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St. John's Messenger

May, June, & July 2025

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Reflections

HE DIDN'T TELL IT BY WAY OF COMPLAINT; IN FACT, EVERY OTHER SENTENCE WAS FAITH IS NOT ABOUT EVERYTHING TURNING OUT OK; IT'S ABOUT BEING OK NO MATTER HOW THINGS TURN OUT.

OUR HOUSE WAS DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE CLINIC ENTRANCE OF JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL IN BALTIMORE. WE LIVED DOWNSTAIRS AND RENTED THE UPSTAIRS ROOMS TO OUT-PATIENTS AT THE CLINIC.

ONE SUMMER EVENING AS I WAS FIXING SUPPER, THERE WAS A KNOCK AT THE DOOR. I OPENED IT TO SEE A TRULY AWFUL LOOKING MAN. "WHY, HE'S HARDLY TALLER THAN MY 8-YEAR-OLD," I THOUGHT AS I STARED AT THE STOOPED, SHRIVELED BODY. BUT THE APPALLING THING WAS HIS FACE, LOPSIDED FROM SWELLING, RED AND RAW."

YET HIS VOICE WAS PLEASANT AS HE SAID, "GOOD EVENING. I'VE COME TO SEE IF YOU'VE A ROOM FOR JUST ONE NIGHT. I CAME FOR A TREATMENT THIS MORNING FROM THE EASTERN SHORE, AND THERE'S NO BUS 'TIL MORNING."

HE TOLD ME HE'D BEEN HUNTING FOR A ROOM SINCE NOON BUT WITH NO SUCCESS, NO ONE SEEMED TO HAVE A ROOM. "I GUESS IT'S MY FACE... I KNOW IT LOOKS TERRIBLE, BUT MY DOCTOR SAYS WITH A FEW MORE TREATMENTS..."

FOR A MOMENT I HESITATED, BUT HIS NEXT WORDS CONVINCED ME: "I COULD SLEEP IN THIS ROCKING CHAIR ON THE PORCH. MY BUS LEAVES EARLY IN THE MORNING."

I TOLD HIM WE WOULD FIND HIM A BED, BUT TO REST ON THE PORCH... I WENT INSIDE AND FINISHED GETTING SUPPER. WHEN WE WERE READY, I ASKED THE OLD MAN IF HE WOULD JOIN US. "NO, THANK YOU. I HAVE PLENTY." AND HE HELD UP A BROWN PAPER BAG.

WHEN I HAD FINISHED THE DISHES, I WENT OUT ON THE PORCH TO TALK WITH HIM A FEW MINUTES. IT DIDN'T TAKE A LONG TIME TO SEE THAT THIS OLD MAN HAD AN OVERSIZED HEART CROWDED INTO THAT TINY BODY. HE TOLD ME HE FISHED FOR A LIVING TO SUPPORT HIS DAUGHTER, HER 5 CHILDREN, AND HER HUSBAND, WHO WAS HOPELESSLY CRIPPLED FROM A BACK INJURY.

PREFACE WITH A THANKS TO GOD FOR A BLESSING. HE WAS GRATEFUL THAT NO PAIN ACCOMPANIED HIS DISEASE, WHICH WAS APPARENTLY A FORM OF SKIN CANCER. HE THANKED GOD FOR GIVING HIM THE STRENGTH TO KEEP GOING...

AT BEDTIME, WE PUT A CAMP COT IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM FOR HIM. WHEN I GOT UP IN THE MORNING, THE BED LINENS WERE NEATLY FOLDED AND THE LITTLE MAN WAS OUT ON THE PORCH.

HE REFUSED BREAKFAST, BUT JUST BEFORE HE LEFT FOR HIS BUS, HALTINGLY, AS IF ASKING A GREAT FAVOR, HE SAID, "COULD I PLEASE COME BACK AND STAY THE NEXT TIME I HAVE A TREATMENT? I WON'T PUT YOU OUT A BIT. I CAN SLEEP FINE IN A CHAIR." HE PAUSED A MOMENT AND THEN ADDED, "YOUR CHILDREN MADE ME FEEL AT HOME. GROWNUPS ARE BOTHERED BY MY FACE, BUT CHILDREN DON'T SEEM TO MIND."

I TOLD HIM HE WAS WELCOME TO COME AGAIN.

AND, ON HIS NEXT TRIP, HE ARRIVED A LITTLE AFTER 7 IN THE MORNING. AS A GIFT, HE BROUGHT A BIG FISH AND A QUART OF THE LARGEST OYSTERS I HAD EVER SEEN! HE SAID HE HAD SHUCKED THEM THAT MORNING BEFORE HE LEFT SO THAT THEY'D BE NICE AND FRESH. I KNEW HIS BUS LEFT AT 4:00 A.M. AND I WONDERED WHAT TIME HE HAD TO GET UP IN ORDER TO DO THIS FOR US.

IN THE YEARS HE CAME TO STAY OVERNIGHT WITH US, THERE WAS NEVER A TIME THAT HE DID NOT BRING US FISH OR OYSTERS OR VEGETABLES FROM HIS GARDEN. OTHER TIMES WE RECEIVED PACKAGES IN THE MAIL, ALWAYS BY SPECIAL DELIVERY; FISH AND OYSTERS PACKED IN A BOX OF FRESH YOUNG SPINACH OR

KALE, EVERY LEAF CAREFULLY WASHED. KNOWING THAT HE MUST WALK 3 MILES TO MAIL THESE, AND KNOWING HOW LITTLE MONEY HE HAD MADE THE GIFTS DOUBLY PRECIOUS.

WHEN I RECEIVED THESE LITTLE REMEMBRANCES, I OFTEN THOUGHT OF A COMMENT OUR NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBOR MADE AFTER HE LEFT THAT FIRST MORNING. "DID YOU KEEP THAT AWFUL LOOKING MAN LAST NIGHT? I TURNED HIM AWAY! YOU CAN LOSE ROOMERS BY PUTTING UP SUCH PEOPLE!"

MAYBE WE DID LOSE ROOMERS ONCE OR TWICE. BUT, OH!, IF ONLY THEY COULD HAVE KNOWN HIM, PERHAPS THEIR ILLNESSES WOULD HAVE BEEN EASIER TO BEAR. I KNOW OUR FAMILY ALWAYS WILL BE GRATEFUL TO HAVE KNOWN HIM; FROM HIM WE LEARNED WHAT IT WAS TO ACCEPT THE BAD WITHOUT COMPLAINT AND THE GOOD WITH GRATITUDE TO GOD.

RECENTLY WHILE VISITING A FRIEND, WHO HAS A GREENHOUSE, AS SHE SHOWED ME HER FLOWERS, WE CAME TO THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ONE OF ALL, A GOLDEN CHRYSANTHEMUM, BURSTING WITH BLOOMS. BUT TO MY GREAT SURPRISE, IT WAS GROWING IN AN OLD DENTED, RUSTY BUCKET. I THOUGHT TO MYSELF, "IF THIS WERE MY PLANT, I'D PUT IT IN THE LOVELIEST CONTAINER I HAD!"

MY FRIEND CHANGED MY MIND. "I RAN SHORT OF FLOWER POTS," SHE EXPLAINED, "AND KNOWING HOW BEAUTIFUL THIS ONE WOULD BE, I THOUGHT IT WOULDN'T MIND STARTING OUT IN THIS OLD PAIL. IT'S JUST FOR A LITTLE WHILE, TILL I CAN PUT IT OUT IN THE GARDEN."

SHE MUST HAVE WONDERED WHY I LAUGHED SO DELIGHTEDLY, BUT I WAS IMAGINING JUST SUCH A SCENE IN HEAVEN.

"HERE'S AN ESPECIALLY BEAUTIFUL ONE," GOD MIGHT HAVE SAID WHEN HE CAME TO THE SOUL OF THE SWEET OLD FISHERMAN. "HE WON'T MIND STARTING IN THIS SMALL BODY."

ALL THIS HAPPENED LONG AGO - AND NOW, IN GOD'S GARDEN, HOW TALL THIS LOVELY SOUL MUST STAND. THE LORD DOES NOT LOOK AT THE THINGS MAN LOOKS AT. MAN LOOKS AT THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE, BUT THE LORD LOOKS AT THE HEART." (1 SAMUEL 16:7B)

FRIENDS ARE VERY SPECIAL. THEY MAKE YOU SMILE AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUCCEED. THEY LEND AN EAR AND THEY SHARE A WORD OF PRAISE.

SHOW YOUR FRIENDS HOW MUCH YOU CARE. BRIGHTEN SOMEONE'S DAY. IF YOU DO PASS [THIS](#) ON; SOMEONE MIGHT SMILE (BECAUSE OF YOU).

"I BELIEVE IN THE SUN EVEN IF IT ISN'T SHINING. I BELIEVE IN LOVE EVEN IF I AM ALONE. I BELIEVE IN GOD EVEN WHEN HE IS SILENT."

**SUMMER HOURS BEGIN MAY 25TH!!!!
9:30 A.M.**

The Ice Cream Social is coming up soon! Please pick up your slips after April 27th and if you have questions about your job, please ask one of the members. (Brenda G, Jayme, Jodi, Julie, Michelle M)

Pastor's Notes:

I am happy to share that I am writing this update from my new home office. This would not be possible without the generous support of the congregation and the women's guild. Thank you so much for blessing me with a place to study and prepare for ministry week after week. Since the beginning of the year, I have been preaching through Haggai and Zechariah. When Zechariah concludes, I will then preach through the book of Malachi. Thank you for your responsiveness to the word of God that is being preached and rising to the challenges issued from the pulpit, especially the challenge to invite people to attend church. Allow me to encourage you to continue to invite people to attend. Understand that some people are going to say no, don't give up, keep trying, invite someone else, or invite that person at a later time. When asked why people attend church, the number one reason people give is that someone invited them. Don't worry about having all of the answers; simply invite people to attend and love them when they are present with us on a Sunday morning. If you know of someone who used to attend but hasn't attended in a while, reach out to them and tell them about all of the exciting things that are taking place.

Speaking of exciting, the council has been discussing greater ways in which we can participate in the Great Commission of making disciples of Jesus Christ near and far. We continue to have discussions about supporting missions and missionaries. We hope to have more to share with you at the special congregational meeting in June.

The church continues to be a very active place on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. The adult Sunday school class continues to meet at 9:00 am. We are currently studying Paul's letter to the Romans. Please consider joining this time of mutual edification and fellowship. The Wednesday evening services were a sweet time of fellowship as well, and I'm sad to see them come to an end. It was my privilege to preach through our statement of faith during our time together. Throughout the Lenten season, I continued to meet with a group of men to discuss the book *The Measure of a Man* by Gene Getz. The study is coming to an end, but Lord willing, a new study will begin in the fall.

Another highlight for me over the last quarter was the Theology for Everyone conference hosted by Bethlehem College and Seminary in Minneapolis. This was a refreshing time for me, as I was able to hear from some of the best theological minds of our time and be reminded of the greatness and glory of our God. The most exciting thing for me over the last quarter was the baptism of Glen and Brenda Schaefer. I am always encouraged when believers profess their faith in Christ publicly through baptism. Lord willing, there will be more baptisms in the future. If you desire to be baptized or have questions about baptism, please reach out to me. Similarly, if you are not a member and want to know more about membership, let's find a time to connect. As always, if you would like a visit, please let me know. I welcome the opportunity to get to know you more and would love for you to know Crystal and me more as well.

In Christ,

Pastor Bjorn Bakke

Cemetery Update:

The committee has completed a draft of a new Cemetery Policy (to potentially replace the current By-laws) and the council has approved bringing the policy to the congregation for a vote. A congregational meeting has been scheduled for June 1, 2025, immediately following the worship service. Members can expect to receive a copy of that policy in the mail in the next few days. Please feel free to reach out to a committee member if you have any questions.

Endowment Fund Update:

For 2025, the Endowment Fund distributed \$2,000 of the \$2,832 that was available. The recipients/distributions were:

\$1,000 for Sunday School to sponsor a child in need

\$1,000 to VBS for a last day outreach celebration

The distribution **funds available for 2026 will be about \$8,000.** Please ask a committee member for a form to submit your proposal of how we can put these funds to work. The committee is: Glen Scheafer, Elmer Baysinger, David Swift

If you are working on estate planning, please consider St John's Endowment Fund in your plan, so we can broaden the impact of the great gift that the Nemitz's began.

St. John's 160th Anniversary:

SAVE THE DATE! We are planning to celebrate **St. John's 160th anniversary on September 21, 2025.** Plans include a catered meal of roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, coleslaw, dinner rolls and dessert. We will be having a presentation at 1:00 by Luke Winger, a Christian juggler and inspirational speaker. We will also be having a bounce house for the younger kids. There will be a sign-up sheet coming in August with a deadline of September 7th for those who wish to attend. More information to come.

Council:

Annual Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2025

President Dave Swift called the meeting to order. 45 members were in attendance. The Annual Report packets were handed out to members. Pastor Bjorn opened the meeting with prayer.

Clipboards were passed around for those in attendance to sign-up for ushering / custodial / altar guild for the upcoming months. The call list was also passed so that members could update phone numbers if needed. Sheets for direct deposit giving as well as signing up for the newsletter via email were also passed on clipboards for those members interested.

- Pam Martin read the minutes from the 2024 Annual Meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.
- Review of the Annual Reports were given as follows:

- **General Fund, Memorial Fund, Choir Fund, Congregational Direct Giving and Benevolence** by Dawn Norrbom.
- **Women's Guild** by Brenda Schaefer
- **Sunday School** by Brenda Garoutte
- **Youth Group** by Andrea Wigern
- **Membership & Attendance Record** by Dave Swift
- **Building Fund** by Dave Swift. He also explained this position.
- **Endowment Fund** by Dave Swift. Dave explained how this fund works and the form that needs to be filled out to request funds. (Forms need to be given to a member of the Endowment Committee by October of the current year to be voted on at the next Annual Meeting.)
- **The Financial Review** report was given by Brian Alsleben. He stated that the review committee found the financial records for 2024 were accurate and in good order.

Joe Blackbird made a motion to approve all reports as presented. Seconded by Dave Huebert. Members approved.

New Business:

- Dave Swift asked Pastor Bjorn to step out of the meeting while he presented the 2025 **Operating Budget**. Mary Huebert donated her organist services again this year. (Thanks Mary!). The Secretary's salary includes a one dollar an hour raise, while the organist amount will stay the same. Some of the categories were increased slightly while some were decreased. The total budget is \$104,670. In order to meet the budget, on average, each family unit will need to contribute about \$3,690 total for the year. This equates to about \$71 for 52 weeks. Discussion was made on how we can work to sustain this increase. Dave explained the times that we transfer funds from the general fund to the building fund (Vanguard) will probably not happen as frequently. James Peters brought to the attention that we, as members, hopefully will bring more members to our church, and giving will increase. M/S/C to accept the budget.
- Dave Swift reviewed the proposed 2025 service times and dates. M/S/A to accept as presented.
- Dave Swift presented the two project funding requests given to the Endowment Committee. They were as follows: 1) A \$1,000/year recurring request by the Sunday school children to be able to sponsor a child. Updates would be given to the congregation on a quarterly basis. 2) A \$1,000/year recurring request by Youth Group/Sunday school kids to be able to offer a free meal and entertainment on the last night of VBS for families and the community. M/S/A to accept both.
- **Volunteers/Staff Elections**
 - **Council** – Pam Martin has completed her second term on the council. Barb Buckentin and Dawn Norrbom have completed their first term and will serve a second. Jerome Karl volunteered to be on the council. M/S/C to elect Jerome to the council for his first term.
 - **Ice Cream Social Committee** – June 12th, 2025. Brenda Garoutte, Jody Sanken, Julie Karl, Michelle Moyer, and Jayme Sparby volunteered to take on this task again!
 - **Financial Review Committee** – Pam Martin, Brenda Garoutte, and Brian Alsleben will stay on the committee.
 - **Benevolence Committee** – Elaine Carrigan and Mavis Mielke will stay on and Susie Blackbird volunteered to join them.
 - **160th Anniversary Committee** – Brian and Michelle Alsleben, Brenda Schaefer, and Grace Garoutte.
 - **Nursery Committee** – It was decided that Michelle Alsleben will put a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and a committee is no longer needed.
 - **Youth Group Leaders** – Dawn Norrbom, Andrea Wigern, and anyone else that would like to join them.
 - **Records Keeper** – Karen Konerza
 - M/S/C to accept the above committee volunteers.

Dave had some miscellaneous information that was discussed. 1) Because of positive feedback, we will keep using name tags on the third Sunday of each month. The usher duties will be updated to have them put out the tags and markers on that Sunday. 2) He is looking into lighting changes so that evening services are not so dark. 3) A/V changes are being looked at. Buying our own equipment, wiring issues, adequate space, etc. Being the project is expected to be over \$5,000.00; it will likely be brought to a congregational vote later in the year.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Martin/Secretary

The Cemetery Association Board conducted their meeting next.
Pastor Bjorn closed the meetings with prayer.

February 12th, 2025

Council Members Present: Council members present were Dave, Dawn, Elmer and Deb. Missing were Barb and Jerome. Pastor Bjorn was also at the meeting.

Dave called the meeting to order, and Pastor Bjorn opened with a devotional and prayer.

The secretary's minutes were approved from the January 15th meeting.

Dawn gave the treasurer's report. The beginning balance was \$68,988.33 and the ending balance is \$64,004.88.

- Designated Funds - \$17,292.85
 - Technology Improvements - \$2,520.00
 - Cemetery Spraying - \$2,000.00
 - Memorial - \$8,000.49
 - Benevolence - \$2,381.65
 - Building - \$150.00
 - Choir - \$517.71
 - Cemetery Fund - \$1,385.00
 - SS-VBS - \$248.00
 - Pastoral Fund – \$90.00
- General Fund - \$46,712.03

With Jerome's absence, Deb reported that the building fund checking balance is \$3,955.02 and the Vanguard account balance is \$156,325.57.

All financial reports were approved as given.

Pastor Bjorn informed the council that he has made visits to Randy Knick and The Kaufmann family, Alice, Warren & Bonnie, Jerome and Julie Karl.

Old Business:

- Roles and responsibilities list was reviewed.
- Baptism went well, positive feedback. Deb will mail a thank you on behalf of St. Johns to Living Hope Free Church for allowing the use of their baptism tub. A suggested change for use of the tub next time is to lower the water level 2".
- Annual Meeting follow-up discussion included no ACH signups were received, email list for the newsletter was given to Karen, the 3rd Sunday of the month members will have name tags available, and this will be added to the usher duty and supply list.
- Discussion continues on improving the sanctuary lighting. Memorial funds are available. 3 scenarios quoted to install power from the front to the back of church for the lights in church and the indirect tray lighting in back. M/S/A to install the lights. The lights are planned to be installed early in March.
- Discussion held on fan installation, decided to put it on hold for now.

- Pastor will work with SS on sponsorship selection.
- The thermostat schedule has been updated to better heat the basement.
- Vacuum has been purchased and works well.

New Business:

- M/S/A to change the signature authority on both the Vanguard and Citizens Bank Building fund accounts to Dave Swift and Jerome Karl.
- Discussion about improving the entry ramp was held.

● Task List:

- Deb will update the Church Call list.
- The Pastoral contract is ready and in force.
- Plan for thermostat override for special meeting times during Lent. Dave will ask a member.
- Elmer tested the elevator phone.
- Feb. is covered for the Custodial and Usher lists, but volunteers are needed for March.
- There was one question in the suggestion box asking why there is no hot water when there are dishes to wash? To answer, the heater in the Faith Center needs to be turned on, when needed. It is left off as a cost saving measure.

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- Suggestion Box had three suggestions. The first, to split duties in March by the week and we are taking this advice forward, asking for weekly volunteers at Sunday's service. The second suggestion was to not use scented garbage bags. The bags will be replaced with unscented. Thirdly, the stove in the John 3:16 room didn't power on. The gas needs to be turned on for a moment before turning on the power.
 - Other new business included discussing procedures when a new member transfer is received.
 - Our next council meeting will be held on April 8th at 7:30.
- M/S/C to adjourn the meeting following the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Froemming/Secretary

April 8th, 2025

Council Members Present: Council members present were Dave, Barb, Deb, Jerome, Elmer. Pastor Bjorn was also at the meeting.

Dave called the meeting to order, and Pastor Bjorn opened with prayer.

The secretary's minutes were approved from the March 11th meeting.

Dawn gave the treasurer's report. The beginning balance was \$62,566.57 and the ending balance was \$61,863.16.

- Designated Funds - \$18,132.35
 - Technology Improvements - \$2,520.00
 - Cemetery Spraying - \$2,000.00
 - Memorial - \$7,990.99
 - Benevolence - \$1,986.65
 - Building - \$465.00
 - Choir - \$517.71
 - Cemetery Fund - \$1,915.00
 - SS-VBS - \$462.00
 - Youth \$5.00
 - Pastoral Fund – \$270.00
- General Fund - \$43,730.81

Jerome reported that the building fund checking balance is \$4,224.10 and the Vanguard account balance is \$146,559.36.

All financial reports were approved as given.

Pastor Bjorn reported to the council that confirmation has been suspended, visitations have resumed, he has attended a conference in Minneapolis, will be attending an online group with a cohort and a Making Disciples workshop in May and that Wednesdays have been going well.

Old Business:

- Fans are on order with a cost under \$1500. Tentative installation date is April 27th with a church crew.
- Entry ramp discussion was held, and the discussion has been tabled. Jerome has been asked to pursue other ideas such as a “gritty grip” on the ramp.
- M/S/A to accept the Cemetery Policy as presented by the cemetery board. They will be presented at the congregational meeting following the service on June 1st.
- Suggestions in the box were addressed: bags, volunteer list and Faith Center stovetop.
- Task list: Dawn updated the memorial/plaque/book & Custodian volunteer is needed for the remainder of April.

New Business:

- A special report was given by Brian Alsleben on behalf of the 160th Anniversary Committee. M/S/A to move forward with the plans proposed. The event is scheduled for September 21, 2025.
- The church budget and guild will cover 25% of the camp cost for Mariya Smith to attend the LCMS Youth gathering in New Orleans with 1st Lutheran & Good Shepherd churches.
- Discussion of opportunities for mission work.
- Church internet with T-Mobile internet plus phone service discussed.
- Ramp staining needs to be done, it's been 3.5 years. A church crew will do the work.
- Dawn will pursue scheduling yard cleanup.
- Dave & Elmer signed Fidelity Cemetery Fund docs and Deb notarized.
- M/S/A to remove Deb & add Jerome to the Vanguard Org Resolution.
- Task List:
 - 1st half property taxes are due, Jerome will pay.
 - Dave will check/replace furnace filters, humidifier and the bait stations late in the month.
 - Teacher recognition and graduate gifts will be taken care of by Pastor Bjorn.
 - Dave tested the elevator phone.
 - The Volunteer duty list was reviewed and looked good thru August, after April.
- Suggestion Box, Uninterruptable Power Supply suggestion: decided not to pursue at this time.
- Upcoming events include Holy Week services on Friday and Easter Sunday and then the end of Sunday School on May 18th.
- Other new business -
 - Pastor Bjorn recommends Travis, Stephanie and Jayden Brecht as new members by transfer. M/S/A to approve membership.
 - Children's message will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month.
 - Pastor Bjorn & Crystal have volunteered to help with the youth group.
- Our next council meeting will be held on May 7th at 7:00.

M/S/A to adjourn the meeting following the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Froemming/Secretary

Sunday School Happenings

Thanks to all the kids who participated in the egg hunt, marching with Palm branches and singing in church on Palm Sunday! God L♥ves the enthusiasm!

Special Dates:

May 18- Last day of Sunday School, Summer Blessing, kids sing in church

May 18 - Vacation Bible School meeting after church for interested helpers

June 12 - Help at the Ice Cream Social

August 3-6 - Vacation Bible School

*Watch for Kidz Jam date to be set - possibly June

We will be hitting the trail soon... for our VBS adventure called "True North- Trusting Jesus in a Wild World!" You can sign up digitally with the QR code or wait for the sign up sheet in church. Share with your friends, relatives and neighbors! It's going to be a life-changing experience!



Connor Martin

"Jesus Loves You Snow Much"



Sunday School continued:

Palm Sunday Worship Service & Easter Egg Hunt



Youth Group Happenings:

After a fun outing of bowling in February, the youth group turned its focus toward serving others with a passion for food and cooking. We had a great time preparing a Wednesday evening Lenten meal as well as preparing and serving the annual Palm Sunday breakfast. Thanks so much to all who came and enjoyed good food and fellowship!

Mark your calendars for these YG meeting dates to wrap up the school year.

May 7- 5:30 pm —YG Meeting

May 21- 5:30 pm —YG Cook Out at St John's! Enjoy a little pickle ball, lawn games, and another delicious meal together to celebrate a great year and our graduating seniors!



Bowling in February

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

PREPARING FOR THE BREAKFAST



Youth Group continued"



Mark your Calendars:

May 18th,

Graduate recognition

A meeting for anyone interested in helping with VBS this summer TODAY after church. If you can't make it, but have ideas or want to help, please let Andrea or Jodi know.

May 25th, Summer Hours Begin 9:30 a.m.

June 11th, Preparing Food and Setting up for the Ice Cream Social

June 12th, Ice Cream Social 4:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

**Glen Bemis Birthday 8/28
55530 County RD 38
Buffalo Lake, MN. 55314**

**Jessica Maiers Bithday 5/25
434 Kay St. S.W.
Hutchinson, MN. 55350**

**Betty Benjamin Birthday 12/14
1015 Century Ave. Apt.115
Hutchinson, MN. 55350**

**David Martin Birthday 12/11
72555 280th St.
Dassel, MN. 55325**

**Joel Buckentin Birthday 12/23
Barb Buckentin Birthday 1/12
1097 Blackbird Trail S.W.
Hutchinson, MN. 55350**

**Nita von Wold Birthday 6/07
1096 Sherwood St. S.E.
Hutchinson, MN. 55350**

**Kari Eischens Birthday 4/11
% Dennis Schwanke
225 Major Ave.
Glencoe, MN. 55336**

**Gloria Wigern Birthday 2/25
425 Grant St.
Glencoe, MN. 55336**

**Randy Knick Birthday 11/28
1388 Bradford St.
Hutchinson, MN. 55350**

**Mrs. Lin Ziemer Birthday 12/06
Woodstone Sr. Livg. #208
955 Cleveland Ave. S.W.**

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SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & SUBSTITUTES 2024-2025

Preschool- Dawn Norrbom &
Jayme Sparby
Grade 1st -2nd Jodi Sanken &
Michelle Moyer
Grade 4th-8th June Knick-Andrea Wigern

Young Adult Class

Michelle Alsleben

Substitute List:

Brenda Garoutte
Leslie Smith

Children's Church

Totes Youth Group

YOUTH GROUP LEADERS

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Job Sign-Ups 2025

COMMUNION & ALTAR PREP

January..... Swift
February..... Blackbird
March..... Mavis
April..... Mavis
May..... Alsleben
June.... Lea Ette & Michelle M.
July Karl/ Kaufmann
August..... Sanken
September..... Schaefer
October Garoutte
November
December.....

January 2026.....

CUSTODIAN

January Swift
February Blackbird
March Knick
April.....
May..... Alsleben
June.... Lea Ette & Michelle M.
July Karl/ Kaufmann
August Sanken
September.....
October Garoutte
November
December
7th
14th
21st
24th 5 p.m.....
28th.....

January 2026

USHER/GREETER

January Swift
February Blackbird
March Knick
April Huebert
May Alsleben
June Lea Ette & Michelle M.
May
July Karl/Kaufmann
August
September..... Schaefer
October..... Garoutte
November.....
December
7th
14th
21st.....
24th.....
28th

January 2026

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Holly			1	2 Joe B.	3 Bridget B.
4 Communion Pastor Bjorn	5 Don P. Holly S.	6 Kim M. Mariyah S.	7	8	9	10 Bonnie K.
11	12 Sue R.	13	14	15 Julia B. Bob T.	16 Dave Sanken	17 Eli S.
18 Graduate recogni- tion	19 Angela B. Dennis S.	20 Judah S 1yr.old	21	22	23	24 Rachel M.
25 Jessica M. SUMMER HOURS- BEGIN 9:30 a.m.	26	27	28 Mary Ann F. June K. Rachel S. .	29	30	31

June 2025

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion	2	3 Cory G.	4	5	6	7 Mary H. Nita vW.
8 Outdoor Service	9	10	11	12	13 Dave Swift Chandler S.	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Jeff B.
22	23 Ashley B.	24	25 Jon B.	26	27	28 Charlee B. Dave Huebert Danielle M.
29	30	31				

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Chase K.	2	3 Kyle W.	4	5
6 Communion Laura S.	7	8 Dawn N.	9	10	11	12 Connor M.
13 Owen R. <u>Outdooe Service</u>	14	15 Alan M.	16	17	18	19
20	21 Kyle S..	22 Tom S.	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Information for the next **Newsletter will be needed by July 25th** give to me at church or email at chubbers67@gmail.com

SUMMER HOURS BEGIN MAY 25TH !!! 9:30 a.m.