

August Newsletter

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Why do we hide from God?

There are all kinds of answers to this question. Coming from a large family there was always someone in hiding. Was it because they had done something wrong?

There was a special "only made for you" work detail? Had they witnessed someone doing wrong and did not want to get involved?

On the track of life, hey if God stays in his lane I won't bother him and He won't bother me.

My way is so much better than God's way I can justify and defend what I did because I'm building a relationship with God.

Maybe we want to follow God at a distance, "you do the heavy lifting" I'll be there to support you and at the end give me the ball to score the last point. In Matthew 26:58 Jesus is arrested in Gethsemane and Peter follows at a distance.

In Genesis we read "I heard the sound in the garden and I was afraid" We can not hide from God but we

still try. Maybe its time for us to look beyond the walls of our church and see what God might want us to do. Have you ever bought someones groceries, fixed their window, gave them a ride. These acts of kindness shows God that you would give of yourself as God sent His only Son to die for our sins.

If you go out to eat did you buy another parties meal?

Our God is loving and patient and kind, slow to anger, quick to show mercy. Our God is just and righteous but He is also forgiving. Our God is generous and compassionate. He is the provider for us.

⁵⁸ And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end.

~Matthew 26:58

He brings us peace and we can not come close to Him without accepting and believing and doing the things His Son did for us.

In Christ,
Pastor Roger Godfredsen

Need pastoral assistance or to speak with Pastor Roger? He can be reached by calling the church Wednesday or Thursday at 507-723-5397 or you can contact him on his cell phone 712-330-1829.



Blessing of the Backpacks

Blessings of the Backpacks will be August 20th. Pre-K and

Kindergartners are invited to bring in their backpacks for a special blessing. There will also be a blessing for all students and school staff.

Brown County Backpack Program, they are in need of the following items: Elmer's Glue 4oz Bottles, Crayola 24 ct Crayons, Crayola Broad Tip Markers, Crayola Colored Pencils, Glue Sticks, Large Pink Erasers, Pencil Top Erasers, Fine Tip Sharpie Markers, Rolls of Scotch Tape, Dry Erase Markers, Composition Notebooks, 1" 3 Ring Binders, Fiskars Kid Scissors, Spiral Notebooks, 2-Pocket Folders, Hand Sanitizer, Highlighters, Post-it Notes, #2 Pencils, Facial Tissues. Locations to drop off are at Allina Clinic Springfield, F&M Bank, Southpoint Financial, Springfield United Methodist Church and St Pauls Lutheran Church



August Church Calendar

Tuesday, August 1

9:00AM` Quilting

Wednesday, August 2

4:30PM Prayer Time

Thursday, August 3

9:00AM Bible Study
5:30-6:30PM Kitchen Table Ministry

Sunday, August 6 (Holy Communion)

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

Tuesday, August 8

3:00-5:00PM Pro-Kinship

Wednesday, August 9

4:30PM Prayer Time
7:00PM Council Meeting

Thursday, August 10

9:00AM Bible Study
5:30-6:30PM Kitchen Table Ministry

Sunday, August 13

9:00AM Worship Service
11:30AM 2nd Annual Picnic @ Shelter 3
Riverside Park

Tuesday, August 15

2 - 8:30pm Pictures

Wednesday, August 16

2 - 8:30pm Pictures
4:30PM Prayer Time

Thursday, August 17

9:00AM Bible Study
2 - 8:30pm Pictures
5:30 - 6:30PM Kitchen Table Ministry
6:30 PM. WOW

Friday, August 18

2 - 8:30pm Pictures
2:00 PM Bingo @ St. Johns Home

Saturday, August 19

10:30AM - 5PM Pictures

Sunday, August 20 (Holy Communion)

9:00AM Worship w Blessing of the Backpacks
10:00AM Coffee & fellowship

Tuesday, August 22

3:00-5:00PM Pro-Kinship
6:30PM Worship & Music Committee

Wednesday, August 23

4:30PM Prayer Time

Thursday, August 24 - Newsletter Deadline!

9:00 AM Bible Study
5:30-6:30PM Kitchen Table Ministry

Sunday, August 27

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

Tuesday, August 29

3:00-5:00PM Pro-Kinship

Wednesday, August 30

4:30PM Prayer Time

Thursday, August 31

9:00 AM Bible Study
5:30-6:30PM Kitchen Table Ministry

Reminder:

Worship and Music Committee is meeting
August 22 at 6:30 p.m.



August Worship Helpers

August 6 (Holy Communion)

Lay Readers..... Karen Shiveley
Com Asst..... Blaine Anderson, Ted Anderson
AcolytesJalyn Louwagie
Birthday ReaderGrady Korkemeier

August 13

Lay Reader TBD
AcolytesJalyn Louwagie
Birthday Reader Brady Anderson

August 20 (Holy Communion)

Lay Reader TBD
Com Asst..... Erika Wells , Lucas Milbrath
AcolytesJalyn Louwagie
Birthday Reader Erika Wells

August 27

Lay Reader TBD
AcolytesJalyn Louwagie
Birthday Reader TBD

LAY READERS ARE NEEDED, CAN YOU SPARE 1 SUNDAY?

AUGUST USHER

Curt Frederiksen

Women of the Word



2023 WOW GATHERING

Saturday, September 16, 2023

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



We are so grateful and rejoicing that we have the privilege to host our sisters in Christ for the WOW Gathering, but it takes a lot of hands to be a successful event and so we are asking each and every one of you to help us in anyway you can. This is such a spiritually uplifting day, and our goal is for all the women to attend and grow in their faith. As stated earlier we do need help, the sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall, so sign your name where you would like to serve. Registration forms are on the desk in the hallway, be sure to pick one up and get it sent back so you can come and enjoy the day with us!

Registration form is also available for download at www.augustanadistrict.org/church/women-of-the-word

Calling All Men and Students

The Women of St. John's is hosting the Augustana District Women of the Word Fall Gathering on Saturday, September 16 from 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM.

We would like the women of our congregation to be able to take part in the Gathering without being distracted by serving the muffins and coffee in the morning and lunch at noon. The food will be prepared and ready to be served. We are asking for willing men and students to serve and clean up in the morning from 8:00-9:30AM and 11:30AM - 1:30PM. There is a sign up sheet on the board in the back of the fellowship hall. The students that help will earn Community Service time.

***Tracie will be out of the office August 15 -18. Kayla will be in August 16 - 18.
If you are in need of assistance, please call and leave a message or email the church
and we will get back to you.***



Rally Day is Sunday September 10th at Browns Park with Worship at 10am, followed by a potluck meal and activities for all ages. This is our kickoff for the Sunday School year starting Sept 17, don't forget to bring a lawn chair! All Ages are Welcome.



Wish your St Johns Newsletter came sooner? Get on our email list! Just email St Johns at sjlcspringfieldmn@gmail.com With the subject line: "I want to have my newsletter emailed to me" and we will subscribe you to receive the newsletter digitally.

**50.00 WAS DONATED IN
MEMORY OF FRAN BAST.**

Happy Birthday!

August 2

Brandon Hacker
Tyler Petersen
Hannah Meyer
Emerson Kaup

August 4

Michaela Leonard

August 5

Kris Moe
Thomas Beers

August 6

Kari Scholtz
Kyar Haala

August 8

Caden Johnson

August 10

Sydney Hauger
Curt Kieper
Rowyn Hesse

August 11

Brandon Kettner
Scott Thoreson
Jason Beyer

August 12

Russ Parker

August 13

Renee Meine
Darlene Trapp

August 14

Joe Anderson
Lourie Jensen
Jenny Anderson

August 15

Darcy Hoyt
Noah Bisel

August 16

Sheldon Streich
Betsy Saffert
Lexi Anderson

August 17

Ryne Cummins

August 19

Paul Arnoldi
August Saffert
Cameron Halvorson

August 20

Caleb Hauger
Sydney Wahl
Jeff Groff

August 21

Andrew Hauger
Sophie Mude

August 22

Lori Milbrath

August 23

Amaira Brown
Grady Korkemeier
Emma Smith

August 24

Carter Augustin
Caleb Holles

August 25

Curt Saffert

August 26

Paxton Runk
Jackson Hillesheim
Bowen Eberhard
Jessica Haala

August 27

Sandy Hesse
Ken Moe
Lilly Kottke
Preston Anderson

August 28

Dan Herfurth

August 29

Abigail Meier

August 30

Charlotte Seidl

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

Happy Anniversary

August 1

Doug & Melanie Cook
Mark & Denise Hauger

August 2

Troy & Darcy Hoyt
Curt & Val Kieper

August 5

Gary & Lois Mattson
Jeremy & Tiffany Pierson

August 6

Jeff & Shari Ellefson
Jason & April Beyer

August 8

Dennis & Sally Anderson
Chad & Jane Thram

August 10

Stephen & Leah Swazee

August 11

Shane & Danielle Martin

August 13

Cory & Rachel Ahlness

August 15

Russ & Kim Anderson
Clair & Marian Thorston

August 17

Mitchell & Amber Anderson

August 18

Kris & Abby Moe

August 19

Rob & Becky Hillesheim

Jerry & Peggy Martius

August 25

Matt & Jenny Mude

August 29

Richard & Kelly Pierson

August 30

Phil & Phlayne Gill

August 31

Ron & Jenny Kettner

THANK YOU

Thank you, Lori Milbrath for providing our birthday and anniversary lists. Your help is very appreciated.

St. John's Lutheran Church – Church Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 14, 2023

In attendance:

Andrew Hauger, Rod Smith, Brian Meier, Sue Anderson, Chris Petersen, Tracie Berg, Brenda Krieger, Chad Thram, April Beyer, David Milbrath, and Adam Beers

Absent:

Todd Wells

Called to order by Andrew Hauger at 7:20 pm. Andrew Hauger opened the meeting with a prayer.

Secretary's Report:

No additions or corrections for the 5-31-23 meeting. One correction for the 5-10- 23 minutes was that the communion assignments were for 6/18 and not 6/21.

m/s/c Rod Smith/Sue Anderson

Treasurer's Report:

Presented by Andrew Hauger. 1) Bank accounts as May 31, 2023: General account

\$78,489.42; Dedicated account \$101,814.64. m/s/c Brian Meier /Chris Petersen

Board of Education Report:

Emailed update by April Beyer and presented by Andrew Hauger

1. Sunday School is on summer break.
2. Vacation Bible School is happening this week at St. Paul's Lutheran church(June 11-15).
3. Luther League is having a root beer float fundraiser during Riverside Days on Friday, June 23rd in the Springfield Market parking lot from 5-8 pm. Volunteers are needed!

Board of Trustees' Report: Presented by Andrew Hauger.

1. Reviewed monthly financial statements and disbursements.
2. Grub treatment was placed at the two St. John's Lutheran Church cemeteries.
3. A/C unit was replaced in the Church secretary's office.
4. Church parking lot and sidewalk were sprayed for weeds.
5. Looking for maintenance free considerations for basement windows since the window paint is peeling. Discussion took place for possibly a fixed window and estimates have been sought.
6. On 6/12/23, Andrew Hauger met with our liability insurance representative and recommendations were made that we get insurance certificates for the companies/individuals that do lawn maintenance and snow removal. This representative recommended we service the AED and fire extinguisher. Finally, this representative recommended background checks on all individuals that would be "in charge of" youth activities. Andy will be meeting with our insurance agent next week and our insurance deductible may be increasing from \$2,500/yr to \$5,000/yr.

Board of Deacons' Report:

Presented by Rod Smith.

1. Communion assignments for July are:
2. 7/2- Rod Smith set-up, Adam Beers & Brenda Krieger to assist if needed.
3. 7/16- Sue Anderson set-up, & Rod Smith to assist if needed.
4. Regarding membership changes for the month of May:

» Baptisms.....1 Mya Leona Scholtz

» Transfers in-0

» Transfers out1 Pastor Denton Bennet

» Funerals(visitation)2 Margaret Moe on 6/2/23 and Fran Based on 6/20/23

» Inactive list.....0

» Removal- by request0

» Requested membership-.....0

5. Worship Leaders: Rod Smith will lead service for 6/18/23.

Pastor's Report:

No reports provided.

Discussions:

1. Stewardship & Evangelism: No reports provided.
2. Worship and Music: Riverside "In the park" service will be 6/25/23.
3. Children, Youth, and Families:
 - » Brian Meier proposed a consideration for the students that were planning on going to St. Louis for a mission trip that was canceled to consider going to the Ark Encounter to Kentucky instead.
 - » Adam Beers inquired if there was any consideration/advantages to having confirmation class to be held after church service vs. Wednesday evenings. Adam Beers may provide a short survey to confirmation parents.

Old Business:

1. Inactive membership plan: There will be conversations with Pastor Roger Godfredsen about his thoughts on how to handle inactive members.
2. Pictorial Directory- No changes and should be proceeding as planned.

New Business:

- » Call Committee set-up: Constitution states that we need seven members. The council has approved a seven member call committee and the congregation will be notified of a special meeting on 7/16/23 to accept this call committee.
- » Pastor Roger Godfredsen Compensation Breakdown: Monthly compensation is \$6,400. Breakdown salary of this will be \$4,319/month salary. \$1,681 will be housing. \$400 for mileage. St. John's will pay our portion of the FICA expenses for 2023.
m/s/c Adam Beers/Brian Meier
- » St. John's Coffee Cups costs are \$10.45/each; some parishioners have asked to purchase them.
Approved to sell at cost.
- » A Way Forward: A meeting will be held on June 28th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 6:00 pm to address the clergy shortage in SW Minnesota. Council members were invited to attend.

Closing Prayer: Lord's Prayer

Adjourn: m/s/c All

Next meeting: July 12th @ 7:00pm. Secretary, Adam Beers

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**St. John's Lutheran Church – Stewardship/World Hunger/Benevolence Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 15th, 2023**

In Attendance: Joy Wells, Kay Pingeon, Lisa Arnoldi

Absent: Katie Beers, Michelle Anderson & Jane Tram

Call to Order by Joy Wells at 5:30PM

Secretary's Report: No addition or corrections

New Business:

We discussed where the 2nd quarter World Hunger funds should be allocated. After discussing, Lisa Arnoldi made a motion to give the monies to Partners for Housing. (This organization helps house families in need, specifically in the Mankato and St. Peter areas). Kay Pingeon seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the motion passed. We decided to table where to allocate the monies for benevolence until our next meeting. Brenda Anderson has asked for our help in planning the St. John's Church summer picnic. A tentative date is Sunday July 23rd at Riverside Park. All were in favor of helping Brenda. Joy will take the pop tabs to the Ronald McDonald house in Sioux Falls.

Adjourned by Joy Wells at 6:30PM

Next Meeting: No meeting date set. Committee will meet as needed.

Coming Soon!

OUR NEW

Directory!



St. Johns Lutheran Church Church Photo Directory

Photos will be taken August 15 - 19, 2023

We are putting together a church directory and it is our hope that you will ALL participate. Participants will receive a free 8"x10" photo and the church directory free – just make an appointment to have your photo taken.

You can do this on-line in four easy steps by scanning the QRCode below or by visiting www.ucdir.com.

1. Enter Church code: **mn357**
2. Enter Password: **photos**
3. Select the date you want and fill in the information required.
4. Click "Save Appointment" at the bottom

Alternatively, you may call VerJean (507.227.2067) or Laurie K. (507.829.1289) and they will help get you scheduled.

Those of you who have children who are still members and no longer living in the area, please contact them to see if they'd like to be included. A "portrait" photo (not landscape) may be submitted for \$15 and they also will receive a church directory.

The only costs are submitting a photo or ordering a photo package through the photographer. Otherwise this is free. We ask that everyone please plan to participate.





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On August 13, 2023, for our 2nd Annual Church Picnic at 11:30a.m. The Picnic will be a potluck, games for all ages and this will be at Riverside Park, Shelter #3. Church will provide plates, silverware, napkins, cups and beverages. If the weather is not favorable, we will move the location back the church.

Confirmation and High School Students needing community service hours, we will need help with setting up for our annual picnic and we are looking for Sunday school helpers.

Dear St John's Church family
Thankyou so very much for the lovely retirement celebration + gifts I'm deeply grateful to God for the opportunity to work for St John's I've grown so much in my walk with Him because of all of you May He bless this congregation with continued strength and unity! God's love to each of you

Kayla



St Johns Nursing Home will be having a Burger Blast at the end of August, serving time will be during lunch and supper times, this is a fundraiser for the Circle of Care. Volunteers will be needed. Please see Linda Anderson regarding all questions.