

A Father's Love

A father is respected because
He gives his children leadership...
Appreciated because
He gives his children care...
Valued because
He gives his children time...
Loved because
He gives his children the one thing
They treasure most - himself.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

"The righteous man walks in his integrity; his children
are blessed after him."

- *Proverbs 20:7 (NKJV)*

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"Fifth Commandment: Honor thy father and thy
mother; that thy days may be long upon the land
which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

- *Exodus 20:12*

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Celebrate Father's Day

Sunday, June 18th

Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.

St. John
American

June
2017

PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 9:30 A.M.

"Catch on fire with enthusiasm and people will come for
miles to watch you burn."

- John Wesley

**FEEL THE BURN! WEAR
SOMETHING RED TO CHURCH!**



NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED DURING
WORSHIP ON JUNE 4TH. PLAN TO STAY FOR COFFEE
HOUR TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND WELCOME
OUR NEW MEMBERS TO OUR
ST. JOHN FAMILY!



Annual Youth Rummage Sale

Thursday, June 8th - 6-8 p.m.

Friday, June 9th - 8-6

Saturday, June 10th - 8-2

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

THE GOOD BOOK & THE BIG BOOK

The Gospel According to Dr. Bob, Bill, & Martin Luther

"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." - Jesus (John 8.31-32)

Sundays in June after Church + 10:30 a.m. + St. John Library
Facilitators: Deaconess Donna McEwen, Bob Neeley, & Pastor Paul

YOU CAN HELP PROJECT CAR (Call A Ride)



Here is a great opportunity to help support Project CAR, especially for those who are unable to be drivers. You can help by collecting parking donations at 1st Lutheran Church parking lot during Pavilion Events. The time commitment is 1½ to 2 hours. The upcoming times are:

Tuesday, June 6, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 12, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 23, 6:00 p.m.

If you are able to help at any of these events, please call Kate (Project CAR) at 332-2777. Thank you!

Project CAR provides free transportation for senior citizens and special needs adults involved in **St. John American Lutheran Church**, Our Savior's Lutheran, First Lutheran, St. Mark's Lutheran, Asbury United Methodist, First Congregational, the Senior Companion Program and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (R.S.V.P.). Rides to Sunday worship, church-related activities, or medical appointments **must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance**. Volunteer drivers are needed. Contact: Kate Heligas (605) 332-2777.

ST. JOHN GENERAL FUND – April 2017

Karen Scarborough, Treasurer

Balance on Hand 3/31/17	\$3,735.01
Total Receipts for April	+ 35,056.15
Less Expenses for April	-26,144.87
Cash Balance on Hand 4/30/17	\$12,646.29

EXPENSES	THIS MONTH PAID	YEAR TO DATE PAID	ANNUAL BUDGET
Our World Mission	\$1,760	\$ 7,090	\$ 21,200.00
Pastoral Ministry & Staff	19,561	79,279	256,930.00
Worship & Service	1,915	8,515	36,575.00
Our Church Home	2,909	16,423	50,945.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 26,145	\$ 111,307	\$365.650.00

Special Funds – April 2017

Joanne Pesicka, Treasurer

Adult Education	\$0.00	Education Designated	\$ 5,669.06
Altar Guild	\$ 846.31	Food to You	\$ 1,903.39
Banquet	\$ 1,474.75	Library	\$ 758.59
Care Team Ministry	\$ 392.26	Memorials & Gifts	\$ 2,953.96
Choir Fund	\$ 3,477.49	Rosebud Ministry	\$ 1,190.11

Parking Lot/Building Fund Statement			
Mary Johnson, Treasurer			
CASH BALANCE	April 1, 2017		\$29,085.19
RECEIPTS			
	Building Fund Pledges	\$2,739.00	
		\$0.00	
	Memorials/Honorariums		
2-Apr	In Memory of Gordon Hove	\$75.00	
10-Apr	In Memory of Mavis Gjere	\$25.00	
18-Apr	In Memory of Gordon Hove	\$60.00	
	In Memory of Helen Leimbach	\$260.00	
	In Memory of Eddie LeBeau	\$20.00	
	Total Memorials/Honorariums	\$440.00	
		\$0.00	
	Interest	\$0.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$3,179.00
TOTAL CASH			\$32,264.19
EXPENSES & WITHDRAWALS			
		\$0.00	
14-Apr	Brandon Seamless Rain Gutter, Inc.	\$408.00	
15-Apr	Thrivent ACH	\$2,344.00	
		\$0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES & WITHDRAWALS			\$2,752.00
TOTAL CASH BALANCE			\$29,512.19
TOTAL BUILDING FUND			
April 30, 2017			\$29,512.19
Unpaid Principal 4/1/17		\$107,276.99	
Additional principal (Capital Fund)		\$0.00	
Additional principal (Special Funds)		\$0.00	
Principal paid 4/15/17		(\$1,964.06)	
Unpaid Principal 4/30/17		\$105,312.93	



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. June's study is titled 'All Anew, Ready or Not'. Scripture holds up a mirror, helping us to think about things a little

differently and question what we see in ourselves, our congregation and our world.

Barb Buchanan and Paula Koller attended the spring Crossroads Gathering on April 29 at Tea Trinity Lutheran Church. There were about 70 in attendance (17 of the 41 churches were represented). A motion was made to re-visit the 2016 proposal to just hold one Crossroads conference per year, thus eliminating the fall workshop conference. The motion passed. The spring conference included a different format for presenting information to Unit Officers. Besides the morning Bible Study and guest speaker, Jenna Neth, from Children's Inn; there were other 'Mission & Service Moment' presentations regarding the 'Church on the Street', 'Human Trafficking', and 'Lifescape'. The offering was designated for: Synodical (50%), Crossroads (25%) and Dina Johnson Scholarship Fund, Augustana (25%).

'Upsy Daisy' was the theme for the May 6th Salad Luncheon. The tables were decorated with yellow and white daisies. Unfortunately, attendance was down, but those present enjoyed a nice variety of salads and music by Sandra Harmon. The theme verse for the day was 'I will extol thee, O Lord, for thou has lifted me up (Psalms 30:1). The expression 'upsy daisy' is used when we want to give encouragement to our children when they are learning to walk and they start to fall. It means 'up you go'. The Lord does the same with us. We go walking along in our Christian life and hit some bumps in the road or maybe even fall; and, God helps us up and says, 'upsy daisy'. He brushes us off and tells us everything is going to be okay. He lifts us up when we are down. The Executive Board also presented some examples in the Bible of people who had some 'upsy daisy' moments (i.e. Job, David, Naomi).

The South Dakota 30th Annual Synodical Convention is June 23-24, 2017 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton. Everyone is welcome to attend. Registration fee is \$40.

Harvest Festival is October 7. It's time to be thinking about crafts and what you can do to help. We are looking for a refrigerator, if anyone has one to donate.

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 26 at 5:00 p.m. in the church library.

Women of the ELCA - dates to remember:

June 23-24, 2017 – 30th Synodical Convention, Trinity, Yankton, SD

June 23-24, 2017 – Shetek Ministries Quilt Auction, Slayton, MN

July 13-16, 2017 – Tenth Triennial Gathering, Minneapolis,
Paula Koller
St. John WELCA Coordinator

WELCA Bible Study

Women of the Evangelical Church in America

Thursday, June 15, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 18, 10:45 a.m. (in Nursery)

Wednesday, June 21, 1:00 p.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!

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.

On May 3rd we sent off 40 quilts, 6 Layettes and 9 Health Kits. We also completed 8 special quilts for our St. John High School graduates. Pop tabs were delivered to the Ronald McDonald House and another batch of box tops have been given to Garfield Elementary School.

Remember to keep saving 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

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



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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SPECIAL OLYMPIANS!



Mari Ibis: Swimming: 1st in 25 Meter Backstroke and 3rd in 25 Meter Freestyle
Track & Field: 1st 50 Meter Dash, 2nd 4x100 Meter Relay, 3rd 100 Meter Dash, 4th Softball Throw

Josh Stapleton: 1st Softball Throw, 1st Standing Long Jump, 2nd 50 Meter Race, 3rd in a Relay

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.



Families	391
Baptized Membership	684
Confirmed Membership	570

(Statistics as of 5/22/17)

CHANGES FOR YOUR DIRECTORY:

Daniel Schmidt, 1709 W. 51st St., Sioux Falls, SD 57105-6615



-In Memory of *Delmar & Viola Kuper*: \$60-Parking Lot Fund;

Gifts: \$20-Mission Outreach (for Cristi Johnson); \$30-St. Dymas; \$30-Food To You; \$2000-Luther League (2017 H.S. Trip); \$400-Luther League in honor of Belva Kurtz (2017 H.S. Trip);



Congratulations to our St. John 2017 graduates!

Autumn Castle
Samuel Daggett
Diante Dowdell
Britanny Erickson

Misty Franey
Tyler Godwin
Tyler Kurtz
Keylee Lewis



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.



St. John Prayer Ministry & Prayer Box – St.

John's pastors and prayer ministers would like to pray for you. Prayer requests are received in a secure prayer box in the back of the St. John sanctuary and are kept in strictest confidence before, during, and after prayers are said on your behalf. It is of utmost importance to St. John congregation that all our members and friends are prayed for on a routine basis. Please help your pastors and prayer ministers to be faithful and effective in this undertaking by sharing with us whatever you may have in your heart to share.



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!



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!



I want to extend my thanks for the cards & prayers and condolences for my brother Delmar and sis-in-lawe Viola. It meant so much to me.

*God Bless all of you,
Norma Chesshir*

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. Tuesday, June 20th.



June Middle School Youth News:

Greetings St. John, I want to say "thank you" to all the youth and their families for such a wonderful year. Also, thank you to everyone for your support and prayers for our youth. This summer 6 youth will be heading to Outlaw Ranch July 30 - August 4 for Bible camp with Lutherans Outdoors. Please pray for Rachel, Mason, Trace, Ashton, Tanner and Ben as they prepare to head to camp this summer. For some of them, it is their first time to camp. **Please note, it isn't too late to sponsor a youth going to camp this summer!**

Blessings on a safe and happy summer!

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

June High School Events:

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

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 9th: 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 10th: 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

 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.



Save the dates for when photos will be taken for our 75th Anniversary Pictorial Directory:

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

St. John American Lutheran Church Council Highlights May 2017

- There will be a pictorial directory done this year. Please contact Ryan McCormick to volunteer to help.
- May 21st is the last day of Sunday School. Treats will be served!
- Summer schedule will begin on May 28 - Labor Day. Worship at 9:30 with coffee to follow.

WELCOME THE SIOUX EMPERIAN

SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH.
THEY WILL OFFER
SPECIAL MUSIC
DURING OUR
WORSHIP SERVICE!



KIDS--VBS IS COMING THE END OF JULY!



Mark your calendars now for July 30th through August 3rd, 6-8:30 p.m. Ages 3 through those that just finished 5th Grade.

Invite your friends, cousins & neighbors!

Watch for more details in the July Newsletter.

With the Operation Arctic VBS 2017 theme, kids will warm up to the Word as they explore the coolest Book on the planet and discover how we can know for sure that the Bible is God's written word to us!



Potluck & Movie

Saturday, June 24, 2017

5:00 p.m. - Potluck

6:00 p.m. - Movie -

"Up"

St. John Fellowship Hall

This animated movie is very family friendly film about a balloon salesman who realizes his dream only to learn that he has a stowaway to be concerned with.

90th Birthday Open House!!

ALL ARE INVITED TO COME HELP CELEBRATE

MELROY STECKELBERG

ON HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY! OPEN HOUSE ON

SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH FROM 1:00-3:00 P.M.

IN THE ST. JOHN FELLOWSHIP HALL

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90th Birthday Open House!

The family of Marlys Shaff will be hosting an Open House on

Sunday, June 11th from 1:00-3:00 P.M.

in the St. John Fellowship Hall.

All are welcome to come wish Marlys

a Happy 90th Birthday.

No gifts please.

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65TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE!



Gil and Dorothy Koepsell invite their St. John friends and family to an Open House in celebration of 65 years of marriage!

June 25th, 2-5 p.m.

at their new address, in the Hospitality Room, 4000 Westport Avenue

No gifts please.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 28 (Memorial Day Weekend) through
Sunday, September 10 (75th Anniversary Celebration)

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.

SAVE THE DATE!!

St. John Car Show & Picnic

Classic Cars & Special Interest Cars

Sponsored by: St. John Amer. Lutheran Outreach Board

St. John American Lutheran Church Parking Lot

Sunday, July 9th, 2016

4:00-6:30 pm

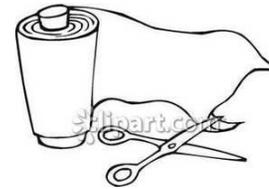
More details in our July Newsletter

SAVE THE DATES!!!

Sept 3rd-- Open Time Capsule

Sept 10th--75th Anniversary Celebration

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.



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. Any
questions, please call Diana Norton at 605-271-
6146. 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, June 12th at the 12th
Street Fryn' Pan. All are welcome!