St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

THE VISITOR



Evelyn Cook, Pre-K

Prairie du Sac, WI

July 2016

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our new intern, Michaelo (pronounced 'mi-ky-low') Abasori (pronounced 'aba-sor-e'), will arrive here on July 1st and will be installed on July 10th. He will make his home in the Sauk Prairie area for the next year. Michaelo has lived at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque as a resident student for the past two years and is a member of First Lutheran Church in Duluth, MN, where April Larson was the pastor. April is the daughter-in-law of Marilyn Larson. Here is the bio that Michaelo wrote for his internship application:

"My name is Michaelo Abasori. I was born in 1984 in Nekemte, Ethiopia. My parents own a small business and live in the same town. I have 7 siblings. We were brought up in a Christian family. My parents are Lutherans. They introduced us to Lutheran faith at an early age in our lives.

I went to College in Nekemte, Ethiopia, the same town where I grew up, and received my associate degree in marketing and accounting. After I finished college, I started working part time and helping my family. Singing and preaching has also been a part of my life.

Due to political problems, I was forced to leave Ethiopia and move to Nairobi, Kenya in 2008. I lived in Nairobi for about three

years and half as a refugee. While I was in Nairobi I served as preacher and worship leader in one of the Oromo Congregation and different congregations in Nairobi Kenya for those years. I was relocated to USA in 2012. When I came to USA, I started praying for God's guidance to know which way I may continue ministering. Through time and prayers I was connected to Pastor April and Pastor Judd in First Lutheran Church Duluth MN, where part of my family were a member of the Church. After I told them about my passion to serve the church, they welcomed me and connected me to Wartburg Seminary for further education. Through the Northeastern Minnesota Synod and candidacy process, I went to Wartburg seminary where I am a second year Mdiv student at this point.

I have been in ministry for a while and I enjoy preaching and encouraging people through their life journey. Helping people engaging the community and supporting my community is an important part of my life since my early age.

I also have a very strong desire to learn from others and grow for the future ministry. I am simple person to work with. I love working with brothers and Sisters in Christ."

Internship is a twelve month educational process in the ELCA where a student is paired with a congregation and a supervisor for the purpose of growing in ministry. Our internship committee, headed up by Nancy Passehl, will serve to support Michaelo in his learning. This means they will support him personally and professionally. Part of this support will come through their monthly meetings, conversations and scheduled evaluations.

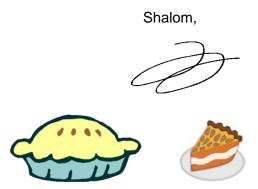
Throughout the year Michaelo will be given opportunities to preach, teach, visit, plan, organize and work at the tasks of being a pastor in the ELCA. Because he is not ordained, he will not wear a stole, the sign of ordination, nor will he baptize or preside over communion. As he is integrated into our programmatic and worship life, Pastor Sally and I will need to make room for Michaelo, as we did with Marlow, to do things that we have typically done. This will mean we will preach and teach less so Michealo can do these and other important tasks of a pastor.

As an intern site, our job is to be a 'teaching parish.' This means we are an extension of the seminary and a very important component in Michaelo's seminary education. More to the point, YOU are important to Michaelo's education and thus as you have opportunity to give him feedback, do so. Let him know where you have experienced his gifts, what he has done that has helped you and how his role as intern has been important to you. Likewise,

when you see things that might be improved or areas where you are confused about what he might have been intending, talk to him about them as well. Direct feedback is always best. While the committee and supervisor are there to guide and support, we are not be a supplier of third party comments. We have our specific roles and will provide direct feedback. I ask you to do the same. I can speak for both Pastor Sally and myself that our internship experiences had a huge impact on our learning. You will be Michaelo's greatest teachers in this coming year.

Michaelo will be joining this wonderful congregation soon. As he adjusts to a new home and we adjust to a new staff member, I ask that you all pray for Michaelo, for our staff and for our congregation as embark in this amazing ministry.

May we be the teaching congregation that I know we can be, may we be the supportive congregation that I know we are and may we be a blessing to Michaelo as he will be a blessing to us.



Installation of Michaelo Abasori

On July 10 we will install Michaelo Abasori as our intern. Come and join us as we welcome Michaelo into our midst and celebrate this new journey we have begun. We will also hold a pie reception in his honor after both services that day.

New Staff Member

We welcome Jake Degenhardt to St. John's staff as our new custodian. His start date was June 21. Jake and his wife Sally joined St. John's back in 2014, coming to us from Grace Lutheran in Dodgeville. We also celebrate with Linda Hines as she makes her transition from two jobs to one! Linda's new position is Office and Communications Coordinator. She will continue to use her considerable skills in our office as well as help us broaden our

communications to the congregation. We give thanks to God for both of these staff members as they move into their new positions.

We will have a service of installation for both Jake and Linda during our worship services on July 24th.

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits

The women's Lutheran World Relief congregational project for 2016 is personal care kits. We will collect metal nail clippers in June. You may place donated items in the appropriate plastic bin in the fellowship hall.

Parish Planning Council Members:

Executive Director	Mark Gilbertson	643-4395
Assistant Exec Director	Ken Carlson	644-9521
Secretary	Kathy Lovell	643-2075
Treasurer	Donna Nelson	643-4660
Evangelism Board	Gwen Ringelstetter	643-6922
Fellowship Board	Linda Lintl	370-7455
Lay Ministry Board	Ruth Lohr	225-8477
Member at Large	Jackie Frosch	963-7553
Member at Large-Youth	Ally Dunnum	644-0041
Parish Education Board	James Newman	512-7623
Properties Board	Roger Clason	576-0343
PR and Social Concerns	Kathi Risley	643-6892
Stewardship Board	Nancy Kaufman	963-0151
Women of/ELCA	Eunice Yanke	643-8289
Youth Board	Marvin Hupp	643-0653

The Staff:

<u>Pastors</u>: Fred Rilling fred@stjohnssaukprairie.org 644-1359 (h) Sally Williams on sabbatical

Intern, Michaelo Abasori michaelo@stjohnssaukprairie.org 370-7392

Office and Communications Coordinator: Linda Hines linda@stjohnssaukprairie.org 544-2409 (h)

Youth-Education: Abby Bennett abby@stjohnssaukprairie.org 370-7148(c)

<u>Director of Music</u>: Connie Burton connie@stjohnssaukprairie.org 393-4291(c)

Custodian: Jake Degenhardt jake@stjohnssaukprairie.org

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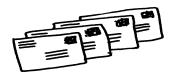


Food Pantry Sunday is July 10th. Food, paper products and cleaning supplies may be brought to the table in the gathering area. These items are distributed to many families in the Sauk Prairie community. The food pantry especially needs:

Soup Crackers
Mac and cheese Peanut butter
Tuna Jelly

Keep this list handy as you do your grocery shopping during the next few weeks.

Many parishioners find it easier to bring the items to the gathering area of the church at other times during the month. We appreciate the donations at any time.



Birthday Greetings

We hope you take a moment to send greetings to the following people who have birthdays in July. The day is in parentheses.

Yvonne Brewer (3) 101 Spruce St., #6 Sauk City, WI 53583

Erwin Musolf (26) 930 Prairie St., Apt. 104 Prairie du Sac, WI 53578 Mac McCluskey (9) 1230 Fairview Dr. Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

Dorothy Enge (29) Maplewood of Sauk Prairie 245 Sycamore Street Sauk City, WI 53583

Matthew 25:34-40

Women of the Church News

<u>Hannah Circle</u>: invited to picnic at Blue Spoon, July 20, 5pm <u>Lydia Circle</u>: invited to picnic at Blue Spoon, July 20, 5pm Martha Circle invited to picnic at Blue Spoon, July 20, 5pm



Mary Circle: invited to picnic at Blue Spoon, July 20, 5pm Ruth Circle: invited to picnic at Blue Spoon, July 20, 5pm Sarah Circle: invited to picnic at Blue Spoon, July 20, 5pm

31 women attended Circle meetings in June. The Bible Study, <u>The Heart of the Matter – Conflict, Forgiveness and Reconciliations</u> "Treasure in Clay Jars", was led by Diane Elsing, Mary Weeks, Eunice Yanke, Carolyn Gilbertson and Jeannine Robertson.

In July, we will not be having individual Circle meetings. Instead, we will have a combined Circle "picnic" at the Blue Spoon in the River Room on July 20th at 5:00 p.m. There we can have a picnic atmosphere with a wonderful view of the Wisconsin River and we can enjoy good food that we won't have to prepare ourselves.... and also enjoy the company of our friends.

Marge Erlandson will lead the Bible Study which is a continuation of <u>The Heart of the Matter</u>. Session two being "Seeking God". Marge always makes our studies very clear and interesting and we very much appreciate her talents. Our president, Eunice Yanke, has arranged for a guest, Larry Johnson, to sing for us. The GOOD food, GOOD study, GOOD friends and GOOD entertainment should make for a VERY GOOD evening....so do not miss it! Please plan to attend and bring a guest!

Most Circles will not have regular meetings in August. Each Circle has decided to "do their own thing". We will resume our regular Circle meetings again in September. During July and August we will need to be thinking about and shopping for our various kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Lydia Circle will visit Special Friends in June and July. Ruth Circle will visit them in August and September. This is a correction from what was printed in the June <u>Visitor</u>. Sorry for that mistake!

There will be a synod-wide women's event on September 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Good Shepherd West Church (Verona). We will have more information about that in August.

Remember to look in this <u>Visitor</u> for A Prayer for Peace to be read on July 20th.



Women's Book Club

Book club will meet on Tuesday, July 26 at 10am in the church library or 6:30pm at the Blue Spoon. We will be reading "World's Strongest Librarian" by Josh Hanagame. A copy is in the church library and you can find it in the greater library system as well. If you are interested in reading ahead, the summer schedule is as follows:

August 30 – Art of Arranging Flowers by Lynne Branard September 27 – Wearing God by Lauren F. Winner



We invite you to pray for peace on the 20th day of each month. On July 20, please repeat the following prayer:

O Lord,

You are the light that guides my feet.
You are the map that gives me direction.
You are the peace that makes me strong.
You are the leader whom I faithfully follow.

May your light illuminate my life And your guidance bring direction. May I find inspiration in your word And peace in my heart as I follow you.

Amen.

Combined Circle Picnic at the Blue Spoon Restaurant, Prairie du Sac, July 20, 5:00 p.m.



New Address for the Carrels family

Our past intern, Marlow Carrels, has moved to Dubuque, lowa to complete his final year at Wartburg Seminary. If you would like to send a note or card of encouragement to the family, you can reach Marlow, Nikki and Sammie Jean at 425 ½ Bluff Street, Dubuque, IA 52001. We wish them well!



St. John's reports many of the names of our hospitalized and recently discharged members in the monthly newsletter. We include only those who have given us permission to print their names. You may send cards or telephone them and pray for their improved health.

Hospitalized/Recently Discharged

Lydia and Eleanor Muehrer Leslie and Allie Lochner



With Sincere Sympathy

We offer our condolences to the following families this month: Teresa and Brent Douglas and family on the death of Teresa's brother, Tom Gruber.

Bob and Marlene Wilson on the death of Bob's aunt, Evelyn Anderson.

Special Anniversary Offering

In honor of St. John's 125th anniversary, we have collected \$1,355.00 through special offerings. Half of the offerings will be given to the Fruehling Family Foundation Scholarships at Wartburg Seminary. These funds will used to help students at Wartburg cover the cost of seminary. The other half will be giving to the synod to help promote the growth and vitality of congregations. We thank you for your kind generosity!

Anniversary Timeline

Our anniversary timeline will remain on the fellowship wall for a while. You are invited to continue to add pictures to it in the coming weeks. All pictures/items will be returned once we take it down. Look for some new photos taken on the anniversary day.



We conferred the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on two young members of our congregation this past month. Please keep them in your prayers so they may grow in faith as they grow in stature.

Cataleya Jo Lane was baptized on June 12. She is the daughter of Brad and Sara Lane. Cataleya was born March 11, 2016 and her sponsors are Phil and Lindsey Edman and Ryan and Brooke Denu. Her congregational sponsor is Andrea Chao.

Eralyn Gretchen Greene was baptized on June 19. She is the daughter of Ben and Taya Greene. Eralyn was born November 5, 2015 and her sponsors are Ryan Thompson and Casey Thompson. Jeff Williams is her congregational sponsor.



Outreach Ministry

We are looking for a few more volunteers to help deliver communion to our homebound members. It is easy and fun to do! It is a great chance to build new friendships while showing others Christ's love and caring. All you need is one of our communion kits, which contains the wafers, cups and wine, and about 30 minutes of

time. If you are interested please contact Deb Westphal at 544-4022 or Pastor Fred at 643-2439.







Happy July Birthday!

Our Youngest:

Claire Ryan (1) Briggs Ludowitz (4)
Pria Steinmetz (17 Teddy Ederer (20)
Marryn Osgood (24) Avery Jorgenson (31)

Our Sunday School Students:

Jaret Buckles (1) Jaxson Dunn (1) Brianna Kurt (1) Jaelyn Sorg (2) Ethan Anderson (4) Isabelle Kolnik (6) Emma Kinnamon (7) Madyn Ludowitz (6) Emelynn Miller (9) Chloe Wernsing (12) Aubrey Ellerman (13) Linea Keiser (13) Eleri Fester (16) Brock Esser (14) Kennedy Colby (18) Anna Francour (16) Lillyann Nurkala (18) Anna Bruckert (19) Aubrey Anderson (23) Will Sandberg (24) Evan Louis (25) Dylan Sawyer (25) Bailey Prellwitz (28) Lillyan Deegan (29) Mylee Schultz (30) Jace Schultz (30)

Our Youth:

Paige Beattie (6) Madison Marshall (8)
Sarah Peterson (8) Sydney Peterson (8)
Colby Elsing (12) Jacob Guentherman (12)
Katelyn Ederer (16) Emmalyn Carlson (19)
Kaitlyn Kruchten (20) Chad Keller (25)
Josh Schweitzer (27) Jordan Chao (28)

College and Career-age Young People:

Paige Pistono (1)
Bianca Paque (8)
Samuel Paque (15)
Jennifer Anderson (23)
Kali Schroeder (26)
Kayla Renz (4)
Ben Schreiber (11)
AJ Neumann (20)
Katie Spurgeon (23)
Levi Rasque (31)

Serving in July

<u>Ushers</u> : July 3 July 10	8:00 a.m. Jim Sauer Betty Sauer Dale Haroldson Jim Sauer Betty Sauer Dale Haroldson	9:30 a.m. Dave Lohr Ruth Lohr John Mast Dave Lohr Ruth Lohr John Mast
July 17	Michael Endres Jim Sauer Betty Sauer Dale Haroldson Ava Roach	Tarren Nimmow Dave Lohr Ruth Lohr John Mast Tarren Nimmow
July 24 July 31	Jim Sauer Betty Sauer Dale Haroldson Michael Endres Jim Sauer Betty Sauer Dale Haroldson Alex Kinnamon	Dave Lohr Ruth Lohr John Mast Emily Caflisch Dave Lohr Ruth Lohr John Mast
Acolytes: July 3	8:00 a.m. Carley Frosch	9:30 a.m. Summer Acker
July 10 July 17	Samantha Johnson Cayden Wernsing Anna Ballweg Max Sailor	Cayden Wernsing Aimee Maasch Lillian Jones
July 24	Lauren Wideen	Lillian Jones
July 31	Megan Small	Max Sailor Drew Marshall
Readers:	8:00 a.m.	<u>9:30 a.m.</u>
July 3 July 10 July 17 July 24	Malea Niesen Crystal Lautenbach Kathi Risley	Aaron Braund Tony DeGiovanni

Marilyn	Straub
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Cantors:	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>9:30 a.m.</u>
July 3	Bill Burton	Connie Burton
July 10	Melani Wheeler	Jordan/Megan Small
July 17	Karley Blau	Doris Lohr
July 24	Chris Stephan	Dennis Fisher
July 31	Marv/Janelle Hupp	Deb Lohr-Foster

<u>stants</u> : <u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>9:30 a.m.</u>
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Dan Baun	Dale Clason
Marilyn Herschleb	Gerry Westphal
Roxanne Small	Dale Clason
Roger Clason	Deb Westphal
	youth Dan Baun Marilyn Herschleb Roxanne Small

Assisting Ministers :	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>9:30 a.m.</u>
July 3	Jordan Small	Jordan Small
July 10	Bob Wilson	Bob Wilson
July 17	Kathi Risley	Kathi Risley
July 24	Donna Knickmeyer	Donna Knickmeyer
July 31	Bey Clason	Bev Clason

Communion 5	et up/clean up 8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
July 3	Jayne Carlson	Sue Ann Schwanke
July 10	Ainsley Apel	Jacob Schweitzer
July 17	Bonnie Kehl	Gwen Ringelstetter
July 24	Rich/Jane Calenzo	Deb Westphal
July 31	Joe/Alice Chenoweth	Dorothy Halverson

Nursery Staff:	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
July 3	Leanna Niesen	
	Summer Acker	
July 10	Ashley Pape	Scott Graves
	Alia Schlimgen	Ella Schad
July 17	Molly Ballweg	Ella Schad
	Grace Fauerbach	Aimee Maasch
July 24	Chris Kepler	Lauren Wideen
		Leanna Niesen
July 31	Drew Marshall	Gavin Tompkin
•	Ava Roach	Emily Caflisch

Coffee Set-Up/Clean-Up: 7:30 a.m.

July 3 July 10 July 17 July 24	Char Kepler Chris Kepler Linda Yanke Samantha Johnson	
July 31	Alex and Emma Kinn	amon
Greeters:	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
July 3 (Sanctuary)	Donna Knickmeyer	Bob/Dede Egan
(Front doors)	Bob/Josie Fentress	Ed/Ginny Nimmow
(Side doors)	Jeannine Robertson	Lee Ann Goelz
July 10 (Sanctuary)	Roger Maynard	Denny/Bonnie Dederich
(Front doors)	Monte/Lynette Wick	Wolfgang/Diane Reich
(Side doors)	Fay Rentmeester	Dave/Dale Clason
July 17 (Sanctuary)	Molly Ballweg	Tarren Nimmow
(Front doors)	Grace Fauerbach	Molly Ballweg
(Side doors)	Aimee Maasch	Ella Schad
July 24 (Sanctuary)	Sylvia/Claire Richard	son David/Lois Kaul
(Front doors)	Arletta Wachter	Audrey Kuntsman
July 31 (Sanctuary) (Front doors)		John/Ellen Mast Tom/Cheryl Schneller Morma Newman Christina Leaf



Milestone Ministry Celebrations Anniversary Blessing!

This month we will celebrate Milestone Anniversaries on Sunday, July 17th at both services. We will lift up in prayer all marriages and relationships and have special recognition for those who have been married 20+ years! We hope you can join us!

Retirements and Job Transitions Blessing!

Did you recently retire from a job or perhaps will be retiring soon? Are you transitioning to a new job or new position? Are you looking for employment? Please join us on Sunday, August 7th for a special prayer and blessing as you journey into this new phase of life and all of the new adventures that come with it. We will offer the blessing at both worship services.



St. John's Web Page

Be sure to go online and look at our web page. See the changes at stjohnssaukprairie.org.

Summer Adult Education

On Wednesdays at 6pm we will gather to look at the upcoming Sunday gospel lesson. We will look at the context, the literary forms, some of the Greek words and how they can be interrupted differently, as well as simply looking at the text and seeing what strikes you as being interesting, challenging or confusing. We will begin on June 29 with Luke 9:51-62. The texts for July are all from Luke: July 6 (10:1-11), July 13 (10: 25-37), July 20 (10:38-42) and July 27 (11:1-13). Read the texts beforehand and come with questions. Our class on July 13 will begin after the Vespers service, at 6:30 p.m.

On Thursdays at 10am we will also have an opportunity to study scripture. Join us in St. John's library in July as we take four weeks and work our way through Philippians.



New Members to St. John's

On June 26, we received the following new members to our church. Please greet them warmly when you meet them and help them to know St. John's as a welcoming and caring community.

Lori Anderson Linda Michaels Tim McCauley Jake Kraus Ruth Tupper Aimee Maasch Jennifer Lohr Nancy McCauley Nicole Kraus Sara Jordan

Isabelle Skowronski Colette Skowronski

Sunday Evening Adult Bible Study

The Sunday Evening Adult Bible Study will meet again in September. Enjoy summer, thinking about your favorite Bible verses to discuss next fall.







Relay for Life

Relay for Life is an event that is held all over the country to raise money for research and other programs to aid in the recovery and support of patients and family members affected by cancer. St. John's has formed a team for Sauk Prairie's Relay for Life on August 5, 2016, 5pm-11:45 pm at Sauk Prairie High School's track and we hope you will join us. There are four ways to participate in Team St. John's:

- 1. Sign up to walk the track for an hour (or longer if you want). We need to have someone (or everyone!) from St. John's on the track throughout the entire event. You can sign up on the kiosk or on our team page at http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/?team_id=2039317&pg=team&fr_id=75105.
- 2. Make a financial donation. Donations can be given to the church office or in the offering plate on Sundays. Just be sure to note that it's for Relay for Life. Checks should be made out to St. John's. Donations can also be made online on our team page.
- 3. Sign up to pray during the event. Yes, we need prayer warriors just as much as we need walkers and donations! See the sign ups on the kiosk or contact Kathi Matthews-Risley at katmatris@gmail.com for more information.
- 4. Purchase a luminaria that will be lit during the event to honor and remember loved ones. These can also be purchased online on our team page or contact Kathi.

It is a fun event with lots of kids' activities, music and ceremonies throughout the night. We will have food, kids games, a bounce house, music and lots of time to spend with fellow community members all while fighting back against cancer.

We hope you will join us!

Jackie Frosch & Kathi Matthews-Risley Team Captains



Mobile Meals Volunteers

We thank the following volunteers from St. John's for their help and support of the Mobile Meals program here in Sauk Prairie. They delivered meals in June.

Janis Baun
Fay Rentmeester
Eunice Yanke
Norma Newman
Donna Hosking
Marsha Key
Rich Frey
Darlene Holl
Diane Elsing
Linda Theisen
Ginny Nimmow
Lee Ann Goelz
Kris Frey

AN UPDATE ON THE 3-R PROJECT

Last summer you may recall the Council proposed and the Congregation approved projects to replace the boiler supplying heat to the education wing and upgrade the roof over the same wing. Even though carpeting the sanctuary was included in the proposal, it is not included in this update because it does not relate to energy conservation. Regarding the issue of energy reduction, we now have data from Alliant Energy that allows us to make a comparison between the current heating season (mid-Oct 2015 thru mid-Apr 2016) to the same period a year earlier. Based on that data our energy usage decreased 42.3% (from 14,152 to 8,172 therms). To be clear not all of the reduction can be credited to our upgrade efforts, some was the result of warmer weather. By comparison, the cumulative degree day (see below) total was 18.2% less for the most recent mid-Oct to mid-Apr period than the same period in the

previous year (5,307 verses 6,539). Going forward, we should expect to see positive energy saving although it may not be the same percentages. Note, cost savings was not included here because of potential rate differences from one year to the next. However, the Treasurer reports we have seen significant saving since the upgrades were completed. In short our decision to upgrade the boiler and add insulation in the roof was a solid decision and well worth the effort.

Heating degree days are a measure of how much (in degrees), and for how long (in days), the outside air temperature was below a certain level.



School Kit Supplies

We are asking for your help in gathering supplies for our School Kits again this year. The kits are sent to Lutheran World Relief each fall. LWR asks that we do not use items with a U.S. flag, military symbols, camouflage or religious symbols on them. Each kit needs:

Four 70-sheet notebooks

One 30 cm. ruler (or one with inches and cms.)

One pencil sharpener

One blunt scissors

Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers

Five black or blue ballpoint pens

One box of 16 or 24 crayons

One 2 ½ inch eraser

Bring items to the church office. Watch for sales and have fun shopping!



Thank you for your recent gift given to your synod for the ELCA World Hunger appeal. Your generous support provides water and hygiene programs, and agriculture and animal husbandry for

communities in need in over 60 countries including the United States.

During this season of Pentecost when our churches are dressed in green, we are reminded that God supplies abundance and invites us to share with all in need. Thank you for responding in faith, walking with ELCA World Hunger companion churches and partners to address hunger and poverty. We truly do more together than we could do alone.

The Rev. Daniel Rift, Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

St. John's was able to send \$2,552.30 from our Sunday School Bake Sale and our Noisy Offering collection.