
The Messenger

ST. JOHN - ZION LUTHERAN CHURCHES

From The Pastor's Desk:

June Church

Friends

One of the amazing gifts of being church together is that we are always being called forward by God, forward in faith, forward in love, and forward in service to our neighbors. This is why I am honored and grateful to be participating in Faith Forward.

I love the tagline of Faith Forward, "families passing on the faith." I spent two days in Des Moines with a cohort of 20 folks learning about how we can implement simple, thoughtful, and helpful practices and resources through church that families, parents, and grandparents can use at home, in the car, on the farm, and more.

In our tradition we believe faith is not something we keep to ourselves. Faith is lived out through relationships, compassion, learning, worship, and service. Through this intentional time, we have the opportunity to learn simple and helpful ways to talk about faith outside the walls of the church and bring faith home with us.

This is not another program, you will simply see new ideas and resources being offered to you, to all of us as ways to practice our faith, learn new things, and be reminded of the continuous promises of God's love and presence.

Thank you for the many ways you continue to live out your faith each day. I am grateful to walk alongside you as together

we seek to move faithfully into the future God is preparing for us.

In Christ,
Jay Kiel

ST. JOHN COUNCIL MEETING - MAY 11, 2026

St. John's council began its meeting at 6:30 pm after witnessing a baptism in the sanctuary. President Dana Cook called the meeting to order. Other council members present were, Jeanne Trachsler, Kathy Hintz, Jill Stone-Brisky, Gail Meyer, Sally Ladsten, Vicar Jay Kiel and David Rischmueller.

Secretary Report: Kathy Hintz made a motion to approve April's secretary report, Jill Stone-Brisky seconded.

Treasurer's Report was read and discussed. A motion was made by David Rischmueller to place the treasurer report on file for audit, Sally Ladsten seconded.

Pastor Report: VBS is all set for June 14-16th. Vicar Jay is working closely with Sarah Cook. Laura Richmond is taking care of the luncheon following the Sunday kick off. The theme is the "Three parts of the Apostles Creed." Confirmation for Dylan, Cam, Laura and Quinn will be this Sunday. Another baptism coming up June 7th. Discussed Vicar Jay's progress towards school completion. A first communion class is coming up in the near future. Senior blessing will be at the June 7th service. The Sunday School Noisy Offering has completed its first year with a huge success because of our congregation. A total of \$1221.52 was collected since September. The Sunday school students will choose the benefit of their choice to donate half of the proceeds. The other half will be used for celebrations throughout the years for the students. A big

thank you to our members for being "noisy" a giving loose change all year long.



Old Business: The roofing project is complete as of tomorrow (May 12). VBS is all set to go.

New Business: Screen repair is needed on the steeple. Dana is working on this. A "blessing of the gifts service" is being worked on for fall.

Messenger deadline – May 21, 2026

Usher for June is David Rischmueller

Next council meeting is Monday, June 8th at 6:30

David Rischmueller made a motion to adjourn, Dana Cook seconded.

Closed with Prayer

In Peace,

Jeanne Trachsler,
Secretary

St. John Lutheran Church - Leland
Annual Ice Cream “Social”
Sunday, June 28th
Starting at 10:45 - 1:00 p.m.

Menu

Chicken or ham salad sandwiches

Pasta salad

Chips

Watermelon

Deviled eggs

Angel Food cake served with fresh
berries and ice cream

Beverages

A free will offering helps us support
God’s Work, Our Hands through our
Neighbors in Need fund

Come and join us!

ST JOHN WELCA

St. John WELCA met May 6 for Bible Study led by Vicar Jay. The lesson was on Baptism and The Affirmation of Baptism.

The General Meeting was called to order by Becky Mitchell. The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and accepted. The Mission and Sunshine reports were given.

A motion was made and accepted to appoint a second signer on the checking and savings accounts at the Bank of Prairie du Sac. Bonnie Gruber accepted the position.



The Ice Cream Social in June was discussed.

Quilting concluded April 29 with lunch at the Eagle Inn. Forty-seven quilts were completed. Thank you for donations of material and supplies and for helping to quilt.

June: No Bible Study

Greeters: Butch & Sandy Boettcher

Wash Communionware:
Ronda Lehman & Wendy Rischmueller

Ruth Evert,
Secretary

ZION COUNCIL MEETING - APRIL 10, 2026

Present: Todd Thieding, Larry Wiese, Phyllis Schwartz, Megan Schulenburg, and Sue Strutz

President Todd Thieding called the meeting to order on April 10.

Vicar Jay updated council on where he is with his schooling and mentioned that graduate recognition would be coming up.

The secretary's report was read. Phyllis made a motion to accept it. Megan made a second.

The treasurer's report was handed out, examined, and placed on file for audit.

Old Business: Sue will be following up with Wes Kraemer regarding surveying the church property.

New Business: None

A motion to adjourn was made by Phyllis. Larry made a second. We closed with The Lord's Prayer.



Sue Strutz,

Pastoral Acts

Baptism of Dylan Pagel Baptism at St. John, May 11th

Affirmation of Baptism, Cam Ederer, Quinn Moses, Dylan Pagel and Laura Yanke, at St. John, May 17th

Funeral service for Charles Monte Cook at St. John, May 27th

Messenger Deadline

The Third Thursday . . . The July/August issue deadline is Thursday, June 18. Contact the Messenger by e-mail at sjznewsletter@gmail.com or send by mail to 249 Holly Court, Prairie du Sac, WI 53578. Thank you.

June Birthdays

- 1** Dwight Bartnick
- 4** Marva Pagel
- 9** Steve Trachsler
- 10** Crystal Fahrenkamp
- 15** Sarah Albers
- 17** Laura Richmond
- 20** Helen Wroblewski
Ryan Richard
- 23** Sarah Richard
- 24** Johanna Richard
- 25** Linda Boettcher
Brett Zick
Travis Schwarz
- 26** Sam Trachsler
- 29** Jill Mack

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Mark Your Calendars

Calendar

Important Dates for June

June 7, 2026

Graduate Recognition

June 8, 2026

Joint Council at St. John

June 18, 2026

Deadline for July/August issue
of the Messenger

Vacation Bible School

June 14-15-16

Ice Cream Social

June 28