

June 2026

# St John Messenger



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June 7, 2026  
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Dear Members of St. John,

Summer days are here! There is beauty in the world right around us, and sometimes we don't even realize it. Walking down the street there are signs of God's creation growing at our feet. Whether we are in town or in the country, the city or the farm, God's creation envelopes us every day. The heart of summer is a wonderful time to experience the Creator. We feel the summer sun, the heat, and remember how God created "the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night." We see and smell the deep green vegetation around us and know that God has provided all we need. We hear the twitter of birds and feel ourselves surrounded by all creatures great and small. We feel the cool water of the pool, the lake, the hose, or the stream and know that God has washed us in living waters. Summer is a great time for us to experience the joy that living in Christ brings us, allowing us to enjoy all that God provides. As we experience God's joy through the beauty of nature, the sound of children's laughter, or recounting a funny story with friends and family, be sure to share it. Our joy is multiplied when we do.

May your summer be filled with blessings. And remember, we might take a break in the summer for vacations and fun, but don't take a break from God. Bring Him along in all you do!

In His Love,  
Pastor Ann

# Prayer Concerns this Month

# FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JUNE

Blondina Kuhlmann  
Virginia Engelke  
Darlene Haun  
Roy Dean Bell  
Betty Kirchhoff  
Pastor Bob & Deb Sinclair  
Pastor Doyle & Janna Karst

Irish Kussmann  
Dorothy Seems  
Dorothy Wire  
Bruce Seems  
Gracie Kirchhoff  
Connie Francis

Please let Penny know if anyone needs added.  
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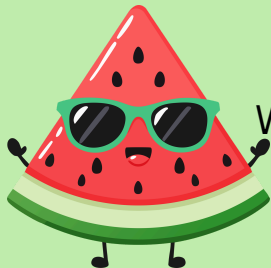
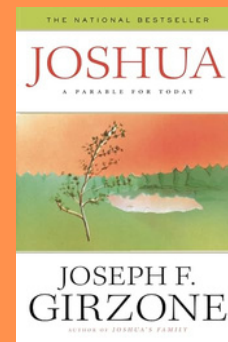
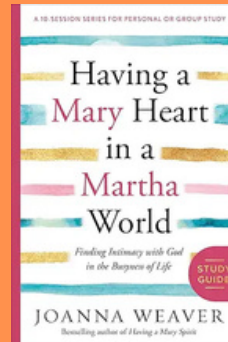
Cereal, Oatmeal, Hamburger or Tuna "helper meals", Peanut butter, Toilet paper and Soups. Any food you bring will be put to good use and will honor God as an offering gift.



Check out our newly organized library! There will be a designated share section. Bring books to share or check one out!

### Favorite Book Suggestions from Pastor Ann

1. Finding Intimacy with God in the Busyness of Life
2. A Parable for Today (It's a Series!)
3. How to Build a Christian Home



## Old-Fashioned Watermelon Feed -TBD

Watermelon seeds have been planted in St. John's garden plot! Will they grow into delicious watermelons? Only God Knows, but we're praying for a good harvest!

Love Packages.org

July 23-25

### Love Packages Mission Trip - Butler, Illinois

Adults and youth - let's go on Mission! We will haul our love packages to Butler, Illinois. Spend a day sorting and packing bibles and other Christian materials that God will use in amazing ways in the mission field. We also hope to stop in Kansas City or St. Louis on the way home for fun! More information to follow! Please prayerfully consider your participation in this mission.

### Bring your donations to our Love Packages Wagon in the Parish Hall!

Bibles



Tracts



Reference Materials



Books



SS Materials



Puppets  
Nativity Sets



Magazines and  
Devotionals



CD's  
DVD's  
Blue Ray



# June Upcoming Events:

June 2 - 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast

June 3 - 10:30 AM Communion at Sunporch

June 17 - 7:30 PM - Council Meeting

June 21 - Father's Day Hymn/Praise Sing

2:30 PM Church Service at Sunporch & SCHR



## Ongoing Events:

Tuesdays: 6:30 PM Bible Study with Pastor Ann

Book of Acts Study

Wednesdays: 9:00 AM Women's Morning Circle

"Experiencing God"

Thursdays: 1:30 PM Bible Study at Sunporch



## Future Dates:

July 17-18 - Heartland LCMC District Gathering

July 19 - Fair Service - 11:00 AM

July 23-25 - Mission Trip

# June Member Celebrations

## Birthdays

1 - Saige Imm  
6 - Tegan McKenzie  
7 - Marilyn Kramer  
8 - Tayln Meyer  
8 - David Feldmann  
10 - Jean Montgomery  
12 - Nolan Lehmann  
16 - Jessica Montgomery  
22 - Cindy Ring  
24 - Chris Kirchhoff  
29 - Gary Gerstenkorn  
29 - Mike Kirchhoff

## Baptismal Birthdays

17 - Tayln Meyer  
21 - Glenn Timmons  
23 - Charles Timmons  
30 - Kaelyn Kirchhoff

## Anniversaries

1 - Mr & Mrs Brody Frieling  
2 - Mr & Mrs Randy Meyer  
3 - Mr & Mrs Mike Hutchison  
12 - Mr & Mrs David Kramer  
21 - Mr & Mrs Tim Meyer

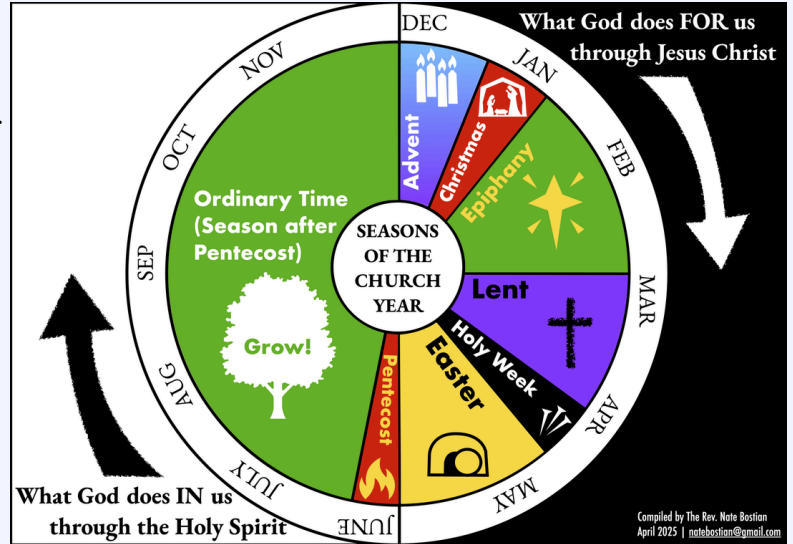
# The Season after Pentecost

The Season after Pentecost is the longest in the church year, extending from Pentecost (50 days after Easter) for 27 Sundays in a row until the Season of Advent. It's called "ordinary" time because the Sundays are numbered in an ordinal pattern.

Perhaps even more meaningful is that the lessons shared in the liturgy of the Season after Pentecost are focused on how we live each ordinary day as followers of Christ. How do we, how can we, grow more like Jesus in our everyday habits, routines, and interactions? It takes a long period of concentrated awareness to live as Christ wants us to live. For 27 consecutive Sundays, we hear stories inviting us to grow into a bigger understanding of the Kingdom of God.

## A Prayer for Ordinary Time

God of Eternity,  
 As I walk the path of Ordinary Time, help me to count the many ways you are present—in the comings and goings of family, friends, coworkers, and acquaintances; in the sounds of summer and the beauty of your magnificent creation; in the daily routines and responsibilities that make up the rhythm of my days; Make all time extra-ordinary as I seek to become more attuned to your presence. Amen.



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND:  
**LCMC Annual**  
**Heartland District Gathering**

**BACK**

**TO THE BASICS**

What Does it Mean to be Lutheran  
in a Changing World?

JULY 17-18

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
 2102 N County Road 26  
 FREMONT, NE

KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
 JULIE SMITH - LCMC Service Coordinator  
**BACK TO BASICS: THE INTERSECTION OF THE SMALL  
 CATECHISM AND OUR CORE VALUES**

\*\*All sessions are open to clergy & church members!

To register: Mail attached form with \$20 check or register online.

If you are interested in attending the LCMC District Gathering, please let Pastor Ann know. Our church pays for your registration and overnight stay. Look forward to this meaningful experience!

# June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30AM Worship</li> <li>10:30AM Sunday School</li> </ul>	1 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30AM Men's Discipleship Breakfast</li> <li>6:30PM Adult Bible Study</li> </ul>	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00AM Morning Circle</li> <li>9:00AM Pastor's Office Hours</li> <li>10:30AM Communion at Sunporch</li> <li>12:00PM Bulletin Deadline</li> </ul>	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:30PM Bible Study at Sun Porch</li> </ul>	5 	
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