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June 2026

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# EAGLES WINGS

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**SUMMER SCHEDULE**



Worship: 8am & 10:45am  
 Sunday School: 9:15am Children & Youth  
 9:30am Adult  
 CDC Chapels: Tuesdays 10am (Sanctuary)  
 Men's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 6:30am  
 Ladies' Bible Study: Thursdays at 9:30am  
 Church Council: Does not meet during the summer

**Highlights from May Council Meeting**

**Pastor David:** Gave thorough report of April activities, Pastors will swap locations every 5th Sunday starting 5/31. Plan to meet with Altar Guild in June. Will use NA wine instead of grape juice in center cups.  
**Pastor Kenton:** LIGHT ended and will restart 9/9/26. CDC Chapels will occur on Tuesdays from 6/2-8/8 at 10am in sanctuary  
**Elders:** We will start having Communion on the 5th Sunday of the month. Commended Pastor Kenton on his instruction of the confirmands this year.  
**Trustees:** Taking some vent windows from the upper levels to Hutchinson to be repaired.  
**Stewardship:** Ordered envelopes for 2027.  
**Christian Services:** No report.  
**Worship:** Organ is still experiencing issues. Bells will start up again soon.  
**Education:** Will send a survey to parents about Christmas. Looking for ways to increase SS attendance by all youth ages.  
**Youth Steering:** No Report.  
**Endowment:** Reported on fund balances. Will transfer some funds for tuck point.  
**Evangelism:** No report  
**New Building:** Waiting on CDC to move but hope to get committee back together soon. Looking at old plans for YC.  
**CDC:** Fire marshal wants ratings on all materials used. Still not moved.  
**Landscape:** Reported on upcoming projects. Plans for a church bazaar.  
**Old Business:** Gathering information and ideas.  
**New Business:** Renewed another upcoming CD for 12 months locally (3.85%)



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**STAY CONNECTED WITH US**  
 Check out our Website by scanning our QR Code

Check out our Facebook by scanning our QR Code

Check out our YouTube Channel for the latest Church Services

**Prayer Chain**

We have re-established an email prayer chain. If you would like to be included in sharing and receiving prayer list updates, please send an email to: [secretary@stjohn-lutheran.org](mailto:secretary@stjohn-lutheran.org) with "Prayer Chain" in the subject line.

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 Phone: 620-564-2885  
**Wilhelm Campus**  
 Phone: 620-564-3024

**A Message from Pastor Weaver:**

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

With the month of May coming to an end and June beginning, many of us have a change in our routines. Students are out of school for the summer, so the routines associated with getting ready for school are no longer needed. Lunches for school don't have to be made, no homework assignments that need to be done and bed times are more flexible.

Those of you without school students might not have as many changes, but I would guess that you probably are spending more time outside or maybe doing some activities that couldn't happen during the winter. Maybe you are focused on taking care of your flowers or garden. Maybe you are looking forward to the trip that you have been planning for months.

Whatever the summer has in store for you and however much your routine might change over the next few months, I would encourage you to continue to make Sunday school, Bible study and church part of your routine. These are important things for everyone's routine no matter what season or month we are in. As Saint Peter reminds us in his first Epistle when he quotes from Isaiah, "The grass withers and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever."

Enjoy your summer and enjoy the change in your routine that it may bring, but also continue in those things that are important and lasting. Remain connected to God and His word.

In Christ,  
**Pastor Weaver**

1st Corinthians 16:13-14



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# June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	
	6:30am Men's Bible Study 10:00am CDC Summer Chapel 7:00pm Board of Elders	7:00pm Altar Guild Meeting	9:30am Ladies Bible Study	9:30am Ladies Bible Study		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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**LWML Officers 2025-2026**  
 Co-Presidents: Diana Soeken & Linda Ringwald  
 Vice-President: Signe Cook  
 Secretary: Marla Isem  
 Treasurer: Annette Troyer

**Funeral Dinner Coordinator:**  
 Karen Sessler  
**Asst. Coordinator:** Diana Soeken  
 Christian Life - Courtney Cook  
 Caring Services - Vacant  
 Gospel Outreach - Karen Sessler  
 Special Focus Ministries: Darla Abbott  
 A-L Co-Chairs: Beverly Bownes & Normalee Isem  
 M-Z Co-Chairs: Joan Panning & Diana Soeken

**Mission Statement**

The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.



**A Prayer for Summer Refreshment**

**Dear Heavenly Father,**

We thank You for the warmth and beauty of the summer season. Just as the long days of sunshine restore our bodies, we ask that You use this time to restore and refresh our souls.



Lord, as we take in the beauty of Your creation, draw our minds to the work of Christ and all that You have done for us. When we are traveling, spending time with family, or enjoying moments of quiet solitude, be our guide and our peace. Remind us to set aside time to thank You for Your endless blessings.

As we are refreshed by Your love, fill us with the joy of the Holy Spirit so that we may continue to *Serve the LORD with gladness* in our communities. Open our eyes to those around us who need to hear the Good News of Jesus. Equip us to share Your love, declare Your glory, and be Your hands and feet wherever this summer takes us.

We pray these things in the saving, mighty name of Jesus. **Amen.**

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

We have an updated address for Lillian Tschopp:

**Lillian Tschopp**  
**Riverside Village**  
**777 N. McLean Blvd, Room 206**  
**Wichita, KS 67203**

**The Ellinwood Food Bank needs are:**

Cash Donations!!  
 Plus: Chunky soup, Pears, Peaches, Fruit Cocktail, Pineapple, Tomato Sauce, Dice tomatoes, Chili, Chili Beans and Spinach



**A Message from Pastor Kenton:**

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."* Romans 15:13

As we move deeper into this year, we continue to gather as a congregation around God's Word and the Sacraments. This is to help us remain grounded in the sure promises of our Lord and grow in our faith. In a world filled with uncertainty and change, we cling to the unchanging truth of God's Word. The Apostle Paul reminds us in the text above from Romans, that we God fills us with joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope, through the work of the Holy Spirit.

God has claimed us as His own through Holy Baptism, where He washed us clean from sin, and united us with Christ in His death and resurrection. This is not just a past event—we live daily in the new life our Lord gives. Baptism is our identity, not our performance.

It also reminds us that God is always at work in His mission to seek and save the lost. Just as He called Zacchaeus down from the tree and offered him salvation (Luke 19:1-10), He calls us and our neighbors into His gracious care. Each baptized believer is invited to participate in this mission, sharing the love and forgiveness of Jesus with those who have yet to hear His Word.

We are thankful for the many opportunities our congregation offers to grow together:

- Sunday Divine Services that proclaim Christ crucified and risen;
- Bible studies that dig into Scripture with heart and mind;
- Fellowship events that build bonds of Christian love.

As we grow, we are also sent to be part of God's mission. Every conversation, every act of service, and every invitation to worship is an opportunity to welcome those who are lost into the fold of Christ's care. We rejoice when a friend, neighbor, or family member hears the Good News of salvation and comes to faith.

Our congregation continues to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community. From food drives to visitation ministries, from support for local schools to reaching out to neighbors with care—we reflect the compassion of Jesus. Thank you to all who serve with generous hearts and a willing spirit, as participants in God's mission to seek and save the lost. Please pray for our families, our youth, our seniors, and all who are struggling in body, mind, or spirit. And pray that the light of Christ would shine brightly through this congregation, drawing the lost into His gracious presence.

The God of all Hope, Peace and Salvation be with you.

**Pastor Kenton Abbott**



SERVING US THE MONTH OF JUNE

June 7th - Second S. after Pentecost

Organist:.....Darla Abbott
Lector(s): 8:00: Carl Gray 10:45 John & Linda Ricker
Acolyte: 8:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 10:45 \_\_\_\_\_
Counters..... Marla Isern, Teresa Sieker, Fawnia Miller

June 14th - Third S. after Pentecost

Organist:.....Darla Abbott
Lector(s): 8:00: Dirk Ricker 10:45 Pastor Weaver
Acolyte: 8:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 10:45 \_\_\_\_\_
Counters.....Troy & Elissa Moore, Jonell Niles

June 21st - Fourth S. after Pentecost

Organist:.....Jonell Niles
Lector(s): 8:00: Chris & Kendra Scheideman 10:45 Pastor Weaver
Acolyte: 8:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 10:45 \_\_\_\_\_
Counters..... Dirk & Terra Ricker, Cindie Streck

June 28th - Fifth S. after Pentecost

Organist:.....Darla Abbott
Lector(s): 8:00: Dan Soeken 10:45 Jackie Cook
Acolyte: 8:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 10:45 \_\_\_\_\_
Counters..... Alan & Kara Brauer, Heather Rugan

Altar Guild for June

Diana Soeken, Joan Panning, Teresa Sieker, Karen Sessler

June Ushers

- Early Captain - Dirk Ricker
- Late Captain - Marvin Sessler
Terry Winkelman
Carl Isern
Justin Ringwald
Brent Rugan
Corey Long
Troy Moore
Mason Moore
Doug Panning
Ethan Sauer

Acolytes Needed

Please remember (5th-8th graders) to sign up to acolyte
You are required to serve a minimum of 6 times/year.



Acolyte Sign Up QR Link

Interested in Serving???

If you're interested in serving our church in some way, here are the contact people:
Acolyte: Pastor Kenton
Lector: Jonell Niles
Counter: Fawnia Miller
Altar Guild: Normalee Isern
Usher: Alan Brauer



June Birthdays

- Jun 1 Althea Mai
Jun 3 Sam Gordin Terra Ricker
Jun 5 Aaron Pike
Jun 6 Sarah Fox Terry Panning
Jun 7 Eldon Hamm
Jun 8 Rae Heitschmidt Bruce Worman
Jun 9 Nancy Winkelman
Jun 13 Daniel Abbott Jason Eades
Jun 15 James Schlessiger
Jun 16 Taylor Cook Connie Miller
Jun 17 Maddie Kirkpatrick
Jun 18 Mark Knop
Jun 21 Susan Dannebohm Penelope Rugan Cindie Streck
Jun 23 Angie Ringwald Kenton Lockwood Ryan Isern
Jun 25 Ben Pike
Jun 26 Marianne Isern Chet Nienke Debbie Webster
Jun 27 Don Mai
Jun 29 Caleb Hirsch Mya Maxwell
Jun 30 Nancy Ricker



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- Sam & Nancy Gordin Jun 01
Ron & Yvonne Strecker Jun 03
Tony & Peggy Trarbach Jun 04
Don & Althea Mai Jun 07
Robert & Carol Sieker Jun 10
Mark & Amy Ricker Jun 12



So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together let not man

Giving: Received \$109,997.19 (4/30/2026)
Needed per week: \$7,422.33
Over-Under (\$16,182.37)

Altar Flowers

- Jun 7 - Don & Althea Mai
Jun 14 -
Jun 21 -
Jun 28 -



Please consider helping adorn our altar with flowers. Sign up is on the wall by the mailboxes.

For in Christ Jesus, you are all sons of God, through faith.

Galatians 3:26

# Messages from the Church's Boards

## Hand Bells



Summer is here and I think it's time to get the gang back together!! I also think this would be the perfect time for anyone who's interested in ringing (but has been a little hesitant) to at least come try it! We will be pretty informal this summer and will play some pretty simple pieces just to keep fresh. Also, with vacations and all the activities, we'll need extra people to fill the gaps as needed. If you're interested or have questions, please let me know!

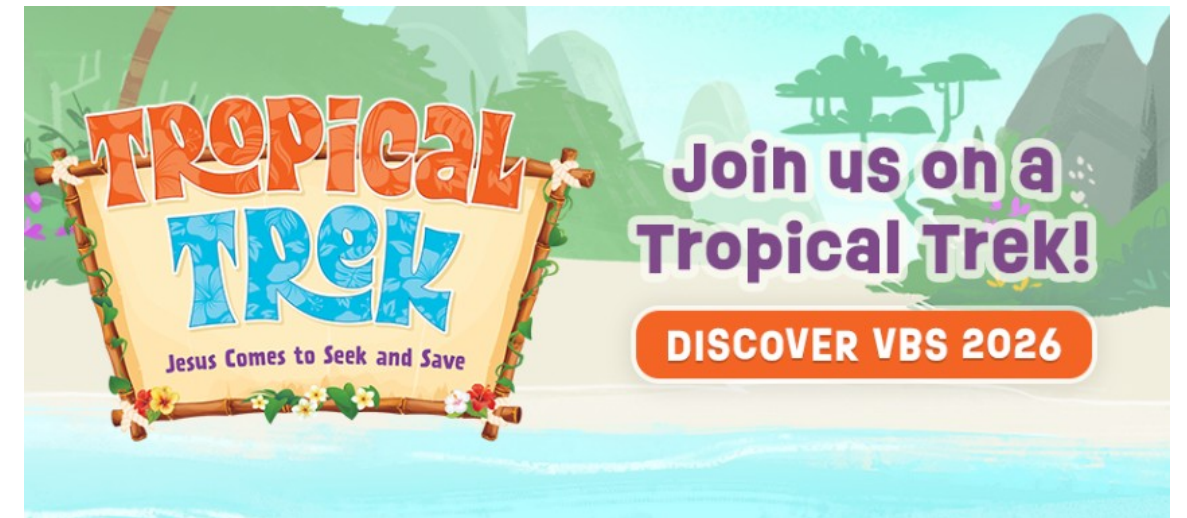
Jonell (620) 617-1008

PS-Watch the bulletin for the first practice date!

*(If you can count.....you can ring a handbell!)*



## Upcoming Youth Activities



# VBS will be July 26th—July 30th! 5:15pm—8:15pm

Join us on a Tropical Trek where kids explore God's Word (the Bible) and discover how God finds and helps us in every situation we encounter in life. Our loving and powerful God desires to help us.

**He seeks us out and leads us to faith. We can trust in Him!**

At Tropical Trek, kids will learn how Jesus seeks them and all people. He is the Son of God, who came to seek and to save the lost!

# REGISTER TODAY!



**USDA Summer Food Service Program**

Consider bringing a sack to make carrying your meals easier.

### Join Your Friends For Summer Meals

Free meals for children ages 1-18

**Dates:** June 1<sup>st</sup> thru July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026  
Closed June 19<sup>th</sup>, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, & 17<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 11:45 am – 12:15 pm

**Place:** Outside, East Side of Commons Area,  
Ellinwood High School, 300 North Schiller

**Contact:** Nora at (620) 564-3226  
**MEALS MUST BE TAKEN OFF-SITE.**  
Child must be present to pick up a meal unless parent/guardian meal permit form is on file.

*Eating with friends is really GRAPE!*

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



## Pastor Weaver would like to visit with you!!

This will be an opportunity for him to learn a little about you and your family. This visit can take place at his office or over a cup of coffee, over lunch or at your home.

Please reach out to schedule a time.  
His cell number is (402) 750-1629



# PRAY, PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Our prayer life is a very important part of our Christian walk. The Lord seeks and hears our prayers. Please remember the following persons and petitions in your daily prayer life:

### For Healing:

Susan Dannebohm, Teresa Sieker, Lylas Schultz, Pastor Weaver, Chloe Vaupel, Janet Bowman, Luke Knop (Paula's grandson), Kary Miller, Milton Schwertfeger, Nancy Kizzar, Eddie Divine, Gayle Christie, Althea Mai, Bob Long, Christine Nemnich (Nickie Isern's mom), Beth Ringwald, Melvin Birzer (Connie Miller's brother), Jeanette Diederich (Annette's mom), Leon Sobba, Devontay (Amber Rugan's nephew), Catherine Hammeke

### For Comfort:

For the family of Melvin Birzer (Connie Miller's brother) as they mourn his passing.

### For Shut-Ins:

Milton & Delores Schwertfeger, Normalee Isern, Lylas Schultz



### New in the Church Library



### Adult and Teen Fiction:

- Evidence of Mercy by Blackstock
- Across the Crying Sands by Kirkpatrick
- Justifiable Means by Blackstock
- My Beloved by Karon
- Uterior Motives by Blackstock
- Presumption of Guilt by Blackstock



### Non-Fiction:

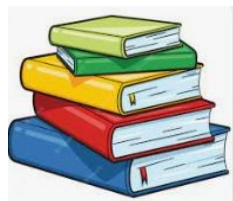
- I Prayed and Nothing Changed: What God Is Up to in the Silence

### DVD's:

No new selections

### Juvenile Fiction:

- Elsewhere in Odyssey
- Mooses with Bazookas



### Juvenile Non-Fiction:

Not available this month

### Children's Fiction:

- Dawn of the Brave
- Harriet Hurry-Up and the Oh-So Slow Day
- Pip's Selfish Sip
- Pride Comes Before the Fall

### Children's Non-Fiction:

- Jesus Moments. Jonah's Finding Jesus in the Story of Jonah
- The Christmas Story Brick by Brick
- Power Bible. From Creation to the Story of Joseph (comic strip format)

### Children's DVDs:

- Light of the World ++++++

A library worker will be available the last Sunday of the month in the adult library for anyone needing assistance. A computerized card catalog is available upstairs in the children's library at all times. If you need help in locating items, please ask Paula or a member of the library staff for assistance.



## St. John's Child Development Center News



### Upcoming CDC Events

#### CDC Summer Chapels:

Pastor Kenton will lead Summer Chapels on Tuesdays at 10am from June 2nd thru August 13th in the sanctuary. This is open to not only our CDC children but any Pre-K through school age children in the congregation. (Non-CDC children would need to have their own supervision.)



#### What Do You Want? (Originally published in June 2023)

One of the best-known and most-beloved psalms is Psalm 23, the "Shepherd Psalm." There we learn that the Lord is our Shepherd. And since He is our Shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our Shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our Shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.

Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we actually suffer from want, that the Lord, our Shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord's sheep.

When do we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd? When we put anything else before Him and His provision for us. When we think that going to work is more important than receiving His gifts in church on Sunday (in violation of the First and Third Commandments). When we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for us because we don't know what the future will bring (even though He has promised that He will lead us to green pastures and still waters).

We live as though we are not the Lord's sheep when we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves. We act this way because our minds are set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things. We act this way because we have stopped hearing the call of our Shepherd, which comes through His Word.

Through the Word of God, the Shepherd calls us to Himself. Through the Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with His gifts. Through the Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever He leads us. He promises to lead us to our true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

And so, here's the Good News: the Lord is your Shepherd, even and especially for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. The Lord is your Shepherd. Let us live as His sheep.