

August 2026 Messenger

Greetings from Pastor Todd:

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter...”

Those familiar words from Ecclesiastes 3 remind us that life is made up of seasons—some joyful, some challenging, some full of beginnings, and others marked by endings. In every season, God remains faithful, guiding His people through change with His steady hand.

Summer break is already winding down, and before long school doors will open again, classrooms will fill, and families will adjust to a new rhythm. For some, that change brings excitement. For others, it brings nervousness, exhaustion, or the feeling that summer passed too quickly. Changing seasons can be bittersweet, but they also bring wonderful opportunities. Children will learn new subjects, meet teachers, build friendships, and discover new abilities. Parents will balance homework, meals, activities, work, and rest. Families will adapt, finding routines that help everyone grow. Lessons will be learned in classrooms, on playing fields, around kitchen tables, and in everyday moments when patience, responsibility, kindness, and perseverance are practiced.

The same is true in the life of the church. As summer gives way to fall, the congregation settles into new routines. Worship attendance often becomes more regular, and Sunday school, confirmation, youth activities, service projects, and fellowship gatherings begin again. This, too, is a season of learning and growth. God continues to plant seeds of faith, build up His people, and call us together around His Word and Sacraments.

In the rush of a new school year, it can be easy to treat Christian education as one more item on a crowded calendar. But the growth of faith is not a small or optional part of life. Math, reading, science, music, sports, and life skills all matter, helping children develop their minds and abilities. Yet learning who God is, hearing the good news of Jesus Christ, growing in prayer, worshiping with the congregation, and being formed by God’s promises shapes the heart, soul, and whole life of a child of God.

Ecclesiastes teaches that there is a time for every purpose under heaven. Now is the time to renew our commitment to faith development in our homes and congregation: to bring children to worship, participate in Sunday school and confirmation, open the Bible together, pray as a family, and let the rhythms of church life shape daily life. As a church, we give thanks for our young families and pray for them in this season of transition. We pray for students, teachers, parents, and all who support them. May the coming year be filled not only with academic achievement and personal growth, but also with deeper trust in Christ. May this be a season in which our children grow in wisdom, love, and faith, knowing that in every season, God is with them. Amen.

Beginning of the School Year & Start of Sunday School

As summer begins to settle into memory and backpacks return to their hooks by the door, we step into a season filled with fresh beginnings. The start of the school year brings new routines, new learning, and new opportunities for growth. In the life of our congregation, it also marks the joyful return of **Sunday School**—a time when our children gather to hear God’s story, ask big questions, and experience faith in community.

Parents and caregivers play a profound role in shaping a child’s faith. Long before a child sits in a classroom or hears a Bible story in church, they learn what faith looks like by watching the adults who love them. Scripture speaks clearly about this sacred responsibility:

- **Proverbs 22:6** — *“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.”*
- **Psalms 78:4** — *“We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord...”*

These verses remind us that faith formation is both **lived** and **taught**. Children need to see faith in everyday life—grace offered at the dinner table, prayers whispered before bed, forgiveness practiced in moments of frustration. But they also need **structured time** to learn the stories of Scripture, explore the teachings of Jesus, and discover how God is at work in their lives.

Sunday School provides that space. It is a gift we give our children: a place to grow, wonder, and build a foundation that will carry them into adulthood. As we begin this new year, we invite families to make Sunday School a priority. Your presence matters. Your encouragement matters. And your partnership in nurturing faith makes all the difference.

RE-CONFIRMATION: A New Opportunity for Adults

This year, we do not have any incoming confirmation students—and that opens a unique door. Many adults have shared that they would love to revisit the confirmation experience, either to deepen their own understanding or to better appreciate what our young people learn during those formative years.

So this fall, we will offer a **RE-CONFIRMATION Class**.

This class is for you if:

- You want to revisit your own faith formation
- You never had the chance to participate in confirmation
- You would like to walk through the curriculum our students use
- You are seeking a fresh, structured way to grow in your faith
- You simply feel the Spirit nudging you toward something new

Surveys are available now to help guide the planning process. Your input will shape the schedule, topics, and format so that this class becomes a meaningful and enriching experience for all who participate.

Scripture reminds us that faith is not something we “finish.” It is a lifelong journey of learning, growing, and being shaped by God.

- **Philippians 1:6** — *“He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion...”*
- **Colossians 2:6–7** — *“Continue to live your lives in him... being rooted and built up in him.”*
- **Psalms 25:4–5** — *“Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths...”*

These verses remind us that faith formation is not just for children or teenagers. It is for every season of life. Whether you are 18 or 80, God continues to teach, guide, and shape you.

The RE-CONFIRMATION class is an invitation to step into that ongoing journey with curiosity, courage, and community.

With gratitude and hope,

Deacon Jackie

Church News

St. John Lutheran Church
Sunday Worship Service 8:30 a.m.

Pastor Todd Burrichter
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pastortoddburrichter@gmail.com

Lutheran Nashua

Council Members

President: **Tom Franzen**
Vice President: **Zach Huffman**
Council Secretary: **Angie Dietz**
Building & Grounds: **Jeremy Wolf**
Technology: **Zach Huffman**

June 2026 General Fund Report:

Balance 6/01/2026	2,924.45
Receipts	8,065.00
Expenses	21,497.84
Transfers	(370.00)
Balance 6/30/2026	10,878.39

General fund is down \$13,803 for the month and down \$10,922 for the year.

Coming again to St. John's Fellowship Hall Tuesday August 18th from 12:30-5pm. Is our next blood drive. If at least 3 additional donors gave blood throughout August it would help meet hospital needs. You can reach Myrna at 641-435-4804 or visit: RedCrossBlood.org and search Sponsor code Nashua to make an appointment. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Feeding His Sheep in Nashua

Compass Center; Lunches; Every Tuesday Free-Will Offering.....11:30-12:30pm
Nashua Food Pantry: 115 Woodbridge St;.....Every Friday 9-11 & On call
Mobile Food Pantry Every 3rd Thursday.....4-5:30pm



The Community Pantry at St. John Lutheran Church
Use North Door Entrance At 300 Merrill St. Nashua
Monday: 9a-2p
Tuesday: 9a-7p
Wednesday: 9a-4p
Thursday: 9a-2p
Friday: Closed
Saturday: By appointment
Other times by appointment: Call 641-435-2396

Homebound Members

Liz Arends: Accura Healthcare, New Hampton

Burton and Edna Dietz: Clarksville Assisted Living Ctr.

Virginia Kraft: Cedar Vale, Nashua

Phyllis Kunzman: 11th St. Chautauqua, Charles City

June Marth: West Des Moines, Iowa

Don Niemeyer: Clarksville Skilled Nursing & Rehab
Ctr.

Mary Lou Phyfe: Clarksville Skilled Nursing & Rehab
Ctr.

Beth Waller: Maquoketa, Iowa

Verna Wiebke: Linden Place, Bartels, Waverly



1 Cathy Haut

3 Orlin Sudol

4 Micki Rodruck

8 Dawn Lindloff

9 Tyce Steere

10 Drake Dietz

12 Virginia Kraft

14 Lisa Acton

16 Zelda Demro

18 Janet Bilharz

19 Matt Hannemann

20 Tate Steere

21 David Richmann

23 Mary Lou Phyfe

26 Jill Stille

CHURCH News

Welcome our new Secretary!

Hello, my name is Kristen Klein. I am the new secretary here at the church. I just moved to Nashua in November of last year from Brooklyn, IA. I have 3 kids who live with me part time. I am excited to be a part of the church and can't wait to see what the future brings!

August 23rd

- Church on the Lawn!
 - Bring Lawn chairs.
- We will also be doing a blessing of the Backpacks.

Pantry News



The Community Pantry continues to serve clients through the hot summer months with a variety of items, including canned fruits and vegetables, meats, milk, beverages, snacks, bread, and other items based on availability.

Volunteers from the Community Pantry marched in the June Water Over the Dam Days Parade, fully decked out in “luau” fashion, with costumes and a decorated golf cart, driven by Lori and Bruce Bruns.

The Community Pantry is looking for volunteers to help staff the Pantry on a weekly basis. If you are interested in being part of this worthy community initiative, contact any board member. Volunteers can choose the day and time of day that fits their schedule. Community Pantry volunteer board members are happy to visit with potential volunteers. Board members include:

- Ann Senner: 641-330-5798
- Lori Bruns: 641-200-4098
- Beth Wilson: 641-330-2225
- Laurie Kristiansen: 641-229-1030
- Kristy Richmann: 319-325-4775
- Jackie Schilling: 319-504-6583

Volunteers are able to assist patrons 4 days a week. Community Pantry hours are:

Monday and Thursday: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In addition to the Community Pantry, volunteer opportunities are also available with the monthly Mobile Food Pantry, held the third Thursday of each month from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The next Mobile Food Pantry will be held Thursday, August 20th at St. John Lutheran Church.



Sunday Servants:

August	August 2nd Traditional with Communion	August 9th Jubilee with Communion	August 16th Traditional Or Jubilee	August 23 Jubilee Or Traditional	August 30 Traditional
Head usher					
Lector	Katie Burrichter	Lori Bruns	Linda Becker	Angie Dietz	Karen Sinnwell
Sound	Wyatt Burrichter	Troy Stille	Kif Richmann	Greg Henn	Ken Haut
Video	Lyla Burrichter	Wilken Family	Joan Lore	Katelyn Wolf	Carter Hennick
Greeter/Offering	Bruce & Linda Becker	Wilken Family	Kristi Hannamann	Rod & Beth Wilson	Ken and Cathy Haut
Communion	Mark and Trent Rodruck	Rod and Beth Wilson			

Camp News

2026 SUMMER CAMP

EWALU

As a Lutheran outdoor ministry, Ewalu offers a variety of programs all summer for youth in grades 1 to 12, guided by trained counselors. Adults and younger kids can join in with Family Camp and Grandparent Camp! **Our "tiered pricing" makes camp more affordable than ever. No child is turned away for reasons of financial need—details and request form online.**

REGISTER NOW!

See all our programs, the summer schedule and pricing online:
www.Ewalu.org/Summer-Camp

More questions? Check out our FAQs at the link above, or contact the camp office at Office@ewalu.org or 563-933-4700.

EARLY DISCOUNTS

Register by FEBRUARY 28 and take \$40 off all full-week overnight youth programs (take \$20 off shorter and family programs).

Register by APRIL 15 and take \$20 off full-week overnight programs (\$10 off shorter programs).

Details online. Works with any tier!

THIS YEAR'S THEME:

Wear Love

COLOSSIANS 3:12

📍 37776 Alpha Ave., Strawberry Point, IA 52076 📞 563-933-4700 ✉ camp@ewalu.org 🌐 www.ewalu.org

Love & the Outcome

St John is proud to once again host **Love & the Outcome**, a popular husband-and-wife Christian music duo from Winnipeg.

The show, which is part of their Sparrow Tour, is scheduled for **Friday, August 14th**, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Tickets are available through the church office.

Love & the Outcome brings an energetic, inspirational mix of pop and rock, with hit songs that include “He is With Us,” and “King of My Heart.” For more information on the musicians, visit loveandtheoutcome.os.fan.

They played at St John during the summer of 2024 and have graciously agreed to bring their wonderful music back to our church. We are excited to host another night of worship and music for Nashua and the surrounding area!



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26 8:30am Nashua Jubilee Service 10:30am St John (Stapleton)	27 9am Food Pantry	28 9am Food Pantry 6:30pm tentative worship and music	29 9am Comm Pantry	30 9am Pantry	31 Pantry Closed	Aug 1 7am Men's Breakfast
2 8:30am Traditional Communion Ser 10:30am St. Peter (Richfield) Worsh 12pm Stille/Gabelmann Reunion	3 5pm VBS 9am Food Pantry 5:30pm Cub Scouts	4 9am Food Pantry	5 9am Comm Pantry	6 9am Pantry	7 Pantry Closed	8
9 8:30am Nashua Jubilee Communion 10:30am St John (Stapleton)	10 9am Food Pantry	11 9am Food Pantry	12 9am Comm Pantry 5pm Worship with Bible Study 5pm Food, Family, Fun	13 9am Pantry	14 Pantry Closed 7pm Love and Outcome Concert	15
16 8:30am Nashua Trad Service 10:30am St. Peter (Richfield)	17 Pastor Todd Potential off 9am Food Pantry 5:30pm Cub Scouts 6pm Council Meeting 6pm PEO Meeting	18 9am Food Pantry Closed due to blo 12:30pm BLOOD DRIVE	19 9am Comm Pantry 5pm Worship with Bible Study 5pm Food, Family, Fun	20 9am Pantry 4pm Mobile Food Pantry of Chicks	21 Pantry Closed	22
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