

St. John's Lutheran Church

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FELLOWSHIP HOUR

New Sunday morning fellowship hour set to start Sept. 15. I was recently at a conference that challenged us to initiate an experiment in our churches. Allow me to introduce mine.

Lutherans have the reputation for keeping our faith stories to ourselves. Some of us are too nervous. Some are afraid of offending. Some don't feel that they have a story. Whatever the reason, we are not known for sharing our faith stories. So I want to change that!

On Sunday mornings, I want to introduce a culture shift at St. John's. Many worshipers leave the sanctuary after the service. Others stay and catch up with friends in the narthex area with a cup of coffee. I'd like to invite Sunday worshipers to now come downstairs to the dining hall. You can still have your cup of coffee. You can still catch up with friends. But when I come downstairs after greeting everyone after church – get ready! I want to teach you the tools of sharing your faith story.

Each week I will introduce a theme, a question, or a discussion starter that will relate to everyone. As you are gathered around the table, you can then offer how it applies to your life. As an example, possible questions might read, "Why are you a Christian?" followed by "Why do you go to church?"

To help set the stage, I'd love for you to consider donating a treat every now and then. Nothing elaborate, just a coffee cake, assorted breads, donuts, or some fruit. St. John's will provide the coffee!

So come on downstairs and hear the stories that this church can provide. Bring a friend to this very informal gathering. While your children are away growing in their faith, stay and grow in your faith! Even if you don't have children staying for that time period, come anyway! I know that it will benefit you and therefore it will benefit the family at St. John's.



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Pastor's News

WEDNESDAYS SET TO EXPERIENCE NEW CHANGE

Bring back the food! Fall is back and all of the busyness that comes with it. Wednesdays at St. John's are busy too and will now be even busier. But the busyness will be filled with meaning, not just busyness.

With worship set at 7 pm every week, the hours leading up to it need to be carefully scheduled. That is why we are once again offering a supper from 5-6:15 pm, which will help anyone with busy schedules participate in ministry opportunities on Wednesday evening.

Families with children participating in learning or confirmation are encouraged to come early so that you can be fed prior to. A typical Wednesday schedule will look like this:

- 5:00 Supper
- 5:30 Learning opening/announcements with Marla
- 5:45 Children are dismissed to their respective rooms for learning
- 6:45 Learning session ends
- 7:00 Worship

Confirmation will change significantly with this new schedule. Confirmation families are urged to attend the orientation Sept. 11 at 5:30 pm to learn more about the proposed changes.

The meal will have a suggested donation to help pay for the cost of the food. Because life gets crazy, this is but one way St. John's can offer a little bit of grace to your craziness. Please take advantage of this time and let's see what happens to our church family and our Wednesday night of meaning (and not craziness...)!



Wednesday, September 18, 2013

Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Tossed Salad, Dessert, and Beverage

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Sloppy Joes, Chips, Baked Beans, Dessert, and Beverages



Church News

WANTED: Are you gifted in taking pictures? Do you have a digital camera that can send pictures to the St. John's office to display on our website/ Facebook/newsletter? Help us share the story of St. John's in this very important means!

If this is of interest to you, please contact Tracey and/or Pastor Martin in the office and let them know that you'd be available to help take pictures of our ministry. With a new church directory coming soon, now's the time to get the footage we need to capture the joy of this church family!





Childcare providers needed

If you enjoy spending time with children ages 5th grade and under, consider donating your time to the church! Just one Saturday each month for about 3 hours of your time. This will benefit St. John's as this young family ministry opportunity (see article on *Kids' Nite Out*) may draw in young families and we want to provide them with a safe space to drop off their kids. All childcare volunteers over the age of 18 will need a background check. Please contact Pastor Martin if you have interest in helping!

Thank you to all that have donated aluminum cans! We are no longer accepting donations at this time.

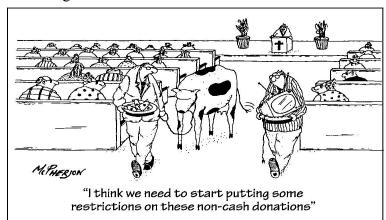


INTRODUCING KIDS' NITE OUT!

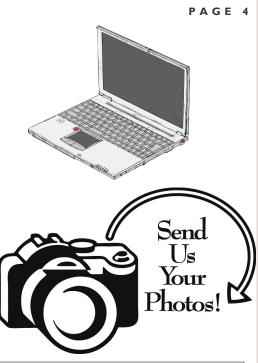
Starting in October, a new ministry opportunity will begin, something we'll call *Kids' Nite Out*. This opportunity is primarily intended to benefit families with children who are in 5th grade or younger. On one Saturday each month, parents are welcome to come to church with their children and drop them off for the evening. The children will stay under supervised care who will provide supper and activities for the children over the course of the evening.

In the meantime, parents will venture out to a local eatery for some quality time with other parents. Parents won't have to feed anyone but themselves. They won't have to clean up any messes but their own. They won't even have to prepare the meal or even clean up! (But they will have to pay the bill...)

Look for specific dates in the October newsletter. The recommended donation for the evening is just \$5/child, which will help cover the childcare and food costs. There will be a sign up list the week prior to the event so that we know whom to expect and where to make reservations. The evening will start at 5 pm on a Saturday night and will likely end between 7-8 pm so that everyone can be well-rested for church the next morning!







We are looking to feature St. John's weddings and baptisms. Please help us out by sending an electronic picture to stjohnsl-secretary@bloomer.net. Thank you!

Imagine Together

Would you like to be a significant part in dreaming the future for our church? Do you have the second Saturday each month available? If yes, please read further!

The Northwest Synod of Wisconsin is providing *Imagine Together*, a monthly opportunity to gather with other churches from around the synod to explore how to be the church of today. Please read the schedule below to receive further information. Each Saturday's schedule is 8:30-3:30 and is held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chippewa Falls. If you are interested and can make most of these sessions, please contact Pastor Martin so that we can get St. John's registered for this great opportunity to make our ministry impact more lives!

2013

Sept. 14 Terri Elton, Overview Session

Oct. 12 Rozella White, A Theology of Accompaniment

Nov. 9 Colleen Windham-Hughes, In-culture-ating the Gospel

Dec. 14 Susan Engh, One-to-One Relational Meetings: Six Practical Applications

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Jan. 11 Jeremy Meyers, Going Public

Feb. 8 Nate Frambach, Theories of Culture

Mar. 8 Hans Wiersma, When Necessary Use Words?

April 12 David Fredrickson, Multiple Missional Strategies

May 10 David Fredrickson, Multiple Missional Strategies

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How much do you know about the ELCA?

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August 4

Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) provides opportunities to travel throughout the world for people ages 19-29. This servant experience emphasizes simple living in a foreign nation for 10-12 months where these young adults volunteer in a number of ways as they reflect on their faith development and their vocation abroad. Which of the following countries is not a destination for this ministry opportunity?

A) Norway

- H) Jerusalem/West Bank
- C) Jerusalem/West Bank
- I) Madagascar

D) Mexico

J) Malaysia

E) Madagascar

K) Central/Eastern Europe

F) Malaysia

- L) Southern Africa
- G) Argentina and Uruguay
- M) United Kingdom

August 11

The ELCA Churchwide Assembly begins tomorrow in Pittsburgh. The theme of the event is

- A) Always being made new
- B) God's work. Our hands.
- C) This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here.
- D) Lefse! Get your lefse here!

August 18

The ELCA Churchwide Assembly had a presiding bishop election. Is the candidate

- A) Male
- B) Female

August 25

The ELCA Churchwide Assembly adopted the social statement on Criminal Justice this year. Which of the following is the closest reflection of the vote?

- A) 55% yes, 45% no
- B) 75% yes, 25% no
- C) 90% yes, 10% no
- D) 100% yes, 0% no

Committees

WORSHIP

- -Janice Naset Chair/Liason
- -Lisa Goettl
- -Janet Helgeson
- -Kathy Geissler
- -Janelle Yeakey

FELLOWSHI

- -Lyn Pank
- -Pauline Stertz Liason
- -Sue Zwiefelhofer
- -Sue Seibel
- -Nylah Gust
- -Heidi Morning

SOCIAL

- -Art Klingenberg Chair
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- -Heidi Keller
- -Jeff Cole
- -Gregg Anderson

YOUTH & EDUCATION

- -Adam Ewings Liaison
- -Tasha Baker
- -Brian Mawby
- -Teri Henneman
- -Michelle Rufledt
- -Kelly Custer
- -Brad Ruff
- -Marla Paulson

DISCIPLESHIP

- -Kathy Faschingauer and Alice Zinsmaster Liaisons
- -Michelle Gasper
- -Alice Zinsmaster
- -Sue Nehring
- -Carrie Anderson
- -Terri Bohl

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

- -Tom Buchner Liaison
- -David Lane
- -Stub Naset
- -Pete Zeman
- -Val Rubenzer
- -Dennis Rubenzer
- -Nadine Bresina -Rod Schmidt
- -Shelly Lane

Council Meeting August 13, 2013

President Pat Boettcher called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

- Motion made by Alice Zinsmaster and seconded by Janice Naset to amend the agenda to include Rethinking Evangelism and vacation update. Motion carried.
- ♦ Motion made by Kathy Faschingbauer and seconded by Lynette Pank to approve agenda. Motion carried
- ♦ Motion made by Lynette Pank and seconded by Kathy Faschingbauer to approve July council meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Alice Zinsmaster opened the meeting with devotion and prayer.

<u>Council Comments:</u> None <u>Congregational Input:</u> None

Committee Reports:

- Youth & Education-Registration for learning hours taking place
- <u>Discipleship</u>-Faith Commitment Sunday to be held at the White Pine, with a dinner and service in November.
- Worship & Music-Meeting to be held Sunday, August 18, 2013.
- Fellowship-Rally Sunday details for Sunday, September 8, 2013 at the North Park.
- ◆ Social Action-Fish Bowl donation to be held through September with the goal of \$850-\$1000 to be used toward Clothes Closet rent and/or donation to same. Progress to be shared in newsletter, bulletin and on Facebook.
- Property Management-Meeting to be held Sunday, August 18, 2013.

Chair Report: None

Pastor's Report:

- Wednesday Kitchen Coordinator- Val/Dennis to coordinate meals for Wednesdays during school year. Pat Prill to be contacted to look into funding options.
- <u>Kids Nite Out-Monthly Saturday night drop off night for kids, ages possibly infant to 5th grade,</u>
 - \$5.00 /child for age appropriate activities and a meal.
- God's Work, Our Hands-(ELCA Motto) Country-wide making a difference through community service.
- "Imagine Together"-Nine sessions, September through May, total cost to be \$150.00 for 5-6 members to attend. Pastor Martin and Marla Paulson to attend with anyone from the congregation interested able to attend. Topic to be thinking outside the box for mission projects.
- Motion made by Janice Naset and seconded by Adam Ewings to approve membership changes of Baptized-Hazel Shadick, New Membership-Chrystal Freid, Chase Loew & Christian Erickson and Released-Tye & Kelli Ludwigson family. Motion carried.
- <u>Pictoral Directory</u>-January 2 & 3, 2:30 P.M.-9:00 P.M. And January 4, 10;00 A.M. 4·40 P M
- Rethinking Evangelism-Sharing of our faith stories, meeting neighbors where they are. Begin September 15, 2013 after worship.
- Confirmation meeting to be held September 11, 2013. Discussion of service projects and program mandatories among topics to be discussed.
- Pastor Martin will be taking vacation time August 22, 23 & 24.

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Council Meeting August 13, 2013

<u>Audit Report</u>-Darold Schuster, Kathy Geissler and Kathy Tozer on committee. <u>Mutual Ministry</u>-Nothing to report.

♦ Motion made by Shelly Lane and seconded by Jordyn Keller to accept Financial Report.

Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Membership list updating ideas discussed to get our membership list as accurate as possible.
- Council retreat to be September 7, 2013 at Luther Park. Meet at church if carpooling. Retreat to be held approximately 8:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

New Business: None

Pastor Martin led the council in the Lord's Prayer. Meeting adjourned and 8:47 P.M.

Shelly M. Lane, secretary

Meeting attended by Pastor Martin, Pat Boettcher, Lynette Pank, Adam Ewings, Janice Naset, Kathy Faschingbauer, Pauline Stertz, Rodney Johnson, Tom Buchner, Alice Zinsmaster, Jordyn Keller and Shelly Lane.

A message from the Worship and Music Committee:

The Worship and Music committee has again been very busy! We have decided to stay with the liturgy from the red hymnal for now seeing the people seem to like it as you can tell if you just listen to how they sing--it is GREAT! Many people don't know it, but most of the hymns we sing are actually from the new red hymnal as that hymnal is a combination of the green and blue book plus many other songs, and we are thinking of introducing a new hymn now and then.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with participation in the services; see the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the narthex! If you would like to be on our committee, contact Janice Naset--we can always use new members.

Don't forget Rally Sunday Service at the North Park on September 8 at 9:00; worship should be another uplifting service

Janice Naset

Chair & Council Liason

A message from the Council:

Your council met on the 13th of August with many ideas presented for discussion: some of those ideas are new and are being "fleshed" out for consideration at our next meeting. One action taken by the council is to reinstate the Wednesday evening suppers with a new format for fellowship, education, and discussion. Instruction of the confirmation class and familiarizing the parents will be the focus. These suppers are an opportunity for all members of the congregation to come together, "break bread" and spend time with each other.

On another note the council sends out a big shout of "Thanks" to Darold Schuster, Kathy Tozer and Kathy Geissler for agreeing to serve on the Audit Committee. We hope that each of you will look for an opportunity to share your talents as a committee member, and usher, a reader or a volunteer at one of the youth activities. Just imagine if every one of us did just one thing!!! Before our next meeting we will celebrate Rally Day Service at the Bloomer North Park. There was such an amazing turnout for our last service at the park and this will be a great way to kick off our new year with the students and programs. Plan to join us and celebrate the strength of St. John's.

The Council is looking forward to having Michelle Gasper and Janelle Yeakey join us at our September meeting to make a presentation about the preschool, which is such a big part of St. John's outreach.

Regards, Pat Boettcher Council Chair

A message from the Property Committee:

South Landscaping Project-Anyone interested in contributing to the final landscaping project on the south side of the church can do so by making your envelope/check "landscaping" and hopefully we can finish up this fall yet. Thank you! The Property Committee met Sunday, August 18. Discussion of the bids for the bathrooms revealed we were not comparing exact items between the bids. Bathroom remodeling has been tabled for now as the leaking roof over the office is taking priority. Bids will be gotten for pitched and flat roof repairs. More information is needed regarding the carpet on the balcony steps. Different security ideas were discussed due to the recent break-ins, but no action taken. Parking lot could benefit from a resurfacing. Signs to be repainted to show current worship times & the pastor's name. Changeable lettering on our signs was discussed.

Tom Buchner Committee Liaison

A message from the Social Committee:

- New committee members: Sharon Winfield and Sharon Schwartz.
- September 3rd St John's will be preparing and serving the meal for Agnes Table.
- Through the month of September St John's will be using the "Fish Bowl" collection to help support the Community Clothes Closet.
- In December St John's will be helping out with the Blood Mobile.
- St John's has graciously stepped up and has volunteered to prepare and serve the meal for Agnes Table on December 26^{th.}
- We want to extend a big Thank You to all who have volunteered their time and talent throughout the year so far.

Because of you those common occasions and have been made great. **Thank You!** "Don't wait for extraordinary opportunities. Seize common occasions and make them great."

We welcome anyone who would like to share their time and talent and be a part of the committee. For more information about the committee please contact one of the committee members.

Pauline Stertz Jordyn Keller Committee Liaisons

Message from the Fellowship Committee:

The big event that we are working on at this time is Rally Day on September 8th in the park. Charcoal chicken will be served along with your favorite dish that you would like to share. All members, families and guests are welcome. Hope to see everyone there. ©

We welcome anyone who would like to share their time and talent and be a part of the committee. For more information about the committee please contact one of the committee members.

Pauline Stertz Committee Liaison

A message from the Discipleship Committee:

To date we have not met as a group. The stewardship task force has met to prepare for Commitment Sunday. For Commitment Sunday we will have our service at the White Pines. This will be exciting as we will have special speakers and a delicious meal. November 3rd is the date to remember.

Kathy Fashchingbauer Committee Liaison

Financial Comparison

January thru August 26, 2013

	2012	2013	Budget 2013
Beginning Balance – Jan. 1st	\$4,915.00	\$20,826.00	
Income – Jan. 1 – August 26	\$104,630.00*	\$113,474.00	\$155,536.00
Expenses – Jan 1 – August 26	\$106,631.00	\$131,912.00	\$155,536.00
Balance	\$2,914.00	\$ 2,387.52	
Loan – Peoples State Bank Balance Due 8/1	\$116,512.00	\$97,344.00	
*Includes Loan of \$6,000			

MEMORIALS

(March thru August 18)

Undesignated Memorials:

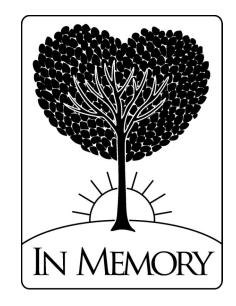
\$460.00 in Memory of Delores Madison \$150.00 in Memory of Stanton, Thomas & Timothy Davis \$525.00 in Memory of Lewis LaGesse \$130.00 in Memory of Paul E. Lanzer \$65.00 in Memory of Elenere Schmock

Debt Retirement:

\$45.00 in Memory of Delores Madison \$45.00 in Memory of Lewis LaGesse

Bathroom Remodeling:

\$10.00 in Memory of Paul E. Lanzer \$10.00 in Memory of Elenere Schmock



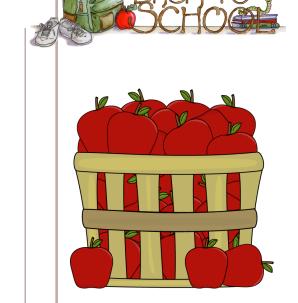


Quilting will be September 14, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.



SEPTEMBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



Date Subject	Start Time	End Time	Date Subject	Start Time	End Time
9/1 Worship Service	9:00 AM		9/16 Fall Ministry Retreat for Pastor Martin	ı	
9/2 Labor Day			9/16 Bible Study	8:00 AM	
9/2 No Bible Study			9/17 Fall Ministry Retreat for Pastor Martin	1	
9/3 Preschool Resumes at St. John's			9/18 Wednesday Meal	5:00 PM	6:15 PM
9/3 School Resumes in Bloomer			9/18 Wednesday Learning	5:30 PM	
9/4 Worship	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	9/18 Worship	7:00 PM	8:00 PM
9/5 Friendship Circle	1:30 PM		9/22 Distribute Bibles for 4th Gr.		
9/5 Preschool Board Meeting	6:30 PM		9/22 First Day of Autumn		
9/7 Council Visioning Retreat	7:30 AM	3:00 PM	9/22 Worship Service	9:00 AM	
9/8 Rally Day	9:00 AM		9/22 Fellowship Hour	10:00 AM	1
9/8 Bishop Hoyme Installation	2:00 PM		9/22 Sunday Learning	10:30 AM	1
9/9 Bible Study	8:00 AM		9/23 Bible Study	8:00 AM	
9/10 Staff Meeting	11:00 AM		9/23 Youth Committee Meeting	6:00 PM	
9/10 Church Council Meeting	6:30 PM		9/24 Staff Meeting	11:00 AM	1
9/11 Confirmation Orientation	5:30 PM		9/25 Distribute Bibles for 4th Gr.		
9/11 Worship	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	9/25 Wednesday Meal	5:00 PM	
9/11 Stewardship Meeting	7:45 PM		9/25 Wednesday Learning	5:30 PM	
9/12 WELCA	1:30 PM		9/25 Worship	7:00 PM	
9/14 Imagine Together	8:00 AM	3:30 PM	9/25 Sr. High Youth and Parents Meeting	8:00 PM	
9/14 Quilting	9:00 AM		9/27 Ludwigson/Boese Rehearsal	6:00 PM	
9/14 Bethel Boogie	9:30 AM		9/28 Ludwigson/Boese Wedding	2:00 PM	
9/15 Fall Ministry Retreat for Pastor Martin			9/29 Worship Service	9:00 AN	
9/15 Worship Service	9:00 AM		9/29 Fellowship Hour	10:00 AM	
9/15 Fellowship Hour	10:00 AM		9/29 Sunday Learning	10:30 AM	1
9/15 Sunday Learning	10:30 AM		9/30 Office Manager's Retreat		
9/15 Social Ministry Committee	5:30 PM		9/30 Bible Study	8:00 AM	1

RALLY DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8



9AM WORSHIP @ NORTH PARK FOLLOWED BY



• GAMES & ACTIVITIES



• CHARCOAL CHICKEN & BEVERAGE PROVIDED



BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE!



ALL MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & GUESTS WELCOME

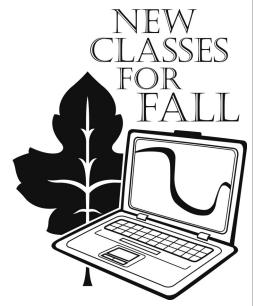


Remember to bring your chairs!

LET'S GET TOGETHER

Fall learning begins on Sunday, September 15 at 10:15 am and Wednesday, September 18 at 5:30 pm. Please gather in the children's fellowship area located off the dining hall. For more info on age level offerings, please go to the Faith Talk Learning Schedules in this newsletter.





FAITH TALK LEARNING SCHEDULES

Sunday Learning: 10:15am-11:30am

Preschool: Ages 3, 4, & sometimes 5

God's Garden Rotation Workshop: Kindergarten through 3rd Grade

Wednesday Learning: 5:30pm-6:45pm

Preschool: Ages 3, 4, & sometimes 5

God's Garden Rotation Workshop: Kindergarten through 3rd Grade

4th Grade "Bible 101"

5th Grade "Bible 101"

Confirmation: 6th, 7th & 8th Grade



WANTED SR. HIGH YOUTH & ADULTS:

QUALIFICATIONS: Hearts filled with faith and love for children & youth

BENEFITS: Hugs, smiles, new friends & more.

Volunteer to share time with one of the groups listed in FAITH TALK LEARNING SCHEDULES. Contact Marla at 715-568-5446 ext. 12 or email stjohnsl-marla@bloomer.net. You will be glad you did.



WEATHER ALERT!

Summer fun in the Sun can be harmful to your health! Stay hydrated and don't forget the sunscreen.



CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 5:30 pm in the dining hall. Picnic meal provided. Parents and 6th, 7th, & 8th grade youth will receive information about this year's confirmation journey.



CHRIST'S CORE

Save the dates for food, fun & fellowship at its best!

All Sr. High youth & friends invited to first Wednesday pizza, 1:30 pm in dining hall. Dates are as follows: October 2, November 6, & December 4.

Preschool News

The church basement has once again been transformed for a new year at preschool! The bulletin boards are bright with color, the toys are all clean, and the class lists have been formed. Now the happy sounds of three and four year olds will fill each morning.

This is a time of new beginnings, as we welcome Mary Ann Lambert as our assistant. Heather Philipps has now stepped in to a teaching position after two years as an assistant. She replaces Karen Bukovich, who was with us for eight years. Michelle Gasper returns as director and teacher, for her eighteenth year.

We'd like to sincerely thank the following congregational members who recently directed Thrivent Choice Dollars to our program during the 'Give Back to Schools' campaign: Kay Baier, Elmer & Evelyn Ferstenou, Nylah Gust, Rod Schmidt and Rodney Johnson. Each direction has given us a chance to be randomly selected to receive one of five \$2,500 grants. Additionally, \$230 was deposited in our account as a result of their Choice Dollars designations. The campaign continues through Sept. 30th, so it's not too late for other eligible Thrivent members to consider directing Choice Dollars to the preschool. Thank you to everyone again, for your continued support!

At the time of this printing, we have a limited number of openings in the enrollment. Anyone interested can contact Michelle at 568-5446 ext. 14.







