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Sunday Worship 10:00am

the Chimes

Christ in us, the hope of glory!

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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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📍 Vacation Bible School: Wonder Junction

Dates: August 3–7 (Sunday–Thursday)

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 PM nightly

St. John's Lutheran Church

Join us for Wonder Junction, a western-themed Vacation Bible School exploring five amazing wonders of Jesus.

There are classes for all ages — from preschoolers to adults!

Nightly Themes:

Sunday, Aug. 3 – The Wonder of His Birth (Matthew 1–2; Luke 2)

Monday, Aug. 4 – The Wonder of His Childhood (Luke 2:39–52)

Tuesday, Aug. 5 – The Wonder of His Ministry Years (Selections from Mark)

Wednesday, Aug. 6 – The Wonder of His Death & Resurrection (Matthew 23, 28)

Thursday, Aug. 7 – The Wonder of His Return (Matthew 25:14–30)

Activities Include:

🎵 Music • 🍌 Snacks • 📖 Science

🎨 Crafts & 🎮 Games for Kids

All are welcome!

Admission is free — come for one night or all five!

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Birthday Party

Our first Sunday fellowship included a surprise 79th birthday celebration for “Uncle Mikey” Zbleski.



Upcoming Events

- [First Sunday Fellowship](#)
August 3, after worship
- [Vacation Bible School](#)
August 3 - 7 6:00 - 7:30pm
- Church Council Meeting (open to all)
August 12, 6:00pm
- [First Sunday Fellowship](#)
September 7, after worship
- Church Council Meeting (open to all)
September 9, 6:00pm
- [H.E.L.P. House Meal Preparation](#)
September 15, 9:00am - noon



Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request, please pick up a prayer request card in the church office. In accordance with HIPAA Law, a prayer request should not be published without the person's consent.

Marilyn Ballenger
Sharon Dillion
Elaine Komives
Charlene Olsen

Jim Penix
Peg Saupe
Pr. Josh Stibb
Debbie Vecciarelli

First Sunday Fellowship



Join us after worship the first Sunday of each month in Luther's Café for coffee, snacks and fellowship.

If you are interested in hosting one of the First Sunday Fellowships, please see the sign up sheet in Luther's Café. It's not that much work and there are always other folks willing to bring food and help out.

Call Committee Update

The Call Committee completed all of the requirements to interview prospective pastors. During this process, we were informed that it could take a considerable amount of time to even interview prospective replacements for Pastor Blair. This is due to less and less people entering the ministry.

At the same time, because of the statewide growth, the Southern District Synod has a better recruitment rate than most of the country. Therefore, we remain hopeful that things will move forward according to the plan that God has for St. John's. I will be talking around specific details with the Church council in August.

I would like to thank the members of the Call Committee for their support and knowledge of the historic Calls of the past. We will do our best to find the right pastor.

Rick Davis, chair

Call Committee

Rick Davis: chair
Tim Amling
Kelly Cooley
Marty Komives

Victoria Patrick
Morgan Riley
Scott Spohler

Council Highlights

There was no council meeting in July.

Church Council

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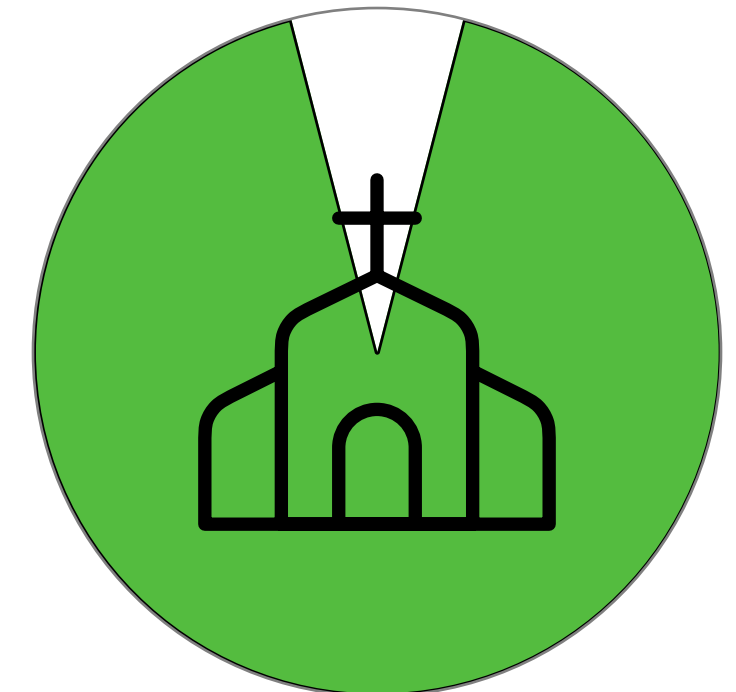
Finance Report

	June	YTD
Income	\$21,713.26	\$133,826.23
Expenses	27,258.30	89,564.17
Net	(\$5,545.03)	\$44,282.06
Mortgage Balance (7/1/25)		\$78,316

Mortgage Payoff

Initial: \$971,747

Current: \$78,316



August Birthdays

- 11 Scott Ackley
- 14 Bev Londergan
- 18 Betty Thompson
- 19 Tonya Blain
- 25 Victoria Patrick
- 28 Valerie Eades
- 30 Morgan Riley
- 31 Milt Boerger

August Anniversaries

- 1 John & D'Ann Steckli
- 8 Allison & Mitch Crawford
- 13 Aaron & Victoria Patrick
- 14 Jerry & Debbie Ball
- 20 Mark & Doreen Browning
- 21 Tim & Dorothy Amling
Derek & Elisha Fisher
- 26 Tom & Linda Jasper
- 29 Josh & Hannah Stibb

Worship Assistants

	August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
Acolyte	Alex Spohler	Nancy Hodosko	Mia Patrick	Andy Wood	Tim Amling
Ushers	Fran Datz Alan Datz	Dominic Gammell Gene Noble	Aaron Patrick Victoria Patrick	Linda Ward Wally Ward	Bob Sellars Marty Komives
Lector	Dorene Browning	Michael Klamo	Susan Friend	Valerie Eades	Mark Erbaugh
Communion Assistant	David Fisher Melonie Fisher	Eileen West Nancy Penix	Kristen Duncan Amy McComas	Rick Davis Kelly Davis	Jerry Ball Deb Ball
Video Sound	Scott Spohler Anna Spohler	Mike Wood Bobby Wood	John Steckli D'Ann Steckli	Scott Spohler Alex Spohler	Mike Wood Andy Wood
Offering Caregiver	Tim Amling Matt Riley	Kelly Davis Martha Davis	Kelly Cooley Mark Erbaugh	Valerie Eades Aaron Patrick	Sharon Dillion Nancy Hodosko
Altar Guild	Melonie Fisher	Melonie Fisher	Melonie Fisher	Melonie Fisher	Melonie Fisher
Altar Flowers	In honor of World Peace Given by Liz Lassel	Jim and Sharon Dillion	In honor of Tonya Blain Given by Jeff Blain	In honor of Victoria Patrick Given by Aaron Patrick	In honor and memory of all the loved ones who have passed
Eternal Flame	Rick & Kelly Davis	Rick & Kelly Davis	Rick & Kelly Davis	Rick & Kelly Davis	Rick & Kelly Davis

The Altar Flowers and Eternal Flame charts are posted in Luther's Café. If you would like to sponsor one or the other in memory of or in honor of someone special, please sign up on the chart or call the church office.

The altar flowers are \$35.00 for the pair and the eternal flame is \$10.00 per week.

Christian Education

Daylight Bible Study - Tuesday 10:00am Luther Café - Gospel of John
Adult Sunday School - Sunday 9:00am David Room - Gospel Reading for that Sunday
Children's Sunday School - Sunday 10:00am Nursery

August Sunday Readings

	Sunday	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
3	8 Pentecost	Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14,2:18-23	Psalm 49:1-12	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
10	9 Pentecost	Genesis 15:1-6	Psalm 33:12-22	Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16	Luke 12:32-40
17	10 Pentecost	Jeremiah 23:23-29	Psalm 82	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56
24	11 Pentecost	Isaiah 58:9b-14	Psalm 103:1-8	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
31	12 Pentecost	Proverbs 25:6-7	Psalm 112	Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16	Luke 14:1,7-14

Volunteer Opportunities



There are many ways you can help St. John's. If you would like to volunteer, contact the church office.

Some areas where help is needed

- Webmaster
- Fellowship coordinator
- Historian / Archivist
- Vacation Bible School
- Maintenance
- Worship Assistants
- Vocal / Instrumental Musicians

Chimes Content

What things about St. John's would you like to see in future *Chimes* newsletters?

If you have any information about current St. John's ministries that should be shared, please let the church office know.

Chimes Photos

If you like one of the photos in *the Chimes*, let me know and I will make you a print or provide a digital version of it.

Mark Erbaugh

Prayer Quilt Supplies

During the Church cleaning, we found a lot of supplies left over from the Prayer Quilt Ministry. If you can use them, let the the office know, otherwise we will donate them to other groups that make quilts for charity.

July 3 Fireworks



H.E.L.P. House

The H.E.L.P. House is a nonprofit organization who provides Madison County residents with daily needs. They have clothing, furniture, bedding, and of course food. The people running H.E.L.P. House use all the donations collected to help people in need. All donations will get redistributed around the area.

The London Help House was very grateful for the donations that filled the church basket. Thank you for adding items whenever you are able since families definitely need it. The Help House crew cooked and packaged over 160 individual meals. The church smelled amazing as the ham, green beans, onions, and potatoes simmered. Thank you to all of you that donated money to help cover the costs. Another special thank you goes to the work crew that was here from 8:00am to 11:30am. Thank you to Deb and Jerry Ball, Fran and Allan Datz, Kathy and Mark Erbaugh, Linda and Wally Ward, Darrell Storck, and Fritz Heckel for their time. We had good socializing and friendship building.

If you are interested in participating in the next meal preparation, just reserve the morning of September 15th between 8:00-12:00.

Donations are always welcome in the form of:

1. Cash
2. Loaves of bread
3. Cookies
4. Onions
5. Applesauce
6. Large cans of green beans
7. Buffet ham
8. Quart size zip bags
9. Snack size zip bags
10. Raw potatoes

There will be a sign up sheet on the board by the entry for anyone to sign up to donate or help prepare the meal. We appreciate all the help!

Please contact Fritz Heckel at 920-279-8044 or heckelf6@gmail.com.

Kroger Rewards

Thank you to the 19 households participating in the Kroger Community Rewards program. Between February 1 and April 30 you contributed \$43.26 to St. John's. The Kroger Rewards goes into our Ekedahl Fund.

If you are interested helping St. Johns through the Community Rewards program, visit <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>.

Madison County Food Pantry

The Madison County Food Pantry now has a website: www.madisoncountyfoodpantry.org

The Food Pantry serves an average of 800 households which includes an average of roughly 3,000 individuals every three months. Food and financial support can be dropped off at 125 S. Oak St. in London during distribution hours: 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. every Wednesday and Saturday, or by special arrangement

Church Cleaning

On Saturday, July 19, several of us gathered to clean the church. We cleaned out the shed, filling the dumpster. We washed about a zillion chairs and tables. We ate pizza and doughnuts. We didn't get around to hanging the pictures.

