



BIRTHDAYS

August

2 Delainy Danger
3 Peggy Lahr
4 Paula Graham
4 Tammy Smith
5 Mary Amann
5 Dagny Krone
6 Jessica Wessling
8 Craig Gebhardt
10 Wendy Wiehoff
11 Darlene Looman
11 Taggart Krone
12 Ross Vinar
13 Oliver Helgeson
13 John Zipoy
15 Hazel Mertens
15 Nathan Mertens
15 Glenn Schindele
16 Paulette Fox
17 Diane Binsfeld
17 Charles Leonard
17 Tim Maurer
18 Paul Dammann
18 DeeAnn Fischer
23 David Binsfeld
23 Nancy Leonard
24 Frank Lee
25 Kari Kienholz
26 Lauren Hemmesch
26 David Lueders
28 Leah Merten
29 Lori Hoffman
29 Mason Kasperek
30 Ed Zutz
31 Levi Marquette

**"On your birthday let
your heart leap for joy,
and praise God with
song!"**

—Psalm 28:7

If anyone has been missed, please
notify the church office.

"HONOR YOUR LEADERS..."

"Honor your leaders" ... "obey your leaders and submit to them."

HEBREWS 13:7a, 17a

The month of August honors Caesar Augustus, who ruled the Roman Empire in the time when Jesus was born. Caesar Augustus laid out a registration law for taxation, which brought Joseph (and Mary, "great with Child") to his ancestral home in Bethlehem, where Jesus was born.

Although most of the Jewish religious leaders resented Roman rule, and tried to entrap Jesus to speak against Rome, he showed respect for those whom God had placed into secular office.

Regardless of our view toward any elected official, we are to both honor and obey (unless obedience would sin against God) those leaders who serve us in the place of God ruling directly. We honor offices, and pray for God to raise up good and fair and wise leaders who fill leadership offices and serve Him and the common good.

Technically, these verses refer to those who lead with the goal of our spiritual growth, serving under Christ, our ultimate leader. The elected officers of St. John serve Christ and the rest of our church family. We honor, serve, and obey them as unto God.

Above all, we are reminded that, regardless of title, God is the one who is truly "auguste," worthy of unquestioned honor and respect and obedience, no matter what. Thanks be to God for His auguste character and involvement in our lives. ~ Pastor Gimbel

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION & KICKOFF

Please REGISTER your child for Sunday school BY AUGUST 20.

(This will allow us to provide enough materials for the students and teachers)

Our Kickoff Sunday is September 7, with commissioning of teachers in Worship, and a shared opening in the sanctuary (10:30-10:50) followed by teacher time in each classroom before enjoying treats outside (weather permitting). Pastor is recruiting Sunday School teachers for the next year, so please visit with him if you are interested.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION SESSION

AUGUST 17

All parents and unconfirmed students entering 7th, 8th, or 9th grade (or older) are asked to meet with Pastor and Elders after Church & Bible class (about 11:30) on Sunday, August 17, to formalize class time and do an overview of expectations.

PARISH PLANNING "RETREAT"

AUGUST 22 & 23

All elected and appointed officers of the congregation are asked to participate in the in-house retreat that focuses on the strengths and weaknesses of St. John; her mission, vision, and values; her strategic priorities; short and long-term goal setting, and shared tasks (*communications and calendaring*) related to our life together. This is exciting – please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

MORE DETAILS TO COME - WATCH YOUR SUNDAY BULLETINS!

NEW MEMBER INSTRUCTION

coming soon...

Persons interested in learning Lutheran Doctrine (*drawn from the Bible*) and becoming members of St. John Lutheran (or a neighboring Church), or those who would like a refresher in the course, are encouraged to be part of the New Member class (*time and date coming soon*). If you have questions, please contact Pastor Jim (*office: 398-7151*).

TAKE PICTURES...

August is a busy month. This is a reminder to take pictures of events and happenings for the 2025 Annual Report! What is nice to have are the everyday pictures – Bible Studies, visiting/socializing, classroom, meetings, including fun and funny pics are just a few ideas. Keep in mind this fall as we begin Sunday school and other activities through December.

BIBLE STUDIES...*Calling All Women!*

Mark your calendars for a Women's Bible Study planning meeting on **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, AT 6:00 P.M.** at the church. Bring your ideas and thoughts.

Calling All Men!

On **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, AT 6:00 P.M.** there will be a Men's Bible Study planning meeting at the church. Our goal is to plan out the next year's schedule.

CONGREGATIONAL GODPARENT ·UPDATE

God's children are precious gifts entrusted to us. A Congregational Godparent is a congregational member who, alongside parents and baptismal sponsors, helps support a baptized child of St. John on their Christian journey. This support can be as simple as praying regularly for the child or as involved as actively engaging with the child and family in everyday life. If you'd like to learn more about the program, or sign up, please see Dale Marohn or Renee Frauendienst. We have a list of children who still need a match - Prayerfully consider becoming a Congregational Godparent!

For those who have already signed up,
please watch for more details about **"MATCH DAY"** during Sunday School Round-Up!

Reminder! COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

To help brighten your college student's day, Ministry of Mercy's Coordinator, Jenny Jacobs, offers to send students attending a secondary school a package reminding them of God's love and that their church family also cares for them. If you have a college student and would like a care package sent to him or her, please provide their name and address or updated address as soon as possible to Jenny or the church office.

jeffjenjacobs@gmail.com | stjohnskimball@gmail.com

ST JOHN RUTH GUILD MISSION

AUGUST MISSION: Mercy Orphanage Adoption | **Next Meeting Date: September 16 at 5:00 PM**

MUSICIAN NEEDED

If you know of someone who is available to serve on a full or part time basis as pianist for Worship services, please contact Pastor Gimbel, an Elder, or call the church office (320) 398-7151.

SNEAK PEAK

Coming this FALL, St John is having a book fair. You will have the opportunity to review an assortment of children's Bibles and possibly some other books as well. Great gift ideas! *More details to come....*

PORK CHOP DINNER & SILENT AUCTION**SEPTEMBER 6**

Watch your Sunday bulletin for more details...start thinking about your donations and help is always needed.

IN OUR PRAYERS

- ❖ Marilyn Rosenow
- ❖ Deb Kampa
- ❖ Bob Lange
- ❖ Jacob Kuseske
- ❖ Sister churches:
Concordia & St. Paul's while they begin the CALL process.

**CALENDAR
EVENTS/MTGS****EVANGELISM****AUGUST 6 | 12:00 PM****MONDAY WORSHIP****AUGUST 11 | 6:00 PM****TRUSTEE****AUGUST 12 | 6:00 PM****COUNCIL****AUGUST 14 | 7:00 PM****CONFIRMATION SESSION****AUGUST 17 | 11:30 AM****EDUCATION****AUGUST 19 | 5:30 PM****ELDERS | YOUTH GROUP****AUGUST 20
5:30 PM | 6:00 PM****PARISH PLANNING****"Retreat"****AUGUST 22-23 | TBD****CONSIDER THESE CONVENIENT WAYS TO**

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**SEASON OF SUMMER
2025**

*We pray God will continue
to bless St. John's through
your offerings.*

*Please see the charts above the
water fountains by the mailboxes
showing our year to date and
monthly income and expenses.*

For questions or concerns please
contact Gina Guggisberg:

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THANK YOU.**GREETER Schedule****AUGUST:**

- 3 Olivia & (Joseph) Asfeld family
- 10 Bonnie & (Mike) Kramer
- 17 Steve Wills & Jacob Kuseske
- 24 Tim & Trudy Maurer family
- 31 Craig & Karen Gebhardt
LABOR DAY WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER:

- 7 Lucas & Anne Runke family
- 14 Michael & Jill Grunewald family
- 21 Leah (Christopher) Merten FAMILY
- 28 Jeffry & Gayle Kazeck