



Voice of Faith



July 2022

One in Faith Parish

St. Paul..... 8:30 a.m.
Hope..... 10:30 a.m.

St. Sebald..... 8:30 a.m.
St. John 10:30 a.m.

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²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30)

As you can probably tell from the hot weather that we’ve been having, summer is here! Once you get into high school and higher education, May seems to be one of the most stressful times of the year. There are papers, exams, final projects, and the list seems to never end. But now, it’s summer and you can almost hear all the students and teachers breathing a sigh of relief. They can finally take some time to rest. I know I was certainly relieved once I submitted my final paper (and saw that I passed all my classes), but I’m not always the best at taking time to rest. Even after an intense week of late nights at the end of the semester, I was quickly looking ahead to the next things to do in June. Then, a friend invited me to come visit her for a few days. After a little hesitation, I took a Sunday off. I slept in, read some books that were not about theology, snuggled with my friend’s dogs, and spent time catching up with my friend. It was wonderful and my physical and emotional health benefited from just a couple days away. And yet, I sometimes felt guilty. Every once in a while, the thought that I “*should* be doing something” would float through my mind.

That feeling that we “*should*” be doing something is all too common in our society today. A recent study of more than 18,000 people from around the world found that 68% of people feel like they don’t get enough rest. Our bodies and spirits are worn out and yet we still feel the need to push ourselves to our limits. But in the verses above, we are invited to come to God when we are weary and lay down our burdens for a bit because God cares for us deeply. You do not have to do it all alone and as beloved Christian community, we can help each other by inviting each other into times of rest. It doesn’t have to be a long time, but our physical and spiritual lives depend on it. And this is not the only Bible passage that talks about rest – we hear about the need for taking rest, or Sabbath, throughout the Old Testament as well. Taking time to rest allows us to live more fully in our lives of faith.

So, take a few days, a few hours, or at least a few minutes to rest. Lean into the promises of our loving God that will carry our burdens when we are weary. You don’t have to do it all, so take a deep breath and give yourself grace to rest. You deserve it.

Peace,
Vicar Brittany

New, improved, One In Faith 2022 Directories are available at all the churches! (Still blue)

One in Faith Board Meeting

The One In Faith Parish Board met June 15, 2022, at 6:30 pm at St. Paul. Members present: Pastor Margaret Yackel-Juleen, Tracy Kregel, Nancy Yelden, Kelli Knickerbocker, Patty Klingman, Marcia Rueber, Lorna Christeleit, LuAnn Hunt, Jeri Watson, Vicar Brittany Barkus, Richard Thurn, and John Hunt. Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Nancy Yelden. Pastor led devotions with thoughts from “We Rise Higher” and Psalm 16. Nancy made a special thank you to John and LuAnn Hunt for hosting the joint parish service at their barn dance on June 4th. It was a great turn out and everyone had a lot of fun.

Minutes: Lorna moved to approve the February 2022 minutes, second by Patty Klingman, motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: The Board reviewed the year-to-date report of income and expenditures. Jeri moved to approve the report from January through May 2022, second by LuAnn, motion carried. Kelli noted the mileage rate will increase to \$0.625 effective June 2022. The group discussed ½ commitments from each church. Marcia moved to approve each church pay half a payment plus \$50 (for full Parsonage commitment for St. Paul, Hope and St. Sebald) for the month of July, second by LuAnn, motion carried. The parsonage expense report was reviewed with a note that the insurance listed is an annual amount and mowing expense is expected yet. Patty Klingman moved to approve the year-to-date report, second by Richard, motion passed.

Pastor’s Report: Highlights of Report

**Discussed lay led and visiting pastors helping cover services through August.

**July 17th is All Parish Worship at St. Sebald, 10:30 am, led by Pastor Mark.

**July 31st Pastor Jens Liedtke Siems will share experience with Parish at St. John’s at 7 pm. He will share a slide presentation about the church in Switzerland and Germany. More details to come.

**Community Garden is at St. John – please help the garden grow!

**Items have been collected for the Youth Trip – thanks to all who helped contribute.

**Discussed Pastor and Mark’s upcoming trip to Hungary to visit with the sister Synod there and build connections and relationships.

**August 7th, the Youth will share their trip experience at St. Paul and Hope – no service at St. Sebald or St. John that day.

Staff Evaluations & Committee: Thank you to those that helped conduct the evaluations. Overview was shared with the Parish Board. The Board discussed the role and process for staff evaluations. The Parish Agreement was reviewed; if the agreement is updated/amended, each council would need to approve. Lorna moved to amend the Parish Agreement in Section E. 7) adding a new line f) which will read “Annual evaluations of Parish staff will be completed by one Parish Board member from each church by the June Parish Board meeting”. LuAnn seconded the motion, motion carried. The amendment will be sent to each church council for review and approval.

Other items:

- Confirmation dates to be determined; Pastor would like to talk with families first.
- Pastor will be at July 10th service for Arlington Days
- July 17th all Parish worship at St. Sebald, 10:30 am
- October 30th – to be decided in August meeting

2023 Budget Planning: The Board briefly reviewed the current budget to discuss increases in salary, mileage adjustment, secretary/treasurer hourly pay, internet/phone increase, and parsonage expense fund. A 2023 draft will be discussed at the August Parish Board meeting on August 25th, 7 pm at St. Sebald.

LuAnn moved to adjourn the meeting at 8pm, second by Patty Klingman, meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Kregel

Remember: Worship times change Sunday, July 3, 8:30 am – St. Sebald;

10:30 am – St. John; 8:30 am - St. Paul; 10:30 am - Hope





St. Sebald Council

St. Sebald Council members met June 15, 2022. Present: Kris Morarend, Tracy Kregel, Pastor Margaret, Wayne Yelden, Jerry Harvey, Nancy Yelden, and Vicar Brittany. The council meeting was called to order by Nancy at 7 pm and Vicar led devotions on empathy.

The council reviewed Pastor's report. Pastor discussed the visitation team and the rotation of the team members on visits. May council minutes were reviewed. Jerry moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Kris, motion passed. Wayne discussed the treasurer's report. The year to date ending balance was \$-1154.92.

Kris has continued to send out monthly packets to the kids and touch base with families. July 10th is a possible lay service. A new mic cord was ordered for the sound system. Jerry moved to pay the bill for \$80.48, second by Tracy, motion passed. A bath kit was purchased from the special offering for refugee families; thank you to all who supported this project.

The council finalized plans for the June 19th parish campfire and yard games. A reminder, St. Sebald services will switch to 8:30 am starting July 3rd. Kris moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Wayne; meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Kregel

SPECIAL GUESTS AT ST. SEBALD

Roger and Mary Knehans will host special guests, members of the International Loehe Society from Germany, at St. Sebald Tuesday, July 26, at 3 pm. They will be coming from the Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque to see the seminary site and the Rock which marks the entrance at the site across the fields from St. Sebald. They are interested in Reverend Loehe who sent the missionaries to America, but never came himself.

The International Loehe Society was founded in 2005 in Dubuque, Iowa. Its goal is to promote the study of the life, theology, and work of Wilhelm Loehe (1808-72) in historical context and to explore Loehe's continuing significance for the church in its life and mission today. The scope of Loehe's work extends through the institutions he founded in Neuendettelsau, Germany, and their outreach throughout the world. Regular conferences serve for research and international exchange.

Please come to meet and greet our guests.

St. John Lutheran Council

St. John Council Meeting was called to order June 14, 2022. Devotions were given by Vicar Brittany on Ephesians 4:31-32. Secretary's Report submitted by Tia Shaffer was read and approved. Treasurer's Report was given by Kelli Knickerbocker and approved. A bill submitted by Marcia Rueber for a new microphone cord was approved and paid. It was decided that any balance remaining from our Lenten offerings for the LSI Refugee Kit Project would be sent to LSI. Kelli also shared the Parish Parsonage report regarding Parish support payments to St. John and the parsonage expenses.

Pastor Margaret gave her report. Pastor supply plans for Vicar Brittany, while she attends Valparaiso University in July, and Pastor Margaret's vacations were discussed. St. John received a \$400 memorial donation from the family of Cathy Klima. Pastor Margaret's participation in St. John's Ecumenical Service for Arlington Days was planned.

Committee Reports:

Parish Ed: Linda reported that volunteers are still needed for VBS to help with crafts and food. Plans were made to move the small organ downstairs before VB.

Worship: Penny reported positive comments on projection screen used during worship. Discussed calling a special meeting to discuss the purchase of a permanent screen system, and then a vote by the congregation before the dinner and auction on September 18.

Buildings and Grounds: Jeri talked to Willet Hauser Glass from Winona, MN and he came right away to look at our stained-glass windows. Mr. Hauser said the stained-glass windows are in very good condition and that it would only take minor repairs to fix the cracks in the outer plain glass windows. Jeri is awaiting his official report. Still no response from Dessel's regarding the bubbling carpet. Other flooring companies will be contacted.

Social Concerns: Debbie reported that the QSS balance is \$712.34, with \$88.60 spent at Dollar General. Doug reported that more donations of canned meats and boxed, shelf stable milk for the Little Food Pantry would be useful.

Parish Board: Jeri will attend the parish board meeting tomorrow night.

Unfinished business: Nine Refugee Welcome Boxes were assembled and delivered to Wartburg during the Synod Assembly from St. John. Thanks to all who donated to this project during Lent and to Cassie and Debbie for shopping for the contents, Jeri, Debbie, Cassie, Maria, and Penny for assembling the boxes, and Jeri for driving them to Waverly. Around 200 boxes were received from our Synod. The Community Garden was planted and needs a fence. Doug has one to donate and Ursula Cordes is donating a hose and reel set.

September 18 dinner and auction: be thinking of items to donate! Will need to apply for 1-2 Thrivent Action Team cards to purchase food and paper goods. Next meeting July 12 at 7 pm in the small dining room. Meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Watson

Hope Council

The June/July Hope council meeting will be June 30. Minutes will be in the August newsletter.

Hope WELCA

The Hope WELCA met June 2 for Bible study and a business meeting. President Annette Dahling called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Margaret led the Bible study as we began the summer series on "Crafted in Christ," with a quilting theme.

In the business meeting which followed, minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved.

Quilting times will be set when late services resume in July.

Designer Roger Lake will be at the church June 6 to evaluate the kitchen floor plan and offer makeover ideas.

A thank you was read from the LWR chairman regarding items sent for Lutheran World Relief.

Donations will be sent to EWALU to help defray the cost of our young people attending camp this summer.

The meeting adjourned followed by the Birthday song and Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be July 7 at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to join in the Bible study.

Attending Camp EWALU this summer: Kash Bolsinger, Jenna Hamann, Tenley Meyer.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Dick Hughson, father of Paula Casper.

St. John WELCA

WELCA ladies have been asked to prepare and serve the Friday night meal for Arlington Days, July 8th, from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm. We will be soliciting for potatoes, onions, and eggs for the potato salad and bars/cupcakes for the dessert. We are also looking for donations of hamburger. Please inform Sherri Seedorff. Proceeds from the meal will tentatively be used to purchase new flooring for the parsonage kitchen and laundry room. A Thrivent Card has been applied for and approved.

We continue to quilt every Monday and recently sent 5 quilts to the Fayette County Food Shelf. The EWALU Auction Quilt will soon be completed.

Hope everyone is enjoying these long hot summer days. As a group, we continue to remain active in our support of the church, EWALU, LWR and Bremwood.

Blessings,
Sharon Reed

ATTENTION HOPE MEMBERS

Ice Cream Social Schedule

Thurs., July 7 - Cook custard, 6:30 pm.

Fri., July 8 - Freeze ice cream and package - 6:30 pm. Many arms needed!!

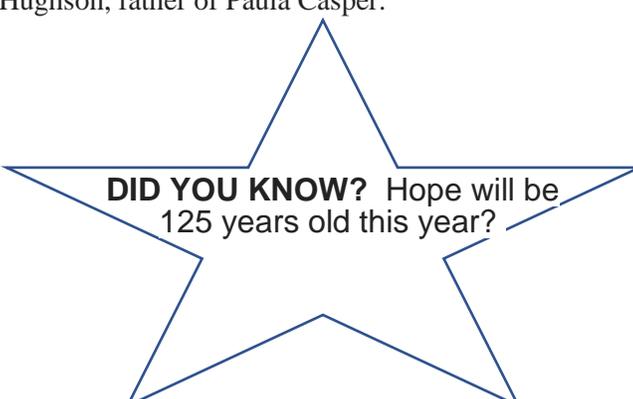
Sun. July 10 - 10:30 am worship. Set up for serving following worship.

Serving 1:00-4:00 pm. Many hands are needed!!

Many pies are needed!!

Contact Joyce or Richard if you can help and provide pies.

Many Hands Make Light Work!



DID YOU KNOW? Hope will be
125 years old this year?



Arlington Community Vacation Bible School

at St. John, Arlington for 3-year-olds thru students who just completed 6th grade, Tuesday, August 2 thru Thursday, August 4, 5:30 – 7:30 pm with a meal served at 5:30 pm.

There will be a special program for participants and parents on Friday, August 5.

This is what we'll be studying:

God Provides - Exodus 17:1

God Protects - Mark 4: 35-41

God Loves, We Love - John 13:3-15, 33-35

WE NEED HELPERS

Would you consider helping with any or all sessions?

Accepting 7th graders through adults.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please call Bonnie Nus at 563-920-7960

Vacation Bible School at Hope August 8-12, 6-8 pm

Please save toilet paper and paper towel rolls to be used for the crafts.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Darcy Bockenstedt at 563-880-1370

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS



Clothing center updates

WE ARE OPEN to the public for in- person shopping as of May 25th! I am settling in to my new position and getting familiar with the center. I am sure you will find we have a lot of

nice things available for almost everyone. The clothing center is taking donations, however it is by appointment only. Simply call ahead of time and schedule a day and time for drop off. (No outside drop offs allowed.) We are still in need of men's and women's shorts/jeans (all sizes), teen sizes (boys and girls). Please be mindful of your donations that they are in good shape...free of rips, tears, stains, etc. We appreciate the generosity of the communities on making our mission available to people in need.

Back-to-School 4 Kids



It is that time of year again, where we ask the congregations and public to be mindful of our Back-to-School event that supports the children in our area. Through physical donations of backpacks/school supplies and monetary donations we can fill

backpacks for many children. Last year we filled 152 backpacks. With the struggles all over the economy, children getting a good education starts with being prepared. Let's come together and **FILL THOSE BACKPACKS!** General items in need are: *Crayons, scissors, pens, Elmer's glue, glue sticks, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, pencil boxes, colored pencils, dry erase markers, permanent markers, highlighters, washable markers (thin & wide), assorted color 2 pocket folders, loose leaf paper, notebooks (wide and narrow rule), composition notebooks, 3x5 index cards, Kleenex, 1/2", 1" or 1 1/2" 3-ring binders (floppy & firm), head phones or ear buds, scientific calculators, USB flash drives.*

All donations can be dropped off at SOTH during business hours. Monetary donations can be mailed to SOTH directly. (See address below) Please remember to indicate on the memo line **BACK TO SCHOOL.**

COMMUNITY MEAL & FOOD PANTRY



The community meal (open to everyone!) is served on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 5-6:30 pm, July/August/September and from 4-5:30 pm, November/December. The food pantry is open from 3-6:30 pm July through October and from 3-5:30 November and December. Both are located in the basement of St Mary Catholic Church in Strawberry Point

2022 Dates:

- Wednesday, July 20
- Wednesday, August 17
- Wednesday, September 21
- Wednesday, October 20 no meal -pantry open
- Wednesday, November 16
- Wednesday, December 21

The food pantry is also available by appointment by calling any of the following:



- St. Mary Office (563-933-6166)**
- Delaine Gruman (563-920-2753)**

Sponsored by these local churches:

Emanuel Lutheran, St. Sebald Lutheran, Mission in Christ Lutheran, Community Bible, United Methodist, and St. Mary Catholic churches

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, LITTLEPORT

ICE CREAM SOCIAL SUNDAY,

JULY 10, 1-4 PM

Drive thru for homemade Ice Cream and pie for freewill donation. Quarts available for sale.



Lois Pierce, July 8, 2022!
Help her celebrate her 95th birthday with a card shower.
Maple Crest Manor, 100 Bolger Dr. Fayette, IA 52142

God's work. Our hands.

As a social ministry organization of the ELCA, Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) is so thankful for your partnership in ministry! Thanks to you, we are able to provide education to parents of young children, empower Iowans with disabilities, and offer critical mental health care to community members of all ages. This month, we would like to give special thanks for those of you who have made LSI a focus on your congregation's "God's work. Our hands." project. On a planned day in September, each congregation is encouraged to reach outside of the church and do good deeds in the community by participating in a project for "God's work. Our hands." This is a perfect opportunity to combine community projects with a special project for nonprofits like LSI, whether it's raising money or contributing in-kind gifts.

Restoring Hope

Over the last year, LSI and its many community partners across Iowa have come together in a time of need. When hundreds of Afghan evacuees needed a place to call home in Iowa, LSI rose to the challenge to provide crucial resettlement services.

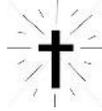
Supporters from across the state rallied together to provide financial support; they put together almost 600 welcome boxes so every individual had what they needed when they arrived; and they volunteered their time to provide assistance with transportation and housing during a distressing time.

In our offices in Des Moines and Sioux City, LSI was able to hire additional staff who speak 14 different languages. In December 2021, for the first time in 10 years, LSI began welcoming new arrivals to Iowa, and we have since welcomed more than 165 individuals – including many families – to their new home in Iowa. Thanks to the support of our partners, Iowa continues to be a space of welcome, a place where individuals can find safety, security, and a community where they can rebuild their lives.



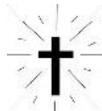
Serving in July at Hope

Acolytes Confirmation Students
 Ushers:
 July 3..... Jamie Burgin & Helen Rowell
 July 10..... Judy Koth, Janet Butikofer
 Annette Dahling
 July 17..... Parish Wide Joint Service
 July 24..... Judy Koth, Janet Butikofer
 Annette Dahling
 July 31..... Jamie Burgin & Helen Rowell
 Communion Assistant..... Richard Thurn
 Altar Comm.: Annette Dahling, & Lucille Hubbard
 Church Cleaning Lori & Morgan Fannon
 & Brenda Wiedner
 Special Offering LSI



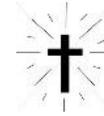
Serving in July at St. Sebald

Acolyte Usher
 Usher(s):
 July 3..... Bill Hunt
 July 10..... David & Kris Morarend
 July 17..... Parish Wide Joint Service
 July 24..... Tracy Kregel
 July 31..... Mark & Marilyn Zwanziger
 Reader(s):
 July 3..... Bill Hunt
 July 10..... Jessica Haynes
 July 17..... Parish Wide Joint Service
 July 24..... Tracy Kregel
 July 31..... Andy & Jennifer Otdoerfer
 Church Cleaning Week of:
 July 3..... David Otdoerfer
 July 10..... Andy & Jennifer Otdoerfer
 July 17..... Roger & Mary Knehans
 July 24..... Jessica Haynes
 July 31..... Mark & Marilyn Zwanziger



Serving in July at St. Paul

Acolyte
 Ushers John & Jan Moore



Serving in July at St. John

Acolyte..... Eldon Benz
 Usher..... Rodney & Tia Shaffer
 Altar Guild.: Brian & Becky Meisgeier
 Flower Chair Marcia Rueber
 Communion Asst. Tia Shaffer
 Readers:
 July 3..... Natalie Hamlett
 July 10..... Arlington Days
 July 17 Parish Wide Joint Service at St. Sebald
 July 24..... Josie Munger
 July 31 Tia Shaffer

Thank You

“St. Sebald thanks everyone who attended our parish wide campfire cookout. By the smiles and laughs from all who participated, I think everyone had a great time in fellowship and playing the games. Also, thanks to everyone who let us borrow their lawn games and the great food that was shared.”

Nancy Yelden

*Join your voices, hearts,
 and hands in praise and
 prayer!*



*Sunday, July 17, 2022, 10:30 am
 Joint Parish BLUEGRASS
 WORSHIP AT St. Sebald.*



Hope Birthdays

- July 2.....Steven Gull, Daniel Williams,
..... Tiffany Williams
- July 4..... Kenny Roys
- July 5..... Marilyn Stewart
- July 7..... Evelyn Nading, Devin Kuehl
- July 10..... Terry Groth, Jarrod Kim
- July 12..... Darlene Minger, Branch Clinton,
..... Mya Bockenstedt
- July 13..... Marvin Dahling, Debra Denklau,
..... Pastor Mark, Louis Rowell, Marilyn Voshell
- July 16..... Christa Ruegnitz, Ryan Frieden,
..... Matthew Aulwes, Zachary Ingles
- July 17..... Lynn Jaster, Jason Williams, Cody Kruger
- July 18..... Chad Dahling
- July 19..... Erica Groth
- July 22..... Lance Amsden, Ben Putz
- July 25..... Genevieve Meisner
- July 26..... Cory Ashline
- July 27..... Dustin Clinton
- July 31..... Brooke Pritchard

St. John Birthdays

- July 5..... Dennis Cordes
- July 7..... Henry Hamlett
- July 8..... Lois Pierce
- July 12..... Breck Breitsprecher, Alan Shaffer
- July 13..... Pastor Mark
- July 14..... Jett Seedorff
- July 19..... Robin Fliehler
- July 21..... Leland Smith
- July 23..... Kyle Andreae, Tyler Andreae, Rod Corbin
- July 25..... Julie Andreae
- July 26..... Carrie Thomas
- July 27..... Brian Meisgeier, Jake Munger
- July 28..... Gary ODell
- July 29..... Kari Herrig

St. Sebald & St. Paul Birthdays

- July 4Barb Brown
- July 5 Roderick Kamper, Lee Hilgerson
- July 6 Rylee Whittaker
- July 7 Kara Burrack
- July 9Lilly Shaw
- July 11..... Brandon Stannard
- July 13..... Pastor Mark, Bryan Druecker
- July 14..... Nicholas Neal
- July 15..... Nancy Yelden
- July 16..... Dee Coan
- July 17..... Briar Neal
- July 18 Luke Romig
- July 19..... Jacob Robinson
- July 20..... Jennifer Otdoerfer
- July 24..... Aleah Hunt
- July 28..... Ruth Kamper
- July 29..... Aiden Knipper
- July 31..... Kristy Hunt, Kristi Kenkel

St. John Anniversaries

- July 3Jeri & Debbie Watson
- July 11..... Craig & Sherri Seedorff
- July 13..... Casey & Tricia Wells
- July 18..... Bill & Jane Thompson
- July 21..... Cary & Kristina Wieland
- July 31..... Greg & Kathy Thode

Hope Anniversaries

- July 5 Doug & Liz Jaster
- July 20..... Dan & Cheryl Williams
- July 20..... Jared & Jody Groth

St. Paul Anniversaries

- July 26..... Paul & Jennifer Tilton

St. Sebald Anniversaries

- July 3 Tammy & Wes Trantham
- July 7 Don & Kimberly Buckley
- July 17 Bryan & Jennifer Druecker



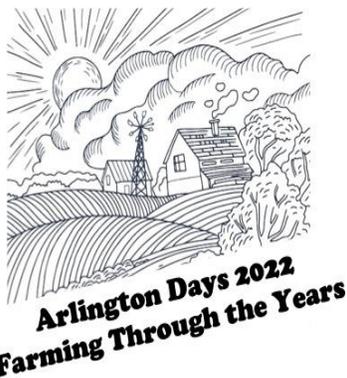
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**Join Us For Supper at the
Arlington Community Event Center
Friday, July 8, 2022 5:00-7:30 pm**

\$8 A Plate

- Maidrite or Hot Dog**
- Potato Salad or Chips**
- Baked Beans**
- Bars & Drink**



Fundraiser for St. John WELCA Sponsored by Thrivent



**ARLINGTON DAYS 2022
"FARMING THROUGH THE YEARS"**

**12TH ANNUAL QUILT SHOW
Arlington Fire Station
July 9 from 9-2 pm
Quilt Bed Turning – 11:15 am
Parade – 1:00 pm**

*Enjoy a meal with the Firemen and
watch the next Quilt Bed turning
at approximately 2 pm.*

