



# Announcements

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## **No eNews June 18/19 and June 25/26**

Due to staff out for surgery there will be no eNews on those weeks.

## **Church Office Hours in the Month of June**

Due to staff out for surgery, there may be days during the next several weeks when the church office is closed during staff lunch hour. We ask for your patience and understanding during this time.

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## **Office Schedules for July 4th Holiday**

- church office closed on Friday, July 1 and Monday, July 4
  - the school office closed Monday, July 4
  - the CDC closed Monday, July 4 and Tuesday, July 5.
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## **NEW Update - 4th Grade Teaching Position**

On May 1, the Voting Assembly issued the call to Jalynn Brase to serve as St. John's 4th grade teacher. She had accepted designation which signified her intent to accept the call; however, she was not released from her current teaching contract, so the Education Board plans to fill the position this year with a contracted teacher. If you or someone you know would be interested in a teaching contract for the 2022-2023 school year, please call the school office (402-643-4535). The Personnel Committee will form a new Call Committee later this year to search for a called 4th grade teacher to start on August 1, 2023.

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## **Coffee and Conversation for Caregivers with Deaconess Jeri**

***Thurs., June 16, 10am, fellowship hall.***

This is a safe and confidential place to discuss the challenges of caring for a loved one with physical or cognitive limitations. Typically, the gatherings will be scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of each month; however, due to VBS it has been moved this month (the next gathering is July 14). Coffee will be provided. If you have any questions, you are welcome to call or email Deaconess Jeri: [jeri.morrison@stjohnseward.org](mailto:jeri.morrison@stjohnseward.org) or 402-643-2983. Coffee will be provided.

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## **Updates from Our Youth Ministry**

### **Godparent Registration Is Open!**

If you are in high school and are not yet in a Godparent Group you can [register here](#). Students entering their freshmen year should register. When the new Godparent Leaders are identified, the Youth Ministry Team can then group those registered into their new Godparent Groups.

### **All Youth Communication – Remind**

St. John Youth Ministries uses *Remind* to communicate with families. If you would like to be added to the Remind list please send an email [DCE Tim](#) or call 402-643-2983 requesting to be added and what grade level.

### **National Youth Gathering Update**

There will be a sending prayer on July 3 in the 8:30am service for the attendees and chaperones. During the Sunday, July 31 services, the NYG participants will be sharing their experience with the congregation.

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## **Pregnancy Center Collection**

The Human Care Board is collecting articles for The Pregnancy Center in Lincoln now through Father's Day. Most needed are: ●larger diapers in size 5 & 6 ●baby shampoo and baby wash ●toddler clothing (boy & girl) in sizes 2T, 3T, and 4T ●baby wipes and clear, quart-size ziplocs to put the baby wipes in ●baby rattles and teethers ●board books and ●something small for moms like make-up, lotion, body wash, shower puffs, candles, etc. to put in a new mom's basket. Gifts cards are also always appreciated. Items may be placed in the playpen in the narthex.

## **Thank You**

Thank you to all the St. John members who have donated items for the crisis pregnancy center thus far. Your gifts are very much appreciated and will greatly benefit many new mothers and babies.

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## Orphan Grain Train School Kit Collection (July 17-31)

The Human Care Board is making school kits for the Orphan Grain Train and invites St. John members to donate any of the following school supplies beginning July 17-31. Please place your donation in the yellow school bus marked Orphan Grain Train located in the west entrance beginning July 17. Each kit contains:

- 2 spiral notebooks
- 2 pencils
- 2 black or blue pens
- pencil sharpener
- eraser
- 10 sheets of construction paper
- crayons (24 count)
- ruler
- 2 glue sticks
- blunt scissors
- package of colored pencils (12 count)
- new or gently used drawstring bag, backpack, or book bag (drawstring bags and book bags can be shipped more efficiently than backpacks since they don't take up as much space).

Single or multiple donations of any of the above items would be very much appreciated. Items with camouflage, patriotic, military, or religious symbols *cannot be included*. The Human Care Board will sort all the donated items into kits. The goal is to send 100 kits from St. John. These kits will be distributed by the OGT to children in need throughout the U.S. and in areas beyond our borders. Thank you!

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## Child Development Center "Natural Playground" Helpers Needed!

The Child Development Center is participating in a program that helps with natural playgrounds called ECHO. We need people who can be involved with some planning, recruiting some help and giving some expert advice. If you have experience with outdoor environments, playgrounds, or have an interest with helping with this, please email Lisa Aring, director, at [lisa.aring@stjohnseward.org](mailto:lisa.aring@stjohnseward.org)

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## Child Development Center Opportunities

Aides are needed at the Child Development Center. Many of the college students have gone home and we are in need of some summer help. The main times we are needing help is 6:30-8:00am, 11-12:30pm, and 3:00-6pm each day. Call 402-643-3122 or apply through the Child Development Center portion of our church website. If you love children, this might be the opportunity for you!

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## Volunteers Needed

### Communion Set-up & Clean-up and Linen Laundering

Help is needed in all three of these areas. If you would like to assist with these "altar guild" duties, please contact the church office (402-643-2983).

### Coordinator or Co-ordinators for Godparent Program

St. John is currently seeking a coordinator (or possibly 2 co-coordinators) for the Godparent Program. This is the premier high school ministry and has been a blessing to youth for generations. Has the Lord blessed you to be a blessing to St. John teens in this way? Contact DCE [Tim Rippstein](#).

### Drivers for Out-of-Town Appointments

St. John provides rides to medical appointments, church and special events. We currently need more volunteers who can drive to Lincoln. Call Sue Wickersham at 402-643-6287 if you would like to serve in this way.

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## Scholarship Funds Available

**St. John Foundation Board Scholarship Applications - [click here](#) for applications - both HS and College forms are in this document - please select the one that applies to you.**

St. John has scholarship funds available for its members who are planning to attend a:

- Lutheran Church—Missouri high school.
- Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod seminary
- Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod college and enrolling in a church work program
- Concordia University Nebraska for any field of study
- Nebraska community college

Forms must be submitted to the St. John Foundation Board by **June 30** (bring to the church office or place in the Foundation Board mailbox in hallway by church offices).

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If you are 18 or older and would like to serve from July 10 - July 15 in Concordia, MO [click here](#) for more information.

## Join the Texas District in Helping Families in Uvalde

During this challenging time, we hold to the promise of our returning Savior who will make all things new. We groan in the wake of the devastating loss in Uvalde, Texas, and we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Your prayers have been and continue to be of the utmost importance as we draw near to the throne of grace with confidence, finding mercy and grace to help in times of need (Hebrews 4:16). The people of Uvalde are being blessed and sustained by your prayers.

The Texas District is partnering with Trinity Lutheran Church in Uvalde to receive donations to help families and victims--100% will go for assistance. You can donate at <https://txlcms.org/help-for-uvalde/> or send checks to:

Texas District LCMS, 7900 E. Hwy 290, Austin, Texas 78724 -***Please note "Uvalde Assistance" on the check***

## Church Office Hours

***From May 16 through August 12*** the church office will be opened to the public Monday through Thursday, 8am-4pm, and on Fridays, 8am-1pm. Beginning the week of August 15, the hours will be Monday through Friday, 8am-4pm.

### St. John Is a Stephen Ministry Congregation

If you need someone to help you through a difficult time, call any of the following:

- church office (402-643-2983)
- Deanna Dowding (402-643-3148)
- Mary Ann Steinbeck (402-643-2677)
- Lana Urban (402-643-3964)



Sunday Bible Study Options

Worship Options

Recurring Events/Monthly Reminders

Please send Prayer Requests to [sjcstaff@stjohnseward.org](mailto:sjcstaff@stjohnseward.org)

If you know someone who is not getting emails from St. John, please contact [brenda.rief@stjohnseward.org](mailto:brenda.rief@stjohnseward.org).



### Newsletters of Interest

- [St. John Lutheran Church](#)
- [St. John Lutheran School "Parent Bulletin"](#)
- [St. John Child Development Center](#)
- [Nebraska District Lutheran Reporter](#)
- [LFL Life News](#)

### [Church Website](#)

[Church Calendar \(public events only\)](#)

[St. John Lutheran School](#)

[St. John Child Development Center](#)

[St. John Faith Formation Website](#)

[CUNE Events Link on Website](#)

[St. John's Christ's Cupboard](#)

[Food Bank of Lincoln Food Distribution Schedule](#)

[Orphan Grain Train Lincoln Collection Center](#)

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