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Board Meetings

Board of Elders

The Board of Elders is NOT meeting in May.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Stewardship

The Bd. of Stewardship will meet on Mon., May 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Education

The Board of Education will meet on Mon., May 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Evangelism

The Board of Evangelism will meet on Tues., May 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Voters' Assembly

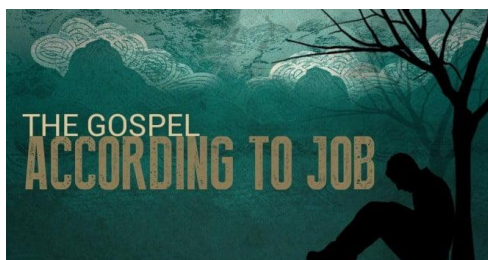
Our Voters' Assembly will meet on Monday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m.
All are invited to the Voters' Assembly. Come and get involved
in the work of the Church.

Church Office Closed May 25

The Church Office will be closed on Memorial Day.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.



Pastor Pool's Sunday Bible Study The Gospel According to Job

In May, our Sunday class continues our study of the book of Job. The Christian

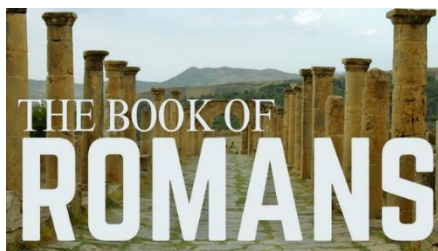
life is a struggle. But the struggle is worthwhile. This book is full of surprising answers to some of our most difficult questions about suffering, evil, and redemption. We meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome. Bring your Bible.

May 3: Where Then Is My Hope?: Job 17

May 10: Bildad and the Wicked: Job 18

May 17: My Redeemer Lives: Job 19

May 24: Zophar and the Wicked: Job 20



Tuesday Bible Study with Pastor The Book of Romans

Our Tuesday Bible Study is working through Paul's Epistle to the Romans. Now is

a great time to join us! There is no cost. Bring your Bible and your questions. We normally meet on the first and third Tuesdays. *But notice our modified schedule this month.* We have two class options at 9:30 am or 7:00 pm.

May 5: No Class (District Pastors' Conference)

May 19: Peace with God: Romans 5:1-11

May 26: The Free Gift of Righteousness: Romans 5:12-21

Confirmation Sunday May 3

On Sunday, May 3, at the 10:15 a.m. service, one young adult of St. John will be received into communicant membership of the congregation. To be confirmed this year is: Lainey Schroeder



Pastor Gone Mark Your Calendar

Pastor will be out of the office on Mon., May 4 and Tues., May 5 so that he may attend the Spring Pastors' Conference. Because of this, the Board of Elders is not meeting in May and the Tuesday Bible study will meet on the 3rd and 4th Tuesday of the month, May 19 & 26. There is no Tuesday Bible study on May 5.



Jeremiah 6:16

Our theme verse this year is Jeremiah 6:16. It's on our banner in the Fellowship Hall. The Prophet Jeremiah announces God's Word to Judah. The course of their lives is leading to exile in Babylon. In immaturity and rebellion,

they have chosen the way of the nations around them. They have indulged in immorality and idolatry. God's patience is wearing thin. But He still calls upon them to walk in His ways. And He offers them a gracious promise of rest for their souls.

"Thus says the LORD, 'Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls.'"

I chose this verse because it fits nicely with our theme and our devotional *Celebrating the Saints*. The Church has a history. It's not perfect. But God left us some wonderful examples of faith and godliness to follow. The Church offers us an ancient path—a good path. Just this month, our devotional will take us into the lives of Athanasius, C.F.W. Walther, and Bede the Venerable. Each was a devout follower of Jesus Christ in their time.

The author of Hebrews calls us to respond to the lives of the saints who have come before us. Their examples should encourage discipline, character, and faith. He says, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

That's my prayer for you this month.

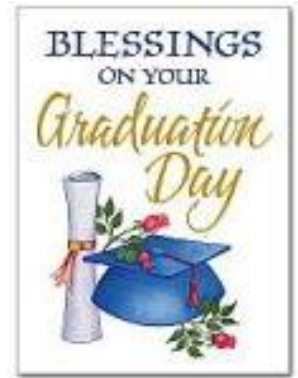
God's peace,
Pastor

Mary Martha

The Mary Martha Society will meet this month on Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. There will be a devotion led by Pastor Pool, a meeting and refreshments. Hostesses are Claudia Schenk and Lori Eberhart. All ladies are invited to attend.

High School Seniors

Congratulations and God's Blessings to our high school graduates: Addison Parks and Raelyn Schroeder. We will honor them at service on Sunday, May 24 and present each of them with a gift from St. John Lutheran Church.



Ascension Service

Thursday, May 14 is the Ascension of our Lord. Here we commemorate Christ ascending into heaven to rule and reign over all creation. There He serves as our High Priest and Mediator until His final return. Plan on worshipping with us at 7:00 pm.

St. John Family Night

St. John Family Night is held on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m. This is a free evening intended for families with kids PreK -5th Grade. The night includes a shared meal, devotions, singing, fun, and time with the Small Catechism. Parents will meet together with kids and also for adult conversation. We are looking for help with meals and clean-up. Please sign up on the sheets in the fellowship hall if you would be willing to help with Family Night in any way.



Making the Most of Our Last Month of Preschool

Chilly, windy, sunshine and blue skies; the perfect weather for digging up worms, concocting recipes in the mud kitchen, swinging and singing,



and hiking in the woods. We are celebrating summer birthdays, looking forward to our field trip to Rock Creek Marina, making Tin Can Ice Cream, and Messy Day. We are also preparing for our End-of-Year Celebration including singing for our parents and a family picnic. As Always, Mrs. Andresen and Mrs. Sperry have greatly appreciated the opportunity to share the love of Jesus with another group of children and their families this year. We thank you for this ministry at St. John



Raise Right Fundraiser

Our next Raise Right Preschool fundraising order is due **May 3**. Cards will be in your mail slot in the Narthex on **May 10**. Don't forget to stock up on gift cards to give to mom for Mother's Day or to use while on your summer vacation. Did you know that you can get gift cards for motels, gas

stations, restaurants and more? Order forms are available in the Fellowship Hall. Please fill out your order form and place it, along with your payment, in the blue box. Make checks out to St. John. Thank you!

All-Church Potluck

The Board of Evangelism will be hosting an all-church potluck after late service on Sunday May 3. The Board will be providing coffee and lemonade. Members are asked to bring a hot and cold dish to share. Please sign-up in the fellowship hall. Help is also needed in the kitchen during late service and after the potluck.



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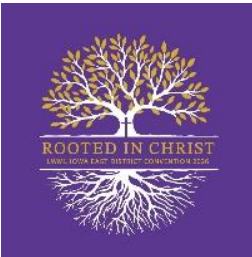
**St. John Blood Drive
Friday, June 12, 2026
12:30 – 4:30 P.M.**

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). You can also

call the church office and Camil can help you set up an appointment. Please help us meet our goal of 22 appointments!



2026 LMWL Iowa East District Convention



LWML Women in Mission will congregate at The Graduate Hotel, 210 S. Dubuque St. in Iowa City on June 12-13. Join your LWML Sisters to participate in servant activities, hear inspirational speakers, help fill the Mite Water Bucket and more!! Registration is now through May 1. For more details and

to register on-line, visit the IED convention page at

<https://lwml-ied.org/2026-iowa-east-district-convention>



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Summer Services

Join us this Summer for Wednesday Summer Service each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m., June – August.



Summer Sunday School

Weekly Sunday School does not meet during the summer. Summer Sunday School will be held on the first Sunday of each month on June 7, July 5, and August 2. Watch your bulletins for more information.

Vacation Bible School Save the Date!



The theme this year for VBS is *Tropical Trek: Jesus Comes to Seek and Save*. Dates will be Monday, June 15 – Friday, June 19. VBS will meet from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. each day. VBS is for children 4 years old or enrolled in St. John Sunday School or Preschool through those entering grade 7. Older

children and adults are welcome to volunteer as helpers. Mark your calendars and plan on joining your friends for another exciting adventure! Questions? Contact Sheryl Jindrich or Sarah Flathers. Sign up table coming soon!

Higher Things

A group of students and adults from St. John will attend the Higher Things Youth Conference June 30-July 3 in St. Louis.



Thrivent Choice dollars help to pay for our trips. If you are a Thrivent member, think about directing your dollars to St. John. You may also support the Higher Things group by writing Higher Things on your weekly offering envelope. Thank you!

May Birthdays & Anniversaries



Happy Birthday to:

Carol Stuedemann, who will be 84 on May 7.
Nancy Rockwell, who will be 81 on May 8.
Darlene Omann, who will be 96 on May 13.
Alice Kopf, who will be 103 on May 19.
Gene Siefken, who will be 94 on May 28.



Happy Anniversary to:

Alan & Valerie Hill, 35th Wedding Anniversary on May 18.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !

We list birthdays 80 and above and anniversaries for year one and every five years thereafter unless we receive a request not to do so.

Holy Communion at Home

If you are at home and would like a visit from Pastor, please call the office to set up an appointment. He is glad to come and bring you God's Word and the Sacrament. Pastor does a monthly service at the Alverno on the second Sunday of each month at 1:30. Visitors are generally welcome.



THOSE WHO SERVE IN MAY

Early

Elders: Jim Schnitzmeyer
Rick Eizenga

Ushers: Bill Schemers
Craig Miller
Tom Colschen

Late

Elders: Troy Bialas
James McHugh

Ushers: Jay Mueller
Eli Mueller

Recording

3 Darlene Paysen
10 Darlene Paysen
17 Darlene Paysen
24 Darlene Paysen
31 Darlen Paysen

Crucifer Schedule

14 7:00 Christine Frett
24 Early Riley Reynolds
24 Late Christine Frett
31 Early Riley Reynolds
31 Late Donivan Sirna

Acolyte Schedule

3 **Early** Elder
3 **Late** Elder
10 **Early** Elder
10 **Late** Aryanna Hagen
17 **Early** Elder
17 **Late** Elder
24 **Early** Elder
24 **Late** Ben Leslie
31 **Early** Elder
31 **Late** Elder

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: MAY 20

If you would like to put any information in the newsletter, contact Camil Dell, and get her the information by May 20.

