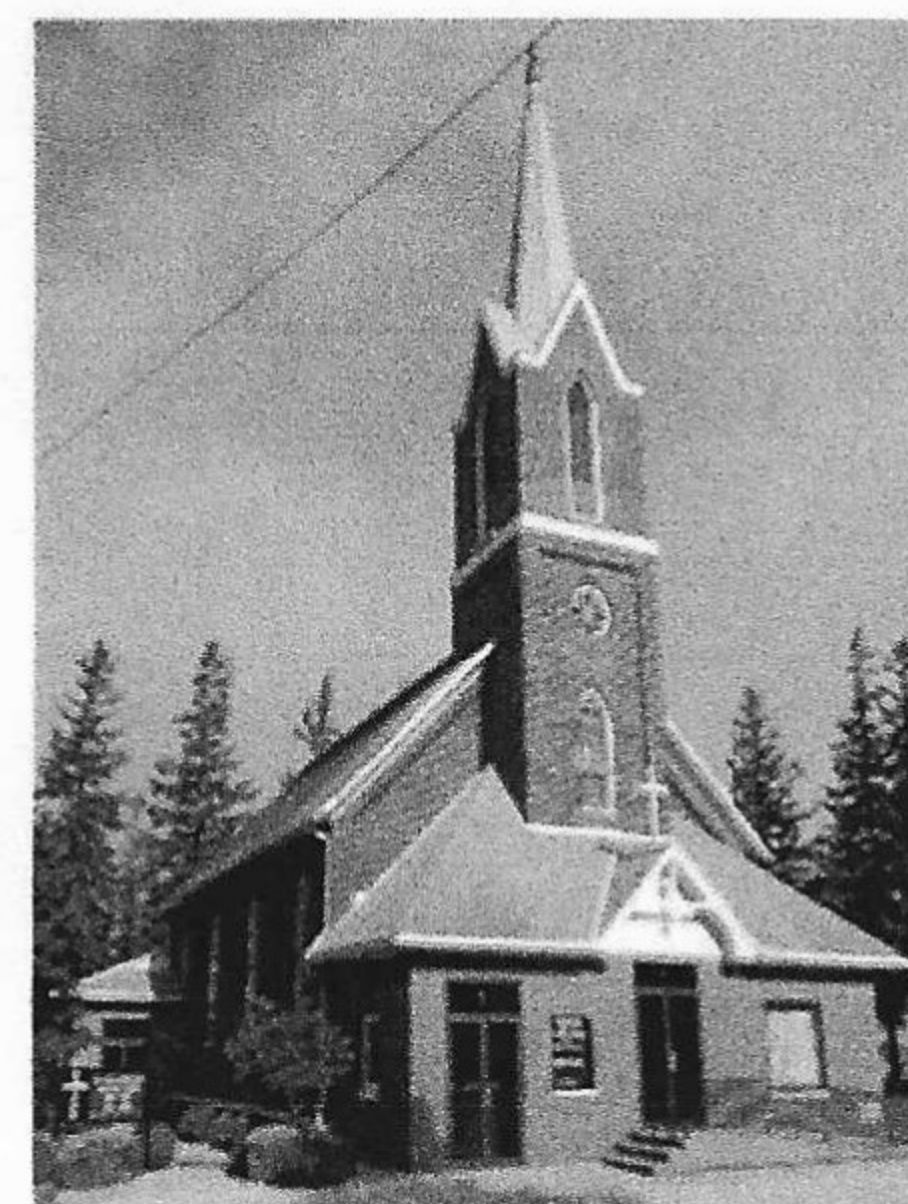


ST. JOHNS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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It's July and it's a quieter time on the church calendar. As Christians and Lutherans our focus turns to the celebration of our nation. This may come as a shock to you but our nation isn't perfect: We're still working on some things. America has been called the great experiment so we are figuring things out as we go along. Some of the turmoil and debates that we have are part of that experiment and the march of progress. The founders of our nation knew a couple of humbling truths. They weren't sure if this thing of ours would work or not and they also knew that they didn't know everything. They knew that for the experiment to work that there would be change that they couldn't foresee.

We love this experiment while acknowledging that it's very much a work in progress. I have to be honest, sometimes I tune out the news and I watch simple movies and fun stuff. While I want to know what's going on in the world, too much of it can be disheartening. What I choose to focus on is what I love about this nation. I love the fact that we are an experiment and that things change and progress over time. Sometimes things get a little crazy and then there is a reaction to that. Somehow it balances itself out over time.

This month as we celebrate our 245th year as a nation I give thanks for this nation. I give thanks for our freedom to worship. I give thanks for the freedom to choose. I give thanks for the freedom to have our own opinions. I give thanks for the opportunities that this country gives to us all.

Our founding fathers were people of faith. They did not however all share the same faith. George Washington was an Episcopalian, John Adams came from the Reformed/Congregationalist tradition and later became a Unitarian. James Madison was raised as a Presbyterian. Many of them had a complex relationship with Christianity. For example Thomas Jefferson wrestled with faith his entire life and wrote "*The Life and Morals of Jesus of Nazareth*" and "*The Jefferson Bible*". However he didn't like organized religion and had beliefs that wouldn't pass muster in most churches.

They had different beliefs but in general they believed that God is needed in our nation. They believed that differences in belief and worship should be embraced. They believed in the rights of every person and although we're still working on that aspect, they thankfully gave us the framework for more freedom for all. It certainly wasn't perfect in 1776, it's not perfect now but in this great experiment we're able to continuously work on that. That's something to celebrate and thank God for. I leave you with Peter's thought on freedom.

Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants [d] of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.
(1st Peter 2:16-17 ESV)

Happy Independence Day and have a blessed July!

Jeremy

Jeremy Wolfe

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 Tracey Phillips (22) & John Suhr (23)

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Kelly Shaw

FINANCIAL SECRETARIES:

Kelly Shaw & Brenda Hoth

OUTSIDE JANITOR:

Loren Scherf

INSIDE JANITOR:

Mary Beth Tielbar

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V. Pres: Velma Kuehl
Sec: Nancy Moon
Treas: Becky Fuelling
Mission Action: Bev Moon,
 Nancy Moon, Marlene Glawe

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V. Pres: Brad Hoth
Sec/Treas: Don Bossard

ALTAR GUILD:

Directress: Cheryl Bossard
Sec: Loretta Weipert
Treas: Velma Kuehl

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Remember to like St. John Facebook Page.

FARMERSBURG NEWS

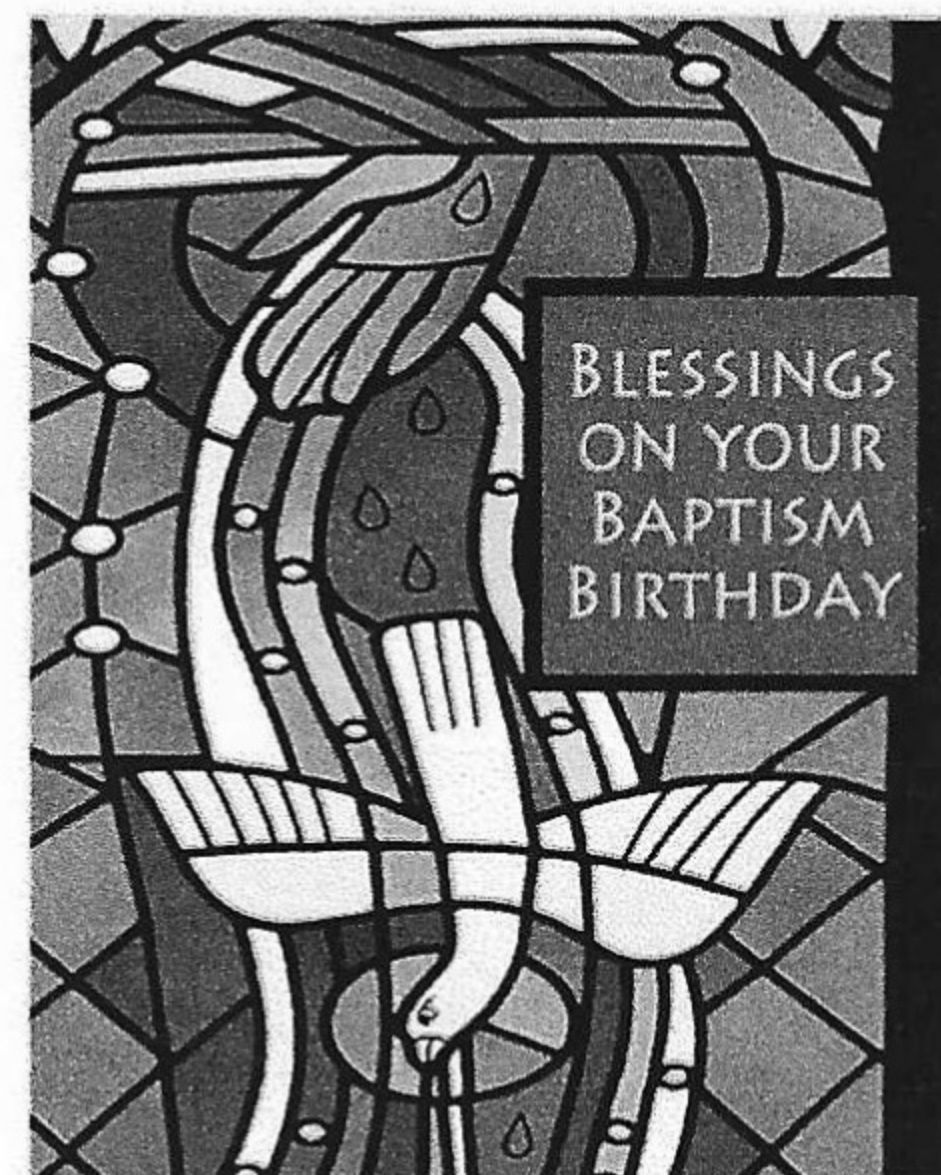


Congratulations to Paisley Sue Radloff on her Baptism on June 6, 2021 at St. John Lutheran Church in Farmersburg. She is the daughter of Derek and Tonya Radloff. Her sponsors are Matthew Radloff and Amber Glawe.

Known Baptismal Birthdays

July

5 Tessa Tielbar
 8 Abbigail Fuelling
 9 Jade Gerndt
 16 Breanna Hope
 21 Kathy Klinge
 23 Diezel Fuelling
 24 Kim Koopman, Jr.
 31 Bobby King
 Brandon Looby



Men's Meeting



The men of St. John of Farmersburg will meet after worship services on July 11th. Discussion will be held on the Men's meal planned for August.



JULY

5 Mickey & Tracey Phillips
 16 Jamie & Brandijo Tielbar
 24 John & Becky Fuelling



Thank You to family of Isabel Kurth for sharing flowers for our worship services.

Also Thanks to Ethel Lenth and Nancy Moon for providing Flower arrangements for our worship services.

St. John Farmersburg Council Minutes

June 9, 2021

Present at meeting: Brad Hoth, Tammy Muller, Zachary Radloff, Lindelle Scherf, John Suhr, Tracey Phillips and Jeremy Wolfe. Absent: Jeff Klinge

Meeting called to order by President Zachary Radloff at 6:30 PM. Opening devotions by Jeremy.

John moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Brad. Motion carried. Motion to approve the minutes of May 2021 meeting made by Brad, seconded by Tracey. Motion Carried. John moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Tracey. Motion carried.

Lay Minister Report: Busy month with two funerals and a baptism. Jeremy has 4 Zoom classes this summer. He is starting to do visits with the shut-ins.

Old Business:

Discussion on relaxing or lifting COVID restrictions. Tammy moved to make face masks optional. Personal preference if you wish to wear one. We will continue not passing the offering plate but will bring offering plate up to the altar during the service. Communion will continue in the pew throughout the summer. Motion seconded by Lindelle. Motion carried.

Discussion on whether it was feasible to fix or to replace the old schoolhouse building. John moved to have a congregational meeting on Sunday, June 27 after worship service to decide. Seconded by Brad. Motion carried.

New Business:

John will contact Brink's Tree Service to look at the trees on the church property.

Hwy 13 sign- Council would like to utilize the sign by putting general sayings on it and leaving it for the year. Jeremey will check into this.

Church's hardwood floor needs to be waxed. Lindelle will ask Barney to look at it.

Tammy moved to give \$100 for our Synod Assembly offering this year. Seconded by John. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Property –old plexiglass on church windows is removed. We need to paint and repair some of the windows before the new plexiglass can be put on. New light was installed in women's restroom.

Worship- Outdoor patio worship services planned for June 20 and July 25

Youth- Ice Cream social is June 27

Men's group – meal planned for August 15

No reports from Parish Ed, Evangelism, Women's, Stewardship, and Memorial committees.

Motion to adjourn by Tracey at 7:33 pm. Seconded by John. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Tammy Muller, secretary



FARMERSBURG NEWS

USHERS

July 4 & July 11

Captain Bill Scherf III., Paul Weipert
Matt Scherf, Josh Schoulte

July 18 & July 25 (Outside Service)

Captain Harry Gerndt Jeremy Howard
Sheldon Stotmeister Doug Glawe

JULY ACOLYTES

4 10:00 AM Isabelle Kirby

11 10:00 AM Landon Goltz

18 10:00 AM Kaylee Hoth

25 10:00 AM Adrianna Schoulte (Outside Service)

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Jeanne Meisner



GREETERS

July 4 Theresa Rodas & Sheldon Stotmeister

11 Jeremy Howard & Amanda Richard

18 John & Becky Fuelling

25 Jeff Klinge & Deb Tidwell (Outside Service)

ALTAR GUILD COMMITTEE

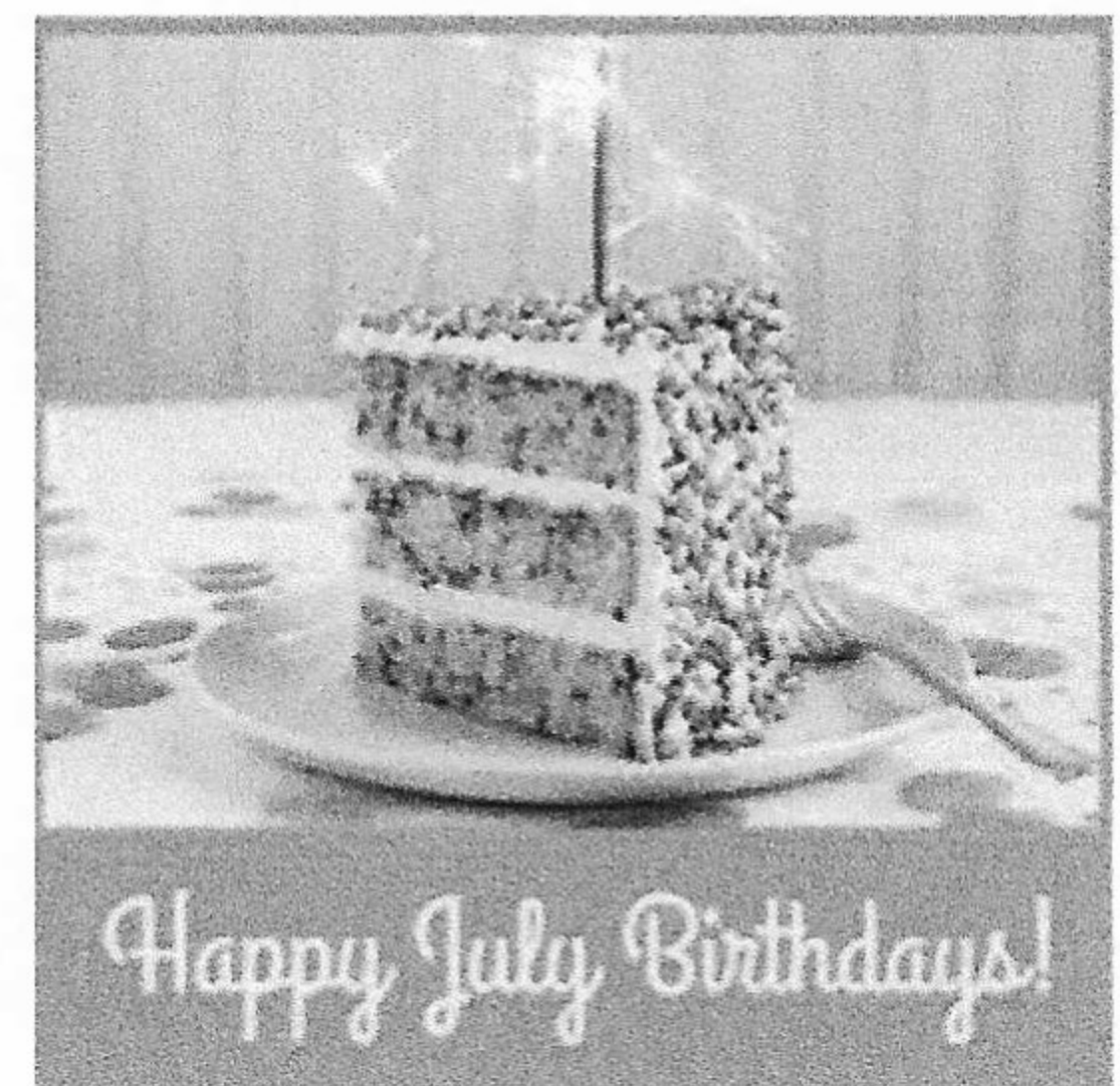
Julie Kurth

Bev Moon



The St. John WELCA meeting was held on Wednesday, June 16th, 2021 at 1:00 pm. The meeting opened with the Purpose, Thought for the Day by Shirley and Devotions by Bev. Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and approved. Becky reported that the response was very good for our donation request for which we thank you all. Correspondence from LSI was shared. There was no old business. We did not hear whether the SWO Gathering was held. The need for pies for the ice cream social was discussed and members urged to contribute. Becky volunteered to send cards to the shut-ins for the month of July. Election of officers was discussed. It was decided that since there are so few of us that we continue as is another year giving us more chances to rotate offices among us rather than two expiring each year. The offering went to the SOTH Crisis Fund. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer followed by a snack by Marlene.

Shirley Marmann,
WELCA President



July 1 Cody Henkes

3 Christina Pate

4 Theresa Feldmann

5 Morgan Peterson

Jessica Holly

7 Adrianna Schoulte

8 Brandijo Tielbar

10 Jared Lenth

13 Barb Brainard

15 Zoe Gerndt

17 Renae Sherven

Robert Fuelling

Jake Shaw

18 Ann Scherf

19 John Fuelling

Laura (Glawe) Zurcher

22 David Wagner

23 Talisa (Leuchtenmacher) Porter

25 William Scherf V.

Landon Phillips

26 Brooke (Glawe) Tesar

28 David Leuchtenmacher



Our Sympathy to the family and friends Ivan Meisner who passed away on May 31, 2021. Funeral services were held June 5, 2021, at St. John Lutheran Church in Farmersburg, Iowa

Our Sympathy to the family and friends of LuVerne Lester Krambeer, who died Friday, June 18, 2021.

Funeral Service were held on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at St. John Lutheran Church in Farmersburg, Iowa.

Thanks to the family for sharing flowers for our worship services.

FARMERSBURG NEWS

May, 2021 – St. John Farmersburg Treasurer's Report

Income:

1375.00
606.00
805.00

Missions:

NE Iowa Synod: 265.00
SOTH: 215.00
Food Shelf: 100.00
St. Pt. Home: 60.00
LSI: 45.00
EWALU: 35.00

Staff Compensation:

Pastor: 1169.33 + 387.74
Portico:
Secretary: 200.00 Kwik Star & Casey's G.C.
Inside Cust.: 209.22
Outside Cust.: 120.05
Organists 110.82 (Zach-Lent) 27.70 (Ryan)

Expenses:

Black Hills (gas): 134.62
Alliant (elec): 199.78
NEIT: 81.12
Farmersburg Post Off 200.00 (1 book of stamps)
Kurt's Plmg & Htg 70.62

Total Income: 2786.00

Total Expenses: 3631.00

General Checking Balance – May 1, 2021 14,275.15
May 31, 2021 13,430.15

Lindelle Scherf, Treasurer



Worship Attendance

May

2 63
9 28
16 23
23 31
30 22



**Alexandra I. Crogan &
Alex E. Moran**

We are excited to announce on
May 28, 2021 we exchanged vows and
officially became Mr. & Mrs. Moran
in Fayetteville, North Carolina!

Although we decided to celebrate our love
with each other, a few family members & a friend,
Please know our family & friends back home
were in our thoughts and forever in our hearts!

We hope you will celebrate with us in Spirit!

LUANA

CHURCH SECRETARY & FINANCIAL TREAS.:

Karla Schrader

CHURCH COUNCIL:

President: Jim Meyer (23)

V. Pres: Duaine Davis (23)

Sec: Sonya Anderson (21)

Cur. Treas: Mary Schroeder (22)

Bene. Treas: Cindy Landt (21)

Financial Counters: Council

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Doug Schlein (21),

Janelle Smith (22),

Ervin Bugenhagen (22) &

Doug Schrader (23)

CUSTODIAN:

Cindy Landt

WELCA:

Pres: Betty Handke (20)

V. Pres: Anna Schroeder (20)

Sec: Marj Schrader

Treas: Linda Davis

Mission Action: Carol Goettler

ALTAR GUILD:

Pres: Sherri Johnson (23)

Sec: Darci Engelhardt (23)

Banners/Linens/Candles:

Mary Schroeder (21)

Lisa Meyer (22)

Special Services/Flowers:

Betty Handke (21)

Diane Kraus (22)

Bapt./Comm.:

Sherri Johnson

Darci Engelhardt

Seasonal Banners:

Altar Guild

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LUANA NEWS

HELP: WELCA of St. John, Luana.

Our women's group has curtailed activities because of the pandemic and it is time to decide if we can reorganize and become active again. We need more input in making these decisions. The current officers are stepping down so now is the time to make some needed changes and update our policies. Please give prayerful thought to attending our Sept. meeting and offer suggestions if and how we can continue. Watch for date and time in Newsletter.



Known Baptism Anniversaries

July

1 - Chad Davis

Juanita Mohs

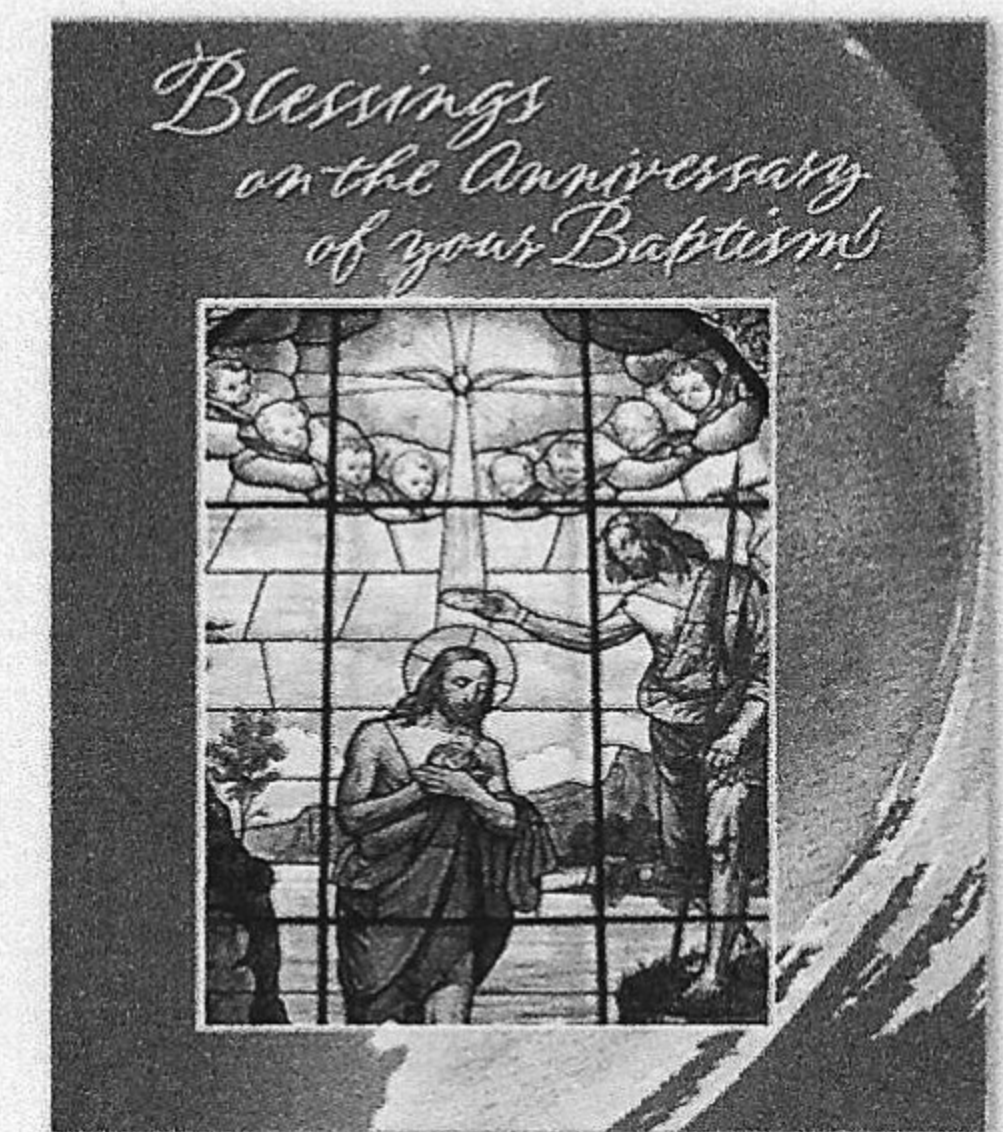
4 - Aaron Smith

13 - Neil Landt

19 - Dayne Anderson

26 - Katie Tilson

30 - Betty Handke



JULY

4 - Chad & Annette Davis

6 - Lonnie & Vicky Baade

7 - Neal & Stephanie Wikner

13 - Travis & Sheri Landt - 25

24 - Tim & Lisa Donlon

31 - Doug & Karla Schrader - 45

Women of the ELCA

Balance brought forward Jan. 1, 2021		\$255.26
Income: Circle Offerings	\$54.00	
Special envelope donations	1310.00	
Birthday offerings	15.00	
Terry Mohs memorial	20.00	
Total Income		+ 1399.00
Expenses: Valentine gifts (college)	40.00	
Backpacks	57.74	
WDoP offering	50.00	
Altar bouquet	53.50	
Grad. Recognition	46.12	
Total Expenses		- 247.36
Balance on hand May 26, 2021		\$1406.90

Linda Davis, Treas.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN LUANA

Council Minutes

Sunday, June 13th, 2021

PRESENT: Lay Pastor Jeremy Wolfe, Duaine Davis, Janelle Smith, Mary Schroeder, Doug Schlein, Cindy Landt, Ervin Bugenhagen and Sonya Anderson.

ABSENT: Karla Schrader, Doug Schrader, Jim Meyer.

Meeting called to order by Vice President Duaine Davis at 0730 am.

Devotions:

Led by Pastor Jeremy Wolfe for new Bishop Doug Jones.

Secretary's Report:

Sonya Anderson read the Council minutes from May 9th, 2021. Ervin Bugenhagen made a motion to approve, and Cindy Landt seconded this. Motion carried.

Treasurers & Financial Report:

Reviewed by all Council present.

Doug Schlein made a motion to accept, and Mary Schroeder seconded this, motion carried.

Old Business:

Elevator Committee- Cindy Landt gave an update. It cost Farmersburg \$40,000 to install (approximately) and a yearly inspection costs \$750.00. We do have a chair lift for the side stairs. No location in the church seems feasible for placement at this time. There is no real need right now. No further action will be taken on this right now.

Parsonage Roof--No news yet. This is on hold. Chad Davis will talk with Russ Bries.

NEW BUSINESS:

The front door leading to downstairs will be the door unlocked daily.

Donation to the Synod Assembly 2021 of \$250.00. Janelle Smith made a motion to approve, and Cindy Landt seconded this. Motion carried.

Jeremy reports that the website for the church is ready. He needs pictures of the Sanctuary. See if Darci Engelhardt has any.

Pastor Jeremy Wolfe discussed the Youth Group. He met with Heather Crogan. He may put something together once a month. Jeremy may explore options by talking with Pastor Erica.

As of June 1st, 2021, masks are optional to wear in church. It has been decided to wait on passing the offering plate around.

Kevin Gage of Wadena is the exterminator that Farmersburg uses and the school. Kurt's P&H looked at the water heater as it was leaking water and repaired it. No need for a replacement.

Cindy Landt will texture cracks that are in the Sunday school room. The screens with holes in the will be repaired at Fisk Farm and Home. Erv B. is working on the sign out front.

Communion Serving Schedule was handed out to everyone.

Next Meeting: July 11th, 2021 @ 730 am.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 0816 am by Ervin Bugenhagen and seconded by Cindy Landt. Motion carried.

The Lord's Prayer was led by everyone upon closing of the meeting.
Respectfully submitted by, Sonya Anderson

LUANA NEWS

	WORSHIP ATTENDANCE		
		Att.	Comm
	May 30	37	
	June 6	35	30
	June 13	30	
	June 20	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>
	TOTAL	132	60



JULY

- 1 – Tyce Wikner
Karli Tilson
- 6 – Sheri Landt
- 13 – Melissa Moeller
- 15 – Nancy Donlon
- 17 – Tim Donlon
- 20 – Mary Schroeder
- 22 - Sharon DeSotel – 80th
- 26 - Katie Tilson
- 29 - Logan Engelhardt

MAY TREASURER'S REPORT – 2021

Submitted by Karla Schrader

CURRENT FUND:

ENDING BAL. APR. 30, 2021 7,400.15

INCOME

May 2	970.00
May 9	1,192.00
May 16	1,150.00
May 23	748.00
May 30	<u>499.00</u>
	4,559.00
Refunds	<u>102.03</u>

3,948.00

TOTAL INCOME

4,661.03

EXPENSES

Black Hills Utilities –Nat. Gas	111.71
Alliant - Electricity	319.80
Jeremy Wolfe – salary	1,169.33
Karla Schrader –Secretary	330.91
Cindy Landt – Custodian	307.83
NEITEL	119.32
NE IA Synod – registration	89.00
Jeremy Wolfe- Apr. May mileage	917.74
Farm & Home - cust. Supplies	52.75
Quill - office supplies	83.45
Church Budget – envelopes	183.07
Greenlawn – spraying	406.77
City of Luana – w/s/g	<u>251.07</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES 4,342.75

ENDING BAL. MAY 30, 2021 \$ 7,718.43

SPECIAL FUNDS

Ruby Breitsprecher CD	5,299.74
St John Scholarship Fund CD	40,076.87
Willard & Anne Kamin CD	4,240.61

FURNACE/RENT/REPAIR FUND

Balance Mar. 31, 2021	\$336,098.96
Interest	<u>303.87</u>
Bal. Apr. 30, 2021	\$336,402.83

BENEVOLENCE REPORT

Submitted by Cindy Landt

INCOME

May 2	Offering	25.00
May 9	Offering	130.00
	Food Shelf	10.00
May 16	Offering	15.00
	Food Shelf	55.00
May 23	Offering	17.00
	Food Shelf	5.00
	SOTH Oper.	25.00
May 30	Offering	45.00
	Food Shelf	110.00
	SOTH Oper	<u>75.00</u>
		417.00

EXPENSES

SOTH	130.00
SOTH Oper	75.00
Food Shelf	110.00
Synod	<u>102.00</u>
	417.00

Ck charge 24.28

(will transfer from current fund to cover this)

LUANA NEWS

July:

Greeters: Tim & Lisa Donlon

Read Lessons & Prayers:

July 4 - Keith Johnson
 July 11 - Mary Schroeder
 July 18 - Duaine Davis
 July 25 - Vicky Baade



Acolyte: July 4 - Josh Schierholz
 July 11 - Cayl Anderson
 July 18 - Emme Wikner
 July 25 - Elena Schierholz



Communion Servers:

July 4 - Doug Schrader, Mary Schroeder
 July 18 - Erv Bugenhagen, Sonya Anderson



Altar Guild: Diane Kraus

Flowers: Carol Goettler

BOTH CHURCHES NEWS

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Ken Kishman, Randy Mohs, Sharon DeSotel, Marian Olson, Rick Conley, Jerome Schultz, Roger Meuleman, Jim Moellers, Preston Landt, Bunny Fox, Keith Lee, Dawson Spiker, Greg & Lisa Snitker, Dallas Tielbar, Luke Baade, Olga Tidwell, RoseMary Tielbar, Shannon Nelson, Imogene Ihlenfeldt, Shelby Preston, and Jim Fuelling

MILITARY: Avrey Smith, Ali Crogan, Andrew Rodas & Beth Rodas

STONE BROOK VILLAGE: Elaine Gehring

ELKADER CARE CENTER: LuNida Landt, Vila Schroeder, Nadyne Reardon

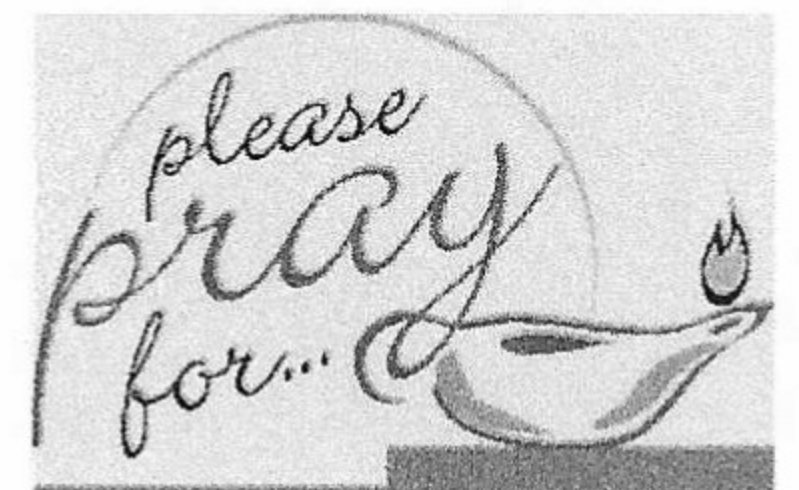
STRAWBERRY POINT: Russ Pate

GARDEN VIEW PLACE: Sharon DeSotel, Shirley Henkes

GREAT RIVER CENTER MCGREGOR: Mae Mueller

ASSISTED LIVING ROCHESTER, MN 55901: Dorothy Kluth

HOMEBOUND: Mary Russett, JoAnn Meyer, Glenda Henkes; and Lee Klinkenberg



Food Shelf



Clayton County Food Shelf

Box #48 - St. Olaf, IA 52072
 Monday - Friday: 9-Noon 1 - 4:00 pm
 Ph #563-783-7794 Utoni Ruff, Director

FOOD ITEMS: CURRENT NEEDS ARE:

Canned Fruit, Boxed dinners, Macaroni & Cheese etc.,
 Jelly, String cheese, Fresh fruit, Fruit cups

NON-FOOD - ALWAYS NEED:
 Toilet paper, Shampoo, Toothpaste,
 Laundry & Dish Soap, Bar Soap

BOTH CHURCHES NEWS



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

for the AUGUST issue will be

July 17th.

Newsletter will be published earlier next month. Please have news articles

to Cheryl or Karla on or before July 17th.

Articles received late may not be in the newsletter.



July 2021, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

God's work. Our hands.

As a social ministry organization of the ELCA, Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) is so thankful for your partnership in ministry! Thanks to you, we are able to provide education to parents of young children, empower Iowans with disabilities, and offer critical mental health care to

community members of all ages. This month, we would like to give special thanks for those of you who have made LSI a focus on your congregation's "God's work. Our hands." project.

On a planned day in September, each congregation is encouraged to reach outside of the church and do good deeds in the community by participating in a project for "God's work. Our hands."

This is a perfect opportunity to combine community projects with a special project for nonprofits like LSI, whether it's raising money or contributing in-kind gifts.

We thank you for your service! If you are interested in supporting the Iowa children and families served by LSI or would like to get involved in a "God's work. Our hands." project with LSI, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

Hali's New Life

Hali grew up in a home surrounded by addiction. Her own struggle with substance use and trauma continued for more than 20 years but when she learned she was pregnant with her son, Apollo, she knew she needed a change. After giving birth, Hali entered treatment and when she was ready to return home, LSI Early Childhood Services were there to provide support and walk alongside her.

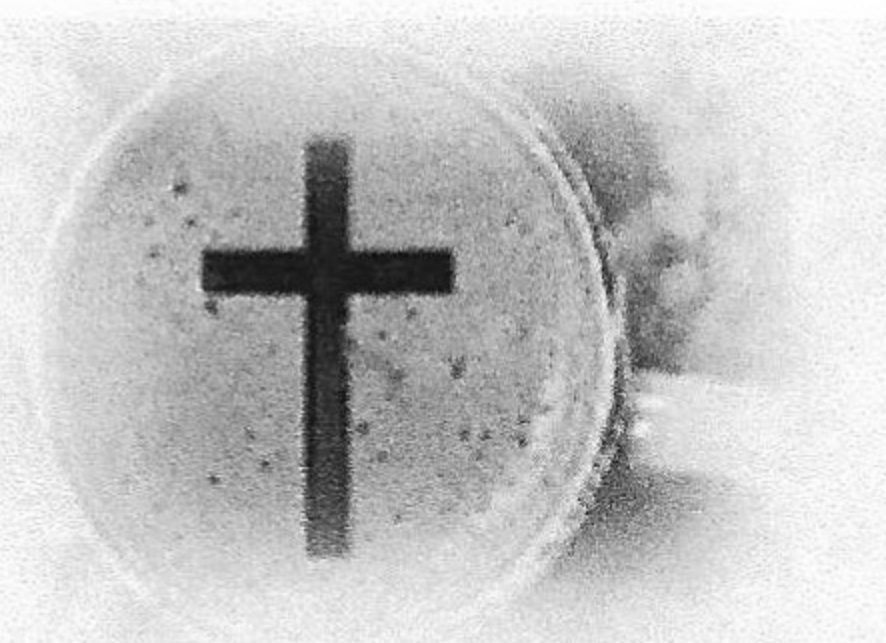
Her LSI worker, Gretchen, provided parenting education and resources, all while empowering Hali and making sure Apollo had a healthy home. Gretchen helped Hali keep track of Apollo's growth to ensure he hit all his important developmental milestones.

More than a year later, Hali is thriving. She is now in college and is also a sponsor to other women who are on the same path to recovery. At home, Hali is busy keeping up with Apollo as he is learning to walk, and she is excited to see him continue to grow.

July is the warmest month in the Northern Hemisphere on average. It is similar to January in the Southern Hemisphere. Sometimes the hot, long days of **July** are called the "dog days of summer". It is sometimes called the Hay month because the grass dries out due to a lack of rain and can be made into hay.

**Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom pow'r and love
Our God is an awesome God**

Shepherd of the Hills Ministries NEWSLETTER - JULY 2021



CLOTHING CENTER

Donations continue **BY APPT ONLY!**

Donations we are most in need of: Men's Jeans;
Clothing for Kids returning to School; Pots/Pans;
Towels/washcloths & Bed Sheets in all sizes!

The Clothing Center has resumed "normal" practices. Masks & hand sanitizer is available at the door and recommended at this time! We would like families to limit the number coming in to shop, thus, helping to social distance and alleviate any fears of others shopping. Thank you for your continued patience & understanding!

Back to School 4 Kids

Donations of Basic School Supplies will be accepted starting July 19th, 2021 in preparation of this great project. Monetary donations may be sent to the office: PO Box 36, Saint Olaf, IA 52072.

Supplies typically **most in need:**

Pencil Box or Bag / Pencils/ Erasers (pencil top & reg.)
Glue Sticks / Scissors (blunt & pointed)
Dry Erase Markers / Highlighters
Washable Markers (regular & thin line)
Colored Pencils
Loose Leaf Paper (wide & narrow)
Tablets (narrow & wide)
Composition Books (wide & narrow)
Folders (plastic & regular)
Headphones/ Earbuds
Scientific Calculator

Thank you for the continued support of this project!!!

Highlights within the Synod

NEW BISHOP ELECTED

"Congratulations to the Rev. Kevin T. Jones, Mason City, who has been elected to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Northeastern Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The election took place June 12 during the online Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly.

Jones was elected on the fifth ballot, with 168 votes. The Rev. Stacey Nalean-Carlson, pastor of Glenwood and Canoe Ridge Lutheran Churches, Decorah, received 118 votes.

The bishop-elect has served as pastor to Youth, Families and Education for Trinity Lutheran, Mason City, since 2014. Prior to that, Jones served as pastor for Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Marion, from 2001-2014 and as pastor to Blair Lutheran Churches, Blair, Wis., from 1993-2001.

A graduate of Dubuque Senior High School, Dubuque, Jones received his bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Mich., in 1986 and his Master of Divinity degree from Luther Northwestern Seminary, St Paul, Minn., in 1993. Jones currently serves as chair of the Northeastern Iowa Synod Candidacy Committee, is a member of the synod's Consultation Committee, and is vice president of the Ewalu Camp & Retreat Center Board of Directors.

Jones will take office Sept. 1. His installation is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at Trinity Lutheran, Mason City, and online."

**reprinted from <https://www.neiasynod.org>*

Shepherd of the Hill's Needs:

The **Operating Fund** pays the utilities, insurance on the building, supplies and salary for the Director, Lawn/Snow Care.

The **Crisis Fund** is used to help families in need with rent, utilities or fuel assistance.

Please utilize the **MEMO LINE** on your check to specify **Crisis or Operating Fund!**

IMPORTANT DATES:

August 11th
***Back to School 4 Kids
Pickup up Supplies
9am - 5pm
*Clothing Center Will be
Closed on this day!!***

Any event may be subject to change

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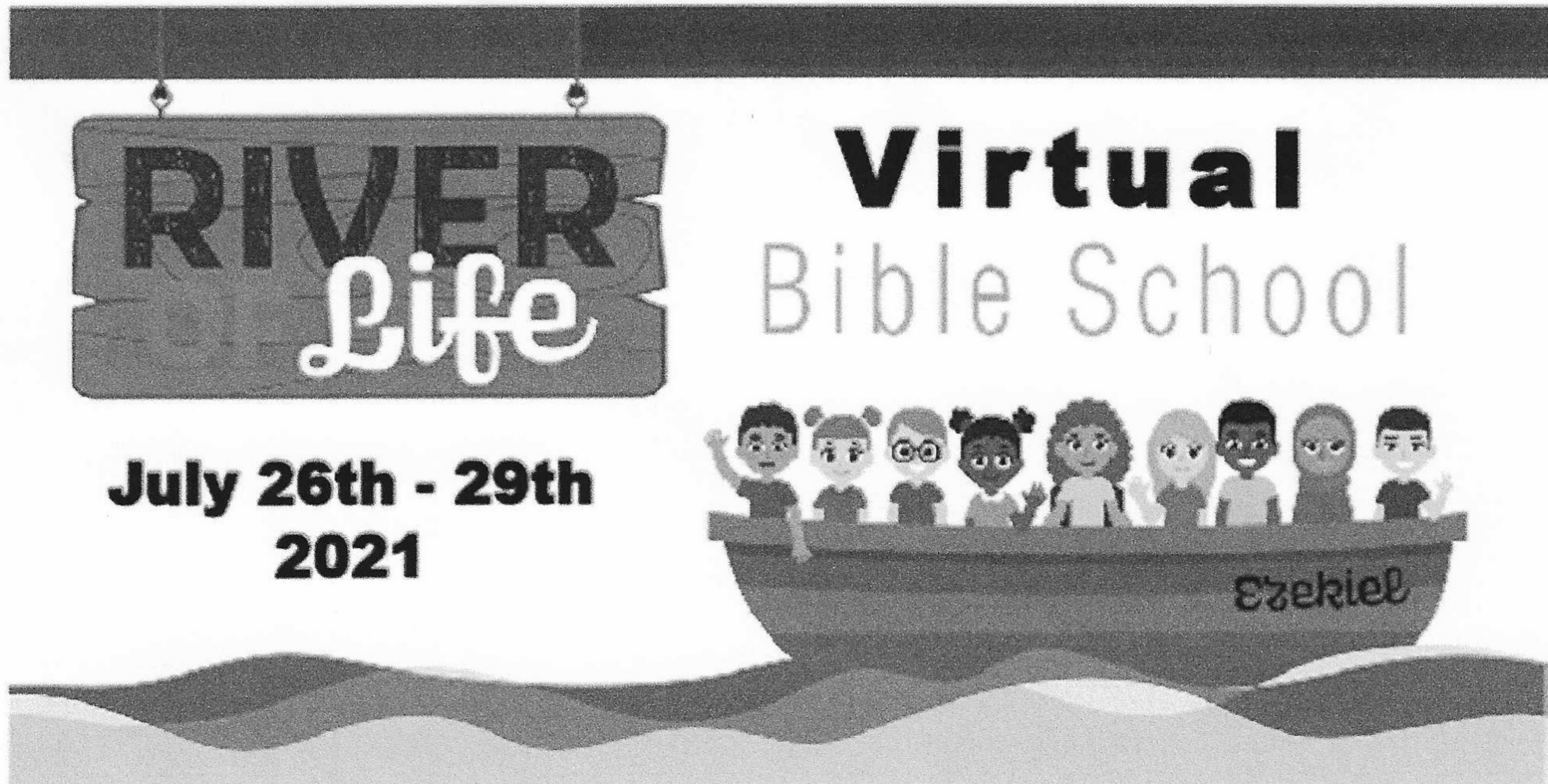
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Vacation Bible School is virtual this year and is open to all students !

"River of Life" is a vacation Bible school program that guides people through learning about the work to which God calls us in the world. This year's VBS will focus on the importance of water, highlighting how ELCA World Hunger is working with our neighbors around the world in projects related to clean water.

How it works: Please register your student (s) and we will make a bag for the crafts for each child which can be picked up here at church after July 23rd.

Virtual Vacation Bible School will be July 26-29, Pastor Erika and friends will be on the St. Paul YouTube channel reading the story for the day, teaching a song and explaining how the craft works. Videos will be posted everyday and then will be available to watch at your convenience.

If your student would like to participate or if you know someone who would like to participate please complete the lower portion of this sheet and drop it off at church, mail to PO Box 1968 or email to stpaluth@neitel.net by July 13th

Child's or Children's Name _____

Age(s) _____

Parent(s) Name _____

Parent email _____

Contact phone # _____