

St. John's  
Lutheran Church  
Norfolk, Nebraska



8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
August 2-3, 2025  
Prs. Jim & Kathleen Splitt

# St. John's Lutheran Church ELCA

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**Readings: Isaiah 49:1-6, Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21**

**Hymns for Saturday and Sunday 8:30 AM** (Note: 2 verses for Saturday service on all hymns).

#393 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! Verses 1, 3, 5

#775 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

#515 Break Thou the Bread of Life

#650 In Christ there is No East or West

## **Songs for Sunday 10:15 AM**

Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone, Verses 1-2

Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone, Verses 3-4

Blessed Be Your Name

As the Grains of Wheat

More Precious Than Silver

Your Grace is Enough

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP THEME**

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

### **PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Del Fuelberth

Bill Schroeder

Jerry Fiedler

Tyrone Uhler

Zella Dederman

Richard Juracek

Stacie Schutte

Dan Timperley

Beth Garvin

Judy Denkinger

Phil Sykes

Karmon Lienemann

Bob Frady

Brian Matthies

Zander Barr

Robbie Crawford

Vendla Wrick

Carol Timperley

Janet Farr

Keagan Sullivan

Jerry Berney

Ann Schroeder

Lexi Rivera

Harold Rosembaum

Kevin Rasmussen

### **Altar Flowers for this weekend sponsored by:**

**Vern & Wilma Steinman in honor of our 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary,**

**and**

**Brad & Suzanne Ames in honor of our daughter Emily's Wedding on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**\*\*If you would like the flowers you sponsored, please pick them up on Monday or call the office to make arrangements. Otherwise, we will have them delivered to home-bound or facility members.**

**Thank you!**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### MONDAY, August 4

1:15pm.....Chosen Christ Care  
5:30pm.....Fellowship/Outreach  
7:00pm.....Solid Rock

### TUESDAY, August 5

2:00pm.....Odd Fellow Worship/Comm

### WEDNESDAY, August 6

9:00am.....Quilting Group  
12:30pm.....Mission Life Committee

### THURSDAY, August 7

7:00am.....Text Study  
9:00am.....Madison House Worship/Comm  
10:00am.....Text Study

### SATURDAY, August 9

5:00pm.....Gathering Worship

### SUNDAY, August 10

8:30am.....Festival Service  
10:15am.....Celebration Service

### St. John's Call Committee.

A few words from the Call Committee....the ELCA and the Nebraska Synod as well as many denominations and the Church at large are experiencing a shortage of qualified ordained ministers. With that in mind, please continue to pray that St. Johns will be matched with the pastor that best fits our needs and vision for the future.

Members: Jeff & Cathy Erwin, Stacie Wolfe, Dan Pecka, Roger Echtenkamp, Kristy Booras

### FLOODING IN Kerr County, Texas

St. John's will be making a donation to LWR to go to Kerr, Texas. Council is applying for matching funds up to \$2,500 through Benefaction to be used. Please make out checks to St. John's and mark your MEMO line to indicate this donation. Currently we are at \$590 to meet our match.

Please watch St. John's Facebook for schedule changes and special service notes. Be sure to "like" and "share".

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, August 2, 5:00pm

Council-Brenda Smith, Reader- , Ushers- , Greeters-

Sunday, August 3, 8:30am

Council, Comm Assist-Jamie Bonilla, Reader-Brenda Carhart, Greeter,

Coffee Hosts: Kuhlman/Carhart

Sunday, August 3, 10:15am

Council- , Usher- , Reader- , Greeters-

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, August 9, 5:00pm

Council, Reader-JoAnn Spence, Ushers- , Greeters-

Sunday, August 10, 8:30am

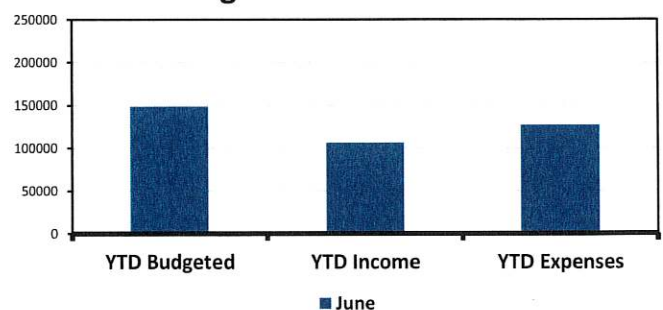
Council- , Reader-Jillian Wiese, Usher-Greeter-Brenda Carhart

Coffee Hosts: Kuhlman/Carhart

Sunday, August 10, 10:15am

Council, Usher-Adam Bloomquist, Reader- , Greeters-

### Progress on our Mission



Weekly Offerings Received 7/27/25.....\$5,390  
Attendance 7/27.....23, 48, 57 = 128  
Year-To-Date (Actual).....\$(23,383.35)

A big **THANK YOU** to **Carol Timperley** and **Shirley Hughes** for their many years of organizing funeral luncheons! Thank you for all your hard work and dedication!





On September 7<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating with God's Work Our Hands. If you would like to order a new T-Shirt, please see the sign up on the clipboard in back. Cost is listed and a small shipping fee will be added depending on the size of order we send in. Will take orders until August 10<sup>th</sup>.



Are you doing any summer cleaning? For the months of July and August we are sharing the list for our annual **Reverse Garage Sale**. If you have items to donate, please review the lists on the table in back of church. Please deliver directly to the organization, or deliver to the church. Items can be new or slightly used, but must be clean.

#### DID YOU KNOW

If you're over the age of 70 1/2 and have money in a Traditional IRA, you may be able to gift directly to St. John's Lutheran Church and pay zero tax on this money! Please contact the Church Office for more information.

Committees and groups planning on using our church facilities for meetings are asked to please notify the office in advance. This will allow our staff time to prepare an appropriate room, and adjust the room temperature as needed prior to your arrival

#### Change for Change

For the month of August Change for Change will be Building Blocks Foster Care. They recruit and license foster homes in 55 counties of Nebraska. They provide support and training to foster homes so they are able to partner with the families in support of the youth's emotional and developmental needs. Every year they work to ensure that each youth in the foster care program has gifts under the Christmas tree and they rely on donations of the community. They will purchase, wrap, and distribute the gifts to foster children.

We are also starting our Peanut Butter Pyramid. If you pick up an extra jar, we'll add it!



*Thank you so much everyone.*

The family of Iva Thelander is asking to help celebrate her 89<sup>th</sup> Birthday on August 31. Please send cards to:

Iva Thelander  
1021 Larpenteur Ave. W.  
#W307  
Roseville, MN 55113

Bulletin Summary of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting July 16, 2025, 7:00 PM.

**Attendance:** Members Present: Adam Bloomquist, Lon Timperley, Brian Nissen, Peggy Miller, JoAnn Spence, Carol Waggoner, Doug Holmberg, Diana Merkel, Marsha Schwartz, Pastors Jim and Kathleen Splitt

Members Absent: Jamie Bonilla

**Welcome All-** Welcome All -- Devotions—Marsha gave the devotions.

- July agenda was approved along June minutes
- Expressions of Gratitude and Need --
  - Thank you to all who attended, planned, helped with the July 5<sup>th</sup> worship. Lots of positive comments about the service and the singing. People loved singing the patriotic, familiar hymns. The message helped us remember and be grateful.
  - If you wish to register your children early for VBS, please come into the office and you may do that.
  - Big THANK YOU to Dennis and Brenda Smith you silently come to the church and water plants, flowers, trim, pull weeds, and generally do much outside work. We get to enjoy the beauty.
- Peggy-reported on June financials—Income was \$28,680.90. Expenditures were \$28,367.26 with monthly balance of \$313.64. Total loss for the year of (\$23,697/01). Financials were approved for June.
- Brett asked that council consider opening a PayPal account. He sent an email writing reasons why he thought this should be considered. After reading the letter, talking some of the pros and cons, a vote was called. The motion did not pass mainly because we already have a Venmo account. Carol was to notify Brett.
- Pastors report—Pastors Jim/Kathleen—Pastors submitted a report. They will call Pastor Brian Johnson, inquiring if the First Presbyterian is interested in attending and help plan a joint service on August 31<sup>st</sup>, Labor Day Weekend. Pastor will be off a few days to be with cousin in Florida. Reviewed a letter from Bishop Scott, NE Synod, about an “outside” source that is being sent to Lutheran congregations asking that the congregation contact them for help on property, governing documents, and beliefs. It appears to be similar to a scam. NE councils, and congregations are be asked to be aware. Discussed how to support flood victims and churches in Texas. Video showing the ELCA at work in Keer County, Texas was shared. LWR -disaster fund is funneling money there. It was suggested we use the video during the services, encourage members to donate to St. Johns, with memo choosing donated money be sent to the ELCA Disaster Fund, Texas. Council treasurer was asked to apply to Benefaction for matching funds up to \$2500. Motion made and unanimously carried that St. John's does that. Addition discussion was about Thrivent Funds.
- Ministry Committee reports--Teams should meet quarterly/monthly.
  - Visitation report/member care—JoAnn, Brian, Doug- Time and Talent sheet. Check lists are slowly still coming in. Cindy is compiling. Each group needs to check if everyone has been contacted.
  - Benefaction-Brenda Smith, Adam report, Chairman-John Skogstoe— Next meeting will be August 12, 2025. Applications due 8-1-25.
  - Legacy—Doug- contact Tyler at Insight Financial and asked to be included in Benefaction presentation and some time be given just to Legacy for questions. Legacy will need just a few minutes.
  - Mission Life—JoAnn— Peanut Butter Pyramid for local food pantry. Part of VBS. Next Meeting is August 6, 2025 @ 12:30pm –Planning for God's Work meal. All members are to watch for plans and participate by eating and sharing their hands for an hour on September 7<sup>th</sup>—God's Work-Our Hands. Also, if interested order a yellow T-shirt through the office.
  - Fellowship -Outreach--Chairman –Kristy Booras—Marsha reported. BBQ on Sept 13<sup>th</sup> after the 5pm service. Watch for details. Organizing brochures on August, September, October Activities that will include Faith Fest, Rally Day, Labor Day, God's Work-Our Hands, and Trunk or Treat, etc.
  - Altar Guild -Laurie Simonsen.
  - Christian Ed- Chairman of SS—Peggy reports—Rally Day is August 23-24<sup>th</sup>. Plans are being discussed. Watch for decision, involvement and times.



- Property-Lon report— Lon is chair- The projection problem has been solved for most likely a few years giving time to make some future plans. Property to purchase 2 additional projector bulbs. (They are expensive.)  
Insurance increase by \$400+ per month. After discussion on current insurance deductible amount (\$10,000), it was decided to raise deductible to \$20,000—making our current insurance payment about the same as we are paying now. Motion made and unanimously carried.
- Stewardship--Doug Holmberg- Brian--ministry moments --Asked if they can get a couple clips during the VBS.
- Rebekah Circle—Carol--report--July eating out/come and enjoy
- Memorial-Carol W.—Nancy S, chair- Carol reporting—Meeting as needed. If something is needed get easy application in office, fill out, return to office.
- Scholarship committee-Lisa, chair, Peggy, reports-No TAG requests as yet. Suggestion—if no use, try music majors at the college. Will contact Lisa and Benefaction. Possibly using money to pay tuition for scholarship to Northeast. A new plan might need to be written and approved.
- Quilts—met and are working. Have made 45 quilts. Goal is to exceed 60 quilts. One is featured because it will be sold at Camp Carol Joy.
- Faith Fest-Adam, report— Dates—Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> 5pm-10pm. How are we connecting this to our church and our congregation is still being discussed.
- Media Ministry Team—John S. chair.—reporting is Brian. Have a team of volunteers. They are enthused and will start to work soon.
- Music/Worship team— John, Penny, Linda, Steve, Jill, Diane H. Brian. Brian reports—Planning Presbyterian and St. John's service. Will be coffee hour before and after. Also, a 5pm Saturday service.
- Personnel/staff relations--quarterly report-Diana,--visited with Pastors about their questions, hopes, needs as they work at St. John's. Both feel we need to plan more for youth.
- **Business—**
  - Sign up for different volunteer positions -council person of week, readers, ushers/greeters, communion, coffee hosts. Locking after services on Sunday and Saturday—council person of week. Thank you, JoAnn. Also taking care of the offering and the Change for Change jar. (Money going to LWR School Kits, and Peanut Butter Pyramid being built.)
  - Discussion/Comments on Summer schedule—see attachments. (M) --suggestion came to combine Labor Day with Presbyterian church. (Indoor Picnic? With grill)
  - Report on the cameras—See property
  - Finance requested forming temporary committee of Peggy, Cal, Mark, Doug to work on revision of the Legacy By-Laws. Hoping for a acceptance before November 1.
  - Discussion on Christian Education and services this Fall---See Christian Ed.
  - We need a forum. When? What do we do about church times? Can schedule some combined services for remaining of the year? Thanksgiving—Once a month? Learned to have earlier services in summer, later in fall, winter. Need to keep finding times/reasons for fellowship. Not decided.
- **Adjournment—**Lord's Prayer, Blessing (M)
- **Upcoming Meeting Dates**
  - Council Meeting is July 16, 2025
  - Next Finance Meeting is August 12, 2025, @ 5:15pm-Library
  - Next Executive Meeting is July 12, 2025, @ 6p.m.-Library
  - Faith Fest August 15, 2025 @ 5-10pm back of the church
  - Council Meeting, August 20, 2025, @ 7:00 pm- Bethany Room