August 2026 Newsletter

Pastor's Message:

Dear Church,

As I'm writing this note I am up at Crossways Village Camp, for a day of leading Bible Study with family campers. Camp is one of my favorite places (and this camp was built by several generations of folks, including members of St. John's! We actually helped build the chalets at Village and the cabins at Pine Lake!) Much of what staff and pastors do at Camp is try to *plant seeds, and nurture seeds that others have planted!* Seeds like faith, and hope and love; and like humility, kindness and steadfastness (several of this summer's themes!)

August is not usually "planting season", but then again-in the church-it's ALWAYS planting season! So let me "plant" a few seeds for the next year:

1. Families especially: consider coming to Camp next summer! Come for a weekend or week of Family Camp! Send your kiddos to Camp! Come to Grandparent/Grandkids' Camp! The kids and parents here this week are having a fabulous time, enjoying Christian community, in a lovely setting! Ages range from 1-75!
2. This fall, we need a couple of Confirmation Guides (Wednesday nights), and Christy and Chris would like another Sunday School teacher to join them on Sunday mornings. *Could that be you? Especially if you have a 7th or 8th grader? Or a student in Sunday School? We provide 'on the job training!'*
3. It's time to make an extra effort at gathering teens and shaping a growing Youth Group! We can't simply wave a magic wand and create something for the church's teenagers, but if teens and parents and adult leaders can pool efforts, anything is possible! *We'd also encourage teens and parents to think about the Youth Quake weekend in February, and the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis next summer! Talk to Katie Schott, our President.*
4. We did a little survey a few months back about interest in *Adult Education opportunities.* Let's get something going in September, as basic as "Bibles for Dummies", or "What Lutherans Believe" or having conversations around our new ELCA Social Statement on "Civic Life". *Who's interested? Talk to me!*
5. We also need to re-staff our Cemetery Team (after the death of Keith Heidtke), and a Safety/Security Team (talk to Linda Grosser), and our Education Team (talk to Christy Abt). We know not everyone can commit to some extra involvement; we also know that there's plenty of talent and energy and ideas out there in the congregation. Some of you are waiting to be asked! Consider yourself asked!

St. Paul wrote about how one Christian leader 'planted' seeds, another 'watered', and how the life of faith is always a group effort! What 'seeds' can you help plant and tend and nourish this fall?

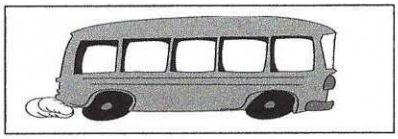
-Pastor Paul

A couple of fun things for August! *The heavenly light show (Perseid Meteor Shower) is coming up, and AstroJim (Jim Hahn) will be happy to gather with you in the parking lot on the evening of Wednesday, August 12 at 8:30. He'll bring a telescope or 2 as well! (The 13th will be our rain date.)*

Our August cookout *will be the following Wednesday, the 19th, at 6pm. We'll have brats, burgers, hot dogs, lemonade, and water. You bring something simple to share! Invite a friend, too!*

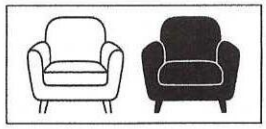
Coming up at St. John's:

St. John's Church Picnic is set for Sunday, September 13th after the service. Volunteers are needed to plan the picnic fun and help with events on picnic day. Sign-up to plan games, collect prizes for all ages, help organize basket donations for the popular Basket Raffle, or bring your own new ideas to the picnic planning meeting. Watch for the meeting date. New volunteers are especially welcome! Look for sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space to help with the picnic or to provide a side dish or dessert for the picnic lunch.

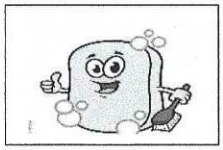


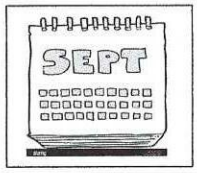
The Fun & Fellowship Team Brewers game bus will be leaving soon. Ticket sales are now closed. **Payment for all tickets is due by Sunday, August 16th.** Please leave your payment in an envelope in the basket with the sign-up sheet, or deliver or mail your payment to the office marked "Brewer Tickets", on or before Sunday, August 16th.

Ready for an upgrade? A generous St. John's supporter has donated 4 Row Four Premium Brewers Tickets and a Gold Parking Pass for the Sunday, August 30th, Rangers game. Place your bid on the Silent Auction sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space. **Bidding will close on Sunday August 16th.**



Keep those towels and bars of soap coming. If you haven't joined in the LWR Personal Care Kit challenge there is still time to help. Help Ruth Circle reach the goal of sending 140 kits to Lutheran World relief by donating a bath towel or bars of soap.





Families with 7th-8th graders: *We'll gather for Confirmation Class on Wednesday, September 16 at 7pm! Thanks for marking your calendars. Is there a friend or neighbor who doesn't have a church, whom you might invite to class as well?*

Giving and Expenses for June 2026

+ June General Fund
Offerings: $ 16,589 Expenses: $20,947 YTD Giving Balance: $127,872

+ Missionary Sponsorship: Offerings: $ 584 YTD: $ 3470 Goal for 2026: $8,000

+ELCA Benevolence/Mission Support:
Offerings: $1627 YTD: $5857 Goal for 2026: $18,000

+ELCA Hunger Appeal
YTD: $4385 Goal for 2026: $4,000

+Building and Grounds Fund: Offerings:$3,665 Expenses:$13,962 YTD Giving:$17,946 Balance:$33,553

+Lower Level Project final numbers! You (the congregation) authorized $87,000 for the project, $84,521 was spent. Council authorized some added work to bring the south end of the basement (flooring, ceiling, lighting) up to date to match. Those items came to $18,928. That amount includes stripping/sealing the floor in the entire basement as well. *Your generous offerings and $28,000 from the Memorial Fund covered all of the $84,521. We need to 'refill' the Building and Grounds fund for the extra $18,928, as we have a repair (and what we hope is a more permanent fix) for some wind damage to the aluminum trim at the peak of the entry way, and an upgrade to the Elevator shaft sump pump (which works overtime in the rainy 'season'.) We've had problems with that high trim before, and Property Team is having it replaced with steel trim, which should do the job!* ***Thanks again to Scott Christianson, the Property Team, and all of you who volunteered!***

Tanzania Update July 2026

Dear Jamaa (extended family),

You have generously supported us and our work in Tanzania for 33 years. As we conclude our service with ELCA in 2026, we are acutely aware of all the ways you have been involved.

40 evangelists from Ketumbeine and Gelai invited us to a farewell. They asked us to convey their thanks to the Lutheran congregations that sponsored them in their 3-year theological training. 24 of these long-term and committed evangelists have each been given a new motorcycle to assist them in their church work and with their family needs. In the photo they are holding copies of Luther's small catechism in Swahili.

The staff of Kirurumo Health Center are very excited about the finishing stages of the new inpatient department. The staff want to thank you for enabling this construction to move quickly.

Recently, Dr. Pedro's surgical team came from Spain to offer free surgical care for about 100 patients from remote areas. The young woman undergoing surgery had a chronic and extensive bone infection in her tibia for 15 years. Her family is thrilled that she is finally free of osteomyelitis.

Last month Naapok Bead Project had a special gathering to inform village and church leaders that despite our departure, the project continues making and selling beadwork, providing a campsite, and operating a microloan program. The artisans were very encouraged by the recognition and positive support they received from village leaders. Beadwork sold in your churches over the past 25 years has helped these women learn basic business skills, build homes, educate children, and install efficient stoves. They have experienced God's provision through you and are grateful.

May we all continue in God's global mission.

With our deep thanks,
Steve and Bethany Friberg

> And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.
> Micah 6:8

Happy Birthday!		
August	3	Kevin Gierach
	3	Bristal Prost
August	4	John Hein
August	5	Marlene Blank
	5	Heather Boesch
	5	Austin Garbade
	5	Carl Krueger
	5	Diane Thomas
August	6	Joann Berholtz
	6	Michelle Jones
	8	Susan Hollister
August	7	Marcia Earl
August	8	Liam Anders
	8	Dale Reisinger
	8	Gordon Rose
August	9	Reuben Heidtke
	9	Dave Weaver
August	12	Emily Kraus
August	13	Amy Hein
August	14	Kathy Hauser
August	15	Austin Prost
August	16	Gary Hainer
August	17	Karen Keel
	17	Dean Klotz
	17	Erma Meyerpeter
	17	Scott Novotny
	17	Tracy Thom
August	20	Lucas Frank
August	22	Nicole Lemberger
	22	Vicki Volz
	22	Dawson Young
August	23	Wendy Wolf
August	25	Rod Legate
August	26	Will Goodman
August	27	Cameron Freund
August	27	Kenna Lisko
August	28	McKenzie Staver
August	29	Vernon Prost
	29	Tanner Toll
August	30	Henry Ayers
	30	Bill Berholtz
August	30	Angel Bialk
	30	Keri Krause
August	31	Sharon Counard
	31	Dorene Rudd

+ Born to Eternal Life +

Keith Heidtke

Ray Fischer

Congratulations!
August Anniversaries

Ken & Pat Ziegelbauer	August 5	54 years
Kevin & Mary Bukovic	August 12	31 years
Joel & Wendy Heidtke	August 12	37 years
Travis & Stefanie Prost	August 12	9 years
Eric & Krista Johnson	August 13	15 years
Alan & Abigail Christianson	August 16	2 years
Austin & Kara Prost	August 18	8 years
Scott & Mary Moschea	August 19	48 years
Dave & Gail Weaver	August 19	21 years
Steve & Judy Henrichs	August 21	44 years
Don & Cindy Driebel	August 22	39 years
Alan & Charlotte Schwieger	August 24	14 years
Joel & Wendy Wolf	August 26	37 years
Ryan & Kimberly Byrne	August 27	21 years
Garry & Shelly Basing	August 28	50 years
Mitchell & Karen Cook	August 29	6 years

August Serving Schedule

August	August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30
Reader	Laura Hahn	Reuben Heidtke	Renee Liberatore	Lee Ann Runnels	Joel Heidtke
Communion	Jim Hahn	George Liberatore	Wendy Wolf	Darlene Wanta	Scott Kinter
Assistants	Peter Uhlig	Dianne Liberatore	Joel Wolf	Pete Kutzora	Laura Bartelt
Usher	Pete Kutzora	Kelly Strnad	Joe Liberatore	Bukovics	Skip Bartelt
Usher	Tim Kiernan	Will Strnad	Jayce Liberatore	Bukovics	Scott Novotny
Greeter	Sharon Kiernan	Katie Schott	Adelynn Guslick/Pam Stahl	Diane Holter	Nancy Kinter
Power Pt.	Wendy Wolf	Scott D/Chris	Staci B/Klay	Wendy Heidtke	Wendy Heidtke
Facebook	Raj Singh	Scott D/Chris	Staci B/Klay	Scott Kinter/ Jack Z.	Raj Singh

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 5:00 Drive-in Worship & Holy Communion
2 9:00 Worship & Holy Communion 9:00 Facebook Live	**3** 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Quilting 6:00 Grief Support at Regner Park - WB	**4** 10:00 Chair Yoga 7:00 Jackson AA Meeting	**5** 9:00 Fellowship and Fitness	**6**	**7** 10:00 Chair Yoga	**8** 5:00 Drive-in Worship & Holy Communion
9 9:00 Worship & Holy Communion 9:00 Facebook Live Temple Talk on "Wills"	**10** 9:00 Bible Study	**11** 9:00 Veteran's Meeting 10:00 Chair Yoga 7:00 Property Mtg. 7:00 Jackson AA	**12** 9:00 Fellowship and Fitness 8:30 Meteor Shower w/Astro Jim	**13**	**14** 10:00 Chair Yoga	**15** 5:00 Drive-in Worship & Holy Communion
16 9:00 Worship & Holy Communion 9:00 Facebook Live	**17** 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Quilting 6:00 Grief Support	**18** 10:00 Chair Yoga 6:30 Council 7:00 Jackson AA Meeting	**19** 9:00 Fellowship and Fitness 6:00 COOKOUT & CAMPFIRE, bring the family!	**20**	**21** 10:00 Chair Yoga	**22** 5:00 Drive-in Worship & Holy Communion
23 9:00 Worship & Holy Communion 9:00 Facebook Live	**24** 9:00 Bible Study	**25** 10:00 Chair Yoga 7:00 Jackson AA Meeting	**26** 9:00 Fellowship and Fitness	**27**	**28** 10:00 Chair Yoga	**29** 3:00 Christian Gierach & Caitlin Tredupp Wedding 5:00 Drive-in Worship & Holy Communion
30 9:00 Worship & Holy Communion 9:00 Facebook Live Brewer's Game	**31** 9:00 Bible Study					

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At St. John's we're privileged and challenged to *Welcome, Worship, and Witness* in Christ's name. Thank you for being part of this faith community and for the serving you do to the glory of God!

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Sunday 9:00 am with Holy Communion
Facebook Live at 9:00 am on Sunday

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