

HARVEST MINISTRY NEWS LETTER

June 2021

Pastor's Corner

³⁰Jesus also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it?

³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." --Mark 4:30-32

Dear Friends in Christ,

I have been hearing collective sighs of disbelief that it is already (almost) summer. We are also collectively resuming many summer activities with the hope of putting the pandemic truly behind us. This is good and right, and yet there have been many lessons learned in the last 15 months, as well as simply a new appreciation for what it means to be in community and spend time with one another.

I would love to hear what new perspectives you have gained as you move forward into this summer of 2021. Or perhaps you are still exhausted from either literal Covid symptoms lingering, or from the accumulated stress of the last several months. I hear both the joy and lament, and join you in taking both to God this summer and beyond.

This summer we resume using the RCL (Revised Common Lectionary) for our Sunday Worship scripture readings. This means we resume reading an Old Testament, Psalm, New Testament reading, and a Gospel reading for a typical Sunday. I look forward to returning to both hearing the Psalms read responsively and having longer Gospel readings again. I have included the RCL scripture readings for each Sunday this summer for your reference and study.

I'm also excited to introduce you all to the *Manna and Mercy* book and Bible Study Curriculum this June along with an invitation for families and leaders at each church to work with one another and with Pastor to dive into scripture and study the entire arc of the story of God and God's people as we receive it in the Bible. The introduction classes (June 9th and 16th) will explore how the author presents the stories, and even how he landed on the title of the book. We'll also look at some of your favorite Bible passages. Be prepared to share!

And that is what the kin-dom of God is like – sharing our faith with one another in small and unexpected ways as we live together as the body of Christ.

Jesus' parables invite us to imagine life together in new ways while teaching us and calling us to enter into God's imagination. With the parable of the mustard seed we are invited to see the small seeds of faith and life in faith, when tended to grow to create shelter for future generations. This image is striking me in particular as churches continue to discern their purpose in God's mission in this time and place.

There is always an invitation to Holy Dreaming and intentional planning for vitality in our congregations, and yet we are called to remember the importance of tending our faith in our daily lives. As your pastor I hope to talk to you this summer about how your church community can help you as you live your faith in your daily life. The shelter of God's tree of life is for us on each and every day, and not simply for Sunday worship. What Biblical images help sustain you and your faith? Seriously, give me a call, send a text or email or let me know when you see me – what image of the kingdom of God captures your imagination?

As you plant your seeds of faith, may the blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever. Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Tami Groth

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HARVEST MINISTRY COUNCIL

The May meeting of Harvest Ministry was held at St. John's at 6:30 with the following members present: Janet Byers, Danelle Sullivan, Annie Albers, Cheryl Todd, and Pastor Tami.

Devotions were led by Pastor Tami from the 1st chapter of Galations, verses 13-17, and the 2nd chapter, verses 11 and 12: Being saved by Grace and living in Grace.

The April meeting of Harvest Ministry did not have a quorum, so no formal meeting was held and no minutes were taken.

Treasurer's report was read by Annie as follows:

Beginning balance on April 1: \$18,261.97

Income: \$7,699.27

Expenses: \$8,510.82

Ending Balance April : \$17,450.42

Danelle motioned to approve Treasurer's report. Cheryl seconded. All approve.

Old Business: Discussion was held on Pastor's withholding. Right now Harvest Ministry pays in 4 times a year. The question came up if we should just simplify and pay one lump sum a year? This was tabled until next month. Offerings from Lenten services will be divided with ½ given to Grace's Table in Correctionville, and ½ given to Community Basket in Moville. John Hoppe (Salem) took care of paying an outstanding bill from Weiland Accounting.

New Business: Harvest Ministry's joint worship service will be held at Little Sioux Park on Sunday, July 25, 2021, at 9:30 AM. The shelter house will be rented for \$175.00. Rods and Rides out of Sioux Center will again attend, and we will ask them to sing several songs as well. Janet will check with Salem to see if they would bring homemade ice cream for a Brunch after the service. We will also be celebrating Pastor Tami's 50th birthday. Pastor Tami explained the current confirmation program. "Chosen Together" is a Cross + Generations confirmation program centering on life-giving relationships between generations. We also again discussed ideas to increase attendance: Continuing the Lift program at Salem, and using Sunday School donations to purchase chicks, goats, or other livestock for third world countries.

Pastor's Report: Pastor would like to start community coffees again and will let us know when the first is scheduled. She also will be starting a "Discipleship Life Group on June 21. More information to follow. With some COVID restrictions being lifted, Pastor is beginning visits again. She shared that she has continuing education on May 17-21. These classes are online, so she will still be able to participate in River Valley Baccalaureate on the 19th. The next meeting of Harvest Ministry will be June 3, 2021 at 6:30 at Salem.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Todd, secretary.

Other worship Notes:

- St. John worship services live streamed & recordings found at: <http://www.facebook.com/stjohncushing>
- Salem worship services live steamed & recordings found at: <https://www.facebook.com/salemc correctionville>
- **IF you would like to receive the worship guide via email directly, please send an email with that request to: Tami.HarvestMinistries@gmail.com**
- Announcements, Reminders and more at: <https://www.facebook.com/harvestministrychurches/>

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Pastor's Report, March/April 2021

– Harvest Ministry: St. John and Salem Congregations (submitted May 16, 2021)

Current Joys & Challenges

I am joyful to have finished the Confirmation year strong with students generally being able to attend class in person. I am also joyful and thankful that we are moving to the other side of this pandemic and the end is in sight. I give thanks for faithful dedicated council members, mutual ministry team members, and other congregational leaders that have led both congregations through this pandemic while always striving to “love our neighbors” in all things. I recognize that the accommodations we needed to make to work to keep one another safe as a part of loving our neighbors were not always easy or comfortable, and at times were confusing. I invite you to join me in giving thanks for God’s ongoing work as the Holy Spirit continues to show up in the midst of change to bring healing and new life!

I also am thankful and joyful that my carpal tunnel surgery, in spite of a few healing bumps along the way has proved successful and slowly full use of my right hand is returning. Thank you all for your prayers and support during this time.

Challenges include the transition back to worshipping, visiting home-bound and other in need members, and resuming group activities in a post-pandemic time. We will continue to stream our worship services so that they are available any time you are unable to join us in person in the sanctuary, and that leaves us with some challenges of how to do both well. Being online and in-person for worship (and other events) is often called being a “hybrid church.” To do both well (and there are reasons to do so as the pandemic led more people to hear the gospel proclaimed than ever before due to the aid of technology), we will need to continue to invest in both technology and to train multiple lay people in how to use that technology.

Challenges also include navigating tension and anxiety over church conflict at St. John, including tension over my pastoral leadership and the leadership as set forth in the ELCA. I will continue to work with the St. John and Harvest Ministry councils as well as with Mutual Ministry in order to examine all possibilities for continued ministry. There was a St. John congregational meeting April 25th and future meetings will be set by the St. John council. I invite you to keep these challenges in your prayers as with humans many things are not possible, but with God all things are possible.

Looking Forward

Summer plans include resuming “coffee with pastor” times in both Correctionville and Kingsley, starting discipleship small groups, and beginning a long-term Bible study that will begin with studying Genesis when we first meet and slowly move forward throughout the Bible from there. Watch for dates to be announced soon.

The plans mentioned above is part of a shift in focus toward community building as the body of Christ. I’m shifting some of my time that was spent in worship planning to plan and participate in additional small group activities, both formal and informal. If you have ideas for additional activities or would like to invite me to an activity in your community, please do so. I look forward to hearing from many of you as we work together to proclaim the Gospel and BE good news to each other and those around us.

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Worship

Both congregations celebrated joyfully with Easter Services on April 4th that proclaimed Christ Crucified and risen – Alleluia!!! Throughout Holy Week and Easter our Confirmation Students assisted with worship, and our special services brought meaning to all attending either in person or through our live-stream / recording options.

Throughout the Easter season we continued using the Narrative Lectionary as our Preaching scripture texts while returning to ELW setting 10 for our liturgy. On Holy Trinity Sunday (May 30, 2021) we return to using the Revised Common Lectionary for our scripture readings; however at times we may only read two or three of the assigned readings for the day rather than all of them in order to focus on specific themes. We will continue using ELW setting 10 for our liturgy for the time after Pentecost (this lasts until Advent). At this time, our Worship Committee is selecting all of the hymns; please pass along any hymn requests to them (at St. John, Marcia Schemmel and Elaine Droegmiller; at Salem, Nancy Clausen and Karen Lund).

May is filled with many special worship services with recognizing high school graduates at both churches, Confirmation Sunday at St. John, and our Pentecost Sunday service on May 23rd.

Confirmation

On May 9, 2021 seven students were confirmed at St. John: Xavian Deeds, Aubree Galvin, Braxton Galvin, Tate Heilman, Julius (Cory) Jepsen, Kayden Volkert, and Keegan Volkert. We look forward to our new students starting classes next fall! Additionally, the Salem students ended the year with selecting a Bible story and relating it to their faith as they prepare to confirm their faith in the fall on Reformation Sunday.

General Parish Ed (Sunday School / Wednesday Night Program at Salem)

St. John currently (May) has a First Communion class with five students and their families participating. I will offer First Communion classes at both churches during August prior to Confirmation Classes resuming after Labor Day.

Both congregations are joyfully anticipating and preparing for VBS this year as Ingham-Okoboji Bible Camp counselors will lead VBS at St. John July 5th thru the 8th, and at Salem July 12th thru the 15th. I am also hoping to have other fellowship and learning times for families this summer, and anticipate both Joyful Noise at St. John and LIFT at Salem to resume after Labor Day this fall.

Pastor's Schedule, dates of note:

- Sunday July 11th –Service in the Cushing Park with the Methodist Church
- Sunday July 25th – joint Harvest Ministry service at Little Sioux Park
- Sunday August 1st – First Sunday with new worship times at each church as times switch the first Sunday of August (after joint service)
- Week of May 24th through the 28th Pastor attends Festival of Homiletics (online) for Continuing Education.
- Week of June 28th thru July 2nd, Pastor is at Lutheran Lakeside Bible Camp
- Tentative summer vacation times: August 8th thru the 14th and September 1st thru the 7th

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Harvest Ministry Community Prayer List (at time of printing):

Jamie Mohr Ummach, Danelle Sullivan, John (Buck) Jacobs, Jean Jensen, Roger Reinking, Nancy Merkel, Cohen Stoermer, Frank Huth, Daved Benna, Drew Berg, and Alissa Meyer.

Prayer list open to anyone and updated as information is shared (list frequently changes after the newsletter is published). Please contact Pastor Tami directly to request pastoral care visits as well as additions and corrections to the prayer list.

Please keep our homebound members in prayer including those in facilities:

Correctionville Specialty Care: LaVinna Wiese

Whispering Creek in Sioux City: Wilma Bollin

The Gardens Assisted Living, Cherokee: Frank Huth

Sunrise Retirement Community, Sioux City: Wilma Reinking

Summer Coffee with Pastor Times!

June 1st Coffee w/ Pastor @ Jo Jo's, Kingsley 9 am

June 8th Coffee w/ Pastor @ The Stirring in Correctionville 9 am

June 15th Coffee w/ Pastor @ JoJo's in Kingsley 9 am

June 22nd Coffee w/ Pastor @ The Stirring in Correctionville 9 am



Harvest Ministry Care Coordinator: In an effort to streamline making contact with those covering pastoral care when Pastor Tami is on vacation or otherwise unavailable, Janelle Lewis is now serving as Care Coordinator. Pastor Tami will work closely with her to coordinate schedules as well as to be sure she has information regarding which area pastors are available to cover emergency pastoral care needs when Pastor Tami is away.

You can contact Janelle on her cell phone at: 712.389.0199



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First Communion Instruction

Pastor has First Communion instruction scheduled at each church in August. All are welcome to attend these classes, however, registering ahead of time with Pastor is required so that we have enough books for everyone. Kids attending must bring along at least one parent or other mentor.

Classes using the *A Place for You (interactive edition): My Holy Communion Book* consist of two in person classes (ideally) spaced two weeks apart, and lasting from 60 to 90 minutes depending on the size of the class. I assign one homework assignment between the two classes.

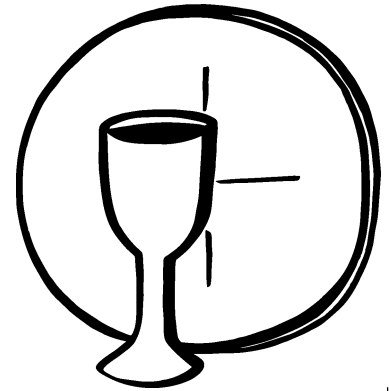
All families with children 1st Grade or older will receive an invitation to attend these classes with their children, even if their child is already communing or if you plan to have your child wait to begin communing until they are older.

The tentative class schedule at this time is as follows:

St. John Classes → Sunday August 15th and August 29th at 6 pm

Salem Classes → Wednesday August 4th and August 18th at 6 pm

In most circumstances these Communion classes are required prior to beginning Confirmation classes.



Please consider sending your kids to camp – OR attend at a family!!!

We have two great ELCA Bible Camps here in Western Iowa (as well as many more throughout the country!) with many options for camping activities.

Lutheran Lakeside Camp: Summer 2021: Promises > Problems

<https://www.lutheranlakeside.com/copy-of-summer-camps>

Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps: "To know Jesus Christ and to make Christ known to all"

<https://www.okoboji.org/>

VBS Returns this Summer!

Look at resources in both the Salem and St. John portions of this newsletter for details and registration forms for our summer VBS this year – both churches are offering Day Camp run by the Ingham Okoboji camp counselors. We need many volunteers to make this happen – both the week of VBS and ahead of time to help with set up, etc. And HELP SPREAD THE WORD, and invite all of the kids!

- St. John VBS is being held July 5th thru the 8th, with a traditional Thursday evening celebration!
- Salem VBS is being held July 12th thru the 15th, with a Thursday evening celebration!

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Stewardship Post-Pandemic

At this time both churches are stretched to meet their budget needs. Giving was uneven during the pandemic, and we continue to invest in technology needed to meet the needs of both those who worship with us in the Sanctuary of each church as well as those that continue to worship with us online via the livestream or recording.

If you are not yet tithing, perhaps now is the time to begin setting aside a set amount of your income to support your church. You can do this, of course by giving when you attend Worship; however, you can also set up reoccurring electronic giving via tithe.ly. We have many active members and “friends of the church” that participate in activities outside of Sunday Worship, and we invite you to either give online, or leave your giving in the sanctuary offering plate when you are in the building for other activities.

Both churches are set up to receive donations via tithe.ly online or via the app. At any time you can go to: https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe.ly/give and search for either St. John, Cushing or Salem, Correctionville to a give a one time or reoccurring donation.

Coffee with Pastor – and one another!



I’m looking forward to great conversation and being together in community. Join us when you can, and leave when you must. I’m setting aside 90 minutes in my schedule, so if you want to join later that works too.

Join us at any of the following time & places:

1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 9 am at Jo Jo’s Coffee in Kingsley

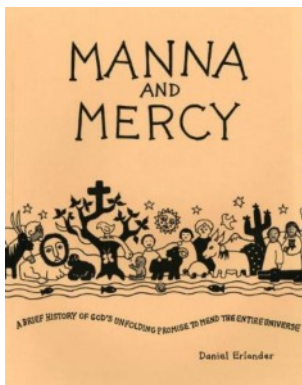
2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 9 am at The Stirring in Correctionville

JUNE dates for reference:

- June 1st at JoJo’s in Kingsley
- June 8th at The Stirring in Correctionville
- June 15th at JoJo’s in Kingsley
- June 22nd at The Stirring in Correctionville

Fall times will be only once a month, but we have lost time to make up for this summer.

Grab your Bibles and Join Pastor Tami for an Introduction to -- *Manna and Mercy: A Brief History of God's Unfolding Promise to Mend the Entire Universe* by Daniel Erlander



Wednesday June 9th at St. John at 6:30 pm

AND/OR

Wednesday June 16th at Salem at 6:30 pm

Manna and Mercy is a book about God--more specifically, the God of the Bible who is present and active in human history and in our lives today. Augsburg Fortress has just released Bible Study and Sunday School curriculum for every age group that uses Daniel Erlander’s book Manna and Mercy. The book and the curriculums that follow it allow us to dig deep into scripture while getting a “big picture” view of the story of God and God’s People.

At the end of this Intro class, we will decide on a schedule for continued Bible Study using this and other resources.

Summer 2021 RCL Scripture Readings and Themes

Prepare for Sunday Worship ahead of time by reading the scriptures we'll read during worship, or be ready to read along while worshipping with us via the Facebook Livestream / recording.

Sunday, June 6

Gen 3:8-15 *God confronts Adam and Eve*
Psa 130 *With the Lord there is steadfast love.*
2Cor 4:13--5:1 *Renewed in the inner nature*
Mark 3:20-35 *Doing the work of God*

Sunday, June 13

Ezk 17:22-24 *The sign of the cedar*
Psa 92:1-4, 12-15 *... like a cedar of Lebanon.*
2Cor 5:6-17 *In Christ, a new creation*
Mark 4:26-34 *The parable of the mustard seed*

Sunday, June 20

Job 38:1-11 *The creator of earth and sea*
Psa 107:1-3, 23-32 *You stilled the storm.*
2Cor 6:1-13 *Paul's defense of his ministry*
Mark 4:35-41 *Christ calming the sea*

Sunday, June 27

Lam 3:22-33 *Great is the Lord's faithfulness*
Psa 30 *I will exalt you, O Lord*
2Cor 8:7-15 *Excel in generosity*
Mark 5:21-43 *Christ heals*

Sunday, July 4

Ezk 2:1-5 *The call of Ezekiel*
Psa 123 *Our eyes look to you, O God*
2Cor 12:2-10 *God's power perfect in weakness*
Mark 6:1-13 *Sending of the Twelve*

Sunday, 7/11 [Cushing Ecumenical Park Service]

Amos 7:7-15 *The sign of the plumb line*
Psa 85:8-13 *Steadfast love & faithfulness meet.*
Eph 1:3-14 *Chosen in Christ*
Mark 6:14-29 *The death of John the Baptist*

Sunday, July 18

Jer 23:1-6 *a righteous shepherd for Israel*
Psa 23 *The Lord is my shepherd*
Eph 2:11-22 *Reconciled to God through Christ*
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 *Christ heals multitudes*

Sunday, July 25 [Little Sioux Park Worship]

2Ki 4:42-44 *Elisha feeds a hundred people*
Psa 145:10-18 *The Lord upholds ...*
Eph 3:14-21 *Prayer for wisdom...*
John 6:1-21 *Christ feeding the five thousand*

Sunday, August 1

Exo 16:2-4, 9-15 *manna in the wilderness*
Psa 78:23-29 *God rained down manna*
Eph 4:1-16 *Maintain the unity of the faith*
John 6:24-35 *Christ the bread of life*

Sunday, August 8

1Ki 19:4-8 *Elijah given bread for his journey*
Psa 34:1-8 *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*
Eph 4:25--5:2 *Put away evil, live in love*
John 6:35, 41-51 *Christ, the bread of life*

Sunday, August 15

Pro 9:1-6 *Invited to dine at wisdom's feast*
Psa 34:9-14 *Seek peace and pursue it..*
Eph 5:15-20 *Filled with the Spirit*
John 6:51-58 *Christ the true food and drink*

Sunday, August 22

Jos 24:1-2a, 14-18 *We will serve the Lord*
Psa 34:15-22 *The Lord is near brokenhearted.*
Eph 6:10-20 *Put on the armor of God*
John 6:56-69 *The bread of eternal life*

Sunday, August 29

Deu 4:1-2, 6-9 *God's law: sign of a great nation*
Psa 15 *Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?*
James 1:17-27 *Be doers of the word*
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 *Authentic religion*

Sunday, September 5

Isa 35:4-7a *Like streams in the desert*
Psa 146 *I will praise the Lord as long as I live.)*
James 2:1-17 *Faith without works is dead*
Mark 7:24-37 *Christ heals*

NOTE: For ease of formatting I have abbreviated most (but not all) of the references to the Books of the Bible by their three-letter abbreviation. To see a list of abbreviations, I refer you to:

<https://www.biblija.net/help.en/abbrevs.en.php>

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Blessing of Fathers

Gracious God,
pour out your Spirit on all fathers.
Grant to them keen insight into their children's needs.
Help them to be faithful examples of truth and love.
Soften their hearts
so that they might hear their children's cries.
Strengthen their resolve
to be men of commitment and faith.
In times of sorrow and disappointment
let them know that you are by their side.
In times of doubt and confusion
show them the way.
In times of happiness and joy
let them see your face in all that is good and right and true.
In all times sustain them with the knowledge
that they are your beloved children.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

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Blessings for Travelers

In many cultures people say a prayer every time they get in their car to go anywhere, or use public transportation. As you go on your many short and long trips this summer I invite you to take a moment to pray as you begin your travel. We can also pray for one another in our travels. Below is an example of a brief prayer for travelers.

We pray --

O God, whose glory fills the whole creation,
and whose presence we find wherever we go:
Preserve *us/those* who travel:
surround *us/them* with your loving care;
protect *us/them* from every danger;
and bring *us/them* in safety to *our/their* journey's end;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

[Adapted from the prayer for travelers in Prayers and Thanksgivings,
The Book of Common Prayer (1979 edition).]

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June 2021, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Happy Father's Day!

At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we strive to build up and empower Iowa kids and families. For us, Father's Day is a time to celebrate all the fathers and male role models we see every day.

Through our Early Childhood Services, young men are learning to become dads. They're becoming confident and active in their child's life, and they are creating loving, bright futures for their families. Many Iowa children entering foster care need a positive male role model in their lives. And through LSI Foster Care and Adoption, our licensed foster dads are there to help guide them.

This is only possible through your support of LSI! If you would like to make a gift, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at LSIowa.org and Facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Finding Paradise

Perseverance is a familiar quality for Mon, who after spending decades living as a refugee from an early age was recently able to place roots in Iowa and succeed in building a life for his family.

After living in a Nepali refugee camp for almost 24 years, Mon's family was able to resettle in the U.S. When they arrived in Iowa, they moved directly into a tiny apartment. But the single room was not sufficient for their family – especially once their youngest daughter was born. They stayed in the apartment for four years, but Mon was determined to create a better home for his family.

Mon secured housing for his family through the Habitat for Humanity program, and through LSI Refugee and Immigrant Services, he was able to get on track and save and earn money towards his goal of homeownership. With guidance from staff in LSI's Match and Save financial program, he was able to open a savings account and develop a monthly savings plan.

Mon and his family moved into their new home last year, and he said LSI and Habitat for Humanity were critical steps in helping him learn about U.S. finances and savings – lessons that will pay off during his journey as a homeowner.

"I felt very sad when I left my country," Mon says. "I felt as if I lost my paradise. But when I got the key and when I entered my house, I felt that I regained my lost paradise. So that was the happiest moment in my life and right now, I, my family, and kids are super happy to live in this new house."

Day Camp Covenant

As a participant in Day Camp and as a child of God,
I understand and agree to the following expectations:

- * I will choose to participate fully in Day Camp.
- * I will choose to respect all people, including myself, choosing to treat others as I would like to be treated.
- * I will choose to listen to the Day Camp leadership team and volunteers.
- * I will choose to use my words to build others up or I will choose to be quiet.
- * I will not bring harm to myself. I will choose to maintain self-control.
- * I will choose to be respectful of the facilities and grounds where Day Camp is held.
- * I understand that if I damage other peoples' property, I am responsible for replacing/repairing it.

** I understand that if I choose to break this Conduct Covenant, there are consequences. I will take responsibility for my actions. I understand that if I choose to harm myself or others, my parent/guardian will be contacted and I will be sent home.

Day Camper's Signature

** I have read this Conduct Covenant and enter into it with my child. I will encourage my child to abide by it. I understand that should my child choose to break this Covenant, every effort will be made to contact me and my child will be sent home. I also understand that if I am not reachable the emergency contact listed will be contacted.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Please return completed forms (Front and Back) and/or questions to contact person for Day Camp/Bible School attending;

Salem LutheranJanet Byers

Phone 712-870-1430

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran ChurchLorraine Jepsen

Phone 712-253-1881

Please let contacts know who will be attending a month before camp for planning and materials.

Day Camp Registration and Health Form

For Salem Lutheran Church/St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church (Circle one) with programming by
Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps

Please print clearly. This form may be copied. Please use a separate form for each camper.

Please take a moment to review and sign the Conduct Covenant on the back of this sheet.

Personal Information

Name: _____ Grade Completed: _____ Birth Date / /
Age: _____ Sex: M / F 1st time day camper? Y / N
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____ Work Phone: _____
Emergency Contact and Phone #: _____
Siblings attending Day Camp: _____
Church (if different from host Church): _____ City: _____

General Health Information

Chronic or recurring illness or medical condition that may affect Day Camp life: _____
Allergies (i.e. food allergies, bee stings, etc.) _____
Dietary restrictions (i.e. vegetarian, lactose intolerant): _____
Other suggestions that may help make your day camper's week more comfortable and enjoyable:

Medications (please list kinds and dosage): _____

All pertinent medication must be brought to the local Day Camp Director in their original containers.

Insurance Information

Insurance Company _____
Policy# _____
Holder's Name _____
Family Doctor _____ Phone _____

Immunizations (circle Yes or No)

DPT (series of 3)	Yes or No
Polio Immunization	Yes or No
MMR (Measles/Mumps/Rubella)	Yes or No
Date of last Tetanus	_____

Permission

I give my permission for my child to participate in all aspects of the Day Camp program. I understand that every effort will be made to contact me if my child needs emergency medical treatment. I authorize medical personnel, the local Day Camp coordinator or Day Camp staff to secure any medical or emergency treatment as deemed necessary for my child. I or my insurance company will pay for any medical treatment if costs are incurred. I give permission for any picture or video taken of my child to be used for promotional purposes. I understand choosing to send this child to day camp may increase their risk of being exposed to COVID-19, agree to pre-screen this child for symptoms prior to arrival at day camp, not send this child if I suspect they are ill, and understand there may be social distancing requirements expected of this child set by the camp and church.

X _____
Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

SALEM NEWS

Unapproved Minutes

SALEM LUTHERAN COUNCIL MEETING

April 20, 2021

The council met with the following members present
Kent Herbold, Nancy Clausen, Bryan Paulsen, John
Hoppe, Janet Byers, Brent Reinking and Kevin Byers
Kent called the meeting to order.

Nancy opened the meeting with prayer.

Correspondence: We had a couple of thank you notes.
Nancy read the minutes from March's meeting. John
moved to approve the minutes; Bryan seconded. Motion
carried.

Karen Burnham took a picture of the council.

John gave the treasurer's report from March. The capital
improvement fund has \$4988.31. The general fund had
an opening balance of \$2602.65. There were deposits
of \$5194.02 and expenses of \$4885.91 leaving a balance
of \$2910.76. Kevin made a motion to approve the
treasurer's report; Brent seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Well, Septic and Chlorine Systems: Nothing new.

Harvest Ministry/Congregational Vitality: Nothing new.
Chicken dinner was discussed. We had good
participation by the congregation and served around 200
people and raised around \$1600.

Bids on repairing the front doors: Kent had a bid from
Sloan Glass to replace the front door for \$4630.00.
There is a five-week lead time required. John said he
would reach out to Shane Hunwardsen again to get a
quote from him. We will also have to install new carpet
on the lower narthex floor after the door is replaced.

Internet/Technology quotes: Kent said Extreme Air has
been bought out by a company in Texas so he did not
have any information on what they could provide for us.
Kevin talked to Frontier and they could offer 18 mbs
download speeds but only 1 mbs upload speeds—we
need 5 mbs upload speed. We will keep pursuing. Janet
said she would bring their Verizon hot spot to the church
to see how that works.

Technology stage: Bryan will order some items on
Friday (23rd) from the Correctionville Building Center.

New Business:

Janet handed out some information on the new
confirmation program that has been purchased, Chosen
Together, an online program. We will discuss at our
next meeting when Pastor Tami is present.

Kent suggested we schedule yard cleanup for Sunday,
April 25th at 5 PM.

Our next meeting is May 18th at 6:30 PM (rescheduled
to May 25th).

Brent moved for adjournment and Bryan seconded.
Motion carried.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Nancy Clausen
Secretary

April Service Helpers

Deacon and Trustee and Communion Assistants:

Deacon: Kevin Byers

Trustee: Brent Reinking

Offering for May

\$3309.00

Prayers for Salem families and friends:

6/6/21 - Leonard Berg; Mary Berg; Trevor and Alyssa
Bertsch; Rev. Ron and Alice Bessert

6/13/21 - Jacqueline Bird; Tom and Joyce Bogenrief;
Brice and Kristi Bollin; Wilma Bollin

6/20/21 - Carol Borchers; Deidre, Kenzie, Kayden,
Kash and Kadison Bottorff

6/27/21 - Todd, Trissa, Bo and Dax Bottorff; Troy and
Pam Bottorff

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June Anniversaries

3 Bryan and Jennifer Paulsen
19 Tracy & Angie Byers
21 Adam and Angie Reinking
24 Eldon and Sarah Meissner
27 Chuck and Polly Meissner
28 Phred and Jayne Linn
29 Rick and Judy Krier



June Birthdays

8 Lewis Byers
14 Cole Reinking
14 Seth Rohde
14 Jordan Reinking*
20 Scott Byers
21 Marie Benedix
23 Jason Byers
23 Jerry Townsend
25 Pyper Claire Smith

Vacation Bible School July 12 - 15

We are getting excited to be traveling to your church for Day Camp again this summer! Our theme this summer is BRAND NEW and we will be looking at how Jesus makes us like BRAND NEW when trust in him.

- => New Life
- => New Hope
- => New Love
- => New Vision

Save the date for Day Camp and join us at the Auto Body shop as we become BRAND NEW this summer!

Ingham Okoboji
Brand
NEW Auto Shop



Please contact Janet Byers with any questions. We need to know if you plan on sending your child/children a month before start to plan for materials. A registration sheet is also included in this newsletter both sides need to be filled out before child is allowed to attend. A sheet needs to be filled out for each child. PDF of registration will be available on request or on Salem website in Newsletter <http://salemlutheraniowa.com/>

Janet Byers 870-1430



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June

Lector: Ellen Jolly
Ushers: Church Council
Altar Care: Ellen Jolly & Linda Mathers



Steve Galvin, Noelle Jacobs, Casey Lindsay,
Matthew Lundt, Austin Williamson, Sean Witcomb



Women of the Church

Esther Circle

Wednesday, June 2 @ 1:30

Bible Study: Sandra Johnson

Hostess: Bonnie Forbes

Women's General Meeting

June 17th @ 9:30

**Field Trip: Queen of Peace, Veterans
Memorial (South Sioux), lunch at Pizza
Ranch**



The quilting ladies will be taking the summer off, they will resume quilting in the fall. Watch anyone is welcomed to join them.

June Birthdays

- 1 Bruce Volkert
- 2 Casey Jepsen
- 5 Casey Reyman
- 9 Barbara Petersen
- 10 Gail Stanton
- 12 Kaitlyn Brown
- 16 Joshua Mohr
- 17 Levi Volkert
- 18 Lon Juelfs
- 22 Erin Johnson
Paula Steuk
- 24 Wyatt Ludvigson
Tara Volkert
- 27 Kris Jepsen

June Anniversary

- 1 Wade & Tara Volkert
- 3 Tabitha & Jamie Lewis
- 9 Casey & Molly Krager
- 11 Denise & Randy Wright
- 14 Robert (Bob) & Marilyn Heilman
- 16 Reed & Deb Henrichsen
Sheila & Bob O'Connell
- 17 Bill & Bonnie Forbes
Troy & Teresa Lewis
- 22 Gary & Kathy Mohr
- 25 Kyle & Kristi Krager
David & Wendi Reyman
- 27 Tom & Wyma Henrichsen
- 30 Jim & Ann Albers

**Portals of Prayer and Christ
in Our Home devotionals for
JulySeptember are now
available at the church**

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ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 17, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: PRESIDENT MARSHALL LUNDT
CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:45 MEMBERS
PRESENT: MARSHALL LUNDT, LANA LUNDT,
MARCIA SCHEMME, TREY HEILMAN JIM ALBERS
AND PASTOR TAMI GROTH.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: CAMERA AND FUTURE
MEETINGS WITH CONGREGATION.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: MINUTES APPROVED AS
READ. 1ST: TREY, 2ND MARSHALL.

TREASURER'S REPORT: APPROVED AS PRESENTED.
1ST MARSHALL, 2ND TREY.

PASTOR'S REPORT: DISCUSSED ONE IN CHRIST AND
DISCUSSED HOW AFFECTS US.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HARVEST MINISTRY: NOTHING AT THIS TIME
WORSHIP: WORSHIP COMMITTEE WILL BE
MEETING TO PICK MUSIC FOR SUMMER SERVICES.

EDUCATION: 1ST COMMUNION CLASSES ARE
BEING DONE. VBS WILL BE IN JULY WITH MORE
INFORMATION COMING LATER.

TASK FORCE: N/A

BUSINESS:

1. SCHOLARSHIP WAS APPROVED FOR
KYLEE WILLIAMSON. 1ST MARCIA. 2ND
TREY.

2. COVID 19 DISCUSSION

With the new guidelines coming out we discussed
at council guidelines going forward at St. John.

- A. Masks will NOT be mandatory but there will
be masks available for those who wish to use
them.
- B. Funeral luncheons will be allowed at the
church with catered meals only. We will not
solicit food at this time. Council will review
this through the year.
- C. We will still stream services.
- D. When serving communion those administering
the elements will still wear a mask. The bread
will still be served with toothpicks.
Communion elements will be brought forward
as in past.
- E. Ribbons in the church will be removed and
social distancing will be at your discretion.

- F. We will Share the peace doing worship. If you
are uncomfortable shaking hands, you can still
greet each other.
- G. Offering plate will remain at the back of the
church and brought forward during the service
with the communion elements.
3. CAMERA WAS DISCUSSED AND MARCIA
WILL BE CHECKING INTO THIS.
4. FUTURE MEETINGS WITH
CONGREGATION WAS DISCUSSED AND
WE WANT TO MEET
WITH SALEM LUTHERAN AND HARVEST
MINISTRY COUNCILS TO DISCUSS
DIRECTION WE NEED TO GO AND THEN
HAVE MEETINGS WITH
CONGREGATIONS.
5. VOLKERT LETTER. WE RECEIVED A
REQUEST FROM JORDAN VOLKERT FOR
HAVING SOMEONE ELSE MARRY HER.
PASTOR HAS SAID THIS WAS OKAY
WITH HER. COUNCIL APPROVED.

NEXT MEETING: JUNE 21, 2021 AT 6:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION BY JIM AND 2ND BY
LANA TO ADJOURN AT 3:15 P.M. MEETING
CLOSED WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER.

LANA LUNDT, TREASURER



Come and Go Bridal Shower honoring
Jordain Volkert

(bride to be of Andrew Taggart)

Sunday June 27th, 12:00:00

@ Cushing Fire Dept.

RSVP to Kendra @ 712 3467164

Registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond, you
may also contact Kendra for other ideas

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ST. JOHN WOMEN of the ELCA

May 19, 2021

The Women of St. John met on Wednesday, May 19th at 1:30 p.m. 14 members and presenter, Kate Koskovich, were present.

President Cheryl Todd introduced the speaker. Kate's program was "Connecting Children to Nature." Kate, a biologist, worked for 18 years with the DNR of IA and is now retired. She worked with farmers to set aside acres for wildlife habitat. A great source of information is a book, *The Lost Child in the Woods – Saving our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder* by Richard Louv. Kate presented the book to the Correctionville Library. Getting the kids outdoors and away from their video games, computers and TV shows will improve their grades, get higher test scores and enhance their knowledge. Being out where it is "GREEN" will calm their stress, make them more positive and improve their social skills not to mention their physical health.

Kate had us share stories of how we as young people became "acquainted" with nature. Those growing up on the farm had interesting "nature" experiences. Thank you, Kate, for the informative program.

Pres. Cheryl Todd opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. The minutes were read and approved. Sandra Johnson presented the treasurer's report for April. Bal. forward 4/01/2021- \$767.19. Income- \$138.00. Expenses- None. Bal. 4/30/2021- \$905.19. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Gail Stanton and seconded by Elaine Droegmiller. Motion carried.

Bills: No bills presented.

Correspondence: A pamphlet, *Food for Thought*, was shared about the Food Bank of Siouxland.

Old Business: Stewardship Eggs brought in \$92.00 for Lutheran

World Relief Kits.

New Business: The WISWO Convention will be June 19, 2021, at First Lutheran Church in Algona. If you are interested in attending, contact Cheryl Todd.

Our next meeting is our annual outing on June 17. We will go to the Queen of Peace, lunch at the Pizza Ranch and then go to South Sioux City to see the Veteran's Memorial. Hope you can attend.

Sandra read the devotions. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and the Table Prayer.

Sandra served pecan and pumpkin pie with Cool-Whip. Delicious!. Mints, crackers and nuts were enjoyed.

Ruth Durham, secretary.



THE CALL OF THE FLAG

It speaks to me, this wondrous weave
Of red, and white and blue.

God grant my listening hear receive
And hold its message true!

A symbol mere. To me it seems
By rarest life endowed.

As in the radiant sun it gleams
O flouts the sullen cloud.

It speaks in every crimson line
Of blood for freedom shed;

It tells of glorious deeds divine
Of hallowed martyred dead.

In humble earthly bed they lie.
And yet they live again.

To speak, to strive, to fight, to die
For love of fellowmen.

Lo! From the white, in accents pure,
Untinged by selfishness,

The words of sages, strong, and sure.
The crimson stains caress.

And from the blue the stars declare
The triumph of the good:

And urges forward to the goal
Of common brotherhood!

--Anonymous

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VBS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DAY CAMP JULY 5TH 8TH

St John Lutheran Church, Cushing

Our Theme this year is:

“BRAND NEW AUTO SHOP”

Classes are for children entering 1st grade through 6th grade.

Ingham Okoboji Lutheran bible camp will provide staff and program for VBS again this year.

We will have a Preschool/Kindergarten class, and they will be dismissed after lunch @ 12:00, please pickup them up then.

Registration forms (both sides) need to be returned to the church on or by Opening day July 5th. Please let Lorraine Jepsen know by the first week in June so we can get numbers to the camp so they can plan on how many counselors will need to come. Look for registration form in this newsletter. For more information, call Lorraine at 2531881.

Children should bring their bibles.

Due to the Covid guidelines we still have for our church we are asking for each child to bring a sack lunch; snacks will be provided that are individually packaged the church will also provide juice boxes of some variety for both snack time and lunch. Please send a labeled water bottle with your child.

Closing program will be Thursday evening, July 8th at 7:00, followed by and ice cream social.

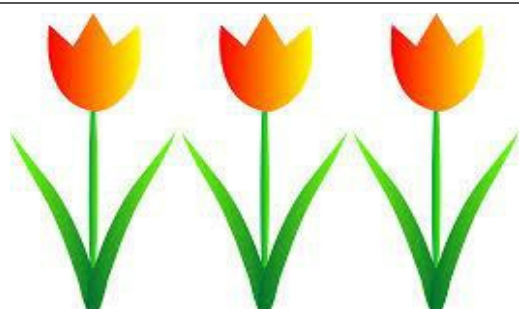
Our primary focus is safety of children and staff. If your child is not feeling well, please keep him/her at home.



Happy, happy Father's Day!



Any man can be a Father, but it takes someone special like you to be a dad.



June 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship Assistants Lector: Ellen Jolly	Alter Care: Ellen Jolly & Linda Mathers	1 Coffee w/Pastor @ Jo Jo's in Kingsley 9 AM	2 1:30 Esther Circle	3 6:30 Harvest Ministry Council meets @ Salem	4	5
6 9:00 Worship w/HC 10:00 Fellowship	7	8 Coffee w/Pastor @ The Stirring in Correctionville 9 AM	9 Intro to Mercy and Manna at St. John at 6:30 pm	10	11	12
13 9:00 Worship w/HC 10:00 Fellowship	14	15 Coffee w/Pastor @ Jo Jo's in Kingsley 9 AM	16 9:00 Women's General Meeting Field Trip to Sioux City	17	18	19
20 9:00 Worship w/HC 10:00 Fellowship	21	22 Coffee w/Pastor @ The Stirring in Correctionville 9 AM	23 June 22 Mutual Ministry meeting at 5:30 at Correctionville Library	24	25	26
27 9:00 Worship w/HC 10:00 Fellowship 12:00-2:00 Bridal Shower for Jordain Volkert	28 Pastor Tami (& family) at Lutheran Lakeside with other Western Iowa Synod Clergy thru July 2	29	30	St John Contact Info: Marshall Lundt, Council President: 712 389-1288 Pastor Tami: 608 385-9848; email: tami.Harvestministries@gmail.com Newsletter contact info: Elaine Droegmiller/ Church Secretary 384-2545		

June 2021 - Salem

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Coffee w/Pastor @ Jo Jo's in Kingsley 9 AM	2	3 HM Council Mtg @ Salem @ 6:30	4	5
6 2nd Sunday after Pentecost Fellowship 9:30 10:30 Worship in Sanctuary @ Salem	7 Pastor's Tami's Sabbath	8 Coffee w/Pastor @ The Stirring in Correctionville 9 AM	9 Intro to Mercy and Manna at St. John at 6:30 pm	10	11	12
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Daily Lectionary and Bible Readings for June 2021

Read assigned scriptures, taking time for meditation after each. Then, offer personal prayers/petitions. Close with the Lord's Prayer.

6/1 - Tu: Psalm 78:1-4, 52-72; Exodus 16:27-36; Acts 15:1-5, 22-35

6/2 - W: Psalm 78:1-4, 52-72; 1 Samuel 21:1-6; John 5:1-18

6/3 - Th: Psalm 130; Isaiah 28:9-13 1 Peter 4:7-19

6/4 - F: Psalm 130; Deuteronomy 1:34-40; 2 Corinthians 5:1-5

6/5 - Sa: Psalm 130; Genesis 2:4b-14; Luke 8:4-15

6/6 - Su: Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1; Mark 3:20-35

6/7 - M: Psalm 74; 1 Samuel 16:14-23; Revelation 20:1-6

6/8 - Tu: Psalm 74; 1 Kings 18:17-40; Revelation 20:7-15

6/9 - W: Psalm 74; Isaiah 26:16—27:1; Luke 11:14-28

6/10 - Th: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; Genesis 3:14-24; Hebrews 2:5-9

6/11 - F: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 1 Kings 10:26—11:8; Hebrews 11:4-7

6/12 - Sa: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Kings 14:1-14; Mark 4:1-20

6/13 - Su: Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 4:26-34

6/14 - M: Psalm 52; Ezekiel 31:1-12; Galatians 6:11-18 12:12-27

6/15 - Tu: Psalm 52; Jeremiah 21:11-14; Revelation 21:22—22:5

6/16 - W: Psalm 52; Jeremiah 22:1-9; Luke 6:43-45

6/17 - Th: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; Job 29:1-20; Acts 20:1-16

6/18 - F: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; Job 29:21—30:15; Acts 21:1-16

6/19 - Sa: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; Job 37:1-13; Luke 21:25-28

6/20 - Su: Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

6/21 - M: Psalm 65; Exodus 7:14-24; Acts 27:13-38

6/22 - Tu: Psalm 65; Exodus 9:13-35; Acts 27:39-44

6/23 - W: Psalm 65; Joshua 10:1-14; Mark 6:45-52

6/24 - Th: Psalm 30; Lamentations 1:16-22; 2 Corinthians 7:2-16

6/25 - F: Psalm 30; Lamentations 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

6/26 - Sa: Psalm 30; Lamentations 2:18-22; Luke 4:31-37

6/27 - Su: Lamentations 3:22-33 *or* Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

6/28 - M: Psalm 88; Leviticus 21:1-15; 2 Corinthians 8:16-24

6/29 - Tu: Psalm 88; Leviticus 15:19-31; 2 Corinthians 9:1-5

6/30 - W: Psalm 88; 2 Kings 20:1-11; Mark 9:14-29

A Daily Ritual: Make the sign of the cross, saying: "In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen." Light a Candle, if so desired. Then say one of the two prayers below:

Luther's Morning Prayer: "I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger: and I pray that you would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your Holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen"

Luther's Evening Prayer: "I Thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day: and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands, I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen."



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