

THE MINISTRY OF
St. John Lutheran
 SEWARD, NEBRASKA

**Proclaiming and Practicing
 the Love of Christ**

Weekly eNews
 April 24/25, 2021



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Confirmation Sunday

During the 11am service this Sunday, we celebrate the gift of faith given to our twenty-two youth in their Baptism, as they confess their faith in the Rite of Confirmation. This is truly a day for celebration within the body of Christ here at St. John. We give thanks to God for causing our family of faith to grow!



High School Graduates Recognized on May 16

We will recognize our St. John members who have or will be graduating from high school this year at the May 16, 8:30am worship service. If you are one of these members, please come to the school cafeteria at 8am on that day, so we can arrange the procession into the church at the beginning of the service. If you have a cap and gown, please bring them to wear during the service.

Seeking Nominees for Officers and Board Members

Election of officers and board members is planned for the weekend of May 15/16. There are various ministry boards at St. John Church seeking the gifts and talents of congregation



members to continue "Proclaiming and Practicing the Love of Christ". Please prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit whether your name should be on our ballot and volunteer in serving on a ministry board. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Jeremy Geidel at Jeremy.Geidel@cune.edu or the church office with questions or if interested in serving.

Announcements

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Pastor Schermbeck Accepts Call

Pastor Andy has accepted the call to Faith Lutheran Church in Merritt Island, FL. Please continue to keep Pastor and his family in your prayers.

Final Tuesday Communion Service Is May 25

We have been pleased to offer our Tuesday brief Communion service for the past year. With recent changes occurring, we have decided that Tuesday, May 25, will be our final service. We thank all who used that service to receive God's grace and pray that our weekend worship opportunities will provide comfortable and safe options.

Upcoming Concordia Concerts at St. John

Cantamus Women's Choir and Concordia Male Chorus

Sunday, April 25, 3pm

[\[click here to register\]](#)

Concordia Handbell Choir Concert

Sunday, May 2, 3pm

[\[click here to register\]](#)

"Thank You Mom"

The Seward County Pro-Life Council will again sponsor a Mother's Day ad in the Seward Independent on May 5. A \$1 donation per name will be collected to help pay for the ad. If you would like to place a name in this ad under the headline "Thank You Mom, For Giving Me Life" please stop by the **table in the lower level entrance before and after services THIS weekend.**

PTL's Annual Plant Fundraiser: THIS SATURDAY Pick-up Instructions

Thank you for supporting the PTL's Annual Plant Fundraiser this year! We ended up having \$22,887 in plant sales which earns the students a pancake feast! Our drive through pickup went so well last year that we will be doing that again this year! You will come to the Seward fairgrounds Reunion Center between 8AM-2PM THIS Saturday and wait in your car while we bring the plants to you. Please do not get out of your car. We will have the planters and hanging baskets out on the sidewalk, and you can get out of your vehicle to select your item. All of the plants will be beautiful! If you have any questions, please contact Jill Beisel jillbeisel@hotmail.com; 402-646-8749) or Becca Schermbeck (rschermbeck@gmail.com; 314-779-4436).

St. John Summer Horizons Enrichment Program

June 21-25, open to grades K-6

[Click here](#) for full catalog - registration forms are located in catalog.



The Pregnancy Center Collection

From Mother's Day through Father's Day we will be collecting articles for The Pregnancy Center in Lincoln. Most needed are: ●newborn diapers & sizes 5 & 6; ●baby shampoo and baby wash; ●newborn and toddler (boy & girl) clothing; ●something small for moms like make-up, lotion, body wash & shower puffs, candle, etc. to put in a new mom's basket – items for dads as well – gift cards are always appreciated; ●baby rattles; ●small stuffed animals or board books; and ●baby wipes and clear quart-size bags to put the baby wipes in. Items may be placed in the playpen in the narthex [starting May 8/9.](#)

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).

[Seward Circuit Ministerial Training Fund](#) - [click here](#) for application

The LCMS congregations of the Seward Circuit provide scholarships for members of the ten congregations of our circuit if you are:

- a professional church worker with student-loan debt
- seeking a scholarship while pursuing a degree so that you may serve in the church in a full-time capacity
- a lay leader hoping to attend a training program established by the District or Synod

Forms must be submitted to the Seward Circuit by [June 2](#) (bring to the church office)

Child Development Center in Need of Workers

We are in need of subs for classrooms and 20 or 30 hour per week workers. If you have interest or leads for us, please call the Child Development Center at 402-643-3122.

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You can also download the app on your smart device and follow these instructions:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
3. Select "St John Lutheran Church Lutheran Church Missouri Synod" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app

CU's Saturday (Art) School Sessions for Elementary and Middle School Students – [click here for details](#)

Use of Masks when on Campus

When you come to the church office, enter through the west entrance, sign in in the lobby, and then put on a face covering as you enter into the building. This is to be done by all who come into the church office and any other public areas of the facility for the safety of staff and students.

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)



Bible Study Options

Worship Options

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](#)

[LFL Life News](#)

[Church Website](#)

[Christian Nurture - Faith Formation](#)

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[St. John Child Development Center](#)

[CUNE Website](#)

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

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