

THE MINISTRY OF
St. John Lutheran
 SEWARD, NEBRASKA

**Proclaiming and Practicing
 the Love of Christ**

Weekly eNews
 May 22/23, 2021



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Church Wide News



Farewell Reception THIS SUNDAY, 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 is being held in the narthex and on the front lawn THIS SUNDAY, following both worship services. A card basket is available for you to leave them your notes and thoughts of gratitude.

**Will there be
 VBS this summer?**

**YES! A different kind
 of fun-filled time!**

**SIGN UP
 NOW!**



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.



Thanks to Church Officers/Board Members/Committee Members

Thanks to all who ran for officer and board positions, all those whose terms had ended and chose not to rerun, and all members who took time to vote last weekend. We pray for God's richest blessings for our boards as members build new relationships and seek the Lord's direction in His ministry at St. John.

[Click here](#) for 2021-22 listing of Officers and Board Members.

Installation and Rededication of Officers, Board Members and Committee Members

Sun., June 6, during both worship services

If you are currently serving as a church officer or board member or are newly elected, please plan to be present at one of that Sunday's worship services.

Announcements

CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY



**The Church and School Offices
and the CDC
will be closed on
Memorial Day, Mon., May 31.**

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.

Job Opening - Facilities Manager

The Ministry of St. John Lutheran is seeking applicants for 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 and coordinating with custodial staff, contractors and the Board of Trustees. This position is full-time with benefits. Benefits include health insurance, disability and life insurance, paid vacation, holidays and retirement. A full job description can be obtained by emailing the Business Manager. Resumes should be submitted to business.manager@stjohnseward.org.

Items Needed in Christ's Cupboard

pancake syrup; cereal; variety of soups (we have vegetable and vegetable beef); pork & beans; crackers; jelly; brown rice. Thank you for your generosity!

LWML - All Invited

St John LWML will meet at 7pm on June 1, in the fellowship hall for an informal evening of service projects and visiting. Everyone is welcome to join us.

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

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.

[May 31 is the last day to register.](#)



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.

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)

Church Office Summer Hours

From May 24 through August 6, the church office will be opened to the public Monday through Thursday, 8am-4pm, and on Fridays, 8am-1pm. Beginning the week of August 9, the open to the public hours will be Monday through Friday, 8am-4pm.

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.

Masks when on Campus Update

Beginning the week of May 24, masks are no longer 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](#)

[Church Website](#)

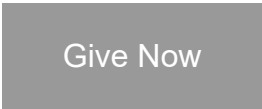
[Christian Nurture - Faith Formation](#)

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



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