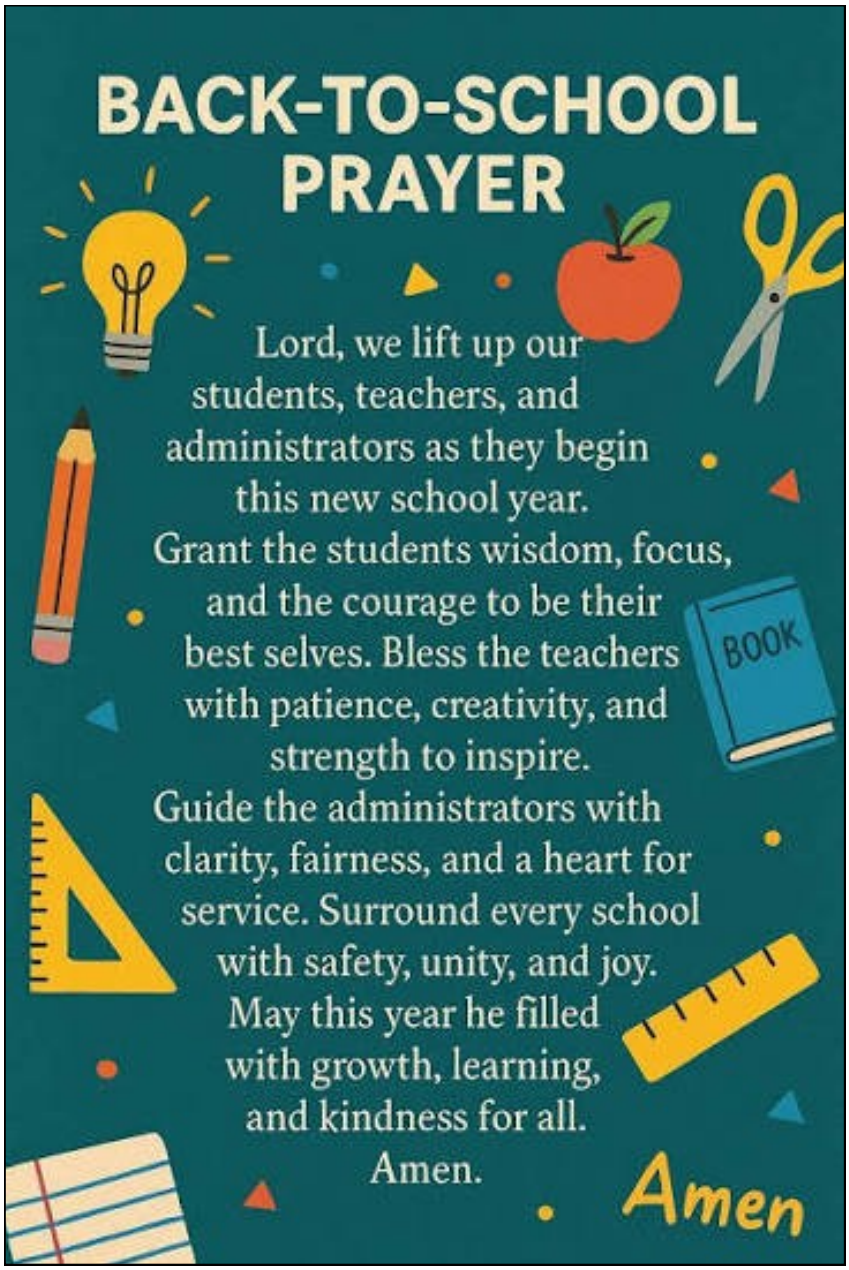
Weekly HAPPENINGS

August 23, 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

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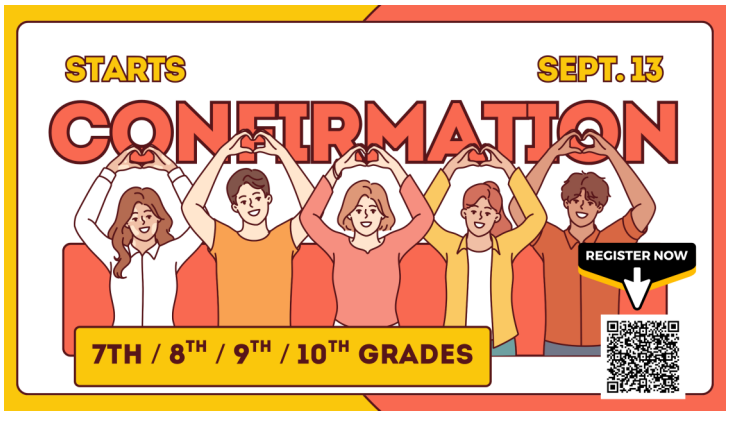
RECONCILING *in* CHRIST

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!









The Chosen TV Series Discussion Groups

- 9-9:55am Sundays, join anytime. Location: Fireside Chapel. *Leaders: Tina Meyer & Joy Slaughter*
- 5:30pm, Thursdays, join anytime. Location: Library. *Leaders: Alicia Hurmence & Steve F.*

The Chosen is a multi-season series about the life and ministry of Jesus. Join others at either of these 2 weekly opportunities as your schedule allows! Twelve weeks have been set aside to focus on the first season —format will be approximately 30-40 mins of video followed by 20-30 mins of discussion. Starts Sept. 13&17

Sign up at the Welcome Center table.

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 a 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.

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.

Monday, August 24
5:15pm PRT Mtg.

Tuesday, Aug 25
10am Ladies Bible Study (Library)

Wednesday, Aug 26
7am Walking Wednesday @ Big Woods/south lot
6:30pm Youth Group [rescheduled]

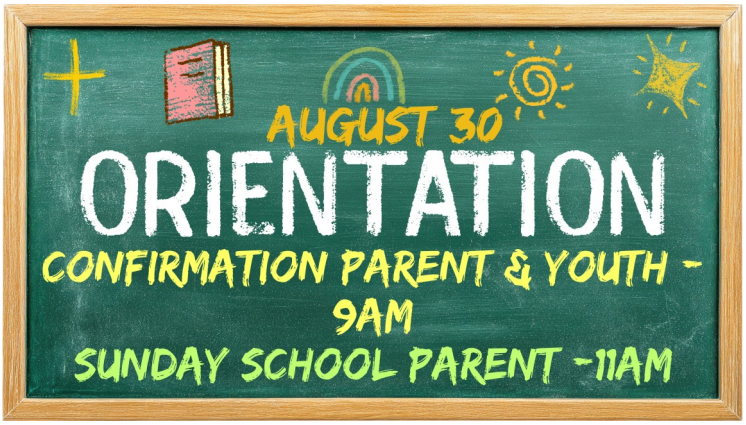
Thursday, Aug 27
7:30am Men's Bible Study (Library)
2pm NewAldaya/SJLC Gathering @ 2nd Floor New Arbor Room
5pm Church Council (Fireside Chapel)
6:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal (F&LC)

Saturday, August 29
St. John booth at Cedar Valley PrideFest
1:30pm Cancer Support Grp @ NewAldaya Main St.

Sunday, August 30
Worship @ 8am (Sanctuary) & 10am (Courtyard)
9am Perennials (Library)
9am 12 Women of the Bible—last one (Chapel)
9am 1st Grade Milestone class (Rm. 319)
9am 3rd Grade Milestone class (Rm. 312)
9am Confirmation Orientation Mtg. (Youth Rm)
10am Blessing of Sunday School Teachers, Confirmation Leaders & PCC Staff
10am Last 10am outdoor service of the summer
11am Sunday School Orientation Mtg
PM 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**!!!**





Our quality preschool program provides children ages 3, 4 and 5 years old with half day (2 1/2 hour) sessions. Childcare can be provided for your child before or after school and on days when your child is not in preschool and is also available even if not enrolled in preschool.



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

INTERIOR COURTYARD
(outside of City Park on Main Street at NewAldaya)

HEALING & CONCERN. . . Glenda Johnson; Lauren (Don & Sandy Kohagen's granddaughter); Norma DeVries; 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).

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

The altar flowers are given by Carol Mae Osborn in thanksgiving for blessings upon blessings (8:00); and by Tim & Lori Schneider ~"Happy heavenly birthday, mom." (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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John Kohagen. ……..……..**Shawn Smeins, Treasurer**
Josh Green, Secretary ……Jen Hartman
Blake Borwick, President……Kathy Diehl
Andrew Bruns, Vice President…….. Laura Homewood
Joyce Riley……..

Ministry & Resource Team Leaders

Hospitality & Congregational Care ……...Robin Abraham
Serving & Discipleship……...Janelle Smeins
Worship & Celebration ……...Brenda Truelsen
Faith Formation & Lifelong Learning ……Mandi Loudermilk
Human Resources……..Jim Denholm
Financial Resources……..Jim Langel
Property Resource Team……..Larry Prohaska
Technology & Communication……Nick Frerichs

Worship Attendance:

August 16—312 in person