



The St. Johns Servant

St. Johns
Lutheran Church

Park Rapids, Minnesota

August, 2022

Newtons Heading to St. Paul, Ankeny, Iowa



Sunday, July 3, Pastor Newton announced that he has accepted the call to St. Paul in Ankeny, Iowa and will be leaving us. Pastor Newton will preach his farewell sermon on July 31 and there will be a reception between services.

St. Paul is a congregation about the same size as St. Johns. Ankeny is a suburb of Des Moines and about 4 1/2 hours from both sets of parents. Pastor Newton will serve as associate pastor, working with a former classmate from Concordia Seminary.

We pray God's continued blessings on the Newtons as they move to Ankeny to serve the Lord there.



What Will Happen Here at St. Johns?

The Elders and Parish Planning Council will meet to look at our options. In the meantime, we will need volunteers to help fill the void left by the Newtons for youth activities, confirmation, release time classes, etc. Please consider volunteering and also keep our congregation in your prayers as we look to the future and what God has planned for us.

RedHawks Trip



St. Johns LLL is sponsoring a church bus trip to take in a Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks baseball game on Tuesday evening, August 2. All people —men, women and children— interested in going should contact David Vik at 218-732-0475 or the church office. The cost will be \$20 for ticket and bus ride. The bus will leave St. Johns at 5:00 p.m. and return around 10:30 p.m.

Join Us for Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will take place Sunday, August 7 through Thursday, **August 11. This year we're doing VBS in the evening again from 5:30—8:00 p.m.** VBS is open to all kids age 4 through 6th grade. There is a \$5 registration fee with a cap of \$10 per family. You can register online at our website, www.stjohnspr.org, call the church office at 732-9783 or pick up a registration form at church.





Noon Services Continue This Month

This is a shorter service (about half hour) with usually about 15-20 in attendance. The **pastor serves communion to worshipers in the pew so you don't have to navigate the steps to the altar. Check next month's newsletter to see if we'll continue into the fall.**

August Noon Concerts

August 4 "No Rest for Pickers" Bluegrass Band: Joel Verschay (guitar, vocals), Aiden Larson (mandolin and vocals), John Pfaff (bass), Corey Campbell (banjo), Sawyer Corcoran (fiddle, mandolin) at Calvary

August 11 Kaitlyn Huhta (piano) at Hubbard Methodist

August 18 Brass Group: Kyle Riess (trumpet), Alyssa Konecne (trombone) Jeff Johnson (bass trombone), Eve Sumsy (horn), Scott Guidry (trumpet) at Calvary

August 25 Bob Madeson (euphonium), Tyler Bublitz (drums) and Sarah Carlson (piano) at Calvary



Concerts run from 12:15—12:45 p.m. A free will offering is taken for the artists.

Ladies Aid Picnic



All ladies are invited to attend the Ladies Aid potluck picnic here at St. Johns on Thursday, August 11 beginning at noon. We plan to meet in the picnic shelter unless **the weather is bad. Then we'll move to the social hall. Come enjoy some great food and fellowship!**

Sunday School Meet and Greet

Sunday School is hosting a meet and greet party for children in grades Pre-K thru 8 grade from noon-2:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 21 back by the picnic shelter. There will be a bounce house, dunk tank (very popular last year), popcorn, ice cream, cotton candy and more. Bring your children and meet their fellow students and teachers for the upcoming year!



Youth Heading to Evergreen Park



St. Johns youth, grades 5-12, will wrap up the summer with a trip to Evergreen Park on August 30. We will meet at church at 1:00 p.m. and return around 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$5 per attendee plus additional money if you would like to hit the snack bar or you can bring your own snacks.

Invite your friends for an exciting afternoon. Sign up by the church office.



Stewardship Review—June

Avg. Sunday Worship Attendance: 192

Total Offerings: \$33,503	Avg. Weekly Offerings \$8,376	Total Offerings, June, 2021: \$37,067
Total Expenses: <u>\$39,257</u>	Avg. Weekly Expenses <u>\$9,814</u>	Total Expenses, June, 2021: <u>\$38,006</u>
Difference - \$ 5,754	Difference - \$1,438	Difference - \$939

Total Offerings, year to date: \$240,431	Budget/Week \$10,345
Total Expenses, year to date: <u>\$246,648</u>	Budget/Month \$44,827
Difference - \$ 6,217	

CNB Checkbook Balance as of 06/30/22: \$85,355	Our Healthy Balance Goal \$74,000
Less Dedicated Accounts - \$ <u>1,639</u>	Raised so far <u>\$57,550</u>
Difference \$83,716	Still need \$16,450

Front Entry Payable \$40,033

Two Big Events at Lutheran Island Camp This Month

On August 6 the camp will have their annual quilt auction. Viewing begins at 8:30 a.m. and the live auction starts at 10:30 a.m. There's also a silent auction and food!

On August 13 there's a big celebration planned for LIC's 70th birthday from 1:00—4:00 p.m. The fun includes open beach, games, snacks for purchase and a professional juggler! Visit their website at www.islandcamp.org for more details.

What's On The Lutheran Hour

08/07 "These Are Not Our Kind of People"
 08/14 "Everything Is So Expensive"
 08/21 "Facing the Worst"
 08/28 "The Vision We Need"

Listen to the Lutheran Hour every Sunday on KPRM 870 AM at 9:30 a.m. or KTIG 102.7 FM at 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. You can also listen on Sirius XM Family Talk Channel 131, Sundays at 9:00 a.m. or any time on SENTRadio at lhm.org/sentradio.

The Lutheran Laymen's League sponsors the program on KPRM each Sunday. If you would like to help sponsor the program your gift may be placed in the offering and earmarked "Local Lutheran Hour."



† Funeral

07/07 Robert (Bob) Wagner





Scenes from the National Youth Gathering





“Main Street Living North” for August

“MAIN STREET LIVING” is a locally produced TV program that includes a 30 minute worship service led by participating pastors of the Minnesota North and North Dakota Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30 minute Lutheran Hour program (normally “**This Is the Life,**” along with occasional church season specials). Programs are broadcast at 9:00 a.m. central time on FOX station KVRN Fargo-Moorhead Channel 15.1. Or you can watch archived episodes any time on their website at www.mainstreetliving.com (then click on “North (Fargo).”



Here’s the programs for August:

August 7: Rev. Matthew Tooman, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wahpeton, ND, presents the message: “**Myopia Gives Way to Faith in Jesus**” based on Luke 12:22-40. **This Is The Life**” program: “**No Laughing Matter**” - A woman must learn to deal with her past in order to help someone else in her present.

August 14: Rev. Daniel Larsen, **St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Wabasso, MN**, presents the message: “**Heresy**” based on Jeremiah 23:16-29. **This Is The Life**” program: “**My Husband, My Sorrow**” - A man and woman must deal with whether they should consummate an adulterous affair.

August 21: Rev. Christopher Brademeyer, **St. John’s Lutheran Church, Oakes, ND**, presents the message: “**The Offices Christ Bestows**” based on I Corinthians 12:1-11. “**This Is The Life**” program: “**The Cup**” - A trucker faces a dilemma when a good friend dies trying to protect him.

August 28: Rev. Kent Borglum, St. John Lutheran Church, Montevideo, MN, presents the message: “**Angels Unaware**” based on Hebrews 13:1-2. “**This Is The Life**” program: “**Stranger at the Door**” - Having given up a baby for adoption 22 years before, a man shows up on a woman’s steps saying he is looking for his mother.



If your cable doesn’t have KVRN, you can watch a different version (different pastors, mainly from Minnesota South) on WFTC out of the Twin Cities, Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Main Street Living receives no money from the Synod or any District budgets so donations are appreciated. To help support the ministry, send your check to Main Street Living, 821 5th Ave. S., Fargo, ND 58103.





Sunday School Page

Superior BANANA SPLIT

Fruit and yogurt combine for this healthy take on a sweet treat.



What you need:

- Bananas
- Plain Greek yogurt
- Assorted berries and fruit
- Granola
- Honey

What you do:

1. Using a butter knife, split the banana in half lengthwise. Lay the halves open in a bowl.
2. Add several dollops of yogurt atop the banana halves.
3. Arrange other fruit, such as berries and grapes.
4. Top the banana split with a sprinkle of granola and a drizzle of honey. Enjoy!

PUZZLE

Fruit or false



Spotting true fruits can be tricky. Thankfully, it's much easier to spot the fruit of the Spirit.



Directions: Determine whether each item is a fruit or vegetable and circle the correct letter. Then insert the letters in order below to complete the verses.

	Fruit	Vegetable		Fruit	Vegetable
Apple	V	P	Pepper	O	U
Carrot	E	O	Spinach	R	S
Tomato	Y	R	Watermelon	H	P
Grape	C	F	Broccoli	G	N
Eggplant	T	D	Pumpkin	T	Y
Celery	I	N	Pear	F	C
Banana	K	M	Asparagus	L	R
Cucumber	N	W			

But the fruit of the Spirit is lo__e, j___, pea__e,
pa__ie__ce, __ind__ess, go__dne__s,
fait__ful__ess, gen__leness, sel__-cont__ol.

GALATIANS 5:22-23, ESV

Answer: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control



8/18 Hannah Arola
8/18 Neveah Etter
8/24 Nicklaus Sowers

Baptismal Birthdays

8/14 Khloe May
8/27 Knox LeGrand
8/28 Bonnie LeGrand





ABC Preschool News

It's back to school time again and ABC Preschool is "bear-y" excited to welcome back preschoolers to the den!! Very soon the young cubs will be coming in and the school will be once again filled with laughter and learning. This year we are beginning with a Teddy Bear Picnic! The last few years have been filled with uncertainty as we questioned returning to school **and trying to keep things as "normal" as we could. As usual, ABC was up to** the challenge and we had another very successful year!! We keep our classes smaller, use the extra spaces throughout the church to spread out and take advantage of the wonderful outdoor spaces that allow for nature-based learning. **We make adjustments to the class routines and structure, but don't** change the content we teach and the manner in which all children are loved and cared for. As always, the children at ABC receive a Christian-based education through structured and non-structured activities. The word of God is taught and modeled every day!!



To proceed with our mission, ABC needs your financial and spiritual support. Please keep the school, staff, families, and children in your prayers as we teach and train young learners. In the past, St. Johns members have been very generous in providing school supplies to help reduce costs. Again this year, there will be a school supply board up at church with tags that list items that are needed. Back-to-school supplies are more than crayons and glue. Please carefully read the tag that lists the exact item, amount **and size desired. Please don't substitute!! If you cannot find an item, please let Kim know. Please return items to church before Sunday, August 21. Thank you for your help in making ABC a "bear-y" fun place to learn!**

ABC will have an Open House and Registration Day on Wednesday, August 17 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 5:00-7:00 p.m.

We have a few openings at ABC for children ages 3-5. Classes meet 2, 3, 4 or 5 days per week throughout the school year (September through May). Members of St. Johns pay no registration fee. Financial assistance is available. Call the office for more information or check us out at abcpreschoolpr.com. We also have a Facebook page where you can see learning in action!!

The COVID 19 pandemic and our current economy have been hard on all people and especially hard on families with young children and their ability to financially afford a private school education. We want to be able to offer financial assistance to help cover tuition and transportation costs. Please consider donating to the scholarship fund so we are able to offer help. A full scholarship is \$428 for the year. Full or partial scholarships are greatly appreciated! If you want to help with the general operations of the program, please make note of it on your donation as scholarship funds are different than operational funds.



Please remember to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to ABC Preschool. Your dollars go directly toward the ministry of ABC Preschool which helps prepare young children socially, emotionally, spiritually, and academically for future schooling. Thrivent donations go toward maintaining and replacing large equipment and learning materials. The replacement of larger items is not usually written into the yearly budget. Your dollars go a long way in helping to keep the preschool up to date and helping to create an excellent learning environment for young children.



St. Johns
Lutheran Church

803 West First Street
Park Rapids, MN 56470

Phone: 218-237-9783
Fax: 218-237-9785
Website: www.stjohnspr.org

Pastor James Neubauer



The Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod

Nonprofit Organization
U.S. Postage
Park Rapids, Minnesota
Permit No. 6

Address Service Requested

Inside this issue:

<i>Newtons Heading to St. Paul, Ankeny, IA</i>	1
<i>What Will Happen Here at St. Johns?</i>	1
<i>RedHawks Trip</i>	1
<i>Join Us for Vacation Bible School</i>	1
<i>Noon Services Continue This Month</i>	2
<i>August Noon Concerts</i>	2
<i>Ladies Aid Picnic</i>	2
<i>Sunday School Meet and Greet</i>	2
<i>Youth Heading to Evergreen Park</i>	2
<i>Stewardship Review</i>	3
<i>Two Big Events at Lutheran Island Camp This Month</i>	3
What's On The Lutheran Hour	3
<i>Funeral</i>	3
<i>Highlights from the National Youth Gathering</i>	4
<i>Main Street Living for August</i>	5
<i>Sunday School Page</i>	6
<i>ABC Preschool News</i>	7



4 years old - 6th Grade
\$5 registration per student
with a \$10 cap per family
St. Johns Lutheran Church
Park Rapids, MN
www.stjohnspr.org + 218-732-9783
Stop in or go to our website for details.