

St. John Lutheran Church

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June 2023



2023 Back-to-School Giveaway



The 2023 St. John Lutheran Church Back-to-School Giveaway is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, August 10 and 11. The Giveaway is for Russell County students (preschool through high school) who qualify for free or reduced lunch. Each student chooses from gently used (and new) clothing and receives a new package of socks and undergarments. Personal care items are offered to each student (while supplies last). A limited number of school supplies are available for students in junior and senior high.

Donated clothing should be ready for school (no stains or tears). Gently worn shoes, jackets, and athletic wear are also appreciated. Donations are needed in all sizes for all grades.

Personal care items include new products in neutral scents, if possible. Items may include, but are not limited to: toothbrushes, tooth paste, floss, shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, deodorant, combs, lip balm, nail clippers, and hand sanitizer. .

School supplies will be purchased based on supply lists provided by the school district, but donations of new school supplies are also welcome. These basic supplies include #2 pencils, ink pens (black, blue, and red), highlighters, USB drives, spiral notebooks, glue sticks, dry erase markers and erasers.

A box for gently used clothing and shoes is located in the basement hallway under the coat rack. Personal care items will be collected in the main hallway above the coat rack. New socks and undergarments, school supplies, and monetary donations may be brought to the church office.

Thanks to the generosity and support of the congregation and community, the Back-to-School Giveaway helps many students as they prepare for the new school year. If you would like to volunteer for the Back-to-School Giveaway, help is needed to sort as donations arrive, set up before the giveaway, assist during the giveaway, and sort items remaining after the giveaway.

For more information, please contact the church office.

Simply put - God blesses us so that we may bless others!

St. John Lutheran Church Mission Statement:

*As a community of believers in Jesus Christ, inspired by the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, the mission of St. John Lutheran Church is to: **WORSHIP, WITNESS, LEARN, SERVE and SUPPORT***

2023 Vacation Bible School
Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity
St. John Lutheran Church, Russell

Preschool through Fifth Grade
July 31 through August 4 ~ 5:30 to 8:30 pm



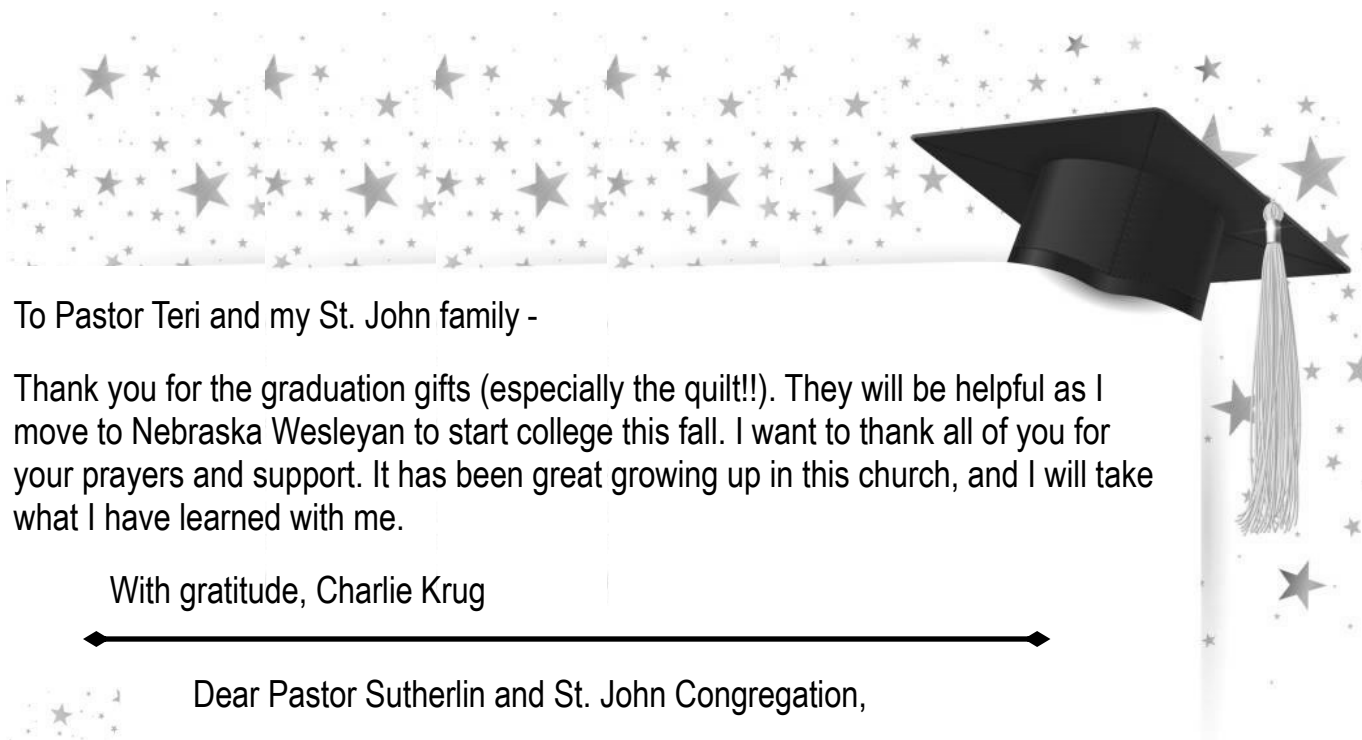
Registration forms and donation lists are available NOW! Check out the main bulletin board!

Early registrations allow for better planning. Completed registration forms may be placed in the offering plate, delivered to the church office, or placed in the main office drop box.

Donations of food items and ingredients for nightly meals are greatly appreciated (please let the office know what items you intend to donate so we can keep the list up to date) and monetary donations will be used to purchase items not received through donations.

Volunteers are needed to assist with a variety of tasks, including nightly registration, group leader or helper, preparing and serving meals, and distributing flyers and other outreach materials.

To volunteer, or for more information, please contact Kristy Mader (785-445-2265).



To Pastor Teri and my St. John family -

Thank you for the graduation gifts (especially the quilt!!). They will be helpful as I move to Nebraska Wesleyan to start college this fall. I want to thank all of you for your prayers and support. It has been great growing up in this church, and I will take what I have learned with me.

With gratitude, Charlie Krug

Dear Pastor Sutherlin and St. John Congregation,

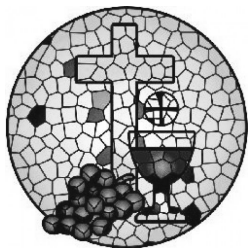
I want to thank you very much for the support and gifts as I prepare to leave for the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, TX. I plan to study kinesiology, minor in psychology, and play on the men's soccer team with the career goal of becoming a sports psychologist. My faith has always been an important part of my life. Since my grandpa died, I've always carried his boyhood Bible in my soccer bag as a reminder that my grandpa and God is always with me. I'll continue that practice as I play soccer and remember the lessons this congregation has given me.

Sincerely, Diego Müller

Pastor Teri's Calendar - June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Worship Service 8:15 AM and 10:30 AM Pen-tecost - Communion	29 Pastor's Day Off- day of rest & renewal	30 Pastor traveling with 425 Youth Group Ark Encounter Trip	31 Pastor traveling with 425 Youth Group Ark Encounter Trip	01 Pastor traveling with 425 Youth Group Ark Encounter Trip	02 Pastor traveling with 425 Youth Group Ark Encounter Trip	03 Pastor traveling with 425 Youth Group Ark Encounter Trip. Worship 6PM, Holy Trinity -John leading
04 Worship Service 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM Holy Trinity - John Dumler, PMA leading worship	05 Pastor's Day Off- day of rest & renewal	06 Western KS Zoom Meeting. Sewing Group 1:30-4:00 PM	07 Pastoral Care/ Home Visitation Day.	08 Pastor's Sermon Writing Day.	09 Pastor's Sermon Writing Day.	10 Worship Service 6:00 PM Communion
11 Worship Service 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM	12 Pastor's Day Off- day of rest & renewal	13 Sewing Group 1:30-4:00 PM	14 First Call Zoom Meeting 10-11:30 AM. Pastoral Care/ Home Visitation Day.	15 Pastor's Sermon Writing Day.	16 Pastor's Sermon Writing Day.	17 Worship Service 6:00 PM
18 Worship Service 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM, Communion, Father's Day	19 Pastor's Day Off- day of rest & renewal	20 Pastor on vacation	21 Pastor on vacation	22 Pastor on vacation, Church Council Meeting 6:30 PM	23 Pastor on vacation	24 Worship Service 6:00 PM - Communion
25 Worship Service 8:15 & 10:30 AM, Care Home Worship 2-4 PM	26 Pastor's Day Off- day of rest & renewal	27 Pastor on vacation	28 Pastor on vacation, Clergy comments (John)	29 Pastor on vacation	30 Pastor on vacation	01 Worship Service 6:00 PM

Celebrations



2023 First Communion Celebrants

Hadlee Brown, Layken Eck, Campbell Lofland, Marshall Olson, Maybelle Olson

Participants who completed First Communion Class in 2023

Kollins Dumler, Bryson Feil, Anniyah Hard-Harders,
Charles Hojda, Ryleigh Hojda, Wesley Johnson, Noah Krug,
Reece Peck, Harper Ryan, Addison Steinert

2023 Promotions and Graduations

Middle School Promotion Jasmine Jefferson, Brody Pfannenstiel, Kinsey Zorn
High School Graduation Mileah Backhus, Charlie Krug, Tyler Lampert, Diego Muller, Dominic Nichol, Jace Peerman, Aaron Weigel
MBA in Finance Kylie Stoppel



Baptisms



Mackenzie Rhodes White, daughter of Justin and Lizzy White, received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism May 7, 2023 at the 10:30 Service. Mackenzie's sponsors are Craig White, and Blake and Chloe Boxberger.

Roman Anthony Parnell, son of Miranda and Brandon Parnell, received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism May 28, 2023 at the 10:30 Service. Roman's sponsors are Chantal and Jordan Straub, Camden Rainey, and Bailey Stokes.

Notable Anniversary

Sherwin and Dorothy Stielow observed their 70th wedding anniversary on May 17, 2023. The joyous occasion was celebrated at a reception in their honor on Saturday, May 20, 2023. Congratulations and many blessings to the Stielows!



Special Thanks

I'm grateful for the many prayers, messages and wishes I received on my birthday. I am blessed by the love and support you have shown me, not only on my special day, but throughout the year. I pray the Lord Jesus will shower love and happiness in all your lives.

With sincere appreciation, Pastor Teri



PMA Notes ~ June 2023

By John Dumler, PMA

I was asked a question some time back - where do we see God? To me, it's a valid question - some of the standard answers might be in church, charity, helping and one and one - all good answers.

Most of you know my wife suffered a setback with a broken foot (her good foot!) and as I sit and write these notes, she is in swing bed at Russell Regional Hospital.

Today, I'm going to give some personal thoughts on the question - where do we see God? In the past two weeks I have "seen" God in many places. We are in the season of Easter and close to Pentecost (and my RED suit), and to date we have seen God very plainly in Jesus Christ and his resurrection! Hallelujah!

I have also "seen" God in the compassion and caring of the EMT dispatch and ambulance staff, and in the RRH staff, doctors, administration and all those who help support the hospital as volunteers or donors. I've also "seen" God in my friends and family of Christ throughout the community.

We all face trials and tribulations that could drive us to despair. At times, we may blame God - wrongly so! I know the pat answer we like to give - God is with us always! In bad times we first seem to turn to God - but not always in a positive way. I turn to the Ecclesiastes reading we hear at many funerals - "For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven..." " This text has helped me through my frustration and depression about Deb's medical woes. I will give her these verses today - verses about life, not death!

God is with us, no doubt. But I am humbled with all of the help God has guided me to - you all lift me up! Thank you to all of my brothers and sisters as you help me get through one day at a time. Praise to you all!

On a lighter note, I will be rerunning my 4-week book study on "The Gospel According to The Simpsons" - we will meet in the Parish Hall at 9:15 am each Sunday in June. All adults and high school students are invited to attend!

And as I say again and again - "God is good all the time! All the time God is good!"

Many thanks and many blessings - John

**DON'T MISS THE
DEADLINE!**

To be included in the
July Newsletter,
articles and announcements
must be submitted
no later than
Friday, June 16

To all the St. John Ringers (both full-time and fill-in ringers) and all the accompanists and others who have helped throughout the past year:

Thank you for all of your time and talent, providing beautiful music for church services. You are so appreciated!



Many, many thanks -
Juanita Flegler, St. John Ringers Director

Second Baptist Church of Russell (420 E. 9th) is hosting Feed the Community from 4:00 to 7:00 pm on the third Thursdays, May through August. Feed the Community is an open invitation to share a meal; you may sit and enjoy your meal in the comfort of the fellowship hall or you may take it to go. Meals are provided at no cost.

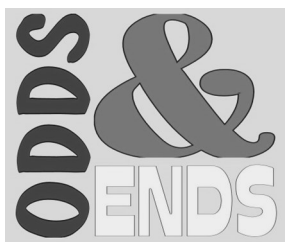
Feed the Community at Second Baptist Church of Russell



Several St. John members attended the meal in May, some as volunteers, some as diners and some as both! What a wonderful opportunity for fellowship with others in our community!

If you would like to donate food or volunteer to help serve it would be greatly appreciated. Pass the word and see you there!

- June 15 Hot Dogs, Chips, Juice Box, Granola Bar
- July 20 Tacos, Refried Beans, Juice Box, Fruit Bar
- August 17 Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Chips, Juice Box, Rice Krispie Treat



- If you wish to keep your decorations or flowers after Memorial Day, please remove all items from the St. John Cemetery no later than Sunday, June 11; items remaining after June 11 will be discarded. Shepherd’s hooks, solar lights, statuary, vases, etc. are not permitted during the mowing season.

- All adults and high school students are invited to “The Gospel According to the Simpson” Book Study, led by PMA John Dumler. The four-week Book Study begin Sunday, June 4 at 9:15 am in the Parish Hall. *The Simpsons* is one of the longest running, funniest, most irreverent, and, according to some religious leaders, the most theologically relevant show on television today. Journalist Mark Pinsky explores the religious and spiritual aspects of Bart, Homer, and the rest of cartoon’s first family. This is an insightful exploration of how religion and faith influences popular culture. For more information, please contact the church office, or John Dumler, PMA.
- Applications links for the Mai Family Scholarship and the Earlin Nuss Memorial Scholarship will be posted in the near future on the St. John website (stjohnrussell.com). Applications must be submitted no later than Monday, July 3.
- Wiggle Your Wings Preschool has several openings for the 2023-2024 school year. Wiggle Your Wings, located in the lower level of St. John Lutheran Church, is a faith-based preschool for children 3 to 5 years (or Kindergarten eligible). For more information, or to register, please contact Janella Eck at 785-483-8722.

OUR PARISH RECORDS

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE					OFFERING	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Sat</u>	<u>Early</u>	<u>Late</u>	<u>Total</u>		
Apr 30*		72		72	Apr 30*	\$2,044.00
May 7	26	26	76	128	May 7	4,729.00
May 14	14	40	95	149	May 14	4,040.00
May 21	21	26	52	99	May 21	2,856.00
May 28**					May 28**	

* *We Gather As One (Combined Service): 8:15 am, Sunday, April 30*
 ** *Data not available at time of publication*

Clarifying designations

~ Help give credit where credit is due ~

St. John provides a variety of ministries, both local and worldwide - that are generously supported by congregation and community members. As designations are processed, we credit each ministry as listed on the envelope or check.

Many designations to the Russell County Food Pantry, Holiday Baskets, Lutheran Disaster Response, and so on, are given directly to St. John Lutheran Church. These designations are recorded as offering in your records, and then forward by St. John to the organization indicated on the envelope or check.

Checks written directly to the Russell County Food Pantry, Holiday Baskets, Lutheran Disaster Response, and so on, are simply forwarded to the organization without any record of offering in your St. John records.

We want all designations to go where they are intended, but some of the St. John ministries have similar names. Please help us credit the correct organization or fund:

- Designations marked “food program” may mean Heart2Home or the Russell County Food Pantry or the Backpack Food Project, and so on.
- Designations marked “youth” may be intended for a specific youth group event, or Sunday School, or Vacation Bible School, and so on.
- Designations marked “backpack” or “back to school” may mean the Backpack Food Project or the Back-to-School Giveaway, and so on.

Please include as much information (on checks or envelopes as possible) when making designations. If you have any questions about how to designate “which fund” or “what program” or “whose account” you wish to support, please contact the church office.

June 2023 Worship Assistants

6:00 PM SAT

GREETER/USHER:

- 3 Glenn Gideon
- 10 Bob & Elaine Voos
- 17 Brenda Yoder
- 24 Brad & Cheryl Prester

July 1 Susan Krug

READER:

- 3 Jeremy Ulrich
- 10 Elaine Voos
- 17 Nancy Aspegren
- 24 Sheryl Krug

July 1 Susan Krug

8:15 AM SUN

GREETER/USHER:

- 4 Dick & Georganna McCrary
- 11 Sheryl Krug
- 18 Gordon & Cheryl Kraich
- 25 Katrin Kolder

July 2 Connie Schinkus

LECTOR:

- 4 Georganna McCrary
- 11 Sheryl Krug
- 18 Cheryl Kraich
- 25 Katrin Kolder

July 2 Connie Schinkus

10:30 AM SUN

GREETERS:

- 4 Gerald & Mary Mai(N)
Gina Langhofer (S)
- 11 Reeves Family (N)
Bonnie Buehler (S)
- 18 Ron & Ginger Tittel (N)
Deloris Janne (S)
- 25 Mike & Diane Waymaster (N)
Don Krug (S)

July 2 Morris & Barbara Krug (N)
Eck Family (S)

USHER:

- 4 Gerald & Mary Mai
- 11 Reeves Family
- 18 Ron & Ginger Tittel
- 25 Mike & Diane Waymaster

July 2 Eck Family

ACOLYTES:

- 4 NO Acolytes
- 11 Tytin Bay & Layken Eck
- 18 Hadlee Brown & Harper Ryan
- 25 Jason Ross & Karrsyn Ross

July 2 NO Acolytes

LECTOR:

- 4 Gina Langhofer
- 11 Reeves Family
- 18 Diane Waymaster
- 25 Cindy Ross

July 2 Eck Family

BULLETIN DELIVERY

- June 2..... Carol Fritz
- June 9.. Darold & Corine Gideon
- June 16..... Teresa Hilbrink
- June 23 Sheryl Krug
- June 30..... Ramona Luebbers
- July 7 Georganna McCrary

MUSICIANS

- June 3 -
- June 4 - Margaret Walter
- June 10 - Peggy Anschutz
- June 11 - Juanita Flegler
- June 17 - Glenda Phillips
- June 18 - Glenda Phillips
- June 24 -
- June 25 - Juanita Flegler

ALTAR GUILD

Carol Fritz, Connie Dumler, Teresa Hilbrink,
Mona Grady, Annette Stierlen



June Birthdays and Anniversaries



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|--|--|
| 1 - Tanner Krug
Marshall Olson
Kaitlynn Walker | 20 - Kai Muller
Miquala Purscell
Annette Stierlen |
| 2 - Jordan Harrison | 23 - Nancy Janne
Jaxon Ross |
| 5 - Richard Kilian | Kim Wann |
| 7 - Alan Templeton | 24 - Rhonda Kuhlmann
Mark Mai
Beckett Peck
Ben Peck |
| 8 - Jacob Boxberger
Kerry Krug
Brad Stoppel | 25 - Lillian Ellis |
| 11 - John Boxberger | 26 - Gavin Ewers
Dax Venters |
| 16 - Vivian Herbel
Mindie Ulrich | 28 - Jace Peerman |
| 17 - Jon Ross
Vance Ruggels
Karen Witt | 29 - Jim Dumler |
| 18 - Perry Boxberger
Roy Hall
Stephanie Nuss | 30 - Marlene Mighell |



- 1 - Randy & Darcy Baker
Mike & Diana Mai
Galen & Rudene Niedenthal
- 2 - Brad & Rosalie Standley
- 4 - Donald & Carol Boxberger
Eddie & Kelli Johnson
- 5 - Gordon & Cheryl Kraich
- 7 - Drew & Erika Hamel
- 9 - Ryan & Erica Feil
Isaiah & Judy Robbins
- 10 - Dean & Wilma Meier
- 11 - GJ Long & Jeannine Byers-Long
Paul & Glenda Phillips
- 12 - John & Mary Boxberger
Sid & Virginia Vetter

Happy Anniversary

- 13 - Gaylon & Margaret Walter
- 18 - Chad & Julie Counts
Brad & Barbara Krug
- 19 - Darold & Corine Gideon
- 21 - Brad & Cheryl Prester
- 23 - Cecil & Karen Witt
- 27 - Dick & Georganna McCerary
Brett & Ashley Pohlman
- 29 - Richard & Karleen Wolf

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Church Council

Officers:

Blaine Maier, President

Kristine Mader, Vice President

Carol Fritz, Secretary

Treasurer - open position

Members:

Judy Holmes, Lee Keffler, D.J. Klemma,

Kelvie Reeves, Pastor Teri Sutherlin,

Gaylon Walter, Margaret Walter

Council Committees:

Cemetery; Education; Evangelism/

Parish Fellowship/Social Ministry;

Mutual Ministry (Pastoral Support);

Property; Stewardship/Finance;

Worship & Music/Technology; Youth

<p>The St. John Newsletter is available online at stjohnrussell.com To have your name removed from the mailing list, please contact the office at your convenience.</p>	<p>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 1:30 pm</p>
<p>The 10:30 Worship Services on June 11 and 25 will be broadcast on KRSL (990 AM and 98.1 FM) and Nex-Tech Cable Channel 130. Sunday Services are streamed live at www.stjohnrussell.com. Outreach is made possible as a ministry of St. John Lutheran Church.</p>	