



The Loveletter

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship
9:00 a.m.

BIBLE STUDIES

Watch for their return in
the Fall, after a short
summer break.

SWADDLING CLOTHES

Store open second
Saturday of each month
from 9 to noon.
The following Monday
evening from 4:30 - 6:30.

Corrected Summer Worship Schedule



For the next two Sunday/Mondays (June 5th/6th and June 12th/13th) we have been invited to return to St. Andrew Lutheran in Van Horne to worship with them at 9:00 on Sunday mornings and/or 7:00 on Monday evenings.

Then starting on Sunday, June 19th, Pastor Wright will be back as we start our summer schedule at St. John with Sunday worship at 9:00 a.m. **Here is a corrected change! For the remaining Monday evenings in June, we will hold a combined worship service with the St. Andrew congregation at Van Horne at 7:00 p.m. Then during July, St. John will host the 7:00 Monday evening services with the St. Andrew congregation as our guests at St. John. Both congregations will hold their own Sunday services at their own church buildings starting on Sunday, June 19th, the only change is the combining of Monday evening services! Please let others know of this change!**

Father's Day



We will be thanking God for fathers as we worship on Sunday morning, June 19th, with the service starting at 9:00 a.m. at St. John. There will be a special gift for all dads in attendance. There will also be refreshments for everyone following the Sunday service. We hope that you will join us.

Summer Break

Our education classes here at St. John have ended as we take a short break from them for the summer. This includes Sunday School, children's midweek/confirmation classes, the Pericope, Confessions, and Sunday morning Adult Bible Studies. We thank Pastor for leading all of our Bible studies, and midweek/confirmation classes, and to Missy Lennie, Kelly Barr, Cindy Oehlerich, and Amie Slapnicka who taught Sunday School this year. Watch for the startup of these classes again in the Fall. Even though these classes stop for the summer, please don't take a break from worship!

Vacation Bible School

We have had Camp Okoboji lead our Vacation Bible School for us here at St. John for a number of years. They are unable to be with us again this year, so St. John - Keystone and St. Andrew - Van Horne are joining together to present *The Tree of Life - God's Promise of Salvation*. This will be held from Sunday, July 24th through Thursday, July 28th from 6:00 until 8:15 p.m. each evening and will be led by a great group of volunteers from both congregations. Kids age 3 (potty-trained) through those who have completed 6th grade are invited to attend. Those kids older than 7th grade are invited to register as helpers. Registration forms may be picked up at both St. John and St. Andrew Lutheran Churches, or downloaded from our church website at stjohnkeystone.org under the "Newsletter" button. If you wish to attend, please have the registration forms returned to St. John by July 10th so that we have enough materials, etc. for those attending.

It's not too late for adults to volunteer to help. The evening will be divided into 4 stations, Bible lesson, music, crafts, and snack making. We will also need a few people to set up decorations that promote our theme, *The Tree of Life*. If you'd like to help with our VBS in any way, please contact either Pastor Wright, Pastor Lingard, or the church office at St. John (319.442.3514).

Ordination and Installation Invitation

On Sunday, June 19th at 4:00 p.m., Candidate Adam Baumann will be ordained and installed as Pastor for the St. Mark - Garrison and Zion Lutheran - Shellsburg Churches. The service will be held at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 101 North Walnut Avenue, Garrison, Iowa, and will be followed by a catered meal (cost not yet determined). Everyone is welcome to attend. If you plan to attend, please email stmarklc@netins.net to indicate the number of meals you are requesting.

Lost and Found

We still have an unclaimed men's Swiss Tech gray/black jacket found hanging at the south door entrance coat rack since Holy Week (thinking it was left after the Confessions service on April 13th). Stop by the church office to see if it is yours!

Swaddling Clothes

Our next Swaddling Clothes "shopping day" will be held on Saturday, June 11th, with shopping from 9:00 a.m. until noon and again on Monday evening, June 13th, with shopping from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. If you have donations of gently used children's clothing size newborn up to size 10, along with maternity clothing or any items used for babies and motherhood, please contact the church office for drop off. If you'd like to volunteer to help at Swaddling Clothes, please contact Kelsey Ritscher, Rebekah Wright, Amie Slapnicka, or Donna Busch.

Don't forget to tell others about us. We have a lot of awesome clothing and want as many as possible to benefit from it. Please let others know that there are no income guidelines to follow and that everyone is welcome to attend!

Summer Camp at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

The Focus

"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."

Hebrews 12:1-2

Christians live in a world with plenty of distractions. There's plenty going on from entertainment, school, sports, and extracurriculars that divide our attention. Though these things can be good, they become distractions when we place our identity in them instead of Christ, and it can become easy to lose focus on what is truly important, and who we are – children of God. The Bible is filled with people who have lost focus on the promises of God, and we know that we don't have to look far into our own lives to know our focus often drifts from the will of God to our own sinful will.

But in the midst of focusing on ourselves, Jesus came into this world and did not lose focus. Jesus was focused on saving us. He was focused on doing his Father's will for us by enduring the cross. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, God sees us as His children and forgives us our sins, even for the times we lose focus on Jesus and our identity as children of God.

This summer, campers will look to Jesus, *The Focus*. We'll take a look at the great cloud of witnesses in the Bible who were focused on Christ and His promises for us. In Jesus, the race that is set before us is won. He is the author and perfecter of our faith that gives us the right to be called children of God. We look forward to a fantastic and safe summer in 2022 as our campers learn about *The Focus* at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca!

Go to Camp's website, www.campiodiseca.org, to register online or to get a 2022 registration form that can be downloaded and mailed to the camp. All the information about the many different camps being offered is listed there along with the cost to attend. St. John again this year will pay 1/2 of the registration fee up to \$150 for members who attend camp.

Jesus has the power to help, just ask!

The Senior Youth at St. John Lutheran in Newhall is again selling Colorado Peaches. The fundraiser helps them support our brothers and sisters in Inner City Chicago through UKANDU. Please send your order forms to St. John, P.O. Box 390, Newhall, IA 52315, not to St. John—Keystone.



Returning Again for 2022!! COLORADO PEACHES

As Always - they are tree-ripened and hand-picked! They are big and juicy and as you know - the "best peaches you have ever had"! The SR. YOUTH of ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, NEWHALL will be selling these yummy Colorado Palisade Peaches once again.

Don't miss out! Return this form with your order today!

- Please make checks payable to:
St. John Sr. Youth
- **Orders need to be prepaid.**
- Return this order form and check to the church office or mail to this address:

St. John Sr. Youth
% St. John Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 390
Newhall, IA 52315-0390

For Questions: Contact Terri Buelow (223-5573) or
Holly Bierschenk at (560-3634)

Tentative dates for the peach deliveries will be:

1st Delivery will be late July – early August

2nd Delivery will be late August – early September

Of course it all depends on how quickly they ripen on the tree. We will keep you posted, and notify you when they arrive.

Boxes = 18-22# of 30-40 peaches @ \$42.50

Flat = 9-12# of 15-20 peaches @ \$26.00

Please mark the box to indicate which delivery date you would like to receive your peaches.

☐ **1st Delivery** ☐ **2nd Delivery**
_____ **# of Boxes** _____ **# of Boxes**
_____ **# of Flats** _____ **# of Flats**

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

Phone _____

ORDERS and PAYMENT can be dropped off at the Church Office.

(Buying through St. John Member -
PLEASE RETURN FORM BY July 15th for 1st delivery & Aug 15th for 2nd delivery.

St. John has been blessed to have a large number of youth that are eager to experience and to follow the Great Commandment in using their gifts to help God's people in need and allowing opportunity to share the hope we have in Christ.

The work of UKANDU Missions is to reach out to as many of God's people in all places and in all circumstances as the loving, caring, and merciful hands of Christ. Youth and adults experience the joy fulfilling the "good works" prepared in them by serving on mission trips that serve God by serving His people.

This Fund Raiser is used to help support the Sr. Youth and Adults of St. John who serve our brothers and sisters in Inner City Chicago through UKANDU.

We thank YOU for your support!



King's Kids Christian Childcare

St. John is looking to reopen our King's Kids Christian Childcare after it being closed for over 2 years. We are asking you to prayerfully consider serving parents and children by helping us provide a safe, caring, Christ-focused daycare. We want every child to know how much God loves them. If you would enjoy spending a few hours or more per week sharing giggles and hugs with the children in our daycare, we would love to hear from you! Of course, you would be paid for the hours you are here. Please contact the church office at 319-442-3514.

Trinity Lutheran Scholarship

Trinity Lutheran Church in Vinton has a scholarship fund for anyone in the Benton Circuit who is attending, or will be attending a LCMS college or seminary and plans to serve in the LCMS as a full-time worker. The application is available in the office at St. John. Application must be returned by July 1st for the first semester and by November 1st for the second semester. The amount of aid to be awarded will be determined by the monies available in the Student Aid fund, divided by the number of eligible applicants, not to exceed \$250 per applicant, per semester or \$500 per year.

ILSTO Update

Fourteen LCMS schools of Iowa have come together to form the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization. Anyone who pays Iowa state income tax can donate and receive the tax benefits. The benefits to the donor are:

- Seeing more children able to attend our Lutheran schools that they may have Jesus in their lives every day.
- Knowing families may not be struggling quite so much because of increasing tuition rates and their commitment to sending their children to a participating Lutheran School.
- 75% tax credit on Iowa income tax. That means if you could donate \$1000, you'd receive a \$750 tax reduction on your Iowa income taxes.

The goal for 2022 is \$1,050,836. Please consider a donation to help our Lutheran elementary and secondary students in Iowa! Check out iowalutheransto.com or call Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991 for more information. Donation forms are available in the narthex.



Ushers and Greeters

June 19 (9:00 a.m.) at Keystone: Greeters: Rita Pickering, Joyce Brunssen. Ushers: Denny and Susie Albers, Jordan Silhanek, Brad Sievers, Robert Albertsen, Colby Lennie.
 20 (7:00 p.m.) at Van Horne: Greeters: Dan and Donna Busch. Ushers: Wayne and Kelsey Ritscher, Rick Pickering.
 26 (9:00 a.m.) at Keystone: Greeters: Keith and Wendy Junge. Ushers: Ray and Alice Junge, Bryce Ferguson, Jacob Bierschenk.
 27 (7:00 p.m.) at Van Horne: Greeters: Dean and Kathy Scheel. Ushers: Bill and Barbara Hennings, Doug Buch, Colin Buch.

Acolytes

June 19: Jack
 26: Noah

Altar Guild for June

Kathy Scheel
 Rita Pickering
 (Not worshipping at St. John until 6/19)

Deacons

June 19 at K: Rich
 20 at V.H.: Ben
 26 at K: Kent
 27 at V.H.: Wayne

Videographers

June 19: Dave
 26: Jordan



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
Pentecost 5 9:00 a.m. - Worship Service at St. Andrew in Van Horne	6 7:00 p.m. - Divine Service at St. Andrew in Van Horne	7	8	9	10	11 9:00 to noon- Swaddling Clothes Shopping Day
12 9:00 a.m. - Divine Service at St. Andrew in Van Horne	13 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Swaddling Clothes Shopping Day 7:00 p.m. - Divine Service at St. Andrew in Van Horne	14	15 2:00 p.m. - Communion @ KNCC	16	17	18
19 9:00 a.m. - Divine Service at St. John 10:15 a.m. - Church Council Meeting	20 7:00 p.m. - Divine Service at St. Andrew Van Horne	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:00 a.m. - Divine Service at St. John	27 7:00 p.m. - Divine Service at St. Andrew Van Horne	28	29	30		

Birthdays

June 1: Janet Albers, Vicky Schwab
3: Jonathan Bierschenk
4: Connie Allers, Dave Gahring, Brooke Kupka, Makenna McManemy
5: Michelle Fischer, Todd Hennings
6: Jackson Clemann, Lori Namanny, Ciara Slapnicka
8: Kenna Lennie, Pastor Wright
9: Lindsay Giannetto, Lavonne Ohde
11: Barbara Hennings
13: Tom Miller
14: Jodee Junge
15: Michael Jurgens
16: Tim Sanderson
17: Carla Homeister, Zach Jurgens
19: Shane Reinberg, Valerie Reinberg, Robert Ritscher
20: Oz Camara, Delbert Selk
22: David Albertsen, Noah Barr, Samantha Calhoun
23: Susan Albers, Jodi Bierschenk, Jay Feuerbach, Ragan Hermesen
24: Tiffany Schnor
25: Darlene Harder

Birthdays (continued)

26: Angel Brecht, Brittany Seeck
27: Zach Brecht, Rosemary Krutzfeldt, Doyle Reinberg
28: Carla Albertsen, Keane Hermesen, Linda Klopping, Darlys Rusk,
30: Chad Stehcon

Wedding Anniversaries

June 6: Don and Eleanor Roquet
7: Garry and Rosemary Krutzfeldt, Justin and Amie Slapnicka
8: Ray and Alice Junge
11: Drew and Brooke Kupka
14: Dan and Donna Busch, TJ and Ashley Feuerbach, Justin and Lindsay Giannetto
19: Al and Ruth Albers
23: Bryan and Kelly Barr
24: Darold and Paulette Sindt
25: Jory and Megan Metz
27: Nate and Miranda Dunek, Dean and Kathy Scheel
28: David and Shelley Flack
29: Tony and Angel Brecht

St. John Lutheran and St. Andrew Lutheran Vacation Bible School Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Birthday: _____ Grade Entering in the Fall: _____

Home Congregation: _____

Parent(s): _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

I hereby enroll and give permission for my child to participate in the activities planned at St. John/St. Andrew Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School. I understand that I am responsible for transportation to and from St. John Lutheran Church in Keystone.

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Field Trip Permission Form

I hereby ☐ do / ☐ do not (please check) give permission for my child to be taken on field trips, either on foot or in an authorized vehicle supervised by adult volunteers of the Vacation Bible School program. If a field trip is planned, I understand that I will receive notification at least two days prior to the event.

Signed:

Parent of Guardian Signature

Date

Vacation Bible School Health Form

All information is confidential.
Full disclosure must be made regarding
any Physical, Social and/or
Psychological conditions.

First Name _____ Last Name _____
Birthday ____ / ____ / ____ Age ____ Grade Completed ____ Gender _____
Address _____ Information Provided By: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____
Parent 1 First Name _____ Last Name _____ Cell _____ Work _____
Parent 2 First Name _____ Last Name _____ Cell _____ Work _____

IF NOT AVAILABLE IN AN EMERGENCY, NOTIFY:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____ Cell _____
Doctor _____ Phone _____
Dentist _____ Phone _____
Pharmacist _____ Phone _____

NAME OF FAMILY MEDICAL/HOSPITAL INSURANCE:

Insurance Carrier _____ Policy # _____
Insurance Phone Number To Call (if applicable) _____

PHYSICAL AND HEALTH HISTORY: Date of Last Physical ____ / ____ / ____

List any medical concerns over the last 2 years that we should be aware of, i.e.: Ear infection, Surgeries, Psychological, Heart Condition, Convulsions/Seizures, Blood Disorders, Hypertension, Mono, Broken Bones hospitalizations etc.

Other information we need to know? _____

ALLERGIES: ☐ Hay Fever ☐ Poison Ivy ☐ Insect Stings ☐ Food: _____
☐ Asthma ☐ Penicillin ☐ Other Drugs: _____

Medications Brought To VBS: _____

Notes on Giving: _____

Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen, antacids, anti-diarrhea medication, and first aid: **MAY / MAY NOT (CIRCLE ONE)** be administered to my child, as needed, by designated staff members.

IMMUNIZATION HISTORY: (dates of last boosters)

Tétanos ____ / ____ / ____ Oral Polio (Sabin) TOPV ____ / ____ / ____ Injectable Polio (Salk) ____ / ____ / ____
MMR ____ / ____ / ____ Hepatitis B ____ / ____ / ____ HIB ____ / ____ / ____ Tuberculin Test ____ / ____ / ____

AUTHORIZATIONS:

This health history is correct so far as I know, and the person herein described has permission to engage in all prescribed camp activities except if noted above. In the event of an emergency where I cannot be reached, I give permission to the staff to order x-rays, routine tests and treatment and I give permission to transport, hospitalize, secure proper treatment, order injection, and/or anesthesia, and/or surgery.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Who's Picking Up Your Child?

St. John and St. Andrew Lutheran Church
Vacation Bible School
July 24th through 28th, 2022

Child's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Adults Authorized to Pick Up Child:

Please list the name of those persons you authorize to pick up your child
(including your own if appropriate)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Signature of the above Named Parent

Date

Check Out—Sign Out

Sunday: _____

Monday: _____

Tuesday: _____

Wednesday: _____

Thursday: _____