



Saint John Lutheran Church

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NEWSLETTER

May 2013

Greetings, dear friends in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Spring is here! I think! I hope! We've had a winter for a change but I hope it's behind us. We give thanks for the moisture but now heat is needed for the grass and crops. It will be interesting to see how the year unfolds after having gone through the hot and dry conditions of 2012. One thing is sure God is in control so we pray that God blesses us with favorable weather and a productive year.

Graduation: With Spring comes graduation. The Lincoln High School graduation will be held on Sunday, May 19th. We wish our graduates God's blessings as they prepare to go out on their own. We also congratulate our college graduates who will finish their studies at their respective schools to enter the workforce.

BBQ: The congregation and anyone receiving this newsletter is invited to a BBQ behind the parsonage on Saturday, May 11, 6:00pm. The occasion is to celebrate pastor's 50th birthday, his 5th year ordination, as well as Morgan's graduation from Fort Hays at the conclusion of her student teaching here in Lincoln. I hope many of you can join us for this joyous occasion. We request no gifts.

WDS: The Weekday School year has come to a close with the annual picnic this last Wednesday. It was a wonderful year with the kids but it seemed to go so quickly. The children will sing for us again today and we will then travel to Salina to Jumpin' Joes for our monthly outing.

VBS: Vacation Bible School will be held this year Tuesday-Saturday, May 28-June 1, classes will run from 8:30-11:30 each day. The bus will once again pick children up on the East side of the Elementary school from 7:45-8:15. If you know of any children who might be interesting in attending Vacation Bible School please invite them to join us.

Youth Group: The Youth Group once again completed a very busy and successful year. We will continue to meet once a month even throughout the summer on the second Wednesday of each month. The kids will mow the cemetery this summer and also cater the Chamber of Commerce Meeting on June 19th. We have welcomed the eighth graders into our youth group and pray their experience will be a blessing.

Early Risers: The Early Risers continue to meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6:00am for a time of devotion and Breakfast goodies. The Early Risers men's group is designed to encourage our men as husbands and fathers. We embark on mission projects throughout the year as well as hosting

marriage/family seminars and fundraisers both at St. John and in the community. We invite any of our men and boys to join us for meetings or our Saturday mission projects.

Council Meeting: We held our quarterly council meeting Sunday, April 14. As part of the meeting the budget was discussed and we have done well to make expenses so far this year. I thank and commend everyone for their good stewardship and wish to continue to encourage you to do so throughout the year for the sake of the church and the gospel. Attendance has been good and I pray that will continue as well. Our membership to date is **579 Baptized and 390 confirmed members**. There were several items discussed for the upkeep of the church and parsonage. The carpet on the church steps will be replaced with a textured coating as carpet has not held up very well. Also the living room carpet and flooring in the kitchen and 2 upstairs bathrooms will be replaced as they are worn. We thank St. John for working to keep up our church property and for giving us a wonderful home to live in. Thanks again: Pastor Schneider.

Adult Classes: Wednesday evening Bible Classes will continue on Wednesday evenings at 8:00pm. through May at which time we will break for the summer.

New Member Classes: New member classes will begin Monday, April 29th, 7:00pm. If you know of anyone who might be interested in becoming a communicant member of St. John Lutheran please let pastor know or invite them to join us.

Finally we invite everyone to worship with us: Sunday School Classes, 9:30, Worship 10:30am.

Calendar of Events

- Monday, April 29, 10:00/2:00pm Women's Bible Study/Jonsson Bible Study
- Wed. May 1, 1:30/7:00/8:00pm Dorcas/Choir/Bible Class
- Friday, May 3, 8:30am. Mission of Love Workday
- Sun, May 5, 2:30pm. Lincoln Park Manor Service
- Mon, May 6, 10:00am/2:00pm Women's Bible Study/Jonsson Bible Study
- Wed, May 8, 7:00/8:00pm. Choir/Bible Study
- Thurs, May 9, 1:30pm. LWML
- Friday, May 10, 8:30am. Mission of Love Workday
- Sat, May 11, 6:00pm. Pastor's BBQ
- Mon. May 13, 10:00am/2:00pm Women's Study/Jonsson Study
- Tuesday, May 14, 6:00/9:00am Early Risers/Pastor's Meeting
- Wednesday, May 15, 7:00/8:00pm. Choir/ Bible Class
- Friday, May 17, 8:30 Mission of Love Workday
- Monday, May 20, 10:00/2:00 Women's Study/Jonsson Study
- Wed. May 22, 7:00/8:00pm Choir/Bible Class
- Friday, May 24, 8:30am. Mission of Love Workday
- Monday, May 27, 10:00am/2:00/7:00pm Women's Study/Jonsson Study/New Member Class
- Tuesday, May 28, 6:00/8:30am, Early Risers/VBS
- Wednesday, May 29, 8:30am/7:00/8:00pm. VBS/Choir/Bible Class
- Thurs, May 30, 8:30am. VBS
- Friday, May 31, 8:30am, VBS
- Sat, June 1, 8:30am, VBS
- Sun, June 2, 10:30am Worship/VBS program