

Weekly HAPPENINGS

July 12, 2026

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



NORTHEAST IOWA
FOOD BANK



July 1st - August 10th

Donations Needed!

- Deodorant & antiperspirant
- Soap & body wash
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Feminine hygiene products
- Toilet paper & wet wipes
- Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Q-tips, nail files, nail clips
- Baby wipes & diapers
- Chapstick & facial tissue
- Baby powder & rash cream
- Lotion, sunscreen, aloe
- Band-aids & first aid
- Tooth picks, mouth wash, floss
- Combs, detangler, hair ties

Items can be left in the bin in the OFFICE ENTRYWAY.

While food insecurity is often top of mind, many families also struggle to afford everyday personal care items—things like toilet paper, toothpaste, deodorant, diapers, and feminine hygiene products. Items many of us use daily can be difficult for families to access when budgets are tight, especially during the summer months when resources are stretched even further.

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
- 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!*

Haitian Art coming to St John!

This coming week, six works of art by Haitian artists, will be hung in our sanctuary. These works are on loan to us from the extensive collection of Haitian art at the Waterloo Center for the Arts, recognized as the largest publicly held collection of Haitian artworks in the world. All of the selected works have easily recognized Christian themes.

On **Sunday, July 26 at 11:15am**, please join us in the sanctuary for an opening reception. Darrell Taylor, Curator/Assistant Director of the Waterloo Center for the Arts, will be speaking about each of the pieces. Light refreshments will be provided.

SWEET TREAT POTLUCK

A St. John
Women. Wine & the Word event

Thursday, July 16 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



Need a Ride? Provide a Ride!

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 for someone with an appointment (such as to the doctor's office)? This ministry connects drivers with those needing a ride.

WELCA Gather Bible Study

Gather Bible Study will be a week later in the month of July.... SO...Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, July 22 at 1:30pm** in the library to continue our study, "I AM WORTHY" in your **Summer 2026 Gather magazine**...found on pages 40-47. All are welcome!

Nancy, Sandy and Gloria will be excited about sharing their experiences at the WELCA Triennial in Des Moines the weekend before. Our Bible study author will be a keynote speaker!



Habitat Women Build

Saturday, July 25

8 volunteers per shift

8:30-11:30am (filled)

12:30-3pm (7 spots left)

Hey ladies — join in the fun of this year's Women Build as ladies from throughout the Cedar Valley build two entire houses with our special Iowa Heartland Habitat families in Waterloo.

OUR TASK: SIDING

Sign up using the QR code
You will receive an email with additional information & the location a week prior to the volunteer date.



AUGUST VOLUNTEER OPP



Provide Assistance to NewAldaya Residents wanting to attend worship AT the NewAldaya Chapel & needing someone to push their wheelchair or walk with them!

Sign up to help at the Welcome Center Table

Sign up to Help or to Donate a Dessert:

Community Meal



Aug
4th



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

Monday, Jul 13

AM NO Do-Day Quilters this month
8:30-11:30am VBS (*dress-up*: Favorite Color)
PM Hanging of Haitian Artwork (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, July 14

AM NO Ladies Bible this week
8:30-11:30am VBS (*dress-up*: Inside Out Day)
5:30pm S&D Team Mtg. (Atrium)

Wednesday, July 15

7am Walking Wednesday @ Big Woods/south lot
8:30-11:30am VBS (*dress-up*: Hat Day)

Thursday, July 16

7:30am Men's Bible Study (3rd floor classroom)
8:30-11:30am VBS (*dress-up*: Crazy Socks)
2pm Western Home/SJLC Gathering @ WH
5pm Council Mtg. (Fireside Chapel)

Friday, July 17

8:30-11:30am VBS (*dress-up*: Neon Glow Day)
5pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, July 18

WELCA Triennial Gathering in Des Moines
3pm Dodd/Wolf Wedding

Sunday, July 19

8am & 10am Worship will **BOTH** be held in the F&LC as we highlight our VBS music & scripture w/ the help of our VBS participants!

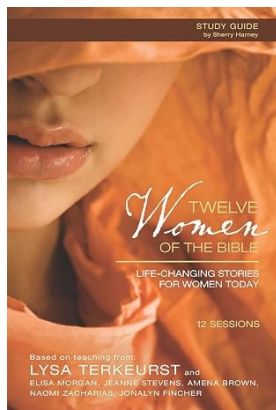
Youth Service Trip to Nashville departs

9am Perennials (Library)

9am 12 Women of the Bible (Fireside Chapel)

Study: Twelve Women of the Bible

Join anytime other men & women from SJLC on Sundays at 9am in the Fireside Chapel as this group works their way through the **Twelve Women of the Bible** Study Guide. Purchase your own copy of the study guide to write down your thoughts on the teachings shared or get the kindle version.



Our quality preschool program provides children ages 3, 4 and 5 years old with half day (2 1/2 hour) sessions. Childcare activities complement the preschool classes and encourage exploration, experimentation and play. Childcare can be provided for your child before or after school and on days when your child is not in pre-school. Childcare is also available to children not enrolled in preschool.

Preschool Classes with Openings for the 2026/2027 school year:

- 3 years old by Sept 15 for T/TH PM class
- 4 years old by Sept 15 for MWF PM class
- 4 years by Sept 15 for M-F PM class

Liberation Through Literacy

1619 FREEDOM SCHOOL READ-IN

Banned in Iowa. Read in Waterloo.

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026 | 11 AM

WEST HIGH SCHOOL KERSENBROCK AUDITORIUM

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Nikole Hannah-Jones

Jason Reynolds

Angie Thomas

Renée Watson

Free book giveaway for readers of all ages

Free refreshments

REGISTER TODAY!

bit.ly/2026-ReadIn

HEALING & CONCERN. . . Darlene Taylor; James Van Patten; Rowen McGarry (Kathleen & Bill Hesse grand-son); 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; Mick Staebell (Vince Gotera’s friend); Lanette, Goose (Brian & Lori Fegley friends); Harley; Sue Larson; Paulo (Barb Feuerhak’s son-in-law); Jennifer Kurtenbach.

COMFORT & CONSOLATION. . . To Jean Collins on the death of her sister, Janice.



Pour out your Holy Spirit on the attendees, speakers and volunteers at the **WELCA Triennial Gathering!** May Gloria, Rose, Nancy & Sandy be empowered to act boldly on their faith, and find renewal & peace in God’s presence as they are reminded they are wonderfully made in God’s image!

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

The altar flowers are given by Tina Meyer in loving memory of Angelique Meyer (8:00); and Neil & Lori Boyer in celebration of an abundance of blessings (10:00).

Coffee Crew Setup & Cleanup:

Donuts: none

If you enjoy having coffee at SJLC on Sunday morning, please consider joining our Coffee Crew that makes it happen! Super simple to do—choose the dates that work for you to prep the coffee & put it out ahead of Sunday and/or cleanup on Sunday. Training provided! Contact Matt Heinen to join this crew (Matt.Heinen@sysco.com)

	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

Submit A Prayer Request:

Visitor Connection Card:

Support Financially:

Pastoral Staff Pastor Brian Julin-McCleary
cell: 319-888-3814; email: PastorBrian@stjohncf.org

St. John Staff Located on the St. John website

Church Council (Council@stjohncf.org)

John Kohagen.**Shawn Smeins, Treasurer**
Josh Green, SecretaryJen Hartman
Blake Borwick, President.....Kathy Diehl
Andrew Bruns, Vice President..... Laura Homewood
Joyce Riley.....

Ministry & Resource Team Leaders

Hospitality & Congregational CareRobin Abraham
Serving & Discipleship.....Janelle Smeins
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:

July 5: We worshipped at Overman Park w/ Bethlehem