

Messenger *St. John*

May 2024 | ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH | NASHUA, IA

The Value of Continuing Education

In the first seven days of May, I will complete two separate continuing education efforts. The first, is my required First Call Theological Education (FCTE). Every pastor and deacon must complete three years of FCTE immediately following their graduation from seminary, ordination, and beginning their first call. This requirement is designed to help clergy starting out in professional ministry to grow their network of colleagues and give them support. Seminary cannot teach everything someone needs to be successful in ministry, so FCTE is also designed to further one's knowledge to help them succeed.

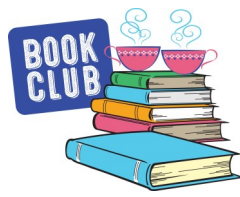
My second continuing education effort is called The Moses Project, which I have been part of since August 2023. This opportunity lasts 10 months and is also designed to expand a clergyperson's network of colleagues and grow their knowledge on various topics pertaining to ministry. This effort is carried out through Grandview University in Des Moines and involves in person gatherings, modules of learning, zoom meetings both small group and one on one, and large group exemplar zoom meetings.

I have found both of these continuing education efforts to be valuable. Whatever field you are in, I would encourage you to seek out continuing education opportunities to further your skills and set you up for success in your chosen vocation.

- Pastor Todd



Book club will meet on
Thurs, May 9th
@ 6:30 p.m.
All are welcome!



Men's Breakfast
Sat., May 4th
@ 7 AM
Come join us for food
and fellowship



New Small Group Bible Study-starts May 2nd

We have finished our study of the book of Hebrew where we learned about perseverance in our faith during hard times. We traced what faith looks like as people in the Bible walked out their trust in God in their daily lives and we watched videos about people living in very difficult circumstance today and remaining faithful to God's call on their lives. Hebrews chapter 6 instructs us to become mature in faith and become imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit God's promises.

Our new study is called Faith Foundations by David Platt. We will learn how to live out our faith with topics like:

- What are we made for?
- What does it look like to know God deeply?
- How do we be a disciple and how do we make disciples?
- How do we live the spirit-empowered life?

Please consider joining us on Thursday evenings at 6 PM in the overflow area. All are invited and welcome. Invite a friend or neighbor to come with you.

Everyone is invited to attend the **Spring Piano and Guitar Recital** at St John Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 5th at 1:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary 18 musicians will be performing and several are St. John members.

For more information contact:
Laurie Kristiansen
@ 641-229-1030



April showers bring May flowers but according to the forecast it may be May storms. Hope that everyone is safe.

We start the month with the affirmation of baptism of four of our youth:

Kamden Chyma, Tate Demro,
Eva Foelske, and Hailey Wilkens.

Followed by several graduations:

- Nashua-Plainfield High School:
Dawson Demro, Isabella Dietz,
Jordyn Frost, JR O'Neill,
Aiden Sullivan, Zachary Zwanziger
- New Hampton High School:
Megan Schilling
- UNI:
Isaac Sinnwell, Michael Stille
- Wartburg Theological Seminary:
Jackie Schilling

Prayers and God's blessings to each as they take their next step in life's journey.

More information will be posted on the bulletin board and an insert on May 12th.

On May 12th we will be remembering our mothers and all women who have served as nurturers in our lives. These women would be mothers, aunts, teachers, coaches, and many others. Please take time to thank God for the women who are with us and those who now dwell in heaven.

God is within her; she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Psalm 46:5 (NIV)

Please put Blood Donations on your summer schedules.

Tuesday, June 18th
Tuesday, August 20th
1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Eat healthy and hope to see you.

Myrna Ross



July 22nd to 26th
More info to come

MAY Birthdays

- 1—Boe Brown, Kevin Hinz, Robert Mehmen
- 2—Kyle Bonorden
- 3—Joshua Appel
- 6—Grace Dietz, Dawn Johnston, Lewis Schilling
- 8—Emma Lindeland, Marvelyn Meyer
- 9—Denver Foot, Brian Smith
- 11—Jordyn Frost, Angela Baldwin
- 12—Jin Bearman
- 13—Andrew Rodruck, Katherine Poppe
- 14—Eva Foelske, Cindy Frost, Sarah O'Neill, Bruce Bearman, Jordan Klingman
- 15—Gary Olson, Janet Pagel
- 16—Joyce Bearman, Sarah Sudol
- 18—Thomas Lindoff, Calen Mohs, Ivy Owen
- 19—Robert Beck, Kendall Miller, Trent Rodruck, Brandy Hoffman, Erika White
- 21—Jeanette Schluter
- 23—Michelle Cerwinske, Sheila Hanawalt, David Lienemann
- 26—LeAnn Baldwin, Donald Niemeyer, Alexander Moore, Natalie Sinnwell
- 28—William Lindoff, Kelsey Poppe, Kelly Smith
- 29—Billy Bearman
- 31—Sheri Wilken

By the grace of God
and the call of the church

Jackie K. Schilling

will be ordained and
installed into the
Ministry of Word and Service

Saturday, May 18 @ 2 pm
St. John Lutheran
300 Merrill St. Nashua, Ia.

Bishop Kevin T. Jones Presiding
Rev. Norman Bauer Preaching

Jackie has been called to serve
St. John Lutheran Church in Nashua, Ia.

The color of the day is red
Clergy is invited to vest and process
Reception to follow
Livestream available
@stjohnlutherannashua9604

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

- At Home: Liz Arends
- Cedar Vale: Virginia Kraft
- Nora Springs Care Center: Shirley Goddard
- Whispering Willow, Fredericksburg: Joyce McMichael, Shirley Frost
- Evergreen Arbor, Waverly: Ida Schloemer, Cary Griffith
- 11th Street Chautauqua, Charles City: Dorothy Janssen, Linda Haut, Phyllis Kunzman
- 9th Street Chautauqua, Charles City: Glenn George
- Riverside Senior Living: Evelyn Kapping
- Bella Vita Assisted Living, Tampa, FL: Shirley Fosse
- Bartels—Linden Place: Verna Wiebke
- West Des Moines: June Marth

Northeastern
Iowa Synod



CREATIVE
COLLABORATIVE
CONGREGATIONS

Ministry Fair! SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Come learn about ...

- Call process
- Mutual ministries
- Ministry to parents
- Faith formation
- Volunteer recruitment
- Mission trips
- Congregational legacy planning
- Responding to addiction issues
- Repurposing a church sanctuary
- Campus ministry
- Lay ministry training
- Outdoors as a spiritual playground
- Communications for congregations
- Keeping children safe
- Youth ministry ideas
- Planned giving
- Art as a spiritual practice
- Care for creation ideas
- Racial justice opportunities
- Strategic ministry plans
- LSI's immigrant services
- Mosaic services for fuller lives
- Spiritual care



JOIN
THE
WORSHIP
BAND!

Everyone is
Invited!

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024
Wartburg College, Waverly
9 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

Gather in fellowship!
Learn at workshops!
Share ideas & get inspired!
\$50 per person. Register by May 24 at
www.neliasynod.org/ministry-fair
or call 319-352-1414.

SUPPORT LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES!

- Bring Birthday Cake Kits
- Donate sanitary products



Download instructions at
www.neliasynod.org/ministry-fair.



From the Church Office

April 2024 Statistics

Sun., April 7

9:00 a.m. Attendance: 90 Giving: \$3,457.10

Sun., April 14

9:00 a.m. Attendance: 90 Giving: \$4,7020.00

Sun., April 21

9:00 a.m. Attendance: 80 Giving: \$3,107.00

Sun., April 28

9:00 a.m. Attendance: 91 Giving: \$2,507.00

thank you

We would like to thank Pastor Todd, council, and the entire church family for the heartfelt farewell we received.

We are so thankful and blessed to have been a part of this family for 57 years.

Grateful & God Bless!

Dave & Luci Fober



Collected at the April 13th Spring Lutheran World Relief Ingathering:
1979 Quilts
1 Blanket
185 School Kits
562 Personal Care Kits
187 Baby Care Kits
36 Fabric Kits

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Yolanda Geer

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2024 Council Members

Lori Bruns, President
Kathy Cerwinske, Vice President
Karen Sinnwell, Secretary
Lisa Acton
Bruce Becker
Rick Drewelow
Dan Miller
Megan Stille
Kif Richmann
Finance: Mark Rodruck

2024 Committee Chairperson:

Administration: Megan Stille
Building & Grounds: Bruce Becker
Education: Karen Sinnwell
Evangelism: Kathy Cerwinske
Social Concerns: Dan Miller
Stewardship: Lisa Acton
Technology: Kif Richmann
Worship & Music: Rick Drewelow



May Head Usher:

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Office Hours: Tuesday: 9:30 a.m.—8:30 p.m.

Wednesday 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Thursday: 1:00 —8:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

May 2024 Worship Servants

May 5, 2024 – Jubilee w/ comm

Head Usher: Megan Stille
Lector: Joan Lore
Sound: Kif Richmann
Computer: Lyla Burrichter
Camera: Wyatt Burrichter
Communion: Troy and Jill Stille
Acolytes:
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Greeters:

May 12, 2024 – Traditional w/ comm

Head Usher: Megan Stille
Lector: Myrna Ross
Sound: Lisa Acton
Computer: Kami Hannemann
Camera: Faith Franzen
Communion: Angie Dietz
Acolytes: Adrienne Kalvig
Acolytes: Elizabeth Kalvig
Greeters: Bruce and Lori Bruns

May 19, 2024 – Traditional

Head Usher: Megan Stille
Lector: Ann Senner
Sound: Aiden Sullivan
Computer: Joan Lore
Camera:
Acolytes: Ellie Sudol
Acolytes: Kaden Hannemann
Greeters: Dan and Stacey Berger

May 26, 2024 – Jubilee

Head Usher: Megan Stille
Lector: Nancy Poppe
Sound: Troy Stille
Computer: Katelyn Wolf
Camera: Katelyn Wolf
Acolytes: Eva Foelske
Acolytes:
Greeters: Mark & Micki Rodruck





May



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 1:30 PM WELCA 6:30 PM Conf Class Activity	2 6 PM Bible Study	3	4 7 AM Men's Breakfast Hall Reserved 9AM to 2PM
5 9 AM Jubilee w/ comm Affirmation Sunday Sanc Reserved 1-3PM	6 Pastor Todd - continuing education	7	8	9 6:30 PM Book Club	10	11
12 9 AM Trad w/comm Mother's Day	13 Education Team Meet 6:30 PM	14	15	16 6 PM Bible Study	17	18 Jackie Ordination 2 PM
19 9 AM Trad	20 7 PM Council Meeting	21	22	23 6 PM Bible Study	24	25 Hall Reserved 9AM-4PM
26 9 AM Jubilee	27	28	29	30 6 PM Bible Study	31	1
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*He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many will see and fear and will trust in the Lord. Psalm 40:3*

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"I will

refresh

the weary and satisfy

the faint."

Jeremiah 31:25 NIV

