

# St. John Messenger

October 2024



St. John Lutheran Church



Nashua, Iowa

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM SERVICE



REFORMATION  
Sunday

## Affirmation of Baptism and Reformation Sunday

This year, we will hold our Affirmation of Baptism (or Confirmation) service on Reformation Sunday.

Confirmation is a time when a young person claims their faith as their own and accepts responsibility for continuing their faith development. As I said in a September sermon, “Faith is not a destination; there is no end to our faith (and faith development) until we have left this life and moved onto the next. When we see faith as a destination (an end goal or a one and done kind of effort), we are left empty, disappointed, and directionless; but when we see faith as a journey to be lived every day, we are able to see God there guiding us; we are able to hear that still small voice whispering to us words of comfort and encouragement.”

The same can be said about the church. The church should be a place that is always evolving to better meet people where they are and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. As the world changes, so should the church...within reason... We celebrate the historic evolution of the church on Reformation Sunday, but this day is also one where we are asked to recommit ourselves to being part of the church’s ongoing evolution.

So, let us all work hard to fulfill our baptismal promises and become the instruments of God we were made to be. Amen.

— Pastor Todd —

Created to Be Connected

9th-12th graders from across NE Iowa are invited to explore how we are Created to be Connected! This November 3rd event will be a chance for us to connect with each other and connect with God through games, discussions, and more!

Register by October 28

Learn more and register at <https://neiasynod.org/2024/09/>



Created to Be Connected  
An Event for Youth and Leaders

Sunday,  
November 3, 2024  
2-5 p.m.

St. John, Cedar Falls  
Register by October 28

Back to school is a great time to start picking up things to fill your shoeboxes for our annual Operation Christmas Child shoebox drive later on this year.

You can find pencils, pens, markers, notebooks, pencil cases and lots of other school supplies at fantastic prices right now.

If you have any questions, please get a hold of Stacey Berger. Thank you for supporting this ministry for many years!



Let us help one another.

Stewardship  
Live is everyday.

Love is here with Jesus!

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Lyrics of Life

LISA HARPER



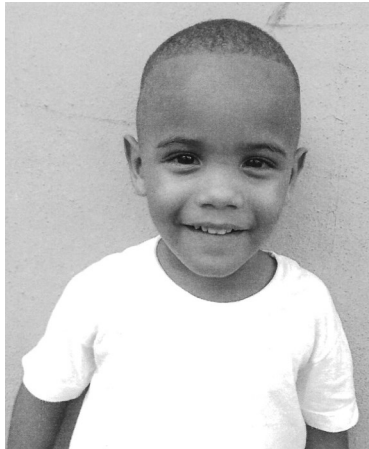
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## **Daring Joy by Deacon Jackie**



*St. John Lutheran*  
Love as Jesus Loves



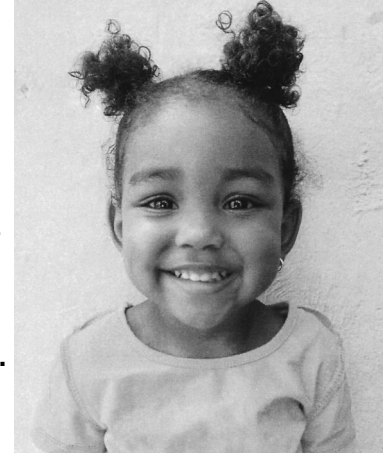
### **Sponsoring Hope:**

#### **Meet Anderson and Gialy**

We are thrilled to share some heartwarming news with you! Our congregation has embarked on a beautiful journey of love and support by sponsoring two precious children from the Dominican Republic through Children International.

Let us introduce you to:

**Anderson, a spirited 3-year-old boy,  
and Gialy, a sweet 2-year-old girl.**



#### **What is Children International?**

Children International is a global nonprofit humanitarian organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty for children around the world. By providing essential resources such as medical care, educational support, and life skills training, Children International empowers children to create lasting change in their lives and communities.

#### **Why Sponsorship Matters**

Sponsoring a child through Children International is more than just a financial commitment; it is an act of love and hope. Children living in poverty face numerous challenges, including hunger, limited access to education, and social discrimination. Through sponsorship, we can help Anderson and Gialy overcome these obstacles and build a brighter future. Our support ensures they receive the care and opportunities they need to thrive.

#### **Our Commitment**

Deacon Jackie will be personally covering the monthly sponsorship fees for Anderson and Gialy. Additionally, our Sunday School offerings will be dedicated to providing extra gifts for them during Christmas and their birthdays. This initiative not only brings joy to Anderson and Gialy but also teaches our children the importance of serving others and being compassionate servants of God.

#### **A Lesson in Service**

By participating in this sponsorship, our children learn valuable lessons about empathy, generosity, and the impact of their actions. They see firsthand how their contributions can make a difference in the lives of others, fostering a sense of global community and responsibility.

**Let us continue to pray for Anderson and Gialy, and for all the children who benefit from the support of organizations like Children International.**

**Together, we can make a meaningful difference and spread God's love across the world.**

"LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE IN LOVE"  
1 CORINTHIANS 16:14

*"Spread love everywhere you go.  
Let no one ever come to you  
without leaving happier"  
Mother Teresa*

*It takes a  
BIG HEART  
to shape little minds*

**Pastor Todd Burrichter**

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Office Hours: Tuesday—work from home

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday-- 8:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m.

**Deacon Jackie Schilling**

Email: jschilling610@gmail.com † Cell: (319) 504-6583

Office Hours: Monday: Work from home; attend evening meetings.

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday: 9:00 a.m.— 8:00 p.m.

Sat and Sun: 8:00 a.m. — noon

On call for all confirmation needs.

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. † Monday, Thursday, Friday

**Secretary: Lisa Acton † (641) 435-2396**

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At Home: **Liz Arends**

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**Ida Schloemer**

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**Shirley Goddard**

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Whispering Willows, Fredericksburg:

**Joyce McMichael, Shirley Frost**

11<sup>th</sup> St. Chautauqua, Charles City:

**Linda Haut, Phyllis Kunzman**

**October Birthdays**

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|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 Angelina Dietz     | 12 Annette Dietz              |
| 1 Rebecca Neal       | 12 Rosanna LaBarge            |
| 1 Calvin Poppe       | 13 Clifford Schilling         |
| 1 Shelly Brown       | 14 Christopher (Kif) Richmann |
| 1 Vicky Kukral       | 15 Jeffrey Beckner            |
| 2 Faith Franzen      | 15 Tabatha Christensen        |
| 2 Samuel Fundermann  | 15 Kayla Wolf                 |
| 3 Dena Klingman      | 16 Jay Jasper                 |
| 4 Haley Owen         | 18 Wyatt Bearman              |
| 4 Wade Wegner        | 18 Jeff Trost                 |
| 5 Drew Dietz         | 19 Kamden Chyma               |
| 5 Doreen Franzen     | 19 Kristi Griffith            |
| 5 Max Pahnisch       | 19 Dan Miller                 |
| 5 Denise Siemons     | 19 Tyler Lantz                |
| 6 Dax Dietz          | 19 Lexi Miller                |
| 6 Kami Hannemann     | 21 Gary Mehmen                |
| 6 Nathaniel Sinnwell | 22 Danielle Hurd              |
| 6 Phillip Lines      | 23 Josh Wenger                |
| 7 Kristy Richmann    | 24 Linda Becker               |
| 8 Larry Poppe        | 25 Eugene Nieman              |
| 8 Chad Crabtree      | 25 Ronald Schilling           |
| 8 Carol Kamm         | 25 Debra Sudol                |
| 9 Makenzie Foelske   | 25 Megan Crabtree             |
| 10 DeAnn Crabtree    | 27 Joyce Haberman             |
| 10 Carter Fecht      | 28 Barry Klingman             |
| 10 Nathaniel O'Neill | 28 Jacob Wenger               |
| 11 Joy Krieger       | 28 Megan Cerwinske            |
| 11 Glen Poppe        | 29 Tim Baldwin                |
| 11 Michael Stastny   | 30 Abigail Kraling            |
| 12 Andrew Drewelow   |                               |

**CHICKASAW COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH**

**AND HOMECARE FLU CLINICS**

**NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED**

**WALK IN CLINIC for adults 18 and older.**

The following are dates and locations for clinics:

**Ionia: Wednesday- Oct 2**

1:00 PM- 3:00 PM

Ionia Community Library

101 W. Iowa St., Ionia, Iowa

**Lawler: Friday- Oct 4**

9:00 AM- 11:00 AM

Our Lady Mt. Carmel Catholic Church

3040 Hwy 24, Lawler, Iowa

**Alta Vista: Tuesday- Oct 8**

10:00 AM- 12:00 AM

Alta Vista Public Library

203 S. White Ave, Alta Vista, Iowa

**Nashua: Thursday- Oct 10**

1:00 PM- 3:00 PM

Nashua Public Library

220 Brasher St., Nashua, Iowa

**New Hampton: Tuesday- Oct 15**

6:00 AM- 8:00 PM

Chickasaw Co. Community Service Bld.

260 East Prospect, New Hampton, Iowa

INSURANCE CARDS OR PAYMENTS  
ARE NEEDED AT TIME OF VACCINATION.

**MOST INSURANCES ACCEPTED.**

IF NO INSURANCE:

HIGH DOSE (AGE 65+) ----\$65.00

FLU BLOK (AGE 18-64) ----\$65.00

REGULAR FLU (6 MO. & OLDER) --\$40.00

## Health and Faith: Beyond the Absence of Illness

Information presented in this article is based on the blog article by Fe Anam Avis, the creator of 'Soul Shop'

Jocelyn Elders, the first African American Surgeon General of the United States, once said, "Health is more than the absence of disease." This profound statement challenges us to rethink our understanding of health. Elders suggests a state of "unhealth" that is neither sick nor healthy, a concept for which we lack precise language.

Consider physical health: an individual can be overweight, under-exercised, poorly nourished, and sleep-deprived without being ill. Yet, they are not healthy either. Such an unhealthy state can be just as undesirable as illness, often leading to a lack of energy, poor lifestyle choices, and a lower quality of life. This state also increases the risk of illness and premature death.

Similarly, mental health is more than the absence of mental illness. A person can lack resilience, have poor communication skills, drift towards isolation, and feel purposeless without being mentally ill. This state of mental "unhealth" is challenging to define but is crucial to recognize.

The implications of this understanding are significant, especially concerning suicide. According to the CDC, most people who die by suicide do not have a diagnosed mental illness. Many face relationship issues, crises, substance abuse, or financial problems. They may not be mentally ill but lack the resources to cope healthily.

Faith communities are not immune to these challenges. About 4% to 6% of adults and 20% of adolescents contemplate suicide, with many more affected indirectly. Yet, many congregations struggle to address this issue openly. A congregation that cannot discuss suicide is not mentally ill, but it is not mentally healthy either. Both individuals and communities need support and treatment to navigate these challenges.

Elevating the mental health of a congregation requires a comprehensive effort, including preaching, teaching, worship, and training. Over time, this transforms mental unhealth into mental health. Programs like Soul Shop equip members to minister to those struggling with suicidal thoughts, recognizing the need for professional help in cases of mental illness. Under the leadership of Michelle Snyder and Christopher Epperson, Soul Shop has become an international ministry, with versions adapted for diverse communities.

As we reflect on Elders' words, let us strive to foster environments—both personal and communal—that promote true health, encompassing physical, mental, and spiritual well-being.

— Jackie Schilling —



### Northeastern Iowa Synod Substance Abuse Network

*Text or Call (Please leave a voice message if possible)*

- + Pastor Brian Julin-McCleary (319) 888-3814
- + Deacon Jackie Schilling (319) 504-6583
- + Pastor Jane Harris (641) 242-0337
- + Pastor Bob Scheurer (641) 420-4380
- + Pastor Tom Martin (563) 419-3173
- ♥ Pastor Becky Sogge (612) 718-9151
- ♥ Pastor Maureen Howard (319) 512-8819

- + Experience with own personal addiction/recovery
- ♥ Experience with a loved one dealing with addiction/recovery

**NE Iowa Synod Contact:** Pastor Steve Brackett: (319) 352-1414

# October Worship Servants

Type of Service	Traditional Communion	Jubilee Communion	Traditional	Jubilee w/ Comm Reformation Sun Affirmation Sun	Type of Service
Date	Sun, Oct. 6	Sun, Oct. 13	Sun, Oct. 20	Sun, Oct. 27	Date
Lector	Andrea Sullivan	Nancy Poppe	Myrna Ross	Ron Schilling	Lector
Sound	Wyatt Burrichter	Dan Berger	Kif Richmann	Jeff Trost	Sound
Computer Camera	Lyla Burrichter	Kami Hannemann	Conner Sullivan	Joan Lore	Computer Camera
Acolyte	Wyatt Burrichter	Adrienne Kalvig	Kylie Huffman	Jenny Wolf	Acolyte
Acolyte	Lyla Burrichter	Andrew Kalvig	Everson Sudol	Emmie Sudol	Acolyte
Greeters Offering	Bruce & Linda Becker	Kalvig Family	Huffman Family	Ron Schilling	Greeters Offering
Communion	Troy and Jill Stille	Mark and Trent Rodruck	N/A	Ann Senner	Communion
Date	Sun, Oct. 6	Sun, Oct. 13	Sun, Oct. 20	Sun, Oct. 27	Date

## From the Church Office September 2024 Statistics

Day	Date	Attendance	Giving
Sunday	Sept. 1	51	\$2,537.00
Sunday	Sept. 8	85	\$2,672.00
Sunday	Sept. 15	81	\$1,830.00
Sunday	Sept. 22	47	\$2,162.00
Sunday	Sept. 29	Came after publication	

## 2024 Council Members & Committee Chairperson:

**Lori Bruns, President**  
**Mark Rodruck, Finance**  
 Evangelism: **Kathy Cerwinske, Vice President**  
 Education: **Karen Sinnwell, Secretary**  
 Administration: **Megan Stille**  
 Building & Grounds: **Bruce Becker**  
 Social Concerns: **Dan Miller**  
 Stewardship: **Lisa Acton**  
 Technology: **Kif Richmann**  
 Worship & Music: **Rick Drewelow**

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**YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8AuycQBC1zUQWr2JfB727g/videos>





**THANK  
YOU  
EVERY  
ONE  
FOR  
ALL  
YOUR  
HELP!**



*The "Love and the Outcome"*  
 Concert was a Joyful Experience of Christian Music & Fellowship. It's brought us all into God's house from the community and from N.E. IA. This was time spent enjoying a lovable, talented couple who songs meant a lot to those who heard them.

To Agape, My Church Family and Friends,  
 Thank you everyone for the Prayers, Cards, Calls & Food during my recovery from the Heart Ablation Procedure!  
 So Helpful & Much Appreciated!  
**Zelda Demro**

Thank You!



There were a bunch of people that worked in the church getting ready for the concert and making a tasty picnic lunch, and working away from the church doing work at Cedar Park on **GOD'S WORK, OUR HAND'S SUNDAY.** There are pictures here and on the bulletin boards at church along with a Thank You! Note from Sue Baldwin. She thanked us for working on the Baldwin Band Shelter landscaping. She expressed how much the Baldwin Family appreciated our help!



Are you  
 sure you're  
 doing that  
 right?



# October 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Sewing 9am-3pm 11:30-12:30 Salad Bar St Michael's	Sewing 9am-3pm WELCA 1:30pm	6 pm Watoto Children's Choir Compass Center Bible Study Canceled		Men's Breakfast 7 A.M.
9am Trad w/Comm Sunday School	Sewing ? 9am-3pm 5:30pm Scouts	Sewing ? 9am-3pm	Sewing ? 9am-3pm	Sewing ? 9am-3pm 6:30pm Book Club		
9am Jubilee w/Communion Sunday School Fall Theological	14 Conference Pastor Todd	15 and Deacon Jackie	16	6 pm Bible Study	18	19
9am Traditional Sunday School	21 5:30 pm Scouts 7 pm Council	22	23	6 pm Bible Study	25	26
9am Affirmation & Reformation Sunday with Communion	28	29	30	6 pm Bible Study		

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**WE ARE CARETAKERS OF ALL GOD HAS GIVEN TO US.**

*Know Jesus,  
Tell about  
Jesus, and  
Love as  
Jesus Loves.*

*Stewardship,  
A way of life.*

**Be Grateful  
and Generous.**

