

St. John's Lutheran Church, ELCA

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Call The Church Office

Please call if you are ill, in the hospital, or in need of spiritual help.

Serving Today

Sermon: Pastor Bob Wilkinson
Worship Leader: Pat Meilke
Worship Reader: Charlene Kersten
Music: Lee Kersten

AUTHOR, TAMMY BORDEN

On Monday, September 30th at 6p.m. in the Parish Hall author Tammy Borden will be here to discuss her book "Waltraud". The book is a true story of Tammy's mother's life growing up in Nazi Germany. Refreshments will be provided. Paperback copies of the book will be available to purchase for \$15. The author will also sign the book upon request.

COMMUNION

The next time communion will be offered is Wednesday, September 4th at the Veteran's Park at 6p.m. in the Sanctuary, Sunday, September 8th at 9:30a.m.

CONFIRMATION/SUNDAY SCHOOL

The restart date for Sunday School will be September 8th. Teachers are NEEDED. The goal is to form a team so each volunteer would only teach one Sunday a month. Please contact the church office to volunteer so we can continue to offer this service to the future of the church! The restart date for Confirmation will be September 11th. You may register at: <https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=33047fdf-8bd1-494d-a40f-d45bf9f49b3a> by August 29th or there will be registration forms in the Great Room and you may leave the form in the office Dropbox.

ECSW LAY SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

Welcome to the 2024-2025 ECSW Lay School of Ministry! Courses offered this year are: Introduction to the New Testament, Lutheran Confessions, Faith and Spirituality (Discover Spiritual Practices), Church History, The Poetic and Prophetic: a Quest Through Psalms and Revelation, The Transfigured Church: Faithful Congregations in New Land, Extraordinary Care in Ordinary Times, and Preaching Class. More information and registration forms can be found on our website: <https://ecswlayschool.org/> Any questions? Please email at layschool@ecsw.org.

HANDING OUT OF BIBLES

Handing out of Bibles will occur on September 8th. If your child is turning 3 years old or is going to be in 3rd grade this year, please contact the church office by August 29th so we can ensure we have enough bibles for everyone. Please indicate which service you will be attending on September 8th as well. You may also sign up online at: <https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=33047fdf-8bd1-494d-a40f-d45bf9f49b3a>

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

We are collecting for school supplies for Lutheran World Relief school kits. 70-sheet notebooks of wide-or-college-ruled paper, approximately 8"x10 ½", no loose leaf paper; 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other; pencil sharpener; blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well); box of 16 or 24 crayons; and 2 ½" eraser. For a complete list of supplies that is needed, please check out the list online at Lutheran World Relief. Any supplies that do not meet the requirements for a LWR school kit will be donated to the local school districts or Sunday School.

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed August 21st, 22nd, 29th, September 2nd (Labor Day), and 3rd. Normal office hours of 8:30a.m.-4:30p.m. will resume on Wednesday, September 4th.

PRAYERS

Please keep the following in your prayers: Brayden Mielke, Brianna Adkins, Darla Dieck, Denise Pamperin, Jackie Suehring, James O. Krueger, Jerry Zimdars, Jerry & Pat Skogen, Kristy Overman, Larry Schuster, Lee Kersten, Nancy Helms, Nathan Nick, Oliver Joren, Rachel Fischer, Tracy Narf, Scott Eland and Will Wege. The prayer board has been changed to those who are dealing with current medical issues only. Please only add names of individuals who have approved to be on the prayer list prior to writing on the board. Remember to let the church office know when the medical issues are resolved, and you or the individual are ready to be taken off the prayer list. Thank you!

SUMMER WORSHIP

Wednesdays, 6p.m. worship will be at the Veteran's Park through September 4th. Sunday worship through August 25th will be at 9:30a.m. in the Sanctuary. September 1st worship will be in the Parish Hall at 9:30a.m. Wednesday worship September 11th will be in the Sanctuary at 6p.m. The following week Sunday will be split between 8a.m. and 10:30a.m.

YOGA

Yoga class will be August 12th, and 19th at 9a.m. *There will be no yoga class on August 26th or September 2nd.*

SOUL OPPORTUNITIES: BEFRIENDER MINISTRY

BeFriender Ministry is a "pastoral care" ministry that trains members in many different areas. Here are just a few: how to visit shut-ins, assisting members who are getting married or divorced, grief counseling, hospitalizations, etc. St. John's Lutheran Church is interested in becoming a trained BeFriender, please contact the church office.

FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry needs for August are hamburger helper (or skillet) and applesauce. The food pantry wants are paper towels and laundry detergent. Distribution is the first and third Thursday of every month from 3-4p.m.

SCRIP CARDS

Mama's House of Hope has teamed up with St. Vincent De Paul to help ANYONE in need within the Marion/Tigerton/Wittenberg area. To help with this very worthy cause St. Vincent De Paul is doing an ongoing fundraiser. Ten percent of all SCRIP cards, to any SHELL station, that are being sold will be donated to St. Vincent De Paul. These cards are good for gas or anything in the store. Cards can be obtained from Jackie Suehring or the church office. If you would like several cards, please contact the church office, or Jackie Suehring.