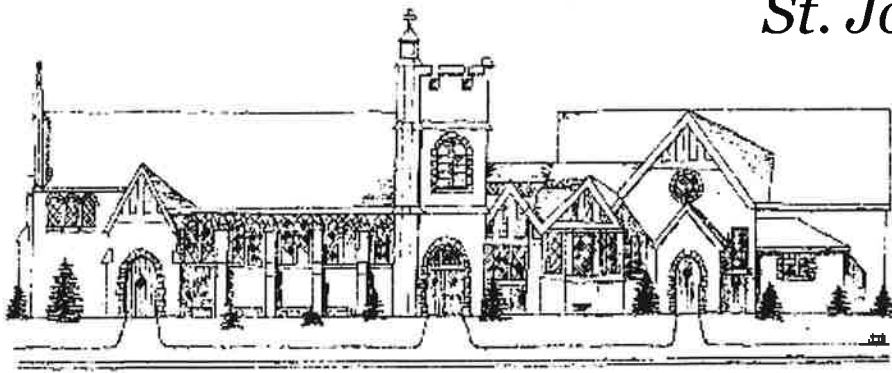


# St. John's Lutheran Church



## Messenger

Bill Odermann, Pastor

July, 2018

*Have you remembered St. John's in your will?*

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### Call Committee Nominations Now Open!

We announced Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup> that call committee nominations are now open. We will be looking to seat nine members on this committee to interview pastoral candidates. Council leadership will soon be completing their part of the *Ministry Site Profile* so several items are on the table simultaneously to be completed before the actual search process can begin. I reproduce here some questions and answers about being on the call committee.

#### How long does this process take?

Persons serving on the call committee can expect the call process to take anywhere from 3-5 months from beginning to end – longer, if candidates are rejected by the call committee or a candidate drops out from the interview process. This depends upon a number of factors, including: (1) *People's schedules*-getting every CC member together for meetings. CC members usually have full-time vocations (2) *Candidates available for call*. Only the NE Iowa Synod knows who's out there and interested. The call committee is at the mercy of candidate availability and the pool of candidates the Synod

has available to interview. (3) *Candidate and call committee schedules to secure an interview*-sometimes, a candidate needs to schedule an interview a number of days out and work with available committee options for interviews.

#### How often does the call committee meet?

That depends upon their shared workload and assignments to be completed. The bulk of their work is crafting, preparing, designing, and agreeing upon interview questions based upon the *Ministry Site Profile*. Their work also entails checking candidate references, possibly going to a candidate's church to hear a sermon, meeting together as a team before a candidate interview and debriefing after an interview is complete. There will also be 'second interviews' when defining their best two or three candidates. Call committee members will meet at least every two weeks-most often, they will meet weekly, anywhere from 1-2 hours, depending upon what needs to be prepared.

#### What kind of help do we receive?

The *interim pastor* trains, oversees, and supports the call committee in their initial stages and as needed once interviews begin and progress. This includes an initial orientation meeting where each call committee member receives their own 'resource manual' to begin and complete their work. An *assistant to the synod bishop*, assigned to your congregation for their call process, also

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has in initial meeting with the call committee to answer questions, lend support, and help them through the length of the process once they are trained in.

**What commitment is required?**

Plan on devoting 3-5 months for your commitment. Attend all meetings faithfully (sudden glitches understood), work together as a group, stay the course from beginning to end, observe ethics and confidentiality where stipulated, keep the process in prayer, ask for help if needed, trust God in this process!

The deadline to receive nominations has been set for August 1<sup>st</sup>. Council will then set and notify the congregation of a special meeting to elect this committee from a slate of nominations. Watch for announcements about this and spread the word that this nomination process is now underway!

**Pr. Bill Odermann, Interim Pastor**

*To Receive the Word ...*



Sunday morning worship services are on the local radio station. Dial in 103.5 FM (KNEI) at 8:30 am or log into [www.kneiradio.com](http://www.kneiradio.com) to worship with St. John's.

You may now receive the newsletter via email as a PDF document. Contact the church office if you would like to be on this email list.

St. John's is on the web at [www.stjohnswaukon.net](http://www.stjohnswaukon.net) and Facebook [stjohns@waukon](mailto:stjohns@waukon)



*June Statistics*

*College Graduates  
2018*

also graduating:



Sully Bucheit	Hawkeye Community College
Gus Pladsen	Hawkeye Community College

FUNERALS: Dale Rademaker

WEDDINGS: Carissa Hesse  
&  
Jacob Howe

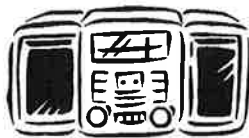


BAPTISMS: Amelia Ann Timler  
(infant daughter of Laura & Jason Timler)



<b>JULY</b>		<b>2018</b>				
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Worship 8:30 & 10am w/Holy Communion , No Church Bake Sale				1:30 pm - Evergreen Court communion		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Worship 8:30 & 10am, No Bake Church Bake Sale				6pm - Full Church Council Meeting F.H.		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
**Worship 8:30 Service ONLY / "Food for the Poor" No Bake Church Bake Sale		6 pm -Trustee meeting				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Worship 8:30 & 10am, No Bake Church Bake Sale			9 am - Assemble Newsletter 4 pm- Good Samaritan communion WIC - 9am - 5 pm	WIC -8:30 am - 4 pm		
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

## Radio Ministry



St. John's Radio Ministry broadcasts Sunday service at 8:30 am on KNEI.

Donations from individuals have paid for the majority of the services and continue to come in. The cost for each broadcast is \$165.00, but gifts of smaller donations are also accepted and put into the Trust Fund to cover costs. We thank all givers for your gift.

- July 1: Marcella Selberg & family (in memory of Paul Selberg)
- July 8: Orrin & Nan Grangaard (in memory of Winnie Juvik)
- July 15: In honor of Jim & Jan Pffnner's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- July 22: Given by faithful listener from Decorah
- July 29: Bart & Marilyn Hamm and family in honor of Greg Hamm

## Looking Back



*SIXTY YEARS AGO (July, 1958 – Pastor Benbow)*

- Pastor Benbow announces resignation
- Congregation to elect Call Committee
- Baptisms

*FIFTY YEARS AGO (July, 1968 – Pastor Vaaler)*

- One service held July 7<sup>th</sup> @ 10am
- Pastor Vaaler is home and recuperating
- Plea for regular attendance during summer months
- Baptisms: Rhesa Ashbacher

*FORTY YEARS AGO (July, 1978- Pastor Hansing)*

- John Sivesind and Leroy Schmidt comment on attending convention
- Bell Choir plays at Castalia's festival
- Baptisms: Renea Andregg

*THIRTY YEARS AGO (July, 1988 –Pastor Groe)*

- Letter of call issued for second Pastor
- Applications taken for part-time secretary
- Youth Outing July 17 @ DunRomin Park
- Congregation challenged to increase their giving by greater amount
- Baptisms:

*TWENTY YEARS AGO (July, 1998 - Pastor Groe)*

- LYO sponsored canoe outing for July 12
- Church Photo Directory dates announced
- Baptisms: Gus Pladsen

*TEN YEARS AGO (July, 2008 - Pastor Groe)*

- Steel shingle roofing project completed
- LYO trip to Valley Fair & Whitewater Country Water Slide
- Synod Assembly report given
- Baptisms: Brent Roe

*FIVE YEARS AGO (July, 2013- Pastor Groe)*

- Nearly 10 inches of rain fell in 3 days
- Pastor begins 29<sup>th</sup> year of shared ministry with St. John's
- Lounge kitchen redo is complete
- Baptisms: Eric R Halverson

*ONE YEAR AGO (July – Michael Blair, Roger Buhr, Daniel Christensen, Nancy Solomonson)*

- Begin working towards interim pastor
- Coco Lyons begins seminary studies
- Rocky Mountain service trip for Youth
- RAGBRAI 2017 goes through Waukon
- Baptisms:



## Military News

Keep all military personnel safe as they protect our world. We also remember those who are in the reserves and are ready to protect at anytime, either overseas or in this country protecting people from natural and man made disasters. Please continue to pray for our military personnel, their families, and all the nations and peoples struggling to work towards peace.

Listed below are all of those we know of who are serving in some capacity. Not all of these individuals are currently overseas, but they all need our support and prayers.

Rhesa Ashbacher	Rachel (Wandling) Holland
Peter Bieber	Taylor O'Connell
Tracy Blake	Roy Peregrine
Darren Buege	Craig Rosendahl
James Collins	Heath Smith
Kirk Deal	JR TeKippe
Luke Deal	Jamie Tielbar
Missy DeJesus	Jason Timler
Matthew Dodge	Josh Tweedy
Gabe Feuerhelm	Kasey Wandling
Austin Hansen	Jesse Wandling
Devon Henning	Ryan Wandling
Marv Hill	

*Hymns for July  
at St. John's*



**July 1<sup>st</sup>: The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**

**No. 887 This is My Song**

First Lesson: Lamentations 3:22-33

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

**No. 888 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies**

During Holy Communion:

**Nos: 462, 466**

**No. 891 God Bless Our Native Land**

**July 8<sup>th</sup>: The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**

**No. 521 O Day of Rest and Gladness**

First Lesson: Ezekiel 2:1-5

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

**No. 742 What A Friend We Have in Jesus**

**No. 598 For by Grace You Have Been Saved**

**July 15<sup>th</sup>: The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**

**No. 786 O Holy Spirit, Enter In**

First Lesson: Amos 7:7-15

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

**No. 717 Let Justice Flow Like Streams**

During Holy Communion:

**Nos: 810, 811**

**No. 805 Lead On, O King Eternal**

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>: The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**

**No. 645 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation**

First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:11-22

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**No. 789 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

**No. 544 Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing**

**July 29<sup>th</sup>: The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**No. 729 The Church of Christ, In Every Age**

First Lesson: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:14-21

Gospel: John 6:1-21

**No. 674 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ**

During Holy Communion:

**Nos: 767,770**

**No. 547 Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

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*Music Ministry*



MUSIC NOTES

A big "thank you" to the following musicians who provided special music for our Sunday services in June:

Sunday, June 6 – Maddy Marti, Clarinet Solo

Sunday, June 13 – Alivia Bixby, Viola Solo

Sunday, June 20 – Abram Bixby, Cello Solo

Sunday, June 27 – Evan Bixby, Violin Solo

Congratulations to Sarah Palmer who was again selected as the Luther College Dorian High School Music Camp Faculty Director/Instructor of the Handbell Choir students. From June 29 through July 19, Sarah will also be touring Europe with the Iowa Ambassadors of Music student group as a staff member working and singing with the Choir.

We still have a few openings for special music for the end of July and August for anyone wishing to participate. Please contact Jim Bieber at 568-3097 (home), 568-3435 (work), or 563-380-5355 (cell) to pick a Sunday to perform and to practice before that performance. Thank you for sharing your time and talent at our church services.

*James Bieber-Organist/Director of Music*



## Church Council Highlights

Actions taken at the June Trustee meeting:

No actions were taken at the Trustee meeting, but there was discussion on the following items:

- K&J Roofing completed roof repairs on bell tower
- Greg Byrnes Landscaping to put in dirt fill on a corner of church property
- Repair of the balcony/bell tower ceiling and stairway wall plaster to begin
- We are putting together a Technology/Outreach Committee to focus on how to enhance our radio ministry and online presence
- We will be asking for funds to repair our Carillons and water fountain

This is not an official set of minutes, but rather highlights of activities of the congregation. For complete information, see the minutes posted on the bulletin board in the coatroom.

Each month there are many individuals who quietly slip into the church to offer services in a special way. When we see them, we try to acknowledge and thank our *Unsung Heroes*. This month we thank....



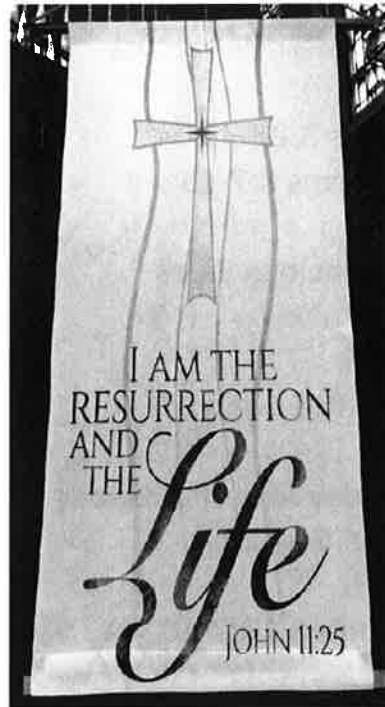
\*Shawn Gordon for his expertise in the internet issues!

\*Norman Peterson for his endless hours of "fixing" whatever needs a repair!

We thank ALL volunteers for your efforts. You represent St. John's in a positive and friendly way.

Thank you

## New @ St. John's



The second new banner given as a memorial to Pastor Groe was recently used at a funeral at St. John's. This white banner with gold lettering will be used for funerals, but may also be on display during the Easter season. The wording on this banner reminds us of our hope in the resurrection. Thank you for both of these gifts.

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## Technology Committee



Anyone interested in joining the Tech Committee for the purpose of enhancing our outreach ministry efforts, please contact Arica Grimstad at 563 568-9401. Deadline July 1, 2018.



## *Sunday School Scoop*

Dear Fellow Congregation Members:

Greetings to you all from St. John's Board of Education! We have been busy making plans for the upcoming Sunday School year, and we are excited to share some of the changes we are planning for fall.



During the Cottage Meetings this spring, many members expressed concerns regarding Sunday School programming, content, and the ability to find teachers to volunteer in our Christian Education Team. As a result, the Board of Education reviewed the current format and curriculum, and have determined that a re-design of programming is in order. The Board has spent time selecting content from the materials that are currently on hand and will continue to look for additional resources as needed to support volunteer teachers. In addition we have begun designing a scope and sequence of topics for the next three school years in order to provide students with the foundational Christian ideas needed to begin their personal faith journey, prepare them for formal instruction during Confirmation, and to help them develop a sense of their place in the Church community. Our overall goal for our students is to get them to Sunday School, know why they should come to Sunday School, and continue to come to Sunday School.

The changes we are addressing for fall include:

- Content: Content for the fall will cover topics and Bible stories from the Old Testament. Curriculum will also include Church seasons such as Christmas and Easter. Lessons will relate to a year-long theme. We will also include more traditional "memory work" in order for students to learn the Catechism and the basic elements of the Lutheran Church.
- Structure: Teaching teams of 2 or 3 adults will teach grade level groups. Students will have the opportunity to learn from their adult mentors and will be able to develop and share their faith ideas with consistent adults with whom they have formed a strong relationship.

- Format: While we are using the materials from the rotational system, teachers will now be able to select from all materials to determine what is age-appropriate for their class and what best supports the objectives for each topic and lesson. The Board of Education will support teachers as needed in selecting materials so do not feel like you need to be a teacher to volunteer to lead a Sunday School group!

In short, our Sunday School will take on a more traditional look: same classroom, same teacher, same Christian values.

To implement these changes, we are seeking out adults who are willing to volunteer their time and talents and fulfill our Congregational promise to our children. We thank those who have already volunteered for fall, including Brandi Neuzil, Emily Welper, Sandy Deal, and Sue Bieber.

More detailed information is available for anyone who is interested in teaching a group during the upcoming year. Discussion groups and an informational meeting are planned for late summer – more details to come. However, should you have any questions prior to those meetings, please feel welcome to contact Ann Hagensick, Leah Stammeyer, or Sarah Palmer.

We look forward working with you to welcome our students to a new year of Christian education!

Sincerely,

St. John's Board of Education



# Vacation Bible School June 2018

at Village Creek Bible Camp



We had 15 kids join us for a fun day at VCBC. The weather was warm and sunny all day! Some of the activities we participated in included: trampoline, soccer, crafts, archery, kayaking, horseback riding and critter holding (a turtle, bunny & snake)! We enjoyed chapel and worship as a group 4 times throughout the day, learned some new songs and made some new friends from other churches.

"For everything that is written in the past was written to teach us so that through endurance and encouragement of the scripture we might have HOPE!"

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ so that with one heart & mouth, you may glorify the God & Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Sarah Christen, Board of Education*



## June Birthdays at Good Samaritan 2018



front row: Jean Berge, Norma Svendson and Marcie Opfer  
St. John's members: Nona Sawyer, Jane Dietrich, Virgil Thorstenson and Sandy Deal



# St. John's Volunteer Duty List

Jul 2018

Date	Service	Greeters	Readers	Comm. Asst.	Comm. Prep.	Acolytes	Ushers
Jul 1 18	8:30	E Lyle & Annette Stock W B Schwamman/P Slaughter	Emma Palmer	Rhonda Barr Bill Halvorson Nona Sawyer	Carla & Jerry Schnuelle	Ushers	Jed & B Hemann John & Isaac Roe
	10:00	E Chuck Larson W Fred Oelberg	Chuck Larson	Kevin Stinn	Marilyn Henkles Sandy Deal		Sherman family Karlton Gruel
Jul 8 18	8:30	E Verland & Ellen Lenth W John & Leslie Miller	Denise Wullner			Ushers	Same as 7/1
	10:00	E Sue Bieber W Sandy Deal	Sue Bieber				
Jul 15 18	8:30	E I Fosaeen/C Engstrom W J Pfiffner/Kay Sewick	Irv Fosaeen	D & L DeBuhr Karen Soper	Karen & Ed Stamper	Ushers	Same as 7/1
	10:00	E Jon & Gloria Payne W Chester & D Schlake	Jon Payne	Sarah Palmer	Di & Gerald Piittmann		
Jul 22 18	8:30	E Bill & Becky Roe W Jane Dietrich	Bob Joachim			Ushers	Same as 7/1
	10:00	E Dan & Lori Treangen W N Petersen/K Gruel	Sandy Deal				
Jul 29 18	8:30	E Mary Jackson W Geralyn Smith	Mary Jackson	R & L Dahlstrom Arica Grimstad	Ann Hagensick	Ushers	Same as 7/1
	10:00	E Jill & Chris Mirich W Joan Moody	Joan Moody	Emily Welper	Lori Hesse		



## Book Nook

*Blood Brothers* by Elias Chacour

The dramatic story of a Palestinian Christian working for peace in Israel. In this international bestseller, Chacour blends his riveting life story with historical and biblical research to reveal a little known side of the Arab-Israeli conflict. A story about people-not politics offers hope and insight that can help each of us learn to live at peace in a world of tension and terror.

*Giving It All Away...And Getting It All Back Again* by David Green

The Life of Giving is a Life of Adventure and Risk, but it pays the best rewards for you, your family, and all you touch. This is the philosophy of David Green, founder of Hobby Lobby. This is his story and more as he shares principles that have guided him in growing a business from scratch, weathering a Supreme Court case, raising a loving family, and leaving them a lasting legacy.

submitted by Joan Moody

## Coffee Hour



The Board of Education invites you to a coffee "hour" on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. Come to the Fellowship Hall on July 22 for food, beverage, and great conversation. All ages are welcome. Put this on your calendar!

## Prayer for Liberty

Lord Jesus, thou who art the way, the truth, and the life; hear us as we pray for the truth that shall make all free. Teach us that liberty is not only to be loved but also to be lived. Liberty is too precious a thing to be buried in books. It costs too much to be hoarded. Help us see that our liberty is not the right to do as we please, but the opportunity to please to do what is right.



**INDEPENDENCE  
DAY**



*Peter Marshall - before the US Senate*

<b>JULY</b>						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Margaret Halverson, Kevin Selberg, Eric Wyninger	Karen Stamper, Mike Tuttle, Dan & Lori Treagen (A), Lucas & Casey Treangen (A)	Charles & Jill Bieber (A), Lee & Fran Gruenhaupt, Joe & Lynda Palmer (A), Suzy & Drew Pierson (A)	Aaron Gerst, Maxine Grotegut, John & Leslie Miller (A), Steve & Natasha Wilkes (A)	Shelby Martin, Mary & Doug Huinker	Shawn Moe, Owen Grimstad	John Roe, Jenna Schoeberlein
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Jane Fransen, Ron & Linda Dahlstrom (A)	Chris Mirich, Kevin & Bobbi Jo Baxter (A), Lorna & Bernard Kolsrud (A), Darrel & Rosanne Wicks (A)	Linda Dahlstrom, Mike Headington, Bev Leiran, Chester & Darlene Schlake (A)	John Pladsen, Magdalene Rostvold, Joe & Sarah Christen (A), Patty & Randy Nordheim (A), Jerry & Carla Schnuelle (A)	Randy Hesse, Jill Kistler-Mirich, Marilyn Mathews, Harlan Yohe	Matt Emerson, Becky Lomen, Trish Martin, Amanda Shaffer	Rosemary Hagensick, Cyril Larkin, Jill Pooch, Judy Selberg
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Nicole Blake, Gloria Larson, Brandi Neuzil, Grace Solberg, Jim & Jan Pfiffner (A)	Anna Gearhart, Janelle Snitker, Natasha Wilkes	Jason Collins, Todd Hills, Marvin Petersen, Jaydon Snitker, Nona Stone, Brett Yohe	Jeannie Anderson, Elliott Woodman, Jon & Gloria Payne (A), Bruce & Sue Torkelson (A)	Chester Thune	Sophia Palmer, Florence Schlake, Jill Soper, Kim Yohe	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Ross Koester	Kristin Stinn, Corbett & Arica Grimstad (A)	Keith Evanson, Mason Frick, Mary Jo Meyer, Kristi & Tim Fahey (A), Marvin & Barbara Hill (A), Mike & Audrey Peterson (A)	Jim & Sue Bieber (A), Mike & Brandi Neuzil (A), Aaron & Sarah Palmer (A)	Scott Houg, Nancy Pickett, Virginia Roe		Lee Ellickson, Mark Knudtson, Lane Triggs, Bill & Linda Halvorson (A)
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Hannah Fahey, Jill & Charles Folsom (A)	Maya Bossom, Laurie Koester	Richard Leiran, Jerry & Kim Johanningmeier (A), Gerald & Diane Pittmann (A), Ed & Karen Stamper (A)				



*St. John's Women  
Serving and Socializing*

ST JOHN'S WOMEN  
SERVING AND SOCIALIZING

July is here already! During the first six months of 2018, our Circle women have been involved in serving at St. John's funerals very often, plus at our Ladies Luncheon and earlier in the year to do quilting. We are thankful to everyone who has served St. John's Church when there was a need. During the month of July, our Circles do not have their regular monthly meeting, but our women are still available when called upon to serve at funerals.

However, at all five Sundays in July, we will have our "No Bake" Church Bake Sale. All of our women (and men, too) may make a contribution to our "Cookie Jar" in the narthex at both church services or in the church office during the week. Therefore, no one has to bake in their kitchen during this hot time of the year. All money collected will go into the St. John's WELCA General Fund to help with our normal expenses. Also, we invite our women who are not able to attend their Circle meetings (all women are members of either Sarah, Mary, Rachel, or Dorcas Circle) to consider giving a donation to the "Cookie Jar" since they are not present at monthly Circle meetings where a donation of \$1 or \$2 is normally given by each member in attendance.

Thank you to everyone for your giving!

August will be here before we know it. Mini-Do-Days for quilting will begin on Wednesday, August 8, from 12:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. We invite our women to come to cut quilt blocks, to tie quilts, or to pin quilts during any amount of time between our beginning and ending hour. Also, we have been given lots of quilt top material and

pieces. Contact Sue Bieber or Betty White if you would like to take some of these pieces home to make quilt tops now for our Mini-Do-Days. Thank you to everyone for giving your time to this much appreciated project!

Please pray for peace, for the safety of our military men and women, for people suffering from natural disasters all over the world, and for Christians everywhere.

Thank you for MAKING TIME and TAKING TIME for our privileges and responsibilities at St. John's.

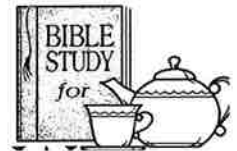
Sue Bieber, President

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*Circle Meetings*

There will be no circle meetings in July.



**"NO BAKE"  
Church Bake Sale**



Every Sunday in July  
You are invited to make  
a donation into the  
**COOKIE JAR**

In the narthex on Sunday morning or  
in the  
Church office during the week, which  
will go into our WELCA Fund

*Submitted by Sue Bieber, President*

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## *.....Points to Ponder*

If the Devil is  
knocking on  
your door....

let GOD  
answer it!

