Weekly HAPPENINGS

August 2, 2026

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH ***Purpose:*** **Joyfully taking God's love into the world!**



Thursday, Aug 6
Birdsall Park Field #3

USING SPECIAL "PUT IT IN PLAY" RULES

Everyone ages 10 years & older can play!

No strikeouts!

Option of a runner if you want to hit only!

Root Beer floats & Sundaes for all to enjoy after the game

It's St John's "Grace On Base" Softball!!!!

We're having a one-time summer softball event on **Thursday, August 6th!**. **Beginning at 6:00 pm on Diamond#3 at Birdsall Park softball complex,** all are welcome to come join in playing our special "*put it in play*" rules: **NO STRIKEOUTS** — approximately **10 years of age or older can play.** We can even provide runners for you IF you can swing the bat! And then afterwards, for all PLAYERS as well as FAMILY, SPECTATORS, at approximately 8pm, we'll be having **Root Beer floats and Sundaes** for All! So, come join us for our PACKED into ONE event of Summer Fun & Fellowship!



Haitian Art

You are welcome to pick up a brochure from the table in the atrium (by the Sanctuary doors) and spend time looking at the Haitian Art in the Sanctuary after worship or during the week (during office hours). Evening access can be arranged too — and you can bring friends & family by to look with you!

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**

For Information

- Online: www.stjohncf.org
- Call the office: 319-268-0165
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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!



You're Invited to attend **Queer and Holy at First Presbyterian Church, CF on Friday, August 7 at 7pm.** *Queer and Holy,* a benefit concert, is an evening of reimagined hymns dedicated to Queer Iowans, sacred and beloved. Featuring selections from "The Holy Other: Hymns Affirming the LGBTQIA2S+ Community". Free will donation goes directly to the Iowa Trans Mutual Aid Fund and to support an upcoming gender affirming surgery for one of the vocalists.



WELCOME to our New F&LC Chair Setting-Upper: Finley Bartlett!

We are excited to welcome Finley as our new Chair Setting-Upper for worship in the F&LC. Finley may be a recognizable face as she attends the 10:00 service with her family. Finley will be going into her sophomore year at Cedar Falls High School where she wrestles, plays rugby, and sings in a choir. She is grateful and excited for this opportunity to set up chair for service.

THANK YOU Emerson!

Please join in saying thank you to Emerson Bartlett for her years of service in setting up the F&LC chairs as she gets ready to head off to college — thank you Emerson!



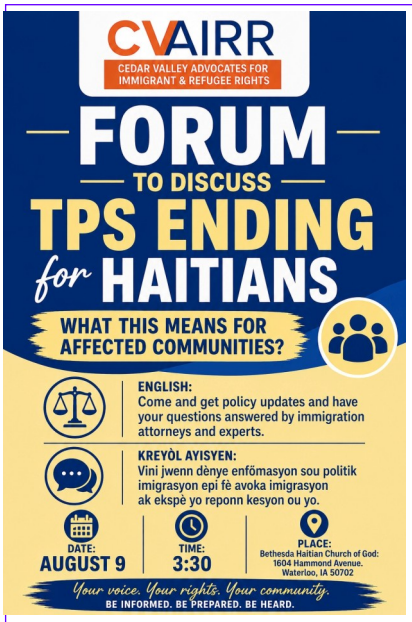
The **Best Foot Forward Ribbon Cutting & Butterfly Release** is a celebration of transformation and expansion. The ribbon cutting marks the beginning of a refreshed campus - brightened spaces, renewed Lifescapes, and welcoming areas that honor every person who calls NewAldaya home.

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 - exterior courtyard off Main Street at NewAldaya

Together, let's put our Best Foot Forward.



In light of recent administrative changes to the program known as Temporary Protective Status, many of our Haitian neighbors are significantly affected. Our ministry partners, World Grace Project, are a great source of information and opportunity to serve the more than 2,000 local neighbors facing uncertainty.

www.worldgraceproject.org

What's Happening This Week

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

Tuesday, Aug 4
10am Ladies Bible Study (Library)
4:30pm Community Meal @ FUMC

Wednesday, Aug 5
7am Walking Wednesday @ Big Woods/south lot
PM Youth Group w/ Angel & Austin!

Thursday, Aug 6
7:30am Men's Bible Study (3rd floor classroom)
6:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal (F&LC)

Sunday, August 8
Worship @ 8am (Sanctuary) & 10am (Courtyard)
9am Perennials (Library)
9am 12 Women of the Bible (Fireside Chapel)

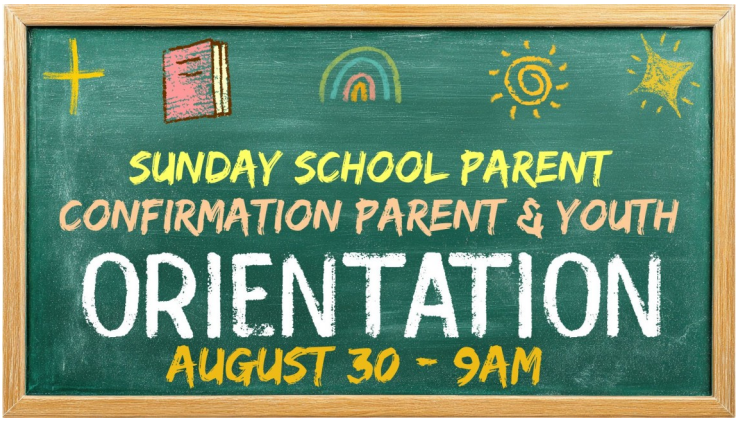
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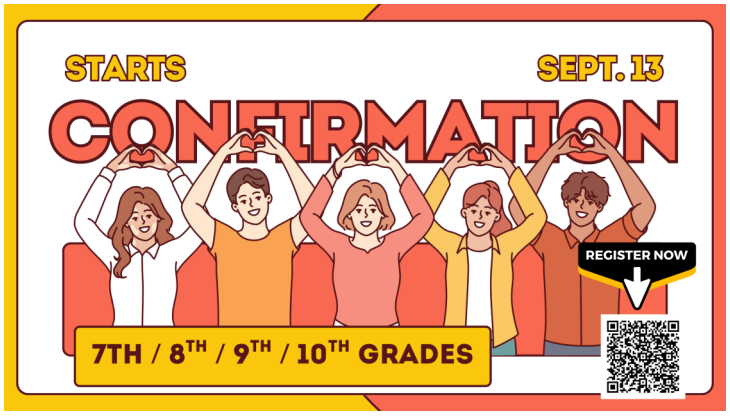
8/6— "Grace on Base" Softball @ 6pm, Birdsall #3
8/23—Back to School Blessing for all students
8/23—1st & 3rd Gr bibles presented during worship
8/23 & 8/30—1st Grade Milestone class @ 9am
8/23 & 8/30—3rd Grade Milestone class @ 9am
8/30—Blessing of Sunday School Teachers & Confirmation Leaders @ 10am
8/30—last 10am outdoor service of the summer
8/30—Sunday School & Confirmation Orientations

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

9/13—Kick-off Sunday: Sunday School and Confirmation begins! *Registration info coming in August!*
9/13 — Adult Opportunities too!













HEALING & CONCERN. . . Terry (P Brian & Natalie's friend); Marlene Sheetz; Jon Strudthoff; James Van Patten; Darin Hansen; Janelle Fereday (John's daughter-in-law); Don Timmerman; Mike (Laura Homewood's friend); Christine & Denise (Lori Schneider's friends); Jim Dreyer; Bev Morris ([PCC Director] Kathy Thompson's mom); Kathy Taylor; Grant Gubbrud; Steve Novak; Diane Kline; Jennifer Snitker; John Bruha; Lanette, Goose (Brian & Lori Fegley friends); Harley; Sue Larson; Paulo (Barb Feuerhak's son-in-law).

COMFORT & CONSOLATION. . . To the family & friends of Beth Nichols

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

The altar flowers are given by Debbie, Charlie & Roxy Metcalf in loving memory of Jim Metcalf (10:00).

	Jun-26			Fiscal YTD (04/01/26-03/31/27)		
	Revenue	Expense*	Net	Revenue	Expense *	Net
Church	56,861.32	98,526.75	(41,665.43)	198,856.21	246,478.44	(47,622.23)
Preschool/Childcare	79,321.82	70,430.94	8,890.88	198,969.05	205,527.78	(6,558.73)
Total	136,183.14	168,957.69	(32,774.55)	397,825.26	452,006.22	(54,180.96)

* includes YTD Capital Projects - $68,780.85

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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Worship Attendance:

July 26: 254 in person