

# Tidings

Monthly Newsletter

August 2024



**St. John's United Methodist Church**  
Davenport, Iowa



## Pastor's Page– August 2024

**¡Bienvenidos! And ¡Hola! from San Raymundo, Guatemala:)**  
*[Mission trip reflections from Danielle Dadisman]*

Eleven checked bags full of dental supplies and one four-and-a-half-hour crazy drive through the mountains later and we finally made it to the dental clinic compound in San Raymundo! It was only sixty miles away from the airport in Guatemala City, but traffic was no joke. We landed around 3:30pm and didn't make it to the compound until 8pm.

Starting Mindset to help myself: Never be afraid to ask for help or acknowledge you are feeling out of your comfort zone. Grow in confidence by watching and doing – nothing is going to happen if you don't step in and “Do Something.”

I started by assisting my classmates. I wasn't confident in seeing someone by myself. Once I worked up the courage to see someone, I wasn't confident in doing what they needed. So, I had to ask for help. It was hard that night and the next. All I could see when I closed my eyes were all the ways I had messed up that day or what I should have done. I kept comparing myself to my classmates who had more training than me and how confident they looked while they saw patients. It wasn't until the second or third day of clinic that I realized they were just as scared and inexperienced as I was in treating patients. Once I realized this, it kind of leveled the playing field in my mind. My confidence started to grow, and I felt as if I could definitely do a cleaning or a simple filling to start out. By the end of the week, I was confident in doing triage, looking at the big picture and deciding what each person actually needed for treatment besides their chief complaint and the reason they came to see us in the first place. Once I completed triage and one of the dentists came and checked my work, I would carry out what I had suggested to the dentist and the patient as a treatment plan. I got to do two silver fillings, around five composite tooth-colored fillings, and pulled three teeth on my own with one of the dentists coaching me each step of the way. The people we served were incredibly patient and so thankful once we were done with their treatment. Some people stayed the entire time we were open from 8am until 6pm or 8pm on some days just to be seen and get all the work done they needed. It was hard to see how far gone some people's teeth were. There were maybe three people out of all that I saw whose teeth were very healthy. In total, we saw around 144 patients not counting those that came back multiple days! We did 140+ fillings both silver and tooth-colored fillings and pulled around 150 teeth. We did five or six cleanings, one root canal, and applied silver diamine fluoride (SDF) in quite a few patients to stop decay in teeth we weren't able to treat because of time.

Thanks for letting me share, and thanks for the prayers!

Danielle Dadisman

Below : (Right) This is the clinic set up. Around ten stations in total with three x-ray machines. (Left) Susan helped me in the dispensary by ensuring instruments got where they needed to go. She also assisted my classmates and interpreted for me on occasion.



# SPARK

Be the change and pass it on!

St. John's Christian Education and Youth Programs

August 2024



## Thank you!

To all who supported our students for camp this year. Whether it was financially, prayerfully, or other, you helped make an impact in our student's lives.

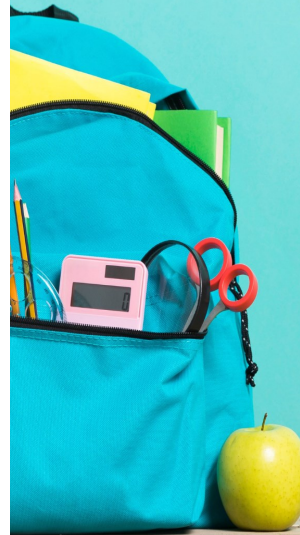
We so appreciate you!

## Backpack Blessing

August 17th & 18th Students and teachers of all ages and subjects are invited to bring their bags to be blessed for a safe and fun 2024-2025 school year. We will take a moment in all worship services to pray over the bags (and people).

Saturday @ 5:30

Sunday @ 9am or 11am



## Last Splash

Join other SJUMC families for some fun in the sun as the summer comes to an end.

When: Aug. 18 @ 3pm-5pm

Where: Splashpad & Pavillion  
TBD  
(stay tuned to worship announcements)

What: Food, Fun, & Fellowship

***FALL PROGRAMS ARE FAST APPROACHING & WE NEED YOU!***

*Needed: Sunday School Teachers, Wednesday Kids and Youth Leaders, & Wednesday Meal Providers.*

*For questions about details or ways you can get involved in our Children, Youth, and Family Ministries,*

*Contact Megan Keller*

*[megank@stjohnsusumcdav.org](mailto:megank@stjohnsusumcdav.org)*

## August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Communion 11:00am Peterson Funeral 5:30pm Jesus Country
<b>4</b> COMMUNION Offering: Self Help Int 9:00am Classic Worship 11:00am Contemporary Worship	<b>5</b> 5:30pm Children's Bazaar Team	<b>6</b> 1:00pm Club of 89	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 5:30pm Jesus Country
<b>11</b> 9:00am Classic Worship 11:00am Contemporary Worship 2:00pm Cafe on Vine Meal Preparation	<b>12</b> 7:00pm SPPRC	<b>13</b> 10:45am History Meeting 6:30pm Davenport Horticulture Board	<b>14</b> 10:00am UWF Board	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Back Pack Blessings 5:30pm Jesus Country
<b>18</b> Back Pack Blessings Food Pantry Sunday Offering: Teach Beyond (Otten) 9:00am Classic Worship 11:00am Contemporary Worship 12:00pm Mission Discussion 3:00pm Last Splash	<b>19</b> 5:00pm Trustees 6:30pm Steering Committee 7:30pm Church Council	<b>20</b> 5:30pm The Center Board	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Tidings deadline	<b>24</b> 5:30pm Jesus Country
<b>25</b> 9:00am Classic Worship 11:00am Contemporary Worship	<b>26</b> 6:30pm Missions	<b>27</b> 12:30pm Staff lunch w/Center	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Mail Tidings	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 5:30pm Jesus Country



## Mission Report July 2024

### (June 2024) Mission Offering Report

**Peace with Justice** \$345

**Women at the Well** \$357 Thank for your Generous offering for the Mission of Jesus Christ!

**Café on Vine** – St. John's volunteers prepare this meal each month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday afternoon. You can tell us you're coming by using the link on our church website. Our July cooking crew is pictured at left: Gary Mowry, Jan Johnson, Mike Thomas, Linda Mowry, Annie Thirtyacre, Khloe Smart, Matt Loper



### Upcoming Mission Offerings

#### Offering for Self Help International, August 3-4

Self-Help works to alleviate hunger by assisting the rural poor, small-scale farmers, and related enterprises in developing countries. We help them become self-reliant in meeting the needs of families and communities through training, education, leadership development, and other forms of assistance. Self-Help is not a relief organization — our focus is on development and sustainability to improve the quality of life with dignity. Headquartered in Iowa, USA, Self-Help operates sustainable development programs in Ghana, West Africa, and Nicaragua, Central America. Given our current resources, our objective is to expand our services to new communities within those two countries before expanding into other countries in need.

#### Offering for Jason Otten, Teach Beyond, August 17-18

This is your chance to support Jason's work with TeachBeyond. He needs ongoing donations to keep his mission work funded. Please give generously. TeachBeyond's primary emphases are on educational initiatives such as schools, English language camps, teacher education, professional seminars, and much more. Currently, TeachBeyond owns or operates 16 schools and programs and additionally has sent more than 600 educators to work in more than 30 other educational institutions, serving populations from pre-kindergarten through graduate school in formal and informal settings. TeachBeyond uses the medium of education to engage with the needs of the world—physical, relational, and spiritual. (<https://teachbeyond.org>)

### Help us revive our St. John's Mission Program!

Whether you've been on a previous mission team or would like to be a servant of God, please bring a dish to share on August 18th for a discussion on reinvigorating missions.

We'll meet in the Parlor immediately following the 11am worship service, share a meal and ask for your input on where we feel led to serve as missionaries of St. John's. Questions, contact Jane Lange or Sandy Koester.





St. John's UMC Scholarship (starting in 2013-2014) was established to offer two \$500 scholarships per year to persons graduating from high school and going to trade school or college. The twentieth scholarship was awarded in 2024.

To receive the scholarship a graduating senior needs to be an active member of St. John's UMC, write a 250 - 500 word essay on how St. John's has helped them develop a belief in God and how that belief will help them going forth in life; including ideas on how the church could be more relevant to youth. They need to include two letters of recommendation.

The scholarship was established to give students active in the church a thank-you for being an active part of the church. You will have the opportunity to contribute to this scholarship on the weekend of September 5 and 6 so that we can continue to recognize our active youth.

### Church History shared by the St. John's History Committee

#### GROUPS AFTER 1950

St. John's has been the inspiration for, and host to, many social, educational, and service groups. This list is some of the ones we know of which were started after 1950. There are likely other groups which we have overlooked. If you have more information about any groups mentioned here, or not mentioned here, please let the history committee know. Dates given are for known operation and may not be accurate for start or end year.

**Girl Scouts** were active by the 1950's but started before then.

**Methodist Men's Club** started in 1953. One project was to help raise funds for the new Asbury Church building in Bett. At times they had joint meetings with Asbury and Grace Methodist men's groups. This group was a local branch of a national Methodist organization.

**Mother's Day Out-** started about 1967. It was a chance for stay-at-home mothers to get out of the house.

**Mothers' Study Club** is known to have been active in 1967.

**Camp Fire Girls** is known to have been active in 1968.

**Adult Fellowship Club-** started in 1969 for retired and soon to be retired couples.

**Day-Care Center** was started in 1970. This was a child care service for working mothers. We also had a **Head Start** preschool program located here for a while.

**Quilters** was started by Winifred Peterson and Eloise Metcalf and is known to have been active by 1973.

**Wesley Men-** a group which was known to have been active in 1981.

**Eager Beavers** started about 1983 as a group of people who meet to assist the church custodian in the upkeep and repair of the church building.

**Bridge Club-** Church Secretary, Willa Wells, and Keith Cudmore, a member volunteer who was setting up the church's first computer system, were the starting force about 1987. The group first met in the church parlor and later moved to Ridgecrest.

**Singles Adult Ministry/Single Adults Ministry (S.A.M.)** started in 1988.

**Recyclers** are known to have been active in 1990.

**Threads of Love** create lap rugs and shawls for shut-ins.

**St. John's Orchestra-** there has been more than one incarnation of a group with this name. The one directed by Michael Green started in the fall of 1994. It was a group of musicians of all ages and abilities who appreciated the chance to play band/orchestra music together.

**First Responders** was a group of people who made contact with first-time attendees.

**Befrienders** was a group of people who visited members in the hospital.

**Purse Ministry and Baskets of Joy Ministry** benefit The Center's Street Team and members with extended illness or recovering from surgery, respectively, with the help of Linda Jantz and her co-workers.

**Tender Loving Care** is a group of people who keep contact with homebound members.



# Music Ministry

🎵 August in the music department is prep time for our September kick-off.

Special music this month will include Jon and Victoria Rice, Gail McRill and family, plus our very own Karlene Noteboom, Marguerite Holzworth, and Scott Schroeder .

This fall, I hope you are thinking of joining our choir. We would love to have you join us when you can. Chancel Choir is open to all ages from 11-101! Rehearsals are from 7-8:15 each Thursday evening, beginning after Labor Day.

In September you will see more specifics about the Christmas Cantata on December 8th. We need singers and readers. Please consider joining our music ministry team.

There is also definitely room for your leadership in the children's music ministry program! AND for instrumentalists to share your talents at the 9:00 worship. Our low brass group is beginning to grow.

There is also a need at this time for a music worship leader for the 11:00 contemporary service. So many opportunities to share your gifts and talents. Thanks for keeping us in your prayers as we look forward to another season of sharing

God's love through music. 🎵 Mitzi Jo Harris

## Miscellaneous Church Updates

**The BIX Party:** Join us for the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> BIX on July 27th in the parking lot of The Center. The race starts at 8:00a.m. but the party starts at 7:30 a.m. Watch the runners, listen to music and enjoy refreshments.

**Food Pantry:** 86 items were collected in July. Monetary donations for June were \$5,260. Thank you, thank you from the bottom of my heart. You don't know how much this means to me and to the food pantry. With prices they way they are, this helps our food pantry tremendously. Items needed are cleaning products, laundry products, canned pasta, canned meats and snacks. Bring your items the third Sunday or anytime the church office is open. Again, I appreciate all you do to support St. John's Food Pantry at The Center. —Sharon Imming

**UWF:** Hope everyone is having a good summer. Remember to keep saving large purses and we will use them in the fall. On September 14th in Dewitt, we are having our Golden Valley annual meeting. Since it is so close, we hope many of you will plan to attend. I have planned what I think will be a great spiritual day. Our District Superintendent, Brian Oliver, will be preaching among other things. It should be a great day! Hope to see you there. More later about making reservations.

**Staff update:** Our Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee is pleased to introduce Melissa Carpenter as our new part-time Audio/Visual Technician. She will be helping with our tech needs on Sundays from now on. If you see her please welcome her to St. John's. In other news, we are interviewing for a new worship leader for the 11am service. SPPRC will be interviewing candidates and would welcome recommendations for this position. Job description is on the St. John's website under employment opportunities.



**Welcome new members!** (Shown below from left to right) Bill & Marcia Harris, Susan Bowles and Ted Stimach

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**Worship Schedule**

Saturday at 5:30pm  
Sundays at 9am and 11am  
(simulcast on YouTube channel)  
Radio Ministry:  
Sundays 9am on WOC 1420AM

**Upcoming Events**



**BIX PARTY!**

**SATURDAY, JULY 27th from 7:30-10:00 AM**

in the parking lot at The Center

Bring a chair, enjoy watching the runners, refreshments and live music!

**Church Conference**

**July 28, 2024 at 2 pm**

**Location: Fellowship Hall**

Our District Sup't Rev. Brian Oliver, has authorized our leadership to call a "Church Conference" for the purpose of approving the sale of the Associate Pastor's parsonage. All members of St. John's are invited to participate in a congregational vote on this single issue.

If the vote passes by a simple majority, the Board of Trustees will have permission to take steps including: secure a realtor, prepare the property for sale, and go through the process of selling the Avalon parsonage at the best market price.



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**Financial Update**

by Karen Weimer, Treasurer

The following is a summary of the church's financial position as of June 30, 2024. The year-to-date cash receipts and disbursements compared to the budget are as follows:

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
	Year-To-Date	Year-To-Date
Cash Receipts	479,836	452,901
Cash Disbursements	402,933	398,242
Receipts in Excess of Disbursements	76,903	54,659