



Summer Senior High Bible Study and Ice Cream Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
 Each Wednesday throughout the summer, Youth Intern Taylor Justison and Pastor Greg will be leading fun, engaging, and in-depth Bible Studies for our Senior High Youth (those having completed 9th-12 grades) at 7:30 in the Youth Room. Following the Bible Study, we will travel together as a group to various locations around Springfield to enjoy ice cream and other delicious treats! Bring your Bibles, bring your friends, bring your appetites! Hope to see you there!

"Christmas In July" High School Lock-In

Wednesday, July 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Why wait until December to bring a little holiday cheer? Join us for a Christmas-Themed Lock-In this Wednesday. We'll have a quick Bible study on Christmas and Service and then have a night full of fun and holiday cheer! Thursday morning we will put our Bible study to action as we serve breakfast at the St. John's Breadline. Bring your friends for this festive event! Let Pastor Adam or Youth Intern Taylor Justison know if you can make it.

Junior High Night at Skyzone

Tuesday, July 31 7:00 p.m.

Calling all Junior High Youth! Join us for a night of jumping and fun at Sky Zone Trampoline Park in Springfield. We plan on jumping from 7-8 p.m.! Signed waivers are required to jump so be sure to print those off of the Sky Zone website to be signed by a parent or guardian before you come! And as always, BRING YOUR FRIENDS! We hope to see you all there! Talk to Pastor Adam or Youth Intern Taylor Justison if you have any questions.



CONNECT!

Coming this Fall

Looking for a way to grow in your relationship with Christ, with others here at St. John's, and with the community? **CONNECT** is it! Coming to St. John's this fall, **CONNECT** is a relational ministry experience created by our three pastors designed to grow us deep! Sign-ups begin Rally Day Weekend, September 8-9! Watch for it!

Novel Bunch Book Club

Friday, July 27, 7:00 p.m.

This group meets monthly on the 4th Friday of the month and discusses books, both faith-based and secular. July's meeting will be at Traci Michaud's home, discussing the book *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. August's meeting will be on Aug. 24 at Katie Rodden's home, discussing the book *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan. For more info, please contact Traci Michaud at traci.michaud02@gmail.com.

Coffee and Conversation

Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.

All men and women are invited and encouraged to join together for an hour on Tuesday mornings in the Parish Life Center Lobby for coffee and conversation. We enjoy a fun hour of fellowship and friendship and sometimes, we even have donuts! Any questions, feel free to call Jack Stoldt at 217.971.9587 or 217.670.2445.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

All events can be found at www.stjohns-springfield.org
 There you will also be able to sign up for weekly event emails.

SUNDAY 7-22

- Worship**
SANCTUARY 8:00 a.m.
- Fellowship**
PLC LOBBY 9:00 a.m.
- Combined Worship/Communion**
PLC 10:00 a.m.

MONDAY 7-23 YOUTH DEPART FOR LEADERSHIP LAB

TUESDAY 7-24

- Coffee and Conversation**
PLC LOBBY 9:00 a.m.
- Staff Meeting**
AMR 9:00 a.m.
- PB&J Picnic**
SPRING CREEK TOWNHOMES 12:00 p.m.
- Property Team Ministry**
PARLOR 5:15 p.m.
- Preteen Nerf War**
LOWER LEVEL 7:00 p.m.
- Global Missions**
AMR 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 7-25

- Meals on the Lawn**
PLC LAWN 6:00 p.m.
- High School "Christmas in July" Lock-In**
YOUTH ROOM 7:30 p.m.
- Worship Band Practice**
PLC 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY 7-27

- Book Club**
OFFSITE 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY 7-28

- YOUTH RETURN FROM LEADERSHIP LAB**
- Worship/Communion**
SANCTUARY 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 7-29

- Worship/Communion**
SANCTUARY 8:00 a.m.
- Fellowship**
PLC LOBBY 9:00 a.m.
- Worship**
SANCTUARY 10:00 a.m.
- Contemporary Worship**
PLC 10:00 a.m.



ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pentecost 9

July 21-22, 2018



This Weekend

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday
Worship/Communion (Sanctuary)
Pastor Adam Connolly, Preaching Minister
- 8:00 a.m. Sunday
Worship(Sanctuary)
Pastor Adam Connolly, Preaching Minister
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday
Fellowship (PLC Lobby)
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday
Combined Worship/Communion (PLC)
Pastor Adam Connolly, Preaching Minister

THE MESSENGER

Welcome

to St. John's Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here! If you do not yet have a church home and would like to become part of Christ's community at St. John's, we invite you to visit with one of our pastors. In this weekend's reading from Jeremiah we hear God's promise of a new shepherd for his people. In Mark's reading, Jesus tells us that he is that shepherd.

Pastor's Message

For the last couple of weeks, you probably have heard about our new ministry kicking off this fall, "Connect." You might be wondering, or asking the question, "What is Connect?" As we live our lives as Disciples, one of the things we are called to grow in is in our relationship with Christ. Through this new ministry, our hope is that your connection to Christ will grow.

This fall, groups of 6-8 disciples will gather in huddles to discuss the topic of "What are you looking for?" Looking at stories from the Gospels, we will grow in our relationships with Christ as we discuss topics of belonging, identity, relationship, security, purpose and

Pastor's Message Continued

community. These 6-week huddles will meet in a variety of places and times. It is my goal that there will be a huddle that fits in everyone's schedule. We will kick off Connect on Rally Day this September, and conclude our Fall session with a celebration event on November 3rd. There will be more information about Connect in upcoming Messengers and in the September Eagle.

with the community as we are gathered for worship, equipped for discipleship, and sent to care. As we look forward to this fall, and starting our Connect ministry, I hope that you will join us as we continue growing in our discipleship and our relationship with Christ.

Connected in Christ,



St. John's Lutheran Church is called to be in relationships with Christ, one another, and

Remember in Prayer Judy Ahrens, Eunice Avart, Dottie Beach, Marie Bomke, Marlene Carnduff, Bernadine Dickson, Darlene Edwards, Eugene Edwards, Ursula Edwards, David Fischer, Natalia Foard, Alice Fritsch, Ty Glossup, Jim Greene, Steve Hardy, Chad Hicks, Eileen Kerasotes, Charliene Kloppenburg, Betty Lunik, Donna Moore, Judy Nika, Johneita Osterhuber, Gene Poehlman, Dean Rademaker, Priscilla Rademaker, Roberta Reif, Liz Saner, Jean Sergeant, Debbie Slater, Katie Smith, Pat Sriner, Sandra Stoye, Perry Taylor, Carole Tracy, Helen Traeger, Stephanie van Ulft, Ruth Anne Wankel

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Clarence and Marie Bomke's 65th Wedding Anniversary.

St. John's Youth to Leadership Lab Seven disciples from St. John's will gather Monday morning and head to Leadership Lab at Augustana College in Rock Island. This year's theme is "Go. I will show you" from Genesis 12. St. John's disciples include: Emma Busboom, Luke Busboom, Dustin Louveau, Alex Remolina, David Schmitt, Colton Scott, and Adam Sevens. Please pray for all participants throughout this week that they might grow in their relationship with Christ and with each other.

Nursery Available We love having children with us in worship here at St. John's! However, we also realize that participating in worship is often difficult for parents of especially young children. We offer a fully staffed, safe, and secure nursery for children ages birth through 4-years-old each and every weekend during all four of our worship services. The nursery is located across from the restrooms in the Parish Life Center (PLC) Lobby. All of our nursery staff are fully screened and trained to provide the best care possible for our little ones. In addition, pagers are provided for our parents if the nursery staff needs to contact you during worship. Feel free to use our wonderful St. John's nursery as needed. We are glad you are here and want you to have the most meaningful worship experience with us as possible.

Anniversary Open House POSTPONED The Open House to celebrate Clarence and Marie Bomke's 65 years of wedded bliss has been POSTPONED. Clarence had to have emergency surgery and wants to be fully recovered for the party. Please keep a look out for an undated date in future Messengers. Any questions, please call Kathy at 217.741.9522 with any questions.



NEW Summer Worship Schedule

Our NEW Summer Worship Schedule continues throughout Labor Day weekend! Our NEW summer worship schedule is as follows:

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday - Casual Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 8:00 a.m. Sunday - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- *NEW* 10:00 a.m. Sunday - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- *NEW* 10:00 a.m. Sunday - Contemporary Worship (Parish Life Center)

Make worship a regular part of your summer and get spiritually refreshed! See you in worship!

Summer Cookouts on the Lawn

Wednesdays, June 6 - August 8, 6:00 p.m.

This summer, you are invited to join us once again for our weekly "Meals on the Lawn." We eat supper at 6:00 p.m. and following the meal, there will be a different, fun activity each week. Groups of St. John's disciples provide the main dish, and we ask that you bring a side dish to share. Please plan on joining us as we continue growing in our relationships with one another and with our neighborhood community!

Share-and-Tell Celebration Worship

Sunday, July 22, 10:00 a.m.

Everyone is invited to a special Share-and-Tell Celebration Worship Service this Sunday, July 22 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Life Center (PLC) as the 16 disciples who recently traveled to Marion, Virginia and the 19 youth and adults who recently participated in the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston share their experiences with the congregation. Don't miss this powerfully moving worship experience as they share their stories, pictures, videos, music, and more! In order for as many people to share in the experience, there will be no 10:00 sanctuary worship this day. Come and celebrate what God is doing with us!

St. John's Night at the Muni

Thursday, August 9, 6:00 p.m.

Join us as we gather at the Muni for an evening of fun and fellowship as we enjoy the production of "Annie." We'll gather at 6:00 under the Pavilion at the Muni for a light supper and the show starts at 8:00. Tickets are \$17.50 a person. Call Carol Lange at 553-4381 by This Tuesday, July 24 to purchase your tickets.

Sponsors Needed for College Connection

Would you like to help St. John's keep a connection with our college students? The College Connection Ministry Team is looking for sponsors for each of our freshmen who begin their studies this fall. Sponsors would keep in touch through the U.S. mail several times during the school year. Names and information about our freshmen will be available the weekends of August 4-5 and 11-12. Please consider sponsoring a freshman this year. For more information, get in touch with Elin Wind, leader of the Ministry Team, at awind70401@yahoo.com. Thanks for helping us keep a strong connection with our students away at college!

Church-Wide Pool Party

Saturday, July 28, 7:30-11:00 p.m.

The St. John's Young Adult small group is hosting a church-wide pool party for all ages. The party takes place after hours at the Knights of Columbus pool, on South Meadowbrook Road in Springfield. Food and drink will be available for order right by the pool. Bring your families, kids, and friends! All are welcome! Please contact Christie Lazarides at CLazarides@gmail.com or at 217-691-5881 for more information.

Drivers Needed!

St. John's Transportation Ministry Team is looking for men or women to drive the van Sunday mornings, transporting people to and from the late services in the sanctuary and PLC. Drivers usually serve approximately six times a year on a rotating schedule. Drivers would need to pass a background check and complete a short training session on operating the van and the wheelchair lift. We get requests for rides to worship almost every weekend and could really use more drivers. If you're interested, please contact Erik Koning, Transportation Ministry Team leader ekoning1983@gmail.com Thanks!

Last Call for New Stephen Ministers!

Last week was technically the deadline to apply for Stephen Ministry training. However, if you have thought and prayed about becoming involved in Stephen Ministry, and feel like God may be calling you to this caring adventure, please do complete an application. They are available in the church office, and we can still accept applications this week. A new training class will begin this September. For more information, see Pastor Pam or Cindy Koonce (cindyrae72@gmail.com, 217.553.4719.)

St. John's 150th Anniversary Germany Tour

Summer 2020

Just a few spots remain! 30 of our 35 spots are now filled for our upcoming St. John's 150th Anniversary Germany Tour in the summer of 2020! We have now opened up registration to friends and family of St. John's disciples. So, if you would still like to go or if you know of someone who would like to go with us, please contact Rhonda Neubauer in the church office as soon as possible. In addition to touring the Luther sites, we will be sharing in the Passion Play in Oberammagau. A special anniversary meal and worship service will be enjoyed as well. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! Sign-up today! For more information, please contact Rose Moser, David Richter, Pastor Busboom, or Pastor Connolly.

School Supplies Collection

We have begun collecting for our backpack and school supply give away and will continue through July 29. Backpack distribution to St. John's disciples and our neighbors will be on August 1. Supplies needed include: Backpacks, Box of 24 Crayons, Pencil Sharpener, 2.5 inch pink eraser, No.2 pencils with erasers, Ball ballpoint pens (no gel ink), 70-sheet wide or college-ruled notebook, 12-inch ruler with inches and centimeters, Blunt or pointed scissors, Colored pencils, Glue sticks. Every little bit helps!



Family Kickball Nights

Mondays at 5:30 p.m.

Join us on Mondays for a fun game of kickball with siblings and friends! We will meet up on the following nights: July 16 & 30, and August 6.

Nerf Wars

Tuesday, July 24, 6:30 p.m.

Practice your aim and stealth skills to get ready for a friendly Nerf challenge! This event is for children entering grades 5-7. Bring a few friends to join in the fun! Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. followed by Nerf wars inside.