

2015



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# St. John Eagle

## CONFIRMED *In Faith*

Confirmation will be held at St. John on Sunday, May 17th at 9:00 am.

Questioning will take place the evening before during the 6:00 pm service.



During the 9:00 am service on Sunday, May 24th, the graduates will be honored.

You are invited to congratulate them on their hard work and wish them success as they begin the new path of

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**MONTHLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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**Saturday Services**

**6:00 p.m.**

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*Holy Communion*

*1st and 3rd Weekend*

*of each month*

**Sunday Services**

**9:00 a.m.**

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**Radio Broadcasts...**

9:00 a.m. on 2nd Sunday

of each month

KAYL 101.7FM.

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**Lutheran Hour Ministries**

**KAYL 8:00 a.m.**

**Every Sunday**

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**SUNDAY MORNING— FAITHBUILDERS AND BIBLE CLASSES**

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**Faithbuilders**, for ages 3 years thru 8th grade, and the **High School Bible Class** both meet at 10:15 a.m. on the 2nd Floor.



*Be in the Word*

**Adult Bible Classes** meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room (led by V. Winterhof) and in the Library (led by Pastor Lesemann).

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ST. JOHN EAGLE

## Message from Pastor Lesemann

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### Already!?!

<sup>1</sup> I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— <sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:1-4

If you are like me you are probably **already** experiencing the “closeness” of the 2016 presidential election. It comes through all those “wonderful” political advertisements, phone calls and all that news surrounding the growing list of candidates that will vie for your future vote. And you’d think, with all this publicity, that the election was THIS fall instead of the next! Even the primaries are still close to a year away! What is even more sad is that statistics show that all this attention paid to whom our next president will be will most likely not be any more effective than it was in the past in getting people to vote (our 2012 presidential election had only about 55% of the population coming out to vote)!

So with this in mind, how can we or should we be involved in the political process? Well, the first and most important way is described by Paul in his letter to Timothy. He urged Timothy that he should pray for all people, especially for kings and all those in authority. For us I believe that means that our prayers should be for all our present politicians *and* all those who are running for president.

Is it too early for us to hear about those who are wanting to run for president? YES! I think it is. But it is never too early to pray. Pray that God would raise up Christian men to be our leaders. Pray for Him to have mercy on us and our country and to lead us down a godly path. And pray for wisdom for yourself and all voters that we may make an educated and prayerful choice when the time comes.

In His grace

Pastor Bruce Lesemann



## ***2015 1st Quarter Treasurer Report***

### **Current Balances of Interest:**

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Home Fund           | \$ 10,083.49 |
| Capital Improvement | 85,015.94    |

### **Income Received**

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Interest &   Debit Card Income | \$ 6.35          |
| Mission Offerings              | 3,211.50         |
| Thrivent Choice Dollars        | 623.00           |
| Cap Improvement                | 3,729.00         |
| Miscellaneous Gifts            | 235.00           |
| All Other Home                 | 48,204.07        |
| <b>Total Income</b>            | <b>56,008.92</b> |

### **Distributions**

|                            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Congregation Assessments   | \$ 180.20        |
| Church Properties          | 18,521.47        |
| Lay Ministers              | 32,338.41        |
| Postage                    | 50.06            |
| Evangelism-KAYL            | 102.00           |
| Education/Youth            | 345.99           |
| Mission Gifts              | 4,069.50         |
| <b>Total Distributions</b> | <b>55,607.63</b> |

***Net Difference*** \$ 401.29

These are the financial figures through 3/31/15

If you would like any other information, please call me.

***YOUR GIFTS MADE IT POSSIBLE TO GET THROUGH THE COLD WINTER.***

THANK YOU TO ALL, In HIS Service

Karen D. Fletcher, Treasurer

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# Ladies Aid

The St. John Ladies' Aid meeting on April 1 aptly carried out the Holy Week/Easter theme. Donna Truelsen provided refreshments and led the opening devotion, "Pain with a Purpose," recalling how the disciples' grief was turned to joy when they saw the risen Lord. Jan Magnussen fittingly presented a topic on the events of Holy Week. She presented information on how the observance developed. We especially enjoyed the blog, "There's Something Missing," describing the emptiness of people who fail to follow this Passion path. The roll call, answered by twelve members, gave an opportunity to recall Easter memories.

It was announced that the Zone LWML Rally would be April 20 at 5:30 at Grace, Storm Lake. The speaker will be from Orphan Grain train. OGT will also be the recipient of the offering (for shipping expenses) and ingathering. A thank you note from Camp Okoboji was read acknowledging the cash gift to the Quilt Auction.

The closing devotion focused on the National mite project, Rebekah's Garden of Hope.



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gann Hogrefe.

A funeral service for Verna Price, age 93 was held on March 28 at 10:30 am. Following the service, a luncheon was served. The Saturday group was in charge. Sandwiches, salads, bars, and cakes were furnished. Those furnishing or serving the food included Jan Magnussen, Linda Zabloudil, Barb Hogrefe, Denise Betts, Deb Matasovsky, Peg Kathy Sorenson, and Londa Stille. workers were Addyson and Mor-  
Thank you to everyone.

## Camp Okoboji Annual Meeting April 11<sup>th</sup> 2015

The morning started off at 9:00 AM with a 75th Anniversary Worship service. After the conclusion of the Worship service, the annual meeting was called to order. The Auxiliary Members where released and they held their own meeting. The annual meeting continued with the approval of minutes to the 2014 annual meeting.

Financial reports where given.

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|--------------------------|----------------|
| Total assets             | \$1,811,581.33 |
| Total Liability & Equity | \$1,811,581.33 |

|         |              |
|---------|--------------|
| Income  | \$925,643.01 |
| Expense | \$981,705.47 |
| Loss    | -\$56,062.46 |

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|--------------------|--------------|
| Designated Income  | \$231,668.14 |
| Designated Expense | \$20,346.84  |

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|---------------|----------------|
| Total Income  | \$1,157,311.15 |
| Total Expense | \$1,002,052.31 |
| Gain          | \$155,258.84   |

The Executive Directors Report was given by Doug Kading (Executive Director)

The camp had seven omelet breakfasts last year for the community.

The renovation of Ginny DeWall Dining Hall continues. New siding was installed this spring . It is now open year round serving guests.

More of the facilities are winterized for new mission opportunities.

In the talking & planning stages are a Winter J.O.Y. Camp, hosting Men's Ministry Breakfasts, Annual Home schooling conference, an all church workers conference in 2016, and beginning a Winter Farmers Market.

Giving opportunities: The Annual Fund, DISCOVER CAMPAIGN OKOBOJI, Camp Okoboji Foundation, Thrivent Choice Dollars, Thrivent Action Team Gift Cards, Ginny DeWall Dining Hall, Replacement of Samuel Cabin, and memorial gift opportunities.

The Auxiliary Report Judy Rozek, President

The Auxiliary has raised \$108,000 in the last 2 ½ years. On Saturday, the day of the annual meeting, the live auction, silent Auction, and theme baskets raised \$5485. June 13<sup>th</sup> is the quilt auction. Proceeds from the quilt auction will go to Ginny DeWall Dining Hall.

Ministry Advancement Directors Report, Paul Golke (Ministry Advancement Director)

The next cabin to be renovated is Samuel.

Craft & Hauck will be replaced with a 2.8 million dollar building. This will start a 3-4 year campaign titled "Discover CAMPAIGN Okoboji." \$250,000 or 10% has already been raised. This includes a \$75,000 gift from the district.

Newly elected Pastoral Delegates:

Benjamin Dose

James "Jim" Stogdill

Newly elected Lay Delegates:

Dayna "Joy" Brown

Tom Chapman

Bryce Gadbury

Cindy Phillips

The meeting concluded with a devotion.

David Dose

Delegate to Camp Okoboji

## What Goes Up...

By: Celeste Cummins

Do you know how that phrase ends? What goes up...must come down. I was reminded of that phrase one morning when I tried to close my umbrella in the pouring rain so I could get inside of my van. My umbrella must not be familiar with that concept of physics because despite all attempts, it never did come down again so that I could close it. I eventually gave up and struggled to put it on the seat next to me, still fully open.

That's not the only incident that I am aware of when something went up, but never came down again. If you are a Twins fan, as I was while I was growing up, you may remember as shocked baseball players, umpires, and fans stared at the ceiling of the Metrodome on May 4, 1984 waiting for the ball that Dave Kingman of the Oakland A's had hit to come back down. The ball got caught in the ceiling of the Metrodome and never did reappear, so Kingman was awarded a ground rule double. (After much difficulty, the ball was retrieved the next day and is currently property of the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY. Info from: [www.erstarnews.com](http://www.erstarnews.com)).

The people in the Metrodome that day reminded me of another group of people who stared up in bewilderment. Of course, I'm talking about the disciples who witnessed Jesus' ascension into Heaven (Acts 1:1-11). "They were looking intently up into the sky as He was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 'Men of Galilee,' they said. 'Why do you stand here, looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into Heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into Heaven'" (v. 10-11).

"What goes up must come down." Jesus went up and He promised He will come back down again. We are still waiting for that day when He comes back down in the same way that He went up!



Ascension  
of the Lord

# NEWS



## Notes

**WE PRAISE GOD** for the generosity that has been displayed through the use of the Thrivent Choice Dollars program. By calling Thrivent, eligible Thrivent members can designate money (at no cost to them) to an organization of their choosing. By our members taking advantage of this opportunity, St. John was recently the recipient of \$2,057! What a wonderful example of using resources in your area to benefit the church. Thank you to everyone who takes advantage of this program to bless St. John!

**CONFIRMATION** will take place at 9:00 am on Sunday, 17th at St. John. This year Cham Deng, Abigail Lesemann, Georgea Luedtke, and Logan Norwood will be Confirmed.



**MEET OUR GRADUATES**

On Sunday, May 24th during the 9:00 am service, St. John will recognize the **GRADUATIONS** of Deanna Ballou, Nyadak Jangjuol, Jake Luedtke, Aaron Miller, and Michael Redenbaugh. We would like to congratulate these students on their achievements and wish them God's blessings as they continue on their path through life.

**IN APPRECIATION** - Rev. Jonathan and Anita Clausing would like to thank St. John for donating \$557 to be used toward their mission work in Eastern Africa.

**CROSS-CULTURE VBS: THAILAND TREK** will be held June 15-18 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at Grace Lutheran Church. A closing service will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup> with a time yet to be determined. Right now we are searching for adults or Confirmed individuals to be Station Leaders (one or two people per station). Station leaders are needed for the following areas: 1) Opening/Closing Celebrations, 2) Bible Adventures, 3) Thai Treats, 4) Music, 5) Thai Games, 6) Experience Thailand, and 7) Decorations. Crew Leaders are also needed. We encourage kids in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and above to sign up for this area. If you are interested in being a Station Leader, please contact Jerry Johnson (732-2775 or email him [Johnson@bv.edu](mailto:Johnson@bv.edu)).

**LWML CONVENTION** - Spring in the Heartland! It's time to plant God's grace and mercy as we prepare to receive our guests at the 36th Biennial LWML Convention in Des Moines, June 25-28. We ask God's guidance that His plans will be our plans. Be sure to send in your registration prior to the deadline. Follow the steps in your worker assignment packet. Remember to complete the registration form in the packet and attach your worker coupon to receive a \$65 discount. Convention Logo Polo Shirt mail orders need to be postmarked no later than May 15. The postmark deadline is June 1, to be able to pick up your shirt at the convention. Please go to the host websites to view the Host Committee Convention Newsletter Bountiful Blessings. The websites are <http://idwlcms.org/lwmlnews.php> or <http://www.lwml-ied.org/>

*"Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn"* (Matthew 13:30-35).

**"LVING ON MISSION"** is the name of an event that will be held across the Iowa District West in late May. Jesus wants you to join Him on the adventure of a lifetime, to be willing to love your neighbor as yourself, and to allow His love, joy, and peace to flow through you to others. There is no cost, but pre-registration is encouraged at [www.iowamissions.org](http://www.iowamissions.org). Plan to attend one of these events to learn more.

Wednesday, May 27 - Grace, LeMars (6:30-9:00 pm)

Thursday, May 28 - Zion, Denison (6:30-9:00 pm)

Saturday, May 30 - Good Shepherd, Fort Dodge (9:30-12:00 pm)

Sunday, May 31 - Shepherd of the Valley, West Des Moines (1:30-4 pm)

**NEED SOMETHING TO READ?** The most recent editions of *The Lutheran Digest*, *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*, and *The Harvest* are all available on the tables in the entryways.

## CONFESSING OUR FAITH

Grace Jesse and Haley Redenbaugh were Confirmed on Palm Sunday 2014. In previous issues of the newsletter, the answers to some of their essay questions have appeared. Here are their answers to the fifth and final question: "I plan to worship regularly in my Lutheran faith and partake of Holy Communion often because..."

"...As Christians we are to partake of this sacrament together to make a public confession of Christ declaring unity in the truth of the Gospel. We break the third Commandment by despising the preaching and the word of God. You may be asking how you despise them. You despise the preaching and the word of God; when you do not attend public worship and thereby do not receive the word of God and the sacraments. By not attending you neglect them showing you don't care for them.

"We can learn from the early believers as it says in Acts 2:42 - *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.* And Hebrews 10:25 - *not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*"

"...It's the least I can do. He gave me so much already. Worshipping regularly will help me to not lose sight of God. And (it is important) to take the Lord's Supper regularly to receive forgiveness and strength for life.

"Worshipping regularly will (help me) remember what he did for me. Help me to remember how I am forgiven of the many sins I have made and will continue making.

"I will be forever thankful for Jesus dying and God forgiving me through his son. By worshipping I keep his word holy. What I have learned, I will teach for many generations to my children and to others."



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**To God be all the Glory.**

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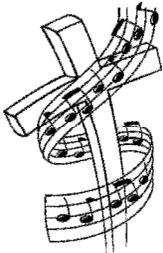
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### **Special Music**

You are invited to share your musical talents in our worship services here at St. John.

The choir rehearses at 7:30 pm on Wednesday evenings.



**WE WELCOME YOU TO  
JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!**

### **May Worship Assistants**

**Altar Guild:** Deb Jesse & Linda Zabloudil

**Greeters:** Saturday

Sunday

**Bell Ringers:** Saturday, 6:00 p.m.

Henry Hardt

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Dave Dose

**Acolytes:** Saturday, 6:00 p.m.

Bradyn Mack

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Cham Deng

The KAYL Broadcast for this month has yet to be sponsored.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

3 - In memory of Margaret Bumann by Lloyd

10 - In memory of our parents by Bill & Vee Tutt

17 - 2015 Confirmation Class

24 - In honor of our grand-kids by Ron & Linda Falck

31 -