



# St. John's

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# His Mercy Monthly

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## Our Mission

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

**Deadline for the  
August Newsletter is 8:00 pm on Monday, July 22nd.**

### Do you have something for the August 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)

## BIBLE STUDY



It was decided the 8:45 am Sunday morning Bible Study will resume in the fall. We last met on June 16.

The Thursday morning Bible Study group will resume sometime in August.

Be sure to follow the upcoming newsletters for the new start dates!

## 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.

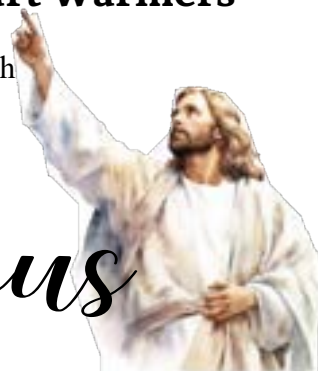


## Heart Warmers

One way, One truth  
One life!

Find it, know it,  
Live it with

# Jesus



# July Birthdays and Anniversaries

7/1 Susan Martinson	7/7 Patti Wohlfeil	7/19 Jonathan Evertsen	7/5 Mary and Daniel Erlandson
7/2 Kylie Bradley	7/8 Jacinda Cole	7/21 Brian Scheel	7/12 Emily and Erich Gerding
7/3 Eric Beggs	7/8 Hans Schmid	7/23 Bryon Klabunde	7/15 Krista and Andrew Bradley
7/3 David Marr	7/11 Kevin Lemke	7/25 Bob Rohde	7/16 Marilyn and Eric Beggs
7/5 Tallie Stiles	7/13 Peggy Otto	7/26 Audra Hennes	7/19 Jami and Carl Schmidt
7/6 Rodger Erdman	7/14 Ensley Giombetti	7/28 Jon Pagel, Jr.	7/31 Pat and Stanley Hall
7/6 Barbara Roesener	7/15 Carson Schmidt	7/31 Joe Wellens	

*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.

email – stjohnsalmond@gmail.com



## Putting the "Ha" in Hallelujah!

A minister dies and is waiting in line at the Pearly Gates. Ahead of him is a guy who's dressed in sunglasses, a loud shirt, leather jacket, and jeans.

St. Peter addresses this guy, "Who are you, so that I may know whether or not to admit you to the Kingdom of Heaven?"

The guy replies, "I'm Joe Cohen, taxi driver, of Noo Yawk City."

St. Peter consults his list. He smiles and says to the taxi driver, "Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

The taxi driver goes into Heaven with his robe and staff, and it's the minister's turn. He stands erect and booms out, "I am Joseph Snow, pastor of Calvary Church for the last forty-three years."

St. Peter consults his list. He says to the minister, "Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

"Just a minute," says the minister. "That man was a taxi driver, and he gets a silken robe and golden staff. How can this be?"

"Up here, we work by results," says St. Peter. "While you preached, people slept, while he drove, people prayed."



## The Rewards of Godliness

It's no secret that you can't bribe your way into heaven. No amount of good works will impress God enough to open heaven's door for their sake. "For the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23) and the person who "keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it" (James 2:10). Rather, salvation is "the free gift of God ... in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 6:23).

So, your good works won't earn you the reward of heaven. But does that mean that there are no rewards at all? Consider what the Small Catechism says in the "Close of the Commandments":

What does God say about all these commandments?

He says, "I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (Ex. 20:5-6)

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands. (SC II)

God promises to bless you in keeping His commandments. What might these blessings be? Well, consider what Paul says about keeping the Fourth Commandment: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother' (this is the first commandment with a promise), 'that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land'" (Eph. 6:1-3).

And think about what your life would be like if you went around stealing (breaking the Seventh Commandment), telling lies about people (breaking the Eighth Commandment), and generally being cruel to those around you (breaking all the commandments!). That is obviously not a blessed way to live. In fact, you'd be miserable living that way.

And Jesus says more about what is in store for those who make sacrifices for His sake: "Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for My name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life'" (Matt. 19:28-29).

So don't grow impatient in doing good. Follow the Lord who has freely given you everlasting life.

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



## Ladies Aid Tidbits:

### ANNUAL BIRTHDAY PARTY

The Ladies Aid celebrated their annual birthday party at Grazies Italian Grill. The Devotion "Maybe Your Gift Is..." God-Given Gifts focused on Scripture verses from 1Peter 4:10-11 and Romans 12:6. *Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others.* It was a time for self-examination and fun, along with good food and fellowship. The Birthday Party Committee provided special gifts – one to keep, and one to share!



### NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT LWML 40<sup>th</sup> BIENNIAL CONVENTION

"*Let Your Light Shine,*" **Matthew 5:16**, was held at Hilton Appleton Paper Valley Hotel, June 13-15. 256 registrants attended. Mission Grants for the upcoming biennium were voted on, along with officers. The Mission Grants goal for 2024-2026 is \$120,000. Close to \$11,300 was collected for the three event offerings – NWD Mission Goal, Orphan Grain Train, WI Branch Shipping Expenses, and Missionary. We are Lutheran Women in Mission, Shining God's Light by serving with gladness.

### WATCH FOR TATER TOOT SIGN-UP SHEETS!



Help is needed with pie/roll baking, selling, firehouse set-up or clean-up for Friday, July 26 and Saturday, July 27. It is essential that we have enough help at the church Saturday morning making cinnamon and caramel rolls and at the St. John's stand, as many people arrive early to buy the popular sweet rolls. It would be greatly appreciated if you can help for an hour or two throughout the day. We also sell homemade baked goods, so please price and label whatever you bring to sell on the table. Call Dianne Schultz or Betty Daberkow with any questions or if you can help.

Lynne Johnson is finalizing the **NWD SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP** to Michigan on August 5-9. We will serve at five organizations of the LCMS that our LWML mites have supported, as we discover how the Body of Christ works together for mission. 2024 Lutheran Heritage Foundation, POBLO, Camp Restore, LAMO, MOST Ministries. This sounds like an exciting mission trip!



“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

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.

*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 June 23rd, our balance is \$43,313.80.
- Our givings need to average \$1,794.46 per week.
- This budget was projected to include our current pastor as well as operational expenses.

# Money Matters



**ST. JOHN’S  
 2024 TOTALS TO DATE:**

***Financial support received from:***

Thrivent Choice Dollars      \$1,3900.00

***Financial commitments fulfilled to:***

Ashley Lehr LCMS Missionary Partnership      \$600.00  
 North Wisconsin District/ LCMS Pledge      \$300.00

# July 2024

Sunday


Monday Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 <b>Divine Communion Worship</b> 10:00 am Fellowship following Service	8	9 Golden Needle Quilt Guild 1:00 pm	10	11	12	13
14 <b>Divine Worship</b> 10:00 am Fellowship following Service	15	16	17 COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 pm	18 Ladies Aid Meeting 7:00 pm	19	20
21 <b>Divine Communion Worship</b> 10:00 am Fellowship following Service	22	23 NO QUILTING	24	25	26	27 TATER TOOT BAKE SALE
28 <b>Divine Worship</b> 10:00 am Fellowship following Service	29	30 NO QUILTING	31			

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Return Service Requested

