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Seward, Nebraska

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Church-Wide News



Love to Share Jesus' love? Desire to Serve on a Mission Team?

St. John Lutheran Church is planning to send a Bible and Sport's Camp Mission Team this coming summer to Akiachak, Alaska. If enough interest, we may also have a Work-Witness Team going in the summer of 2022.

Informational meetings will be held at

St. John Lutheran Church

(Heritage Room):

Sunday, September 26—3-4pm

Sunday, October 31—3-4pm

For more information, contact Pastor Bruick at

alaska.mission@stjohnseward.org

Volunteers Needed

Coordinator or Co-Coordiators 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](#).

Godparent Leaders for Freshmen

St. John is currently seeking Godparent Leaders for new freshmen. There are new freshmen eager to continue to grow together in the Lord and with each other. If you know of some mature, faithful Christian mentors gifted to lead and love teens, encourage them to contact DCE [Tim Rippstein](#).

Drivers for Out-of-Town Appointments

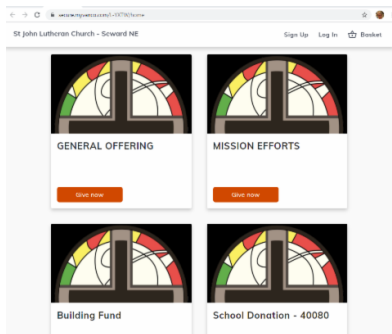
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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.

Sunday School

Interested in serving as a teacher, aide or substitute for the 2021-2022 school year, please [click here](#). We are excited to welcome back students to in-person Sunday School! If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Meyer (402-219-2008 or mkerh.meyer@gmail.com) or Tim Rippstein (tim.rippstein@stjohnseward.org).



e-Giving Changes at the End of September

If you have used eGiving this past year whether online or via a mobile app, we want to make you aware of some changes happening at the end of the month. Our online and mobile giving through LCEF is no longer Give Plus. It is now Vanco Online and Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement. If you have created a log-in for Give Plus, you simply use the same log-in information on the new site/app. [Click here](#) to go to our website for instructions on how to make the change. You can continue using Give Plus through Sep. 30, but after that you will have to transition. The link on our Website now takes you to Vanco Online.

Announcements

Women's Bible Studies Fall 2021

Mondays @ 1PM

Armor of God by Pricilla Shirer (with video component); Virginia Hughes: 402-643-6775; Location: Heritage Room; Study meets 9/20-11/1

Mondays @ 7PM

Finding Christ in 1st Samuel; Betsy Werner: 402-641-9015 (call or text); Location: her home 903 N 2nd St; Starts 9/13

Tuesdays @ 2PM

Women of the New Testament; Pearl Plamann; Location: Various homes; Ongoing

Wednesdays @ 10AM

Study of the Lectionary Readings for the next Sunday; Deaconess Juanita; Location: Quilting Room at the CDC; Starts 9/8/21



[Click here](#) for St. John's updated plans/information about attending the National Youth Gathering.

The NYG Leadership and High School Youth would like to thank our St. John family and all who participated in the Golf Scramble. There were sponsors, consultants, organizers, and golfers who came together for a wonderful afternoon of golfing and eating.

Hands of Mercy Is Meeting Again

2nd Sunday of the month, 10am, school office

We are an LWML group that meets every second Sunday of the month at 10am in the school office. We would love any and all women to join us as we brainstorm and implement how to be the hands of Jesus by showing His love and mercy in our community. We hope to see you there!

Collection of Underwear and Hygiene/Health Kits and Items

Sep. 11-26, collection box in west entrance

St. John LWML is collecting items for the ingathering at Seward Zone LWML Fall Rally in October. We are asking for donations from the congregation as you are able since there is an overwhelming need. These items will be given to Orphan Grain Train for distribution to people in need all over the world.

Items needed:

Underwear and socks for men, woman and children of all sizes and ages

Health/Hygiene Kits (**this has changed since last year**)

1 bath towel; 1 wash cloth; 1 bath-size bar of soap; 1 plastic soap box (100 have been purchased with a Thrivent Action Grant Card); 1 toothbrush; 1 sturdy comb; 6 band-aids (1/2" or 3/4"); 1 small package facial tissues; 1 nail clipper; 1 piece of strong ribbon or cord (enough to tie around the towel when kit is rolled inside)

Please have complete kits tied with cord in middle. Other individual items should be left loose so we can complete kits using them.

No substitutions please.

Exceptions may result in heavy fines or confiscation by customs officials!

St. John's Youth Music Tour . . .

is headed to churches in Iowa and Wisconsin October 21-25. Check out singboldly.org/tour to see where we're headed and spread the word to friends and family! High school youth are also welcome to participate - contact paul.soulek@stjohnseward.org for more information.

Third Quarter Giving Statements

If you would like to receive a third quarter giving statement **after the end of September**, please contact the church office by Oct. 15 and leave your request with Brenda (402-643-2983; brenda.rief@stjohnseward.org). All requests for statements will be accumulated and honored through batch processing following the Oct. 15 cutoff date.

Christian Nurture Happenings for Youth

[Sunday School for 2-yr-olds - 6th Grade](#)

- [click here for class locations](#)

[Midweek School \(3rd-6th grades - Non St. John School Students\)](#)

- Class has begun, but you can still join - [Click here](#) to register
- [Confirmation \(for all 7th and 8th graders\)](#)
- Confirmation for kids in the public schools began Wed., Aug. 25, 5:30-6:30pm - students are still welcome to start the class - [Click here](#) to register
- [Dare2B \(7th and 8th grades\)](#)
- [Click here](#) to register
 - Next gathering date Sep. 29, 6:30-8pm

Outdoor Community Worship Night

Sun., Sep. 24, 7:30pm, Weller Circle

All are invited to this CUNE event - a night of community, fellowship and worship led by one of Concordia's Praise bands. Bring blankets or lawn chairs and a friend!



Childcare Workers Needed!

JOIN OUR TEAM TODAY!

- Morning Preschool Teacher
- Preschool Classroom Aide
- School Age Coordinator

St. John Child Development Center
1053 N Columbia Ave., Seward, NE

Call: 402 643 3122

- Be at least 19 years of age
- Must love children
- Opportunity to work in a quality Christian educational atmosphere

Life Chain (Pro-Life Event)

Sun., Oct. 3, 2-3pm, Seward Co. Court House - west side

Christ's Cupboard Needs: sugar, flour; and personal care items Your donations are always appreciated!

Produce Table

every weekend through early fall, outside by west entrance

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

Church Office Hours

The church office is open to the public Monday through Friday, 8am-4pm.

**St. John Is a
Stephen Ministry
Congregation**
If you need
someone to help

Bible Study Options

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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)



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](#)

[Church Website](#)

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

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

[Orphan Grain Train Lincoln Collection Center](#)

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