Weekly HAPPENINGS

August 9, 2026

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

POSTVILLE DISASTER RELIEF

The Northeastern Iowa Synod is working in partnership with Zion Lutheran, Castalia, and St. Paul Lutheran, Postville, to provide immediate and long-term relief for those affected by the fire at the AgriStar processing plant. Monetary donations received by the Synod will help provide food, household supplies, hygiene products, rent and utility assistance, support for caregivers, and more as directed by congregational and community coordinators. The NE Iowa Synod is also partnering with Lutheran Disaster Relief (LDR) to provide additional emotional care, spiritual care, and stress reduction programs in the coming months. 100% of your donation will go directly to those in need.



HOW TO DONATE

Donate by scanning the URL code below or going to:
https://onrealm.org/neiasynod/give/postville

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

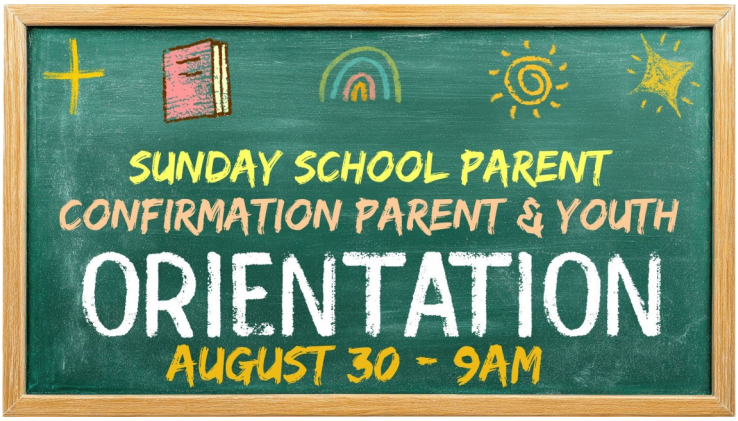
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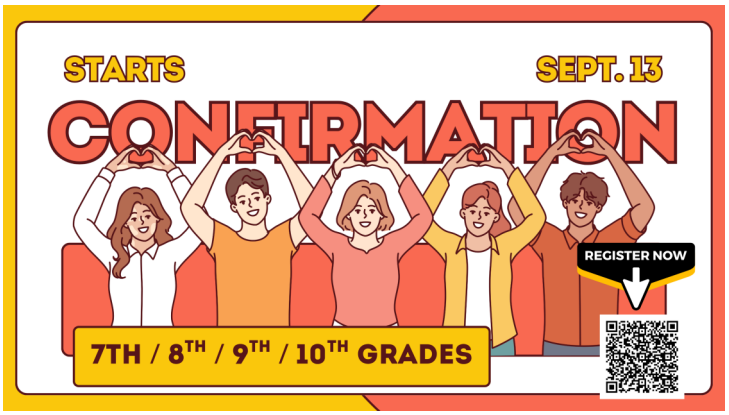
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RECONCILING *in* CHRIST

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!









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!







WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

Monday, August 10
8am Do-day Quilters (Fellowship Hall)
PM FRT Mtg. (Library)

Tuesday, Aug 11
10am Ladies Bible Study (Library)
5:30pm Serving & Discipleship Team Mtg. (Lib)

Wednesday, Aug 12
7am Walking Wednesday @ Big Woods/south lot
6:30pm Worship & Celebration Team Mtg. (Lib)

Thursday, Aug 13
7:30am Men's Bible Study (3rd floor classroom)
5pm Quarterly Lead Staff Mtg. (Library)
6:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal (F&LC)

Sunday, August 16
Worship @ 8am (Sanctuary) & 10am (*F&LC)
9am Perennials (Library)
9am 12 Women of the Bible (Fireside Chapel)

Looking Ahead:

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
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: Sunday School and Confirmation begins! *Registration now underway!*
9/13 — Kick-off Sunday: Adult Opportunities
9am: "The Chosen" TV Show Small Group
9am: Perennials Bible Study

9/20 (9am) & 9/21 (6pm)—"Embracing a New Normal" by Katie Burkhardt *(2 opportunities to hear her speak)*



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



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).

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

The altar flowers are given by Dave & Karen Zwanzier to celebrate their 61st anniversary on August 7 (8:00); and by Don & Sandy Kohagen to celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary (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

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John Kohagen. ……..……..**Shawn Smeins, Treasurer**
Josh Green, Secretary ……Jen Hartman
Blake Borwick, President……Kathy Diehl
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Joyce Riley……..

Ministry & Resource Team Leaders

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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 2—267 in person