless us with your presence at the weekly worship service for your good, the good of the body, and for God's glory.

When you became a member, you pledged to attend the regular (at least 10 times a year) worship of the church and the celebration of the Lord's Supper; to live the Christian life; to share in the life and work of the church; to contribute to its support and benevolences; and to seek diligently the spiritual welfare of the membership and the community.

I, along with the council, am concerned about your spiritual welfare. We desire to see you walking with the Lord and engaged in the life of the church because this is what God has deemed is best for you as a follower of Christ. More than anything, we want to hear from you. If there is a reason for your absence, please let us know. If you are struggling spiritually, know that we are here to walk alongside you, answer your questions, and pray for you. If you are attending church elsewhere, let us know that too. We want to encourage you in your walk with Christ wherever you attend. Similarly, if you've moved and can no longer attend because of distance, please communicate that to us. Again, please let us know of your current situation and how we can best serve you. To those interested in becoming a member, let me or one of the council members know as well.

The following was written by Kyle Borg on December 21, 2018, and posted on the Gentle Reformation website. For many of you, this letter doesn't apply. For others, please receive this with the love and encouragement that is intended.

#### A Letter to the Inactive Member

I'm not certain, but I suspect that if you asked a pastor what discourages him most, a common answer given would be the inactive member. By inactivity, I don't mean only those who are habitually absent, but also the member who merely warms a seat but does little to participate in the life, service, and especially the worship of the church. But it's not only a great discouragement for a pastor (and congregation), it is also a good reason for concern. An inactive member is ordinarily one of the sheep that has gone astray and requires the shepherd to leave the ninety-nine to go after the one.

As I thought about this, here's what I'd like to say to the inactive member:

#### Dear Friend,

I wanted to write you a letter of encouragement. I've noticed lately that you haven't been as present in the life and worship of the congregation as you once were. I understand that there are many things in life that detract or hinder us from being as active as we should be, and maybe we just need a bit of a nudge in the right direction. In fact, it's a temptation that the Bible encourages us against: "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near" (Hebrews 10:23-25). So with that in mind, let me encourage you to not neglect the life, service, and worship of the church.

First, I want to encourage you because God is worthy. When we meet week by week to worship God, we don't do it because it's tradition or mere formality. Rather, we do it because God is worthy to be worshiped: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" (Revelation 5:12). When we come together in worship — as God wants us to do — we are saying "You are worthy!" But when you don't come to worship because you don't feel like it, or you're too busy, or you'd rather do something else, you are telling God, "You're not worthy." God is worthy of being worshiped, loved, and served by you.

Second, I want to encourage you because the church is a body. Paul wrote: "For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another" (Romans 12:4-5). By the Holy Spirit, we're not only united to Jesus but to one another. When you're not participating in the life, service, and especially the worship of the church, we feel your absence. We value you — your presence, service, gifts, and graces. To put it this way, when you're not with us, we're not complete, but we're a body that is missing a part.

Third, I want to encourage you because of your spiritual growth. God doesn't intend Christians to grow all by themselves. Rather, we are to grow together. Again, Paul wrote that we have the ministry of the church so that "we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13). I'm afraid to say it, but it's a biblical assumption that your inactivity means you're not growing spiritually. You're not growing in a love for God or for your neighbor; you're not growing in your knowledge and understanding of the things of God. This isn't a good place to be, and we don't want you to be there.

Fourth, I want to encourage you because of the wiles of Satan. Peter wrote: "Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). I don't know a lot about the habits of lions, but I do know that they prey on those who are detached from the herd. I worry that in being inactive and not participating, you've separated yourself from the herd and have become easy prey for Satan — his lies, flaming darts, and temptations. There's a reason that just before this, Peter wrote "Be alert." We don't want you to be resisting the devil all on your own; that's why God has given you to us and us to you.

Fifth, I want to encourage you because of mutual edification. Even Paul, who was an Apostle, wanted and needed to be with the church. To the congregation in Rome, he wrote: "For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you — that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine" (Romans 1:11-12). You're a member of this church, and

you're also a friend and family member in Jesus. We want to have opportunities to edify you and also to be edified by you.

Sixth, I want to encourage you because of joy. In writing to a church John said: "Though I have much to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink. Instead I hope to come to you and talk face to face, so that our joy may be complete" (2 John 1:12). Everyone wants to be happy, glad, and joyful. The Bible reminds us that we find joy in the face-to-face presence of one another. That is to say, you contribute to our joy when you are present, and we contribute to yours.

Finally, let me encourage you because of the promises you made. When you became a member of this church, you promised to throw your weight into this congregation — your devotion, service, influence, encouragement, and help. You and I both know what it's called when we're not true to our word. Would you allow me to ask: Were you being honest when you made that promise?

We all need encouragement from time to time to not quit but to keep with it. I hope you know that just as you need us, so we need you: "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

In Jesus, Your Pastor

#### **Council Minutes**

.May 6th, 2025

Council Members Present: Council members present were Dave (by Zoom), Dawn, Barb, Deb, Jerome, Elmer.

Pastor Bjorn was also at the meeting.

Dave called the meeting to order, and Pastor Bjorn opened with prayer.

The secretary's minutes were approved of the April 8th meeting.

Dawn gave the treasurer's report. The beginning balance was \$61,863.16 and the ending balance was \$71,987.22.

- Designated Funds \$17,835.96
- o Technology Improvements \$2,520.00
- o Cemetery Spraying \$2,000.00
- o Memorial \$6902.60
- o Benevolence \$2,221.65
- o Building \$620.00
- o Choir \$517.71
- o Cemetery Fund \$2,135.00
- o SS-VBS \$554.00
- o Youth \$5.00
- o Pastoral Fund \$360.00
- General Fund \$54,151.26

Jerome reported that the building fund checking balance is \$2,769.75 and the Vanguard account balance is \$154,488.30. Current building fund expenses paid include property taxes, ramp stain & Pastor Bjorn buildout expenses.

All financial reports were approved as given.

Pastor Bjorn reported to the council that he participated in a meeting with over a dozen pastors in Hutchinson where they discussed temporary housing, namely homelessness. UCAP/HOMES spoke to the group and is looking for churches to pay for one room a year at a cost of \$2,700 each. Visitations have been ongoing. The Lenten services went well and the fellowship. Construction has been finished in his office space at home.

#### Old Business:

- Fan installation is complete. Thanks to Brian, Cory, Mason and Bjorn for their great help!
- Entry ramp discussion no action now. Plan to bring up at congregational meeting on June 1st.
- Cemetery Policy to be presented at the congregational meeting following the service on June 1st for approval. Letters are out, and people are responding.
- Add'l furnace filters were received. Thanks Barb!
- We have a check ready to cover 25% of the Youth Gathering trip for Mariyah Smith.
- Missions: Dave & Pastor Bjorn have had meetings with two families, The Solheim family (World Gospel Mission in Honduras) and the Anderson family (CIM-Center for Indian Ministries). The Anderson family currently lives in Mankato and will be moving to the reservation in late summer to minister to the tribe on the Red Lake Reservation area. Ideas were discussed to introduce these families to our church to meet members such as a game night and inviting them to attend a service.
- The church internet plan is to suspend action until another T-Mobile deal comes around, the current offer has expired.
- Ramp staining plan, materials ordered and expect to complete after Memorial Day.
- The grounds cleanup was done with a good crew, Thanks to the youth group for leading!
- Vanguard Org Resolution completed, and Jerome now has full access to the Building Fund account.

#### New Business:

- Outstanding membership letters were last mailed in 2022 or 2023. No 2nd letters mailed. Deb will follow-up with Pam to find out who received the letters and share with Pastor Bjorn.
- Congregational meeting to be held following the service on June 1st. Topics include Cemetery Policy approval, church anniversary, directory, missions, and entry ramp.
- The septic alarm has sounded an alert to problems with the men's toilet. Members will monitor to repair or replace.
- A case of hand towels will be ordered soon for the restrooms; the supply is getting low.
- The automated entry door timing will be adjusted.
- Task List:
- o Clean out file cabinet assigned to Deb.
- O Update newspaper, Karen takes care of.
- o Jerome will change the sign hours.
- Honor the graduates.
- o Jerome will contact Dave Trimbo to clean the carpets.
- The Faith Center thermostat will be switched to AC mode.
- The grounds assessment will be completed at the June council meeting with a walk around.
- Suggestion Box included a couple suggestions that were discussed as a group.
- Upcoming events include the end of Sunday School on May 18th.
- Other new business none
- Our next council meeting will be held on June 18th at 7:00, with a grounds assessment beforehand.

M/S/A to adjourn the meeting following the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted, Deb Froemming/Secretary

Special Meeting June 1, 2025 Voting on new Cemetery Policy

Dave Swift called the meeting to order after the church service and Pastor Bjorn opened with prayer.

There were 46 members present, which was enough to take a vote.

Prior to the meeting, members were mailed a proposed copy of the new policy which was approved by the Council to bring to a member vote. Dave opened the floor for questions while Celine handed out a sheet that had a few minor modifications of wording. She then explained them to those present.

Questions that were asked included the new \$100.00 burial fee. This fee will go into effect 9-1 2025. Those that have purchased their plots prior to this date will be grandfathered in with their pricing. Another question was asked if you choose to have a cremation buried with a coffin and the cremation passes first. You would need to hang on to the urn until the coffin was buried or else purchase two plots. Temporary burial of the cremation is not an option.

Elmer made a motion to approve the Cemetery Policy, seconded by Jerome, congregation approved.

The council will get this policy into the policy book. A new cemetery book with a new map will be made and available. Members present approved a plan to re-number the cemetery layout and update maps and paperwork to reflect the change. Those that want to reserve a plot before the price change on September 1st were asked to see a cemetery committee member which is Dave Huebert, Dave Sanken, or Celine Swift. A big thanks to all of them for their many hours of hard work!! Other topics of discussion were: 1) Missionaries: The Solheim's who serve Honduras will be here on Wednesday night to talk about their missions and to meet members of the congregation and join in a "game night". Dave mentioned that funding could be made through direct giving, endowment funds, and women's guild to support missions. 2) Front entry ramp: The ramp needs work and it is too steep. Ideas and quotes to remedy the situation have been gotten but nothing felt good enough to advance with. Ideas were welcomed! 3) Audio/Visual System: Still trying to figure out a way for Mike to have more room to work and make it easier for others to learn to do the work Mike does without losing too much of our seating. Again, ideas are welcomed! 4) St. John's 160th Anniversary: September 21, 2025. Details were very well explained in the newsletter. A sign-up sheet will be available starting June 15th. Hope everyone can attend!! 5) Church Directory: It has been 10 years since one was done. If approved, this one would be done by members of the congregation as professional photographers are shying away from doing these. Members approved of having one done.

Gene Konerza made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Elmer Baysinger. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Martin/ Acting Secretary

June 18, 2025

Council Members Present: Council members present were Dave, Barb, Deb, Jerome, Elmer. Pastor Bjorn was alsoat the meeting. Dawn was absent.

Dave called the meeting to order, and Pastor Bjorn opened with prayer.

The secretary's minutes were approved of for the May 6th meeting.

Dave gave the treasurer's report. The beginning balance was \$71,987.22 and the ending balance was \$71,009.96.

- Designated Funds \$16,282.96
- o Technology Improvements \$2,520.00
- o Cemetery Spraying \$2,000.00
- o Memorial \$4,477.60
- o Benevolence \$2,406.65
- o Building \$775.00
- o Choir \$517.71
- o Cemetery Fund \$2,345.00
- o SS-VBS \$786.00
- o Youth \$5.00
- o Pastoral Fund \$450.00
- General Fund \$54,727.00

Jerome reported that the building fund checking balance is \$2,741.88 and the Vanguard account balance is \$158,674.78. Pastor Bjorn's home office buildout total was \$10,117.34. Jerome will check with the Women's Guild for additional funding.

All financial reports were approved as given.

Pastor Bjorn reported to the council that he attended a CCCC discipleship training in Woodbury, and he is looking into CCCC Ordination.

#### Old Business:

- Ramp staining completed and good for 3 more years, Thanks to Dave Martin for is help!
- Congregational meeting
- Cemetery Policy will be filed by Deb on the drive and in policy book.
- o Utilizing old library cabinet location or Cemetery map and documents.
- Work will begin with funeral policy.
- Photo Directory is in planning phase.
- Re-ordering of cemetery approved. Work will begin on Friday with a church crew.
- Missions
- O Solheim follow-up discussion.
- Anderson family will visit service on June 29th.
- Ice Cream social was attended by 275.
- Door Adjustments made, hold time increased.
- Building account funds will be used to replace 2 toilets.
- Task list
- Dave & Deb will clean out the file cabinet tonight.
- Carpet cleaning service will be called.
- o Grounds assessment found no issues.
- Discussion on video and sound update progress.

#### **New Business:**

- New pew bibles discussion ESV used for sermon, NIV(1984) in the pews with a count of 85.
- The suggestion box was empty.
- Upcoming events include VBS.
- Women's Guild Scholarship discussion.
- Our next council meeting will be held on July 16th at 7:00.

M/S/A to adjourn the meeting following the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Froemming/Secretary

**July 16, 2025 Council Members Present:** Council members present were Dave (zoom), Dawn, Barb, Deb, Jerome, Elmer. Pastor Bjorn was also at the meeting.

Dave called the meeting to order, and Pastor Bjorn opened with prayer.

The secretary's minutes were approved for the June 18th meeting.

Dawn gave the treasurer's report. The beginning balance was \$71,009.96 and the ending balance was \$74,688.68.

Designated Funds - \$16,974.96 Technology Improvements - \$2,520.00

Cemetery Spraying - \$2,000.00

Memorial - \$4,477.60

Benevolence - \$2,091.65

Building - \$955.00

Choir - \$517.71

Cemetery Fund - \$3,040.00

SS-VBS - \$828.00

Youth \$5.00

Pastoral Fund – \$540.00

General Fund - \$57,713.72

Jerome reported that the building fund Citizens Bank checking balance is \$6,136.82 and the Vanguard account balance is \$162,283.13. Cleaning is scheduled for carpets on August 11-12 and waxing floors August 16.

All financial reports were approved as given.

Pastor Bjorn reported to the council that he has made several visitations, calls and follow-ups.

#### **Old Business:**

- Cemetery Policy filing, Deb adding
- Re-ordering of cemetery markers complete thanks to Dave Huebert, Dave Sanken, Dillon and Mark Wigern, and Celine Swift
- Cemetery decoration rules seeking feedback from members
- M/S/A Pastor Barry & wife plot purchase
- Flagpole installation request, discussion carried
- Church Directories Brenda and Celine are working on it, Julia to help with sittings
- Found studio equipment for photos, Dave's DIL
- Bindings ordered/received
- Pricing strategy ideas discussion, 50 books to start,
- Church office payments
- Missions EC proposal for \$1,200 each/yr, pending council/congregation approval. Dave will bring to endowment committee for an ask.
- Toilets Faith Center and men's basement toilets replaced. Thanks Michael Sanken!
- Outstanding membership letters
- ESV pew bibles Was this a memorial gift?
- Too large. New holders, move holders, no change or ?

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• 160th Anniversary Planning to do outdoors under tents with indoor backup.

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- Timing for A/V move trial will be Sept/Oct, will move 2 pews ahead.
- Women's Guild Scholarship \$1,000, one time for HS grads and college students

#### **New Business:**

Pastor vacation July 27 Pulpit fill with Jim Crayford who is an elder from Benson Service leaders from council and congregation

New flooring in Faith Center, discussion carried to next month Suggestion to power wash the church before the anniversary Task list

Review constitution and policies

Reviewed supply list Reviewed background checks Change furnace filters, Dave will do

Suggestion Box – Empty Upcoming events – VBS August 3rd-6th and Heatwole worship service on August 10th Our next council meeting will be held on August 13th at 7:00 pm.

M/S/A to adjourn the meeting following the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted, Deb Froemming/Secretary

#### The Cemetery Committee (Dave Huebert, Dave Sanken and Celine Swift):

- The committee would like to thank everyone who helped with the cemetery cleanup on April 27th. Thanks also to the Wigern family for the great job they are doing mowing, gopher control, finding buried markers, etc. It always looks so nice!!
- Reminder: the cost to reserve a plot in the cemetery will be going up on September 1st. If you are interested in reserving at the current price, please reach out to a committee member in the next few weeks. And if you have a specific spot in mind, you'll want to act quickly because plots are going fast. Eleven plots have already been snatched up since the new policy was adopted on June 1st.

### Meeting Missionaries:

### Steve & Kelly Solheim:





Meet the Solheims / Game night 6/4/2025 Honduras missionaries Steve and Kelly Solheim more about them at https://www.teamsolheim.org/



<u>David & Rachel Anderson & Family</u> 6/29/2025 morning Worship Service Are going to be at Red Lake Indian Reservation with 5,500 Ojibwe residents.







#### Sunday School Happenings

At this time, Sunday School is gearing up for Vacation Bible School- True North- Trusting Jesus in a Wild World on August 3-6 from 6-8:15. There are 32 kids on the list that will participate in this fun-filled adventure! Come and check us out any evening!

Everyone is invited to join us on the last night, Wednesday, August 6 at 6:00 for our program, lunch and Wheels for Wilson, Cruise on in event. Push, pull or drag anything and park it on the grassy area that evening.

We are hosting another Kidzjam event for ages 2 and up, where parents can drop off and pick up at their leisure on Tuesday, August 19 from 5:00-8:00. There will be free-play, crafts, games, snacks and a story. You can sign up at church, tell Dawn, Andrea or text Jodi (320-894-5189).

The Sunday School is trying something new this Fall. We are sponsoring a child through a local program, Global Fingerprints. Her name is Irene . There will be updates with pictures and messages. Thank you to the Nemitz family Endowment to fund this special opportunity to have the kids reach out across the world and make a connection.

#### **Special Dates:**

August 3-6- VBS

August 10- church at Heatwole

August 19- Kidzjam event at church-5:00-8:00

September 7- 1st day of Sunday School- VBS slideshow- kids will NOT sing during church

September 21- Church Anniversary- kids sing- TBD

October 26- Kids sing in church

December 21- Christmas program- 10:30

#### **Last Sunday of Sunday School**











# Youth Group Happenings:

Flower sales set up for pickup.





Youth Group was on the move again in May/June. They helped to clean a yard, held a cook out at church, and assisted with missionary visits. As always, wonderful food and fellowship was enjoyed by all!







# Church Happening: April 27th Cleanup grounds and install new fans! Lunch First!!









Cleaning up cemetery by Mark & Dylan!
Thank you for caring so much for the cemetery,
And lots more to do.

GREAT JOB!!!!

# New Fans



Lucky we have people that like to climb that HIGH!!!!!

THANK YOU!

# May 18th New Members



Travis, Jayden & Stephine Brecht Welcome to the St. John's!

May 18th
A Prayer for their new adventure after graduation.



Jack, Charlie, Jayden B., Jayden S., Olivia, & Hailey



Pastor Bjorn giving each of them a Bible from the church.

# ICE CREAM SOCIAL-June 12th

# Getting things ready for the next day!!











Crew getting shelters up!







Ready to Serve



Opening with a prayer

# HERE WE GO!!!!!

















Our Helpers, young and older!!!

#### 2025 RAFFLE WINNERS

A special "Thank You" to everyone that helped with the 2025 Ice Cream Social Raffle. Advance ticket sellers you did a great job! We are grateful and thankful for the members that made or donated the many beautiful & unique items for the raffle. You truly made the raffle a success. 2024 sales were \$600 and 2025 were \$833.

Plant stand Jeff Kosek

Keith Radke Diana Chase Dave Martin

**Kathy Hochsprung** 

Hand Towel Jim Chelin Rosemary Eiden

Bonnie Kaufman Brenda Garoutte

Zach Zeleke

**Potholders** Karen Hornemann

Diane Hess Ryan Kern Michelle Moyer

Afghan Cory Garoutte

**Kathy Hantge** 

Ouilt Judy Peterson

Michelle Moyer Harlow Karg Tammy Kosek

**Crocheted items** 

Doilies -

Pam Martin

2-Shirley Troska

2 - Baily2 - Diane Hess3 - Maddy Lemke3 - Dave Martin3 - Zach Telecky3 - Michelle Moyer3 - JoAnn Chrast3 - Kayla Carrigan

Lg. White -Maio Knoll

Doilies 2-Green- Jim Borchert 2-Purple –Karson Sanken

1-Yellow-Michelle Moyer

Knit items -table runner - Doug Schrader

" " Doug Maxwell
" Jonni Conn

White placemats & runner Nita Finch

Playing card holder & cards-

Dave Martin Julie Leske Rachel Zellmann

Greeting Card - Get Well - Renae Swanson

Birthday – Jeff Kosek Gift Cards – Dollar Fresh \$25

Annette Zimmerman Dollar Tree \$20 –Dave Martin

Gift Baskets-

Card-Steve Block 3M - -Nita Finch

Birthday Party - Hannah Wigern

Child – Norma Halberg
Auto Pail – Renae Swanson
4th of July – Doug Schrader

3M- Jon Templin

Game- Delaney Sparby Kitchen – Jeff Kosek Child- Hannah Wigern Wine - Sandy Vaughn

Popcorn movie set – Josh Baklund Inspiration – Elmer Baysinger

Lotion - Jess Call

Movie night – Lori Chacka Table Topper – Doug Maxwell

**Bluee- Lassie Cumber** 

Misc. Jar of Jam Shirley Troska

Saw Horses Norma Halberg

# July 7-13-2025 Outdoor Service

# "GOD is GOOD"





### Remember these friends in Christ with a prayer, card or call

Glen Bemis Birthday 8/28 55530 County RD 38 Buffalo Lake, MN. 55314

Betty Benjamin Birthday 12/14 1015 Century Ave. Apt.115 Hutchinson, MN. 55350

Joel Buckentin Birthday 12/23 Barb Buckentin Birthday 1/12 1097 Blackbird trail S.W. Hutchinson, MN. 55350

Kari Eischens Birthday 4/21 %Dennis Schwanke 225 Major Ave, Glencoe, MN. 55336

Randy Knick Birthday 11/28 1388 Bradford St. Hutchinson, MN. 55350

Jessica Maiers Birthdday 5/25 434 Kay St. S.W. Hutchinson, MN. 55350 David Martin Birthday 12/11 72555 280th St. Dassel, MN. 55325

Myra Martin Birthday 3/18 % Ken Feltmann 66 1st Ave. N.
Lester Prairie, MN. 55354

Loren Mielke Birthday 1/19 11031 Page Ave. Brownton, MN. 55312

Michelle Moyer Birthday 3/27 736 Maple St. Hutchinson, MN. 55350

Nita non Wald Birthday 6/07 1096 Sherwood St. N.E. Hutchinson, MN. 55350

Mrs. Lin Ziemer Birthday 12/06 Woodstone Sr. Livg #208 955 Cleveland Ave. S.W. Hutchinson, MN. 5535

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#### COUNCIL

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#### **WOMEN'S GUILD 2025**

President Julie Karl ...... 320-587-7702 Vice Pres Lea Ette Peters .....864-3282 Sec. Michelle Moyer ... 320-250-7088 Treas. Brenda Schaefer. 507-766-7486 Sunshine Cr:Elaine Carrigan 864-3330

#### **CEMETERY BOARD**

David Huebert	320-296-9153
David Sanken	320-583-7777
Celine Swift	320-296-9083

### **BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE**

Elaine Carrigan	320-864-3330
Mavis Mielke	320-328-5339

# SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & SUBSTITUTES 2024-2025

Preschool-	_Dawn Norrbom &
	Jayme Sparby
Grade 1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jodi Sanken &
	Michelle Moyer
Grade 4th-8th J	June Knick-Andrea Wigern

### **Young Adult Class**

Michelle Alsleben

#### **Substitute List:**

Brenda Garoutte Leslie Smith

Children's Church	
Totes	Youth Group

#### YOUTH GROUP LEADERS

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# Job Sign-Ups 2025

### **COMMUNION & AL-TAR PREP**

## January.....Swift February.....Blackbird March.....Mavis April.....Mavis May..... Alsleben June....Lea Ette & Michelle M. July ..... Karl/ Kaufmann August.....Sanken September.....Schaefer October ......Garoutte November .....

December.....

### **CUSTIODIAN**

January Swift	January Swift
FebruaryBlackbird	February Blackbird
MarchKnick	March Knick
April	AprilHuebert
MayAlsleben	MayAlsleben
JuneLea Ette & Michelle M.	JuneLea Ette & Michelle
JulyKarl/ Kaufmann	JulyKarl/Kaufmann
AugustSanken	August
September	SeptemberSchaefer
OctoberGaroutte	OctoberGaroutte
November	November
December	December
$7^{ ext{th}}$	7 <sup>th</sup>
14 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>
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28th	28th

### **USHER/GREETER**

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January 2026..... January 2026 ..... January 2026.....

# August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Maggie B. Brenda G.
3 Communion VBS	4 Chase B. 6-8:15 P.M.	5 VBS	6 6-8:15 P.M. PICINIC MEAL	7	8	9
HEATWOLE Service 9:30 a.m.	11 Annie B. Raelyn S.	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Taylor M.	21	22 Elaine C.	23
24	25	26	27	28 Glen B. Mavis M.	29	30 Andrea W.
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# September 2025

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Noah E. Gene K.	2	3 hailey M.	4	5	6
7 Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.w/ Communion	8	9	10	11	12 Deb S.	13 Carley E.
14	15	16	17	18	19 Jerome K.	20 Stephaine B.
21 160th Anniversary	22	23	24 Holden M Jayden S	25	26	27
28	29 Adam G.	30 Lucy B.				

### October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Hailey S.	2	3 Hailey M. Pam M.	4 Grace G.
5 Communion	6	7	8 Sandi S. Dylan W.	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Alice K. Doug M.	16 Zach Z.	17 Curt P.	18
19	20 Dean F.	21	22	23	24	25
26 Alex K.	27 Leah S. Braden W.	28	29	30	31	

#### NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Information for the next <u>Newsletter will be needed by Oct. 25th</u> give to me at church or email at chubbers67@gmail.com 
More VBS pictures in the next newsletter!

FALL HOURS BEGIN SEPT. 7TH !!!
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 A.M.
MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.
SUNDAY, SEPT.21ST 160TH ANNIVERSARY
WORSHIP 10:30 A.M. MEAL FOLLOWING
1-2 P.M PROGRAM

There will be a bouncy house for the kids and Luke Winger, an inspirational speaker and juggler.