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Join our Wednesday Morning Prayer Group in the Chapel at 9am.



June Birthdays, Anniversaries & Upcoming Events

God's continued blessings to all of those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries!

75th+ Birthday



- June 1 Annette Truckenbrod
- June 6 Norma Peasley
- June 11 John Dean
- June 16 Jon Dinges
- June 18 Ken Olson
- June 21 Judy Kerns
- June 27 Gerald Eich
- June 28 Susan King

Happy Milestone or 50+ Anniversary!

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| Steve & Carole Dancy | Neal & Leann O'Brien |
| June 4th — 30 years | June 23rd — 45 years |
| Rich & Vicki Wujek | Dennis & Kathy Politsch |
| June 8th — 50 years | June 24th — 52 years |
| Bob & Cyndy Kreiser | Leon & Sandy Mosier |
| June 23rd — 51 years | June 27th — 54 years |

June

- 2 Cones in the Courtyard after worship
- 2 Pickleball Plus—High School Students 6pm
- 5 Prayer group in Chapel 9am
- 5 Civic Life & Faith study 7pm
- 6 Sarah Circle 1pm
- 6 All Teams meeting 7pm
- 10 Rebecca Circle 1:30pm
- 11 Evening worship with horses 7pm
- 12 Prayer group in Chapel 9am
- 12 Civic Life & Faith study 7pm
- 13 Allure worship 10am
- 14-15 Synod Assembly
- 19 Prayer group in Chapel 9am
- 19 Stonecroft worship 10am
- 19 Civic Life & Faith study 7pm
- 20 Executive Team 5:30pm / Church Council 6:30pm
- 22 Highway Cleanup (meet at St. John's 7am)
- 23 Worship in the Park 9am
- 24 Evening worship at the water 7pm
- 25 Quilting 9am
- 26 Prayer group in Chapel 9am
- 26 Civic Life & Faith study 7pm

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Special items of interest:

Worship in our Sanctuary continues each Sunday morning at 9am. If you are unable to attend, you can join us for virtual worship on our YouTube page. (Go to YouTube.com and search for STJ LUTHERAN MENDOTA.)

If you would like Pastor Elise to visit when you are hospitalized, please contact the church office. Because of privacy laws, the hospital will not contact us.

St. John's offers Electronic Giving. If you are interested please contact Susan in the office. You can also give online through the link on our website.

The Wednesday prayer group will continue to meet from 9am to approximately 9:30am every Wednesday to lift up prayers on behalf of the St. John's community. You can pray aloud or silently, come frequently, or on occasion. All are welcome!



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Dear friends in Christ,

Memorial Day has come and gone. Young people have had their graduation ceremonies, and while a few of our young people are still in school for a bit longer, it feels like summer. Lunch in the Park, food trucks, and the farmer's market are up and running, the weather is consistently warmer, and in the church we are in the Sundays after Pentecost, sometimes referred to as the "long green season," which takes us all the way to Advent.

While the other church seasons (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter) give us the rhythm of Jesus' coming among us, his death and resurrection and the arrival of the Spirit, this long season focuses on Jesus' teachings and invites our responses in different ways, prodding us with questions about how we use our time and resources, how we promote God's goal of well-being in the world, and how we choose to live with and among others.

Since many of us travel and are involved in sporting activities over the weekends, this summer we will have five midweek worship services, time to gather outside of our church building, reconnect with God, one another, and the world God has made. I hope that as your schedule allows, you will find time to worship with us at St. John's, in another community of faith, or even simple prayer and scripture in the car as you go place to place. If you are looking for "on the go" resources, let me know!

May you always know that wherever your summer takes you, the Holy Spirit binds us one to another and binds you to Christ, who holds you forever.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Elise

Church Council Highlights

The following are some highlights from the May 16, 2024 meeting of our Church Council:

- The Council will encourage others to join them in reading and discussing the book *Growing Young* later this summer.
- Given lack of interest by the congregation, we will not have a float in the Sweet Corn parade this year.
- Council approved the scholarships for St. John's college students.
- The next All Teams Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 6th at 7pm; and the next Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 20th at 6:30pm.

Finance Report Year To Date thru April 2024:

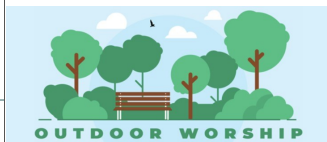
Budgeted Income \$115,185 Actual Income \$116,619
Budgeted Expense \$114,052 Actual Expense \$104,694

We are grateful for your continued financial support, through your offerings in person, through the mail, and through electronic giving. We are blessed to have such a faithful St. John's family.

Civic Life and Faith Study

As Christians, how might we best understand our role in the civic life of our nation? Our Lutheran perspective can help guide us. For six Wednesdays in June and July, you are invited into a time of conversation and discussion about our Christian vocation to participate in society and civic life. As the basis for our discussion we will be looking at a draft statement on "Civic Life and Faith." You can download the statement at www.elca.org/civicsandfaith. Please note that the entire document is 55 pages. We will focus on the first 11 pages. If you do not have a digital reader or printer, you can pick up a copy of the first section at the church. The remaining pages are background and deeper reading which may inform our conversation, but you do not need to have them for the conversation. This statement is in draft form, and we are invited to submit any feedback to the ELCA Task Force by September should we wish to comment.

Outdoor Worship

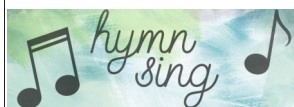


Can't make it to church on Sunday? Are you a lover of the outdoors? During the summer we will have five midweek evening worship services in and around Mendota. These will be 30 or so minute family-friendly services. Please bring your own chair if possible. Let the office know if you need one.

Worship with Horses – Tuesday, June 11th at 7PM with Carol Dilbeck and Tony Troyer hosting (867 N. 45th Rd, Earlville). Bonfire to follow; bring snacks and drinks if you'd like.

Worship at the Water – Monday, June 24th at 7PM – We will meet near the Lake Kakusha dock.

Hymn Sing



Our June 30th worship will include time for a hymn sing. You can submit a hymn request ahead of time by writing it on a pew card and putting it in the offering plate or emailing to laura@stjohnsmendota.org. We will select from the submitted requests and take a few requests from the floor.

Adopt a Highway

St. John's participates in the Adopt-a-Highway program. It's time to do some clean up! If you would like to be one of six adults or one of four high school students to help on Saturday, June 22nd at 7am, please call the church office or sign up here with this link or QR code. <https://tinyurl.com/SJMHighway>



Congratulations to our First Communion Class



We welcomed *Grayson, Landon, Callie, Kennedy & Rory* to the Lord's Table on Sunday, May 5th. (pictured above with Pastor Elise)

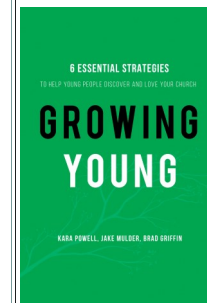
Vacation Bible School July 22nd to July 26th



All children who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join us for a super fun week of Vacation Bible School!! We will meet Monday, July 22nd to Friday, July 26th from 9am to noon. Our theme this year is **SCUBA – diving into friendship with God**. Registration is available online at www.myvbs.org/stjohnsmendota. We have room for 30 children, and spots are already filling up!

VBS is also a great opportunity for older youth and adults to volunteer. Everything is prepared for you and you will always have helpers to assist you. If you are available to volunteer ahead of time, or during VBS week, please speak to Melissa Nosalik. It takes many hands to make this week a success!

Congregation Book Read *Growing Young*



Adults through high school students are invited to join the Council and others for a book read beginning in late July. We will be reading *Growing Young: Six Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church* by Powell, Mulder, and Griffin. The book is available on Amazon.com (including used or audiobook) or you can order one through the church for \$13.00. Be sure to place your order by June 15th.

Congratulations to our Confirmation Class



On Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, we celebrated with ten of our young people as they affirmed their Baptism into Christ and the Spirit's presence in their lives. May God bless each one of them.

Front: *Riley, Klaire, Pastor Elise, Grace, and Maggie*
Back: *Charlee, Christopher, Shea, Corbin, Kade, and Cole*

ST JOHN'S YOUTH PICKLEBALL PLUS

6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, JUNE 2
at the Mendota pickleball courts

Supper provided. Please bring a dessert and any pickleball equipment you have to share. Friends welcome!

PLAY EAT TALK

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