

CITY OF ST. CLAIR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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CodeRED is the Blue Earth County Community Emergency Notification System. With this system Blue Earth County has the ability to send customized emergency notifications directly to homes, businesses and mobile phone users by phone (landline or mobile), e-mail or text messaging. Notification information can also be sent out to those who follow Blue Earth County on social media via Twitter and Facebook. CodeRED sends critical notifications such as tornado warnings, missing child (Amber) alerts and evacuation notices.

... SIGN-UP TODAY ...

Register on-line by visiting the Blue Earth County website or by calling the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Dept. Emergency Management Office at (507) 304-4920



ST. JOHN EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ST. CLAIR

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

St. John's Lutheran Church of St. Clair invites its members past and present to attend its 150th Anniversary celebration on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd.

Mission Festival service at 9:30 am
Meal beginning at 11:30 am
150th Anniversary service at 3:00 pm

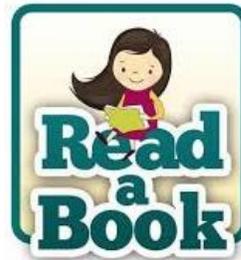
To attend the meal, RSVP by October 20th by e-mail at pastor@stjohnswels.com, by phoning the Church office at 507-245-3330 or on the Church Facebook page, indicate your name and the number of persons planning to attend.



BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
PAID TRAINING PROVIDED
Great Wages & Flexible Schedules!

Call: Anna Haack at 507-245-3417
E-mail: annah@palmerbusservice.com
Website: www.palmerbusservice.com



VISIT THE MINI-LIBRARY AT CITY HALL

Our Mini-Library offers a nice variety of books, including children's books. The St. Clair Mini-Library functions on the honor system ... stop by and pick up, drop off or exchange books!

SEPTEMBER

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDERS

from the National Safety Council

SLOW DOWN - BACK TO SCHOOL MEANS SHARING THE ROAD

SCHOOL DAYS BRING CONGESTION - School buses are picking up their charges, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school, harried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school.

IF YOU'RE DROPPING OFF or PICKING UP - The School has a specific drop-off procedure. For the safety of all the kids make sure you follow that procedure.

SHARING THE ROAD WITH YOUNG PEDESTRIANS

- Don't block the crosswalk when at a stop sign or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic
- Stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- Always stop for a school patrol officer holding up a stop sign
- Take extra care around the school and in all residential areas
- Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians

SHARING THE ROAD WITH SCHOOL BUSES

- If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.
- Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks

SHARING THE ROAD WITH BICYCLISTS – Remember, bikes can be hard to see. The most common cause of vehicle/bike collisions is a driver turning left in front of a bicyclist.

- When passing a bicyclist, proceed in the same direction slowly, and leave 3 feet between your car and the cyclist
- When turning left and a bicyclist is approaching in the opposite direction, wait for the rider to pass
- If you're turning right and a bicyclist is approaching from behind on the right, let the rider go through the intersection first, and always use your turn signals
- Watch for bike riders turning in front of you without looking or signaling; children especially have a tendency to do this
- Be extra vigilant in school zones and residential areas
- Watch for bikes coming from driveways or behind parked cars
- Check side mirrors before opening your door

By exercising a little extra care and caution, drivers and pedestrians can co-exist safely in school zones.



CENSUS DAY IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020

WHY IS THE CENSUS IMPORTANT? Once a decade, America comes together to count every resident in the United States, creating national awareness of the importance of the census and its valuable statistics. The decennial census was first taken in 1790, as mandated by the Constitution. It counts our population and households, providing the basis for reapportioning congressional seats, redistricting, and distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to support states, counties and communities' vital programs – impacting housing, education, transportation, employment, health care and public policy.

LEAVES & GRASS CLIPPINGS



Residents are asked not to rake leaves or mow grass clippings into the street, curb or gutter. Storm sewers are not designed to handle quantities of leaves, grass clippings and other yard debris. During a rainstorm, leaves, grass clippings and other yard debris can quickly plug storm drains and cause clogged pipes, back-ups and other problems.



The City of St. Clair does not maintain a compost facility. SMC offers composting services, a per-bag or per-load fee is charged. Finished compost and wood mulch are offered for sale. For current fees, please call SMC at 507-388-3122. The SMC Compost Site is located at 57032 ~ 231 Lane, Mankato (off of 3rd Avenue).

MATERIALS ACCEPTED: leaves, grass clippings, prunings, weeds, sod stripping, vines, limbs, branches and logs.

NOT ACCEPTED: animal waste, dirty stumps, plastic lawn edging, flower pots and plastic leaf bags.