

April

The Caller

Saint John Lutheran Church



Pastor Jon Benson



Pastor Lisa Johnson

*Followers of
Christ
who seek to
HEAR
the Word,
LIVE
the Word
and
SHARE
the Word.*

Saturday - 5:30pm
&
Sunday - 8:30 am
& 11:00am

Sunday school -
9:45am



MAUNDY THURSDAY - 7:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY - 7:00PM



EASTER SERVICES

Saturday 5:30PM

Sunday 6:30AM
8:00AM
9:30AM
11:00AM





April 2 - Choir on Fire
Singing at 8:30am Service
- Class 9:45am



April 9 - No Class

April 16 - - Class 9:45am

April 23 - Class 9:45am

April 30 - Class 9:45am



April 5 - No class;
Finish you Lent
project

— HOLY WEEK —

April 12 - 6:30pm; Lent project presentations

April 19 - 6:30pm; Lent project presentations

April 26 - 6:30pm; 8th grade Banquet &
rehearsal (6 & 7th graders serve & clean up)



April 5 - No gathering

— HOLY WEEK —

April 12 - 6:30pm; Lent project companions

April 19 - 6:30pm; Lent project companions

April 26 - 6:30pm; Echo - The Story



“He gives rain to the Earth and sends water to
the fields” Job 5:10

Throughout the month of April, Saint John
Service and Witness Committee will be collecting
contact information from anyone interested in
visiting our homebound members.

This would be a great opportunity to have
intergenerational conversations throughout our
congregation.

When paying a visit to members in May, bring
a bouquet of flowers to brighten the room.



We welcomed new members on March 19, 2023:

Tim & Carolyn Clark

Grant & Madi Carstens

Brendan & Becky Frerck,
Natalee and August



Beverly Solliday

Stephen & Jen Urlaub,
Louis and Henry



From the Quilting Group:

“Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.” ~ Isaiah 40. This is what we do. Why we quilt... We make quilts to comfort people. We make them from the repurposed scraps that people give us! But quilts are made up of more than just small scraps of material. Quilt makers place their heart and soul into creating comfort for those who are distressed and in need of shelter.

You're welcome to come and lend a hand! When we make quilts, we do good work on many levels. It brings us together in service and fellowship, it creates a tangible message of love and caring to strangers in a far off land, and it delivers warmth and comfort to those who need it most.

Come as you are able. The Saint John Quilting Group wants to welcome you! If you are thinking about it, please know we will make you feel welcome as we tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief! Experience not required. In this ministry of serving, we set aside time each time we meet to enjoy fellowship, devotions, and snacks!

Next meeting is Wednesday, April 19, 2023! You're most welcome to join in. We meet between 9:00am and Noon at Saint John, in the Faith and Life Center. All ages are welcome! See you then! For more information, please call Sue Pagan at 712-325-0257.



Good Times Group

The Good Times Group will meet for dinner at Pizza King on Friday, April 14th at 6:30pm.

⇒ Please RSVP to barbvredeveld@cox.net or call 712-323-2993 by April 12th if you can join us. Hope to see you there!

Call or text Phyllis at 402-319-2190 if you want to know more about the group.



Players Group

The Players will meet on Friday, April 14th at 5:00pm at Tish's Restaurant. Please contact Marlys Lien (712-256-4357) if you are interested in attending!



April 1 & 2 and April 29 & 30
 Cookie Johnson
 Becky Taylor
 Kim Pace

April 8 & 9
 Mary Lou Burke
 Norma Jones
 Joyce Mlynarik
 Alan Meilike

April 15 & 16
 Marlys Lien
 Mary Jensen
 Debbie Plugge
 Andreia Nebel

April 22 & 23
 Patricia Minchin
 Elaine von Gillern
 Carol Wood



* Esther Group—April 11 at 9:30am
 * Mary Group—April 13 at 9:00am

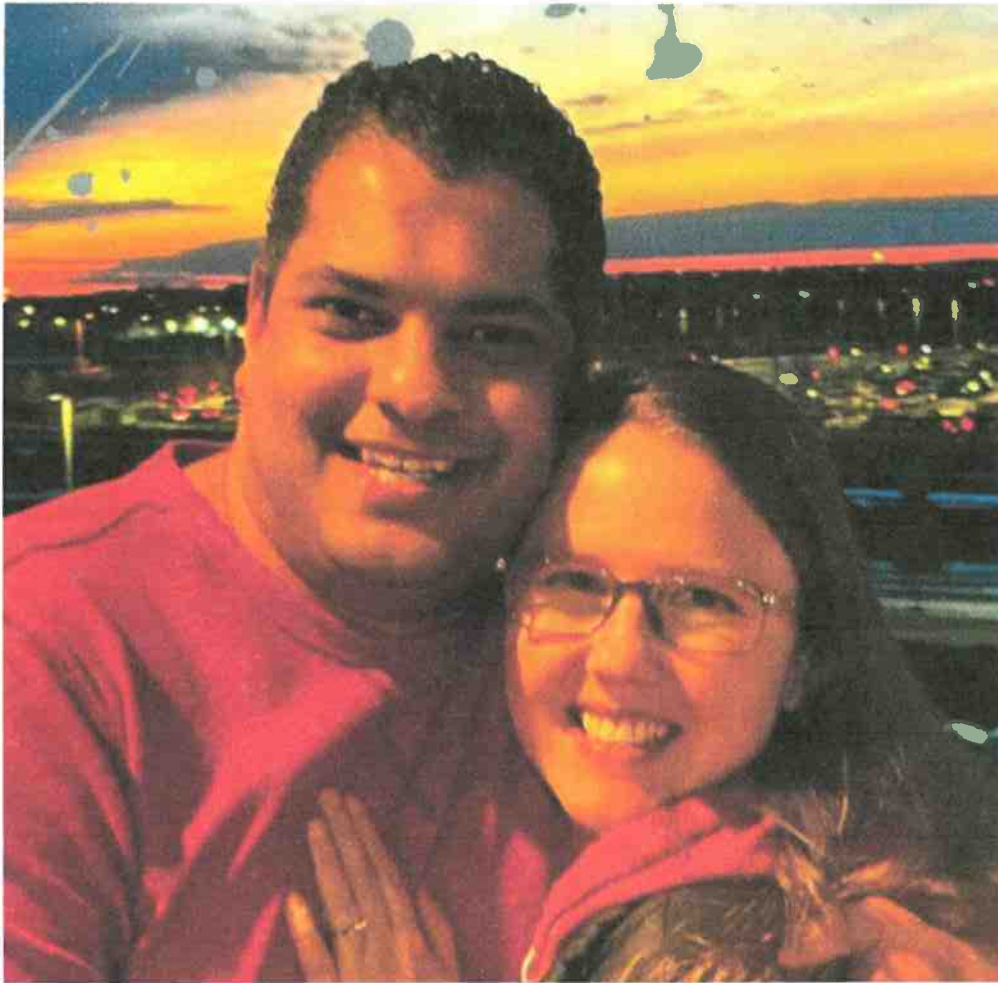


MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Club meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at 11:30am at The Dock Bar & Grill, 401 Veteran's Memorial Highway. Men of all ages are welcome to join us for a good lunch and great conversation. Call the office or sign up on the attendance sheet if you plan to attend. Next lunch is April 21.



A special request for our pantries this month are Boxed dinners: Tuna helper,... Hamburger helper



You're Invited

Peggy and Arnold Johnson
invite the members of Saint John Lutheran Church
to the Wedding and reception of




Pastor Lisa and Lamy Moghazy

Saturday, May 13, 2023, 3:30pm

at Saint John Lutheran Church

Reception following in the Faith and Life Center.
RSVP by April 16 needed for the number of people to serve.
Please sign your name and number of guests on the board
at Church or call the church office.

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>5 - Communion - Palm Sunday Commitment Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship * Pancake Man</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 7:00pm Praise Team</p>	<p>5 9:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm High school youth 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>6 Maundy Thursday 7:00pm Worship </p>	<p>7 Good Friday 7:00pm Worship </p>	<p>1 - Communion - Palm Sunday Commitment Sunday 5:30pm Worship * Pizza Dinner</p> <p>8 - Communion - Easter Saturday 5:30pm Worship </p>
<p>9 Easter Sunday 6:30am, 8:00am 9:30am, & 11:00am Worship</p>	<p>10 6:45pm Seekers ChristCare</p>	<p>11 9:30am Esther Group 7:00pm Praise Team</p>	<p>12 9:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm High school youth 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>13 9:00am Mary Group</p>	<p>14 5:00pm Players Group 6:30pm Good Times Group</p>	<p>15 - Communion - 5:30pm Worship</p>
<p>16 - Communion - 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 7:00pm Praise Team</p>	<p>19 9:00am Quilting Group 9:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm High school youth 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>20 11:30am Men's Club</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 5:30pm Worship</p>
<p>23 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship</p>	<p>24 6:45pm Seekers ChristCare</p>	<p>25 7:00pm Praise Team</p>	<p>26 9:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm High school youth 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>27 <i>Caller Mailed</i></p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 5:30pm Worship</p>
<p>30 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship</p>						

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Dale Dorris Sophia Weltz	3 Madison Baxter Elizabeth Hansen Traci Wilken	4 Cookie Johnson	5 Nicki McIntosh	6 Sean Sahl Heather Thompson	7 Debby Michael Eli Vandevanter	1 Madi Carstens Ellie Casey Alan Meilike Samantha Nation
9	10 Janice Girton Noah Hahn Maya Humlicek Micaela McIntire Reese Ruzicka	11 Amanda Clanton Elias Petersen Aubrey Stark	12 Jacob Andersen Gene Rodenburg	13 Andreia Nebel Laurie Stogdill Kim Townsend	14 Cooper Manson Devaney Novotny Jennifer Sharp	15 Kala Bramman Connie Brougham
16 Zander Hammermeister	17 Lisa Doffin	18 Angie Bramman Leslie Hansen	19 Anna Giroux Barbara Kricsfeld Claire Ruzicka	20 Ella Humlicek Norma Jones	21 Emma McCool	22 Olivia Simpson
23 Brogan Burdick Heather Nano	24 Will Prime Sheryl Stanfel	25 Bonnie Dunkelberger	26 Karen Bramman	27 Bradley Bogardus August Johnson	28 Christy Benson Marlys Lien	29 Kris Anderson Dana Hansen
30 Beatrice Bixler Sharon Worthington						





*Celebrating
-WITH-
you*

90th Birthday

Bea Bixler (April 30)
Midlands Living Center
2452 N. Broadway
Council Bluffs, IA 51503

93rd Birthday

Anna Giroux (April 19)
3 Lakewood Villa
Council Bluffs, IA 51501

95th Birthday

Gene Rodenburg (April 12)
Bethany Heights
11 Elliott St., #106
Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Thanks!

Thank you for all the cards and prayers as I recovered from surgery. I am ready to see you back at Church this month.

~ Debbie Baird

Baptism



McKenna Jayne Wigen

was baptized on March 18.
Parents are Brandon & Cami Wigen

August Charles Frerck

was baptized on March 19.
Parents are Brenden & Becky Frerck



Congratulations to
Eric Nathan Haitz

on his Ordination!
Eric has been Ordained in
the Ministry of Word and
Service, and Installed as the
Director of Evangelical
Mission in the WISynod.



Sympathy to the families of....

~ Larry Argersinger,
father-in-law of Kristan Lester
~ Bob Hansen, father of Steve Hansen

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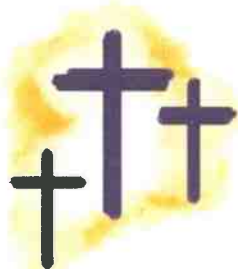
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Please call us
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if you no longer wish to
receive this newsletter.
Thank you.



April

1/2nd - Palm Sunday (Choir on Fire sings)

'How Firm a Foundation' Commitment Sunday

*Pizza, salad & dessert after Saturday service

*Pancake Man Sunday morning 9:30am - 12:45pm

6th - Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm

7th - Good Friday Service 7:00pm

8th - Easter Saturday Service 5:30pm

9th - Easter Sunday Services 6:30, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am

May

7th - 8th grade Confirmation, 11:00am service

13th - Marriage of Pastor Lisa & Lamy Moghazy, 3:30pm;

~ Reception following in the Faith & Life Center, RSVP by 4/16

14th - High school Senior Recognition, 8:30am service

21st - Choir on Fire at 8:30 & last class of Sunday school at 9:45

28th - Start summer worship schedule, 9:30am Sunday