

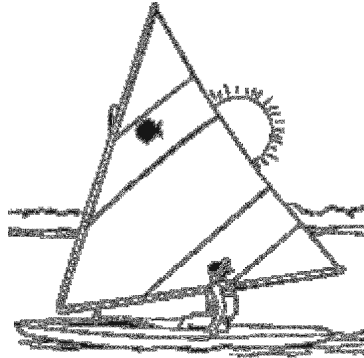
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FOR YOUR SOUL THROUGH THE WORD

St. John Eagle



Youth Sailing Party

Date: August 17th

Time: 5:30 PM

Place: Sunset Park

Details: on page 7

To join the fun, contact: Jerry Johnson

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**August 21st
11:15 am**

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, 402 Lake Ave, Storm Lake, IA.

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PASTOR:
Rev. Bruce Lesemann
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Suzanne Winterhof

STAFF

SECRETARY:
Celeste Cummins

CUSTODIAN:
Rena Norwood

MONTHLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday Services

6:00 p.m.

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Holy Communion

*1st and 3rd Weekend
of each month*

Sunday Services

9:00 a.m.

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Radio Broadcasts...

9:00 a.m. on 2nd Sunday
of each month
KAYL 101.7FM.

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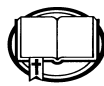
Lutheran Hour Ministries

KAYL 8:00 a.m.

Every Sunday

SUNDAY MORNING— FAITHBUILDERS AND BIBLE CLASSES

Summer Sunday School
continues at Grace through
August 21st at 10:15 am.



Be in the Word

Adult Bible Class meets at 10:30
a.m. in the Fireside Room (led by
V. Winterhof). Pastor Lesemann's
Bible Study is taking a break
while he fills the Newell vacancy.

ST. JOHN EAGLE



FROM THE PASTOR

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.” Psalm 51: 10a

The verse above brings back memories where as a child I’d sing the Offertory from page 12 and 22 of the old TLH hymnal. In the church where I grew up we used it every Sunday.

Not that I realized it as a child, but the Offertory was a solid reminder of what God could and wanted to do for us. Now as a consequence of that long ago practice, practically every time I hear Psalm 51 I mentally sing the Offertory, *“Create in me a clean heart O God and renew a right spirit with in me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and up hold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.”*

Whenever I hear these words spoken or sung, I am reminded of the much need renewal and restoration that I need. Thankfully, due to your graciously allowing my family a vacation, I have felt some of that renewal and restoration.

We are all in need of renewal. This need is probably the primary reason we take vacations. In the time away from the normal struggles of life we hope to be renewed as we are away from the troubles, the stress, the humdrum of the daily grind to instead do something different, something new, or something that helps us have peace and helps us relax.

Yet... as I think about it, no matter how many vacations a person takes, does this truly renew us? Yes, we hopefully are able to relax and get some much needed rest and recreation, which is very important, but a lot of times we come back from vacation only to find our problems return: that load of guilt, the depression, the stress, finding even more work to catch up on as it piled up during our vacation... so what is the answer?

Psalm 51 has the answer that we need to hear in any situation that troubles us. When we are down and struggling, when we are heavily burdened with life’s problems when we have lost hope and want to give up, this Psalm can help us focus on --and go to-- the source of our forgiveness, strength and restoration: our Heavenly Father given through His Son Jesus Christ! And He wants to restore us! That’s what God did for King David. Psalm 51 is a Psalm David wrote after the prophet Nathan pointed out David’s sins. As a result, David confesses, and in this Psalm he turns to the Source of true renewal and forgiveness. And even though King David had committed some horrible sins, God heard his confession and forgave his sin. May we learn to do as David did and seek renewal and forgiveness from our Lord as well!

Renewing us by giving us forgiveness and thereby restoring our relationship with God is the reason that Jesus came to this earth and suffered and died for us. Let us not neglect to seek and use this great and marvelous gift that He has given! We are renewed and restored by His grace through faith in Him. Jesus is the joy of our salvation!

In His grace,

Pastor Bruce H. Lesemann

Nominations for 2017-2018 Church Officers

This is a preliminary nomination list, which is subject to change. All names submitted will go for election at a special Voters' meeting which will be held on Sunday, August 21, 2016 at 11:15 am. Any questions, concerns, or additional nominations may be directed to Henry Hardt.

- Pastor** – Bruce H. Lesemann
- Executive Director** – Henry Hardt
- Assistant Executive Director** –
- Congregational Secretary** – Denise Betts
- Treasurer** – Karen Fletcher
- Assistant Treasurer** – Diane Overmohle
- Director of Lay Ministry** –
- Director of Evangelism** –
- Director of Education** – Jerry Johnson
- Director of Youth/Youth Leader** – Jerry Johnson
- Director of Stewardship** – Karen Fletcher
- Director of Church Properties** – Dave Dose
- Directors of Parish Relations** – Lori Dicks and Deb Matasovsky
- Purchasing Agent** – Bob Fletcher

There are no set amount of positions to the following boards, unless noted below.

Board of Lay Ministers (10 positions)

Board of Education and Youth

Jerry Johnson, Director	Dianne Johnson
Donna Dose	Lori Dicks
Amy Lesemann	Deb Matasovsky (Superintendent)

Board of Evangelism (4 positions)

Board of Parish Relations

Deb Matasovsky (Co-Chair)	Lori Dicks (Co-Chair)	Marilyn Mittelstadt
Diane Krueger	Lois Lytle	Marleen Otto
Celeste Cummins	Carolyn Goecke	

Board of Church Properties (Trustees)

Dave Dose, Director	Mike Overmohle	Bob Fletcher	Harold Redenbaugh
Gordy Miller	Dewey Betts	Kevin Jesse	

Board of Stewardship

Karen Fletcher, Director	Ladene Ponsor	Diane Overmohle	Celeste Cummins
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2016 National Offering



St. John contributed \$104.00 to the 2016 National Offering. Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison expressed his thanks to all those who contributed to the National Offering in this email excerpt.

Our sincerest thanks to the people of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod for their outpouring of support towards the 2016 LCMS National Offering. You have given the same bold confession as Peter—“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matt. 16:16)—through your participation.

Each dollar will be put to work toward the one goal of building others up into living stones so that people here and around the world who do not yet know the love of Christ may find in Him the “solid rock” on which they may stand:

- **In WITNESS** ... by planting new congregations here in the U.S., providing study Bibles for youth attending the National Youth Gathering, equipping missionaries with tangible evangelism and teaching resources, and much more as God allows;
- **Through MERCY** ... by advocating for and protecting human life from conception to natural death, caring for disadvantaged children, reducing suffering and improving living conditions among the poor—connecting people with the Gospel in all of these ways—and much more as God allows;
- **For our LIFE TOGETHER as the Body of Christ** ... by developing future leaders for our LCMS schools, revitalizing struggling and discouraged congregations, forming the future pastors and leaders of the LCMS and our international Lutheran partners, and much more as God allows.

These are gifts for action and impact in the lives of others—joyfully given by you and other members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod united “Upon This Rock.” Thank you for your generosity!

V. B. S.

WELLS FOR CAMBODIA - Barnyard Roundup VBS was held at St. John from July 8 - 10, 2016. The mission project that we selected to support was raising money to build wells in Cambodia. While one well may service a whole village, it is estimated that it costs \$50.00 to supply clean, drinkable water for one person. With that number in mind, the VBS children chose \$100.00 as their goal (so they would be able to help 20 people get fresh water). They were surprised to learn that they had reached three times their goal! Donations from VBS and a door offering totaled \$300.00! So, the kids were able to supply 60 people with fresh drinking water! Way to go!!!



THANK YOU to all who were involved with VBS this year! We appreciated all those who attended, helped out, donated items, or worked behind the scenes to make it fun, educational, and enjoyable for the kids! See you next summer at Grace.

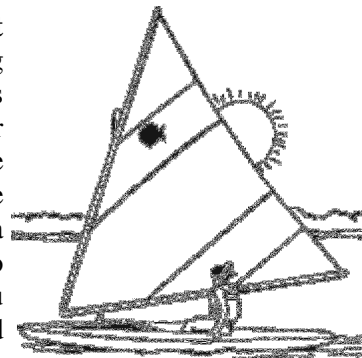


Fun at the National Youth Gathering

Listen For The Echo: We are back and exhausted from our journey to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. We packed meals, shared, loved and walked... A LOT. We listened and talked, praised and worshiped, sang and cheered, laughed and cried. We even ate alligator (tastes like chicken). The NYG really is life-changing. It's a spiritual mountain-top experience, and if there's anything harder than fundraising for the Gathering, or a 20 hour bus ride home from it, it's transitioning off the mountain-top. It's uplifting and encouraging and there's a part of you that doesn't want it to end. One theme that highlighted the Gathering was to be an echo of Christ's humility as we Stand Alone in Christ. Anne and I pray that Denisse, Georgea, Andrew and Loggan will be inspired to love, care, mentor and share what they learned and experienced at the Gathering. They were awesome and represented our Christian community faithfully well! Thank you to everyone for helping our youth reach the mountain-top. Watch for ways you can encourage all our youth to live out their faith in the days, weeks, and months to come. Let us pray that we come together to know how our community in Christ can look different than every other community. It's time to get ready for Minnesota! The next NYG will be in Minneapolis in 2019. – In Christ Alone, Jerry Johnson & Anne Luedtke (NYG Youth Leaders). ** Flip the page for some pictures highlighting our fun adventures in New Orleans! **

Come, Sail Away with Me!

St. John & Grace Youth Sailing Party Wednesday, August 17 at 5:30 pm! Junior High and High School youth are invited to an evening of sailing fun on **Wednesday, August 17 at 5:30 pm** from the docks near Sunset Park. The HyNoon Kiwanis Community Sailing Club is our host. They will provide the sailors life jackets, boats and the enthusiasm. You can choose to go out in a small sailboat one on one with a sailor or in a small group in a bigger sailboat. We will be having a picnic along with the sailing. Please let me know if you are planning to sail. We will plan on meeting at Sunset Park. Please let me know if you need a ride. Bring a friend, but let me know...so I can keep a head count! **Hey parents!** Please bring a side salad or dessert for the picnic. We will be grilling hot dogs, so please let me know if want to be the master griller too. I also need someone who would like to volunteer to take care of the drinks (lemonade, water). And please let me know if you are willing to be one of the chaperones during the event. Contact Jerry Johnson for more information: johnson@bvu.edu, Home: 712-732-2775, Office: 712-749-1218, Cell: 712-299-5783. The rain date will be Thursday, August 18 at 5:30pm.



Pictures from the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans

Jerry Johnson, Andrew Kutz, Loggan Norwood, Denisse Balandran, and Georgea & Anne Luedtke



ST. JOHN YOUTH'S GOD'S LOVE FUR-EVER PET SHOW

Thank you to everyone who helped OUR youth group with their Love Fur-Ever Pet Show at the BV County Fair last Sunday. Pet owners were given the chance to show off their dog, cat or other pets like a guinea pig and rabbit in the different categories including Cutest, Most Unique, Most Obedient, Best Trick, Best Tail Wagging, Best Mirror-Image, Quietest, and Least Obedient. WE raised \$150 to help fund the youth trip to the 2016 LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans and other mission projects. The youth had the honor of handing out the trophies and ribbons. Local media celebrities made up the judging table. The judges were Dolores Cullen from the Storm Lake Times, Chris Boeckman from Storm Lake Radio and Dr. Dianne Johnson D.V.M. from the Lake Animal Hospital. The competition was sponsored by a Thrivent Action Team Grant. Thrivent Action Teams are designed to help Thrivent Financial members strengthen communities. Thanks again!



Some of the pet show fun at the B.V. County Fair on Sunday, July 24th.

TAIL WAGGING WINNER:
Molly

CUTEST CATEGORY WINNERS:
Princess Kay & Maize

MIRROR-IMAGE WINNERS:
Jac, Ellie & Chai

LEAST OBEDIENT WINNER:
Ellie

MOST OBEDIENT WINNER:
Chai

QUIETEST WINNERS:
Herky & Maize

MOST UNIQUE WINNER:
Doc

BEST TRICK WINNER:
Rocky

**ST. JOHN YOUTH'S
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JULY 24, 2016

WINNERS



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CAMP OBOBOJI? Below you will find key dates and events that will be happening at Camp Okoboji in August and September. If you would like more details about any of these events, you may contact the Camp by calling (712) 337-3325 or emailing camp@campokoboji.org.

- ◆ August 7 - 13 Family Retreat II Week
- ◆ August 11 - 14 Hispanic Family Retreat
- ◆ August 21 Camp Golf Outing
- ◆ August 26 - 28 Adult Retreat
- ◆ August 27 Kathy Troccoli Concert
- ◆ September 3 BBQ Cook Off Event and *DISCOVER* Ground Breaking
- ◆ September 21-23 Outdoor Education
- ◆ September 29 - October 2 Fall Clean-up Weekend and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner



A MILITARY TRIBUTE CONCERT to honor Iowa's Veterans will take place on August 15, 2016 at 4:30 pm at the Anne and Bill Riley Stage at the Iowa State Fair. There is no cost to attend this concert, however, you will have to pay regular admission fees for the Fair. If you would like to be part of the choir or orchestra for this performance, please contact Julie DenHerder at 515-240-1626. You can also find more information online www.militarytributeconcert.org.

A SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING WILL BE HELD on Sunday, August 21, 2016 at 11:15 am. On the agenda will be voting for new officers (see the nomination list on page 4 of this newsletter) and selecting the health insurance for 2017.

THE MESSENGER - The current issue of *The Messenger*, a publication of the Iowa District West, has some interesting features that you might want to read this month. Among them is a devotional written by Pastor Kenny Hsu entitled, "Chosen - I Am a Child of God" and "The Life and Travels of a Quilt" written by a cute quilt. To locate *The Messenger* online go to www.idwlcms.org and click on the Publications tab at the top. The current issue will appear on the left side of the page.

Let God Handle It

By: Celeste Cummins

When I saw the inspirational saying for my perpetual Thrivent calendar today I thought it was perfect. It said, "Let God carry your stress and worries today." It was certainly fitting because today is Thursday. It's my longest day at church and it's the day when I polish off the regular print bulletin, put together the large print bulletin, and hope the copier cooperates in printing all of these copies.

Yet, before I even arrived at work, I was overwhelmed by lack of sleep (for several days), adjusting to new glasses (meaning: putting up with daily eye strain and headaches), searching for a close and affordable one day "vacation" for myself and the kids, realizing my van would need an oil change very soon, knowing I have to find my way to Ida Grove tonight for a baseball game (when I have no idea how to tell North from West...or any other direction for that matter), and waking up with a headache/migraine kind of a thing. Wow! All that before I even left my house! I pondered how I'd ever make it through this long day when all I wanted to do was grab my teddy bear, blanket, and pillow to cuddle up someplace!

Shortly after I read those words on the Thrivent calendar, the words, "Take it to the Lord in prayer" came to mind (see *LSB* 770). I'd already been praying all morning that my headache would go away. After lots of medicine and some caffeine, I'm doing ok now. *Ding!* One positive thing for the day. Some friends of mine knew I needed an oil change and they happened to have a half off coupon that expired today, so I called the shop and they got me in. *Double ding!* Another item checked off my list *and* at a discounted price. (Thanks! You know who you are ☺). The

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electronics cooperated nicely and the bulletins printed without any issues. *Ding!* One less thing to worry about. Will I successfully find Ida Grove tonight before the baseball game is over? I'm not sure, but I'm hopeful! I'll keep searching for an inexpensive, one day vacation. And as far as catching up on my sleep...that may need to wait until the nursing home!

As more and more things began to fall into place, I could hear the words that Pastor often says, "As my father-in-law would say, 'Another day. Another success story.'" I'm sure his father-in-law would also acknowledge that the reason we are able to succeed is because our burdens get lighter as we turn them over to God and He bears them for us. Psalm 68:19 tells us, "Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens." Yes, thank You, God, that we do not have to bear our burdens, worries, and struggles alone, but You are right there to help us through them.

1 PETER 5:7, NRSV



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**WE WELCOME YOU TO
JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!**

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August Worship Assistants

Altar Guild: Laura Bumann & Jerene Neir

Greeters: **Saturday, 6:00 p.m.**
Ron & Jerene Neir
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
Diane Krueger

Bell Ringers: **Saturday, 6:00 p.m.**
Henry Hardt
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
Emily Johnson

Acolytes: **Saturday, 6:00 p.m.**
Austin Gaffney
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
Hannah Norwood

**MUSIC
NOTES**

Musicians are encouraged to share their talents during our worship services throughout the year. If you play an instrument or would like to join the choir, please contact our music director, Suzanne Winterhof. The choir will rehearse at 7:30 pm on August 3rd. New members are always welcome.



Altar Flowers

- 7th - Vernon & Suzanne Winterhof—Anniversary
- 14th - Doug & Sharen Peters—Anniversary
- 21st - In memory of Dave Wiley by Barb Phillips
- 28th - In honor of Martin Mack's 99th