

WELCOME TO WORSHIP: All the baptized are invited to the Lord's Table. You may stand or kneel to receive the elements. We ask children who commune to extend their hands to receive the elements. Children who do not yet commune should have hands folded to receive a blessing from the pastors. *You may ask a server to provide a gluten-free wafer or grape juice if needed.*

ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS: If you have purificators or any other linens from the sacristy please return them to the church right away. We only have two purificators left in the drawer so many of you must have them at home.

DISHES IN THE BASEMENT KITCHEN need to be picked up. If you have furnished something to the church in the past few months and have left your pan or dish please pick it up within the next two weeks. If not picked up they will be donated to a charity.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH (Check out our website for more information at www.stjohnelc.org)

Monday: 7:00 p.m. Heavenly Harp Concert ~ St. John Lutheran Church

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. Quilting
7:00 p.m. Organ Renovation Committee Meeting

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Midweek Worship

Friday: 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast / Bible Study at Day's Hotel

RALLY SUNDAY: On August 29, we will Bless Backpacks and Commission Sunday School teachers at both the 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. services. The 9:30 a.m. service will go outdoors and be held on the church lawn! The fall worship schedule will return to 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on September 12.

WORSHIP INFORMATION: Attendance last week was 415 . . . Transmitters are available for the hearing impaired. Ask an usher for help . . . If it is uncomfortable for you to stand during the service, please feel free to remain seated . . . If you are a visitor, or if you simply forgot your offering envelope and wish to designate your contribution, please use a **pew envelope** . . . The nursery is located in the Commons Area. It is not staffed during the summer, but available if a parent is present . . . Children's **worship bags** are available during worship in the Commons Area and in the church entry

WELCOME PASTOR TED JOHANSON, Interim Senior Pastor: Ted Johanson grew up in Brooklyn Center/Robbinsdale, MN. He graduated from Bemidji State with an Instrumental Music Education Degree. While serving as Parish Education Director for Fox Point Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin he perceived his call to ordained ministry. After seminary, he served in four regular parish calls before receiving interim ministry training in 1995. He entered the unique ministry as Intentional Interim Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Tomahawk, Wisconsin. Since then he has served fifteen congregations in Wisconsin, Missouri, Kansas, and North Dakota as Intentional Interim Pastor. Pastor Ted and his wife, Joan, reside in Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

CHRIST HIKE: Badlands Ministries Bible Camp is welcoming the public to see the Christ Hike on August 11. Meet at Bethlehem Dining Hall at 9:00 pm!

SUMMER MUSIC: If you would like to share your gifts by providing special music during summer worship services on Thursday and/or Sunday, contact the church office at 225-6747 or email lewton@stjohnelc.org.

CONFIRMATION BINDERS: Eighth Grade confirmation students can pick up your binders in the Commons Area next to the confirmation bulletin board. Group photos that were ordered are included in the binders.

ORGAN RENOVATION: An Organ Committee has been formed to facilitate the renovation of our 60-year old pipe organ. Two staff members will work with the Organ

Committee: Sonnie Otto, Financial Secretary; and Faith Simonieg, Director of Stewardship. The Organ Committee includes: Dave Anderson (Senior Trustee on the Council), Glen Bruhschwein,

Richard Johnson, Bob Karn, Carl Larson, and Margaret Marcusen. *If you would like to contribute to the Organ Renovation, simply designate "Organ Fund" on your offering envelope, pew envelope or check.*

HEAVENLY HARP CONCERT:

On **Monday, July 26 at 7:00 p.m.** a mother-daughter musical duo known as Heavenly Harp will give a free concert at St. John. The concert is open to the public. Offerings are accepted.

ORGAN COMMITTEE MEETING will be Tuesday, July 27 at 7:00 p.m. In the Fellowship Room. All organ committee members are asked to attend. If you can not attend please contact the church office ~ 225-6747.

MISSION TRIPPERS AT WORK: Senior High Youth and the Mission Trip Advisors will serve July 24 - August 1 in Birmingham, Alabama working with homeless shelters and soup kitchens and talking about their faith and social justice issues. Please keep them in your prayers.

Participants are: Paige Biel, Dainara Galster, Katie Jalbert, Shelby Stoltz, Brianna Turcotte, Nicole Urlacher, Elizabeth Brown, Brooke Lietzke, Alexa Martel, Alex Simonieg, Melissa Sipma, Landen Jung, Karlye Biel, Justine Gab, Ashley Galster, Kyle Hurley, Amity Lantz, Jared Lundstad, Shaun Parsons, Kurra Renner, Brae Ridl, Stormie Sickler, Michaela Stoltz, Hannah Farstveet, Sam Janke, Jeff Gab, Steve Lervik, Kathi Nygaard, Angie Shilman, Pastor Ted Johanson, and Jess Throlson.

FALL FAMILY DAY AT BADLANDS MINISTRIES: Bring your family for a day together at Badlands Ministries Bible Camp near Medora on Sat., Aug. 21! Badlands Ministries will host their annual Family Day, inviting families of all ages together for a day of adventure at camp. Maybe your family even wants to try the Leap of Faith high ropes course together! If you would like to register your family, contact Badlands Ministries directly at 623-4332 by Aug. 14.

WHERE TO PARK: It can be tricky to find a parking spot on Sunday mornings, and trickier yet if you have difficulty walking long distances. If you are able-bodied and without young children, we encourage you to leave the parking spots closer to the church for those who have a harder time with a long walk.

STEWARDSHIP: Were you invited to attend a meeting in August to learn about The Faith in Action Stewardship Campaign? Leaders of the congregation have been invited to one of two meetings to be held **Sunday, Aug. 8 at 10:40 a.m.** and **Wednesday, August 11 at 7:00 p.m.** At those meetings, you will hear from the Stewardship Committee about a landmark event at St. John on Oct. 3 called Serving Sunday, when everyone will be invited to put feet to our faith and share God's love in a practical way.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: If you would like to learn more about volunteering as a Sunday School teacher, please contact Susan Moberg, Sunday School Director, at moberg@stjohnelc.org, or Pastor Lisa at 225-6747, or lewton@stjohnelc.org. Sunday School teachers are provided training and can co-teach with another teacher, using prepared material. Teaching Sunday School is an opportunity to grow in your own faith as you teach others.

INTERESTED IN JOINING St. John Lutheran Church? Contact one of the pastors, or staff member Faith Simonieg (225-6747) to let us know of your interest. To learn more about St. John, log onto www.stjohnelc.org.