

Saturday, May 23 and Sunday, May 24, 2026

Pentecost



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Worship Services: Saturdays at 5:00pm • Sundays at 9:45am

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UPCOMING EVENTS

for the week of
May 24-31

Sunday	9:00am Worship (Summer time change)
Wednesday	10:00am Reading Buddies
Saturday	5:00pm Worship
Sunday	9:00am Worship (Summer time change)



Favorite Hymns during summer

Please choose your favorites from any of the hymnals and note the title and number on an index card located in the pew slot. Turn them into the office or place them in the offering plate. You can also email them to the church office@elcastjohns.org

The Somonauk United Presbyterian Church is closing. The last worship service will be held Sunday, June 7th at 1:00pm. All are welcome. 14030 Chicago Road

READING BUDDIES

Tuesday, May 26th 10:00 am

Offering 5/16 and 5/17	Received	Received YTD
General Fund	\$2,915.41	\$81,248.20
Capital Fund (\$2000-grease trap)	\$2,688.60	\$9,204.51
LWR—Baby Kits	\$346.55	\$596.55
Altar Flowers	\$45.00	\$90.00
Sharing Pantry—Utilities	\$175.00	\$875.00
Larry Rogers Memorial	\$25.00	\$75.00
Sharing Pantry	\$50.00	\$450.00



FAITH NIGHT AT KANE COUNTY COUGARS

Friday, June 12th · 6:30pm

- Tickets: \$9
- General Parking: \$7
- Handicap Parking: \$7
- Preferred Parking: \$12

Sign up in the Welcome Center



The next Community Feast will be held on Tuesday, June 23rd from 4:30-6:00pm at the United Church of Sandwich.

St. John's is responsible for providing 10 desserts that will serve 12-15 people each.

Please sign up in the Welcome Center

Prayer Requests

Mary Bark
Mary Carlson
Lance Davenport
Judy Erickson
Marion Gaffney's
grandson & wife
Lee Gehrke
Marlyn Glover
Sharon Goode

Mike Hamer
Scott Horsch
Mary Ann Hulon
Rhea Lumsden
Linda Martin
Doris Miller's
brother, Curt
James Moris
Lonnie Murray

Kay Nelson
Jeanette Pfeifer
Matt Potter
Roger & Helen
Shelly
Lynn Skryzpiec
Lois Spizziri
Rosemary Underwood
Jackie Wendland
Cindy Westbrook
Susan White

Dates to Remember

Month	Date	Occasion
MAY	28	READING BUDDIES
MAY	30	GHC PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT
JUNE	4	BLOOD DRIVE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P: Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C: **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C: **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C: **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn ACS 942 Every Time I Feel the Spirit (insert)

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

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

Prayer of the Day

P: O God,

C: **on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

A: The **First Reading** comes from Acts Chapter 2 vs 1-21

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: **Thanks be to God.**

A: Our Psalm today is Psalm 104 vs 24-34, 35b
²⁴How manifold are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.**
²⁶There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.
²⁷**All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**
²⁸You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
²⁹**When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**
³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.
³¹**May the glory of the Lord endure forever; O Lord, rejoice in all your works.**
³²You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.
³³**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.**
³⁴May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the Lord.
^{35b}**Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

A: The Second Reading comes from 1 Corinthians Chapter 12 verses 3b-13
^{3b}No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.
⁴Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.
¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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. John the 20th Chapter

C: **Glory to you O Lord.** **Gospel: John 20:19-23**

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day W&P 122 Seek Ye First

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 the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

A: ... Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

P: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

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: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

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. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, 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: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

Holy Communion is served.

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

A: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C: **Amen.**

Blessing

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

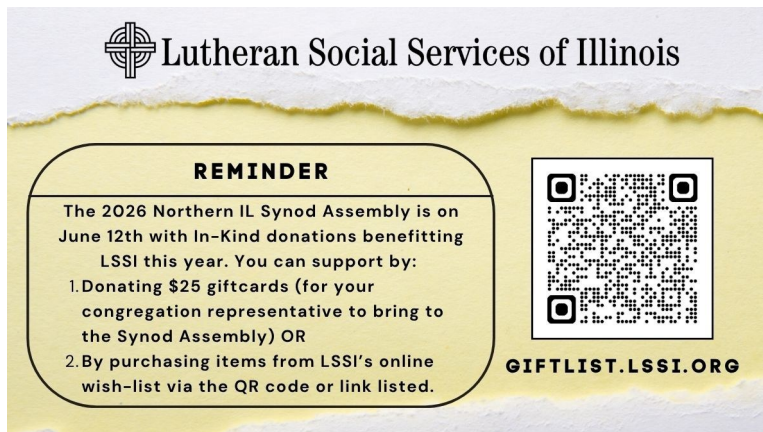
Sending Hymn ELW 399 O Holy Spirit, Root of Life


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

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**




 Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

REMINDER

The 2026 Northern IL Synod Assembly is on June 12th with In-Kind donations benefitting LSSI this year. You can support by:

1. Donating \$25 giftcards (for your congregation representative to bring to the Synod Assembly) OR
2. By purchasing items from LSSI's online wish-list via the QR code or link listed.



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