



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship

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Church-Wide News

Sunday School Rally (2 yrs. old – 6th grade)

St. John will kick off the new year of Sunday School on Sunday, August 21, after the 11am service. The Rally will be outside on the playground and in the area west of the school gymnasium. The format will be similar to last year: a meal, followed by introductions of teachers, and a family activity! The church will provide drinks, table service, hot dogs and root beer floats! Each family is asked to bring a side dish to share. To assist with planning, [please RSVP here.](#)



Sunday School Registration

A table will be in the narthex the first three Sundays in August for Sunday School Registration.

Sunday School Volunteer Opportunities

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Ministry Staff Retreat

All ministry offices are closed this Monday (Aug. 15) in order to allow staff to attend a retreat.

Ministry-Wide Dates

[Re-dedication of All Ministry Staff; Commissioning and Installation of New Faculty/Staff](#)

- Sunday, August 14, both services

Important Dates & Deadlines



Ministry Staff Retreat

- Monday, Aug. 15, all ministry offices closed

Regular Scheduled Voting Assembly

- Sunday, Aug. 21, 10am, fellowship hall (**NO Adult Bible classes that Sunday**)

Christian Nurture Dates

To help you prepare your schedule to make room for faith nurturing opportunities, here is a list of start-up dates, [registration links](#) and pertinent information.

Midweek School (3rd-6th grades - Non St. John School Students)

- Orientation: Tue., Sep. 6, 6-7pm, school cafeteria; includes a meal
- First Class: Wed., Sep. 7, 3:45-5pm, various classrooms
- [click here](#) to register

Confirmation (for all 7th and 8th graders)

- Orientation Wed. Aug. 24, 6:30-7:30pm, fellowship hall
- Confirmation for kids in the public schools begins Wed., Aug. 31, 5:30-6:30pm
- Confirmation for the St. John kids will begin in school the week of Aug. 22
- [click here](#) to register

Bible Night (2nd grade)

- Tues., Aug. 30, 6-7:30pm, fellowship hall; includes a meal
- [click here](#) to register

Keep Connected Program

- More information to come

First Communion Training

- Classes on Sundays at 10am in the Centennial Room Oct. 13, 30 & Nov. 6 (either DCE Tim, Pastor Bruick or Pastor Nathan will be the instructor); at-home lessons are part of the curriculum.

Youth Ministry Dates

Godparents Kick-Off

- Wed., Aug. 31, 6pm, fellowship hall; includes a meal
- [click here](#) to register for Godparent

First Godparent meetings (9th – 12th grades)

- Wed., Sep. 7, in leaders' homes

Dare2B (7th and 8th grades)

- first meeting to welcome new 7th graders - Wed., Sep. 7, 6:30-8pm, fellowship hall
- registration link to come

Announcements

eNews Deadline Next Week - Wednesday, Aug. 10, 10am

Next week's eNews will be sent out on Wednesday afternoon. Please send items for eNews to Brenda.rief@stjohnseward.org by 10am on the 10th.

Coffee and Conversation for Caregivers with Deaconess Jeri

Thurs., August 11, 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. Coffee will be provided. If you have any questions, you are welcome to call or email Deaconess Jeri: jeri.morrison@stjohnseward.org or 402-643-2983. Coffee will be provided.

Looking Ahead to Women's Fall Bible Studies

Sign-up table will be available in the narthex the last 2 weekends of Aug: 20-21 & 27-28.

Mondays @ 7pm

Jesus in Genesis: Through intertestamental study, explore how God reveals and completes His plan of salvation through Jesus Christ

Betsy Werner (402-641-9015; betsykwerner@gmail.com)

Betsy's home – 903 N 2ND ST

Wednesdays @ 10am (begins after Labor Day)

Lectionary Study of the Readings for the Next Weekend's Worship

Deaconess Juanita Ebert (402-643-4418; jmebert20@gmail.com)

Child Development Center Quilting Room

starting after Labor Day

Mondays, 1-3pm (7 weeks beginning Sep. 12)

Grace Is Greater (by Kyle Idleman)

Phyllis Mol, (810-569-6414; phyllismol@sbcglobal.net)

Heritage Room

Tuesday @ 9am, March-November

WDTM? Catechism Class (Soon to begin the Lord's Prayer)

Gretchen Gebhardt (402-643-6989; gebhardt2@windstream.net)

Heritage Room



Register for Tax Tips & Updates Using the QR Code or [Click Here](#)

Sunday, August 21, 12:30pm

Presented by Joel Endorf

fellowship hall

lunch will be served!

Kiddo-Kare available



Women's Outdoor Retreat - Sep. 10, Branched Oak

A women's outdoor retreat will be held on Sat., Sep. 10, at Branched Oak SRA, 9am-4pm). Activities will include Bible study and discussion around the topic of "Sabbath", kayaking, hiking and of course fellowship and eating together! Please contact the church office with your interest by August 29th. Details will be coming for those signed up but Deaconess Jeri can forward any questions to the event planners.

A Call for Cookies!

On the weekend of August 19-21, Concordia will be hosting their annual new student orientation, called LAUNCH 2022. This is when freshmen and transfer students move in to their new "home away from home." On Saturday they will host a Welcome BBQ for these students in the plaza outside of Janzow and typically partner with local churches to make this a fun event. The next morning new students will have their first chance to attend an area church of their choice. The Welcome BBQ will be a great opportunity for us to connect with Concordia students and invite them to attend our church the following day, and hopefully, throughout the year. Our St John Student Ministry Board will be helping to serve cookies at this event. We would like to invite you to provide those cookies to welcome our new Concordia friends.

Sign up sheets for cookies or bars will be available in the narthex this weekend and next weekend or call Donna at 402-641-6158 or email her at donnajoy@neb.rr.com to sign up (can bring to the church until 4pm on Fri., Aug. 19). Thank you for loving on our Concordia students!

Stephen Ministry Continuing Education - All Are Welcome to Attend

Stephen Ministry's upcoming Continuing Education program will be presented by Dr. David Coe, Associate Professor of Theology, Concordia University, Seward. Dr. Coe will share his expertise on "Christianity and the World's Religions" in the St. John Heritage Room on Aug. 11, at 7pm. The presentation is open to St. John members and we welcome you to attend this special session.

We Welcome Ron Aring as Facilities Manager

St. John is pleased to have Ron Aring join the staff as Facilities Manager. You will learn more about Ron in an upcoming issue of the monthly newsletter.

Christ Cupboard Needs Your Help!

It's summer and that's when food drives usually don't occur. As more households have been utilizing the pantry our shelves have been looking rather bare. Your donation to the food carts at the west entrance to church will help keep our shelves full. Some of the most needed items are: toilet paper, paper towels, cereal, canned fruit, hearty soups (like Progresso brand), pasta, tuna, pancake mix and syrup. Thank you for helping to keep our shelves full!

Looking for Trustees

Do you like home improvement projects? If so, then consider joining the board of Trustees. The Trustees meet quarterly to make decisions about maintenance, repairs, and improvements to the church, school, and CDC buildings. If interested, contact Brian Albright at 402-646-5117 or brian.albright@cune.edu

Produce Table

every weekend through early fall, outside by west entrance

Please bring your surplus produce so that others may enjoy your bounty.

Revitalizing Seward Area Lutherans for Life

This fall we are looking to revitalize the Seward Area Lutherans for Life chapter, installing new leadership and identifying people and projects in service to our neighbors and affirming God's love for all life. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to share yourself along with your gifts/talents and presence, testifying that all life is a precious gift from God. The youth and adults in Seward County will be blessed by your participation. An informational meeting will be planned once volunteers are identified. Please contact Rev. Jeffrey Duncan at jduncan@lutheransforlife.org or call 316-708-0791.

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

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!

Time to Get College Students Signed Up for Lutheran Campus Ministry

As we look ahead to another school year, it's important to help our college students get connected to campus ministry, which can help keep them connected to the Body of Christ through regular worship opportunities, Bible studies, relationships with mature Christians, and fellowship in a Christian atmosphere. Campus ministries give students a place to connect with ministry leaders and other Lutherans while growing in their personal relationship with Christ during their time away at college. Help us contact your students! There are four opportunities in the Nebraska District for students to get connected and deepen their faith. You can fill in a student's contact information at this link on our website or directly contact one of the ministries listed below.

Kearney: [Holy Cross Campus Ministry](#), a ministry of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, serves the students of the University of Nebraska at Kearney through fellowship, Bible study, and a near-campus place to hang out in a Christian atmosphere. HCCM has a Campus House located at 1814 W. 24th St. just south of West Center at UNK.

Lincoln: [The Chapel](#) is located close to the city campus of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, and shares the love of Christ in many ways, especially through building relationships. Students are invited to attend weekly Sunday worship, Bible huddles, and service projects in the community. The Chapel is also home to a thriving international student outreach, and to [GracePoint Institute for Relational Health](#).

Omaha: The Omaha area campus ministry initiative, [Echo](#) (EXW), formerly Living H2O Lutheran Campus Ministry, has a presence at UNO and the other campuses in Omaha. Echo is wholly dedicated to echoing the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the fellowship and discipleship of Christian students. For questions or more information, please contact Rev. Eric Jay at ejay@stmarkomaha.org or visit [their website](#).

Wayne: [Cup of Grace Lutheran Student Ministry](#) is located just south of the Willow Bowl at Wayne State College. Cup of Grace is a Christian Coffee House that provides a place in Wayne to meet, study and share in the Word of God. Contact Rev. Erik Christensen at pastorerik@gracewayne.com for more information. Every Sunday at 7:30 p.m. a free meal is provided, and they offer a Bible study on an evening during the week. The Nebraska District and Grace Lutheran Church are committed to the avenue this provides to the Word of God.

Outside of Nebraska: Do you know a student attending college out of state who would like to be connected to an LCMS campus ministry? You can [look for an LCMS ministry](#) near their campus, or fill in their contact information on the LCMS Campus U contact form [at this link](#).

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Sunday School Volunteers

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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.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Malcolm, NE, Celebrates 100 Years

Sunday, August 14, services at 10am & 2:30pm; lunch at 11:30am; organ recital at 1:00pm

St. John is invited to celebrate with St. Paul's their 100th anniversary of generational grace. Guest speaker is Rev. Matthew Tassej; recital organists are James Williams, Mark Miller, Jenny Horne and Kathy Porath.

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; however, all ministry offices will be closed on Aug. 15, due to a staff retreat.

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

If you know someone who is not getting emails from St. John, please contact 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](#)
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