

**ST. JOHN'S MESSENGER
JULY 2010**

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
821 Denver Street Schuyler, Nebraska 68661
402-352-3550**

Worship: 5 PM on Saturday, 9 AM on Sunday

**Ministers: All the People Pastor: The Rev. Ruth Boettcher
Parsonage 352-3276**

Church secretary: Suzie Benson

Suzie's hours are Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 11 AM -1 PM and 2-5 PM.

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion
will be celebrated on
Saturday and Sunday, July 3 & 4
Saturday and Sunday, July 17 & 18**



**Reception of New Members—Sunday, July 18
Toni Hager and Mary Magstad**

No Saturday evening worship on July 10.

No Saturday evening worship on July 31.

Worship Leadership for July

Head Usher & Communion Deacon – Darli Vrba
Greeter and Usher— Karen Henry
Lector— Karen Henry
Altar Committee—Betty Herde, Tracey Kracl
Banner Committee—Chrissi Bywater
Green Team Recycling—Lynnette Stevens

Acolytes:

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| July 4 | Amanda Hartman | Communion |
| July 11 | Nyayiey Gatkek | |
| July 18 | Kellan Heavican | Communion |
| July 25 | Preston Hall | |

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- 1 8:45 AM Schuyler Ministerial Association meeting/St. Benedict Center
- 3 5 PM Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion
- 4 9 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion
HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 8 2 PM Golden Living Video Bible Study
7 PM Church Council meeting
- 9 2 PM No Ruth Circle meeting in July
- 10 **NO** Evening Worship Service
- 11 9 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- 11-15 Vacation Bible School
- 16 2-3 PM Golden Living Bingo – *Luella White needs volunteers!*
- 17 5 PM Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion
- 18 9 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion—Reception of New Members
- 20 *Newsletter Items Due*
- 21 1:30 PM Naomi Circle
- 24 5 PM Evening Worship Service
- 25 9 AM Worship Service
- 27 6:30 PM Community Prayer Service at Trinity
- 31 NO Evening Worship Service



Community-Wide Prayer Services

The July prayer service will be held Tuesday, July 27, 6:30 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church.

July Observances



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| 2 | Sue Mikkelson Ben Vrba | 12 | Rick Fendrick Easton Hall |
| 4 | Bob Schlemmer Marlene Zima | 14 | Scott Borman |
| 6 | Nellie Muehlich | 19 | Donald Briza |
| 10 | Layne Petersen Randy Plummer | 24 | Melvin Poulas |
| | | 26 | Marilyn Friessen Sarah Wheeldon |



- 3 Donald and Cheryl Cook
- 10 John and Nellie Muehlich
- 14 Dean and Jalaine Vavricek
- 20 Robin and Lynnette Stevens
- 23 Brian and Chrissi Bywater

We apologize for any omissions! Let us know and we'll print it in the bulletin.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for celebrating my 15th Anniversary of Ordination and my birthday following worship on June 20th. Thank you to the council, who were hosts, and to all who attended. Thank you for the cards and other remembrances. All touched my heart and were appreciated. - *Pastor Ruth*

Synod Assembly special offering—The congregation received a thank you from Assistant to the Bishop Pastor Martin Russell for the \$100 given toward mission work in our companion synod the United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argentina and Uruguay. The letter is posted in the Social Hall.

St. John's Yard Sale and Hamburger Feed—Thank you to all who helped with the yard sale in any way! **Our profit was \$917.25.** These funds are used to help pay the cost of registration for our youth to attend sessions at Carol Joy Holling Camp in Ashland. This year Ebani Filbert, Savannah Syring, and Justin and Jeremy Johnson will be attending camp.

We want to thank all of you who brought items for the sale. I continue to be amazed year after year at the amount of items that are donated!

Thank you to the following people who donated their time to help before, during and/or after the sale: John and Lemay Anderson, Andy Benesch, Dawn and Ebani Filbert, Karen Henry, Pauline Huber, Harold and Gayle Ladehoff, Randy Plummer (and helper), John Sayer, Bob and Judy Schlemmer, Lynnette Stevens, Jalaine Vavricek, and Pastor Ruth. *Thanks also to Suzie who takes phone calls, gets information out, and puts up with all of the commotion!

*Thank you and God Bless!
Mike and Lori Benesch*

Also, thanks to all who helped with the Hamburger Feed! Our profit was \$550.00.

Thank you! So often we fail to thank others for the deeds that they do for our congregation. Is there someone within or outside our congregation that has **done something special** for our congregation that we should thank? The Social Ministry Committee would like to show our appreciation. Please give Darli Vrba their name and the reason and she will send them a "Thank You"! Place the note in her mailbox.

Volunteers Needed



Bingo at Golden Living is the third Friday of odd numbered months. Luella White calls bingo and needs two or three volunteers to help deliver the prizes from 2-3 PM on **July 16th!** If you are interested, please leave a note in the Church Secretary's mailbox or contact Luella at 352-3585.

Coffee Fellowship is a special time at St. John's—a time that we cherish as a church family. However, we need people to serve at these events. If you, your family, or your group is interested, the sign-up sheet is by the mailboxes.

July 11-15 Cooperative Vacation Bible School 5-8 PM at St. John's

Baobab Blast is set under the impressive baobab tree. Kids will have the opportunity to hear the Word, be amazed at God's wildlife creations, and be part of a great community.



We still need volunteers—guides, helpers and substitutes! Please call Dawn Filbert at 367-8118 or Penney Druempel at 352-4321.

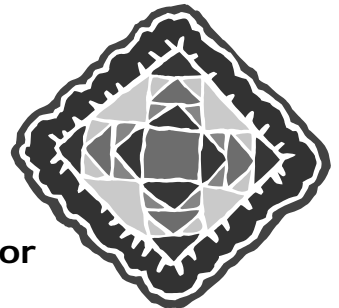
We still need your registrations!

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St. John's needs to borrow a hall tree during the last week in July and the first two weeks in August in order to display the School Kit bags in the Social Hall. Please contact Karen Henry.

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**NLOM Quilt Auction at Camp Carol Joy
Saturday, July 31
9 AM – 5 PM**



There will be more than 300 quilts auctioned to benefit the camping programs offered by Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministry. There is an array of great family activities, too!

Quilts on Display 9 AM
Live Auction begins 10 AM

Silent Auction Bidding 9 AM - 2 PM
Barbecue Lunch 11:30 AM - 1 PM



Lutheran World Relief Health Kits—

Thank you to everyone who has provided supplies and cash for the health kits. It is very much appreciated!

We have a goal of 25 kits and currently have 14 completed. So, please, **we need everyone's help.**

A 'shipping container' will be available to fill with **Health Kits bound for Haiti**. The collection will take place at the Quilt Auction at Camp Carol Joy Holling on July 31, 2010. You will find on the table in the Social Hall three (3) choices for how you can help: (1) Listing for one complete kit, (2) Incomplete kits you can complete, (3) Postcards with items needed—choose as many of what you'd like to buy. Karen Henry is always willing to shop for you with cash in hand.

Footnote: When school supplies go on sale at the end of July—first of August, we will fill the **school kit bags**. So far, 33 have been made and more are being sewn. Questions? Contact LWR Project Chairman Karen Henry.



All women are invited participate in any activities of the WELCA.

Ruth Circle has no meeting in July. Contact Karen Henry for more information.

Naomi Circle will meet Wednesday, **July 21**, at 1:30 PM in the church fellowship hall.

Extra copies of "Lutheran Women Today" are available in the rack below the mail boxes.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 30 & 31: Saved to Serve at Carol Joy Holling for the Quilt auction. Cost is \$39.00. This includes lodging and meals. Registration is due June 30. We will be taking LWR Health Kits to Camp Joy Holling on Saturday, July 31. Our goal is 25 kits. Quilt Auction starts at 10 AM.

September 18: Autumn Renewal at Bethlehem Lutheran in Wahoo.

Sunday, October 3, 2:30 P.M. Congregation is invited to a fun event. Watch for more details. Save the date.

There are quilts ready to tie and quilts that need binding. If you can help, please contact Lemay Anderson or Karen Henry. If you would like to help with quilts at church, please let us know a time that would be convenient. We would like to continue quilting at St. John's but we need your help.

Parsonage Siding Project Approval

The physical presence of the church in the community stands as a towering symbol of faith and hope. For this reason, it is important that the church and parsonage be well-maintained, as it is their guests' first impression of St. John's facilities.

The Congregational Council extends a sincere "**Thank You**" to the congregation for its approval of the parsonage siding project. It is our goal to fix all areas of the parsonage needing repair and install quality siding to the exterior.

Please support the Parsonage Siding Project by using an envelope located in the pew holders and mark your contribution "parsonage siding." Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Yours in Christ, The Finance & Stewardship Committee

Sunday School/Christian Education News

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| Diane Fendrick | Co-Superintendent | 352-5357 |
| Tracey Kracl | Co-Superintendent/Treasurer | 352-2508 |
| Dawn Filbert | Staff Helper | 367-8118 |

Calendar of Events:

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| July 4 | Christian Education Committee serving Coffee Fellowship |
| July 11-14 | Cooperative Vacation Bible School, 5-8 PM |
| July 15, 7:50 PM | Closing Celebration for Vacation Bible School 2010 |
| Aug. 1 | Christian Education Committee serving Coffee Fellowship |
| Aug. 4 | Christian Education Committee meeting at 6:30 PM |
| Sep. 12 | Rally Sunday for the 2010/2011 Sunday School year |
| Sep. 19 | Kick-off for first rotation of Spark curriculum |

"Baobab Blast" is the theme for Cooperative Vacation Bible School which will be held July 11-15 at St. John's Lutheran Church. We will be serving kid friendly light meals for the children and their families from 5-5:45 PM. Children will be dismissed at 8 PM Sunday-Wednesday. On Thursday, July 15, there will be a closing celebration at 7:50 PM in the Sanctuary, followed by refreshments.

Parents & Congregational Members: We are in need of substitute leaders, Safari Guides, substitute guides, Safari helpers, substitute helpers, assistance in crafts or helping out in the kitchen. If you can assist in any of these areas, please contact Dawn or Penny A.S.A.P.

Items Needed for VBS: if you have a "Jungle Hat" or an "Indian Jones" style hat that we could borrow for our Guides, please label and put in the Church Library. Needed also is a 6-7' artificial tree to be used in the classroom during story time. Please call Dawn if you have one to loan.

Crafts need: 40+ small CLEAR sturdy plastic bottles with lids such as Gatorade for a project. Questions, call Jalaine Vavricek at 352-5883. Please bring these plastic bottles to the Church Library.

Games Needed: rope for tug-of-war; baskets big enough for a ball to be thrown into and safari stuffed animals. Please label and put them in the Church Library.

Christian Education Committee: There will be a Christian Education Committee meeting on **Wednesday, August 4 at 6:30 p.m.** If you are interested in the education program at St. John's Lutheran and would like to participate on this committee, please come and join us! We welcome more members.

Rally Sunday, September 12: The 2010-2011 Sunday School year will begin with Rally Sunday on September 12. Be watching for upcoming information in the mail about Rally Sunday! We hope you are enjoying your summer and see you on September 12!

Sunday School Leaders: Last year we started on some new material from Augsburg called "Spark" which focuses on a single Bible story. Kids explored the Bible story for more than one week in order to experience the Bible story from different perspectives. We have chosen to do each Bible story for 4 weeks.

With this rotational material, those who volunteer to be our "leaders" will only plan one workshop and teach the same thing for 3 weeks. The students will rotate to the leader. Kids will be put into groups of various ages and will stay with their same group each week.

PLEASE consider helping Sunday School with this new material. We will need 3 leaders to begin our first rotation that starts on Sep. 19 running through Oct. 10. We are also looking for substitute leaders and helpers to assist the leaders. Centers that are available for the leaders to choose from are: Art; Bible Skills & Games; Computer Lab; Cooking; Creative Drama; Music; Science; and Video. Please call either Tracey or Diane if you are interested in joining us for this new adventure!! Remember, it is only for a 4 week rotation with 4 weeks off if you choose.

Collecting Items: The Sunday School continues to collect pop can tabs, commemorative canceled postage stamps, greeting card fronts with no writing on the back of them and "Labels for Education" on the back of Campbell's condensed soup; all Campbell's Microwave Soup, all Campbell's Bakes Meal Kits; all Pepperidge Farm Goldfish Crackers and all V-8 Splash Beverage caps. The commemorative canceled postage stamps, greeting card fronts and pop can tabs have a basket in the narthex. If you have any "Labels for Education" please give those to either Tracey or Diane.