

Weekly

HAPPENINGS

May 24, 2026

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



Sturgis Falls: The Golden Ticket!

The annual Sturgis Falls celebration is coming up, and St John is having a float in the parade! The design for our float selected by our Parade Team is a rainforest. This design ties in with our upcoming Rainforest Falls VBS program (*which we'd all agree is a "gold ticket" win for our kids & community*) and also highlights the many ministries of St. John that are ALL "gold tickets" — ministries that celebrate community and joyfully taking God's love into the world!

How Can You Support our Parade Float & Join the Walkers?

- ◆ We need the brown packing paper that is stuffed into Amazon or other delivery boxes for the float. There will be a collection tote in the atrium. Please bring it by June 21st.
- ◆ Members of all ages can color images that will be used to decorate the float. Coloring stations will be set up in the atrium between church services on Sundays, June 14 & June 21.
- ◆ Confirmation students wanting to earn points by helping to assemble the float can help on Friday, June 26th. Sign up in the Welcome Center table, time TBD.
- ◆ We'd love to see YOU at the parade! People who would like to walk in the parade are encouraged to wear a St John shirt or bright colors! *Can't walk?* Wear your shirt & wave at us as we go by! Sign up at the Welcome Center so we will have an approximate count. ****Please indicate if you would be willing to carry the St John banner or one of the Golden Tickets proclaiming ways St John offers opportunities to build community through our ministries.**

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)
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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!

Let's Kick It!

Join us for a Potluck and Kickball

Sunday May 31st
1:00pm

Washington Park
598 E. 9th Street, Cedar Falls

Sign up in the Atrium
or Scan the QR Code



ST JOHN NIGHT @ THE WATERLOO BUCKS

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

TAILGATE @ 5PM; GAME AT 6:35PM

\$10 TIX



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"I Am Worthy." We will have amazing musicians, dynamic speakers, engaging workshops and servant activities to enjoy!

The FLL team has set aside funds to provide scholarships for women wishing to attend. More information about the scholarship application can be found by scanning the QR code.



SJLC Contacts: Rose Lorenz (319-404-2125, lo-renzr35@gmail.com) or Gloria Tollefson (319-266-4075, gltollefson@gmail.com).

Join women from St. John & from around the country at the **2026 WELCA (Women of the ELCA) Triennial Gathering in Des Moines**—

July 16-19. The theme for the 2026 Triennial Gathering is

Young at Heart Event: June 10th

Join with other Young at Heart SJLC folks for our next YAH event on **Wednesday, June 10**. We will **meet & leave church @ 9:15 am** to allow for any construction we might encounter as we carpool to Clear Lake.

We will **eat at Bennigans** first (*Buy Your Own Lunch*). After lunch, we will take a **self guided tour of the iconic Surf Ballroom and the new Surf Immersive Music Experience**. These are two separate buildings next to each other. The cost is \$19.59 (Minus a 10% senior discount - ask for it). *They accept cash and credit cards, but there is a 3% fee for credit card use.* The option does exist to only tour one of the buildings for \$10 (minus senior discount). Your choice.

[Bennigans](#) 2023 7th Ave N
[Surf Ballroom](#) 460 N Shore Dr

IF your car group would like to extend their day, you can also go just a short distance away to the [Central Gardens of North Iowa](#) for your own walking tour. There are more than 20 different themed gardens there you can enjoy.
SIGN UP at the Welcome Center table!

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

Monday, May 25 Memorial Day (office closed)

Tuesday, May 26

10am Ladies Bible Study (Library)

5:30pm HRT Mtg. (Library)

Wednesday, May 27

7am Walking Wednesday @ Big Woods/south lot

Thursday, May 28

7:30am Men's Bible Study (Library)

2pm NewAldaya/SJLC Home Gathering

3:30pm Bible Study (Library)

6:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal (F&LC)

Saturday, May 30

9am Confirmation Brainstorm (Youth Room)

Sunday, May 31

8am Worship (Sanctuary)

9am Perennials Bible Study (Library)

10am Worship (Faith & Life Center)

1pm Kickball Game & Potluck @ Washington Park
(508 E 9th St., CF)

Upcoming Youth Group Leadership Change

Earlier this week we shared with our Youth Group & families that Austin Gabel will be stepping down as our Youth Group Coordinator at the end of July (following the youth summer trip to Nashville). We give thanks for Austin's FOUR years in this role!

"This calling has been the most fulfilling and joy-filled opportunity I've ever gotten to be a part of and I THANK YOU all for your support, trust, and faith in me as I've attempted my best to help your kids grow in faith while in this position. I remain committed to instilling a faith convicted in Jesus Christ within our young people. I remain committed to St. John and joyfully taking God's love into the world, and I will seek to continue that mission in a variety of ways as I continue to contribute all I can to our lovely church family - inside and outside the walls of St. John. This is NOT goodbye; I look forward to continuing to serve and glorify God with you all in a new way!" ~ Austin

We are now actively looking to fill the role of Youth Group Coordinator—if you or anyone you know would be a candidate for this position, please reach out to Pastor Brian, Austin or the church office.

The Cedar Valley LGBTQ+ Coalition presents

Safe Zone Training

Sign up to learn about LGBTQ+ basics, pronouns, gender identities, how to be an ally, and much much more!



Part 1: Sunday, June 21st
Part 2: Sunday, June 28th

Both from 3:30-5:00pm,
in the Fellowship Hall



St. Timothys UMC
3220 Terrace Drive
Cedar Falls, IA 50613



Open to the public. No fees necessary, but donations are encouraged.
For any questions, contact archer@cvlgbtqcoalition.org



Habitat Women Build

Saturday, July 25

8 volunteers per shift

8:30-11:30am and/or

12:30-3pm

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:



You will receive an email with additional information & the location a week prior to the volunteer date.

HEALING & CONCERN. . . Grant Gubbrud; Jean Collins; Steve Novak; Mike Andorf; Emily (Dave & Helen Duncan granddaughter); Diana Smith; Diane Kline; Jennifer Snitker; John Bruha; Mick Staebell (Vince Gotera's friend); Lanette, Goose (Brian & Lori Fegley friends); James Van Patten; Don Timmerman; Chris Hartman; Harley; Loy Walker (Brett's mom); Carol Ross; Sue Larson; Paulo (Barb Feuerhak's son-in-law); Muriel Galloway (Charisse Folken's mom); Jennifer Kurtenbach.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

The altar flowers are given by Fred & Robin Abraham in memory of Carla Abraham & Doris Zwanziger (9:00).

Coffee Crew Setup & Cleanup: none

Donuts: none

SIGN UP TO SPONSOR 2026 ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers may be given in memory of loved ones, in thanksgiving for God's blessings, or in celebration of special events. Arrangements for the Sanctuary cost \$50 (two arrangements) and for the Faith & Life Center cost \$30 (one arrangement). The church office will place the order & Bancroft's Florists will bill you directly.

	Apr-26			Fiscal YTD		
	Revenue	Expense	Net	Revenue	Expense	Net
Church	63,603.57	59,052.26	4,551.31	63,603.57	59,052.26	4,551.31
Preschool/Childcare	62,708.84	66,920.53	(4,211.69)	62,708.84	66,920.53	(4,211.69)
Total	126,312.41	125,972.79	339.62	126,312.41	125,972.79	339.62

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**
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Hospitality & Congregational CareRobin Abraham
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 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:

May 17: 268 in person