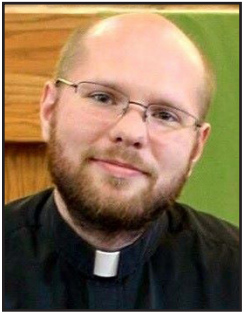


# THE MESSENGER

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## PASTOR'S POINTS

### Setting a course in uncharted waters



When I was a parishioner in my home congregation, I remember participating in events, Bible studies, and worship,

all from what appeared to be a set vantage point. What I saw, I assumed, was the way it was. Difference of perspective seemed inconsequential; things were what they were and that was the “way it should be.”

When I began to discern my call into ministry, I suddenly realized there was a different vantage point. Yet not just one other but several other vantage points. What once seemed so simple was now suddenly much more complex. Questions were no longer right or wrong, yes or no; they were opportunities to learn, stretch and grow into a fuller understanding.

For several weeks now an image has been on my mind. And every time I see it, my mind's eye is pulled

to a different point of view.

Let's use our imagination for a moment. Picture a beach, a comfortable wind and sand beneath your feet.

The beach is full of familiar faces: some young, some old, some that you may have only passed in the grocery store.

Just a few feet from the edge of the water there is a sand castle. It is truly a sight to behold: high walls, smooth towers, detailed windows. It's clear there has been real time and dedication put into it. And from the look of those on the beach it seems each has at some point had a hand in building this mighty fortress.

There is just one thing: High tide is coming. Sure, some have seen those tides elsewhere. They know that the tide could do damage to the sand castle. Yet those other sand castles were “just too close to the water's edge to begin with.” Surely this sand castle will not be washed away like some others have been.

Still others begin to wonder what might happen if the sand castle is this close. “What if high tide does

begin to wash it away?”

Some of those on the beach seem torn by this predicament. “Surely that won't happen here!” Other voices say, “We should be ready.”

Groups begin to form. Some want to build a moat to help deflect the rising tide. Others want to sure up the walls. Still others find boats on the shore, perhaps looking for a new beach or a new sandcastle, or perhaps to just follow where the sea will lead.

From each vantage point those on the beach believe they are in the right. After all, that is what they see. It is their own truth.

Regardless of the vantage point, one thing is certain: The tide is on the rise. The irony of it is even though each person is on the same beach, their individual vantage point leads each to accuse another of apathy.

It sounds like a no-win scenario, doesn't it? The faithful question becomes, “Why does there have to be winners or losers?” Just because each vantage point has value doesn't mean

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# Reminder: A season of reconnecting

## CALL THE OFFICE TO SCHEDULE A MEAL WITH PASTOR JACOB!

*This article is reprinted from the June edition of The Messenger.*

Spring has quickly begun its transition to summer. Plants are growing with bright green all around, and in the air are the familiar sounds of birds singing. The natural environment around us has sprung to life. Just as nature grows and reconnects in this new season, so we enter into a new season of reconnection.

For all of us, this past year and its long months have pulled our hearts and minds to previously unknown limits and beyond. To say nurturing relationships has been difficult is truly an understatement. Even the most tightknit family in our community has endured unimaginable struggles.

In this new season, we continue to find ourselves with much still weighing heavily on our hearts and minds as we try to pick up pieces and attempt to make sense of all that has taken place. We also know full well that humans are made for relationship and friendship. We are social beings that long for

**UP FOR A CHAT?**  
**Got something you'd like to talk about? Stop by the office or call the pastor. Best times:**  
**Most Tuesdays around 2:30pm**  
**Most Fridays around 11:30am**

interaction and conversation.

As the current chapter of this time in the pandemic comes to a close, more and more opportunities for reconnecting are happening all around us. It is therefore important that we stop and give thanks to God for the doctors, nurses, scientists, and medical researchers that have allowed us to get to this point safely. It is a modern-day miracle that not just one but multiple vaccines are available to nearly anyone, some even for use in children over the age of 12. Lord, we pray for all children and the most vulnerable that soon they, too, may have the blessing of this protection.

It warms my heart to see that we are indeed moving in a positive direction. As such, I would like to extend a personal invitation to

the whole of our congregation. Because having opportunities for conversation and reconnecting are so important, beginning in July, members are invited to a brown bag lunch or dinner date for your household with me, your pastor. Each Thursday beginning July 8th I will have an opportunity to sit down with a household for either a noon lunch or 6pm dinner date. Since these lunch/dinner dates are for only one household at a time, I ask that you call the church office to select your preferred Thursday for lunch or dinner.

Once we have confirmed our lunch/dinner dates, all I ask is that you come with your brown bag meal to the church as we eat and reconnect in fellowship together. I'm looking forward to this time together and for the conversations we'll get to share. And as always, if you'd like to chat or have something on your heart of mind, please feel free to call. In the meantime, I'll continue to be holding you in prayer.

~ Pastor Jacob

### SAYING THANKS

**THANKS FOR STICKING WITH IT!** With so much that can happen from day to day and week to week, it's heartwarming to know there are those who are choosing to stick with it and continue to participate and engage in the life and ministry of St. John's. From the bottom of my heart thank you for choosing to stick with it. ~ Pastor Jacob

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that none has value. To approach this as if there is scarcity of opportunity would be misguided. It would seem there is a real abundance of possibility and potential, which in itself is hopeful. Remember St. Paul writes that hope is unseen (Romans 8:24).

If we then are the ones on the

beach, what is our vantage point? Where are we looking for hope? What are we finding to be life-giving? It is easy to be overwhelmed by loud voices pulling in one direction or the other. Perhaps, like Elijah, now is the time to be listening to the silence (1 Kings 19:11-13). After all, to hear the voice of God and the Spirit moving, we first need to listen.

Siblings in Christ, you have my ears. I want to hear you and I want to listen deeply to you. You see, I am hopeful because for such a time as this, there is nowhere else I would choose to be than beside each of you all on the beach.

Yours in Christ,

*Rev. Jacob M. Gawlik*

# Capital Campaign Matching Challenge

A generous member of the congregation has offered to match remaining contributions for 2021 that are marked as “above and beyond” your normal contribution, dollar for dollar, up to a total of \$8,000. In order to specify the amount you would like to count toward the match, please note it somewhere on your offering envelope. If you use the Tithely app, an option will appear during the giving process to indicate your match amount. We are blessed with this unique opportunity to continue supporting the ministries of St. John’s.

## Policy updates

At the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, the Congregation Council approved updates to seven policies at its meeting June 15th. This completes the required biennial review of the complete St. John’s Policy Manual. The updated policies included:

- Policy manual responsibilities
- COVID-19 screening, revisions to policy along with a name change to Contagious Disease Screening
- Investment policy
- Memorial gifts
- Performance standards
- Youth safety

- Adult volunteer application

A complete policy manual, in the form of a three-ring binder, can be found in the East Room and the Library. A copy may also be obtained from the church office. Please familiarize yourself with these updates. Questions may be directed to any member of the Personnel Committee or Congregation Council.

## Membership Census

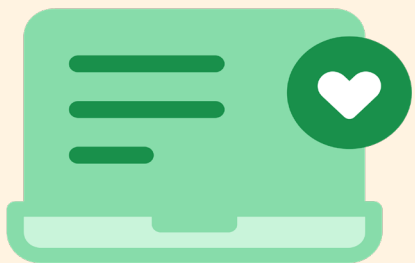
The census is coming! The ELCA requires that congregations maintain accurate and up-to-date membership roll information. In order to facilitate this process, we will be mailing out the 2021 St. John’s Census to all families in the coming weeks. We ask that surveys be filled out and returned as quickly as possible. You can also complete the survey online by going to [census.stjohnsonthird.org](http://census.stjohnsonthird.org). Thank you for assisting us with this important process!

## Join the Altar Guild

As we begin to return to our normal worship patterns, planning has begun for reorganizing the Altar Guild and reaching out to folks who have helped in the past. This is an important ministry in the life of our church and has been executed by many faithful members of our congregation. Please prayerfully consider helping with this ministry and either call the church office or Denise Norman at (815) 631-9506 to express your interest.

## GIVING MADE EASY

3 SECURE WAYS TO MAKE YOUR DONATION



**ONLINE**  
**StJohnsOnThird.org**



**MOBILE**  
**Tithe.ly app**



**IN PERSON**  
**Check or cash**

*All donations will be included on your yearly contribution statement.*

## BRANCHES BRIEFS

# Youth & Family Ministries news

UNITE was June 23rd-26th! The theme for 2021 UNITE was "BELOVED: Live in Love" based on 1 John 4:7-12. Check out the August newsletter and facebook.com/saukvalleyUNITE for full highlights from this year's event. Thank you to all youth participants and adult volunteers, and for the support from our congregations!

## reUNITE!

Calling all 2021 UNITE participants and friends. On Monday, July 26th at 8pm we are re-UNITE-ing for a high school movie night at St. Paul! Refreshments will be served. Bring a friend! Movie: TBA. Follow facebook.com/saukvalleyUNITE for updates and details.

## FAITH FORMATION 2021-22

We are planning to return to in-person Sunday School and Confirmation classes in September. Families: we want your input and feedback as we prepare to safely return for classes and children and youth programming at church.

## ST. JOHN'S/ST. PAUL YOUTH FUND

With larger youth events returning to the calendar, like the ELCA Youth Gathering next July and potentially Youth Quakes and retreats at LOMC, our youth account is becoming more active.

First, a special thank you to all who purchased coffee cakes this spring from St. John's and St. Paul students. The coffee cakes fundraiser, which netted almost \$1,000, will help to support 8th-12th graders from St. John's and St. Paul to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis next summer.

Like the coffee cakes fundraiser, St. Paul and St. John's students and families participate in a variety of fundraisers that support larger youth events like the ELCA Youth Gathering that happens every three years, and the Youth Quake and Fall Youth Retreat at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center (LOMC) which happen each year.

Sometimes our youth fundraise for specific events like a Quake event or the Youth Gathering, and sometimes youth fundraisers are held to support all larger youth events. In addition to youth fundraisers like Palm Sunday breakfasts, doughnut sales and



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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**EVERYWHERE**  
**FUN FAIR**  
WHERE GOD'S WORLD COMES TOGETHER

This summer's CommUNITY VBS will be a one-day, outdoor event at First Christian Church, 3400 Sixth Ave., Sterling. We'll have tents set up for a variety of learning stations (music, arts and crafts, games). All PreK (age 3) through fifth-grade students are encouraged to attend. Sixth grade and older can volunteer to be leaders.

**PARTICIPANTS & VOLUNTEERS! REGISTER ONLINE BY SCANNING THIS QR CODE, OR VISIT <https://tinyurl.com/CommunityVBS2021>**

coffee cake sales, the St. John's/St. Paul youth fund benefits from generous donations from members of both St. Paul and St. John's Lutheran churches.

Finally, both St. Paul and St. John's equally contribute an annual budgeted amount of money to support larger youth events. Depending on how successful youth fundraisers are each year, the joint youth fund has supported young people and their adult leaders attending large youth events by paying a small portion of fees for an event, half of the expense and even fully funding participants to attend events.

Due to the generous support of St. Paul and St. John's members and friends of each congregation and the hard work of our young people and their families, the joint youth ministries fund continues to support the faith formation of our young people.

Currently the fund stands at \$12,500. These funds are accumulated over a longer period and mostly support the ELCA Youth Gathering. Our next large event officially on the calendar is the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis next July. We are estimating



the cost per participant to be around \$1,000, and we project St. Paul and St. John's will have around 10-12 participants.

If you would like to know more about how the joint youth ministries fund works, please contact Gerad or the St. John's or St. Paul church offices to request a copy of the Joint Youth Account Resolution or to speak

with Gerad.

Students and families, thank you in advance for your participation in future fundraisers which help to make these amazing events affordable to you. And to the people of St. John's and St. Paul: Thank you for your generosity for the sake of fostering faith of our younger generations.



On Sunday, June 13th our junior and senior high students gathered at Joshua Park in Rock Falls with friends and adults from St. Paul and Immanuel for food, fun, games, Bible study and fellowship. We plan to meet at Joshua Park again July 18th. High school youth will meet from noon to 1:30pm (including lunch), and junior high youth will be from 1:30-2:30pm. We will continue to meet on the third Sunday of each month.



**SAYING THANKS**

Congregation of  
St. John's and  
Tri Church  
Thank you for the garden work!

Love the garden it's awesome -  
Thank you  
-Andrey

Thank you so much!  
It looks great!  
Peace be with you.  
-Chris

Thank you  
for your hard  
work! It looks  
beautiful  
-Michelle

The garden at  
Freedom Tree Village  
looks awesome! Thank  
you so much for  
helping LOMC!  
-Rob

Thank you  
for your great  
work  
-Nysa

Thanks  
it looks  
awesome  
-Ken





## 2022 YOUTH GATHERING NEWS

Current 8th through 12th grade students: You are invited to the next ELCA Youth Gathering, July 24-28, 2022 in Minneapolis. **Please email, text or message Gerad or the church office if you are interested in participating.** We need to know soon who will be attending and how many so we can begin planning. Early registration for the gathering begins September 22nd.

We anticipate the gathering will cost around \$1,000 per participant:

- Registration \$350-\$390
- Meals and snacks, and group T-shirts \$200
- Housing \$225-\$250
- Transportation \$150

The more fundraising our students do, the less out-of-pocket expense you will have. Scholarship applications through the ELCA open July 22nd.

Sign up for the Gathering e-newsletter, G-News, and get the latest updates at [elca.org/gathering](http://elca.org/gathering), [facebook.com/youthgathering](https://www.facebook.com/youthgathering), [instagram.com/elcagathering](https://www.instagram.com/elcagathering) and [twitter.com/elcagathering](https://twitter.com/elcagathering). Gerad will email G-News to all 8th through 12th grade households.

### **YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED; APPS OPEN NOW**

If you are a senior in high school this year, or older, and will be at least 19 years old by July 22, 2022, you can apply to be a young adult volunteer at the 2022 Youth Gathering. Applications for the gathering volunteer corps are now being accepted through July 22nd, and applications for servant companions open November 22nd. Please contact Gerad if you are interested in sharing a week of your time to help at the Youth Gathering. Your travel, room and board expenses will be covered. This is a great opportunity to serve, and to learn and grow in your faith. Our young adults who have volunteered for the gathering in the past have had life-giving experiences. For full details and to apply go to: <https://elca.org/YouthGathering/Attend/Volunteer>.

### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS IS AVAILABLE**

Applications open July 22nd and close when all funds have been disbursed.

Adult leaders should apply on behalf of youth participants,

using the same five-digit congregational ID number used to register for the Gathering.

Financial assistance is available to youth participants only in the form of registration fee credits.

Assistance is offered based on the financial need of youth participants and their families, not the financial status of their congregations or local communities.

Up to \$300 per youth participant may be provided to cover registration fees. Financial assistance will appear as a credit on the congregational account.

Congregations may receive assistance for up to 10 youth.

Youth participants must be registered within 30 days of receiving financial assistance. After 30 days, assistance for unregistered youths is returned to the fund and awarded to the next person on the waiting list.

Contact Gerad at the church office if you are interested in applying for Youth Gathering financial assistance. If you receive ELCA financial assistance, this will offset your out-of-pocket expense for the gathering.

# God's Work Our Hands: July 17th

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center (LOMC), near Oregon will be the location for the July 17th God's Work Our Hands Saturday. Work begins at 9am, followed by a complementary lunch and closing worship. The day should conclude around 1pm.

Project work includes:

- Staining the dining hall deck/benches and 22 picnic tables
- Weeding the 12-foot-round garden that was planted by a small Tri-Church group on May 22nd
- Clearing trails

If you're available to help, please sign up at the church by Sunday, July 11th. LOMC is requiring a waiver form be signed for all project participants. Please bring any supplies/tools you have available, including paint trays, gardening tools, pruning shears, loppers, etc.

In addition to the many hands needed to complete these projects, monetary donations are needed as the estimated cost for stain and brushes is \$725. You will find a "fence post" display at the church — appropriately a very weathered piece of wood — with varying donation amounts. ANY amount is appreciated! Checks can be written to the church with GWOH in the memo line; please label cash donations the same.

Two years ago, Tri-Church members rolled up their sleeves to build and stain picnic tables and plant flowers at LOMC. Because of this positive experience, we're rolling up our sleeves again to continue God's work. Please consider joining us on July 17th. Thank you in advance on behalf of Tri-Church and LOMC for your support of this project. Questions? Contact Deb at (815) 626-9159.

## Shoes and wipes being collected

Denise Carl will be collecting new children and teen size tennis shoes and containers of Clorox wipes for Another Child Foundation through July. There will be a bin for donations next to the door leading into the sanctuary. Thank you for supporting this organization.

## NURSE NOTES

# Building healthy relationships

Healthy relationships can be a great source of support, comfort, and love. But when you're with someone day in and day out — which has especially been the case for many couples during the COVID-19 pandemic — it can be easy to grow irritated or take your partner for granted. Make your spouse or partner a priority by:

**Listening.** Put aside distractions such as your phone and turn off the television. Give your full attention to your partner's words and nonverbal cues. When the topic is complex, summarize what you've heard to make sure you understand. If your partner is describing a problem, focus on listening without planning what your next response will be. Don't rush in with solutions or stories of similar problems you've faced. Ask, "Do you want me to just listen, or should I help think of some solutions?"

**Complimenting.** Be mindful of what your partner does for you and your relationship. Then, let your partner know what you appreciate about him or her, whether oral or written. This may seem awkward at first but can become a natural habit over time.

**Trying new things.** Say yes if your partner asks you to try a new activity, even if it's out of your comfort zone. You may enjoy it more than you think. Even if it's not your favorite activity, it can be a way to show support, have new adventures and make memories.

**Showing kindness.** You can build trust and closeness with simple gestures of kindness, such as emptying the dishwasher, buying a small, unexpected gift, or giving a much-needed foot massage. Ask your partner what types of gestures he or she would most appreciate.

*From the Mayo Clinic Health Letter. Submitted by Nancy Rasmussen, Parish Nurse.*

# PADS needs year-round volunteers

The PADS shelter has transitioned to year-round access for clients in need of shelter due to homelessness. In the past, Twin Cities PADS has operated from October through May.

In order to provide daily services in our community, many volunteers will be needed. The hours needed at this time are from 6-11pm seven

days of the week, every day of the year. This timeframe includes client mealtime.

As we enter a place of some relief from COVID-19 restrictions, PADS continues to follow all CDC and state guidelines in order to maintain safe practices. Keeping everyone's health safety in mind, volunteers who may have established some

immunity for themselves through vaccination are a priority.

Please consider sharing some of your valued time with PADS.

Please contact Twin Cities PADS Administrative Director Myles Newberry with any questions and to volunteer. The shelter phone number is (815) 626-2210, or email [mylesnewberry.PADS@gmail.com](mailto:mylesnewberry.PADS@gmail.com).

## JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1

- Ann Baither\*
- Jonathan Imel

2

- Rick and Geni Clark Jr.

4

- Nicole Dettman
- Cole Heald
- Lois LeFevre\*
- Randy and Teresa Stewart

6

- Mark Sciacero
- Carman Thorp\*
- Sophia Torres
- Clarence and Marilyn Wolf\*

7

- Teri Holldorf

8

- Adan Ramirez

9

- Kandra Cook

10

- Elsie Iben\*
- Shauna Kramer

11

- Devin O'Connell
- Douglas Schmitt
- Robert and Patricia Henson\*
- Brian and Jill Lehman

14

- Kay Iben

15

- Kaylen Blumhoff
- Michael Clark
- Eric Douglas
- Jerry McCormick
- Brittany Schmitt
- Hunter Wolfe

16

- Brandon Johnson

18

- Marcie Davis
- Charles Lehman
- Nathan Stahr
- Randy and Julie Johnson

19

- Sarah LeFevre

20

- Brad Barron

21

- Debbie Kibodeaux
- Dina Razo
- David and Lori Gonzales

22

- Sarah Adell
- Gary Cassens

23

- Molly Benson
- Kayla Schmitt
- Clark Smith

24

- Kevin Amesquita
- Betsy Mysyrowski
- Wayne Schmitt\*
- Mark Sisson
- Tim Smith

25

- Erika Smith
- Chad and Karensa Pink

27

- Anna Breneman
- Bradley Lauts
- Mark Oelrichs
- Peter Rogers
- Chris Rucker

28

- Matt Murphy
- Tom and Sharon Leesman

29

- Madeline LeFevre
- Sandra Westbo

31

- Teresa Stewart

*\*Indicates 80-plus-year birthdays and 50-plus-year anniversaries.*



## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### FROM PASTOR JACOB

- Lunch/dinner with Pastor will begin in this month. The idea centers around gathering in small groups in an effort to reconnect with members of the congregation. Call the church office to schedule your family's time with Pastor Jacob.
- Plans are pending for a July 24th memorial service for Carla Haubrich, who passed away in October.
- Vacation Bible School will be a one-day event, from 9-11:30am Saturday, July 10th at First Christian Church in Sterling.
- Staff reviews have begun.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in the operating accounts as of May 31st was -\$794.44.

Transfers in May were as follows, all to the checking account to assist with payroll/payables:

- \$5,000 from the Undesignated account
- \$1,000 from the Music account
- \$1,000 from the Parish Nurse account
- \$1,000 from the Building Reserve account
- \$1,900 from the Families in Need account.

### YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

- UNITE Service Camp (which ran at the end of June) had 35 youth plus college students and adult helpers.
- The June 13th youth events for junior and senior high had good turnouts. Similar events are being planned for the third Sunday of each month.
- Coffee cake sales for the ELCA Youth Gathering next year made around \$1,000.
- A reUNITE movie night is being planned for July 26th at St. Paul.

### TRI-CHURCH COMMITTEE

- Tri-Church is planning a God's Work Our Hands work day at LOMC from 9am to 1pm July 17th.
- Donations are being requested for stain for the porches at LOMC as well as paintbrushes.

### COMMUNICATIONS

A member of the congregation submitted a letter with great suggestions to help St. John's move forward.

### PRAYER GARDEN UPDATE

Our grant application for a prayer garden located in the green space along Third Avenue has been submitted, and we are still awaiting

an announcement regarding the recipients of the grant. Walk of Faith was the name chosen for the prayer garden.

### Policy Manual Review

The council went over the policies that were presented with wording changes. Dave Geil motioned to approved the changes as presented; Jan Klocke seconded. Motion carried.

### COVID-19 GUIDELINES UPDATE

All areas of the church are now 100% open. In-person worship services have resumed on Sunday mornings as well as Wednesday evenings.

The council discussed how to resume normal communion safely, and plans are being made.

### TRI-CHURCH DISCUSSIONS

Council has made the decision to reach out to the Northern Illinois Synod for help and resources for the rebuilding of St. John's. Pastor Jacob will make these calls. A motion was made by Jan Klocke to proceed with this process. Dave Geil seconded. After much discussion, the motion carried.

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## PURPOSE STATEMENT

The purpose of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church is to continue discovering God's will for us in His kingdom through prayer, Bible study and building relationships.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Jesus is our Lord and Savior.
2. We make prayer, Bible study and dialog the center of our decision making.
3. We are willing to change as we discover God's mission for us.
4. We invite everyone. Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." ~ Matthew 28: 19a
5. We recognize and give thanks for our blessings.
6. We act for the discovery and fulfillment of God's mission.

## COUNCIL AFFIRMATION STATEMENT

The Council affirms that ministry is a core tenant of our Mission and that established ministries will continue and the opportunity for expanding into additional ministries will be evaluated when presented. The Council fully understands the complex nature of ministry, but as long as God's people are willing to engage in good works, we will do everything in our power to support those ministries.

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## WHO'S WHO AT ST. JOHN'S

### PERSONNEL

- Rev. Jacob Gawlik, Senior Pastor
- Rev. Leo Patterson, On Call/Visitation Pastor
- Gerad Von Holten, Director of Youth & Family Ministries
- Rev. Mark & Rev. Cynthia Rich, Missionaries to Tanzania
- Dawn Zeigler, Minister of Music & Bell Choir Director
- Julie McCord, Praise Sunday Director
- Nina Peters, Office Manager
- Andrew Stutzke, Systems Administrator
- Kyle Morgan, Technical Director
- Mont Cessna, Facility Maintenance
- Stahr Media, Newsletter & Website
- Nancy Rasmussen, Parish Nurse
- Jan Klocke, council rep to Tri-Church

### CONG. COUNCIL

- Andrew Stutzke, president\*
  - Dave Geil, vice president\*
  - Kandra Cook, secretary\*
  - Teri Holldorf, treasurer\*
  - Andrew Doughty
  - Jan Klocke
  - John Lichner
  - Chrissy Murphy
  - Shawn Wolfe
- \*Exec Committee member*

### CHRISTIAN ED

- Tammy Doughty
- Brian Luebke
- Chrissy Murphy

### CONG. LIFE

- Denise Norman, chair
- Lois Anderson-Rowzee
- Michelle Gawlik
- Nancy Rasmussen
- Pat Redfield
- Jannet Taylor

### ENDOWMENT

- Mike Doughty, chair
- Art Frey

- John Lichner
- Rhonda Stutzke
- Shawn Wolfe

### FINANCE

- Teri Holldorf, chair
- Nancy Breed
- Druann Bushman
- Mike Doughty
- John Lichner

### MEMORIAL

- Dave Geil, chair
- Brian Luebke
- Nancy Rasmussen
- Jannet Taylor

### PERSONNEL TEAM

- Denise Norman, chair
- Lois Anderson-Rowzee
- Dave Geil
- Doug Zientara

### PROPERTY

- Dave Geil, chair
- Art Frey
- Tom Leesman
- Ken Smith
- Doug Zientara

## PARISH REGISTER

### DEATHS

- Sandy Lichner 6/15
- Betty Huntley 6/21

### WEDDINGS

- None

### BAPTISMS

- None

### MEMBERS RECEIVED

- None

### MEMBERS REMOVED/ TRANSFERRED

- None

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- None

### STAFF BIRTHDAYS

- None

### SOCIAL MINISTRY

- Karen Goss
- Barbara Johnson
- Vivian Johnson
- Jill Leesman
- Joyce Preston
- Sandy Wolfe

### STEWARDSHIP

- Jan Klocke, chair
- Nancy Rasmussen

### WORSHIP ARTS

- Dawn Zeigler, chair
- Denise Carl
- Shawn Wolfe

### WORSHIP TECH

- Anita Carl
- Dan Eads
- Charlene O'Connell

# SJLC Activities ~ July 2021

July Open/Close:  
Jan Klocke

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Plans are pending for a memorial service in memory of Carla Haubrich for July 24th. Details will be announced as they become available.				1 7:00-Al-Anon	2	3
4 <i>FISH collection</i> 9:30-Worship	5 <i>Office closed</i>	6	7 6:00-Worship	8 7:00-Al-Anon	9	10 9:00-CommUNITY VBS (First Christian) 9:30-Prayer Shawl Coffee Hour
11 9:30-Worship	12	13	14 6:00-Worship	15 2:30-Regency communion 3:30-Citadel communion 4:15-Exec mtg 7:00-Al-Anon	16	17 9:00-God's Work Our Hands Day (LOMC)
18 9:30-Outdoor Worship (east lawn) Noon-HS Youth Gathering (Joshua Park, Rock Falls) 1:30-JH Youth Gathering (Joshua Park, Rock Falls)	19	20 6:00-Council mtg	21 Newsletter due 3:30-Morningside communion 6:00-Worship	22 <i>Youth Gathering: Adult volunteer applications close &amp; financial assistance applications open</i> 9:00-Audit 7:00-Al-Anon	23	24 <i>Carla Haubrich memorial service (details TBA)</i>
25 9:30-Worship	26 8:00-reUNITE Movie Night (St. Paul)	27	28 6:00-Worship	29 9:00-Newsletter assembly 7:00-Al-Anon	30	31



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## UPDATED COVID-19 POLICY EFFECTIVE 5/23/21

At Tuesday night's Church Council meeting, the following COVID-19 policy\* changes were approved to align with the latest state and CDC guidance:



Temperature checks are no longer required, and all entry doors are open.



We will continue to use an offering drop off point and practice communion in place.



Masks are not required but encouraged for those who are not yet vaccinated or under the age of 12.



Please enjoy fellowship with each other before and after worship.



We will resume singing and full worship music performances.



We will continue to offer at least one outdoor worship opportunity per month, weather permitting.



All areas of the church, except for the kitchen, are open & available for use.



As always, members of your church council are available and welcome your ideas and concerns. Please reach out should you have any. Thank you!



The use of worship assistants and volunteers will resume.

\*We may need to adjust this policy in the future dependent upon state and CDC guidance.

**NOT COMFORTABLE WORSHIPING INSIDE JUST YET?** Online worship continues via our website and Facebook page, OR listen to the service by calling (888) 975-5536. Call in ANY TIME from Sunday morning through noon Friday.



# **OUTDOOR WORSHIP JULY 18 AT 9:30AM ON THE CHURCH LAWN**

**Join us Sunday, July 18th on the east lawn for worship. Please bring a lawn chair. The church building will be open and restrooms are available. In case of inclement weather, worship will be held in the sanctuary.**



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