

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH MESSENGER

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May 2023

A monthly Publication of
St. John Lutheran Church

Worship Schedule

Wednesday Worship

6:00 pm

Sunday Worship

9:00

Pastor

Pastor Mark Johnson

Office Staff

Rae Fimon

Audrey Zellman

Custodians

Curt & Cheryl Johnson

Choir Director

Allison Vandermark

Organist

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Accompanist

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Senior Graduation Recognition

will be held

May 21.

Come and congratulate our Seniors

at the 9:00 Service



Sunday Service time change

9:00 am

Starting April 30— September 3

Wednesday Worship Service

6:00 pm

Starting May 10— August 30

From Your Pastor

I have made friends with a little bush outside of my office window. Last Summer, as I was gazing out the window, a little leafy face seemed to be smiling at me from the top of a stalk. And when the wind blew it back and forth it looked like it was waving to me. And as I immersed myself in my work, I would occasionally look up and, as my eye wandered out the window, there was my dear, little friend, still there, still smiling, still waving.

Summer passed into Fall and my little friend lost his full green luster and faded into a dark brown, still clinging to the top of the bush, waving at me as the cold wind blew. Fall passed into Winter and the little fellow was about the last leaf to fall from the bush, just the stalk now, keeping its place. And now, as the bare, white Winter subsides and the greening of Spring begins to warm the air, I look forward to seeing my little friend reappearing once again.

The creation itself calls forth the glory of God. There is a parable of death and resurrection woven right into the fabric of the world around us. From what has been cold and dead and barren, a shoot of new life begins to stir and grow and reach up and out toward the warm face of the sun.

Someone recently asked me about what "the fear of the Lord" meant. Did it mean that we should be afraid of God? And I said that, instead of that sense, I think it means more like being in awe of God. The word "awe" has been devalued in our usage of it. We say, "This cereal is awesome!" Well, no, it isn't. What you mean is that you like the cereal, but the cereal is certainly not awesome.

Awe is more the feeling that I had when I stood on the brink of Niagara Falls and there, right beneath my feet, millions of gallons of water roared ceaselessly over the precipice and thundered down into the canyon below me. The very air itself seemed to shake with the power of it. And in the presence of something so vast and overwhelming, I felt how small and insignificant I was. I was filled with a respectful fear in the presence of something so truly awesome.

It's the feeling you get if you are out in a lonely place, far from any light pollution, and you look up into the clear night and behold the vast canopy of the starry universe above you, the billions stars and galaxies floating in an infinity of space. And you allow the vastness of it to sink in to you. And in the presence of something so overwhelming, you feel your smallness and are overcome with a sense of awe.

And yet, Niagara Falls and the infinite expanse of the starry universe are just the fingerprints of God. They are creaturely things. God is the creator. And so in the presence of God, we rightly recognize our place, are filled with a holy fear, hushed to a reverent silence, bowed down with a deep and abiding sense of awe.

Martin Luther begins each of his explanations in the Small Catechism with the phrase, "We are to fear and love God, so that we..." So that we obey and do what is right. At the funeral of a father, I remember a family member saying, "My Dad never had to say a harsh word to us. All he had to do was give us a look. We respected him so much that we didn't want to do wrong by him." And if a human parent can inspire that kind of reverent respect, how much more in the presence of the Father of us all are we overcome with a holy fear to give offense.

True are the words of the hymn writer who penned: "Immortal, invisible, God only wise - In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes - Most blessed, most glorious, the ancient of days - almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise." So it was that, when catching a veiled glimpse of God, the great prophets of old fell to the ground, unable to stand, and proclaimed themselves unworthy to be in the presence of such divine transcendence. They were overcome with a holy and reverent fear and awe. So, before we get too chummy and begin to take God for granted, it's good to remember who God really is. And when we do, we can't help but be overwhelmed.

And yet, remarkably, it is this very powerful and transcendent God who has deigned to come down here and be born as a tiny, vulnerable, human baby in the person of Jesus. It is this very God who reaches out to us with love and compassion. And incredibly, it is this very God who allowed himself to be nailed to a cross for our sake. And more remarkably, it is this very God who invites us to reach out to him, to trust him, to love him, to serve him. How can we not but be filled with gratitude and awe when we contemplate such as this?

"Oh, the depths of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!" writes St. Paul. "How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor? Or who has given a gift to God that God should repay him? For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen."

And yet, it is this very God who also, in the words of an old hymn, "paints the wayside flower." It is this God, who creates all things, and yet is so attentive to the smallest beautiful detail. It is this God, who offers my little bush friend to me as a token for gratitude and enjoyment.

How vast and wondrous is this world. And how small and lovely, too. And how amazing that its author takes on flesh and walks in our shoes. And how astonishing it is that he should care for us. And should care that we care for each other. Life is full of wonder. God is good. Enjoy the warm and greening Spring. Love God. Love others. To God be the glory, both now and forever...



May Children's Ministry Update

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! We want to extend many thanks to everyone who helped make our youth programs successful this year! Thank you for being GENEROUS with your time and talents! We know everyone leads a busy life and we appreciate your dedication and commitment to our youth. As this year wraps up, we are starting to think about teachers for next year. If you're interested in teaching or helping out in any way next year, please contact us at youthsjlc@gmail.com! Please note that we are in need of someone to run the Sunday School music program.

Upcoming Events

-Tuesday, May 2nd—Sunday School teachers will meet at 6pm at the church to discuss a plan of action for next school year

***Be on the lookout for dates for some fun events a couple times throughout the summer! We can't wait to catch up and be in community with you!

Thank You!

Recognition of Sunday School Teachers, Helpers, Connect and Confirmation Leaders was held during the 9:15 service on April 23.



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! We want to extend many thanks to everyone who helped make our youth program successful this year! Thank you for being GENEROUS with your time and talents! We know everyone leads a busy life and we appreciate your dedication and commitment to our youth.

As we end this Sunday School year, we would like to take the opportunity to say THANK YOU to the many people who have shared their faith with the children at St. John.

Sunday School Teachers and Helpers:

Pre-K 3's Andrea Andert, Jean Jackels

Pre-K4's Melissa Davidson, Clarrissa Lutterman, Katie Herrmann, Kayla Buszmann

Kindergarten Katie Klaverkamp, Dominica Wolf

1st Grade Allison Theas

2nd Grade Bryn Davis, Julie Oldenburg

3rd Grade Katy Potter, Emily Aust, Traci Scheer

4th Grade Sarah Leonard

Music Rachel Kelm, Jennifer Korb, Landry Kelm, Mallory Kelm

Subs Cassie Anderson, Sadie Beckius, Ashley Schultz, Aimee Ceeka, Jenny Hardel

Christmas Program: Holly Stier, Andrea Gerres

Children's Ministry Team Laura Mellgren, Chelsea Hutchison, Katy Potter, Chelsey Crosby, Tara Henke, Allie Theas

Connect Leaders:

Neal Williamson, Jenn Nagorski, Brook Borresen, Andrea Mueller, Diane Gerres, Ben Aust

Confirmation Leaders:

7th Grade Tonya Smith, Cody Schultz, Jill Martin, Deanne Fogarty, Jamie Petersen, Kristin Stier

8th Grade Dave Bungarden, Wayne Nagel, Anne Carsten, Kim Thaemert, Andrea Gerres, Sue Steinhagen, Heather Kes

Pizza Coordinators Michelle Melheim & Amanda Schultz



High School Graduates Honored May 21

Congratulations to our class of 2023 graduating high school seniors on achieving this important milestone in your life. On Sunday, May 21, during the 9:00 worship service we will take time to recognize our seniors and honor them as they graduate and prepare to move on with their plans for the future.

Graduating High School Seniors are:

*Parker Borresen
Wyatt Borresen
Luke Meriwether
Cole Eggers
Courtney Eppen
Madelyn Eyrich*

*Ciara Fahey
Hanna Fairbanks
Emily Fogarty
Cortney Hennes
Ethan Hoffman
Patrick Lawler*

*Alyana Lindahl
Matthew Olson
Lariana Ruud
McKenzie Schwichtenberg
Kamryn Stier
Brianna Swenson
Madelyn Vossen*

Thank You! St. John youth would like to Thank everyone involved in our 2023 Soup and Sandwich during the Lenten Season. What a great time! We are so thankful to all who donated and to all who participated. We could not have done it without you! THANK YOU!!!

To help us with next years soup and sandwich choices,
Please circle the soups and sandwiches you enjoyed.

Soups

Chicken Wild Rice
Bacon Cheeseburger
Creamy Cheesy Broccoli
Chicken Noodle
Chili
Creamy Bake Potato
Chessy Chicken Tortilla

Sandwiches

Roast Beef
Ham
Turkey
Egg Salad
Sloppy Joes
Grilled Cheese

Other

Walking Taco
Baked Potato Bar

Please complete and place it in the offering plate or mail or bring it to the church office. Thank you for helping us make soup and sandwich better



Mark your calendars for **Sunday, May 7th** when St. John Lutheran Church will celebrate the almost 30 years of service of custodial/maintenance employees, Curt and Cheryl Johnson as they prepare to retire.

“Thanks for the memories” – and there have been many as the two of them have faithfully performed their ministry of service for this congregation.

Please join us for breakfast **following the 9 a.m. service** to wish them well as they begin this new and exciting part of their journey. A card box will be available for you to share your own personal good wishes and memories.

The personnel committee of St. John Lutheran Church is seeking interested individuals to fill this position:

Maintenance: The Maintenance person shall provide for the satisfactory maintenance of the church building, equipment, and grounds. The maintenance position works about 15 hours a week.

We will provide a job description and application in the office. If interested, please fill out an application and bring it to the church office. If you have any questions, please contact any of the personnel committee members. Brent Koepp (612) 860-0386, Kim Thaemert (612) 508-2239, Mindy Chevalier (612) 598-9569, Wendy Theis (952) 873-9822, Chris Schultz (612) 559-9413 and Jan Effinger (763) 415-6418.

Thank you for all your considerations.

Please note the important following things and mark your calendar accordingly:

April 30 - Summer Worship Hours Begin for Sunday Mornings One Service at 9 a.m.

April 30 - Call Process Conversation with Craig Pederson

9:00 a.m. - Worship Service

10:00 a.m. - Coffee and Conversation with Assistant to the Bishop

With Pastor Mark retiring on September 10, Assistant to the Bishop, Craig Pederson, will be with us to talk about how the Synod will work with us in the calling of a new pastor.

May 7 - Retirement Celebration for Curt and Cheryl Johnson

9:00 a.m. - Worship Service

10:00 a.m. - Celebration for Curt and Cheryl Johnson

Curt and Cheryl have served St. John with Custodian and Maintenance duties for almost 30 years and are retiring on June 1. Come to the party for them on May 7!

Saturday Evening Service - Switching to Wednesday Evenings over Summer

April 29 Last Saturday Service at 6 p.m.

May 10 First Wednesday Service at 6 p.m. (no service on May 3)

Unapproved St. John Lutheran Church Council Minutes
April 10, 2023

President Ben Aust called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Present:

X	Pastor Mark	X	Ben Aust	X	Chris Schultz	X	Albert Koepp
X	Jan Effinger	X	Teresa Latzke	X	Anne Herrmann	X	Steve Kelm
	Jaime Peterson		Cayla Menke	X	Jim Kerr	X	Tim Moonen
X	Curt Johnson						

Opening Devotions:

Pastor Mark opened the meeting with a passage from Romans 8 and a prayer.

Guest Speaker

Mark Halla with The Outpost Center, a nondenominational ministry that is building tiny homes and also training people in construction presented the opportunity for the faith community to provide some hands-on support for the affordable housing opportunity in our community.

Approval of Minutes:

Members of Council reviewed the minutes from March 13, 2023 Council Meeting. Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the meeting minutes from March. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the agenda for April 10, 2023.

Pastor Mark's Report:

Our Midweek Lenten Services on Wednesday evenings have wrapped up and I would like to thank Andrea Adelman for coordinating and our Confirmation small groups, leaders and families for serving our Soup and Sandwich Suppers. It was a great time to see the Gathering Area filled with food and fellowship each week. Also, thanks to our Cantors for our Holden Evening Prayer Service and to our Speakers who shared a witness of their faith with us each week. One young person said to me that we should have Soup & Sandwich and Worship every Wednesday evening! Sounds like he enjoyed it as much as I did.

As I write this, I have been preparing the worship services and homilies for our special Holy Week services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. The great events of this week serve as the foundation of our faith and I am looking forward to being with our church community as we gather together in worship.

Connect and Confirmation classes will be resuming after Lent and will be finishing up the current year. Part of this will also involve a special meeting with our program leaders to look back and assess the year we have had together. Along with that, we will also be looking forward to preparations for the coming year.

We welcomed four new families into our congregation as new members during our recent orientation and welcome Sundays.

I have been in contact with our Children's ministry team in planning for an end of the year celebration for Sunday School that will be coming up toward the end of the month. In addition, we are also pondering Vacation Bible School. Surprisingly, the arrangement between Cristo Obrero and the Prairie Oaks Institute fell apart and so we will not be able to have "VBS on the Farm," as we were planning. Other ideas, perhaps in collaboration with other congregations, are currently taking place. There will be more forthcoming on this as things develop.

At our last Belle Plaine Affordable Housing meeting that I attended at City Hall, an idea came up for affordable housing that involves St. John. I followed up by sending an e-mail to our council about inviting one of the participants, Mark Halla, to our next council meeting to provide some information on the idea. Council members responded that they were open to getting information and so I invited Mark to attend our meeting.

I met and talked with Assistant to the Bishop, Craig Pederson, at the recent Minneapolis Synod Ministerium. Craig sent a link from the Synod website regarding the call process that I forwarded to all our council members. He also indicated he would be happy to follow up in person with us.

I continue my regular weekly and monthly duties of planning and preparing for teaching and worship opportunities, visiting people at home and in the hospital with communion, coordinating with staff and volunteers in a variety of ways, providing communication and correspondence to teams, council, volunteers and the congregation, working with families in preparation for

baptisms, weddings and funerals, and being involved in the community with other clergy and community leaders.

The annual Synod Assembly is coming up on the final weekend of this month and I will be attending, along with the other members of our congregation who volunteered at our last annual meeting to represent our church.

Staff Reports:

Custodial:

Curt reported that remote controls for thermostats will be replaced when the new furnaces come in. Leaks in the sprinkler system are scheduled to be fixed. He reported that the lawn mowing service will possibly be covered. Curt will be removing the trailer with the aluminum cans and we will no longer be accepting recycled cans. The box that covered the vent system disintegrated and he covered up the hole. Curt reported that the grass on the side of Church will need new sod and that he will also be removing the shrubs in the front of the Church. He also reported that the old light bulbs and electronics will be taken to Scott County recycling center.

Treasurer:

Rae walked through the monthly and quarterly reports and stated that the month of March was down and we missed our budget for offerings. She reported that we received an estate check at the end of March and put it in the general fund account.

Rae noted that the 5% of interest of Larry Kiewel life insurance policy was moved to the general fund. She also reported that the foundation committee will be meeting with Ashton Pankonin, with KMF Advisors, to discuss options for the foundation fund.

Transfers:

- A. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve all Transfers in:
 - 1. By Affirmation of Faith:
 - a) Monica and Jason Braesch and Jackson Lillemoen
 - b) Katie and Tony Roff and daughter, Aria
 - c) Jeffrey and Jennifer Scott and children, Veaya and Jack
 - b. From previous parishes
 - a) Laura and Wesley Mellgren and children, Aubrey, Adeline and Weston
- B. Transfer out: None

Ongoing Business:

- A. Technology Budget
 - 1. A meeting has been scheduled to discuss automation options, new technology for office staff and possibly adding cameras to the outside and inside of the church.
- B. Rental Property Updates
 - 1. Replace the false ceilings in the Hayden rental. Dishwasher needed to be replaced.
- C. Church Role Update
 - 1. Anne, Jan and Audrey are going to update the church roles.

New Business:

- A. A discussion was had regarding the next steps to the Call process. The council agreed to schedule a meeting with Craig Pederson, the Assistant to the Bishop, to discuss how the Synod will work with us in the calling of a new pastor. A date was discussed to be scheduled for Sunday, April 30th.
- B. A discussion was had regarding the planning of a Retirement Celebration for Curt and Cheryl. A date was scheduled for May 7th.

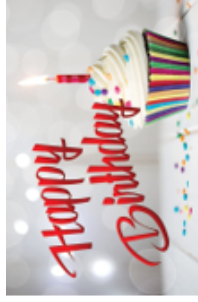
Ministry Team Updates:

- A. Stewardship Committee - nothing new to report.
- B. Buildings and Grounds Committee - nothing new to report.
- C. Personnel Committee - meeting has been scheduled.
- D. Children's Ministry Team - see Pastor Marks report regarding VBS..
- E. Small Group/Faith Formation Committee - nothing new to report.
- F. Worship and Music Committee - nothing new to report.
- G. Technology and Communications Committee - see ongoing business Technology Budget.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Meeting was adjourned followed by the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Latzke, Secretary

May 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Brody Curtiss Richard Laabs Tyler Shackle		Lowell Hiles Craig Johnson Samuel Karl Mark Koepp Diane Rasmussen Scott Stier Christopher Zellman	Aiden Cooper David Einertson Miranda Weckman Amy Muehlenhardt	Trisha Anderson Ryan Creighton Stephen Wolff	Savannah Benner Nolan Jackels Caleb Tracy
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Kelsey Gynild Lily Klaverkamp Mitchell Koepp Aleks Pederson Matt Stier	Hannah Skluzacek	Rachel Fahey Jack Fogarty Taylor Jaworski Tom Peterson Allison Theas	Aiden Ladd Abigail Lawler Chris Moylan Jan Palmer	Domingo Rosario	Kaylee Koepp Nolan Schroeder
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Abby Bristlin Ciara Fahey Ryan Stier	Lila Aufderhar Adalean Berg McKay Karl Mary Pesta Kyle Siemon	Les Bessel Adella Gruetzmacher Brian Vycital	Sadie Beckius Amy Eppen Kimberly Jaster Kimberly Thaeernt	Aimee Cecka Rex Ernst Kevin Koepp Loren Kruschke Andrew Siemon Matt Hanson	Wyatt Herrmann Lou Longhenry	Kendall Hutchison Molly Moonen Timothy Moonen Nicholas Rosario
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Jaxon Witt Ryan Maier Raquel Peterson Kiersten Skelley	Matt Fink Vincent Holtberg	Daniel Cooper Aubrey Davis Andrea Gerres Ewald Gruetzmacher	Jayce Henke Preston Kes Beau Vincent	Katelyn Bauer Addison Kahle Weston Koepp	Grace Brueske Trevor Carstens Ron Nagel	Mike Campbell Gavin Fogarty John Grannis Hazel Koepp Alexis Meyer
28	29	30	31			
Kylee Gehrke	Cassandra Koch Jerry Meger Maren Posthumus Lavonne Rickaby	Bruce Baker Cody Buszmann Manley Stier Katelyn Theis	Luann Buerkle Melanie Fogarty Hayvn Moonen Greg Rosario McKenzie Schwichtenberg			

May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	6:00 pm Boy Scouts	11:00 Lutheran Home Service 1:30 pm Kingsway Service 6:00 pm Sunday School Teachers meeting				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00 Worship Service Council Executive meeting	6:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Church Council		Starting Midweek Worship Schedule 4:00 pm Book Club 6:00 pm Worship Service			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:00 Worship Service	5:30 pm Personnel Committee meeting 6:00 pm Boy Scouts		6:00 pm Worship Service			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Grad Sunday 9:00 Worship Service	6:00 pm Boy Scouts		6:00 pm Worship Service			Private Party in Gathering Area
28	29	30	31			
9:00 Worship Service	Memorial Day Office Closed		6:00 pm Worship Service			



May 7 Worship Assistants
Coffee Hour: Altar Guild: Lynne Jeurissen
9:00
Greeters: Sue Koenig Lay Reader: Sue Steinhagen Communion Assistants: Jared & Kathy Stauffacher, Dorothy Koepf Ushers: Brent Schwichtenberg , Greg Schwichtenberg, Bruce Schmidt, Richard Laabs David & Sara Bungarden , Ron & Dianne Rasmussen

May 14 Worship Assistants
Coffee Hour: Altar Guild: Lynne Jeurissen
9:00
Greeters: Marvin & Rhonda Doeden Lay Reader: Brent Koepf Communion Assistants: Marvin & Rhonda Doeden, Brent Koepf Ushers: Brent Schwichtenberg , Greg Schwichtenberg, Bruce Schmidt, Richard Laabs David & Sara Bungarden , Ron & Dianne Rasmussen

May 21 Worship Assistants
Coffee Hour: Altar Guild: Lynne Jeurissen
9:00
Greeters: Connie Bergs Lay Reader: Chris Moylan Communion Assistants: Chris & Annette Moylan, Teresa Latzke Ushers: Chris Schultz , Luke Schultz, Logan Schultz, Rob Schultz, Mark Schultz, Wayne Koepf, Aaron Leonard Scott & Tricia Ruud , Alex Ruud, Griffin Ruud, Jerry Meger

May 28 Worship Assistants
Coffee Hour: Altar Guild: Lynne Jeurissen
9:00
Greeters: Anita Lambrecht Lay Readers: Albert Koepf Communion Assistants: Janet Effinger, Kirk Franck, Beth Beuch Ushers: Chris Schultz , Luke Schultz, Logan Schultz, Rob Schultz, Mark Schultz, Wayne Koepf, Aaron Leonard Scott & Tricia Ruud , Alex Ruud, Griffin Ruud, Jerry Meger

Financial Corner

St. John Financial Results Three Months Ending March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022

General Operating Fund			Year Over Year
	<u>March 31, 2023</u>	<u>March 31, 2022</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Income	\$ 69,507	\$ 73,610	-6%
Expenses:			
Personnel	(59,363)	(53,907)	
Office	(4,772)	(4,385)	
Property & Maintenance	(14,482)	(12,007)	
Ministry	(7,423)	(3,458)	
Other	(1,693)	(4,450)	
Benevolence:			
Minneapolis Area Synod	(3,300)	(4,400)	
Camp Onomia	(750)	(1,000)	
Lutheran Social Services	(500)	(500)	
Net Receipts / (Expenditures)	<u>\$ (22,776)</u>	<u>\$ (10,497)</u>	
Cash Balance at January 1 (Excl. Loans)	\$ 69,619	\$ 7,829	
Net Income / (Expenditures)	(22,776)	(10,497)	
Misc. cash not affecting income	(128)	174	
Loan from St. John Foundation (2014-2016)	-	39,782	
Cash Balance at March 31	<u>\$ 46,715</u>	<u>\$ 37,288</u>	

Property Improvement Fund

	<u>March 31, 2023</u>
Income (Donations, Rent, Investments)	28,117
Expenses	(6,199)
Net Receipts / (Disbursements)	<u>21,918</u>
Hayden House Loan Balance at January 1	125,664
Principal Payments	(1,034)
Hayden House Loan Balance at March 31	<u>124,630</u>
Liquid Assets at March 31	<u>187,183</u>

CALLED TO SERVE THROUGH OUR GIVING


Offering Received the week of

March 23– March 29	March 30-April 5	April 6-12
General Fund—\$4,959 Improvement Fund—\$1,465	General Fund—\$6,417 Improvement Fund—\$1,075	General Fund—\$11,672 Improvement Fund—\$4,210
April 13-19	April 20-26	
General Fund— \$5,982 Improvement Fund- \$810	General Fund— \$2,500 Improvement Fund- \$390	

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Change Service Requested



2023 DAY CAMP DAYS at CAMP ONOMIA

This is the deal...

Camp Onomia will be offering select THURSDAYS through the summer to welcome children who have completed grades K-3 to a day long adventure at camp. Short enough to keep the fear factor away (no overnight stay) but long enough to have a lot of fun!

WHO: Completed Grades K-3
WHAT: a day of camp which will include camp style worship, kids Bible Quest, field games, camp crafts, swimming, lunch, s'mores and closing song-fest!

WHEN: Pick a day, or select several! Offered the following Thursdays: June 15, June 29, July 13, July 27, and August 10
Check in at camp at 9:30 AM, Pick-up at 3:30 PM

Parents/adults are welcome to stay for the day at no charge or to simply drop the youngsters off for the day. This program is open to "local day drop-ins" but also may be of interest for a congregational kids outing this summer!


FEE: \$45 per camper
"Bring a friend and have some fun!"
Individual registration online.
Church groups please pre-register with the camp office.

PLEASE NOTE: Onomia also offers a week long Day Camp program with a team of staff at your church or park. Contact us for details. The cost of this program is \$800 per camp counselor requested.

This program is not intended to replace the onsite stay-over Camp experience.
It will give your kids a taste of what Summer Camp is all about at Onomia!

Help us make this happen!

1. Decide if this may be an option for your church to promote as a "church day at camp." If you decide this option, please confirm your date(s) with the camp office as early as possible.
2. Promote this with your young families as an option for your church children, especially if you are "close" to camp. Please register online for individual interest.



Outdoor worship

Dates Available:
June 15
June 29
July 13
July 27
August 10




Illustration of a camp scene featuring a wooden cabin, a blue pond, and a large wooden cross on a grassy hill.