

hymn contains the important message that whatever blessings our Lord has given to our nation, we are even more blessed to be citizens of the eternal kingdom of heaven through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Before You, Lord, we bow,
Our God who reigns above
And rules the world below,
Boundless in pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring
In joy and praise,
Our hearts we raise
To You, our King!

The nation You have blest
May well Your love declare,
From foes and fears at rest,
Protected by Your care.
For this bright day,
For this fair land —
Gifts of Your hand —
Our thanks we pay.

May ev'ry mountain height,
Each vale and forest green,
Shine in Your Word's pure light,
And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue
Be tuned to praise
And join to raise
A grateful song.

Earth, hear your Maker's voice;
Your great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice,
And worship Him alone.
Cast down your pride,
Your sin deplore,
And bow before
The Crucified.

And when in pow'r He comes,
Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs
Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng,
With joy to sing
To heav'n's high King
Salvation's song!

God bless you and our nation this Fourth of July!



Funerals

Sheryl Ann Weaklend
September 4, 1938-April 8, 2023
Service: April 15, 2023

Merlin (Red) Jens Madsen
August 25, 1930-May 8, 2023
Service: May 13, 2023
Internment: Burt Township Cemetery



Confirmation

Caelum Matthew Blocker
May 21, 2023
Parents: Michael and Doris Blocker

Bible Verse:
"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my son and He has become my salvation" - Isaiah 12:2.



Seminary Food Bank Thank You!

Dear St. John's Lutheran,
Thank you for your contribution to the Food Pantry at Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis! My family really appreciates it!

God's Blessings
Eric, Heather and Violet Bear

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Greetings in Christ! Thank you so much for your generous and loving support of seminary students and families in your gift to the Concordia Seminary food bank. We praise God together with you for His steadfast love and faithful providence in all matters of body and soul. We are greatly blessed by the food bank and appreciate the help with foods for baby and household goods. God bless you and give you joy in our Savior as you continue to love and serve those around you!

Sincerely, The Vanderhydies,
Ben, Grace, Larson, Hollen, Charles
& Adeleide

To the Congregation of St. John's,
Greeting from Concordia Seminary! My name is Julianna and my husband Luke is a PHD student. We thank you for your generous food bank donation. We appreciate the security of knowing meals are taken care of. May God continue his work in you this Pentecostal season.

Sincerely,
Lulianna and Luke Elawsky

St. John's Day at the Pool Party!



Sunday July 9th from 2:00 – 5:00 pm come and join us for an afternoon of swimming at the Bancroft Swimming Pool. Let the front desk at the pool know that you are with the St. John's – Burt church for free admission.

If you're not a swimmer, we will have snacks and games at the park as well. Bring your lawn chairs and plan on an afternoon of fun!

At 5:00 pm meet in the park next to the pool for devotions and lessons with a meal immediately following.

A sign-up sheet is located in the back of the church if you would like to bring a pan of bars or cookies to share for our snacks and meal.

Ark Encounter/Creation Museum Trip



For those still interested, we have the opportunity to join an already scheduled bus tour, and although there are no minimum sign-up requirements, seats will fill up, so reservations should be made in a timely manner. This trip is planned for Oct 9-13 (Mon – Fri), and the bus will load in Fort Dodge. A sign-up sheet and informational flyer are available in the Narthex. Contact Jo Centgraf, of Trinity at (308-641-5452) with questions.



Rev. Briton Nelson

Meet the Nelson Family!



Briton Nelson was born September 30, 1996 and adopted into God's family through the waters of Holy Baptism on October 16, 1996. He grew up in Reedsburg, Wisconsin. After attending one year at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, he transferred to Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa to study religion, graduating in 2019.

He then entered Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri and just graduated in May. While there, he served his vicarage at Messiah Lutheran Church in Clio, Michigan.

Briton met his wife Jade at the University of Northern Iowa while she was a freshman student there and he was starting his first year at Wartburg College. They married on June 6, 2020 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Reedsburg, Wisconsin. Their daughter Autumn was born in Saginaw, Michigan on December 15, 2021.

Briton's parents recently retired and moved to Cherokee, Iowa. Cinda (his mom) was an accountant and Jeff (his dad) worked for American Family Insurance. Briton's younger brother Mack just graduated from Marquette with a doctorate in Physical Therapy (DPT) and currently lives in Reedsburg, Wisconsin.

Jade has a degree in education from the University of Northern Iowa and taught middle school math last year at Word of Life Lutheran School in St. Louis. Her parents, Nick and Mechelle Carter, live in Marion, Iowa along with her younger sister Zoey. Jade's older sister Ariel lives in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Briton enjoys hiking, sports, and cooking. He and Jade are excited to take up gardening. They are very excited to be joining our church and community and look forward to meeting everyone soon!





JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 – David Haase
2– Bailey Marlow
3 – Kali Karels
6 – Joel Smith
6 – Debra Steven
8 – Bruce Heetland
9 – Caradene Parsons
11 – Jordan Blocker
12 – Craig Steven
13 – Breckin Borchardt
13 – Del Reutzel
15 – Pat Eimers
20 – Barb Meyer
20 – Halie Reimers
22 – Marcia Hanna
22 – Kenna Rae Hatten
22 – Jeff Schutjer
24 – Alex Feuring
24 – Wilma Smith
26 – Amelia Cowell
29 – Joseph Heyes
31 – Janice Schaeffer



Special Seniors

Caradene Parsons – July 9
Pat Eimers – July 15
Wilma Smith – July 24
Janice Schaeffer – July 31
Mary Schmidt – August 14
Vernal Koestler – August 25
Doris Nutt Gifford – August 28
Peggy Schadendorf – August – 30

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 – Wade Briggs
4 – Esther Lavrenz
5 – Penny Cowell
8 – Beth Borchardt
8 – Joseph Culbertson
13 – Chris Heyes
14 – Stan Eimers
14 – Linda Kerkove
14 – Mary Schmidt
15 – Mary Steven
19 – Ben Borchardt
19 – Pam Crosser
20 – Denise Shipler
21 – Randy Reimers
23 – Micah Lavrenz
23 – Vickie Madsen
25 – Rachel Heyer
25 – Vernal Koestler
26 – Sylvia Loken
26 – Ryder Parsons
28 – Connie Aaron
28 – Doris Nutt Gifford
29 – Nick Symonds
30 – Michelle Feuring
30 – Peggy Schadendorf
31 – Marvin Heidecker
31 – Linda Peter