

# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

## July News

Come worship with us:

Wednesdays at 6:00pm  
Sundays at 9:00am

### Staff:

#### Pastor:

Sherri Otto

#### Office:

Amanda Schultz

#### Accounting:

Monica Braesch

#### Custodian:

Hanna Tharaldson

#### Choir Director:

Allison Vandermark

#### Organist:

Eileen Hanlon

### Important dates this month:

Reserve your MN Twins tickets by the 17th

BBQ Days parade on July 19th

All committee meeting on July 28th at 7:00pm

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*The office will  
be closed on  
Friday,  
July 4th.*

Unapproved St. John Lutheran Church Council Minutes

June 10, 2025

President Jim Eggers called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

**Present:**

X	Jim Eggers	X	Albert Koepp	X	Deanne Fogarty	X	Jaime Petersen
X	Jan Effinger	X	Chris Zellman		Dave Bungarden	X	Rob Schultz
	Jerold Stauffacher	X	Tim Moonen	X	Steve Kelm	X	Amy Franck

**Approval of Minutes & Agenda:**

- A. Council reviewed the minutes from May 12th, 2025 council meeting. Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the meeting minutes.
- B. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the current agenda for June 10th, 2025.

**Staff Report:**

- A. Amanda's office report was reviewed by members of the council; Amanda continues to juggle many responsibilities to keep us running smoothly!

**Treasurer's Report:**

- A. Jerold's treasurer report was reviewed by the council. Overall, May revenue and expenses came in below budget with expenses exceeding revenue and an operating loss of \$2,000 for May. The council began discussions for if an operating loss were to continue.
- B. The sale of the garage lot is completed and the proceeds will be put into a CD until needed to begin the parking lot project.

**Transfers:**

- A. No transfers this month.

**Ongoing Business:**

- A. Installation for Pastor Sherri will be on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Microphone, laptop and email address should be ready for her first day.
- B. Job descriptions have been reviewed for all positions currently held. A motion was made, seconded and carried to table job description reviews indefinitely until further positions are filled.
- C. A motion was made, seconded and carried to table usage rates until September when more time is available for a thorough review.
- D. The council had previously approved (electronically) Amy Franck to fill the vacant council seat. She will be the council liaison for the Stewardship Committee and the Funeral Committee.
- E. The Twins Game is planned for Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to sign up in the office to reserve your spots on the bus and at the game, details have been in the bulletin.

**New Business:**

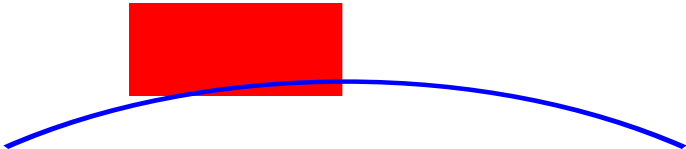
- A. The council has begun thinking about the fall worship schedule. We will continue discussions to include Pastor Sherri and the Sunday School Team to ensure we find a schedule that works best for all.
- B. We received a request for donations from Camp Onomia. In reviewing the financial statements, we already have funds budgeted monthly for camp. The council made a motion, seconded and carried to continue with the donations/dues that are currently in the budget.
- C. St. John would like to have a presence in this years BBQ Days Parade! The council made a motion, seconded and carried to begin planning. Please reach out to the office if you're willing to help in any-way (walking, decorating, or donating).

**Ministry Team Updates:**


- A. Children, Youth and Families Committee has been preparing for Vacation Bible School and the 25-26 school year.
- B. The Personnel committee has reviewed applications and is interviewing for the accompanist position. They have also been working to complete the employee Handbook which is a very large undertaking.
- C. The newly formed Finance Committee has not met yet and will be reviewed next quarter.

A Motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Deanne Fogarty, Secretary



*“Commit your way to the Lord;  
trust in him, and he will act.”  
~Psalm 37:5*



# July Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Vayda Borresen Josiah Brueske Nova Howk	Samual VanZummeren	Ardith Bristlin Wesley Pankonin Tricia Ruud	Bruce Gruetzmacher David Hoffman Curtis Latzke	Marlys Koepp Abby Kubes Romyn Malecha Jodi Rain Luke Siemon
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Jim Bergs Corey Johnson Paul Nasby Lori Thaves	Erin Carlson Renee Eyrich Hannah Heckers Emma Luskey	Bev Delgehausen Suzanne Hillstrom Jayden Koonst	Allison Bristlin Sloane Schaffler Niklas Tharaldson		Emily Wermerskirchen Susana Rosario	Patrick Lawler Linea Olson Senjah Peterson
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Emily Fogarty Braylon Graff Jackson Graff Brynlee Koch Brianna Swenson	Emma Davis	Meredith Carstens Carter Doebbeling Jacob Meger Julie Oldenburg Isaac Stapf	Cullen Davidson Anne Herrmann Barbara Koepp Sydney Weiland	Randy Seaver Jenn Nagorski Megan Fahey Jodi Fahey Sara Bungarden	Judy Wolf Tonya Smith Caleb Smith Greyson Hardel	Jaxon Wassing Olivia Smith Jackson Schroeder Stephanie Paulson
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Olivia Paulson Lucille St. Germain	Tim Stier Sydney Meyer Remi Meyer Madeline Gynild Grayson Gynild	Tyler Stier Elaine Rosario Aubrey Mellgren Melanie Eggers Travis Crosby	Ashley Pankonin Janessa Meuleners Roger Delgehausen Kevin Boblitt	Jeffery Miller Ryan Cecka Kayla Buszmann	Teddy Traxler Terry Stier Ashton Pankonin Matthew Fogarty	Merlin Stier Cami Schultz Steve Schmidt David Rosario Danial Rosario Nicole Koepp Thomas Carstens
27	28	29	30	31		
Holly Potter	Emma Liebhard Betty Kosse Benjamin Koepp Jacob Koenig Scott Hornaman Bennett Aust	Lisa Holbrook Jeff Hiltz Brain Hiltz Noah Hanson Paul Gohlke Gerald Bratsch	Hunter Meyer Greg Meyer Heather Hoffman	Linda Whetzel Gene Stier Aiden Schultz Issac Hanson Cade Eggers Marlene Anderley		

# ~JULY SCHEDULE~

Sunday worship: 9:00am ~ Wednesday worship: 6:00pm

Sunday July 6th:

9:00 am worship service

Monday July 7th

6:00pm Personnel committee meeting

6:30pm Scouts

Tuesday July 8th:

11:00am Lutheran Home service

1:30pm Kingsway service

6:30pm Church Council meeting

Wednesday July 9th:

6:00pm Worship service

Thursday July 10th:

5:00pm TOPS

Sunday July 13th:

9:00am worship service

Monday July 14th:

6:30pm Scouts

Wednesday July 16th:

6:00pm worship service

Thursday July 17th:

5:00pm TOPS

Saturday July 19th:

BBQ Days parade @noon

Sunday July 20th:

9:00am Worship service

Monday July 21st:

6:30pm Scouts

Wednesday July 23rd:

6:00pm worship service

Thursday July 24th:

5:00pm TOPS

Sunday July 27th:

9:00am worship service

Monday July 28th:

6:30pm Scouts

7:00pm all team meeting

Wednesday July 30th:

6:00pm worship Service

Thursday July 31st:

5:00pm TOPS



## ~ JULY SUNDAY SERVICE ASSISTANTS~

Alter guild: Lynne Jeurissen

### July 6th ~ 9:00am

**Greeters:** Anita Lambrecht

**Lay Readers:** Beth Beuch

**Communion Assistants:** Beth Beuch, Jason & Monica Braesch

**Ushers:** Brent Schwichtenberg, Greg Schwichtenberg, Bruce Schmidt,  
Richard Laabs, Dave & Sara Bungarden, Mason Bungarden,  
Ron & Diane Rasmussen

### July 13th ~ 9:00am

**Greeters:** Angela Faucette

**Lay Readers:** Amy Franck

**Communion Assistants:** Angela Faucette, Dorothy Koepp, Teresa Latzke

**Ushers:** Rob Schultz, Chris Schultz, Luke Schultz, Logan Schultz, Mark Schultz,  
Wayne Koepp, Scott & Tricia Ruud, Monica & Jason Braesch, Mike Nagel

### July 20th ~ 9:00am

**Greeters:** Sue Koenig

**Lay Readers:** Jan Effinger

**Communion Assistants:** Lynne Jeurissen, Jan Effinger, Phoebe Einertson

**Ushers:** Rob Schultz, Chris Schultz, Luke Schultz, Logan Schultz, Mark Schultz,  
Wayne Koepp, Scott & Tricia Ruud, Monica & Jason Braesch, Mike Nagel

### July 27th ~ 9:00am

**Greeters:** Terry & Angie Kahle

**Lay Readers:** Renee Meuleners

**Communion Assistants:** Jerold & Kathi Stauffacher, Terry Siemon

**Ushers:** Myron Bratsch, Kirk Franck, Matt Kes, Jeff Eppen,  
Brent Koepp, Mitchell Koepp, Justin Stauffacher, Tim Moonen, Aaron Leonard

*Coffee hour will resume in Fall*

## St. John Lutheran Church

### All Funds: Statement of Activities Previous Year Comparison

5/1/2025 - 5/31/2025

5/1/2024 - 5/31/2024

#### Revenues

Total Offering Revenues	95,504.54	29,951.67
Total Other Fund Raising Projects	0.00	1,016.95
Total Sale of Books & Other Religious Items	0.00	980.00
Total Major Revenues	0.00	1,996.95
Product Revenues		
Total Product Revenues	0.00	67.75
Total Other Revenue	1,425.00	2,737.50
Total Miscellaneous Revenues		355.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>96,929.54</b>	<b>34,753.87</b>

Total Cost of Product Sales	255.70	880.00
Total Benevolence Expense	1,510.00	1,350.00
Total Church/Grounds Maintenance Expense	15,254.14	9,687.04
Total Education Expense - Youth	111.20	120.98
Total Insurance	0.00	1,323.81
Total Office Expenses	4,001.94	2,356.43
Other Expenses	1612.25	846.23
Total Professional Fees	892.50	0.00
Total Staff Benefits	67.04	2,626.59
Total Staff Salaries	14,248.06	16,953.27
Total Utilities	1,641.45	1,970.30
Total Worship Music & Arts Expenses	86.21	0.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>42,013.79</b>	<b>37,659.78</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>54,669.71</b>	<b>3,748.61</b>

#### Property Improvement / Building Fund

5/1/2025 - 5/31/2025

5/1/2024 - 5/31/2024

Income (Donations, Rent, Investments)	\$73,788.81	\$8,433.26
Total Expenditures	\$15,000.00	\$8,039.89
Interest Expense	0	\$0.00
<b>Net Receipts / Disbursements</b>	<b>\$58,796.63</b>	<b>\$399.75</b>

Offerings	General Fund	Property Improvement
5/1/2025 - 5/3/2025	\$2,840.51	\$823.88
5/4/2025 - 5/10/2025	\$5,459.40	\$5,271.70
5/11/2025 - 5/17/2025	\$2,672.71	\$848.88
5/18/2025 - 5/24/2025	\$4,907.77	\$1,186.57
5/25/2025 - 5/31/2025	\$3,840.59	\$268.99

*There are many ways to give back, one way is giving back financially.*

To schedule a *recurring electronic contribution* via Vanco:

Visit our website: [www.stjohnbelleplaine.org](http://www.stjohnbelleplaine.org)

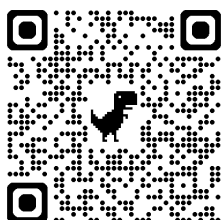
Select the green 'online giving'

Scroll to the bottom and select 'get started today'

Select where you would like the funds allocated

Follow the prompts to set up your account

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