



DELIVER ME FROM EVIL MEN

Recently, I received an email from an old friend who lives across the country from us. The email read, “Hello, Hoping this email finds you well, Do you have an account with Amazon ? Regards.” I intentionally typed the message with the incorrect punctuation because that is the way it came to me. Immediately, this email threw up some red flags in my mind. The friend who supposedly sent this email is a retired college professor. I don’t think he would use wrong punctuation as this email did by using in a comma instead of a period between sentences. The biggest red flag, though, was the question “Do you have an account with Amazon?” I immediately called my friend to let him know that his email had been hacked.

It all goes to show that there are bad people out there who know how to hack into email accounts and send innocent looking emails asking people for money. If I would reply to this email, it would not go to my friend's email account but to another account. In time, these bad people would be asking to use an Amazon account to buy them something, gift cards, perhaps.

We don’t need fake emails for us to know that there are “bad people out there.” Turn on the news and we see other things that bad people do, like shoot school children or people going to church.

David begins Psalm 140 with the prayer: “Deliver me, O LORD, from evil men. ... Guard me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from violent men who have planned to trip up my feet. The arrogant have hidden a trap for me and with cords they have spread a net, beside the way they have set snares for me” (Psalm 140:1,4-5). Just to be clear, the “net” David is referring to is not the internet, although evil men and women can use the internet to trap us in doing things that we shouldn’t. And I am not just talking about sending some con artist Amazon gift cards.

David knew what to do when dealing with evil men. He prays. He also knew that the LORD, was “the strength of [his] salvation” who had “covered [his] head in the day of battle” (Psalm 140:7). The day would come when “the righteous shall give thanks to [His] name; the upright shall dwell in [His] presence” (Psalm 140:13).

As we live in this world filled with evil men, we can do as David did and pray to the LORD. Pray that He would deliver us and save us. He has done both through Jesus.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUTH NEWS

**LCMS NATIONAL
YOUTH GATHERING**

in all  things

Over the past several years the St. John's congregation has supported the efforts to raise money for a life-changing opportunity for our teens. Thank you for your generous donations and support.

Held every three years since 1980, the gathering provides thousands of teens from all over the world the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to be encouraged in their walk with Jesus Christ and learn about the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity.

St. John's has five youth and two adult leaders gearing up to fly to the 2022 LCMS National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX on July 7. This year they will dive into "IN ALL THINGS" based on Colossians 1:15-20. The sheer number of teens at this event will show them that they are part of a bigger picture and gives them a place to be FIRM in their belief as they grow together as a body of Christ.

Follow their adventure on our St. John's Lutheran Church of Aitkin Facebook page. We will be posting as much as we can and share pictures of all the great events and activities.

Those attending the gathering include Kara Crowther and Paige Beaufaux as leaders, and Maggie Borseth, Justin Backstron, Natalie Crowther, Ella Sinchack, and Braden Bartel-Wagner.

COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.



in all

JULY 9-13, 2022



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LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are just days
away from
“God’s Wonder Lab”
VBS program.

MONDAY, JULY 11 THROUGH FRIDAY, JULY 15
9:00AM to 11:30AM each morning

Parents, please come in with your child the first morning (starting at 8:45am) to sign the waiver if you registered online. The Opening Ceremony will begin at 9:00 am. Parents are welcome to join us each day for closing starting 11:15 am. Pick-up is at 11:30 am.



VBS FOOD DRIVE

VBS is doing a Food Drive to support the Aitkin community during VBS week as their **MISSION PROJECT**. They ask that children bring non-perishable items

throughout the week to donate to the Food Shelf. **Our goal is to hit 300 items.**

We invite the congregation to be a part of this Mission. Please bring in non-perishable food items between now and July 15. There is a box in the entry way for food items. Thank you for your continued support of our youth.





SEE YOU AT THE AITKIN COUNTY FAIR!

WED, JULY 6 THROUGH SAT, JULY 9

We are excited to share St. John's Lutheran Church with our community again this year. We need your help to make this a positive experience for our community and fairgoers to know God and St. John's better. **Please sign up to help in the entry of the church as soon as possible.**

Booth Activities include:

- Quilt Drawing
- Kid's Craft Table
- Kid's Photo Opportunity
- Handouts
- Water/Treats
- Photos of St. John's activities
- Talking with people
- Possible piano performances

Building Hours:

- Wednesday: 12 pm - 9 pm
- Thursday: 10 am – 9 pm
- Friday: 10 am – 9 pm
- Saturday: 10 am – 5 pm



Come see the
**ST. JOHN'S
BRASS
ENSEMBLE**

perform on
Friday, July 8 @ 5:30pm

*at the Friends of the
Arts Building*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your
calendars for
some upcoming
events.

OUTDOOR SERVICE AND FAMILY FUN DAY ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

Plans are being made to have the outdoor service and family fun day at the Borseth's on Sunday, August 21. Watch for more detail in August newsletter.



ST. JOHN'S BAZAAR & BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

Time to start getting your creative ideas flowing. The Annual St. John's Bazaar & Bake sale is just around the corner. This is one of our biggest events of the year and the community looks forward to it. We are looking for crafts, woodworking, décor, and anything else that people can buy. Now is a great time to get started and we look forward to seeing all the creativity from our congregation.

We will also be selling baked goods, canned items and garden veggies.

GRANDMA'S ATTIC IS BACK!!

Start sorting through all your treasures... Grandma's Attic is back! If you have items you would like to donate, please start setting them aside. More information will be coming. Thank you in advance for helping make this event successful.



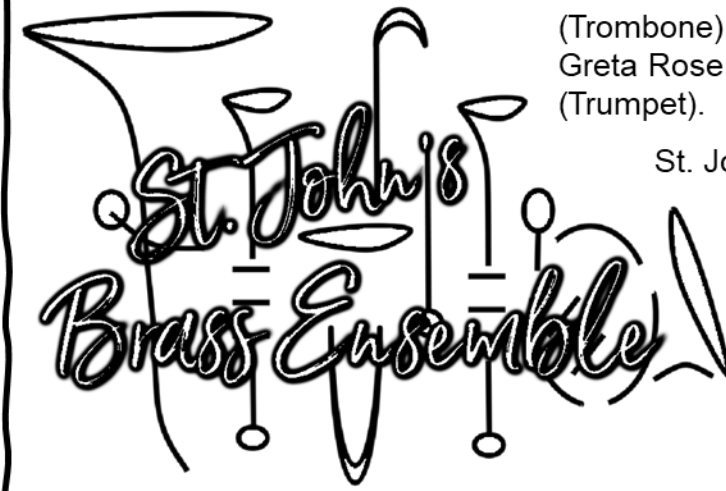


SUMMER MUSIC IN OUR COMMUNITY

The St. John's Brass Ensemble recently performed at the Riverwood Healing Garden at the hospital in Aitkin for its annual memorial ceremony on June 16th. This ceremony recognized those who had made gifts to honor and remember loved ones over the past year. This was the quintet's first performance outside of church. They performed two pieces, Chorale from Jupiter – The Planets and You Raise Me Up.

The ensemble will be performing at the Aitkin County Fair on Friday, July 8th at 5:30 pm in the Friends of the Arts Building. They also plan to perform at Blackrock Terrace and other senior living residences throughout the summer.

The St. John's Brass Ensemble (summer edition) consists of five members, Richard Peterson (Tuba), Connor Rose (Trombone), Noah Rose (French Horn), Greta Rose (Trumpet), and Greg Neutz (Trumpet).



St. John's is excited to have this group of musicians representing our church and sharing music throughout the community. It's a fun group of musicians who enjoy performing and playing together.

If you would like to be a part of the St. John's Brass Ensemble, we are looking for a Trombone or Bass Clef Baritone player starting in September. Our current trombone player, Connor Rose, is heading to college. His talent, dedication, and humor will be missed. Contact any of the above members, if you are interested.

The St. John's **Bulletin Board**



QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING

JULY 17

The St. John's Quarterly Voters' Meeting is scheduled for July 17 following our 9:00 am worship service. All new members and confirmed members (age 19 or older) are encouraged to attend and eligible to be voting members. Please plan to attend.

The Church Council, followed by Deacons, will meet on Thursday, July 7th at 6:00 pm to finalize the agenda for the Voters meeting.

Prior to the upcoming Voters' Meeting, the Board of Deacons are looking for addresses for the following members:



Donna Bartel
Tammy Banks
Laurel Bell
Stacey Bolster
Carol Dotzler
Kasey Kemmet

Briana Otto
Nicolas Parker
Brittany Peterson
Steven Schoneck
Jody Weimer
Mallory Weimer

If you have an address for any of these individuals, please pass it on to the church office. For any of those for whom we do not get addresses by the time of the Voters' Meeting, the deacons will be recommending that they be removed from the membership list."

THANK YOU TO OUR AWESOME HELPERS!

During the recent storm that tore through the northwestern end of town St. John's lost one tree and another was severely damaged. The pastor lost the top of a tree in his yard, as well. Thank you to Jacob Redepinning, Tony Flerlage, James Flerlage, and Richard Peterson for quickly taking care of the trees. Thank you to Jeff Schlagel and Richard Peterson for quickly attending to a leak in the office ceiling and lining up people to get things repaired. Together we are stronger!



The St. John's Bulletin Board

BAPTIZED ON JUNE 19, 2022

May God continue to bless you.

Clara Lou Flerlage

Born May 29, 2022

Daughter of
Tony & Lisa (nee Erikson) Flerlage

Sponsors are
Luke and Brea Hamdorf



*In
Loving
Memory*

WITH SYMPATHY & PRAYERS

Norma Lehrke, age 97, died on February 16, 2022 in Fflugerville, TX. A memorial service for her will be held on Saturday, July 16 at 11 am.

Della Deer, age 98, died on June 11, 2022. Della is the mother of Carolyn Pagels. A memorial service will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church on Saturday, July 9 at 11:00 am.

May God be with their families in their time of grief.

ST. JOHN'S WORSHIP AVAILABLE ON-LINE & ON THE RADIO



St. John's Lutheran Church of Aitkin



St. John's Lutheran Church - Aitkin



Sundays at 8:00am



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Blessings on your special day!

Presley Bleeker	July 02	Matthew Larson	July 18
William Collins	July 02	Kristin Miller	July 19
Ella Sinchak	July 02	Tanner Quigley	July 19
Stephanie Kalkes	July 03	Peter Ness	July 20
John Arness	July 05	Julie Smith	July 20
Richard Peterson	July 05	Lowell Wegner	July 22
Alan Cooper	July 06	Deanna Banks	July 23
Brian Wold	July 06	Rodney Bose	July 23
Diana Backstrom	July 07	Pat Holder	July 23
Chloe Borseth	July 07	Joe Solien	July 23
Rodney Landrus	July 07	Marcus Marsh	July 25
Rebecca Drentlaw	July 08	Quinn Wold	July 25
Cheryl Root	July 08	Douglas C. Banks	July 26
Mitchell Bartel	July 09	John Clark	July 26
Emilee Miller	July 10	Kaelynn Gruhlke	July 26
Tom Rose	July 10	Yvonne Erdman	July 28
Krystal Larson	July 11	Jody Weimer	July 30
Henry Nicko	July 12	Cole Born	July 31
Ernie Ruschmeier	July 12	Heather Gretschmann	July 31
Jeff Sterling	July 12	Scott Lehrke	July 31
Jacob Converse	July 14	Shirley Renstrom	July 31
Anthony Miller	July 14	Darcy Rom	July 31
Kellan Perrine	July 16	Shannon Tibbetts	July 31
Linda Bauer	July 17	Dawn Wilke	July 31
Virginia Kennedy	July 17		

**The birthdays listed are from our church records. Any mistakes are unintentional. Please notify the office of any mistakes, deletions, or if you do not want your birthday listed.*