

ST. JOHN GENERAL FUND – March 2017

Karen Scarborough, Treasurer

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| Balance on Hand 2/28/17 | \$(714.48) |
| Total Receipts for March | + 32,685.64 |
| Less Expenses for March | (28,236.15) |
| Cash Balance on Hand 3/31/17 | \$ 3,735.01 |

| EXPENSES | THIS MONTH PAID | YEAR TO DATE PAID | ANNUAL BUDGET |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Our World Mission | \$1,760 | \$ 5,330 | \$ 21,200.00 |
| Pastoral Ministry & Staff | 21,430.44 | 59,718 | 256,930.00 |
| Worship & Service | 2,489 | 6,601 | 36,575.00 |
| Our Church Home | 2,556 | 13,514 | 50,945.00 |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 28,236 | \$ 85,163 | \$365.650.00 |

Special Funds – March 2017

Joanne Pesicka, Treasurer

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|-----------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Adult Education | \$0.00 | Education Designated | \$ 5,669.06 |
| Angel Foods | \$ 660.04 | Food to You | \$ 1,843.39 |
| Banquet | \$ 1,474.75 | Library | \$ 758.59 |
| Barnabas | \$ 3,735.83 | Memorials & Gifts | \$ 2,953.96 |
| Choir Fund | \$ 3,477.49 | Prayer Shawl Ministry | \$ 751.39 |

St. John
American
Lutheran Church

May
2017

THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER / MAY 7, 2017
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

“Lifting Up Mental Health Awareness Month”

Mental illnesses are disorders of the brain that disrupt thinking, feeling, moods and ability to relate to others. These disorders are biological. These brain disorders are NOT caused by poor parenting, bad companions or lack of willpower. They are not reflections of a person’s personality or intelligence.

Physical, emotional, mental and behavioral changes can be temporary or long lasting. Just as diabetes is a disorder of the pancreas, mental illnesses and brain disorders often result in diminished capacity to cope with the ordinary demands in life. They affect people in all ages, races, religions and income brackets.

Most importantly, these disorders are treatable! Just as many diabetics take insulin, most people with serious brain disorders need medication to control symptoms. They need supportive counseling, housing, vocational rehabilitation and other community services that provide support and stability.

They also need spiritual support. Too often when a family member is diagnosed with a brain disorder, families do not feel the same support from the church as they might receive if their loved one was dealing with another physical illness. We at St. John are a caring kind of folk. We can always do more.

Public health statistics reveal that in every congregation of 500 people, there will be 5 with schizophrenia, 5 with bi-polar disorder, and many more who struggle with depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder, anxiety disorders, and panic attacks. Some are children and teens. All are our brothers and sisters and neighbors in Christ.

ADULT FORUM BETWEEN SERVICES
“MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS & THE CHURCH”

St. John Library, 10:00 a.m.

Facilitator: Kari Clark, Vice President, St. John ALC



GARFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP

Saturday, May 20, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Meet at St. John.

Join in the fun of a little walking and working in the boulevards and along the curbsides of St. John's Garfield Neighborhood. Meet and make a few new friends! The neighbors we still haven't met won't care what we know and desire to share with them of Christ if they don't know first that we care about them and the neighborhood we share.



Join Our Journey to Wellness as we walk and/or run to raise awareness and fight the stigma of mental illness at the annual National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI-SD) event.

Date: May 20

Time: 5k Run is at 8:30 a.m.; 5k Walk is at 9:30 a.m.

Where: Sertoma Park

For more information: Contact Kari Clark at 351-4785 or klwin@sio.midco.net

NAMI-SD offers free education programs, support groups and advocates for those affected by mental illness.

Capital Fund Statement

Mary Johnson, Treasurer

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-------------|---------------------|
| SAVINGS BALANCE | March 1, 2017 | | | \$105,808.64 |
| RECEIPTS | | | | |
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| | | Interest | \$53.61 | |
| | | TOTAL RECEIPTS | | \$53.61 |
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| | | EXPENSES AND WITHDRAWALS | | |
| | | | \$0.00 | |
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| | | TOTAL EXPENSES & WITHDRAWALS | | \$0.00 |
| SAVINGS BALANCE | March 31, 2017 | | | <u>\$105,862.25</u> |
| CHECKING BALANCE | March 1, 2017 | | | \$300.13 |
| RECEIPTS | | | | |
| | | | \$0.00 | |
| | | | \$0.00 | |
| | | Interest | \$0.00 | |
| | | TOTAL RECEIPTS | | \$0.00 |
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| | | EXPENSES AND WITHDRAWALS | | |
| | | | \$0.00 | |
| | | | \$0.00 | |
| | | TOTAL EXPENSES & WITHDRAWALS | | \$0.00 |
| CHECKING BALANCE | March 31, 2017 | | | <u>\$300.13</u> |
| SAVINGS & CHECKING BALANCE | March 31, 2017 | | | <u>\$106,162.38</u> |
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| TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS | March 31, 2017 | | | <u>\$106,162.38</u> |
| | | RECEIVABLES | | |
| | | | \$0.00 | |
| | | TOTAL RECEIVABLES | | \$0.00 |
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| | | DESIGNATED FUNDS | | |
| 1/26/2017 | Elevator funds for maintenance | | \$6,853.08 | |
| | TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS | | | \$6,853.08 |
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| TOTAL AVAILABLE CAPITAL FUNDS | March 31, 2017 | | | <u>\$99,309.30</u> |
| | | | | |
| | | 5% of 2017 budget | \$18,282.50 | |

St. John Policy #5: The Capital Funds Account shall maintain a minimum balance amounting to 5% of the annual congregational budget. Any transfer of money from the Capital Fund to the General Fund shall have Council approval.

From Pastor Paul

Commencement looms. Every teacher, neighbor, uncle, grandmother, and pastor who greets you the later days of May will level, basically, the same question: "So, what are you going to do with your life?" When I was 18, I hadn't a clue. Five years later I'd picked up a degree in education, taught a year of school, and realized for the first time that teaching really isn't my cup of tea. It was my mom's passion, my father's first career, my sister's love, and good for them; it wasn't for me. So off to the seminary I went, not necessarily because I wanted, at the time, to be a pastor; it just seemed like a good place to "listen for the creature waiting."

Vocational tests to help you discern those aptitudes you possess that promise to open some future for you abound. You're good at math; maybe you should study to be an engineer! But the formulae overreach. That you're good at stealing bikes and that this is something you really enjoy doing doesn't necessarily mean you should push your predilection for petty larceny to its inevitable conclusion - a really bad haircut and an orange jumpsuit. One of the most innovative pastors I've ever known started out as a grocery clerk. Who would have guessed.

So maybe ask yourself, now, before you get too far into your program, how, with your ability, you may best serve God, other human beings, and the world... rather than inquire, merely, "What do I want to do." Author and theologian Fred Buechner invites, brilliantly: "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." I like to think this is what Mahatma Gandhi was saying when he opined, "Do what you were made for and you'll never have to work a day in your life." God has given you something to do to make that part of the world you will one day influence - however large or small - brighter, better, more loving and just.

There are many honorable occupations, and in any of them you can be of service. But please don't let money be the determinative factor. Any work done well will make you enough bread to make a living. It would be a grave mistake to become a lawyer just for the fees instead of a genuine passion for justice in our courts and legislatures, or a doctor because a lot of docs, despite exorbitant school loans I always hear them bemoan, become obscenely wealthy. Whatever interests you pursue and whatever skills you achieve should contribute as much to the people who need the service of those skills as they contribute to your wellbeing.

The truth be told, Jesus didn't say a lot about work. He did warn, however, and repeatedly, about accumulating wealth, piling

| Parking Lot/Building Fund Statement | | | | | |
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| Mary Johnson, Treasurer | | | | | |
| CASH BALANCE | March 1, 2017 | | | | \$28,424.95 |
| RECEIPTS | | | | | |
| | Building Fund Pledges | | | \$2,964.00 | |
| | | | | \$0.00 | |
| | Memorials/Honorariums | | | | |
| 7-Mar | In Memory of Mavis Gjere | | \$25.00 | | |
| | In Memory of Darwin Spear | | \$15.00 | | |
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| | Total Memorials/Honorariums | | | \$40.00 | |
| | | | | \$0.00 | |
| | | | | \$0.00 | |
| | Interest | | | \$0.24 | |
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| TOTAL RECEIPTS | | | | | \$3,004.24 |
| TOTAL CASH | | | | | \$31,429.19 |
| EXPENSES & WITHDRAWALS | | | | | |
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| | | | | \$0.00 | |
| 15-Mar | Thrivent ACH | | \$2,344.00 | | |
| | | | | \$0.00 | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES & WITHDRAWALS | | | | | \$2,344.00 |
| TOTAL CASH BALANCE | March 31, 2017 | | | | \$29,085.19 |
| TOTAL BUILDING FUND | | | | | |
| TOTAL BUILDING FUND | March 31, 2017 | | | | \$29,085.19 |
| | Unpaid Principal 3/1/17 | \$109,234.12 | | | |
| | Additional principal (Capital Fund) | \$0.00 | | | |
| | Additional principal (Special Funds) | \$0.00 | | | |
| | Principal paid 3/15/17 | (\$1,957.13) | | | |
| | Unpaid Principal 3/31/17 | \$107,276.99 | | | |

up material. He said a great deal about caring for others. He told us that whatever we do for people in need we do, in essence, for him.

Whenever life is turned around so it isn't just a mad grab for some specious security, especially money, a qualitatively new life is possible, for you and all those you hope to serve. Maybe you can point the way to that life to aunts and teachers and grandfathers and neighbors who are wont to ask at commencement, "What will you do with your life?" by answering, "Let's see where God leads as I study hard and keep an eye on my neighbor."

Congratulations graduates. Let a lived life of learning and service commence.

The following High School Seniors will be honored at the May 28th 9:30 a.m. worship service:



Autumn Castle
Sam Daggett
Diante Dowdell
Brittany Erickson
Misty Franey
Tyler Godwin
Tyler Kurtz
Keylee Lewis

They will be presented with quilts made by our St. John Quilters. God Bless these children as they start the next chapter in their lives.

Endowment Fund Scholarships

St. John's Endowment Fund has designated some funds for scholarships for members of St. John for the purpose of attending college or seminary. The applications are available on the Welcome Center. Applications must be returned to the church office no later than May 31, 2017.

PLEASE NOTE

Church office hours are 9-12 and 1-5 Monday through Friday. It is church policy to have the entrance doors locked during business hours if there is only one staff person in the building. If a staff vehicle is in the parking lot, someone is available to let you in. If you need into the church after hours for meetings, etc., please check with the office to check out an entrance key. All rooms are locked, so if you need to get in to a room for your meeting, you will also need a key for that room.



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| Families | 391 |
| Baptized Membership | 684 |
| Confirmed Membership | 570 |

(Statistics as of 4/20/17)

BAPTISMS

Daniel Joseph Donovan, April 15, 2017

Paislee Lorraine Dunn, April 16, 2017

CHANGES FOR YOUR DIRECTORY:

Emily Jones, 707 Pacific St., Omaha, NE 68108-3220



- In Memory of *Gordy Hove*: \$135-Parking Lot Fund;
- In Memory of *Mavis Gjere*: \$25-Parking Lot Fund;
- In Memory of *Helen Leimbach*: \$260-Parking Lot Fund;
- In Memory of *Eddie LeBeau*: \$20-Parking Lot Fund

Gifts: \$20-Mission Outreach (for Cristi Johnson); \$30-St. Dymas; \$800-Luther League (2017 H.S. Trip); \$500-Luther League (2017 M.S. trip); \$1559 March Mission Globe

MEN IN MISSION

All men welcome!

* Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study is held the 3rd Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. at the Fryn' Pan at 12th St. and Western Ave. This is a great time of fellowship for men of all ages!

Church League Co-Ed Softball

Games are played on Mondays
Sherman Park (West 12th St. & Kiwanis Ave.)



Check the Sunday bulletins for date & time each week.

Come & Cheer the Team!



Family and friends of St. John,
I'm now doing my 4th cycle of chemo at Avera
and everything continues to go well. I just
wanted to thank you all for the cards, prayers,
kind thoughts and B&G gift card. I especially

want to thank Pasotr Paul for all the visits and for bringing communion
to the hospital when I was unable to go to church. Thank you for the
thought of a prayer shawl as well. My cousin Vangie from Minnesota
sent me the one she has received from our church while she was
undergoing treatment for cancer.

Love and prayers,
Kathy Jones

Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets during Lent. The
proceeds raised will help the St. John Middle School youth attend camp
this summer. Thanks again.

Ryan McCormick
Youth & Family Assistant Ministry Director



All women are invited to attend
one of the monthly Bible studies.
Check the church bulletin for the
date and time that fits your
schedule.

For our Tea Party held on April 1,
2017, we had 37 guests, plus the

Executive Board members who hosted the event. Besides sipping
on 'Ginger Peach' tea, our guests also sipped on some 'spiritual
teas': Hones-tea; Generosi-tea; Availabili-tea, Accountabili-tea,
Uni-tea, Royal-tea, Prosperi-tea, Humili-tea, Hospitali-tea, and
Securi-tea. Sharing these 'teas' gave us a boost spiritually. We
also learned the difference between a teapot and a teakettle; and,
the correct protocol for eating 'scones'.

Join us at the annual Spring Salad Luncheon on Saturday,
May 6th at 12:00 noon. The theme is 'Upsy Daisy'. Other churches
have been invited. So St. John members are asked to bring a
large salad to share. Dessert will be provided by the Executive
Board. Music will be provided by Sandra Harmon. A free-will
offering will be taken.

The South Dakota 30th Annual Synodical Convention is June
23-24, 2017 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton. The theme is
"Katie Luther: Nurturing the Reformation". *"Whatever your task,
put yourself into it, as done for the Lord and not your masters"*
(Colossians 3:23). Everyone is welcome to attend. Voting
members must register by June 6th; also non-voting members are
asked to pre-register so they know how many will be in attendance
for meal planning. Each church has one voting member, and there
is no limit on non-voting members who can attend. See me for a
registration form. The Love Offering is personal care items for the
Yankton Contact Center.

If interested in attending the Tenth Triennial Gathering in
Minneapolis (July 13-16), there is still time to register and reserve
a spot on one of the two buses taking South Dakota women to the
gathering. For more information, please see the Synodical
Newsletter (or contact me).

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Monday,
May 22 at 5:00 p.m. in the church library.

Women of the ELCA - dates to remember:

May 6, 2017 - Salad Luncheon at St. John
June 23-34 30th Synodical Convention, Trinity, Yankton, SD
July 13-16 -Tenth Triennial Gathering, Minneapolis, MN

Paula Koller
St. John WELCA Coordinator

WELCA Bible Study

Women of the Evangelical Church in America

Wednesday, May 17, 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 18, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 21, 9:45 a.m.

We will meet in the church library.

LWR (Lutheran World Relief)

With spring comes rummage sales, spring cleaning and deciding which of your unused items you may want to give to the quilters for quilts, health kits or baby care kits. You may have fabric in your "stash" you may no longer want – if we can't use it for quilts we will find another home for it!

We are working on quilts for the graduates, as well as doing health kits and baby care kits. Much need items are bath sized bars of mild soap (takes 2 or 3 bars for each kit), sleepers with no feet or gowns up to size 2 for the baby care kits and nail clippers for the health kits.

Are you remembering to save pop tabs and box tops for education? The box tops have an expiration date on them so place them in the containers in the kitchen often.

Thanks again for your continued, generous support. None of this would be possible without all of you.

Barb Buchanan and Ann Mortenson
Co-Chairs of Mission Action Service Group

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Thursday, May 25, 7:00 a.m.

Upper Sherman Park

Followed by Fellowship, Coffee & Rolls, Upper Sherman Park Shelter

*"People of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven?
This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come
in the same way as you saw him go into heaven" (Acts 1.11).*

BLESSING OF BIKES & OTHER WHEELED THINGS

May 21, 10:00 a.m., St. JOHN PARKING LOT.

RIDE YOUR BIKE TO CHURCH, CRUISE IN ON YOUR MOTORCYCLE;
UNICYCLES WELCOME! TIS THE SEASON FOR BIKES, MOTORCYCLES
& OTHER WHEELED THINGS. BLESSINGS & PRAYERS FOR
BICYCLISTS AND RIDERS. IT'S BIBLICAL: "AS I LOOKED AT THE
LIVING CREATURES, I SAW A WHEEL ON THE EARTH BESIDE THE
LIVING CREATURES, ONE FOR EACH OF THE FOUR OF THEM. AS FOR
THE APPEARANCE OF THE WHEELS AND THEIR CONSTRUCTION: THEIR
APPEARANCE WAS LIKE THE GLEAMING OF BERYL; AND THE FOUR HAD
THE SAME FORM, THEIR CONSTRUCTION BEING SOMETHING LIKE A
WHEEL WITHIN A WHEEL. WHEN THEY MOVED THEY MOVED IN ANY
OF THE FOUR DIRECTIONS WITHOUT VEERING" (EZEKIEL 1.15FF).

This is also the last day of Sunday School. The children
will be having a celebration upstairs after this blessing
and they will be participating in the
11:00 worship service.



Contribution Statement Announcement

At the end of the first quarter of 2017 there are not enough contribution statements to be mailed out at the bulk mail rate. If you would like your contribution statement mailed to you or sent to you via e-mail, please contact the office at 336-3253 or stjohnlutheran1912@msn.com I will check the count again at the end of 2nd quarter and will send them out bulk mail postage if there are enough. If not, I will post this announcement again. Thank you.

FOUND: Woman's ring. Found on Easter Monday. Please call the office to identify. 336-3253.



Potluck & Movie

Saturday, May 20, 2017

5:00 p.m. - Potluck

6:00 p.m. - Movie -

"God's Country"

St. John Fellowship Hall

This movie is geared more for adults. It is the story of a female investment banker who tries to make the deal of a lifetime only to realize she is messing with God's creation.

DISCOVERING ST. JOHN / NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

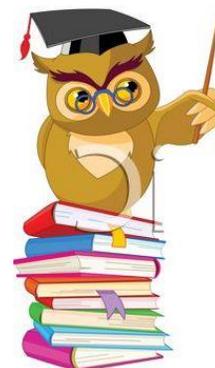
New friends and partners in ministry are coming to St. John every Sunday. All are welcome to a reception of New Members on Sunday, June 4, at our 9:30 a.m. worship, followed by refreshments in the St. John Fellowship Hall. An orientation for those wishing to join is offered on Wednesday, May 17 or May 24, starting at 7:00 p.m., in the St. John Library. If you'd like to explore membership at St. John, please call Pastor Paul (336-3253). If you know someone who has no church home, please extend to them this invitation. Better yet, accompany them to one of the two orientation sessions.

AngelFoods



The freezer is stocked, and **AngelFoods** are ready to be delivered to anyone you know who needs a visit, a lift, some comfort food and our prayers. Just stop by the church kitchen anytime to pick up a meal. **AngelFoods** come in two sizes (to feed two or a family) and are for friends, family, neighbors ... anyone who needs our Christian love and support. Please sign the sheet on the top of the freezer when you take a meal for delivery. Thank you.

OLDER & WISER LUTHERANS



The Owls (Retirees) meet the second Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Be sure to join the group ... even if you are not a regular attendee. Come for coffee & fellowship. This month they are meeting on Monday, May 8th in the Fellowship Hall here at St. John. All are welcome!

“Music Notes”

I can't believe it's May already! Where has the year gone???

The Adult Choir's last performance will be on Sunday, May 7th. We will be performing "I'm Going Home", "Saved by Grace" and "Go in the Grace". The Bell Choir's last performance will be Sunday, May 14th. We will be performing "Hymn of Promise", "Children of the Heavenly Father", and the spirited "Fantasy on Hyfrydol". I'd like to thank all of the members of the Adult and Bell Choirs for volunteering their time and talents this year. Our bell choir has been blessed to include players from other churches, and even one from another country! Johanna Kaunanen definitely receives the award for "Most Miles Traveled for a Performance" as she is an exchange student from Finland! Kiitos and onnea, Johanna! ☺ Thank you also to our wonderful accompanist, Amber Holtberg. We've had a fun year and I am so blessed to work with all of you. THANK YOU and have a great summer!!!!!!!!!!!!

St. John Bell Choir

Mari Ibis
Janae Vollan
Johanna Kaunanen
Lara Kvale
Jane Nyhaug
Joanne Pesicka
Krystine Vollan-Reavis
Mican Vollan
Greg Noble
Jared Kvale
Sandy Scott
Adam Nyhaug

Sarah Jorgensen
Choir Director

St. John Adult Choir

Theresa Schwarzhoff
Joanne Pesicka
Jeannette Stowsand
Lara Kvale
Roxy Weidenbach
Tammy Shafer
Sandy Scott
Beth Matson
Kathy Hales
Chris Mathieu
Steve Matson
Jared Kvale
Paul Matchan
Chris Mitchell
Marv Okrina
Bob Hales
Evan Hetland
Greg Noble
Dean Noble
Amber Holtberg

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 28 (Memorial Day Weekend) through
Sunday, September 3 (Labor Day Weekend)

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP, 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion, 1st & 3rd Sunday
Coffee Hour, 10:30 a.m.

THURSDAY EVENING WORSHIP, 5:30 p.m.

1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th Thursday of the month with
Holy Communion

If you're heading out of town for the weekend, have to
work on Sunday, or are otherwise unable to worship on the
weekend, please take advantage of this additional
opportunity to worship Thursday evening.



We are still in need of volunteers for the Pictorial
Directory. Please sign up on the sheet at the
Welcome Center. Save the dates for when photos will
be taken:

August 6 & 7, 2017

October 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17

November 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7

I will let everyone know when time slots are open and available to
schedule. If you have questions please don't hesitate to call Ryan
McCormick at 605-201-7870

Save the Dates!!

St. John American Lutheran Church is celebrating 75 years as a congregation!

Sept. 3rd We will open our Time Capsule

Sept. 10 -- 75th Anniversary Celebration

More details and information will be provided in future Newsletters.

The St. John **Card Sharks** meet the third Tuesday each month at 5:30 p.m. in the church Library. Anyone interested in creating greeting cards, please join us! Materials and know-how will be provided (and snacks, too). All are welcome. Any questions, please call Shirley Emmons (334-4650). These cards are for sale in the church office for \$1.00 each.

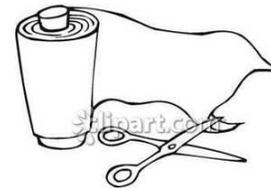


The **deadline** for the monthly Newsletter is 8:00 a.m. on the 20th of the preceding month. This month it will be 8:00 a.m. Saturday, May 20th.

 Third class mail cannot be forwarded. If you change your address, let us know so you receive your next Newsletter. **You will also save the church the 59¢ cost of address corrections.**



Annual Youth Rummage Sale is coming the second weekend in June. If you have any items that you would like to donate you can put them in the garage. Please pick up the key from the church office. Thank you!



HOLY ROLLERS

The Holy Rollers, Dean, Robert and myself, are working in Room 117 every Wednesday at 9:00 AM. We are looking for assistance from anyone, young, old, tall or short. As always, clean white sheets are welcome. The schedule for April and May has many changes. Please watch the Sunday bulletins for our meeting times. I would like to thank Dean and Robert for their help. Any questions, please call Diana Norton at 605-271-6146. Thank you!

BOOK DRIVE

Garfield Elementary needs your help in promoting summer reading! Their goal is to send each child home with at least one or two books to read this summer, as many have few books at home. They are seeking gently-used children's books for students reading from a Preschool through Middle School level. Please consider donating to their Summer Reading Book Drive now until May 19th. There is a collection box in the Fellowship Hall and at the Welcome Center.

May Middle School Youth News:

Come hangout at the Church at 7 – 8:30 pm for games & activities

Coffee Hour: We are also hosting coffee hour April 30. Please let me know if you can help or provided baked goodies. Please arrive at 9 am to help set-up.

Since summer is approaching we will be having an end of year day on May 21. We will kick it off with brunch at Fry'n Pan in the morning in between services at 9:30 am and that evening we will hike a trail and have a sack lunch picnic. More info to come.

Food to You Volunteers – May 25 (5:30pm-7:30 pm): For this event please bring your helping hands as well will help pass out food to families in need at St. John.

Random Acts of Kindness: This month we will be helping members of our congregation who could use help with projects around their home. Will let you know when we have projects schedule as members contact me for assistances.

Thank You to all the Youth and Families for another great year!

Blessings to everyone for a safe and happy summer. Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have questions throughout the summer or ideas.

Ryan McCormick | Youth & Family Assistant Ministry Director
605.201.7870 Call | Text ryan.youthdirector@gmail.com

GIFT CARDS

Gift Cards for a number of local businesses/restaurants are available for purchase on Sunday mornings at the Welcome Center in the east entryway of the church. (Cards are also available weekdays in the church office.) Gift Cards may be purchased in varying denominations allowing you to purchase merchandise at their respective businesses up to the face value of each card. In most instances, Gift Cards purchased at St. John result in a 5% profit from participating businesses to our St. John Youth to help with summer camps and servant events.

THANK YOU FOR PURCHASING GIFT CARDS AT ST. JOHN.

May High School Events:

Graduation is around the corner for some and we wish you the best of luck.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming events.

Sunday, May 7th: Spring Celebration Brunch between services. Setup will be easy so 9:15 a.m. will meet in the kitchen, if you plan on going to first service you can come out after the sermon.

Sunday, May 14th: Mother's Day, there will be no Sunday school for High School. Remember to treat your mom to something special; she does a lot for you.

Monday, May 15th: Pizza Ranch - Tea - 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This is money for your accounts, looking for 3 volunteers.

June 5th - 7th: Rummage sale setup from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Everyone needs to be there to help.

June 8th: Rummage/Bake Sale doors open at 6:00 p.m. we close at 8:00 p.m

June 2nd: Rummage/Bake Sale doors open at 8:00 a.m. we close at 6:00 p.m. Please set up a time to work with me.

June 3rd: Rummage/Bake Sale doors open at 8:00 a.m. we close at 2:00 p.m. Looking for everyone to help clean up as we will need to haul items away and move tables.

June 15th - 24th: Costa Rica Trip

**WELCA SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON –
MAY 6 – 12 Noon – FELLOWSHIP HALL**



Everyone is welcome! Please bring a salad to share. Dessert will be provided. Music provided by Sandra Harmon. A Free Will Offering will be taken.



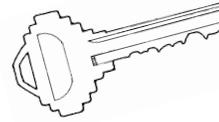
NAMI Family Support Group is a peer-led support group for family members, caregivers and

loved ones of individuals living with mental illness.

Gain insight from the challenges and successes of others facing similar circumstances. NAMI's Support Groups are unique because they follow a structured model, ensuring everyone has an opportunity to be heard and to get what they need.

- Free of cost to participants
- Designed for adult loved ones (18+) of individuals living with mental illness
- Led by family members of individuals living with mental illness
- Meets the first Sunday of the month in the library 6-7:30 PM
- No specific medical therapy or medication is endorsed or recommended
- Confidential

For more information about the NAMI Family Support Group at St. John, contact Kari Clark at klwin@sio.midco.net or 605-351-4785. We meet at St. John the first and third Sunday of each month at 6:00 PM in the church library.



Project CAR Drivers Needed

You Are The Key!

Volunteers are the key to independence and quality of life for seniors.

Project CAR (**Call A Ride**) offers transportation to Sunday church services, and other church functions, and medical appointments for the elderly members of six different churches. This transportation is a crucial element in their ability to remain connected to their church and community. Project CAR provides vehicles, gas, etc. **Please** call the Project CAR office (332-2777) and visit with Kate or Wanda for more information. **Men, women, retired, working, young, young at heart ... We Need You!**



St. John has a **Facebook** page Check us out! Event updates, photos and Pastor Paul now has a monthly blog!

www.facebook.com/StJohnAmericanLutheranChurchSF

Meals-On-Wheels



St. John is responsible for **Meals-on-Wheels** drivers and helpers for **Tuesdays**. If you are interested in helping out with this important community activity, please use the sign-up sheets at the Welcome Center (east entry of church). The meals are picked up at the Center for Active Generations. Thank you!

Remember – you can sign up for just one Tuesday if you wish. Any and all help is needed and appreciated!