

# NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

We have reached the edge of Summer—and do we ever need the rain. Today it is supposed to be around 90 degrees...again. I went to get my mail — and lo and behold I received a catalog from a church supply store promoting Christmas—not Christmas in July either. On their products, they proudly proclaimed, "Jesus is the reason for the Season".

As you might be able to tell I was not impressed. First of all, we have a lot of green season (not grass) of Ordinary Time until our next Church holiday in October—Reformation Sunday. While I keep future events on my radar, this just seems a little too much. We still have a whole lot of Summer to survive.

Also, I take exception that we drag out that phrase only during Christmas. We are presently in the Sundays after Pentecost—or Ordinary Time—take your pick. Jesus is the reason for this Season as well. During this time of year, we hear Jesus giving his followers (which includes us) teaching and instructions. We hear the challenge that Jesus gives, "Pick the Cross and Follow Me." We hearing accounts of Jesus ministry throughout the long hot summer. Jesus is the reason for this season as well.

Yes, during this time we will be preparing for Confirmation, Sunday School and Bible Studies for the upcoming months. We will plan Worship in the Park. Day by Day, we live in the present while keeping an eye on the future. I am reminded of the phrase, "One Day at a Time." This is sound advice—but not the whole picture. Yes, we indeed need to take life one day at a time—but, just like Jesus, we need to keep our eyes likewise focused on the future while not stumbling over the present.

Have a wonderful and blessed Summer!

Pastor Mike



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**CHURCH WORSHIP:**  
5:30 PM - Saturday  
9:15 AM - Sunday

**Church Office Hours:**  
Tues: 7:00AM - 3:00 PM  
Wed & Fri: 7:00AM - 12:30 PM  
Thursdays 12:30-3:30 PM

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On July 25th, Nell Stone will be celebrating her 100th Birthday. We will be setting up a special day for our Nell. Please stay tuned for details!!!

CHRISTMAS  
*in July*

The weekend of July 15th -16th, we will be celebrating Christmas in July featuring all your favorite hymns-- and the story of our Lord's Birth. Our Choir is also putting together a special anthem for that Sunday. Sorry... we will not have the candlelight-- or the Snow!! Please invite your family and friends as we celebrate Christmas!

*Confirmation*  
2023-2024

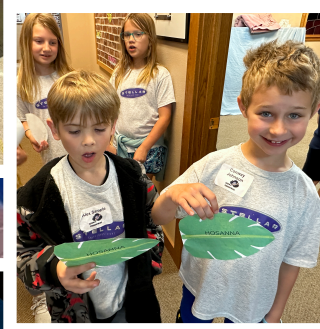
**Kick off Meeting**  
August 8th -- 7pm  
For both Parents and Students



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2023 GRADUATES

Marshall Birch  
Elliott Brown  
Alexandra Esmann  
Carter Esmann  
Rebecca Hillers  
Kyle Kraus  
Joseph Neiers  
Keaton Reimer  
Kurt Ross  
Faith Ruzicka  
Caden Strader









### -PLEASE PRAY FOR-

Ross Abbott, Michael Anderegg, Vera Ashman,, Owen Aulwes, Kay Bahlmann, Cecil Bahls, Kay Becker, Lois Davis, Marvin Dean, Bob Ferguson, Tammy Goodman, Jerry Kolker, Brayton Kuhse, Richard Larson, Juanita Loven, Mike Lutz, Kathy Meskimen, Jenny Meyer, JoLynn Moore, Randy Moser, Shirley A. Moser, Shirley M. Moser, Tiffany Moser, Jean Pensel, Mick Pierce, Shelby Preston, Zander Purman, Denny Reth, Pat Rodenberg, Denny Roth, Rich Schmelzer, Renee Schubart, Jim Solomon, Mary Sundermeier, Terry Thein, Bill Tielbar, Arthur Tomkins, Everd Tuecke, Al Ullerick, Paul Wolter

**River Living Center:** Bob Ferguson, Nell Stone, Arlene Tackman, Mae Jetter, Janet Lundt, Ed & LaVonne Rodenberg, Virginia Roth

**Guttenberg Care Center:** Shirley Moore, Shirley Moser

**Ennoble Nursing Care:** Dennis Roth

**Garden View Place, Monona:** Terry Thein

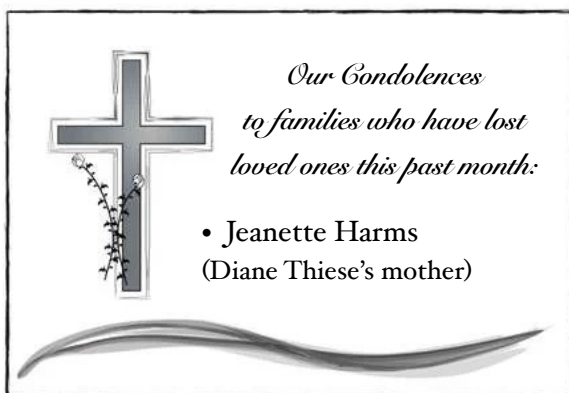


### CARE CENTER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

GUTTENBERG CARE CENTER: Every Monday at 10:00 AM

RIVER LIVING CENTER: Thurs. July 6 - 10:30 AM

Many thanks to Karilyn McArthur for providing music when possible!





## YOUTH MINISTRIES

### Camera Ministry



#### SUNDAY

July 2 -  
 July 9 - Delaney Brown  
 July 16 - Madi Thomas  
 July 23 - Abby Duwe  
 July 30 - Alayna Judkins

#### SATURDAY

July 1  
 July 8 - Lennox Moser  
 July 15  
 July 22 - No Worship  
 July 29 - Gavin Stoerp

#### SUNDAY

July 2 - Avery Harbaugh  
 July 9 - Carter Judkins  
 July 16 - Natalie Thomas  
 July 23 - Madi Thomas  
 July 30 - Delaney Brown



If you would like to join, or know someone interested in finding a church home, please let us know. We are also very flexible – you are welcome to join on any weekend—just contact Pastor Mike!

## JULY Stewards

	Ushers	Lector
<b>July 2</b>	Steve & Penny Rausch	Carolyn Hoffmann
<b>July 9</b>	Penny Raush & Sam Thein	Mary Beth Allyn
<b>July 16</b>	Sam Thein	Gail Larson
<b>July 23</b>	Pat Meyer & Linda Hackett	Deb Preston
<b>July 30</b>	Kevin & Rabecca Hennessey	Kevin Hennessey

# WELCOME TO YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL 2023

## Featuring | Lorna Moser | Fellowship

### I grew up in...

Graham, Iowa with seven sisters. My sisters are Laura, Lynda, Lana, Lisa, Tina, Loretta (deceased) and Lona. I was the third oldest in my sibling order. My sisters and I spent much of our growing up years on my grandmother's farm located at the very, very end of Graham. The farm had a few cows we milked, along with chickens and sheep. I don't recall having a lot of farm chores, just a few to help out. We all rode the school bus from Graham to Guttenberg, where I graduated from the Guttenberg High School.

### My most meaningful accomplishment in high school...

was being selected for the National Honor Society for three years in the high school. While in Junior High at Guttenberg I was also chosen to be a member in the Junior National Honor Society both years. Being a good student was important to me and the teachers recognized students with potential, good grades and those showing responsibility.

### After high school, I...

I was working at Doug's Steak House. One of my friends was also a waitress there and invited me to her wedding. The wedding was in June with the reception at Lakeside Ballroom. It was while I was at Lakeside for the wedding reception I met my future husband, Lynn Moser.



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The bride's family from Osterdock and Lynn's family were mutual friends and by October, Lynn and I were engaged. We wanted to get married in November but his sister from Texas did NOT want to get stuck in an Iowa snowstorm. So we delayed the wedding until April 3, and YES she still got stuck in a snowstorm.

Together we raised two children, Philip and Lisa. During our many years we have lived on the Century Family Farm. When my kids were in school, I went to college at night and received a Bachelor of Arts in Business from Upper Iowa. I have worked various jobs outside the farm. Some of my more recent work was at the Guttenberg Care Center as their food service person and then as their director of activities during covid. This year I was employed as a paraprofessional for the Clayton Ridge School District. I spent most of my days assisting students in the high school building, and I look forward to doing this again in the fall.

### One of the biggest life lessons I learned ...

...resulted from my many jobs and experiences. Life has taught me that no matter how hard we try and what we accomplish as an individual, we can never please everyone. It's important to know you have done your best and not give up. My family and friends are far more important to me than any other thing in life. My daughter, Lisa, married to Patrick Thein, lives in Colesburg raising their children, Olivia, Sadie, Brooklyn, and Sam. My son, Phil, married to Tiffany, lives on the family farm with children, Drew and Kenzie.

### To me, grace means...

it is freely given even if we do not think we deserve it. Grace cannot be earned. Salvation is through faith and the grace of God.

### I'm a Lutheran because...

my family taught me to believe. I was baptized in Elkport. When we moved to our grandmother's farm we went to St. John's Lutheran. I was confirmed and married at St. John's Lutheran Church in Guttenberg. I have been serving as the chair of Fellowship on the church council, and I will finish my term at the end of January 2024.



**St. John's American Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Thursday, June 8, 2023**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**

**Members present:** Craig Tuecke, Deb Preston, Lorna Moser, Forest Brown, Michele Von Handorf, Sherry Oliver, Penny Rausch, Chuck Hemann, Mary Streich, Brian Rodenberg

**Members Absent:** Frank Davis, Diane Thiese

**Staff Present:** Pastor Ashman, Rabeca Hennessey

**Call to Order:** President Brian Rodenberg called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

**Devotions & Prayers:** Pastor Ashman led with an opening devotion from the Book of Matthew and a prayer.

**Secretary's Report:** The council reviewed minutes of the May council meeting. No additions or corrections were noted. Craig motioned to approve the minutes. Michele made a second to the motion.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chuck made a motion to approve the report as published. Mary seconded the motion.

General Fund:	\$26,550.16
Benevolence:	\$27,449.67
Improvement:	\$45,126.34
Memorial Fund:	\$12,893.16
Benevolence Savings:	\$15,774.13
Sunday School:	\$ 1,072.41
Organ Fund:	\$ 3,365.22
Scrip:	\$ 2,997.30
Luther League:	\$ 5,673.59
Ending Balance:	\$140,901.98

**Pastor's Report:** A written report was presented by Pastor Ashman highlighting last month's activities. Pastor has enjoyed attending the ballgames of our parish youth. He also explained in more detail a fruit truck which will be available in the church parking lot at a date to be announced. Community members will have the opportunity to visit Myfruittruck.com to order fruit and make payment to them directly.

**Outreach Ministries:** No report

**Educational Ministries:** Penny is finalizing plans for next week's VBS. Approximately 100 youth are registered. Set up will be Sunday after church. On Thursday, a program will be held for family and friends at 6:30pm with ice cream to follow.

**Children & Youth Ministries:** Forest reported that there was little interest in a mission trip this year. Forest and Pastor Mike will meet to discuss a more local mission opportunity during the last week in July.

**Public Relations:** Chuck reported that a repair person will be on site later this week to repair the camera audio.

**Stewardship Ministries:** Sherry has a meeting scheduled later this month.

**Worship & Music Ministries:** No report

**Property Ministries:** No report

**Parish Fellowship:** Lorna reports that donations and volunteers are in place for VBS next week. Volunteers are still needed for coffee sales during the Farmer's Market. Volunteers are also needed for fellowship following services in July. Lorna has arranged for groups of four to come at various times to assist with cleaning of the kitchen space. A committee also met following the council meeting to organize fellowship for the dedication ceremony on June 25th.

**V.P. Report:** No report.

**Old Business:**

Remodel update – Brian reported that remodel is nearing completion. Volunteers are needed Saturday at 9am to move things out of storage and into the newly remodeled space. Meyer Mechanical is waiting for a panel that they need to install before their portion of the project is complete. The kitchen flooring will be installed late June/early July. The storage unit will be returned on Monday.

No action was taken on the bulb replacement of the lights in the rose window.

Michele will contact Dave Pogenklaas for cleaning of the parsonage windows while Brian will contact the Elkader Greenhouse regarding some landscaping around the parsonage.

**New Business:**

Mary made a motion to transfer the \$7500 gift received last month and \$15,090 from the Matthew 28:19 Endowment Fund to the Improvement Fund for payment of project expenses.

Pastor discussed organizing a group to attend a meeting about the future of ministry in our area.

Craig reviewed and provided an update on project costs and pledges received.

The semi-annual meeting date is set for July 23rd. Three terms are up for election.

Motion made by Lorna and a second by Sherry to replace one of the refrigerators in the kitchen area. Approved for purchase.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Next regular council meeting:** Thursday, July 13th, at 7:00.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Deb Preston.

### Monthly Stewardship Report

**Amount Needed Weekly \$3,774**

Offering	May 28	\$2,733
	June 4	\$3,485
	June 11	\$1,370
	June 18	\$2,775

## ADOPT A DAY

How would you like to consider adopting a day(s) and paying for St. John's church utilities for that day(s)? This would be above your regular church giving and would be a huge financial plus for St. John's. You choose the day(s). Why not consider adopting a day for your birthday or that of a family member, or an anniversary of your baptism, wedding or all of them and more?

***If you would like to adopt a day, just write your information on a piece of paper and enclose it with your payment of \$45 per day.***

**July 15 - Rick & Mary Allyn in honor of their granddaughter's birthday: Finlee Allyn**

**July 17 - Rick & Mary Allyn in honor of their granddaughter's birthday: Mila Allyn**



As a social ministry organization of the ELCA, Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) is so thankful for your partnership in ministry. Through your support, a first-time mom is able to receive the education and resources she needs to build futures full of hope, a person with a disability is reaching their goals and becoming more independent each day, and an immigrant is learning English through our Community Based English Language Learning (CBELL) program led by compassionate teachers.

This month, we would like to give a special thank you to those of you who have made LSI a focus on your congregation's "God's work. Our hands." project. On a planned day in September, each congregation is encouraged to reach outside of the church and do good deeds in the community by participating in a project for "God's work. Our hands." This is a perfect opportunity to combine community projects with a special project for nonprofits like LSI, whether it's raising money or contributing in-kind gifts.

We thank you for your generous support in this important work! If you are interested in supporting the Iowa children and families served by LSI or would like to get involved in a "God's work. Our hands." project with LSI, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI senior director of philanthropy and church relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563-676-2065.

*Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at [LSIowa.org](http://LSIowa.org) and [facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*





**JULY CALENDAR**

Sat. July 1	5:30 pm (SJ) Worship
Sun. July 2	8:15 am (SP) Worship 9:15 am (SJ) Worship
Mon. July 3	4:30 pm (SJ) Stephen Ministers
Tues. July 4	HOLIDAY
Wed. July 5	1:00 pm (SJ) Sarah Circle
Sat. July 8	5:30 pm (SJ) Worship
Sun. July 9	8:15 am (SP) Worship 9:15 am (SJ) Worship
Tues. July 11	1:00 pm (SJ) Tuesday w/God 5:30 pm (SP) Church Council
Thur. July 14	7:00 pm (SJ) Church Council
Sat. July 15	5:30 pm (SJ) Worship
Sun. July 16	8:15 am (SP) Worship (Christmas in July) 8:30 am (SJ) Choir Practice 9:15 am (SJ) Worship (Christmas in July)
Tues. July 18	1:00 pm (SJ) Tuesday w/God
Wed. July 19	5:00 pm (SJ) Food Pantry Drive-Thru
Thur. July 20	4:30 pm (SJ) Altar Guild
Sat. July 22	NO WORSHIP
Sun. July 23	8:15 am (SP) Worship 9:15 am (SJ) Worship 10:15 am (SJ) Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
Tues. July 25	1:00 pm (SJ) Tuesday w/God
Thurs. July 27	4:30 pm (SJ) Stewardship Committee
Sat. July 29	5:30 pm (SJ) Worship
Sun. July 30	8:15 am (SP) Worship 9:15 am (SJ) Worship

The Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday July 23rd following the 9:15 am worship service.

All members, your attendance is important!

There is NO WORSHIP service on Saturday July 22nd.

**Church Office Hours**

The Church Office is Open:

Tues: 7:00 am - 3:00 pm

Wed: 7:00 am - 12:30 pm

Thurs: 12:30 - 3:30 pm

Fri: 7:00 am - 12:30 pm



NORTHEAST IOWA

**FOOD BANK**

**MOBILE FOOD PANTRY**

Thank you to all who volunteered to help with the mobile food pantry, both pre-packing and distributing.

**Mobile Food Pantry is held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Truck from the Northeast Iowa Food Bank is scheduled to arrive at 4:30 pm, with distribution from 5 - 6 pm.**

**The next event will be a drive through event at 5:00 pm on Wed. July 19th - -**

**volunteers needed at 4:30 to unload the truck**

If you are able to help, please call the church office and we will add your name to our volunteer list.



THANK YOU to the volunteers from Brown's Sales & Leasing who assisted with the June Mobile Food Pantry.

**JULY Baptisms**

<u>July 3</u> Joselyn Lewis	<u>July 17</u> Deb Vaughan
<u>July 5</u> Carol Klein	<u>July 20</u> Al Ullerick
<u>July 6</u> Reagan Brown Mike Hinzman Bill Peters Dennis Reth	<u>July 22</u> Stacie Drewelow
<u>July 7</u> Avery Harbaugh Lana Troester	<u>July 23</u> Jess Hillers
<u>July 9</u> JoLynn Moore Craig Tuecke	<u>July 24</u> JayLyn Moore Joe Neiers
<u>July 11</u> Carol Fischer Carter Judkins Dylan Johnson	<u>July 29</u> Trudy Glawe
<u>July 13</u> Paul Manson	<u>July 31</u> Harper Preston
<u>July 14</u> Bristol Augustyn	
<u>July 15</u> Julie Davis Mollie Schaefer	
<u>July 16</u> Katie Kraus Kohl Moser	

**JULY Birthdays**

<u>July 1</u> Joe Neiers Rabecca Hennessey	<u>July 20</u> Nicholas Chase
<u>July 3</u> Mary Lou Harbaugh	<u>July 22</u> Bonnie Garlow
<u>July 4</u> Stacie Drewelow Joe Heitman Ruth James Madelyn Troester	<u>July 23</u> Kim James
<u>July 7</u> Jess Hillers Craig Tuecke	<u>July 24</u> Vayda Anderegg Joe Finnegan Virginia Roth Elizabeth Schwendinger
<u>July 8</u> Tonya Randall	<u>July 25</u> Lynette Pritchard Tom Weyant
<u>July 11</u> James Dryer Gail Larson	<u>July 26</u> Nell Stone Kari Tuecke
<u>July 12</u> Gavin Drewelow Adeline Meyer	<u>June 27</u> Joanne Rausch
<u>July 15</u> Andy Smith	<u>July 29</u> Susan Miller Richard Newbern Joan Sadewasser
<u>July 16</u> Forest Brown James Meyer	<u>July 30</u> Cody Kulper JayLyn Moore Denny Roth Liam Seevers
<u>July 17</u> Mila Allyn Kolin Severson	<u>July 31</u> Justin Bittner Renae Kraus Abigail VonHandorf
<u>July 18</u> Conway Johnson Leanne Walke	

**JULY Wedding  
Anniversaries**

<u>July 5</u> Aaron & JoLynn Moore Jason & Lesa Reimer
<u>July 6</u> Gerald & Trudy Glawe
<u>July 12</u> Harold & Nancy Heitman
<u>July 14</u> Matt & Nancy Witham
<u>July 15</u> Brandon & Margo Friedlein
<u>July 28</u> Daniel & Jessica Bittner

