



# St. John's EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

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# His Mercy Monthly

AUGUST 2024

## Our Mission

*To celebrate the Gospel in Word and Sacrament which challenges us to cultivate ourselves and our community for Christ.*

**Deadline for the September Newsletter is 8:00 pm on Monday, August 26th.**

### Do you have something for the September edition of the Newsletter?

If so, there is a box located on the bookcase by the church office door. Simply place your announcement in the file folder labeled "Bulletin/Newsletter Announcements" or send an email to the church with NEWSLETTER in the subject box. [stjohnsalmond@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsalmond@gmail.com)

### LOOKING FOR SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS WHO WANT TO MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE!

The Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) is ideal for income eligible people 55+ who enjoy children, have some extra time, want activity to keep young, and could use a tax-free stipend and mileage reimbursement each Month. Under the direction of a teacher, each Foster Grandparent spends 7.5 hours or more per week in an area school assisting children, one-on-one and in small groups, with developmental and learning tasks such as reading, language, math and social skills. On-going training is provided, and no previous classroom experience is needed. For more information, contact the FGP Coordinator at the Aging & Disability Resource Center. 7156-346-1401



## In Service to our Lord

**Elders:** James Johnson, David Marr, Jim Cesar and Alan Pagel

**Communion Set Up, Greet and Usher:**

*Please consider volunteering for any of the above positions for services by contacting Betty Daberkow at (715) 335-4176. Thank you!*

## Altar Flowers

If you have flowers to donate or wish to purchase flowers for the altar, please notify Dianne Schultz by phone (715) 366-8077 or drop a note in the church mailbox located in the fellowship hall.



## Heart Warmers

Let all of

# God's Gifts

to you be the objects of your delight!



# August Birthdays and Anniversaries

8/2 Emily Gerding	8/17 Marissa Meddaugh	8/5 Dianne & Ed Schultz	8/26 Jacinda & Mike Cole
8/2 Breeley Warzynski	8/20 Austin Caves	8/13 Nicole & Dusty Huntington	8/27 Carly & Sean Buelen
8/5 Kristy Pleet	8/21 Denise Anderson	8/14 Ashton & Tom Evertson	8/31 Holly & Andy Louis
8/5 Wesley Schulke	8/25 Matthew Lemke	8/15 Carmen & Art Pagel	
8/8 Craig Newby	8/27 Diane Roeske	8/16 Jean & Rodger Erdman	
8/9 Lyndsay Schwartzman	8/28 Betty Daberkow	8/23 Audra & Jason Hennes	
8/11 Heather Schulke	8/31 Jade Heise		



*If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed or is printed wrong please let us know. Put a note in the folder labeled, "Bulletin/Newsletter Announcements" outside the Church office.*



Please continue to save your post-marked stamps for the LWML Stamps

for Missions. Trim the stamp at least 1/4-inch around. The perforation on the stamp must be intact to be accepted by our buyer. There is a collection bin on the fellowship hall table to put your used stamps.

Also, please consider giving your used ink and toner cartridges to the church to recycle with Staples. The rewards money is used to purchase office supplies for the church.



St. John's is still looking for a church secretary. Job description: provide administrative support to Pastor Bartholomew and St. John's Church as a whole. Duties include but are not limited to general clerical, management of church membership, care of items in sanctuary and project-based work. Basic reading, writing and arithmetic skills are required. Basic knowledge of computer use, proficient with Microsoft Office software and PowerChurch software. Proficient typing, part time with flexible hours. For a more detailed description of duties send an email to the church with SECRETARY in the subject box or contact any council member.

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## Putting the "Ha" in Hallelujah!

### TWO LITTLE BOYS

A young couple had two little boys, ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. The two were always getting into trouble and their parents could be assured that if any mischief occurred in their town their two young sons were in some way involved.

The parents were at their wits end as to what to do about their sons' behaviors. The mother had heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children in the past, so she asked her husband if he thought they should send the boys to speak with the clergyman.



The husband said, "We might as well. We need to do something before I really lose my temper!" the clergyman agreed to speak with the boys but asked to see them individually. The 8-year-old went to meet with him first. The clergyman sat the boy down and asked him sternly, "Where is God?"

The boy made no response, so the clergyman repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God?" Again, the boy made no attempt to answer. So, the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face, "WHERE IS GOD?"

At that, the boy bolted from the room and ran directly home, slamming himself in the closet. His older brother followed him into the closet and asked what had happened. The younger brother replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time. God is missing and they think we did it!"

## Mercy and Grace Lead to Generosity

Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift” (2 Cor. 9:15)! This is St. Paul’s exclamation upon hearing the Corinthian church’s response to the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and his request for support for the church in Jerusalem. The Christians in Corinth heard and received God’s mercy in Christ, and they responded to St. Paul’s call to support Christians in Jerusalem with a collection. The Corinthians’ joy filled Jerusalem’s need.

This is the reality of stewardship. Because of God’s generosity in the giving of His Son to die on the cross for us, we are to be generous with all that we receive from Him. What do we receive? Everything. All that we are and all that we have is the Lord’s. He is the creator and the giver. We are His creatures and those who receive what He gives.

It sounds easy. And it is. But then again it isn’t. Stewardship is easy because it is God’s work. Through what God gives, we give to others. Through what God gives, we support the work of the church for the life of the world. He gives; we receive. And like our generous Father in Heaven, we, as His children, use what He gives to us to love and serve others.

But stewardship is also difficult. That is because it goes against our natural inclination to think that what I have is mine to do what I want with. This is our sinful nature. It is our selfishness and our greed. How can we who have been given everything — life, food, clothing, house, home, forgiveness, divine sonship, an eternal inheritance — be so stingy with what we give to the church, the place where we hear about and receive all that God gives us and does for us? We are all guilty of this kind of thinking. And the only godly response is to repent and trust in the Gospel.

For if God has given you His own Son, will He not give you all things? Yes. He will. This is His sure and certain promise. God provides for His people. He provides everything we need for this body and life and for the life that is to come.

The church is a mercy place. It’s a place where God’s mercy in the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, is given and received. For us who believe it means forgiveness, life and salvation in the face of sin, death and the power of the devil. Here in the church, we inhale God’s mercy in Word and Sacrament, and exhale this same mercy in love and service to our neighbor. And that is an enduring, joyful thing to do. Our joy fills our neighbor’s need because His joy filled ours (Heb. 12:2). Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!

LCMS Stewardship Ministry – [lcms.org/stewardship](http://lcms.org/stewardship)



## Ladies Aid Tidbits:

The Ladies Aid would like to Thank EVERYONE who helped in any way at the Almond Tater Toot pie and baked goods sale. All help was greatly appreciated! Money raised will be divided among the missions our society supports. We are blessed with so many helping hands and generous hearts! Thank you!



Lynne Johnson will accompany the North Wisconsin District Short-Term Mission Trip to Michigan, August 5 through August 9. They will serve at five organizations of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod that our LWML mites have supported and discover how the Body of Christ works together for mission. 2024 Lutheran Heritage Foundation, POBLO, Camp Restore, LAMP, MOST Ministries. We cannot wait to hear about the exciting mission trip!



St. John’s is hosting the Zone 17  
LWML Fall Rally  
Saturday, September 21.

Registration is at 8:30 am, for \$5 fee.  
We invite the congregation to attend.

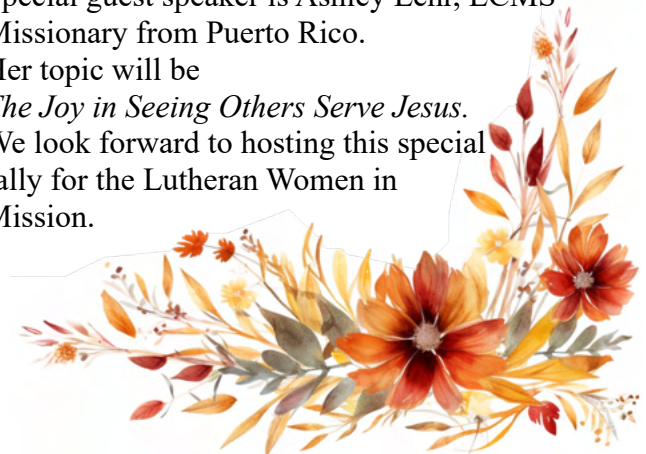
Lynne Johnson will be presenting  
Christian Life Study on the *Holy Spirit*.

Special guest speaker is Ashley Lehr, LCMS  
Missionary from Puerto Rico.

Her topic will be

*The Joy in Seeing Others Serve Jesus.*

We look forward to hosting this special  
rally for the Lutheran Women in  
Mission.



“Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”  
 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. Acts 4:30-31 (NIV)

*Heavenly Father, we come to you in praise and prayer for courage, grace, faith, and healing within your will for:*

Allan Erdman	Isabel Urban	Bonnie Wellens	Matt Weiss	Eileen Schwanke
Bob Kollock	Tony Sibble	Sara	Randy Kalata	Dennis Footit
Jon Turzinski	Scott Boelter	Betty Zimmerman	Wayne Teske	Judy Daberkow
Gary Schultz	Timothy Pooch			

We also pray for the leadership of St. John’s, we pray that someone will come forward and take the positions still vacant (a secretary and custodian) for our church, and for the missionaries serving God’s Kingdom thru the LCMS:

Ashley Lehr in Puerto Rico  
 David and Rachel Baker in Central Asia



**Please remember our shut-ins throughout the year with a card, note of cheer, or prayers.**

Verna Yonke      **Whispering Pines - #108**  
 3450 Bridlewood Drive  
 Plover, WI 54467

Dorothy Caves      **Silver Lake Manor**  
 N2641 17<sup>th</sup> Lane  
 Wautoma, WI 54982

Allan Erdman      **9576 County Road P**  
 Plainfield, WI 54966

Isabel Urban      **N5480 Mount Morris Road**  
 Wild Rose, WI 54984

Scott Boelter      **Bethany Home**  
 1226 Berlin Street, #317  
 Waupaca, WI 54981

Bonnie Wellens      **Country Terrace**  
 8730 Packing Plant Road, #8  
 Minocqua, WI 54548

**FOR PRAYER REQUESTS:** If you have a request for the prayer chain team please e-mail or call Bonnie Warzynski. She may be reached at 715-966-3995 or mike-bonnie@hotmail.com.

**Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Join the Fun at LuWiSoMo Family Day**

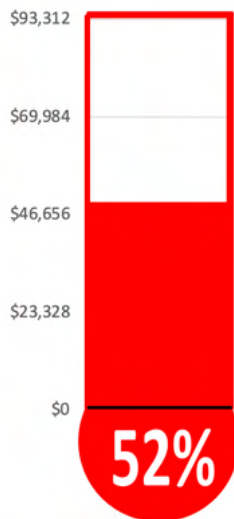
Celebrate and Connect with your LuWiSoMo Family! Make New Friends! Support the Ministry! Enjoy a Day at LuWiSoMo – All Welcome! Based on the positive feedback, we’re continuing the simpler “day outing” version of **LuWiSoMo Family Day**, including the family fun run/walk (9:00 am), beach open, boats available, free time to explore/relax, annual chicken dinner (noon until gone), bingo for all ages in the air-conditioned dining hall (1:00-3:00), and fun outdoor family focused games and activities for all ages (1:00-4:00). We’ll end our day together with a camp style worship and thanksgiving to God, for all He’s done and continues to do with His ministry here at LuWiSoMo (4:00-4:45) as we celebrate our 62 birthday! For those staying overnight, join the fun at the sing-along campfire at the Campground Worship Bowl.

Campsites, family cabins and Retreat Center rooms require reservations. For more details about the day and staying overnight, visit our website [www.luwisomo.org/family-day](http://www.luwisomo.org/family-day)



**Thank you to all who continue to support St. John’s!**

The projected yearly expenses for 2024 is \$93,311.75. This figure has been adjusted for our current pastoral expenses as well as church operational expenses.



**YEARLY GIVINGS THERMOMETER PROGRESS**

- As of July 21st, our balance is \$48,736.95.
- Our givings need to average \$1,794.46 per week.
- This budget was projected to include our current pastor as well as operational expenses.

# August 2024

Sunday

Monday Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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4 <b>Divine Communion Worship</b> 10:00 am Fellowship following Service	5	6 Golden Needle Quilt Guild 12:00	7	8	9	10
11 <b>Divine Worship</b> 10:00 am Fellowship following Service	12	13	14	15 Ladies Aid Meeting 7:00 pm	16	17
18 <b>Divine Communion Worship</b> 10:00 am  <i>Voter's Meeting and</i> Fellowship following Service	19	20 Quilting 9:00 am	21	22	23	24
25 <b>Divine Worship</b> 10:00 am Fellowship following Service	26	27 Quilting 9:00 am	28	29	30	31

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Return Service Requested

