



June Newsletter

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THE EUCATASTROPHE OF THE RESURRECTION

He is Risen!

The echoes of that most excellent Easter proclamation is still ringing in my ears! This year's Holy Week, for me, was particularly powerful. Packed services, powerful imagery and symbols, and the proclamations of the Triduum, energized me and stirred my soul.

And yet, we live in a world that often mocks our confession of who Christ is and what he did. They mock the crucifixion of Jesus as pathetic weakness. They laugh at our insistence of a resurrection Christ. To them, we are believers of fairy tales and myths-weak minded and unintellectual.

And, indeed, the story of Jesus is mythical and fantastical in nature! In fact, it shares an important feature with fairy tales. Just ask Tolkien.

J.R.R. Tolkien, of The Hobbit and Lord of the Rings fame, was a master storyteller, and a deliberately intentional one! In explaining his use of "fairy stories," Tolkien coined a new term: "eucatastrophe." A eucatastrophe, for Tolkien, is "the consolation of fairy-stories, the joy of the happy ending: or more correctly of the good catastrophe, the sudden joyous 'turn.'" A eucatastrophe is Gandalf arriving with reinforcements to save the day, or the Eagles swooping in to turn the tide.

But the joy of the eucatastrophe goes beyond fairy stories. It is also an apt description of the greatest

story ever told, the true story of God. Tolkien explains, "The birth of Christ is the eucatastrophe of man's history. The Resurrection is the eucatastrophe of the Incarnation. This story begins and ends in joy."

I think of the catastrophe that I regularly experience in my life and in this world. From school shootings, natural disasters, political division, selfishness, greed, and so much more, it is easy to lose hope, to despair. But there is an incarnation! There is a Good Friday! There is a Resurrection Day! It's a sudden joyous turn, a happy ending, a good catastrophe- for you!

So, Augustana District, continue with your foolish beliefs and even more foolish proclamation! The world needs to hear it, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, perhaps our witness to the great eucatastrophe can re-enchant the world!

Pastor Dave Wollan

Faith Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, MN

Quotations taken from: <https://jrrjolkien.substack.com/p/what-easter-has-to-do-with-fairy>

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Pastor Bennet's New Address:

Pr. Denton Bennet
3024 Echo Park Drive
Castle Rock, CO 80104

June Church Calendar

Thursday, June 1

5:30PM The Kitchen Table Meal

Sunday, June 4 (Holy Communion)

9:00AM Worship
10:00AM Coffee & fellowship
1:30PM Ark Encounter Trip Mtg.

Tuesday, June 6

9:00AM Quilting

Wednesday, June 7

4:30PM Prayer Time

Thursday, June 8

5:30PM The Kitchen Table Meal

Sunday, June 11

9:00AM Worship
10:00AM Coffee & fellowship
5:30PM VBS @ St Pauls Lutheran Church

Monday, June 12

5:30PM VBS @ St Pauls Lutheran Church

Tuesday, June 13

3:00-5:00PM Pro-Kinship
5:30PM VBS @ St Pauls Lutheran Church

Wednesday, June 14

4:30PM Prayer Time
7:00PM Church council
5:30PM VBS @ St Pauls Lutheran Church

Thursday, June 15: Newsletter Deadline

5:30PM The Kitchen Table Meal
5:30PM VBS @ St Pauls Lutheran Church
6:30PM WoW

Friday, June 16

2:00PM Bingo @ St. John's Home

Sunday, June 18 (Holy Communion)

9:00AM Worship
10:00AM Coffee & fellowship

Tuesday, June 20

10:00AM Fran Bast Funeral

Wednesday, June 21

4:30 PM Prayer Time

Thursday, June 22

5:30PM The Kitchen Table Meal

Sunday, June 25

10:00AM Worship at Riverside Park

Tuesday, June 27

3:00-5:00PM Pro-Kinship

Wednesday, June 28

4:30 PM Prayer Time

Thursday, June 29

5:30PM The Kitchen Table Meal

June Worship Helpers

June 4 (Holy Communion)

Lay Readers..... Brenda Krieger
Com Asst..... Gabby Anderson / Russell Beers
Acolytes Thomas Beers
Birthday Reader Gabby Anderson

June 11

Lay Reader Sue Anderson
Acolytes Preston Anderson
Birthday Reader Brooklyn Petersen

June 18 (Holy Communion)

Lay Reader TJ Smith
Com Asst Emma Hauger / Easton Jensen
Acolytes Olivia Milbrath
Birthday Reader Emma Hauger

June 25 at Riverside Park

Lay Reader NA
Acolytes NA
Birthday Reader NA

JUNE USHER

✝ Josh Anderson



The Ark and Creation Museum Trip August 7-10, 2023

On **June 4** we will have a meeting at **1:30PM at St Johns Lutheran Church**.
The deposit due at this time for a guaranteed seat.



2023 WOW Gathering

Saturday, September 16, 2023

hosted by
St. John's Lutheran Church
Springfield, MN



"Behold God is my salvation I will trust and will not be afraid for the Lord God is my strength and my song and he has become my salvation."

~ Isaiah 12:2

The Augustana District Women of the Word (WOW) will be holding their 2023 Fall Gathering at St. John's Lutheran Church on September 16. The Gathering gives women from various churches within the district an opportunity to get together to hear good speakers and get to know what is happening in other churches.

This year the speakers will be Pastor Erica Varcoe of The Table Ministry in Sioux Falls, SD. and Pastor Jennifer Bennet, the wife of Pastor Denton Bennet. The verse they will be digging into is Isaiah 12:
2. Faith over fear and transformation will be the themes. Last year the Fall Gathering was held at Hope Lutheran in Comfrey and next year it will be held in Hutchinson. About 60-75 women attend throughout of the district. Churches in New York, Ohio, and Minnesota have "attended" the Gathering through Zoom.

A group of women from St. John's have been working on this year's Fall Gathering but it will require more women to make this a success. The Women of St. John's includes all women who are members of the church, whether you were part of a circle or the group that has been meeting once a month for the past year. We will need help in various areas and that's where you come in.

The Fall Gathering begins at 8:00 AM with Registration and Coffee and ends around 3:00 PM. At noon a lunch will be served. At previous gatherings, the women that serve the food seem to miss out on some of the activities. SO, we will also be asking men and Luther Leaguers to help with the serving and cleaning up after coffee and lunch.

There is a sign up sheet on the board by the offices in the fellowship hall. We have divided the areas we need help into:

1. Food E
2. Exhibitors
3. Registration Packets
4. Decorations
5. Clean-Up 6. Greeters and Ushers

It would be greatly appreciated if you would check the board and sign up where you feel you would fit.

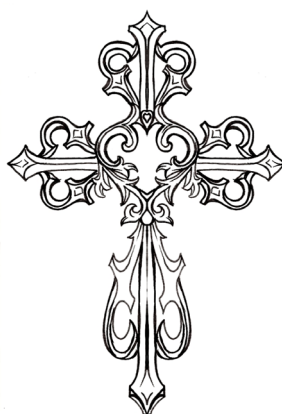
Please save the date of September 16, 2023 and join us for this wonderful opportunity to hear God's Word and fellowship with women from other churches and show the hospitality of St. John's Women.

Registration is now open at
www.augustanadistrict.org/church/women-of-the-word



Memorial Service for Fran Bast will be on June 20th at 10:00am. Fran's family would enjoy visiting with her St. John's and Springfield friends, for those who would like to attend.

Note: Group 2 is serving for Fran's memorial service.



MEMORIAL GIFT

A \$20.00 memorial has been given in memory of Kermit Kjolhaug.

BURGER BLAST!



JUNE 7TH, 2023

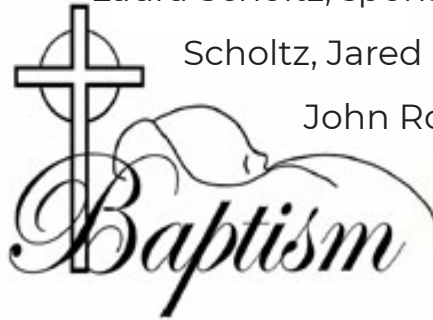
**Serving 11:00AM - 1:00PM
and
4:30PM - 6:30PM**

Where: Springfield Community Center

This is a fundraiser for
Springfield Area Nativity Pageant.
Please plan to attend!

Blessings

Baptism of Mya Leona Scholtz was
May 7, 2023. Parents are Chris and
Laura Scholtz, sponsors are Emily
Scholtz, Jared Radcliffe, and
John Rosenhammer.



**SPRINGFIELD
RIVERSIDE DAYS
JUNE 21-25, 2023**



What do Quilting & Baseball have in common?

We don't know, but we do need your help! Are you going to a Twins game? Would you be willing to take quilts to Sharing Hands (Mary Jo Kappland)? The location is close by the stadium. Call Arliss Petersen (763-6694) or Marion Thorston (723-5509).

Please consider helping if you can!



Nursing Home Bingo is the
3rd Friday of every month.

Volunteers can sign up on the
lists by the offices.

May God bless you all with
good health, good fortune
and lots of love on your
special day!



June 2

Adam & Samantha Hesse
Ted & Carolyn Anderson

June 9

Justin & Lisa Kieper
Troy & Hilary Paplow

June 13

Charles & Janelle Tews

June 16

David & Lori Milbrath

June 17

Richard & Arliss Petersen

June 18

Kent & Ann Moe
David & Lacy Krueger

June 20

Todd & Ashley Anderson

June 21

Steve Mark & Becky Wandersee

June 22

Brian & Ashley Schwarzrock

June 23

Scott & Gwen Thoreson
Jacob & Caralyn Kieper

June 26

Mike & Kari Hensch
Darrell & Becky Nielson
Dennis & Jean Youngerberg

June 28

Dan & Jennifer Eberhard



Thank you, Lori Milbrath for
providing our birthday and
anniversary lists.

June 1

Lindsey Kettner
Alayna Beyer

June 2

Jaden Hornick

June 3

David Milbrath
Sandy Runck
Joy Wells

June 5

Gabby Anderson
Jacob Kieper
Anne Schultz

June 6

Jodi Dalsgaard
David Krueger
Kelsey Nylander-Walker

June 7

Evan Anderson
Isaac Anderson

June 8

June Anderson

June 9

Lynn Hansen
Nick Yokiel

June 10

Kymberlee Segura
Tim (TJ) Smith

June 11

Kim Shoen

June 12

Conner Schmitt

June 14

Joseph Anderson

June 15

Rilee Schmitt



June 17

Merle Krueger
Olivia Milbrath
Takaius Strei

June 18

Avery Wenisch
Josh Hesse
Zach Bisel

June 19

Jane Thram

June 20

Joan Carruthers

June 21

Brayden Nath

June 23

Melanie Cook

June 24

Emily Augustin
Kyle Thoreson

June 28

Scott Hesse
Colette Kaup
Stephen Seaberg

June 30

Marian Jensen

St. John's Lutheran Church – Church Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

In attendance: Andrew Hauger, Rod Smith, Brian Meier, Sue Anderson, Todd Wells, Chris Petersen, Tracie Berg, Brenda Krieger, Chad Thram, David Milbrath and Adam Beers

Absent: Kari Scholtz, April Beyer, & Pastor Denton Bennet

Called to order by Andrew Hauger at 8:17 pm.

Brian Meier opened the meeting with a prayer.

Secretary's Report: 1) No additions or corrections. m/s/c Sue Anderson/Rod Smith

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Andrew Hauger.

1) Bank accounts as of March 31, 2023:

a. General account \$69,972.87;

b. Dedicated account \$99,036.23.

m/s/c Adam Beers /Brian Meier

Board of Education Report:

1) No report provided.

Board of Trustees' Report: Presented by Andrew Hauger.

1) Reviewed monthly financial statements and disbursements.

2) Discussion took place that St. John's Church may elect to no longer be the "clearing house" for the India Mission checks we receive. Andrew Hauger will contact Pastor Julie Smith to consider no longer accepting checks for this mission.

3) Hovland family will do the mowing for the church. Ahlness family will be mowing the cemeteries.

4) Andrew Hauger replaced the ceiling tiles that were replaced from the past water damage.

5) Blinds were put on the NW door to help the choir director for sun blind.

6) Electric heaters are being checked. Electrician has not returned Andrew's previous contact.

7) Chris Peterson cleaned up the library clutter.

8) Numbers on the hymnal board are in need of being replaced.

Board of Deacons' Report:

1) Communion assignments for April are:

a. 5/7- Brenda Krieger set-up, Todd Wells & Adam Beers to assist.

b. 5/21 Rod Smith set-up, Brenda Krieger & Sue Anderson/Todd Wells to assist.

2) Regarding membership changes for the month of March:

a. Baptisms: 0

b. Transfers in: 0

c. Transfers out: 0

d. Funerals (visitation): 1 - Renee Jensen (visitation only)

e. Inactive list: 0

f. Removal- by request: 0

g. Requested membership: 2- Adam Anderson & Karley Zarn

3) Statistic change/events for March 2023

a. Baptism: Evan Tyrone Anderson and Isaac Theodore Anderson- postponed.

b. Baptism: Mya Leona Scholtz - May 7th - Adam Beers to assist

Pastor's Report: Presented by Pastor Andrew Hauger

- 1) Pastor will be back to lead the service on 4/16/23.
- 2) Fran Bast passed away – Memorial service will take place in June.

Discussions:

- 1) Stewardship & Evangelism: No report provided.
- 2) Worship and Music: Comments were that the students that played horns did an excellent job during the Easter service.
- 3) Children, Youth, and Families:
 - a. Easter breakfast was a success both in terms of turnout and financially supported.
- 4) Ark Encounter trip has less than 30 people going and 30 attendees are needed for a bus to be “rented” to go.

Discussion about different communication means took place that could draw more interested attendees.

Old Business:

- 1) Sound board donation: Dave Milbrath will talk with Steve Anderson to see if he can give his evaluation toward the projector/sound project.
- 2) Inactive membership plan: Rod Smith and Brian Meier will be meeting later this spring/summer to construct a letter to be sent out. m/s/c Rod Smith/Chris Petersen
- 3) Pictorial Directory: This will occur during the week of 8/14(Tuesday-Saturday) for those that can't attend will be able to submit a picture.

New Business:

- 1) None

Closing Prayer: Lord's Prayer

Adjourn: m/s/c All

Next meeting: May 10th @ 8:00pm.

Secretary, Adam Beers



23rd Annual Gathering & Convention Oct 1-4, 2023 in St Charles, MO.

We are looking for 2 delegates. If interested, please call the church office at 507-723-5397 or email sjlcspringfieldmn@gmail.com.

Confirmation Students



May 21, 2023



Taya Lynn Beyer
Daughter of Jason & April Beyer Verse: Psalm 119:50
Sponsors: Jeff & Michelle Nelson
Nathan & Jamie Rohlik

Jaden Harley Hornick
Son of Nicole Van DeKieft & Steve Hornick Verse:
Romans 15:13
Sponsors: Marty & Jenny Berg, Jenny Roth

Isaac Curtis Fredin
Son of Adam & Maggie Meyer Verse: Isaiah 41:10
Sponsors: Mitch Fredin,
Marty & Cassie Ray

Grady William Korkemeier
Son of Joe & Roxanne Korkemeier Verse: Psalm 118:1
Sponsors: Ben & Vicki Korkemeier

Aubree Caroline Paplow
Daughter of Troy & Hilary Paplow Verse: Joshua 1:9
Sponsors: Nick & Laurie Smith
Ken & Faith Johnson

Katie Jane Thram
Daughter of Chad & Jane Thram Verse: Philippians 4:13
Sponsors: Nick & Kristie Yokiel
Trent & Amy Moe
Ted & Carolyn Anderson



There are many announcements on the bulletin boards so please take a look!



Church



Directory

SAVE THE DATES

St. Johns Lutheran Church
Church Photo Directory

Photos will be taken August 15 - 19, 2023

We'd like as many members as possible to have photos taken. Each family receives one 8x10 photo free.

The only cost is if you submit a photo or order a photo package. Please plan to participate.

Worship in the Park



YOU ARE INVITED TO COMMUNITY WORSHIP DURING RIVERSIDE DAYS!

DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

PLACE: RIVERSIDE PARK SHELTER #3

Riverside Park is located on S. Cass Ave. Just over the bridge in Springfield.

With Music from Gospel Express and other local musicians!

**THE OFFERING WILL BE DONATED TO
THE SPRINGFIELD AREA FOOD EMERGENCY PROGRAM.**

PLEASE BRING A LAWN CHAIR OR BLANKET
A few extra chairs will be available - first come, first served.

Camping visitors, families, and friends are all welcome!



Let's Get Together!

Saturday, June 10, 2023

10:00AM • Bethany Lutheran Church • Storden

Patricia is a retired LCMC pastor. She served as co-pastor with her husband Tim in Comfrey, Minnesota at the time of the "tornado". Music is her passion. She plays guitar, piano, and writes her own songs. She has recorded three CD's. She loves to sing and share the good news about Jesus!

Some of us heard her speak last year at the annual WOW convention in Comfrey. She was so awesome we wanted everyone to have the chance to meet her, and to be inspired and enlightened by her message.



Serving: Hot Chicken Croissant sandwiches, fresh fruit, pasta salad, cupcakes, nut cups, mints & punch.

\$15.00 /ticket

Tickets available at:

- First Security Bank, Storden
- Storden City Hall, Karla Nelson
- Any WOW member

- Vicky Missling: 507-822-3751
- Tina Meier at Dray Line: 507-381-3972



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NEEDED FOOD SHELF ITEMS

Items that are needed at the food shelf are Apple, cranberry combinations, and grape juice in 64 oz. containers, baking products such as brown sugar, frosting, cake/cookie mixes and any other baking items. Breakfast bars, variety of spaghetti sauces, small cans of coffee, instant oatmeal variety packs, fruit snacks for kids, fruit cups for kids and adults, toothpaste, cereals. Anything we receive we will use in the food shelf as long as the expiration date is OK.

Feel free to contact or call Shari Koll at 507-227-0386 if you have questions. You may also contact Dave Carruthers with questions at 507-276-6679. You may also leave a message on the food shelf phone 507-723-3663, and we will call you back.

If you prefer to make a monetary donation instead of donating food item then drop in an envelope. Send to:

Springfield Area Food Shelf
PO Box 15
Springfield, MN 56087

A heart felt thank You to all who support the local food shelf. Clients really do appreciate all the groceries they receive. We couldn't do this without your generosity.

