



JULY-AUGUST, 2026 PARISH NEWS

Forty Years Ago in 1986

By Pastor Dan

What was happening in the world when you were born? Have you ever bought one of those cards for a friend or relative on their birthday? Let me share what was happening in the world in 1986 – 40 years ago!

MAJOR EVENTS

- On January 28th the Space Shuttle Challenger explodes after liftoff.
- On April 26th Chernobyl Nuclear Power Station explodes and melts down.
- October 11th President Reagan and President Gorbachev open talks at Reykjavik.

TV & FILM

- September 8th the Oprah Winfrey show begins.
- Out of Africa wins the Oscar for Best Picture.
- Top Gun, Crocodile Dundee & Platoon are the top box office hits.

MUSIC

- The Phantom of the Opera premieres in London.
- Beastie Boys release “Licensed to Ill” – the first rap album to reach #1 on the Billboard charts.
- “Danger Zone” by Kenny Loggins, “Papa Don’t Preach” by Madonna, “Invisible Touch” by Genesis & “Take My Breath Away” by Berlin top the music charts.

SPORTS

- The New York Mets win the World Series.
- The Chicago Bears, led by Jim McMahon & coached by Mike Ditka, win Super Bowl XX.
- The Boston Celtics win the NBA title.
- The Montreal Canadiens, anchored by Patrick Roy, win the Stanley Cup.

IN CAÑON CITY

- August 24th the charter for St. John Lutheran Church is signed.

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It is hard to believe St. John has been around for 40 years; and looking at the original charter, we still have 3 of the original charter members: June Maw, Danny & Kathy Walker.

In celebration of this milestone, the council has decided to celebrate on Sunday August 23rd. We will have a special Divine Service celebrating how God has been with us, sustained us, and grown our congregation over these past 40 years. Then, after worship, we will have a potluck dinner. The Fellowship Committee will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks. The congregation is asked to bring sides and desserts.

Jesus promises us in Matthew 28, **“And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”** No doubt we can look back over the past 40 years and know that Jesus has kept His promise.

I hope to see you on August 23rd.

Your Fellow Servant in Christ,

Pastor Dan

Charter members: June Maw, Danny Walker, Kathy Walker





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In Our Prayers

Shut-Ins: Lucy Brown, Dale Kletke, June Maw

Sick and/or Recovering: Debbie Ledbetter, Elaine Emery (Snyders' friend), Cody Atkinson, Zoey (Tangkawarow's family member), Mary Richardson, Pastor Dan Kletke, Don Kirkegaard (Bob's brother), Toni Davidson, Steve Tabb, Donna Heldt, Bonnie Yeatts (George's sister-in-law), Jeff Snyder, Sharon Martinson, Sue Poehlein, Dave Schouweiler.

Prayer Chain: For prayer concerns please contact one of the following:

- Phone prayer chain: Mary Richardson, (719) 269-1426
- E-mail prayer chain: Sue Poehlein, cspoehlein@gmail.com

Service Members: Jake Langley (U.S. Navy), Jerrico Leason (U.S. Customs and Border Protection), April Collins (Albuquerque Police Dept., Dietrich Kletke (Hartsel Fire Dept.).

Missionaries: JP & Aimee Cima - missionaries in Cambodia that St. John has adopted.

Special Prayers: Please talk to the Pastor prior to the Sunday service for special prayers



The first table approaches the altar for Holy Communion on May 24, 2026.



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WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, 5/31 – 81
Sunday, 6/7 – 113
Sunday, 6/14 – 87
Sunday, 6/21 – 86
Sunday, 6/28 – 94

SNAPSHOTS AROUND ST. JOHN:

Please e-mail Gail K. your church and member activity photos for our newsletters to Attention: Gail at office@stjohncanoncity.org,



We appreciate our gardener, Sue Tangkawarew.

ROYAL GORGE QUILT COUNCIL will meet at St. John at 9:00 a.m. on the second Saturday every month. If you have any questions, please contact St. John member, Dawn Atkinson, at (505) 377-4776, or jhn.atkinson@gmail.com.

ALUMINUM TAB COLLECTION - Collecting aluminum tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Colorado Springs has been a special little project for a couple of years. We have exceeded my expectations in the interest and participation to help the House with their expenses due to the money they get when they turn them in for recycling.



Thanks to all of you for bringing in your tabs to the basket in the Narthex. However, I have decided to discontinue collecting the tabs. Next time I have a drive to the Springs, I will deliver the amount of tabs collected in my possession. The last Sunday in July is when I will pick up the basket. Again, **THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND THE INTEREST IN THIS WORTHY CAUSE.** God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Your Sister in Christ,
Susan Smiley



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Thank you to our church family at St. John for all the prayers and concerns following my accidental fall resulting in a fracture. Thanks to our heavenly Father's richest blessings, I received wonderful care while in the hospital and am home receiving home health for my recovery. Chuck and I are so grateful to be a part of the St. John fellowship.

Love in Christ, Sue P.



Thank you everyone for the enthusiastic response to the **Red Sock Dime Mission project**. It is time to start thinking about the recipient of your donation. Please share your ideas with Toni Davidson or me. It would be great if you would provide a website or other information about the proposed recipient.

LWML meetings will resume in August. The first meeting for the season will be Saturday, August 15th at 9:00am. We will meet at my home, 448 Greenhorn Drive. This will be the planning meeting for events and mission project focus thru December. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend.

The **Fall Rally** will be held at Faith Lutheran Church in Falcon, CO. The date will be either September 19 or October 10. I will share more details as I receive them.

Blessings to All
Angela Bellantoni



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St. John 2026 Confirmation was on June 7th

Congratulations to our five confirmands: Leif Booth, Avery Harms, Dakota Hamilton, Morgan Hamilton, & Natalie Urban. Well Done and God bless you!



Leif Booth



Avery Harms



Dakota Hamilton



Morgan Hamilton



Natalie Urban



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The Confirmation Address



The group with Pastor Dan





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Each of them received quilts from St. John Quilters



The Celebration Cake





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The Confirmands with the cake



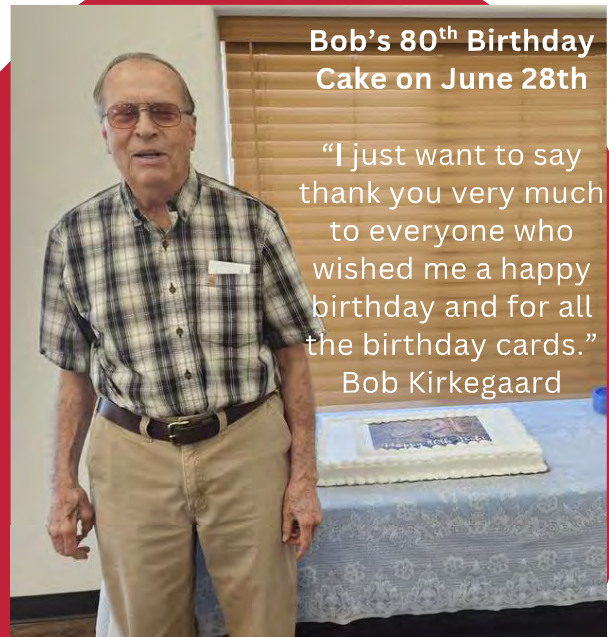


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Snapshots Around St. John



Pastor Dan preaching on Pentecost Sunday: "God pours out His Holy Spirit."



About 34 people attended adult class on Luther's Catechism on June 14th.



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St. John Quilters

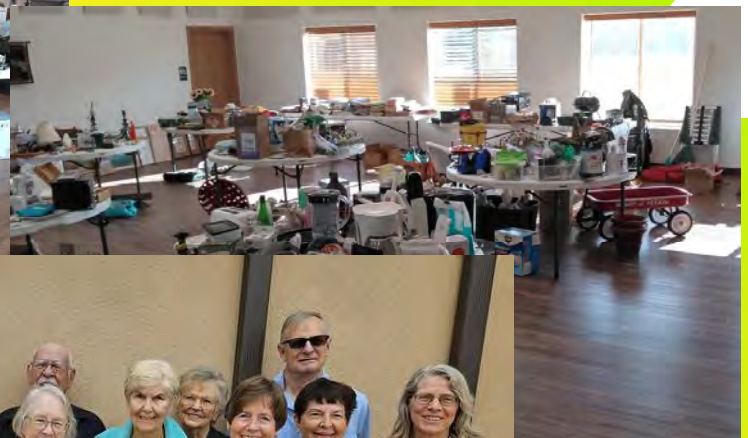
The St John quilters had a busy fall, winter and spring. We made ten Baptism quilts, five Confirmation quilts, a quilt for Pastor and a quilt that was donated to the Cañon City Public Library. The library has an annual auction to raise funds for their summer reading program. I would like to thank Dawn Atkinson, Donna Heldt, Sue Poehlein, Mary Richardson, Susan Smiley, Arlene Stolp and June VerSluys (a member of Shephard of the Hills) for their help and dedication. I would also like to thank anyone who donated any supplies. We don't meet in the summer, but will start again in the fall. We have plenty of fabric and sheets (used for backing) but need more helpers. You don't have to know how to sew to help. If you have any questions please contact me, Sue Willard, at 231-714-1562.





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Snapshots from the 2026 Garage Sale



Most of the volunteers: Chuck P., Kathy W., Sharon S., Sue W., Ken & Diane L., Judith C., Sandi Y., Richard M., Sue T., Gail K.



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Vacation Bible School - Registration and Opening Day





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Vacation Bible School - Crafts and Games





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Vacation Bible School - Music and Bible Stories





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Vacation Bible School - Snacktime & Group Photo





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St. John Trail Mix



Dawn A. and Gail K. hiked Tunnel Drive Trail on May 23, 2026



Gail K. and Sharon S. hiked to the Point Alta Vista scenic overlook at Royal Gorge on May 30, 2026.





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St. John Trail Mix



Katherine D.
and Gail K.
hiked Salida
River Trail on
June 6, 2026.



Dawn A., Amanda A., & Gail K. hiked Chipeta's Way Loop at Red Canyon Park on June 27, 2026.



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St. John To-Do List

Ways to be involved at St. John Lutheran Church

Acolyte - Altar candle duty for boys and girls at worship services.
Adult Bible Class - Sunday mornings at 10:30am after our time of fellowship.
Adult Choir - Join your voice with others on special festivals.
Altar Guild - Prepare vestments, candles, banners, etc. for worship.
Audio-Visual - Operate the slides and video production during worship service.
Bulletin Help - Print worship bulletins a few times per year as needed.
Car Show - Annual fundraiser on the church grounds that needs many helpers.
Christmas Program - Help or take a part in the Sunday School program.
Church Council - Serve on a church board, or as church president, etc.
Communications - Publish events on the Website, newsletter, and Facebook.
Confirmation Class - Teens meet with Pastor for Christian instruction.
Door Keeper - Open the door and welcome people arriving at church.
Driver - Provide transportation for those who cannot drive to church.
Elders - Men who assist the Pastor with the spiritual life of the congregation.
Evangelism - Carry out evangelism programs in the church and community.
Fellowship - Serve refreshments after worship, and assist with special events.
Garage Sale - Annual fundraiser at St. John that needs many helpers.
Gardener - Keep the flower beds in neat and weed-free condition.
Greeter - Welcome and offer Sunday bulletin and visitor packet to worshippers.
LWML - Women's Auxiliary of the LCMS supports LCMS missions.
Men's Breakfast - Men of St. John have breakfast about twice a month.
Missions - Direct monetary resources for LCMS missionaries and missions.
Nursery - Volunteers assist parents who need help in the nursery.
Prayer Chain - Receive notice of prayer requests and pray for those in need.
Quilters - Construct quilts almost weekly for charities and individuals.
Readers - Read assigned Scripture passages at the lectern during services.
Shut-In Visitation - Spend time with members who cannot attend church.
Sunday School - Classes for kids at 10:30am after worship and refreshments.
Teach - Help children learn about their Savior, Preschool through High School.
Tidy the Pews - Pick up trash and re-rack service books after worship services.
Trail Mix - Hike on local and other Colorado trails with members and friends.
Trustees - Oversee maintenance, repair, cleaning of buildings and grounds.
Ushers - Assist people with special needs, direct worshipers for Holy Communion.
Vacation Bible School - A children's short-term summer educational activity.
Wednesday Bible Class - Study at 10:00am Wednesdays with Pastor Dan.
Youth Group - Our youth discuss their faith as it applies to life's challenges.



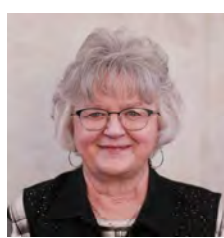
St. John July Birthdays



July 2 - Bob Kirkegaard



July 7 - Jerrico Leason



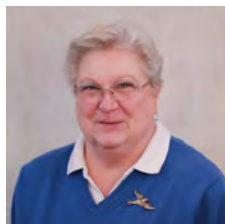
July 7 - Sharleen Vargas



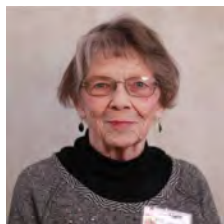
July 10 - Sean Kane



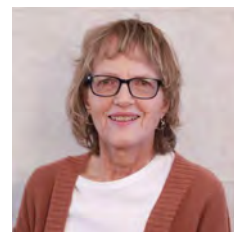
July 10 - Sharon Snyder



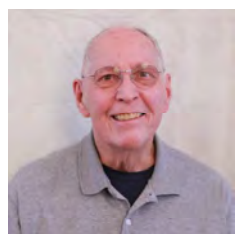
July 10 - Deb Taft



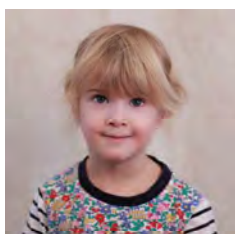
July 13 - Mary Richardson



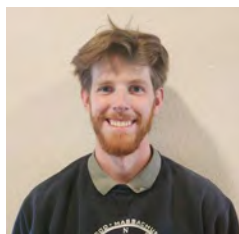
July 16 - Julie Barrett



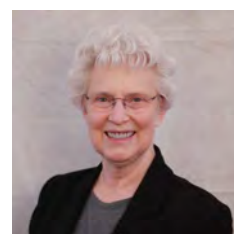
July 16 - George Yeatts



July 20 - Maddie Leason



July 24 - Michael Dacey



July 24 - Ann Eulert

St. John July Anniversaries



July 4 - Curtis & Ann Eulert



July 14 - Myron & Sharon Martinson

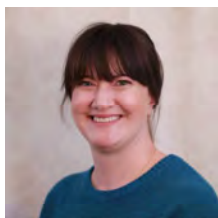


July 28 - Bill & Julie Barrett

St. John August Birthdays



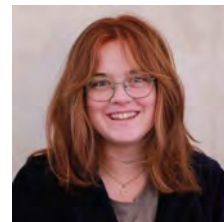
August 1 - Dave Lehmpuhl



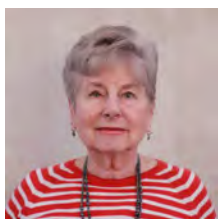
August 3 - Kerrie Leason



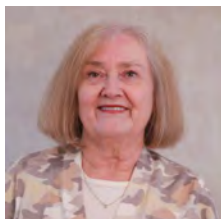
August 7 - Liv Booth



August 9 - Brianna Jones



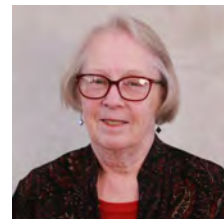
August 21 - Lynn Dreger



August 26 - Sharon
Martinson



August 29 - Curtis Eulert



August 30 - Sue Willard

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August 4 - Brandon & Liv Booth



August 6 - Rod & Sue Willard



August 7 - Dan & Tricia Kletke



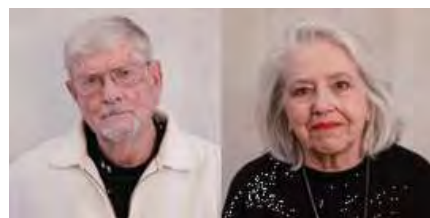
August 7 - George & Sandi Yeatts



August 9 - Bob & Gail Kirkegaard



August 12 - Lynn Wetters &
Angela Bellantoni



August 17 - Bob & Sherie
Huebner



August 28 - Ron & Sandy Smith



12th Annual Benefit Car Show

Saturday, September 19th, 2026

790 Greydene Ave., Cañon City, CO 719-275-0111

Display Cars Park on Grass
9:00am to 2:00pm

Food & Drink Available
One Free Lunch for Car Owners

Dash Plaques for Registered Cars
Registration / Donation -- \$20.00/Car
Optional additional donation of \$5/car for drawing
to have your car on the 2027 Dash Plaque

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____

All Makes and Models Welcome!

Vehicle Year: _____ **Make:** _____ **Model:** _____

Mail pre-registrations to Gene Foster / 809 S. 8th St. / Cañon City, CO / 81212

For more information call Gene Foster @ 719-315-2232

All Proceeds to benefit the St. John's Youth & Missions

Spectators Free: Come One – Come All



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Items For Sale

2001 Honda Rubicon 500 Utility Package (from Carolyn Westlund)

- Only 247 Hrs / 1,408 Miles - \$3,950 (Cashiers Check Only)

Questions: Please call or email Scott Westlund with any ATV Questions (Mobile: 253-381-1154 / Email: swestlund12@gmail.com)

Description: Near-new condition 2001 Honda FourTrax Foreman Rubicon 500 (4x4). This machine has been garage-kept, has zero sun fading, and has incredibly low original hours. Included Extras:

- Heavy-duty Snowplow kit (frame mounted)
- Pull-behind small utility yard trailer
- Handlebar-controlled winch
- Heavy-duty gear rack
- Brand New Battery

Condition: The machine looks brand new but has been sitting. It starts & runs up but needs a quick carburetor rebuild/clean to run smoothly. Tank is clean. Selling the complete work package together. Bring a trailer to load. Pictures and video of the machine running in June 2026 available on request.

Also from Carolyn Westlund:

2003 CMT 16 Foot used enclosed cargo trailer. Dual axle 6 feet wide, with standard rear double door opening. Has a side entrance door. Very good cosmetic condition. Tires replaced within the last 5 to 6 years. Price \$4,200.00. Cashier's check only.

For viewing, please call Carolyn Westlund
719 - 647 - 9068 home
719 - 281 - 7478 cell

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May marked the beginning of the Cambodia Lutheran Church's (CLC) second round of intentional visitation. Taking the cue from the Apostle Paul's journeys (cf. Acts 15:36) and Martin Luther's visitations in Saxony in the late 1520s, this involves traveling in-person to visit member churches of the CLC. Four years ago, the Cambodia Lutheran Church engaged in an initial round of visitation with a view to 1) building common identity as a Lutheran church body, 2) distributing resources provided by Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF), 3) teaching the faith, and 4) gathering data about each congregation. These visits yielded insights into the unique strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats of the CLC, resulting in the development of strategic priorities that would guide the CLC's programs over the following few years.

So why do the same project again? Praise God, the strategic priorities from 2022 have now been completed! New strategic priorities are thus needed to guide the actions and programs of the CLC over the coming years. Second, the CLC and its members have experienced growth and change over the past several years. A fresh round of visitation will document those changes by comparing data from 2022 to 2026. This helps the CLC understand what has improved and what hasn't, as well as identifying new opportunities and threats. Third, organizations thrive when they engage in an ongoing process of needs assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation. This mindset leads to intentionality in mission and stewardship of resources. The LCMS funds these rounds of visitation toward these goals for the sake of the Gospel.

Our visitation team's first visits included churches in the provinces of Prey Veng and Ratanakiri. We joined for Sunday worship at Phum Chong Jarai Lutheran Church, an ethnic Jarai congregation that celebrated the Lord's Supper for the very first time (pic a). We also distributed LHF resources at Light of Christ Lutheran Church (pic b), conducted surveys (pic c), and ate meals together (including lizard; pic d).

SQUARE TWO

The Cima Family Newsletter

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PRAISE: for a great start to the visitation process; for the opportunity to lead a seminar on a theology of worship; for Isaac and Bella's recent awards; for a good end to the school year; for an opportunity to serve in Singapore.
PRAYERS: for visitation program as it continues; for our family's travel to Germany and then the US, starting on June 10 and returning to Cambodia the first of August.

WANNA HELP US IMPACT THE PEOPLE OF CAMBODIA? Give here or mail a check to 1) P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166 (payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod), OR 2) 40718 Highway E-16, Mapleton, CO 81034 (payable to Mission Central). For ALL checks, in the memo line write "Cima family-Cambodia."

JULY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00 Bible Study	2 7:00 Men's Breakfast	3	4 <i><u>INDEPENDENCE DAY</u></i>
				PASTOR DAN AWAY		
5 6TH SUNDAY AFT. PENTECOST 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Adult Bible Class 11:30 Elders' Meeting	6	7	8 10:00 Bible Study	9 10:30 Funeral for Doris Cunningham	10	11 9:00 Royal Gorge Quilt Council
PASTOR DAN AWAY						
12 7TH SUNDAY AFT. PENTECOST 9:00 Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 10:30 Adult Bible Class 11:30 Council Meeting	13	14	15 10:00 Bible Study	16 7:00 Men's Breakfast	17	18
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PASTOR DAN ON VACATION						

AUGUST 2026

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PASTOR DAN AWAY						
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			SARAH AWAY			
23 13TH SUNDAY AFT. PENTECOST 9:00 Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 10:30 40 TH Anniversary Potluck <u>40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION</u>	24	25	26 10:00 Bible Study	27 7:00 Men's Breakfast	28	29
30 14TH SUNDAY AFT. PENTECOST 9:00 Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 10:30 Adult Bible Class	31	 ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH CANON CITY, COLORADO 790 Greydene Ave., Cañon City, CO, 81212 http://www.StJohnCanonCity.org 719-275-0111 UPCOMING EVENTS: Sept. 13 – Sunday School Begins Sept 14 – Confirmation Begins Sept 19 – 12th Annual Car Show Oct. 4 – LWML Sunday Oct. 14-16 – Fall Pastors' Conference Oct. 18 – Stewardship Sunday				