



## REJOICE THAT YOUR NAMES ARE WRITTEN IN HEAVEN

While on vacation, the beginning of July, my wife and I attended services at our son's church in Idaho Falls, Idaho. The preacher's text was the Gospel Lesson for the day, Luke 10:1-20, which tells how Jesus sent out the seventy-two to share the good news that **"the kingdom of God has come near"** (Luke 10:9).

As the pastor started his sermon, he mentioned the fact that that very day was the 10th Anniversary of his ordination into the ministry. I, myself, earlier that week, had celebrated the 40th Anniversary of my ordination. As he applied the text to himself, it was easy for me to apply it to myself. One of the things, the pastor mentioned from the text was that just as there were times when the message seventy-two brought was rejected (Luke 10:11), there are times when the message we bring to others is rejected. The other thing the pastor pointed to was the promise of Jesus: **"The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me"** (Luke 10:16).

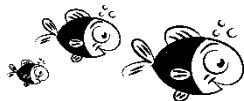
After the service, I had a chance to mention to the pastor that I had recently celebrated my 40th Anniversary in the ministry. Lest you think that is a long time, the pastor who preached for me while I was gone, the Rev. Paul Biegner, later this summer, will be celebrating the 65th Anniversary of his ordination.

When the seventy-two returned to Jesus they were filled with joy, saying, "even the demons are subject to us in your name" (Luke 10:17)! After Jesus said to them, **"I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven," Jesus tells them this: "Do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven"** (Luke 10:18,20).

I think those words are good ones for all of us to remember. Yes, there are going to be times when we feel good because the message we share with others is received with faith. It is good that we can rejoice about that. What is really important, though, what we can really be happy about is that because of the faith in our hearts, our names are written in heaven. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, we have eternal life.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JOIN US FOR  
ST. JOHN'S  
SUMMER  
CELEBRATION



**SUNDAY**

**AUGUST 21**

**11:00 AM**

# SUMMER FUN DAY



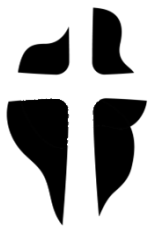
HAMBURGERS AND HOT  
DOGS ON THE GRILL  
BRING A DISH OR  
DESSERT TO SHARE  
& FUN ACTIVITIES  
FOLLOWING WORSHIP

**Dan & Beth Borseth on Nord Lake**

**38250 Deer Street, Aitkin**

**Dan: 218-851-7275 / Beth: 218-851-9349**

Mark your calendar for our Annual Outdoor Service and Family Fun Day on Sunday, August 21. Outdoor worship begins at 11:00 am followed by a cookout lunch of burgers and hotdogs. Bring a side dish or dessert to share (**no nuts please**). Cold water, lemonade and coffee will be provided. After lunch, jump in the lake, be pulled behind the boat, go fishing, enjoy some yard games or just visit with your church family. Come out to Dan and Beth Borseth's for a fun family day!



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

# YOUTH NEWS

*And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Colossians 1:17*

## LCMS NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING RECAP

In July, the five teens and two adult leaders attended the LCMS National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas – “In All Things” based on Colossians 1:15-21. While there, temperatures reached record highs, but what was most memorable was the mass numbers of LCMS youth and adult leaders gathering together in one spot to worship, learn, and grow in Christ’s love and Word.

As a small group from Aitkin, we did things we’ve never done before. We had Bible Study with 4000 youth, attended Mass Events with 28,000 LCMS members, experienced a Christian Concert featuring “For King & Country”, attended several learning sessions and especially enjoyed a Christian comedy & illusionist show. Additionally, we did a service project and helped clean up a local park.

Thank you to everyone who supported and continues to support our youth. This was an experience our young people will never forget and helped kick start a new fire for Christ in each of them. A fire we want to keep burning strong.

**1 TIMOTHY 4:12**  
DON'T LET  
ANYONE  
LOOK DOWN ON  
YOU BECAUSE  
YOU ARE YOUNG,  
BUT BE AN  
EXAMPLE FOR  
THE BELIEVERS  
IN SPEECH,  
IN CONDUCT,  
IN LOVE,  
IN FAITH,  
AND IN PURITY.

## GROWING A STRONGER YOUTH GROUP (ACT) AT ST. JOHN'S

As adult leaders, Kara & Paige attended sessions that will help our church and congregation grow a youth ministry team in order to successfully meet the needs of the youth at St. John's. We want to create a safe and inviting place for teens to interact and grow in God's love. On July 29<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting our first gathering to welcome incoming ACT kids and their families. We will be organizing a team of adults to work together on devotionals, activities, and fundraising for our next National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. We are also looking to create a youth room at St. John's. If you would like to be a part of this team, please reach out to Kara Crowther so we can “ACT” fast for our youth!





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# YOUTH NEWS



## THAT'S A WRAP! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IN THE BOOKS

What an amazing week of VBS! We had 42 children registered (36 able to attend), nine teen helpers and 13 adult volunteers!! We could not have pulled off the week without our volunteers. THANK YOU!!! The children sang songs, played games, did crafts, discussed Bible stories and of course ate delicious snacks. Lots of smiles, laughter and dancing. Our theme was, "God's Wonder Lab." Next time you are in the church walk down by the classrooms and take a peek at the Periodic Table of the Books of the Bible! Photos of the week are posted online and on church bulletin boards. Thank you to the congregation for all the support and prayers you have given the VBS program. Our kids' mission project this year was to donate 300 food items to the Aitkin Food Shelf. We met the goal and rewarded the kids with a special treat of throwing a cream pie at our teen helpers. Such a great way to end the week. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful congregation supporting our youth!

### SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Janice Hawkins (Director)  
Pastor Becker (Opening/Closing/Music)  
Brea Hamdorf (Bible Time)  
Luke Hamdorf (Outdoor Games)  
Nikki Nicko & John Kinzel (Craft Time)  
Greta Rose (Photographer)

Karla Schendel (Snacks)  
Florence Landrus (Snacks)  
Alicen Bartel (Snacks)  
Brittny Wold (Snacks)  
Gina Wold (Snacks)  
Amber Sinchak (Greeter)

**Teen Helpers:** Quinn Crowther, Lola Searle, Taya Hawkins, Evan Redepenning, Owen Redepenning, Jace Novotny, Natalie Crowther, Braden Bartel-Wagner, Sage Sinchak

## GEARING UP FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Can you believe Sunday School starts September 11? Our teachers are gearing up for another fun year of Sunday School. **We will be having a SS teachers' meeting on Wednesday August 17th at 5:30 at the church.** Please reach out to Janice Hawkins if you have any new ideas for the Sunday School for the upcoming year. Online registration is up on our website. Go to [www.stjohnnaitkin.org](http://www.stjohnnaitkin.org) and register your kids today. Watch for more information coming soon.





# MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED AT THE AITKIN COUNTY FAIR

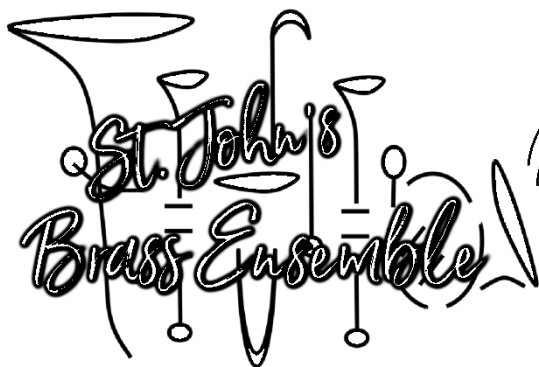
Once again, St. John's was at the Aitkin County Fair. It was good to share our church with others and we had a lot of visitors. In total, 404 people signed up for a quilt (4 were given away). We went through our prayer book craft on the first day (60 booklets) and then did coloring pages that invited kids to Sunday School in the fall. We handed out about 550 bottles of water and about 700 treats. Additionally, we gave out several hundred bookmarks, along with Bibles, prayer books, pens, and brochures. This is a great way to be part of the community and we are a destination booth for many fairgoers.

Thank you to those who helped set up/take down the booth, donated items to give away, and especially those who sat at the booth to greet fairgoers.

## Thank you to:

Jim & Karla Schendel  
Kathy Larson  
Quinn Crowther  
Bruce & Debbie Schultz  
Rich Peterson  
Janice Hawkins & Family  
Alicen Bartel

Greta & Connor Rose  
Amber, Ella, & Sage Sinchak  
Linzy, Annie, & Mia Beaufeaux  
Roger & Shirley Renstrom  
Teri Hiller-Baty  
Jane Kiphuth  
Tony & Lisa Flerlage & Family



What a fun musical treat! Our very own St. John's Brass Quintet performed a concert at the Friends of the Arts Building at the Aitkin County Fair.

The group traveled to Blackrock Terrace and Aicota to perform for residents on July 26. They are working with the Aitkin Community Band to perform in August, as well (more details on that coming). If you missed the concert, you can find a link to it on our Facebook page. Thank you to our quintet for sharing music with our community and representing St. John's Lutheran Church while doing so.

# ELECTION 2022

## BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER

### Become an officer at St. John's

Midterm elections aren't the only thing happening this year, St. John's has several officer positions open for re-election. This is an opportunity to become a leader of our church and to assist in growing St. John's and making us a stronger church family. Take the time to familiarize yourself with the duties of each position and prayerfully consider running. **We will be voting in these positions at the next Voters' Meeting on October 30.** If interested in running for an office please contact Paul Zenke, Chairman, at 218-927-4837 before the October Voters' Meeting. If you have questions about any of the offices, feel free to reach out to those currently in those positions (list of officers are in the Annual Report).

**MISSION STATEMENT** The purpose of this congregation shall be to give honor and glory to the Triune God, to carry out His will, to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all the world, to manifest the unity of our faith in Jesus Christ as God and Savior, to foster Christian fellowship and love, to extend a helping hand to human need, and to achieve its objectives by the preaching of the Word of God, by the administration of the sacraments, and by the religious instruction of all its members according to the confessional standard of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.



## CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS: each position is up for re-election

The church council shall provide direction to the congregation on behalf of the voters' assembly.

- ❖ The church council shall consist of the congregation's chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer, financial secretary, and the members of each of its boards. The pastor shall be an advisory member of the church council. The chairman and secretary of the congregation shall also serve as the chairman and secretary of the church council.
- ❖ The church council shall meet a minimum of four times a year. Special meetings of the church council may be called by the chairman, the pastor, or any three members of the church council by providing notice at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.
- ❖ The church council members present at a properly called meeting shall constitute a quorum.
- ❖ The principal duty of the church council shall be to coordinate the program and activities of the various boards of the congregation. The church council, however, has no authority to adopt any resolutions binding upon the congregation. Actions of the church council shall be reported to the next meeting of the voters' assembly.

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## **CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS**



### **C H A I R M A N**

- ❖ Chair all meetings of the congregation, the voters' assembly, and the church council
- ❖ Call meetings of the congregation, the voters' assembly, or the church council as regularly scheduled or whenever necessary
- ❖ Assist the pastor in the administration of the temporal affairs of the congregation
- ❖ Appoint committee members as necessary
- ❖ See that the constitution and bylaws are followed
- ❖ Perform such other duties as assigned by the voters' assembly

### **V I C E - C H A I R M A N**

- ❖ Perform the duties of the chairman during his absence or inability to serve
- ❖ Help the chairman carry out his duties
- ❖ Perform such other duties as assigned by the voters' assembly

### **R E C O R D I N G   S E C R E T A R Y**

- ❖ Keep a written record of actions of the voters' assembly and the church council in the form of minutes of these meetings
- ❖ Keep a written record of all standing resolutions
- ❖ Conduct the correspondence of the congregation not otherwise arranged
- ❖ Keep an accurate and current roster of the members of the voters' assembly
- ❖ Be present at all elections to test the qualifications of candidates if a question should arise
- ❖ Perform such other duties as assigned by the voters' assembly

### **T R E A S U R E R**

- ❖ Receive the rightful and lawful bills to the congregation and make disbursement by check from congregational funds on authority of the congregation
- ❖ Make written quarterly and annual reports to the voters' assembly
- ❖ Submit the financial books of the congregation for audit after the close of the fiscal year
- ❖ Ask for assistance in completing these assigned tasks as necessary
- ❖ Perform such other duties as assigned by the voters' assembly

# **ELECTION 2022** | **BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER**

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## **CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS continued**

### **F I N A N C I A L   S E C R E T A R Y**

- ❖ Keep an accurate account of all receipts and deposits
- ❖ Issue offering envelopes, provided by the congregation, to each communicant member
- ❖ Record the contributions of members through the offering envelopes on forms provided by the congregation and distribute them on a periodic basis
- ❖ Make written annual reports to the church council and written quarterly reports to the voters' assembly
- ❖ Ask for assistance in completing these assigned tasks as necessary
- ❖ Perform such other duties as assigned by the voters' assembly.

## **BOARD OF FINANCE: two seats open for re-election**

- ❖ Receive all contributions for the congregation, and see to their prompt deposit in a bank designated by the voters' assembly;
- ❖ Make weekly written reports to the Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and church office of deposits made.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES: one (possibly two) seats open for re-election**

- ❖ Be concerned with and responsible for the maintenance and repair of real and personal property of the congregation (*this does NOT mean you are responsible for repairs, but instead contacting someone to repair things as necessary*)
- ❖ Take such action as may be necessary in an emergency to protect the property and interest of the congregation
- ❖ Arrange proper insurance coverage for the congregational properties and make any necessary reports and recommendations to the voters' assembly
- ❖ Regulate the use of all congregational facilities by organizations of the congregation, individual members, and non-member individuals or groups
- ❖ Make proper and adequate arrangements for the housing of the pastor and his family
- ❖ Attend to the business matters of the congregation, including the signing of all legal documents
- ❖ Perform such other duties as assigned by the voters' assembly





# **ELECTION** **2022**

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### **BOARD OF DEACONS: two seats open for re-election**

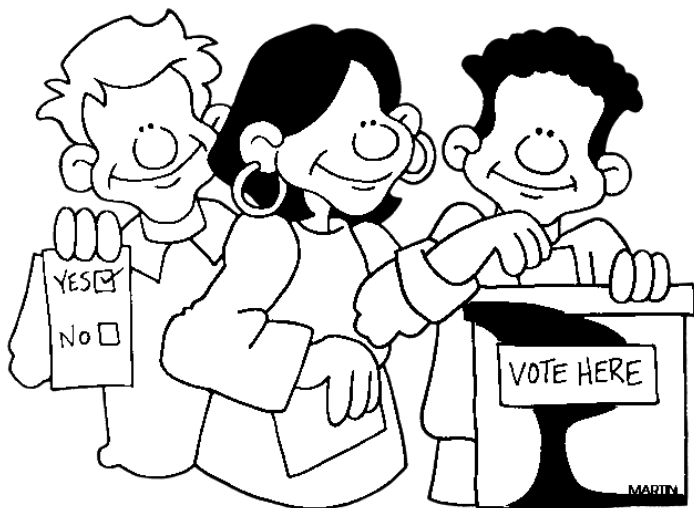
- ❖ Assist the pastor in all spiritual matters of the congregation, in particular to cultivate peace, harmony and love among the members, to assist in the pastoral care of the sick, the needy, and such as are negligent in worship participation or the use of the Sacraments
- ❖ Ensure that the worship services are conducted decently and in order, that the Gospel is preached in its purity and in accord with sound Lutheran doctrine, and that all instruction, religious or secular, is in accord with the Word of God
- ❖ Make provision for pastoral care and services in the absence, sickness, or disability of the pastor or in times of pastoral vacancy
- ❖ Assist the pastor in the administration of the Sacraments in whatever ways are considered necessary and mutually agreeable
- ❖ Devise and foster ways by which guests and visitors are sincerely welcomed and made to feel at home in the congregation
- ❖ Promote personal witnessing among the members and organize outreach into the community of the congregation
- ❖ Direct and supervise the incorporation of new members and make every effort to bring them into the life and work of the congregation
- ❖ Approve all special services, entertainments, performances, or any other functions planned for presentation to the congregation or general public or to any society or organization
- ❖ Supervise the music staff
- ❖ Supervise the altar guild in the care, use, and maintenance of all items such as communion ware, chancel furnishings, banners, vestments, etc.
- ❖ Consider cases of church discipline and bring them to a satisfactory conclusion or bring them to the attention of the voters' assembly in accordance with Matthew 18
- ❖ Exercise leadership in gathering call lists and calling a new pastor when a vacancy occurs
- ❖ Be concerned about the spiritual, emotional, and physical welfare of the pastor(s) and his family (adequate compensation, housing, free time, vacation, assistance in times of illness) and specifically review these items annually
- ❖ Assist the pastor(s) in processing changes of membership among congregation membership
- ❖ Pray for the pastor(s) and other spiritual leaders and encourage them in their work by word and action
- ❖ Train and supervise the ushers
- ❖ Review and recommend salary changes to the voters' assembly

**ELECTION**  
**2022**

## BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER

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The future of our church starts with our leaders. You can be a part of creating a welcoming church home for our current members, as well as new families joining.



Not sure an becoming a church officer is for you? You can still be a part of the process by attending the

## VOTERS' MEETING OCTOBER 30

10:15 am

All confirmed members, age 19 and older are invited to attend and are eligible to become voting members. Please plan to attend.



## ST. JOHN'S BAZAAR & BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

Are you turning your creative ideas into crafts to sell at the upcoming St. John's Bazaar & Bake sale yet? It 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.



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



## CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING

On Sunday, August 29, at approximately 10:00 a.m. (following 9:00 am service), there will be a short meeting for the parents and students of this year's confirmation class. All parents and with children (along with their student) going into 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to attend.

*In  
Loving  
Memory* 

## WITH SYMPATHY & PRAYERS

**Frank Kingsley**, age 90, passed away on July 18, 2022 at Abbott Northwestern Hospital. Funeral services were held at St. John's Lutheran Church on Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>.

May God be with his family in their time of grief.

When you go through deep waters,  
**I WILL BE WITH YOU.**

ISAIAH 43:2

**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!*

Paityn Hawkins	August 02
Pam Evans	August 03
Tony Flerlage	August 03
Linzy Beaufaux	August 04
Debbie Lehrke	August 04
Mason Ruschmeier	August 04
Mike McGillis	August 05
Brooke Nelson	August 05
Kyle Bender	August 06
Jenna Futhey	August 06
Sheryl Wold	August 06
Justin Peterson	August 07
Glen Bakken	August 09
Gary Fageroos	August 09
Jonathan Hamdorf	August 10
Dorothy Perrine	August 10
Donna Hasskamp	August 11
Trenton Torgerson	August 11
Jordan Moore	August 12
Levi Perrine	August 13
Gail Ruschmeier	August 13
Richard Fenner	August 14
Gregory Neutz	August 14

Brittany Packer	August 14
Merle Peterson	August 14
Kara Crowther	August 15
Austin Elmquist	August 15
Amanda Anderson	August 16
Faren Elling	August 16
Judy Peysar	August 16
Anthony Ashton	August 17
Nicole Beck	August 17
David Rom	August 17
Tara Collins	August 20
Sage Sinchak	August 20
Sophia Westerlund	August 20
Natalie Flerlage	August 21
Travis Weimer	August 21
Autumn Niemeyer	August 23
Rochelle Beck	August 24
Kelli Nelson	August 26
Chelsey Priem	August 26
Justin Mueller	August 27
Maleah Gow	August 30
Stacy Westerlund	August 30
Linda Bakken	August 31

*\*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.*

# TOGETHER IN MISSION | NEWS FROM THE NEUENDORFS

*We recently received the following from James and Christel Neuendorf:*

Every Sunday in Mayaguez at Principe de Paz after the Divine Service, we have a bible study, currently on the book of John in the fellowship hall. On Pentecost, we moved the bible study to the river! Since it was Pentecost, we studied the third article of the catechism, "I believe in the Holy Spirit." We discussed how the Holy Spirit begins and sustains our faith, "No one can say 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit". 1 Cor. 12:3. Following the study, church visitor, Carlos cooked a soup on an outdoor grill and we swam in the river. The church picnic and bible study at the river was well received that we had bible study at a river again last Sunday.

During the summer, Evangelist William Torres has been giving private lesson to one of his English students. This student and her family have started to attend our fellowship night at church in Mayaguez. Her family runs a summer camp for kids ages 5 to 15, that is held at the local baseball stadium. After learning about our program for kids, she invited William to come read a bible story. The entire Mayaguez team and some church members went to help with the event. William's son choose the story of Noah's Ark for us to read to the kids. After finishing the story we played games and asked questions about the story. It was a wonderful way to connect with our community and share the Gospel with these children.

During our fellowship nights [at Ponce], along with a worship service and playing games we do crafts. For the month of June in Ponce, the crafts have been things that can be used during or after a hurricane and are things that would be useful in an emergency response kit. One week we made candle in old food cans, and another week made insect repellent. We ask that you help us pray for an uneventful hurricane season."



*If you would like to give toward the support of our Together in Mission Missionaries please place your offering in an envelope marked "Together in Mission."*