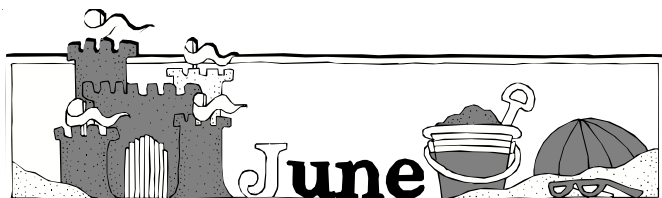
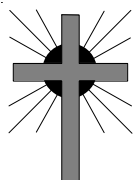


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Dear Friends and Fellow Members of St. John's:

Part of what we know and love about God is that God is so predictable. God is just. God is good. God is gracious and merciful, all the time! But part of what we know and don't always like is that God can be so *unpredictable*. You never know *where* God is going to show up, *who* God might use as a servant, *what* God might call us to do. We just celebrated Pentecost, that day the Holy Spirit blew into town, and made things wonderfully unpredictable! This summer, as you work and play, struggle and serve, give and receive, don't be surprised or dismayed when you simply have to wait and see where this journey of discipleship leads. That's par for the course! With God, unpredictable is good! -Pastor Paul



SUMMER WORSHIP

As you vacation or camp this summer, remember there will be a place to worship anywhere you go! Visit another ELCA church when you're traveling. Bring us back some good ideas! Many of our state campgrounds will also have a Sunday worship ministry. Any Saturday or Sunday you can gather here, please do! Mark your calendar for Outdoor Worship and Picnic on August 15.

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES! Nick Adams, Katie Bartelt, Samantha Decker, bryan Driebel, Aaron Drost, Hans Frey, Beth Heidtke, Lindsey Henrichs, Vinnie Maniaci, Andrea Rosenberger, Alexandra Steinmetz, Marin Thompson, Natasha Wagner, & Jenny Ziemer. Our college graduates are: Kristin Dhein, Becky Ziemer, Ken Weigend, and Dani Graff. *Keep in touch and those going to college or into the service, give us your addresses, please! "I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for a future with hope!"*



SHARING GOD'S BLESSING APPEAL UPDATE:

Thank you to the individuals and families who have returned commitment cards and Time & Talent sheets so far. We'd like to receive those from EVERYONE, even if you can't make a firm commitment now. Our goal for this two-year appeal is \$200,000 which will cover our monthly building loan payments and our tithe to ministry partners. We have received 51 commitments for a total of \$88,960. We thank you for your consideration, commitment, and generosity!

ST. JOHN'S TALENT SHOW - FRIDAY, JUNE 18TH, 7:00PM

Do you play an instrument, dance, perform magic tricks, or are you really good at jumping rope? God has given us great talent! Whatever your talent might be, it's time to share your blessings, great or small, with your friends! Talk to Wendy Wolf to sign up (644-0629) Too shy to perform? Come and watch the fun! This is intended for all ages!



'GO ON A "HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION", AUGUST 8-12!

That's our theme for Vacation Bible School this summer. We start on Sunday evening with activities for the whole family. Then we'll continue Monday-Thursday, 9:00-12:00 for kids ages 4 - 6th grade! Older kids can be assistants and co-teachers! We're looking for volunteers! Give Staci Bohling (677-0437) a call or talk to Laura Bartelt!. Use the enclosed VBS Registration Form to register your kids today! Please start collecting these items: empty gallon vinegar bottles, empty paper towel tubes & colored tissue paper. Bring items to church anytime!

GET YOUR PLANT CERTIFICATES!

You can purchase \$10 certificates for Groth's Country Gardens (2 1/2 miles east on Pioneer from Division). These make great gifts for birthdays, teacher gifts, graduation..or treat yourself! A portion of the sales go to our Youth Group! The certificates are good until June 30.



CROSSWAYS CAMP PROGRAMS STILL HAVE SUMMER OPENINGS!

Youth and adults who can fit in a week or weekend at camp will be blessed! There's a *Global Village* week July 7-10 for all ages involving neighbors, music, and! Call camp at 920-882-0023 or go online at www.CrosswaysCamps.org for more information. There are Family Camp Weekends, and youth camps for those going into grade 2 and up!

COMING DOWN THE PIKE

- +We'll need **Sunday School teachers** and **Confirmation guides** this fall (we'd like some 10th-12th graders to guide also!) Talk to Laura Bartelt.
- +There's a **College Road Trip** to 4 or 5 of our great ELCA Colleges October 28-30 for 10th-12th graders. Past participants highly recommend this fun and informative trip that happens over fall break (parents: talk to Wendy H. or Robin K., students: talk to Ryan K. or Alex S.!)
- +We're aiming for some **Young Adult events** over the summer for fun and fellowship! If you're interested, get on our email list and will keep you in the loop! Send us your email at officestjohns@nconnect.net
- +**Motorheads** will offer a "Car Care 101" night in June. Call or watch for details! (We'd love to have teens work with us on our weekly projects over the summer, too!)
- +**Faith Quest** is the two-day camp program we encourage new 7th graders to attend as we get ready for Confirmation Classes. It's set for August 8-10 (Sunday-Tuesday). Watch for details!



Help us stay connected! We email out periodic notices of special things happening at St. Johns. Send us your email at officestjohns@nconnect.net. (and keep us updated when it changes!)