

St. John Lutheran Church

Joyfully taking God's Love

INTO THE WORLD

Fall Catalog 2026

Connect, Care, Share & Grow!

Summer activities and vacations are drawing to a close and schools are starting classes. We hope that you had a great summer with family and friends, and are now ready to connect in new ways this fall at St. John as we together live out our purpose of :

connecting Christ's community by building relationships among all people, fulfilling the call of the gospel of Jesus Christ through **caring**, nurturing and supporting one another according to each one's needs by **sharing** God's love and grace through acts of service while **growing** in faith through lifelong learning.

St. John offers events & activities for individuals at any age and any stage of life. All of these activities are opportunities for you to grow in your understanding and walk as a disciple, as well as to become more deeply involved in the life of St. John.



WELCOME TO ST JOHN EVENT

October 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 9am-9:50am

for new members & those who have been around a while but want to know more!

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.

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 age 3.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Live-streamed on

FACEBOOK: STJOHNCF

Watch on our Youtube Channel

YOUTUBE: SJLCIowa

For Information

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



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!

WORSHIP & CELEBRATION

8AM SERVICE: Contact: Steve Peters
(music@stjohncf.org)

10AM SERVICE: Contact: Mike Best
(music10@stjohncf.org or 360-930-4354)

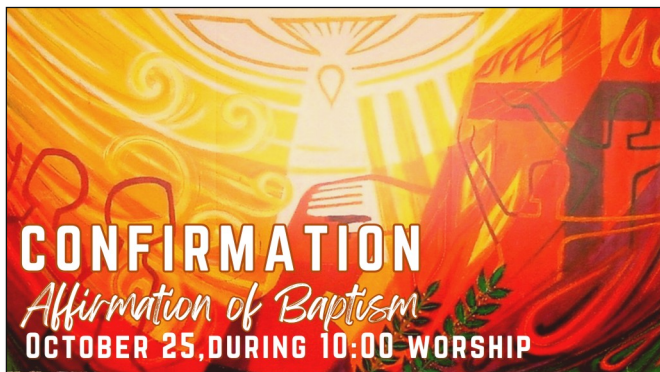
Sunday Tech Team + This team is a real "behind the scenes" kind of role. The 8am team manages the livestream and mutes/unmutes mics at the 8:00 service. The 10am team partners up to manage the livestream, mix the audio and helps with setup and teardown of the sound system (mics, cables, stands, etc). Come shadow us on a Sunday morning to see what all is involved. We provide ongoing training and encouragement.

Jubilation Ringers / Handbells

Contact: Steve Peters (music@stjohncf.org)
Our Adult Bell Choir is always looking for new members, regular or fill-in. If you can read music, that is great, but not required. Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 3 at 6:30pm in Room 312.

Intergenerational Choir

Contact: Steve Peters (music@stjohncf.org)
Lift up your voices & praise God! All those ages high school age and up welcome. Rehearsals begin on Tuesday, September 2nd at 6pm in the Sanctuary.



10am Worship Team / F&LC

Contact: Mike Best (music10@stjohncf.org or 360-930-4354)

Rehearsal: Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm

Sound Check: Sundays, 8:30-9:30am

Team Meeting: Sundays, 9:30-9:45am

Anyone is welcome to join us on Thursday nights — it's a great way to find out what serving on the 10am worship team is all about—but reach out to Mike before you come because there is the occasional change in rehearsal. Bring your instrument or sing along.

Christmas Choir

Contact: Steve Peters or Mike Best to learn more!
Our combined Christmas choir will present two pieces in the big Christmas service in the Sanctuary on **December 20 at 8am and 10am**, and also help lead the **3pm & 5pm Christmas Eve services**. Our goal is to have as many people as possible for both Dec 20th and Dec 24th, but if you can't make one of those days, please still participate!

These are wonderful opportunities for our St. John family to cherish the Advent Season together as well as blessing our visitors with the love of Jesus. Through our music, hearts will be lifted, faith renewed, and everyone who joins us be drawn to the miracle of Christ's birth.



PRESCHOOL & CHILDCARE CENTER



The banner features a bright blue background with a smiling sun in the top left and three balloons (red, yellow, blue) in the top right. In the center, the St. John Preschool & Childcare logo shows a globe with children's figures around it. To the right of the logo, the text "2026-2027 REGISTRATION" is written in large, bold, red letters. Below this, a red banner with white text says "CALL OR EMAIL TO CHECK ON OPENINGS FOR YOUR 3, 4 OR 5 YEAR OLD TO START NOW". Underneath the red banner is a yellow box with a phone icon and the number "319-268-0165", and a blue box with an email icon and the text "KATHYTHOMPSON @STJOHNCF.ORG". On the left side of the banner, a cartoon boy with brown hair, wearing a red shirt and blue pants, holds a large yellow pencil and waves. On the right side, a cartoon girl with brown hair in pigtails, wearing glasses, a pink shirt, and a blue backpack, holds a red book and waves.

ST. JOHN
PRESCHOOL & CHILDCARE

2026-2027 REGISTRATION

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 **KATHYTHOMPSON
@STJOHNCF.ORG**

FAITH FORMATION & LIFELONG LEARNING

CHILDREN (3yr-6th gr)



QR CODE TO REGISTER

Sunday School + Sundays,
9:00-10:00am
Contact: *Marty Postel*
(Marty@stjohncf.org)

This timing of Sunday School allows families to participate in either the 8am Sanctuary service or the 10am F&LC service.

PreK & K: Explorer Room A
(lower level – turn right at bottom of stairs & go down hallway to room at end)

1st & 2nd: Explorer Room B
(lower level – turn right at bottom of stairs & go down hallway to room at end)

3rd & 4th: Room 310A (upper level)

5th & 6th: Room 319 (upper level)

YOUTH (7th-12th gr)



QR CODE TO REGISTER

Confirmation 7th/8th/9th gr+
Sundays, 8:45-10am.
Contact: *Steve Ferguson*
(Steve@stjohncf.org)

7th, 8th & 9th grade students gather for Confirmation large group before breaking out into smaller groups for in-depth discussion of the *Collaborate* focus of the day.

Youth Group Night

Gathering the 1st & 3rd Wednesday night of each month. Contact: *Angel Ramirez*
(YouthGroup@stjohncf.org or 641-328-2599)



SCAN to View the Youth Group Calendar - Date, Location, Activity

Sign up to provide snacks or to be an adult chaperone!
(background check required)

YOUNG ADULTS/THREEHOUSE

ThreeHouse Collaborative Campus Ministries is a place where students gather to explore issues of faith, identity, and future. It's a place where students can engage freely with others to challenge their beliefs and where personal growth takes place within a faith community.



THREEHOUSE Weekly Schedule

- ♦ Sundays, 5:30pm: students & young adults gather for a free meal & Community Crossword!
- ♦ Wednesdays at 7:30 pm: Worship
- ♦ Thursdays at lunchtime(~11:30 to 1) : Listening Post



Welcome to Pastor Jordan Derhammer Capek

Jordan started serving at ThreeHouse as the Campus Minister & Executive Director on July 1st. During her time at UNI, ThreeHouse was a place she found community, asked big questions, explored her faith & experienced belonging. We look forward to partnering with Jordan and to having her be a Guest Preacher so we can get to meet her better. Welcome back!

FAITH FORMATION & LIFELONG LEARNING: ADULTS

Tuesday Ladies + Tuesdays, 10am. Location: Church Library Contact Arleen Burkhardt (arleenb45@gmail.com or 319-266-9672).

Thursday Bible Study + Thursdays, 3:30pm— resumes Sept. 17. Location: Church Library Contact: Don & Sandy Kohagen (319-277-9460 or kohagendon-sandy@gmail.com).

Both our Tuesday Ladies & Thursday (mixed genders) bible study groups are using a book from critically acclaimed author Brian McLaren. *"We Make the Road By Walking"* offers fifty-two (plus a few) weekly readings that can be read aloud in 10 to 12 minutes and offer a simple curriculum of insightful reflections and transformative practices. If you're seeking a fresh way to experience and practice your faith, this book will inspire and activate you in your spiritual journey. No homework -- you'll read and discuss the scripture passage and short chapter as a group before diving into the end of the chapter questions! Purchase your own copy of the book and come share in this thought-provoking faith resource.

MEN: Burnt Offerings + Sunday, **September 27, 1:00 pm** at John McClellan's backyard taste factory. Join other guys from SJLC for this end of summer BBQ with John's chosen smoked meats n' treats event! FREE Raffle prizes as well. Bring an appetite, chair and beverage of choice. Sign up at the Welcome Center table.

MEN: Men's Breakfast + Saturday, **October 17th 8 -10am** at Ritchie Kurtenbach's **"Garage Mahal"**, 238 Normandy St, Wloo, (5 minute drive outside CF). We'll provide the food you bring yourself, friend, family member if you choose. Come break some bread (& eggs, along with our "Breakfast With Jesus" Fish-Fry entrees) with your brothers! Sign up at the Welcome Center table.

FAITH FORMATION & LIFELONG LEARNING: ADULTS

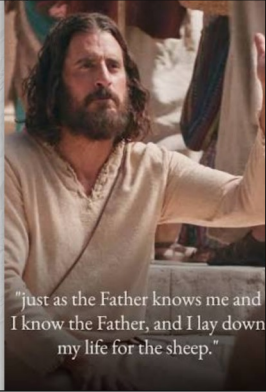
**THE CHOSEN
TV SERIES**

Two weekly Discussion Groups - attend as
your schedule allows!

Sundays, 9am or Thursdays, 5:30pm

30-40 mins video + 20-30 mins
discussion using a prepared
study guide

SIGN UP



The Chosen TV Series Discussion Groups

9-9:55am Sundays. Location: Fireside Chapel
Contact: Tina Meyer & Joy Slaughter

5:30pm, Thursdays. Location: Library.
Contact: Alicia Hurmence & Steve Ferguson

The Chosen is a multi-season series about the life and ministry of Jesus, depicting his life through the eyes of the people who interacted with him. 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 of the series—format will be approximately 30-40 mins of video followed by 20-30 mins of discussion using a study guide.

- Episode 1: "I Have Called You By Name"
- Episode 2: "Shabbat"
- Episode 3: "Jesus Loves the Little Children"
- Episode 4: "The Rock on Which It is Built"
- Episode 5: "The Wedding Gift"
- Episode 6: "Indescribable Compassion"
- Episode 7: "Invitations"
- Episode 8: "I Am He"

Perennials: Adult Bible Study

9:10-9:50am Sundays, start anytime.
Location: Church Library
Contact: David Duncan (319-575-4227 or davidandhelenm@gmail.com) or Lynn Lovell (319-277-8687 or lrlovell4@gmail.com). This weekly bible study focuses on characters or themes from the Bible and how it relates to our everyday life. No signup needed.

Thirsty Thursday Men + Thursdays, 7:30am. Location: Church Library . Contact Steve Ferguson (steve@stjohncf.org) This group often uses the Sunday scripture and sermon to guide their conversation and is perfect for drop-ins as your schedule allows.

Embracing a New Normal

Join St. John member Katie Burkhardt in an educational hour learning how to find a new path forward in the midst of grief. Katie's personal story will discuss the steps to help you rebuild a "new normal" after a significant life change. Members and guests welcome.

Sunday Sept. 20th
9am St John Sanctuary

Monday Sept. 21st
6pm St John Library



Young at Heart (55+ group)

Contact: Joan Baumgartner (mjoanb706@gmail.com or 319-277-2634), Sue Holm (319-239-4579 or sholm12@gmail.com), Rod Hamer (507-202-3454, rodbhamer@gmail.com). All those age 55 and older are welcome to participate in Young at Heart activities. Previous activities have included day trips, luncheons, movies, and more! NEXT event: Amish Dinner on Sept. 18 (deadline to sign up: Sept 6)! Anyone is welcome! Just be "Young at Heart"!

WELCA Women "Gather" Bible Study + 1:30pm, third Wednesday of month — Sept 16. Contact Gloria Tollefson (gltollefson@gmail.com). "Gather" with other SJLC women to use the Bible study in the Women of the ELCA gather magazine. Fall 2026: "Bold faith on an unexpected journey," by the Rev. Tiffany Chaney. Faith often leads us down paths we didn't expect—into wilderness places, across unfamiliar lands, and through seasons of grief and hope. This three-session study takes us on a journey with Hagar, Ruth and Mary Magdalene, women whose bold faith transformed their unexpected stories. Their encounters with God remind us that we, too, are seen, sustained and sent to carry good news into the world.

Taking Faith Home: Scripture/Sermon Discussion. + Sundays, 9am. Contact: Rose Lorenz (319-404-2125 or lorenzr35@gmail.com). Location: Atrium.

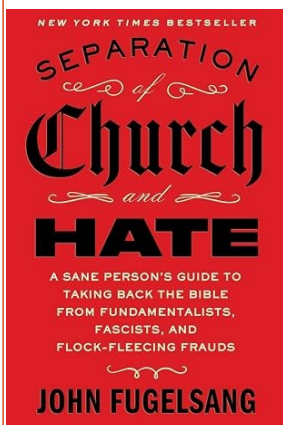
This group uses the Taking Faith Home resource to guide discussion on the Sunday scripture & sermon. The half-sheet resource guide is available in the ENEWS or pick up a copy from the entryway brochure rack. No signup needed.

Wednesday Walks + 7am, Wednesdays

Contact: Pastor Brian (pastorbrian@stjohncf.org)
If you love being outdoors when the weather isn't too cold — let's walk together! Each Wednesday, meet at the Big Woods south parking lot at 7am for a 45 minute walk with whomever shows up. No signup needed.



RECONCILING *in* CHRIST



Book Discussion:
"Separation of Church and Hate" + Oct. 4-Nov 8, 9am.
Contact Jay Schmitz (319-404-3216 or jschmitz50@gmail.com).

This book by comedian and broadcaster John Fugelsang, uses scripture, humor, and historical context to challenge how far-right and nationalist groups use religion to justify

political agendas and hostility.

- **Reclaim Scripture** on topics like immigration, LGBTQ+ rights and reproductive freedom.
- **Practical Approaches** for talking with friends or family members.

Sign up at the Welcome Center table.



"1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture" Movie Viewing & Discussion

Wednesday, Sept. 23, 6-9pm. Discussion led by Pastor Brian

"1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture" is a feature documentary that follows the story of tireless researchers who trace the origins of the anti-

gay movement among Christians to a grave mistranslation of the Bible in 1946. It chronicles the discovery of never-before-seen archives at Yale University which unveil astonishing new revelations, and casts significant doubt on any biblical basis for LGBTQIA+ prejudice. Featuring commentary from prominent scholars as well as opposing pastors, including the personal stories of the film's creators, 1946 is at once challenging, enlightening, and inspiring. Sign up at the Welcome Center table.

RACIAL JUSTICE TEAM

The Racial Justice Team (RJT) at St. John Lutheran Church continues to build momentum through education, partnership, and community engagement. In recent months, the team has focused on creating meaningful opportunities for learning and dialogue while strengthening connections both within the congregation and across Cedar Falls.



**Every
Chapter
Counts**

Members of the RJT are active in *Every Chapter Counts*, working the ECC facebook page, and creating the website, every-chaptercounts.org. Every

Chapter Counts is a place to explore history as a set of connected stories — the kind that shape everyday life, even when we don't always notice them. Some of those stories are hard. Others show creativity, care, and resilience that often get overlooked. The goal isn't to tell anyone what to think. It's to slow down, look at how things developed over time, and understand how past decisions still echo into the present.

The Racial Justice Team welcomes anyone interested in learning, listening, and contributing to this ongoing work. Contact Pr. Brian (pastorbrian@stjohnncf.org).

LeChristopher's Southern Cuisine + 2nd Sunday of each month starting at 12pm. Jubilee UMC Freedom Center (E 4th & Newell, W'loo). \$20 per plate. *Contagious hospitality, restaurant-style ambiance, jazz background music.*

Carpool often available to/from SJLC, leaving at 11:45am—contact Pastor Brian or Steve Ferguson!

HOSPITALITY & CONGREGATION CARE

St. John Ride Share Ministry + Contact Eric Gunderson (319-277-9801, ehgundy65@gmail.com). Would you be willing to provide a ride for someone who wants to attend church at SJLC or has an appointment and needs a ride? This ministry connects drivers with those needing a ride in order to be able to attend worship or to appointments.

Sunday Donuts + Contact Kim Miller (319-269-4773). If you would be interested in purchasing donuts for a Sunday (approx. \$25-30) & take care of getting them set out using supplies here at church, sign up at the Welcome Center table. Remember to take an Info Sheet explaining the process.

Coffee Crew + Contact Matt Heinen (515-450-7321, isamattheinen@gmail.com). Coffee lovers unite! By helping prep our Sunday coffee service with set up on Friday or Saturday and cleaning up following the 10am service. Contact Matt to learn more & join the crew!

Visitation Ministry + Contact Steve Ferguson (steve@stjohncf.org or 268-0165). SJLC is always growing our list of volunteers willing to visit someone on behalf of their church family. Training is provided!

Baby Meal Train + Contact Kayla Rasmussen (kayla.16.wilson@gmail.com) Support a SJLC family after a new birth/adoption with a meal! Volunteers will receive an invite to sign up to help with providing a meal for the family. Sign up at the Welcome Center table if you'd like to be a part of the Meal Train Volunteer team and receive that notification.

NewAldaya Monthly Gathering and Western Home Monthly Gathering

Contact Steve Ferguson (steve@stjohncf.org) St. John hosts a monthly gathering at both NewAldaya and the Western Home for our St. John friends to gather and share in prayer, communion & a time of fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

- Western Home: 3rd Thursday of every month in the WINDRIDGE West Lounge, 2pm.
- NewAldaya: 4th Thursday of the month at 2pm in the 2nd floor New Arbor Lounge.



CATS FOR CHRIST
SJLC HALLOWEEN EVENT
OCTOBER 25
4PM - 6:30PM

SERVING & DISCIPLESHIP



Community Meals + Contact Janelle Smeins (janellesmeins4@gmail.com or 319-230-9034). The Cedar Falls Community Meals is a free meal served every Tuesday from 4:30-6pm at First United Methodist Church. St John provides 6 meals in 2026, with our next meals on October 6 & December 1. We will need individuals to set up tables, serve, clean up & donate food.

Women, Wine & the Word: Coffee Break! Join others from SJLC for a morning COFFEE (or Tea) break with church friends! Meet at Hansen's Dairy (123 18th St., CF) on Saturday, October 17 from 9-11am! We'll share in a short devotion, then enjoy time catching up with those we know and meeting/welcoming new friends before heading off to enjoy the rest of our day. Coffee & Breakfast Items available to purchase. Limit of 25 seats—sign up at Welcome Center table.

H2 Jamaican Mission Trip: Feb 6-13, 2027 + Contact Hank Wellnitz (319-961-2288) or Barb Ericson (319-493-5039). Have you considered doing an international mission trip? For many decades, a group of people from the Cedar Valley have been traveling to Jamaica to provide medical care & other services to our siblings in Christ. We work in the center of the island where the annual income averages less than \$2,000/ year. The medical teams travel to various towns and hold health and dental clinics. The construction team installs drip irrigation systems for subsistence farmers and works at a local orphanage building bunk beds and other furniture items as well as general repairs. We need doctors, dentists, nurses, nurse practitioners, dental hygienists, and general helpers for the medical team. The construction team members can use all helpers. No specific skills needed other than a willingness to be the hands and feet of Christ.

Cancer Support Group: Contact: Carol Menefee (cjmenefee@gmail.com or 319-610-3250). Join with others in this group which connects people from throughout the Cedar Valley with educational materials, special guest speakers and opportunities to share stories, hopes and fears about our cancer experiences. **Next date:** Saturday, September 26th at 1:30 at NewAldaya Main St.

NewAldaya Communion Assistance + Contact Daryl Veatch (319-490-8396 or veatchd@alumni.uni.edu). St. John is committed to providing 2 or 3 volunteers each Sunday in March to assist the residents at NewAldaya in getting from their rooms down to their Sunday Chapel service and back.

Do-Day Quilters + Contact Arleen Burkhardt (319-231-0536). This group meets on the second Monday morning of each month in Fellowship Hall to create tie-quilts with quilts donated to local organizations. **SEWERS**—we have fabric you are welcome to take home and use in your own design to complete a top for our tie-quilts.

Give Back Glasses + Donate your old/unused eyeglasses & readers into the Lions Club collection bin in the entry. Donations are shared across the globe!

Northeast Iowa Food Bank / Little Food Pantry (across the street from the church) + Donations of food are collected by the main level elevator year-round. Volunteer opp: restock shelves at the food bank northeastiowafoodbank.org/ Of special need for the Little Food Pantry are:

Dry goods: oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, dried beans, rice and other whole grains, pasta w/ a canned sauce, spices, popcorn, dry/canned soups (to mix with water), canned fruit or vegetables *NO GLASS items*

Individually packaged snacks: boxes of raisins, granola bars, protein bars, fruit snacks, individual cereal cups, applesauce, and pudding packs.

Prayer Shawls: Handstitched with prayers, shawls are available in the atrium for anyone that needs to be surrounded with the care of Christ's love.

CHRISTMAS WITH WWW

Thursday, Dec. 3, 6-8pm

A St. John Women, Wine & the Word event

LOCATION: PRAIRIE WIND [at] WESTERN HOME

MERRY MERRY MERRY MERRY MERRY

Christmas

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP TEAM

WAS IT WORTH REPLACING OUR OLD LIGHTS WITH LED BULBS?

YES! Replacing traditional light bulbs with LEDs saves money, cuts energy use, and lasts much longer.

As we conclude this facility improvement project, we want to celebrate that CFU is sending SJLC a \$4,444 rebate to offset the initial costs to buy & install the LED lightbulbs! Thanks CFU!



Team Mtg: *As Lutherans, God calls us to care for others and for all of God's creation. Join others in supporting this work and come to the next Team meeting: Contact Cory (319-230-1466, corylevendusky2@gmail.com) to learn when & where.*

Recycle Adult Athletic Shoes + Adult Athletic Shoes of any size may be left in the collection box in the office entry. Each box holds 40-50 pairs of shoes. Shoes sent to Sneakers4Good Shoes are funneled into the reuse economy to support micro-entrepreneurs in developing nations, giving footwear a second life instead of heading to a dump.

Recycle Cards Opp + Half of the cards are being given to sell at First United Methodist Church to support missions. The other half of the cards will go to the Western Home, where greeting card boxes are placed in the independent living buildings.

Categories of cards needed: Anniversary; Birthday; Get Well; Sympathy; Thank You; Thinking of You; Notecards . (No holiday cards, please).

We can use new and used cards. Please provide the entire card. We also will accept donations of blank envelopes and any color of card stock. Donations may be left in the box in the office entry.

Recycling Station in Atrium + There are bins for coffee sleeves, coffee lids, paper and more near the main level restrooms. Unfortunately the coffee cups themselves can't be recycled because they have a wax coating. Those can be placed in the regular trash.

Coffee Grounds + Did you know that we set the used coffee grounds out to dry on a rack when the coffee is cleaned up on Sunday (instead of throwing it away)? Those grounds are available for you to take & use for your plants/garden—you just need to bring a container to transport it home! Contact Cory (319-230-1466, corylevendusky2@gmail.com) to arrange taking them home.



The Harvest Table is set up in the atrium! If you have extra garden items you'd like to share, please bring them along to worship with you for others to enjoy. If you see something at the Harvest Table you'd like to take home to eat, please help yourself to someone else's gift of bounty!

Dispose of Unneeded Medications + The Cedar Falls police department provides a year-round drop box at the CF Public Safety Center (4600 Main St). People can go there 24/7/365 and put prescription and over-the-counter meds in the secure dropbox in the entryway (No liquids, no sharps). This keeps those out of the landfill and waterways.



Cedar Valley Interfaith Council
Ad Hoc Immigration Committee
cvic.immigration@gmail.com

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We believe that every human person is entitled to be treated with dignity, respect and due process of law, regardless of their legal status.

We believe society has a moral responsibility to preserve and protect families.

We believe that enforcement of the law must be just, humane, targeted and proportionate to the danger posed.

We believe it is morally wrong for political leaders to incite and exploit xenophobic and racial fear.

We believe that religion should not be weaponized as a tool of political ideologies.

We believe people of faith and goodwill have a moral responsibility to protect and support those endangered by social, political, economic and religious prejudice.

The Cedar Valley Interfaith Council has available **"We Stand With Immigrants" yard signs for \$25.00 each.** If you would like to purchase one, signs can be picked up from the SJLC church office with payment provided to CVIC through a QR code we have in the church office (*no cash purchases*).

**We Stand With
IMMIGRANTS**



CEDAR VALLEY INTERFAITH COUNCIL
cvic.immigration@gmail.com

ELCA Sumud "Stolen Stories" Video Series Launch

A new video series is available from the ELCA Global Mission. It's the newly released [ELCA Sumud educational series](#) on the stories of Palestinian Christians as they recount their historical narrative from 1948 to today. This is a five part documentary series of videos with accompanying discussion questions. Videos feature indigenous Palestinian Christians, pastors, bishops, and scholars telling their own stories and contextualizing the history and theology of the region. Check out this brief series to learn more and if anyone would like to lead a discussion group or have further conversation, please contact Pastor Brian.

JOIN OUR TEAM

Employment Opportunity: FACILITY MANAGER (part-time)

The Facilities Manager helps keep our property and facility in tip-top shape with the support of the Property Resource Team.

- Have knowledge of and ability to coordinate/execute basic maintenance and repairs that may be needed. Maintenance and repair work may be completed by this individual, volunteers, and/or external vendors.
- Maintenance and repair project planning.
- Maintain relationships with necessary vendors (HVAC, plumbing, electrical, plowing and lawn services).
- Manage the facilities budget in coordination with the Property Resource Team.
- Coordinate and execute safety inspections
- Communicate and document project planning/execution with necessary parties.

LEARN MORE!

Have questions about this part-time Facility Manager position? Talk with Larry Prohaska (PRT facilitator). **Want to see the job description?** A Job Description is available on the employment page of the website. **Interested in applying?** Please complete the Job Application Form available on the [employment page](#) of our website.

MINISTRY PARTNERS



Packed with big music, big laughs, and even bigger impact! Help us celebrate nearly 70 years of NewAldaya magic as NewAldaya launches the Best Foot Forward Campaign, refreshing our campus and fueling a bold, hope-filled future. The event is FREE and open to the public — plus, you'll find fun extras like mystery bags and auction opportunities!

A colorful poster for 'CHECKER'S STONE SOUL PICNIC'. It features a large rainbow arching over a stage where two ants are playing instruments (guitar and saxophone). In front of the stage is a large pile of various fruits. The text 'CHECKER'S' is in large, stylized red letters at the top, and 'STONE SOUL PICNIC' is in large, stylized red letters at the bottom.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
11:00 - 5:00 **OVERMAN PARK**
CEDAR FALLS, IA

11:00 SUGAR DADDYS
12:00 RUSH CLEVELAND TRIO
1:00 KATIE & THE HONKY-TONKS
2:00 DEJA BLUE
3:00 FREE RANGE MEDICINE
4:00 THE BEAKER BROTHERS

SPONSORED BY:

RAISING AWARENESS OF CHILDHOOD HUNGER

The Stone Soul Picnic is raising awareness about childhood hunger—something that was near & dear to the heart of Checker.

This annual picnic features food (freewill offering—Blue Barn BBQ will be serving an amazing lunch), children's activities, and live entertainment from local bands. All proceeds go to the children's programs at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank.

Bring your lawn chairs, coolers and water bottles.

	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!



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FOR ST. JOHN PCC

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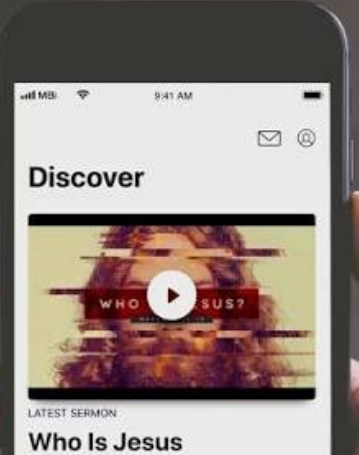

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