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*Joint Mission Statement: Saints united to be the body of Christ in the world,
freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly, and serve joyfully.*

Keeping in Touch, Sunday, April 25, 2021



A special welcome today to our three Confirmands: *Blake Bargender, Ashley Hollatz, and Corey Schilling*, and their families, sponsors, and friends.

A special THANK YOU! To Pastor Gail, the Sunday School teachers, and all those who have been part of nurturing these young people in their Christian Faith. May you be blessed and encouraged as you catch a peek at some of the fruit of your labor in Christ today.

Prayer Concerns

Greg Mueller—(Elgart's son, and Rick's younger brother) living with **Multiple System Atrophy**. His condition has been deteriorating. Please pray for the family.

Anna—(a 17 yr. old relative of Jeff Rieche's) suffering complications following brain surgery.

Ray & Wendy Chojnowski —(Wendy is Mark Bargender's sister) their home was a total loss following a fire.

Scott Baeseman—back home in Chicago, receiving cancer treatments.



Anyone interested in MOWING the cemetery please get a SEALED bid in to Terry Borchardt by MAY 1st. Thank you!



VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED to sign up for mowing the church and parsonage lawns. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Your help with this important summer ministry would be MUCH appreciated!

YOU ARE INVITED TO A HOUSEHOLD SHOWER for Wendy & Ray Chojnowski! This was the GREAT IDEA of our Women's Group, and Wendy has registered with TARGET, under a custom registry:

<https://www.target.com/gift-registry/giftgiver?registryId=cd8e300fd05f47939a10702e1ed94de8&type=GENERIC&occasionType=OTHER>

If you prefer to give a monetary donation, Bonnie Bargender will put it towards food with a IGA gift card. As you recall, all items in Wendy's kitchen need to be replaced.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated by the family, *thank you!*



St. John received a \$40.00 memorial grant from THRIVENT Financial in honor of *Harvey Willhite*, at the request of his family. *Thank you!*

SAVE THESE DATES!

June 4 & 11—**Brat Fries** at Cenex in Stratford

June 19—**Breakfast in the Park** (Oak Street, Edgar)

Attendance Record

April 18—Attendance: 35

Offering: \$745.00

Join us! Many hands make for light work & a lot of fun along the way!



Splashes of Joy!

Pastor Gail had the joy of baptizing *Iris Jolene Baeseman* at a small family gathering, outdoors at St. John on Saturday, April 17th. Iris was born to *Mitch & Cassie Baeseman* on October 8, 2020. She joins big sisters Ari and Hollis who were on hand to help with the ceremony. *Allisyn Lehman* was Iris' sponsor.

May Service Volunteers

Deacon: Mitch Mueller
Trustee: Shirley Rosien
Altar Guild: Jayne Tackes/ Vicky Finke
Offering Counters: Marion Werner/ Bev Umnus

May Birthdays &



- 4-Kaden Strasser
- 6-Tim Henrichs
Addyson Nowak
- 7-Genny Robers
- 8-Nancy Bonsall
Oliver Olmsted
- 9-Allen Mueller
- 10-Elowyn Swoboda
- 11-Rose Morse
- 13- Amanda Weiland
- 14-Lavone Runge
- 18-Sam Robers
- 19-Tammy Litterski
Tom Bauman
Jody Kirsch
- 21-Camden Heidmann
- 23-Judy Weber
Brady Donlin
- 25-Lorraine Martyn
- 26-Rick Mueller
- 27- Jennifer Olmsted
Pastor Gail
- 30-Naomi Sebold
- 31-Gary Weiland

May Wedding Anniversaries

- 5-Steve & Sue Robers—37 yrs.
- 7-Ryan & Sarah Tackes—10 yrs.
- 13-Shannon & Niaomi Treankler—21 yrs.
- 14-Dennis & Jody Kirsch—33 yrs.
Sam & Genny Robers—10 yrs.
- 16-Mitchell & Morgan Mueller —12yrs.
- 31-Dan & Shirley Rosien—24 yrs.



A Mother's Love

by Calvin M. Lake

A Mother's love, a mother's care,
A Mother's sigh, a mother's prayer,
A Mother's work, and mother's day
Leaves little time for any play.
A Godly Mother with Godly love,
Is treasure from God above.
A Godly Mother with Godly care,
Has God's help when she sighs a prayer.



Memorial Day is a time to remember,
To honor and show our respect,
for all men and women
who gave up their lives
For the country they fought to protect.

Although we cannot
picture all of their faces,
nor recognize each person's
name,

We give thanks today for
those brave U.S. soldiers,
when called by our country
they came.



**We have MUCH for which
to give thanks !**