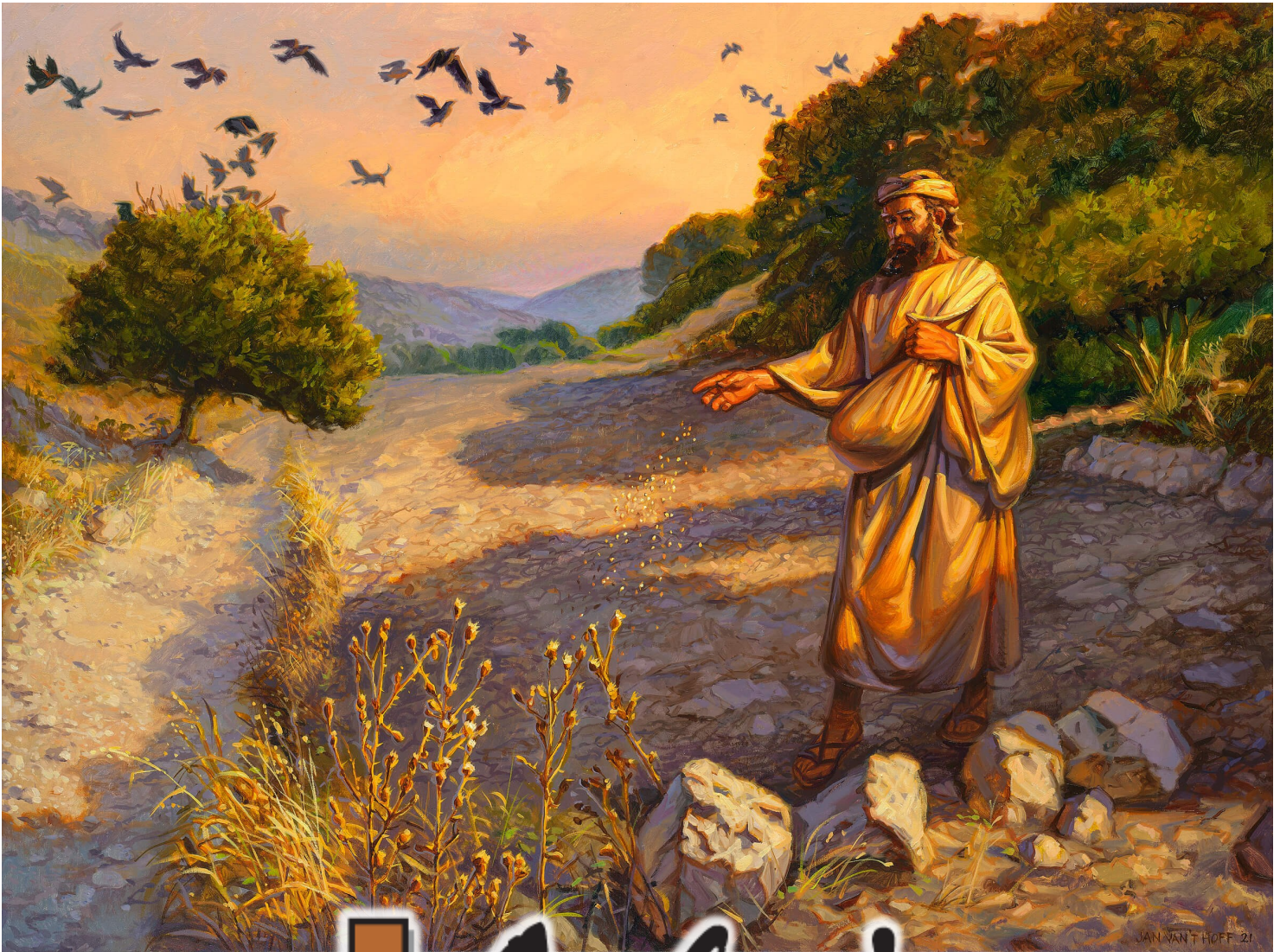


Saturday, July 11 and Sunday, July 12, 2026
7th Weekend of Pentecost



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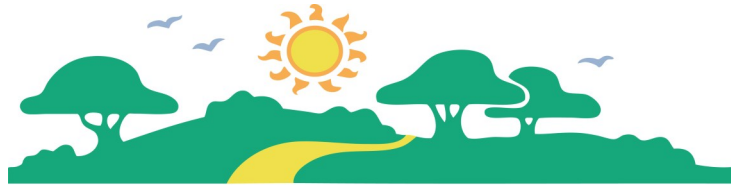
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UPCOMING EVENTS

for the week of
July 12-19

Sunday	9:00am Worship
Tuesday	9:00am-3:00pm LWR Workday
Wednesday	9:00am-3:00pm LWR Workday
Saturday	5:00pm Worship
Sunday	9:00am Worship



CHURCH at the Park

Sunday, August 2, 2026

Worship and Brunch

Somenauk Community Park

9:00 Worship

10:00 Brunch & Fellowship

Bring a brunch/breakfast item to share.

Drinks and tableware will be provided.

Offering 7/4 and 7/5	Received	Received YTD
General Fund	\$4,302.00	\$107,911.78
Capital Fund	\$207.50	\$14,166.61
Altar Guild	\$401.90	\$401.90
Feed My Starving Children	\$67.50	\$67.50

Prayer Requests

Mary Bark
Mary Carlson
Lance Davenport
Judy Erickson
Lee Gehrke
Sharon Goode

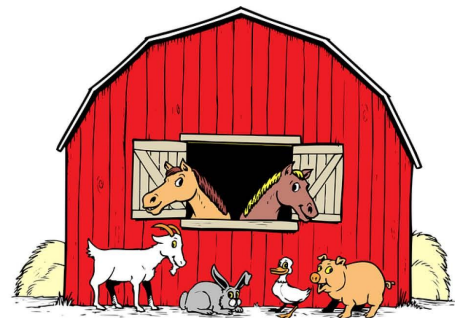
Mike Hamer
Scott Horsch
Mary Ann Hulon
Anna Judge
Rhea Lumsden
Linda Martin
James Moris
Lonnie Murray
Kay Nelson

Jeanette Pfeifer
Roger & Helen
Shelly
Lynn Skryzpiec
Lois Spizziri
Rosemary Underwood
Jackie Wendland
Cindy Westbrook
Susan White
Family of
Phyllis Zoellner

God's Barnyard Community

Vacation Bible School

St. John's Lutheran Church



Come join us for Vacation Bible School!
July 20th-23rd, from 9AM to 1130AM.

**Bible Stories, Crafts, Fun,
Games and Snack Time**

**Bible school is available for children 3
years old (must be potty trained) and up
to those completing 5th grade.**

Bible school is free to all who attend.

**Registration forms are available
in the Welcome Center.**

Tell your friends and family!
Sign up in the Welcome Center
to help with VBS!

Dates to Remember

Month	Date	Occasion
JULY	20-23	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY	28-29	LWR SCHOOL BAG WORDAYS
AUGUST	2	CHURCH PICNIC AT THE PARK

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn W&P 98 Morning Has Broken

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

The Kyrie section consists of three staves of musical notation. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with English lyrics in a larger font and Latin lyrics in a smaller font below them. The first staff has the lyrics "Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, have mer - cy:" and "Lord, have mer - cy." The second staff has the lyrics "Chri - ste e - le - i - son: Christ, have mer - cy:" and "Christ, have mer - cy." The third staff has the lyrics "Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, have mer - cy:" and "Lord, have mer - cy." The music is a simple, melodic line that repeats the words "Kyrie eleison" and "Lord, have mercy" in a call-and-response format.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God,

C: **we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

A: The **First Reading** comes from Genesis Chapter 25 vs 19-34

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: **Thanks be to God.**

A: Our Psalm today is Psalm 119 vs 105-112

¹⁰⁵Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light upon my path.

¹⁰⁶**I have sworn and am determined to keep your righteous judgments.**

¹⁰⁷I am deeply troubled; preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

¹⁰⁸**Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, and teach me your judgments.**

¹⁰⁹My life is always in danger, yet I do not forget your teaching.

¹¹⁰**The wicked have set a trap for me, but I have not strayed from your commandments.**

¹¹¹Your decrees are my inheritance forever; truly, they are the joy of my heart.

¹¹² I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes forever and to the end.

A: The Second Reading comes from Romans Chapter 8 verses 1-11

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to St. Matthew the 13th Chapter

C: **Glory to you O Lord.**

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 543 Go My Children, with My Blessing

Apostle's Creed

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and
he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

P: Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: ... God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us offer to each other the sign of peace.

Offering

Please stand as you are able.

Offering Prayer

P: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn :



Eucharistic Prayer

P: Gathered at and around the Lord's table, we remember with thanksgiving that *"In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: 'Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.'* Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.'"*

The Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray together the words our Savior gave us:

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

P: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

Holy Communion is served.

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

A: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Blessing

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn ELW 866 We Are Marching in the Light

Pastor & Assisting Minister process to back of sanctuary during Sending Hymn.

Dismissal

A: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.



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