



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

MONTGOMERY, MINNESOTA

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**Dear People of St. John,**

Maryann and I have been blessed this year to have spent time with three of our four children. As you probably know they are all scattered to the winds! We've been to Alaska in May to visit our daughter, we've been to Rock Island, IL to visit our son, and now we've been to Houston to visit our other son. We'll have to wait till next year to visit our daughter in Hartford, CT. But each time we travel, wonderful as the traveling and the reunions may be, we are always delighted to be back home, back to familiar surroundings.

After much dithering and indecision I have finally set a firm date for my retirement. I will finish out this year and retire at the end of December. I never imagined how difficult this decision would be. I expected there would be many details with financial planning, but there is so much more. I've been a pastor for 34 years and that role is a big part of my identity. Many people ask me what I'll do with my time. We'll find a new church home in Northfield where we will want to be active. That will be strange – to sit in the pew! Then there will be woodworking. With a fine woodworking shop on our property I will keep busy building things both for ourselves and for “customers.” Then there will be music! Northfield has an active music scene and I hope to get involved there with my guitar. But the most important role in my life will be as a husband and a father. Maryann and I will cherish the time we will be able to share as well as the ability to see our children and grandchildren more frequently.

Over the next four months I will probably tell you time and time again how grateful we are to all of you for your partnership in ministry, for your support and encouragement, for your love of the church and for the gospel of Jesus. I thank God that St. John will be the crowning touch of my formal ministry. But there is much to do during these next four months –

The calendar for September and following seems daunting. **September 7** is Rally Day when 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders will receive their Bibles, Sunday School teachers will be installed, we will worship outside and have a brunch afterwards. We'll have a couple of other special events as well. It will be a great day! **September 10** is the first day of confirmation for 9<sup>th</sup> Graders; On **September 13-14** the 10<sup>th</sup> Graders go to Gustavus for a retreat with Amber and me to talk about the meaning of the confirmation vow. There's so much more! As any parent knows, it can be overwhelming! But it's all good! You will find more calendar issues and articles about fall activities elsewhere in this newsletter.

May God keep us all in his grace.

In His Service,  
*Pastor Bob Kaul*

## September Worship Helpers

### Readers

September 7	Don Marcussen
September 14	Diane LaVine-Schultz
September 21	Doreen Marcussen
September 28	Tammie Pan

### Head Usher

Kathy Peterson

### Ushers / Greeters

September 7	Roman Jindra Don Marcussen Mike & Maridan Nesmoe
September 14	Steve & Tammie Pan Charles Richter Kelle Schleis
September 21	David & Dorothy Scheffert Eric Schroeder Lynn Schuknecht
September 28	David & Rhonda Solberg Phillip Solberg Myrna Terwedo

### Communion Assistants

September 14	Dallas Horejsi Candyce Kadrlík Maryann Kaul
September 28	Carol Kiekow Erin Krautkremer Diane LaVine-Schultz

### Altar Guild

Kathy Peterson  
Doreen Marcussen

*If you are unable to help on the day assigned, please **EXCHANGE** with someone else and call the church office at 507-364-5002.*

**Thank you for your help!**

## Remember in your Prayers...

Dianna Smith, Brenda Stenzel, Betty Braun, Greg Vlasak, Jeff and Peggy Schaak, Terri Pekarna (Robert & Glenda Larsen's daughter), Jeff Klonne (Pat Boyle's brother), Nancy DeCoux (Cathy Stasney's mother), Bob Hauer, Harold Walters (Betty Jindra and Virginia Horejsi's father), Chad Solheid (Michelle Trcka's brother), Opal Hartwig, Ethan Scheffert, Scott Collier, Adelle Shultz (Carol Kiekow's aunt), John Teig (Berlyn's brother), Arlene Washa, Reuben Svoboda, Braden Flicek, Lester Moen, Sandy Hajney, Mayme Jindra, Nancy Vollmar, Alvin Winterfeldt and Todd Trcka.

## Remember those serving our country...

Eric Braun, Kyle Eckstrom, Adam Minett, Kevin Baer, Jacqueline Sellner, Shane Morris, Damon Athey, Nathan Kubinski, Matthew Astorino, Adam Vlasak, Matt Nelson and Andy Moen.

## Sympathy



*We extend our sympathy to the family of Leona Winterfeldt who passed away Saturday, July 26.*

*We extend our sympathy to Renee Pribyl and family upon the death of her mother, Marcy Pribyl.*

## Memorials

*Gift received in memory of Dave Washa for the Sanctuary lighting project. Thank you.*

*Gift received in memory of Lorraine Cemensky to be used for the mission trip and Sunday School. Thank you.*

*Gift received in memory of Vernon Braun to be used for Pew Bibles. Thank you.*

## Baptism

Sidney Marie Anderson was baptized July 12. She was born February 10, 2014 to Derek and Amanda Anderson. Her sponsors are LuAnn Menden, JoAnn Bishop, Jon Bakbash and Derek Stepka.

Trenton Marc Krohn-Simon was baptized July 20. He was born April 19, 2014 to Josh Simon and Ashley Krohn. His sponsors are Sara Richter and Chad Simon.

Aubrey Arlene Engstrom was baptized August 3. Aubrey was born October 10, 2013 to Eric Engstrom and Nicole Talty. Her sponsors are Tammy Johnson, Larry Malcolm, Ryan and Tara Engstrom and Shari Christiansen.

Baptized August 23 were Wyatt James Nelson and Dylan Michael Nelson. Wyatt was born August 6, 2011 and Dylan May 28, 2013 to Michael and Nicole Nelson. Wyatt's sponsors are Jennifer Kaisershot and Christine Cashin. Dylan's sponsors are Kayla Kaisershot and Sharon Spartz.

God's blessings to Sidney, Trenton, Aubrey, Wyatt, Dylan and their families.

## Financial Corner General Fund - June

	June	Year to Date
Receipt	\$ 10,905.06	\$ 82,844.05
Expenses	\$ 14,538.51	\$ 91,106.23
Cash Flow	\$ (3,633.45)	\$ (8,262.18)

## Financial Corner General Fund - July

	July	Year to Date
Receipt	\$ 11,336.41	\$ 94,180.46
Expenses	\$ 13,617.77	\$ 104,724.00
Cash Flow	\$ (2,281.36)	\$ (10,543.54)

## **Church Council Meeting** **August 19, 2014 - 6:30pm**

**Present:** Paige Nordling (1/15), John Grimm (1/15), Jeanne Anderson (1/15), Maridan Nesmoe (1/16), John Helling (1/16), Dan Hardel (1/17), Kathy Peterson (1/17), Wendy Vargo (1/17), and Pastor Robert Kaul

**Absent:** John Krautkremer (1/16)

Opened with **devotion** by Pastor Kaul

Jeanne Anderson moved, Kathy Peterson seconded to **approve the June 2014 meeting minutes**. Motion carried.

**President's Report:** None

**Vice President's Report:** None

**Secretary Report:** None

**Treasurer Report:** Paige Nordling moved, John Helling seconded to **approve the Treasurer's Report** for June and July 2014. Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

- A. **Head Ushers:** September: Kathy Peterson  
October: Maridan Nesmoe  
November: Wendy Vargo
- B. **Feed My Sheep:** \$305.26 in the fund currently. Dan Hardel moved and John Grimm seconded to donate current can recycling money to the Feed My Sheep fund.
- C. **Constitution and Bylaws:** We were updated on the work being done on these documents. The timeline is for presentation to the council in September with an update of the Constitution/Bylaws/Resolutions. These will then be sent to the Synod for approval. We plan for a congregational meeting in November when these will be presented for approval. A second vote will be taken to adopt these at the January Annual Congregational meeting.
- D. **Audit Committee:** The initial meeting will take place on August 20, 2014. Members are: Dan Hardel, Dr. Mark Brahs, Dave Scheffert, Deb Jelinek, Lynn Heinzig, Mark Wehe.
- E. **Parsonage Rental:** New 12 month lease in place effective September 1<sup>st</sup> with new renters. Dan will report the YTD income summary.

### **New Business:**

- A. **Can Recycling:** Next load is designated for the Feed My Sheep fund.
- B. **Nomination Committee:** We are ready to establish this committee now, and are seeking members. We will have three council positions open in January.
- C. **Pump House:** Dave Scheffert approached the council for permission for the Masons to store some equipment in the pump house. Dan Hardel moved and Wendy Vargo seconded a motion to allow this based on the fact that moisture in the building will not affect the equipment they are planning to store there. Motion carried.
- D. **Hiring Youth Coordinator:** An e-vote took place on July 24, 2014 to approve the hiring of Amber Athey as the new youth coordinator. Dan Hardel moved, Paige Nordling seconded to ratify this vote. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

- A. **Stewardship Committee:** John Grimm  
No report
- B. **Evangelism Committee:** Wendy Vargo
  - 1. Welcome cards were made and put into card holders in pews.
  - 2. Soldier boxes will be put out at the end of August, first of Sept. for people to fill. Hope to send them off by the middle of November.
  - 3. A new member Sunday is being planned.
- C. **Education:** Pastor & Jeanne Anderson
  - 1. The cleaning and organizing of Sunday school areas was successful!
  - 2. The Sunday school calendar was shared with the council, classes will end on May 3<sup>rd</sup> this year.
  - 3. September 7<sup>th</sup> is Rally Sunday/ Teacher Installation/3<sup>rd</sup> grade receives Bibles. Jessica is sending out postcard invites.
  - 4. Jessica is ordering the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the Sunday school curriculum.
  - 5. Fall confirmation retreat for 10<sup>th</sup> graders is Sept 13-14.
  - 6. There will be a Retreat on Sat. Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> for 5<sup>th</sup> graders in preparation for Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> First Communion.

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7. Confirmation will be on October 26<sup>th</sup>, with the Christmas Program on December 14<sup>th</sup>.
  8. At our last meeting we discussed Bibles for pews as part of adult Bible Study. A discussion was held concerning pew Bibles and it was noted that there is a donation that will be made to this project. John Grimm moved, Jeanne Anderson seconded to authorize the purchase of 150 pew Bibles and to contract for construction and installation of pew racks to hold these Bibles. Motion carried. It was noted that there will be an opportunity for members to donate to this project designating a Bible in someone's name.
  9. The next Education Committee meeting will be held on October 12 at 11:00.
- D. Youth:** Paige Nordling - Luther League Committee- Last planning meeting was April 6<sup>th</sup>
1. Little League: No report
  2. Junior League: No report
  3. Senior League: Outdoor movie night did not happen.
  4. Mission trip was successful! Many photos posted on St. John's Youth page on Facebook. They are planning a congregational presentation during late September.
  5. We held an all league activity out at Gregor's lake lot on Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. There were about 15 people there. Good mix of older kids and younger kids. Successful!
  6. Boundary Waters Trip happened again in early August. This was a group of kids who had made a couple of trips already and had a great time. Christina Dietz was the chaperone. They are already talking about the next trip! We are also planning a presentation in early October.
  7. ELCA Youth Gathering 2015 – Detroit, MI – July 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 2015 – We have set an informational meeting for September 10<sup>th</sup> – need commitments ASAP.
  8. 10 people went out to clean at Pioneer Power on Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Kids can take money from the stipend paid out or use it as community service hours.
  9. Emily, Yolinda and Paige have had several meetings throughout the summer to go over financials, set several policies and clean the office. Minutes of our meetings can be made available if interested.
  10. The Youth Committee has been saving over the years with the intention of putting up playground equipment in the back yard. After going over our financials extensively, we decided that we are at a point where we can do that! The Advisory Board visited Rainbow Play Systems last week and have secured a great deal on a set which is scheduled to be installed before Rally Sunday.
  11. Emily's last day was August 15<sup>th</sup>. Amber Athey has been hired to take her place. Paige and Emily have met with her to work on some transitional items. They will meet again this week. She is excited to get started!
  12. A number of kids have attended Camp Omega this summer. Remember to turn in a copy of your registration to the office in order to get reimbursed any money from your child's account.
  13. We are always looking for more youth involvement in the church services one Sunday a month.
  14. Next Events Planning Meeting will be Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm at church.
  15. Next Advisory Meeting will be set following the planning meeting.
- \*Paige Nordling moved, Dan Hardel seconded a motion to award Emily Hoefs the award for Excellence in Youth Ministry. Her name will be added to the plaque. Motion carried.
- E. Facility Management** – John Krautkremer
1. We reviewed a bid from Bisek Interiors for remodeling of the bathrooms up and downstairs. Upon actual final cost amounts we will move ahead with the project.
  2. Sanctuary lighting was discussed, and discussed some more.... The project continues..
  3. Plumbing issues were discussed and noted. The parsonage has roots in sewer lines, church kitchen drain running slowly and church kitchen faucets in kitchen leaking.
- F. Church and Society:** Kathy Peterson  
No report
- G. Communications:** Dan Hardel
1. We will be sharing information with congregation on electronic giving through the Simply Giving/Vanco program.
- H. Fellowship:** John Helling
1. September 7<sup>th</sup> Rally Sunday Brunch was discussed.
  2. Twins Game- group is going on August 22.
- I. Worship & Music Committee:** Maridan Nesmoie - Meeting was held on August 16<sup>th</sup>
1. Discussion took place on coffee hour, Rally Sunday, Bells Trio.
  2. It was mentioned that the pads for bell tables are starting to deteriorate and they are checking on the cost to replace them.
  3. There will be an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on Tues., November 25<sup>th</sup>, at St. Patrick in Shieldsville.

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**Pastors Report:**

1. Mayme Jindra is turning 100 on Dec 13<sup>th</sup>!
2. John Grimm moved, Dan Hardel seconded a motion to donate \$55 to the Fire Safety program for materials used in the schools. Motion carried.
3. Cindy Westerhouse has been working on job descriptions for staff, and personnel policies.

\*Pastor shared that he will retire on December 31, 2014! Dan Hardel spoke on behalf of the council expressing appreciation for his service and offering congratulations.

Next meeting: September 16, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 and closed with "The Lord's Prayer"

Submitted by Jeanne Anderson, Church Council Secretary

### Open House at Kaul's

Pastor Bob and Maryann invite you to our new home in Northfield on Sunday, Sept. 21 at 12 noon. We will have a light lunch and Bob will provide tours of his amazing wood shop! No gifts please.

Directions: Hwy 19 east into Northfield. Turn left onto Hwy 3 north. Go past the two large implement dealers. Right after the village of Waterford, which is on the right, turn left onto Dakota Co. 96 (also posted as 320 Street). We are the second street on the left and the house is red and gold. 32039 Darlington Avenue. Please come!

### Women of the Church

It has been suggested that we need to make some changes regarding our Fall Fundraiser. We need your help to plan this year's event. An organizational meeting will be held at 11:00 on Sunday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall.

If you are unable to attend, please contact Debbie Athey (debbiemathey@yahoo.com), Carol Kiekow (ckiekow@frontiernet.net), or Myrna Terwedo (myloter@yahoo.com) with your ideas so they can be considered on the 14<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing the rest of you on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Yours in Christ,

Debbie Athey, Carol Kiekow, Myrna Terwedo

### Music Notes

I'm excited about starting choir rehearsals this fall. I have lots of wonderful music for our children's choirs, handbell choir and women's choir. Our music ministry seeks to proclaim His word with the best possible offering to God. Rehearsals begin in September. Mark your calendars!

-**Sunday School** children practice their songs during Sunday school opening.

-**Rock'n the Church** will start practice Sunday, September 14 @ 11:00 a.m.

This choir is open to children in grade 3 through grade 6.

-**Bells of St. John** will start practice Wednesday, September 3 @ 7:00 p.m.

A handbell trio will ring on September 21 and the entire choir will ring during the service on September 28.

-**Women's Choir** will sing for the following services this year:

-at the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 25

-at the 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

-at both Easter Sunday services April 5, 2015

Please let me know if you want to sing with us. We will rehearse 3 times before each of these services.

Soloists are also encouraged to share a song during a worship service.

**September 7 is Rally Sunday.** There will be an Outdoor Worship Service starting at 9:00 a.m. in the back yard of our beautiful church property. There will be a special prayer for all the kids and teachers as they begin their journey together with Christ for the 2014 - 2015 school year. Please bring a blanket or chair to sit on. A potluck brunch will be served after the service.

Kathy Heyda  
Music Director



## THANK YOU TO EMILY HOEFS!

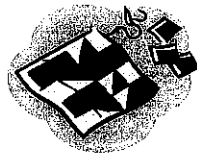
For about six years Emily served St. John Lutheran Church as the Youth Activities Coordinator. More than serving us, she has served the Lord. She turns the youth program over in vibrant shape to Amber Athey. While Emily's employment ended on August 15, our gratitude is ongoing. We will have a special thanksgiving to Emily on September 7<sup>th</sup> (Rally Day). You are invited to bring your cards of thanks.

## INSTALLATION OF AMBER ATHEY

Amber is our new youth person on staff and we want to have an installation service for her during the 9 am service on September 21. Amber has lots of enthusiasm and fond memories of her own experiences with St. John's youth program. She has a Bachelor's degree in early childhood education and will complete her Master's in May. Please join me in welcoming Amber to the staff with prayers and encouragement.

## Quilting

Come and share your talents while having a blast creating lasting memories! The group will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. starting Monday, September 22, then the 2nd and 4th Mondays of October, November, January, February and March. Bring a bag lunch for noon fellowship. Everyone is welcome to join this group.



## New Service begins!!!

We are excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up one time giving or automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Just visit our website at [www.montgomerymnelcalutherans.org](http://www.montgomerymnelcalutherans.org) and click on donate button, then follow onscreen instructions.

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated aluminum cans. The cans brought \$197.20 which went to the Feed My Sheep program. Thank you to John Grimm for taking the cans to Mankato.

Thank you to the group of women who assembled and delivered 27 bundles for Liberia hospitals and 55 infant sets for Lutheran World Relief. Total of 117 bundles so far this year!!!

## Soldier Packages

The Evangelism Committee is now collecting items for the Soldiers' Christmas Packages that will be sent in November. There's a box placed in Fellowship Hall for non-perishable items.

## Groups & Organizations that meet at St. John!

*To ensure our calendar is correct and that we have the church open for your event, please inform Pastor Bob or Kay of your planned meeting dates.  
Thank you for your cooperation.*

## Have an announcement for the bulletin or newsletter?

Drop off or e-mail ([stjohnelca@frontier.com](mailto:stjohnelca@frontier.com)) information to the church office by:

- ◆ Thursday for the bulletin.
- ◆ The 24th of Sept. for the October newsletter.



# News from the Southeastern Minnesota Synod

Today's Bright Spot comes to us from St. John Lutheran Church in Montgomery. Church member, Maryann Kaul, shares about a unique way the congregation generously gives to those in need.

Maryann shares, "This is a story about our church acting in faith and in trust that God will provide so that we can do His work of justice and love for all of God's people. Just over a year ago John Grimm, an active member and a man with a long-term commitment to do justice and service work in this community, came to Pastor Bob Kaul and the Church Council with an idea.

He proposed a fund be established that would provide emergency help to persons in need. St. John already had a "Pastor's Discretionary Fund", but John's idea was for the funds to stretch beyond a voucher for gas.

John proposed a fund that was outside the budget, supported by individual donations and committed to helping with extraordinary needs. Any person in need would be eligible. Any member of the congregation could submit a request to the pastor or any Church Council member. The pastor and the Council Executive Committee would immediately review the request and act. The gift would go directly to the individual in need. Members of the congregation were engaged in the process, a banner was created, and donations came. The first gift of \$500 was given the same month the Feed My Sheep (the name of the new fund) was established. Some months there have been several requests that were approved. If the Feed My Sheep fund is low, Pastor Bob will make an announcement at church and within a few days there will be enough money and extra.



## **Too many children were dying - a Village Health Team in Uganda**

Written by Jessica Nipp Hacker

*It's World Malaria Week! Even as we raise money to jumpstart programming in Namibia, Lutheran malaria programs continue to change lives in other countries in Africa. Here is a story about a Village Health Team from Uganda.*

Onyait Michael lives in Uganda, in an area called Katakwi. "We used to bury so many people due to malaria," he recalls, "especially children."

The children in Katakwi were dying of malaria. The hospital was far away, and when children got sick, it was impossible to navigate the difficult roads on foot, to get medical help in time. Parents didn't have the education or the resources that they needed to keep their children safe. And too many children were dying.

So when the Lutheran Malaria program in Uganda began, Onyait Michael volunteered to join a Village Health Team. He and his fellow volunteers were trained in malaria prevention and control. When they graduated, they received bicycles to help them travel from village to village in Katakwi to spread the word.

Onyait's team began right away to help equip their community with the knowledge of what malaria is, how it is transmitted, and how they can prevent malaria from attacking their loved ones. Onyait and the other members of the Village Health Team distribute insecticide-treated nets to the households in Katakwi, and they check in with their neighbors periodically to make sure the nets are being used and maintained correctly. The Village Health Team also sponsors community events to clear brush and remove areas of standing water, where mosquitoes breed. They hold regular open clinics, where sick people can come to be tested for malaria and to receive medication right in their own village—and if a person is very sick, the team even makes house calls!

Money from the ELCA Malaria Campaign—money that you gave—paid for the training that Onyait Michael and his colleagues received. It paid for the test kits, medicine and nets that they distribute to the people in their communities. It paid for the bicycles that allow team members to bring health care into the villages and homes where it is most desperately needed.

Onyait says, "we used to find it difficult to move from place to place to mobilize the community members. With the bicycles that we received from the Lutheran program, now our work has been made very easy and we are able to reach every corner in every village to do our work. With this support, we are very determined to ensure that malaria is completely eliminated from our communities."

The district of Katakwi has already begun to push toward that goal. Onyait is proud to say, "these activities have seen the cases of malaria and its associated complications go down. These days we hardly even hear of a child who is rushed to the hospital with a severe case of malaria." And children in Katakwi are no longer dying of a preventable and treatable disease.

Onyait wants you to know that your gifts are appreciated. He says, "I and my colleagues are very thankful to the ELCA Malaria Campaign and Lutheran World Federation for all this support that they are giving to us. We are really very appreciative because malaria has been the number one killer of our people."

Onyait and his Village Health Team are making malaria history in Uganda. And working together with our companions in Africa, your gifts are helping to make it possible.

*Thank you!*



## Sunday School News

Welcome Back to Sunday School at St. John Lutheran! We have an exciting new 2014-2015 year ahead of us. Our program is growing and we have moved around classes to accommodate our new sizes! PreK – 4th grade will be upstairs, 5 & 6 grades will be downstairs and 7-12th will continue to be held in the classroom upstairs. Rally Sunday will kick off our year on Sunday, September 7th – where we will install our Sunday School Teachers and the 3rd Graders will receive their new bibles during our 9:00 am **outdoor** worship service. Afterwards you can sign your child(ren) up for Sunday school, see the classroom, meet their teachers, and then participate in a church wide brunch. Please bring a dish to pass – fruit, sweet breads, rolls etc. – egg bakes will be provided by the Fellowship Committee.

Throughout the year the Sunday School children will be singing on the 2nd Sunday of the month. The Christmas Program will be held on December 14th during the 9:00 am service, and we will again be conducting our memorization service on May 3rd, which is our last day of Sunday School before summer rolls around again!

Attached you will find the Sunday School registration form which we would like you to complete and return to your child's Sunday School teacher Rally Sunday.

I want to thank all those who volunteer to teach and lead our youth throughout the year. Such positive results come from instilling faith in our youngest members!

Thank you  
Jessica Westerman



### St. John Lutheran Church Sunday School Registration 2014-2015

Childs Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Back-Up Emergency Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Known Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# ST. JOHN YOUTH

## **New Youth Activities Coordinator**

I'd like to introduce myself as the new youth activities coordinator! My name is Amber Athey and I am excited to be taking on the role of the youth activities coordinator! St. John's has been my home church since I was born and I had a great experience growing up in the church and participating in youth events. I look forward to getting to know the youth and their parents and getting to know the youth's interests and likes to be able to strengthen their relationship with Christ. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments; [amber.youthleague@gmail.com](mailto:amber.youthleague@gmail.com)

### **ELCA National Youth Gathering Informational Meeting**

Registration for the 2015 ELCA National Youth Gathering is quickly approaching. Our church will be holding an informational meeting on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. The trip is open to youth currently starting grades 8-12. Youth will travel via bus to Detroit for this awesome conference. The dates of the trip are July 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested at all in this great opportunity for growth and fellowship with other Lutherans please attend the info meeting.

### **Boundary Water Canoe Trip Informational Meeting**

There will be an informative meeting on October 1st at 7:30 for youth interested in the upcoming summer 2015 Boundary Water Canoe Area (BWCA) trip.



### **Pop Tab Collection**

We will be collecting pop tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald House charities. Containers will be available to deposit your pop tabs in the Youth Room, Sunday School office, and church office.

### **Cell Phone Fundraiser**

Please donate your old phone to the Luther Leagues. We send in the old phones to a recycling program and receive money in return. These funds help keep the events held at St. John Lutheran inexpensive and available to everyone. A basket for donations can be found on top of the coat racks near the church office.

### **Coffee Sales**

We will continue to sell ground and whole bean coffee from the European Roasterie. They are available at \$9 per bag. If you are interested in purchasing, please find Amber Athey during coffee hour. Our current flavors on hand include Breakfast Brew, Jamaican Me Crazy, and Church Basement Ladies.

