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ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” (Psalm 8:1)

My favorite color is green. As I appreciate God's wonderful creation, I have observed that so much plant growth is green. Certainly, there are so many other colors in God's palette of colors in the work of His hands. Green is the color of summer. And now, with September, we will begin to see a change in colors. The summertime green and warmth will fade into tans, and golds, and reds, and yellows and cooler temperatures. The seasons change.

When I was younger, in my teenage years, I recall people complaining about the heat of summer. And it seemed like those same persons complained about the cold of winter. I decided that I would learn to appreciate each season of the year and what it brings in the variety of its season.

So, I appreciate summer warmth and green plants. The longer time of daylight. Thank you, God, for these. The fall brings cooler temperatures, football, and the wonderful color changes. How awesome is our God! What I like about winter is being outside on a cold, still night, and a clear sky so I can see the stars. And the silence. It can be beautifully quiet and calm and peaceful on cold, clear, crisp winter night. And one can think and wonder about Abraham looking up at those same stars as God invited him to. And then, the anticipation of spring when flowers pop up, and trees bloom, and the smell of a fresh spring rain. Yes, I know, here in Nebraska spring only lasts a day to a week, but still: thank you, God.

The seasons change. But God, in His mercy and goodness does not. And God's Word is there for us in each and every season. As each season brings its glory of God into our senses, God's Word continually seeks to enter our ears and into our hearts. Creation does reveal some creative aspects of God, but only God's Word reveals His true good and loving and merciful heart. For in love, God sent His Son to be born, live, suffer, die, rise, and ascend to secure our salvation.

In all things, the praise is God's. Each and every day I praise God for His creation and redemption. He made me and saved me. No matter what earthly changes come about, God remains the same. The seasons change, but God is merciful and loving, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love each and every day (Exodus 34:6). Praise the Lord!

God's Blessings to you,

Pastor Toensing



PLEASE HAVE ALL INFORMATION OR ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER TO CHRIS HOLLMAN BY 25TH, THANK YOU!

Clothing for Orphan Grain Train: We can once again send used clothing to Orphan Grain Train. When leaving clothes in the drop box outside the church by the back door, please mark them for either OGT or PCM (People's City Mission).

LWML NEWS

LWML has supported worldwide missions through mite offerings since 1942. Over these years many mission grants have been fulfilled. They continue to offer support today. There is a large "Mite Box" on the table in the narthex. If you would like to contribute to these mission grants, please put your mite offering in the box. Thank You!

The people's city mission help center services about 674 kids a week. The LWML is collecting donations **through the end of September** for the following school supply items; crayons, colored pencils, pens, pencils, sharpeners, markers, erasers, hiliters, rulers, safety scissors, notebooks, folders, calculators, glue sticks and pencil boxes. Please help us by donating and giving these kids a good start to the school year. Once again, Thank You



BIRTHDAYS

1 Dave Wagner
 2 Samantha Wagner
 3 Aubrey Hollman
 4 Vivian Kirkpatrick
 6 Natahsa Ellingson
 8 Janice Reetz , Paisley Williams
 9 Karla Renner
 10 Blake Yost
 11 Petra Dewey
 13 Cheyenne DuBray, Bruce Nitzel, Kelly Reetz
 14 Tonya Clark
 15 Genie Dittmer, Tim McDermott, Linda Pomajzl, Holland Hollman
 16 James Doiel, Wayne Eggert, Taylor Shore

18 Chris Reetz, Marilyn Weidner
 19 Travis Eggert
 20 Josh Wohl
 22 Charles Slama
 23 Abbie Reitz
 25 Brady Ellingson
 26 Chris Kirkpatrick, Shane Renner
 27 Madison Hefner-Kattau, Brianna Williams
 28 Austin Weber
 30 August Wendelin

BAPTISMS

2 Hannah Rethmeier, Marianne Tesar
 4 Terry Meinke
 7 Ray Bleich, Shirley Reetz
 8 Michael Reiss

10 Sheila Church, Aubrey Hollman
 12 Mara Hoyer, Miriam Weber
 13 Kelli Jordan, Chauncey Ziemann
 16 Austin Adams, Diane Gropp
 17 Karen Bachman
 18 Blake Yost
 21 Kelly Reetz
 24 Bruce Nitzel, Abbey Reetz
 25 Bailey Stougaard, Conner Slama
 27 Paisley Williams
 28 Madison Hefner-Kattau
 30 Natasha Ellingson, Taylor Shore, David Wagner

OUR MISSION Share the Joy of His News by growing inward through God's Word, Sacraments and fellowship and by growing outward through words, actions, and mission outreach.

BOARD OF EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday, September 11 is our Sunday School Kickoff with Sunday School, LYF and Adult Bible Class at **9:00 a.m.** for this Sunday only. Regular Sunday School hours will be 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

First day of Midweek will be September 7 at 6:30 p.m. This will be a meet and greet. Regular Midweek Classes will be 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. for kids grades 4-8.



St. John Ladies Aid
Wednesday, August 31, 2022

Those present: Diane Kouba, Janice Reetz, Diane Kahle, LaVonne Nitzel, Ellie Koch, Carol Brinkmeyer, Pastor Toensing

Pastor Toensing opened the meeting with prayer.

Bible Study: The Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin from Luke 15.

The minutes were read approved. Treasurer's report was given.

Old Business: Cookbook...The proof came and was sent back on August 23. We should receive the finished cookbook by the end of September. A payment of one-fourth will be made 37 days after we receive the cookbooks and the final payment on 90 days. Shipping – We will let the company ship them to Deb Walker.

President Diane Kahle thanked all the members of the committee.

Anniversary – Publicity Committee...An article on the history of the Ladies Aid and a picture of the current members will be placed in the Crete News two weeks before the event. We will request the Crete News to attend the event. An article will be placed in the Nebraska District newsletter two weeks before the event. A banner will be displayed in the front of the church. A bulletin board will be placed in the narthex beginning in March.

Ladies Night Out...President Diane Kahle spoke to Mike Wolverton to secure the date – September 27 at 6:00 p.m. Cost: \$12.00. The event will be advertised in the Newsletter, bulletin and an item in the mailboxes. Sign up will be completed by September 20.

Rally Day – September 11...The Ladies Aid will be in charge of the set up for the meal. September Hostess will be Donna Brunelle.

August birthdays: Shirley Reetz and Marianne Tesar

The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer and the common table prayer,
Carol Brinkmeyer, Acting Secretary



Ladies Night Out 2022

Tuesday, September 27

Dinner & Social Time 6:00 p.m.

Veterans & Friends, 130 W 13 St, Crete NE

+ Menu +

Baked Sirloin

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Green Beans

Salad

Roll & Butter

Dessert

Drink

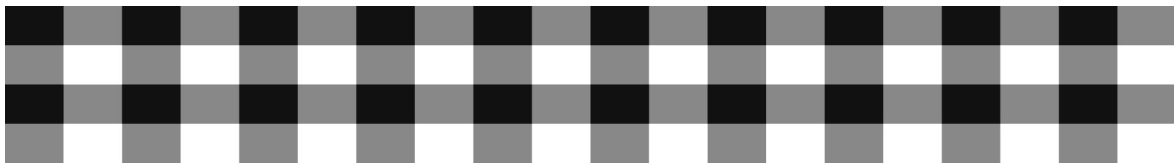
+ Cost: \$12.00 +

Sign-up sheet on narthex table.

Please sign up by September 18th.

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You are invited to wear black and white if you wish



RALLY DAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11



- Sunday Outdoor Worship Service will be at 10:00 a.m. (weather permitting)...bring your lawn chair or blanket
- Potluck Picnic will follow worship service
- Fellowship, fun and games for all

PLEASE JOIN US IN OUR RALLY DAY CELEBRATION

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER GROWTH

Schedule at a Glance

Worship Service (Sundays)	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School/LYF/Bible Class (Sundays)	10:15-11:15 a.m.
Midweek Classes Grades 4-8 (Wednesdays)	6:30 –7:45 p.m.
Elder’s Meeting (September 12)	6:30 p.m.
Quilting Group (Sept 13 and Sept 27)	9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Evangelism Board (September 14)	8:30 a.m.
Constitution & By-Law Committee (Sept 15)	tba
LWML (September 20)	10:00 a.m.
Ladies Aid Meeting (September 28)	2:00 p.m.

FROM THE ELDERS

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Summer is coming to an end and school has started back up. Mid-week classes start back soon and Sunday School will begin on the 11th. To help kick the new school year off, the Board of Education has planned a special Rally Day outdoor service and potluck picnic [on Sunday the 11th](#). To help allow for more time to set up prior to service, we will be having Sunday school class, adult bible study and fellowship [at 9:00 am](#), outdoor service [at 10:00 am](#), with potluck lunch to follow. There will also plans for games, a cakewalk, and other activities. Please make plans to attend this service and fellowship opportunity not only to help start the children’s school year off but also to show support for all of the work our Board of Education, and others, have put into this event. Also, help remind everyone of the change in time for service to [start at 10:00am](#).

“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.” – 1stThessalonians 5:11

God Bless, The Elders of St. John.

THOSE SERVING DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

DUTY	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25	
Organist	Rhonda Burk	Ellen Miller	Jayne VanAsperen	Ellen Miller	
Elders	John Reitz	Dolyn Meinke	James Walker	Troy Henning	
Greeters	Terry & Geanie Dittmer	Rally Sunday	Chris Hollman		
Acolytes			Kian Morris		

Puzzle!

Look up each verse in an NIV Bible and find a word that fits in that row. Then write the word from the bold vertical column in the blank below to complete Proverbs 24:3-4.

1 Corinthians 8:1		N		
Philippians 1:9				H
2 Peter 1:5				S
		A		2 Timothy 3:7
Matthew 24:32			S	
John 7:15			R	
			I	Isaiah 33:6
2 Peter 3:18			E	
	W			Proverbs 24:5

By wisdom a house is built, and ...
through _____ its rooms are filled with
rare and beautiful treasures.

PROVERBS 24:3-4, NIV

Answer: know, insight, goodness, always, lesson, learning, foundation, grace, power, knowledge

Puzzle!

Fit these words from the book of Daniel into the squares. Then transfer them to the blanks below, using the numbers and arrows (across and down) as guides.

WORD LIST:

- up, God, his, ever,
- sets, wise, name,
- power, times, kings,
- praise, wisdom,
- changes, seasons,
- deposes, knowledge,
- discerning

“ _____ be to the _____ of _____ for _____ and _____ ;
 _____ and _____ are _____. He _____
 and _____ ; he _____ and _____
 them. He gives _____ to the _____ and _____ to
 the _____ .” DANIEL 2:20-21

Answer: “Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.” Daniel 2:20-21