

Weekly HAPPENINGS

August 16, 2026

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Purpose: Joyfully taking God's love into the world!



Welcome to ALL!

Please let us know any questions you may have or anything we can do for you. Our volunteers are ready to help!

Pastor Brian Julin-McCleary would love to meet up, in person or otherwise, and share more about St. John, chat about the Gospel or whatever else might be on your mind. He can be reached at 319-888-3814 or PastorBrian@stjohncf.org.

RESTROOMS are located on the main level near the Sanctuary.

HEARING ASSIST DEVICES are available for **both** worship spaces. Go to an usher or the soundboard for assistance.

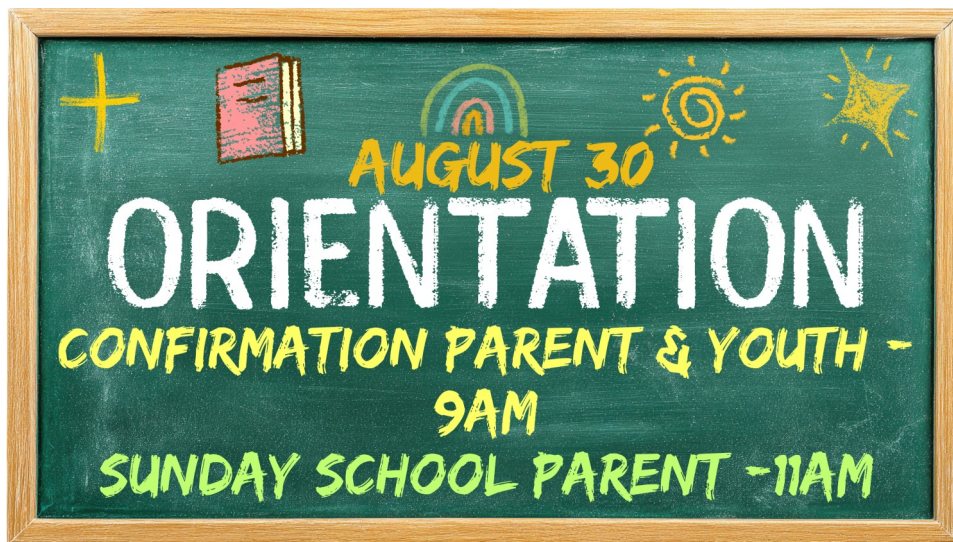
MEMBERSHIP: Contact the church office or complete the form on the website found on the Membership page. A "Welcome to St. John" series is held each fall.

CHILDREN are welcome in worship. Our nursery is located near the F&LC and available for you to use with infants/toddlers under 3.

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVE-STREAMED ON FACEBOOK

@STJOHNCF OR watch CFU Channel 18 on Sundays, 7:30am or Wednesdays, 6pm (replay 10am service previous week)

WIFI Password: **connectcaresharegrow**



Please note correction of time for the Sunday School Parent Orientation.

For Information

- Online: www.stjohncf.org
- Call the office: 319-268-0165
- Follow us on Facebook: [stjohncf](https://www.facebook.com/stjohncf)
- WIFI:** **connectcaresharegrow**



RECONCILING in CHRIST

Wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here in the name of Jesus Christ. We celebrate that each person is loved by God. We affirm the gifts of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression, and are committed to working for racial equity. Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church!

GATHER: Women's Bible Study

Contact Gloria Tollefson

Join other women from St. John's as we "gather" round the library table **Wednesday, August 19 from 1:30pm to 3:pm**. Using parables found in our Bibles and our own experiences, we will discuss how important our connections with other people are. Bring your Bible and a friend!

SWEET TREAT POTLUCK

A St. John
Women. Wine & the Word event

Thursday, August 27 6-8pm

LOCATION: CLAY STREET PARK, CF

ALL Women are welcome to indulge in a sweet treat at this summer event!

- Bring lawn chair or blanket to sit on.
- Bring Your Own Drink
- Bring a Dessert to Share

Kids
welcome
too!

Sign Up



Young at Heart: Amish Meal—Sept. 18

Contact Joan Baumgartner (mjoanb706@gmail.com or 319-277-2634).

Friday, Sept 18, our Young at Heart group will be going on a much anticipated return to the Amish at Hazelton for a day. *If you are "young at heart," you are welcome!* **Meet at the church at 9:15am to carpool over, leaving at 9:30am.** It takes approximately 45 minutes to get there. This allows time to shop before (and additional shopping can happen after the meal).

We will be **eating dinner at 12:00noon** with Mrs. Clara Miller in her home at **1627 Fairbank-Amish Blvd.** (next to the Sunrise Bakery, near Independence).

Deadline to sign up is Sunday, Sept 6 to allow Clara time to do her shopping. **Total cost is \$18.00 which includes tip (\$16.00 meal and \$2.00 tip) - cash or check made out to Clara Miller.** Please prepay w/ exact change or a check —no refunds provided after Sept. 6 once we've told Clara our # of people.

Menu of Parmesan Ranch Chicken Breasts; Meatloaf; Scalloped Potatoes; Dressing; Silage Salad; Carrots; Wheat dinner rolls; Brownies; & Pie.

Signup at the Welcome Center table if you would like to participate - please indicate if you plan to drive or ride.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

See the website for a complete listing of building use dates/times.

Tuesday, Aug 18

10am Ladies Bible Study (Library)
5:30pm HRT Mtg. (Lib)

Wednesday, Aug 19

7am Walking Wednesday @ Big Woods/south lot
1:30pm Gather Women Bible Study (Library)
5:30pm FFLL Team Mtg. (Library)
6:30pm Youth Group: TBA

Thursday, Aug 20

7:30am Men's Bible Study (3rd floor classroom)
5pm Church Council (Fireside Chapel)
6:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal (F&LC)

Sunday, August 23

Worship @ 8am (Sanctuary) & 10am (*F&LC)

Back to School Blessing for all students
1st & 3rd Gr bibles presented during worship
9am Perennials (Library)
9am 12 Women of the Bible (Fireside Chapel)
9am 1st Grade Milestone class (Rm. 319)
9am 3rd Grade Milestone class (Rm. 312)
9am & 11am Meet & Greet w/ Angel Ramirez, new Youth Group Coordinator

8/30—Blessing of Sunday School Teachers & Confirmation Leaders @ 10am

8/30—last 10am outdoor service of the summer

8/30—Confirmation Orientation Mtg. @ 9am

8/30—Sunday School Orientation Mtg @ 11am

8/30—ThreeHouse Block Party

9/6—We Worship Together @ 9am in the F&LC
(one service due to Labor Day weekend)

9/13—Kick-off Sunday w/ opportunities for children, youth & adults to be a part of!!!



DONUTS + YOU

= Hospitality for All!

Stop at the Welcome Center table to sign up to sponsor the donut holes - remember to pick up an INFO Sheet from the clipboard.

GRAB A CHAIR OR A SET OF 4 !

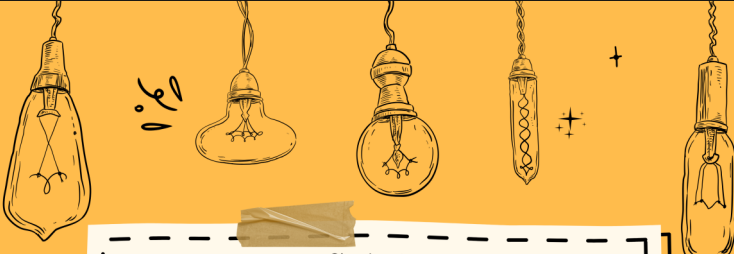
We've counted & sorted our folding chairs and we have WAY more than we are using or need... so help us regain some storage by taking what you'd like to use at/to YOUR home!

SAMSONITE chairs located in the Lower Level Elevator Lobby - loose and from the 2 big racks shown.

They are older but sturdy!
Help yourself!

WHEN THEY ARE GONE, THEY ARE GONE!

FREE!



Check out our

LIGHTING TABLE

in the atrium!
HELP YOURSELF to anything you can use!

These are lightbulbs we will not be using due to our lighting update project & changeover to all commercial-grade LED's in the facility.

Butterfly Release & RIBBON CUTTING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD AT 2PM



The **Best Foot Forward Ribbon Cutting & Butterfly Release**

is a celebration of transformation and expansion. The ribbon cutting marks the beginning of a refreshed campus - brightened spaces, renewed Lifescapes, and welcoming areas that honor every person who calls NewAlDaya home.

A cabaret-style performance by a local ensemble of musicians and vocalists.

Light refreshments and snacks.

A celebratory ribbon-cutting. Butterfly Release to honor and remember your loved ones



Purchase butterflies

INTERIOR COURTYARD

(outside of City Park on Main Street at NewAlDaya)

HEALING & CONCERN. . . Emilia; Norma DeVries; Jon Strudthoff; James Van Patten; Darin Hansen; Janelle Fereday (John's daughter-in-law); Don Timmerman; Christine & Denise (Lori Schneider's friends); Jim Dreyer; Bev Morris ([PCC Director] Kathy Thompson's mom); Kathy Taylor; Grant Gubbrud; Lanette, Goose (Brian & Lori Fegley friends); Harley; Sue Larson; Paulo (Barb Feuerhak's son-in-law).

WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM OF . . .Kaylen Zaymar Loute, child of Tchekedna Loute

WE GRIEVE THE DEATH OF . . . Jean Collins

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

The altar flowers are given by Joan Baumgartner in honor of her grandson, Carson Wirtz (10:00).

	Jul-26			Fiscal YTD (04/01/26-03/31/27)		
	Revenue	Expense*	Net	Revenue	Expense *	Net
Church	98,104.68	102,286.89	(4,182.21)	296,960.89	348,765.33	(51,804.44)
Preschool/Childcare	66,854.01	70,899.63	(4,045.62)	265,823.06	276,427.41	(10,604.35)
Total	164,958.69	173,186.52	(8,227.83)	562,783.95	625,192.74	(62,408.79)

* includes YTD Capital Projects - \$105,848.26

UPDATE ON OUR FINANCES

For the past several years, we have worked hard on several large fundraising projects and those extra funds have made our financials look very bountiful (what a blessing!). For this fiscal year, we will finally be implementing those projects but with that comes all of the bills. Since we raised the money in prior fiscal years but the expenses are occurring during the current fiscal year, our numbers in the Happenings are going to look very lopsided. This was always going to be the case and we are still well within budget of everything that was planned for these projects. These contingencies have all been years in the making and we are able to move forward with these projects due to the generosity of the congregation. Thank you!

Submit A Prayer
Request:



Visitor
Connection Card:



Support Financially:



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St. John Staff Located on the St. John website

Church Council (Council@stjohncf.org)

John Kohagen. **Shawn Smeins, Treasurer**
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Blake Borwick, President..... Kathy Diehl
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Worship & CelebrationBrenda Truelsen
Faith Formation & Lifelong LearningMandi Loudermilk
Human Resources.....Jim Denholm
Financial Resources.....Jim Langel
Property Resource Team.....Larry Prohaska
Technology & Communication.....Nick Frerichs

Worship Attendance:

August 9—200 in person