

St. John Norrona Newsletter

July/August 2026

Please have any reports or information to be included in the newsletter, submitted by the 24th of each month to stjohn.norrone@sasktel.net. Thank you.

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Scripture Lessons

July 5, 2026:

Zechariah 9:9-12	Psalms 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12, 2026:

Isaiah 55:10-13	Psalms 65:(1-8) 9-13
Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19, 2026:

Isaiah 44:6-8	Psalms 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26, 2026:

1 Kings 3:5-12	Psalms 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

August 2, 2026:

Isaiah 55:1-5	Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21

August 9, 2026:

1 Kings 19:9-18	Psalms 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33

August 16, 2026:

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	Psalms 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

August 23, 2026:

Isaiah 51:1-6	Psalms 138
Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20

August 30, 2026:

Jeremiah 15:15-21	Psalms 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28

120th Anniversary Celebration

The celebration of our 120th anniversary will be on July 5, 2026. Following the service, we will take a congregational picture on the steps of the church.

Then we will meet at the Lion's Park in town for a barbeque lunch, consisting of hamburgers and hotdogs, followed by a brief program.

There will be a free will offering to help with all the costs. In the event of inclement weather, we will gather in the church basement.

Thank you to Jan Schulz for making our 120th anniversary banner.

Worship Committee Report

Thank you to Brenda Small for leading the worship service on June 14 and Vicki Cornwell on June 21. Well done and greatly appreciated!

Service Leaders for the next couple months:

Please note communion Sunday changes in August

June 28 – Community Worship Service at the hall
10:30 am followed by lunch

July 5 - Pastor Rick & Bishop Ali - St. John's 120th Anniversary celebration communion service
9:30 am, followed by barbeque lunch 11:30 am at the Lions Park, brief program, and opening of the time capsule from 2006!

July 12 - Marvin Kelln – lay service

July 19 – Pastor Rick - communion service

July 26 - Barb Gwillim – lay service

Aug 2 - Orva Kelln – lay service

Aug 9 - Pastor Rick - communion service

Aug 16 - Linda Lanigan – lay service

Aug 23 – Pastor Rick - communion service

Aug 30 – Worship Team – lay service at Norrona

If you are interested in leading a lay service, please contact Brenda Small, Carol Schultz, or Pastor Rick. The next Worship Committee meeting is Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at 9:30 am at St. John. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Have a great summer!

Rhonda de Hoop

Worship Committee Secretary

St. John Norrona Church Council

- new front door for the church has been ordered but not in yet and unlikely to be installed by the 120th anniversary celebration
 - council is looking into possible grants available to help with costs to replace the church sign
 - basement lights will be upgraded to LED lights
 - council is looking into having the front steps of the church recovered
 - plans are underway for removing & replacing the steps on the north side of the parsonage
 - reminder that the pews in the balcony are available for a donation
 - some shingles blew off the church this spring but have been replaced by D&R Roofing
 - June & July mission is Strasbourg & District Fire Rescue
- Council will meet again on July 15, St. John, 9:30 am

To keep our church family updated, here is a snapshot of our finances. On February 1st, we accepted a budget of \$144,757.73 and in order to meet this budget we need a monthly income of \$12,063.14. To date we have only reached this threshold in February and April. As you can see from the financial statements, we are not meeting our monthly expenses. For the first five months of 2026 the shortfall is \$9,081.00. These income amounts include investment interest, parsonage rental and support from Norrona. In the first five months of this year we have only had a credit balance in March, the other 4 have all shown a shortfall. (Parsonage taxes were paid in full in April. This expense was not pro-rated, which caused a negative balance). God's peace to you as we continue to work and worship together.

St. John-Norrona Church Council

Worship Services at the Last Mountain Pioneer Home

Pastor Rick will be leading worship at the Last Mountain Pioneer Home on the following Wednesday Mornings from 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

- July 1st
- July 29th
- August 26th
- September 23rd
- October 21st
- November 18th
- December 16th

Norrona Lutheran Church **Financial Report - May 2026**

Norrona Revenue

*Regular Sunday Offering (envelopes, loose)	\$ 645.00
benevolence/missions (including CLWR),	\$ 105.00
Total Revenue	\$ 750.00

Norrona Expenses

Paid to St. John	
Offering donation	\$ 392.00
* Norrona Congregational Expenses (e.g. maintenance, insurance, utilities, worship & office supplies)	\$ 252.67
* Missions of the Church (e.g. Sask. Synod, CLWR, and other Norrona specific mission projects)	\$ 105.00
Total Expenses	\$ 750.00
Balance	\$ 0.00

St. John Lutheran Church **Monthly Financial Summary - May 2026**

Revenue

Total regular offering (includes for our church, CLWR, Benevolence, Kinaseo and pre-authorized monthly giving)	6,417.00
Total other revenue (e.g. rental property, donations, interest , etc.)	2,397.57
Total revenue	\$ 8,814.57

Expenses

Pastor Payroll (e.g. salary, benefits, EI, mileage, etc.)	5,972.61
Missions (e.g. Benevolence, Sask. Synod, etc.) Fundraising	1,350.00
Worship and services (e.g. Pulpit Supply, travel time, mileage, worship and office supplies, Organist, Secretary, Treasurer, Envelope, Secretary, etc.)	2,550.71
Church properties (e.g. power, telephone, natural gas, bank service charges, line of credit, insurance, church maintenance, etc.)	2,888.71
Total expenses	\$12,762.03
Net Loss	\$ 3,947.46

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