

Announcements

St. John Lutheran Church, ELCA

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21st Sunday after Pentecost- All Saints

November 2nd-3rd, 2019

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- The Voice of St. John is given this week in loving memory of Ruby Genrich.
- This weekend's bulletins are given by Eric & Amy Hansen in honor of their 20th wedding anniversary.
- We extend our sympathy to Kathy and Ron Baehr on the death of Kathy's brother, Virgil Remmers.

November calendars are available in the basket outside the church office. Check out the new printable calendar on our church website:
www.stjohnbeatrice.org/calendar

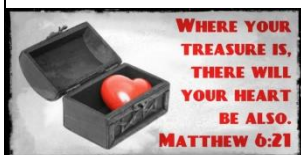
Serenity Blankets for Sale! The youth are selling fleece tied blankets for \$20. Please contact Heidi Price to purchase a soft, cuddly, & warm blanket.

The Stewardship Committee asks the congregation to prayerfully consider planned giving in anticipation of St. John 2020 Budget. We are sharing information at the stewardship table, through temple talks and future messages for the congregation to be better informed.



High School Youth, grades 9-12, are welcome to attend the Lutheran Youth Of Nebraska assembly, November 22-24 at Camp

Calvin Crest near Fremont. The theme will be **Stronger Together**, and will focus on **Ecclesiastes 4:9-10**. Register by November 7th- See Heidi for more information or to register.



The 2020 Nebraska Synod Middle School Gathering is January 11-12.

All youth ages 6th-8th grades. Register before Nov 13: \$65 Register by Dec 6: \$70

See Heidi for more information or to register.

Sunday School offering for this fall is going to ELCA Good Gifts. Our goal is to purchase 3 family farms by Christmas - we already have one covered and we're close to our second! Pick up a barn bank, fill it with your loose change, and bring it back to church. Thank you!



Remember in prayer

Jennifer Schmitz (granddaughter of Margie Waltke), Kevin Spidle, and Gary Langford.

The best strategy for giving is a 2 fold approach: a basic plan combined with a willingness to consider spontaneous giving when unique opportunities arise. ~ Andy Stanley

November Memory Verse: He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. Colossians 1:17-19



Our Thanksgiving Eve Service will be at 7:00 on November 27th. All are welcome!

We still have free 9 volt batteries available in the Narthex. Please pick one up for each fire alarm you have in your house. Also, remember to recycle your old batteries at the Recycle Center located at 917 S. 11th street here in Beatrice.



Wednesday Night Meal: Join us each week for a hot meal and wonderful fellowship. Contact Heidi Price if you are willing to volunteer or donate food.

WELCA Thank Offering Service will be Sunday, November 10th at both the 9:00 & 11:15 services.

Singers are needed!

The Ladies Choir will sing a simple hymn. Rehearsal will be Thursday, November 7th at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. For more information call Donna Miller at (402) 228-2039.

WELCA's Mission Action Committee donations to Lutheran World Relief:

As of Sept 2019

- 200 Blankets/Quilts
- 105 School Kits
- 56 Personal Care Kits
- 37 Baby Care Kits

In the last 10 years

- 1418 Blankets/Quilts
- 675 School Kits
- 419 Personal Care Kits
- 255 Baby Care Kits

Thank you to everyone who has had a hand in helping this ministry!

WELCA Advent Devotional: All are welcome to submit Advent stories. These can be personally written by you, a story that you enjoy, a poem, a quote, etc. Scripture readings for the Advent Devotional are from Isaiah chapters 2, 6, 9, 11, and 35.

- * Submissions should be between 150 – 200 words.
- * Please turn in to the church office or email Janet Byars at jb68310@gmail.com by November 15th.

Week Beginning Nov. 3rd

Sunday (3)

9 AM Worship/Communion
 10:10 AM Adult Forum (FH), Sunday School, B3 Group
 11:15 AM Worship/Communion
 5 PM Cub Scouts 85 (FH)

Monday (4)

9 AM Food Pantry (B1)
 3:45 PM FUEL Gr. K-2 (U7)
 4 PM Evangelism (Library)
 6:30 PM Personnel
 7 PM Stewardship (Library)
 8 PM Al-Anon (B4)

Tuesday (5)

10 AM Cluster Text Meeting
 3:45 PM FUEL Gr. 3-4 (U7)
 5:30 PM Worship & Music Committee
 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous (B9)

Wednesday (6)

9 AM Staff Meeting (Library)
 2 PM Revelation Bible Study (Library)
 2 PM Crochet Group (Kitchen)
 5 PM Wednesday Night Meal (FH)
 5:30 PM Cherubs (U7)
 5:30 PM Choristers (Chapel)
 5:30 PM Praise Ringers (Stage)
 6 PM Jubilate (Chapel)
 6 PM Bells of St. John (Stage)
 6:44 PM Confirmation Event (FH)
 7 PM Chancel Choir
 7 PM Youth Group (HS YR)

Thursday (7)

9 AM Food Pantry (B1)
 9:30 AM Announcements Deadline
 10:30 AM Seasoned Saints (Kensington)
 3:45 PM FUEL Gr. 5-6 (U7)
 6:45 PM Lutheran Men in Mission (Samaritan Springs)
 6 PM Food Pantry Meeting (Library)

Friday (8) Office Closed

10 AM Beatrice Health & Rehab
 6:30 PM Girl Scouts (FH)

Saturday (9)

6 PM Worship/Communion (Chapel)

Sunday (10)

9 AM Worship
 10:10 AM Adult Forum (FH), Sunday School, B3 Group
 11:15 AM Worship/Communion
 12:30 PM FF4A (Resource Room)
 5 PM Cub Scouts 85 (FH)
 7 PM Sunday Night Fellowship



The Food Pantry is requesting: Coffee, Tea, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Jelly, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Rice A Roni, Flour, Sugar, Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent, Shampoo.
 Donations can be left on the front table in the Fellowship Hall.

Serving in Worship

Nov. 3	Sunday 9 a.m.	Sunday 11:15 a.m.
Reader	John Fritz	Bill Plymale
Children's Message	Heidi Price	Heidi Price
Acolytes	Bradley Blake Kiersten Cullison Sarah Price	Abby Ware Addison Barnard Avery Barnard
Greeters	Neal & Barb Meints Jerry & Bev Hecox	John & Deb Blas Bob & Barb Tiemann

Cantor— Eric Hansen
Communion Assistants— Jodi Berke & Travis Gregory
Sun. Office Duty— Jodi Berke & Diane Courtney
Sat. Musician— Liz Holgate

Worship Attendance Last Weekend

† Saturday 6 p.m. Oct. 26 ... 27
 † Sunday 9 a.m. Oct. 27 ... 359
 † Sunday 11:15 a.m. Oct. 27 ... 85

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Volunteers are needed for the Screen Committee. As a volunteer, you would press the space bar on the computer when the screen needed to be changed. We would like to get 15 volunteers, so each person would only be responsible for 1 or 2 services a month. Contact Pastor Ernesto TODAY!

What are the committees doing?

Stewardship: Educate the congregation about forms of giving. Joyous giving through broader communication with the congregation.

Library: The book rack in the narthex now has the books "The Shack" and "Breakthrough" that are available for checking out.

We need you!! Our **new sound system and screens** will be arriving soon. We are forming a sound and video team to help with this process. NO!! You do not need to be tech savvy to be on the team. If you can push a button you can help. Be part of a new and amazing addition to St. John. Contact the office or Pastor Ernesto if you can help!

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Would you like to have a part in helping the people of St. John get to know each other better? It's been 5 years since we did the last **picture directory** and lots of things have changed. Would you be interested in working with a group of people to begin planning for a new directory? Talk to someone on the church staff if this sounds like a project for you.



The **blanket sewers** need some help making blankets/quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They would welcome anyone's help at the church on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Or if you prefer to work at home, they would appreciate having people sew the fabric squares together to make blanket tops or cut fabric into squares. If you are interested in helping and have questions, please call Hilda Remmers at 402-223-3073.

The Mission Action Committee is asking for your help. We will first need items for the **Personal Care Kits**. Please place items in the oak box by the elevator. **Each kit needs:**

- 1 bath-size towel, dark color (between 20"x40" and 52"x27")
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap in original wrapping (equaling 8-9 oz.)
- 1 sturdy comb
- 1 adult-size toothbrush
- 1 metal nail clipper

Please pick up your **offering envelopes** today. If you would like envelopes and don't find a box with your name on it, check with the church office. If there is a box with your name on it, and you don't use them, let us know that also, so we don't order for you next year. If you do SimplyGiving, but would like envelopes for special services, such as Christmas Eve, check with the church office.

We are missing several of the **hearing devices** available for use during the worship service. If you've used them in the past, check at home to see if you accidentally took one home with you.

Large print bulletins are available. If you would like one, please ask an usher. **Hearing devices and noise reduction head phones** are also available from the ushers.

Radio Broadcasts: The cost of sponsoring a broadcast on Sun. is \$115. We are in need of sponsors in March. The radio station will broadcast Lenten services also. The cost is \$125 per week. Please sign up in the church office.

Do you have a quilt, perhaps two, waiting to go to new home? Perhaps you haven't wanted to part with them for sentimental reasons. When you know they could be given a new home where they are treasured for the joy they bring, it may be helpful to consider giving them to your church. Camp Carol Joy Holling has an annual Quilt Auction fundraiser each year. The Women of the ELCA are collecting and would love to share your treasures with Camp Carol Joy Holling to support our children and youth who attend camp each year. If you would like to donate a quilt, please contact Linda Sturgill or Janet Byars and your quilts will be forwarded to Camp Carol Joy Holling.

Worship backpacks are available for children to use during the worship services. They are located in the narthex. Please return backpacks after the service.

We have openings for Aug. 19 and Aug. 26, and some weeks of Sept. and Oct. for **sponsors of the Voice of St. John radio broadcast**. The cost for the 9 a.m. broadcast of the worship service is \$115. Notify the church office if you would like to sponsor a service. Bulletins for the weekend can also be sponsored for \$40.

The Mission Action committee is asking for your help to complete Personal Care Kits and Baby Care Kits. Place items in the oak box near the kitchen.

Personal Care Kits:

- † Light-weight bath-size towel, (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- † Bath-size bars of soap, 4 oz. preferred
- † Adult-size toothbrush
- † Sturdy comb
- † Metal nail clippers

Baby Care Kits:

- † Long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet preferred)
- † Receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square
- † Cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- † Jacket, sweater or sweatshirt w/hood or a baby cap
- † Socks
- † Hand towel, dark color recommended
- † Bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 4 oz. preferred



Sunmart receipt update: We are over half way to our next \$1,000 for education. Thank you for your support and keep the receipts coming!



New approach to the church's prayer list: Let's leave each name on the church's prayer list for up to three weeks. If people would like to have names on the prayer list for another three weeks, they just need to ask at the church office.

There are updated copies of the **October calendar** on the desk in the hallway near the church office. It's also on the St. John web page.

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There is a table in the Narthex with information about **electronic giving**, which is a direct withdrawal from your bank account. Stop by the table and get your questions answered by a member of the Stewardship Committee.

We have a new church giving app! We are excited to share with you a new way to give to the church. GivePlus Church is a mobile giving app that enables you to make one-time or recurring gifts from your smartphone. Visit the App Store or Google Play and search for “GivePlus Church” to download app for free and start donating today!

Would the members of St. John like to **wear nametags** for worship, to help other newcomers get to know names? If you've requested a magnetic name tag, pick it up in the church office.

❖ The bulletins are sponsored by **Marilyn Brolhorst**, in remembrance of her husband, **Virgil**, and their wedding anniversary on Aug. 31. (SAVE FOR WORDING)

Grant and Aid Scholarship guidelines clarification: Financial assistance to students electing to either pursue post-secondary education at a Lutheran College or pursue their spiritual growth in a non-Lutheran College which offers Campus Ministry opportunities: Applicant must apply **each year** by March 31 for the ensuing fall term. The scholarship is not a 4-year scholarship or a set amount. The amount available for funding the annual payment to students is relative to the earnings on the investments. Please see application for other guidelines that apply.