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Church Wide News



Farewell Reception May 23, Following the 8:30 and 11am Services

The Board of Elders invites you to extend your thanks and farewell to Pastor Andy and his family as they leave for his new call to Faith Lutheran in Merritt Island, FL. A reception for the Schermbecks will be held in the narthex and on the front lawn May 23, following both worship services. A card basket will be available for you to leave them your notes and thoughts of gratitude.



High School Graduates Recognized This Sunday

This Sunday at the 8:30am worship service we are recognizing the following members who are 2021 high school graduates:

Alyssa Borgman; Tyler Calway; Hailie Deeble; Carissa Gottschalk; Heather Granfors; Hannah Helmer; Samantha Hughes; Hannah Kolterman-Wagner; Austin Kouma; Skyler Leazer; Jaden Luebbe; Nathan Miller; Kaitlyn Porter; Abbey Ringler; Quentin Stanek; Bailey Suchy; Zachary Tonniges; and Miriam Voehl
 Congratulations and God's blessing on your future endeavors!

Election of Church Officers & Board Members

Sat., May 15 and Sun., May 16, Heritage Room



Come to the Heritage Room this weekend *and place your votes* – 5-7pm on Saturday and 8am-1pm on Sunday. *St. John communicant members 18-years-old and over are eligible to vote.* For those unable to vote in church on May 15 or 16, an *absentee ballot* may be obtained from the church office and returned up to 4pm on Friday, May 14.

Announcements

Adult Instruction Class

Wednesdays, 7pm, Heritage Room

A new Adult Instruction class has begun. This class offers a great opportunity for individuals to learn more about the Lutheran Christian teachings (doctrine), either as a refresher from confirmation instruction or in preparation to join the Lutheran Church. If you or someone you know is interested in taking this class, please contact the church office (402-643-2983; sjcstaff@stjohnseward.org).

Accepting Teacher Nominations

From the Personnel Committee: Accepting nominations for the 7th grade homeroom, middle school language arts teacher position. Forms are available in the church and school offices. Please make nominations by May 24.

No eNews the Weekend of May 29/30

Due to staff vacation, there will be no e-News the weekend of May 29/30. Please take this into consideration when sending news for your event/activity.

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.

Vacation Bible School is a one night event this year - ***Family and Friends Summer Evening, Wed., June 9*** (rain date is Thurs., June 10), ***St. John grassy field around the cross and stage.*** Enjoy an evening of stories, drama, activities, discussions, and singing together all about ***Livin' the Good Life*** that Jesus gives. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and enjoy the time together. Invite neighbors, friends, and extended family.

[Click here](#) to register for the event.

Items needed for this evening activity are posted on the display board in the narthex. Please remember to stop by and see how you can help support this activity.

Job Opening - Facilities Manager

St John is hiring for the position of Facilities Manager. This position supports the church, school and child development center by ensuring that all facilities and equipment, interior and exterior, are adequate, safe and clean. Job duties include repairs and maintenance, supervision of the custodial staff, and working with contractors and the Board of Trustees to coordinate projects and repairs. Please email cathy.brace@stjohnseward.org for a complete job description, or to apply for this position.

National Youth Gathering

It is not too early to begin thinking about the next National Youth Gathering (NYG) in Houston, TX, July 2022. Come to the first info. meeting Sun., May 23, 9:45 am in the sanctuary.



About the Gathering. Held every 3 years since 1980, the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to be encouraged in their walk with Jesus Christ and learn about the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. More info. at lcmsgathering.com

Armed Forces Sunday - This Weekend

This weekend we recognize, pray for, and provide gifts for the ministry to the St. John members, Seward residents, and relatives of members who are serving in our nation's armed forces. Please see the insert in this weekend's worship bulletins to learn more about the Ministry to the Armed Forces and how you can help. [Click here](#) for more information.



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 Summer Horizon's program is looking for **volunteers** June 21-25, 8:15am - noon. Junior high, high school, or college-aged or older may volunteer (must have completed 7th grade). If you are interested in a certain area, please add that along with your name and grade in school or age in your email to Elizabeth Owens at: summerhorizons@stjohnseward.org.

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 now through Father's Day, June 20.

Out-of-Office

Pastor Bruick is out of the office May 11-16.

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)

Furniture & Random Stuff Sale at CUNE

Fri., May 21, 12pm-6pm, Concordia University – Jesse Hall (basement)

Concordia is again clearing out well loved older furniture and random stuff to find a new home in your home! Come check out all sorts of school desks, school chairs, bookcases, office desks, desk chairs, rolling office chairs, tables, storage cabinets, files cabinets, room dividers, and other random items. Plan to pay and pick up during the sale. Sale is indoors so masks recommended.

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.

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. *Beginning the week of May 24, masks will no longer be required (during Summer Horizons, June 21-25, masks will be required.)*

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

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](#)
- [LFL Life News](#)

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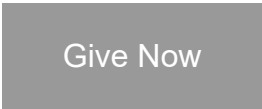
[Christian Nurture - Faith Formation](#)

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