

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran
Church & School**



Preacher: Pr. Matthew Johnson
Liturgist: Pr. Matthew Moss
Kantor: Dr. Crystal Rossow

Thanks to all who serve this week:

Altar Guild: Vivian Radintz, Lisa Kolander

Worship Assistants:
8:00 am: Dan Kolander
10:30 am: Ed Kemna

Acolytes:
8:00 am: Jenna Vogt & Isaac Vogt
10:30 am: Miranda Blanck & Mason Brastad

Ushers:
8:00 am: Myron Cooper, Sam Kulberg,
Al Mazurowski, Mark Radintz,
Dennis Schwecke
10:30 am: Dan Picotte,
Ernest Underwood

Money Counters:
Mike Desplinter, Paul Dolan,
Russ Reznecheck, Craig Schutte

The Holy Gospel: Luke 14:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 14th chapter.

C: [sung] Glory to You, O Lord

¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: [sung] Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: *Seek Where You May to Find a Way* LSB 557

Sermon: "Christian Love Is Free" (Proverbs 25:6-7; Ephesians 4:1-3; Luke 14:10-11)

The Nicene Creed page 174

Sunday School Teacher Installation

Prayer of the Church & Reception of New Members

Offering: Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness (Charles W. Ore)

Offertory page 176

The Service of the Sacrament of the Altar page 177-181

Please review our statements about who may commune, found at the top of the strip on the front page of this bulletin.

Distribution Hymn: *Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness* LSB 636

Distribution Hymn: *Jesus, Blessed Lord to Thee* LSB 632

Canticle: "Thank the Lord" page 181

Collect and Benediction page 183

Closing Hymn: *Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way* LSB 857

Postlude: Hyfrydol (Ralph Vaughn Williams)

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran
Church and School
(LCMS)**

Est. 1864



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† **Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity** †

September 23, 2018

Pre-Service Verse, Prayer, and Music for Personal Preparation and Reflection

Verse: Alleluia. I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Alleluia. (Ps. 116:1)

Prayer: O gracious and merciful Lord, You have preserved the simple and when I was brought low You saved me; therefore, return O my soul to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you, having delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, so that I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living for the sake of Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen (based on Psalm 116:5-9)

Prelude: Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne in C (Dieterich Buxtehude)

The Divine Service

Opening Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling **LSB 700**

Confession & Absolution **page 167**

Introit **Ps. 119:1-2, 5-6; antiphon: Ps. 119:137, 124**

Righteous are you, | O LORD,*
and right are your | just decrees.
Deal with your servant according to your | steadfast love,*
and teach me your | statutes.
Blessed are those whose way is | blameless,*
who walk in the law | of the LORD!
Blessed are those who keep his testi- | monies,*
who seek him with their | whole heart.
Oh that my ways may be | steadfast*
in keeping your | statutes!
Then I shall not be | put to shame,*
having my eyes fixed on all your com- | mandments.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
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Kyrie & Gloria in Excelsis **page 168**

Collect of the Day

Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Lesson: Proverbs 25:6-14

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king’s presence
or stand in the place of the great,
⁷for it is better to be told, “Come up here,”
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

What your eyes have seen

⁸ do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end,
when your neighbor puts you to shame?

⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
and do not reveal another’s secret,

¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
and your ill repute have no end.

¹¹A word fitly spoken
is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.

¹²Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold
is a wise reprover to a listening ear.

¹³Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest
is a faithful messenger to those who send him;
he refreshes the soul of his masters.

¹⁴Like clouds and wind without rain
is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gradual

Ps. 33:12, 6

Blessed is the nation whose God | is the LORD,*
the people whom he has chosen as his | heritage!
By the word of the LORD the heav- | ens were made,*
and by the breath of his mouth | all their host.

The Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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C: Thanks be to God

The Alleluia Verse

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- *Since the Lord’s Supper is testimony of our unity in the faith, the Sacrament is reserved for members in good standing of congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.*
- *Visitors from sister LCMS congregations who agree with our doctrine and practice should announce your desire to commune to a pastor before joining us at the Lord’s Table.*
- *Members may prepare by reading Luther’s “Questions & Answers for those who intend to go to the Sacrament” (LSB 329-330).*

Divine Service, Setting II

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SUNDAY SCHOOL: Every year in Sunday School during our normal class time (9:15-10:15); **TODAY** Pastor Johnson will present our 2nd grade students with a Bible.

Also **TODAY** Sunday Sept. 23rd, we will be installing our Sunday School teachers during both services. Any questions, please contact Tara Eder at tara.eder@gmail.com



NURSERY HELP NEEDED: Do you love little kids? Would you like to help parents grow in faith? To encourage parents with small children to attend Bible class, the Board of Parish Education needs YOUR help to offer childcare in the nursery on Sunday mornings from 9:20-10:20am. Please use this link <http://signup.com/go/jqONGfX> if you are interested in helping with this vital church ministry. We are

looking for great volunteers (18-100 years old)! Those 18 and younger may volunteer as long as one parent is also volunteering. Please consider volunteering a week or several, to help make this ministry possible at St. John's. Questions contact Amy Becker at amy.becker@stjlutheran.org or at 920-207-4143.

NURSERY CARE will be provided during the Education hour each Sunday from 9:20-10:20am. Adult volunteers will provide care for infants 6 months to 3 years of age. The nursery is located to the west of the sanctuary, just past the Auxiliary Room. We encourage you to leave your child in our care while you attend Bible study. Contact Amy Becker at amy.becker@stjlutheran.org or at 920-207-4143 if there are any other questions.



Youth Group

GET CONNECTED: We have many Youth Group events throughout the year and we want to make sure YOU know about them. Keep an eye on your email, the Church bulletin and the School newsletter for info on the events. Contact Jayme Kruse with questions on how to get connected jayme.kruse@gmail.com/612-807-6526.

YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY (grades 5-12): The STJL Youth Group program is geared towards 6th-12th graders; however, beginning this year, we have invited 5th graders to attend Youth Group Bible Study on Sunday mornings. This gives them an opportunity to start getting to know the other kids in Youth Group as well as take advantage of age-appropriate topics we discuss. Each Sunday, between services, 5th and 6th graders will meet in the Auxiliary Room and 7th-12th graders will meet in the Youth Group/ESP room downstairs. We have some great topics planned, you won't want to miss it!

~ UPCOMING EVENTS (6th-12th graders) ~

LCMS NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING INFO MEETING: TODAY Sunday, September 23 at 9:20am, Mrs. Dolan's classroom (end of the hall upstairs). Next summer (July 11-15, 2019) the LCMS Gathering will be held in Minneapolis and our Youth Group (Confirmads - 12th grade) is looking forward to attending! If your youth is considering attending the Gathering please attend the meeting or contact Jayme Kruse if you can't make it.

BABYSITTING FOR CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEETING: TODAY Sunday, September 23 from 12:00-3:00pm, St. Johns. Babysit the kiddos while adults go to the meeting. Lunch will be provided.

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort— Rick Bymark (wife Jackie, son Hank), Lynn Slauson, Pam Linton (daughter of LaVerne & Arlene Bagne), Katie Titler (daughter of Joe & Cilla Nadeau), Kristine Eversman, Bob Malwitz, Alvin Cook, and Diann Bates (mother of Toya Fish). Our Lord Jesus, who reached out to heal and comfort the sick and dying, continues to reach out with His healing Word through us. Cards, phone calls, and prayers are always appreciated. If you know of someone who is sick or hospitalized, please inform your pastors.

Our homebound members are Linda Bredenberg, Dorothy Cooper, Sue Erickson, Audrey Hansen, Marlys Johnson, Inez Koehler, Steve Orbin, Gerald Oswald, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, Betty Schmiede, and Ilene Shepherd.

All those serving in our Armed Forces— Agena Christophersen (Belgium), Nicholas Malikowski (California), Kevin Mazurowski (Idaho), Nathan Mazurowski (Texas), Brian and Veronica Pruhs (Hawaii), Joseph Radintz (home), Marty Schiltz (home), and Andrew Zupfer (home).

Those who have lost loved ones during the past year— Karen MacMillan & family (at the loss of her mother Yvonne Johnson), Scott Gehl & family (at the loss of his father William), the family of Alex Hansen, the family of William Dodds, the family of Caroline Lucht, and the family of Dorothy Schutte, Paul & Diane Radintz (at the loss of their son Bill), John Malikowski & family (at the loss of his mother Frances), Cindy Cook & family (at the loss of her sister Jackie), the family of William Cahlander, and Kathleen Cooper & family (at the loss of her father John Giguere).

And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones — the family of Ron Conley.

THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for Grace Lutheran Church, Brooklyn Park, and Pastor Vance Milbrath.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for our many Church Volunteers including Accounting Professionals, Funeral Workers, Fundraisers, Cleaners, and Those Who Serve at our worship services, and for our Fourth Grade Teacher Miriam Preus.

THE SERVICE OF INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION is available by individual appointment through the summer. Take advantage of this opportunity to hear God's Word of forgiveness spoken to you individually in Jesus' Name. "If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

† Announcements †

FROM THE PASTORS:

SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: 9/29- *The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels (Dan. 10:10-14; 12:1-3; Rev. 17:7-12; Matt. 18:1-11)*

TRINITY SEASON: – From ancient times the Church Year has had two halves: Festival Time (Advent - Pentecost) and Ordinary Time (Trinity Sunday - the Last Sunday of the Church Year). Our Historic Lectionary takes the Ordinary Time to group lessons together to teach on main topics related to the major festivals that occur during this half of the Church Year.

The Fruit of Faith- We have finished our series on Christian Faith and now our historic lectionary takes us through seven weeks that teach us about the fruit of faith in Christ, namely Christian Love: *Is Free (9/23), Loves Christ (9/30)*



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR MOSS: This Fall we will take up a different theological topic each week. In the wake of Luther's death theological controversies shook the Evangelical Lutheran Church down to its very foundation: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We will study these various controversial topics, see their connection to the Gospel, and learn how to speak clearly in accord with God's Holy Word.

This week: Is Human Will Free or Bound? (Free Will and Conversion)

Next week: How Exactly Does Faith Justify? (The Righteousness of Faith)

Video Recordings Available at: <http://tinyurl.com/lutheranbiblestudy>

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: We study the *Book of Proverbs*, meeting Tuesdays in the Auxiliary Room; we meet at **9:45 am**.

You can also watch live online using Facebook Live; just go to St. John's Facebook page. Join us as we reflect on Jesus Christ, the Wisdom from on High. All knowledge *begins* with the Fear of the Lord and many practical insights flow from that knowledge- the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.



This Week at St. John's Lutheran

TODAY	8:00 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	9:15 am:	Sunday School
	9:30 am:	Bible Study
	10:30 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	11:30 am:	Annual lunch served prior to Assembly Mtg
	12:00 pm:	Fall Congregational Assembly Meeting
MON:		
TUES:	9:45 am:	Adult Bible Study
WED:	6:00 pm:	PS Catechism
	7:00 pm:	Choir Practice
THUR:	10:30 am:	Memorial Service (Sanctuary)
FRI:	8:00 am:	Chapel ~ Tone Chimes
SAT:		
SUN:	8:00 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	9:15 am:	Sunday School
	9:30 am:	Bible Study
	10:30 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper

Those Serving Next Week, Sunday, September 30th:

Altar Guild:		Vivian Radintz and Lisa Kolander
Worship Assistants:	8:00 am:	Jerry Rogge
	10:30 am:	Jack Wold
Acolytes:	8:00 am:	Isaac Vogt & Jake Gangelhoff
	10:30 am:	Jordan Brustuen & Christian Burfeind
Ushers:	8:00 am:	Myron Cooper, Sam Kulberg, Al Mazurowski, Mark Radintz, Dennis Schwecke
	10:30 am:	Dan Picotte, Ernest Underwood
Money Counters:		Duane Abraham, Jon Bode, Scott Kulberg, Mark Radintz

**Please lock all doors before leaving this building.
If you unlock to enter, please lock as you leave!**

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION (Tom Eversman, Mike Gaffer):

Ways to Give ~~



In Person...

Place checks or cash in an offering envelope and drop it in the offering plate as it goes by.



Text... St. John's New "Text to Give" # 763-225-2689
Set up a one time or recurring donation by texting the amount you wish to give.



Giving App...

Download the 'GivePlus Church' app to set up one-time or recurring donations. You can also manage and view your giving from the convenience of your smartphone!



Online...

Visit www.stjlutheran.org to set up and manage your one-time and recurring gifts.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday, September 16th ~ 8:00 am: CT: 163 CM: 130
10:30 am: CT: 141 CM: 100



FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>Last Week</u> 09/16/18	<u>Year-to-date</u> since 07/01/18
Total General Fund Receipts-All Sources	\$ 21,499	\$ 332,975
Amount Needed	\$ 33,340	\$ 511,167
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ (11,841)	\$ (178,191)
% Ahead (-Behind)		-35%

Current Building Mortgage Balance (August 31) \$601,615

Important Notes:

Amount Needed above includes the prior years' cumulative deficit of \$131,500 at June 30, 2018, plus the pro-rated portion of the \$53,217 Congregation-approved deficit for the current budget year beginning July 1, 2018.

Please contact Board of Admin Deacons Mike Gaffer (mtgaff@comcast.net) or Tom Eversman (Theversman@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

CONGREGATION PRESIDENT / DEACON CHAIRMAN (Peter MacMillan, Greg Christopher):

CONSTITUTION & HANDBOOKS: Members of St. John's, At the request of the Constitution Committee, the Council of Deacons has decided to form a committee to study several issues addressed in a document developed by a legal firm associated with our Synod called "Protect Your Ministry". Our goal in this endeavor is to clarify proactively what we believe and teach at St. John's, thus avoiding possible future misunderstandings and or legal issues surrounding questions of sexual orientation and gender identity. This would involve updating handbooks and documents of both the church and school including the Constitution. Anyone interested in serving on this committee should please notify Greg Christopher or any one of the deacons. For more specific information please view this link on the LCMS website <https://www.lcms.org/resources/church-and-school-administration/legal-resources>, ... or contact Pastor Moss (pastor.moss@stjlutheran.org), or Phil Schutte (phil_schutte@hotmail.com).

CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY: The Fall Congregational Assembly meeting will be held **TODAY** Sunday, September 23rd. A lunch will be served beginning shortly after the end of the last service (lunch and babysitting will be provided by the St. John's Youth Group). The Congregational Assembly meeting will start as lunch winds down.



BOARD OF EDUCATION (Dave Huth, Stu Glock):

PT JOB OPPORTUNITY: ESP will be hiring at least three new assistants for the new school year. Responsibilities will include supervising children after school with homework and playtime. Availability Mon-Fri 2:15-5:30; flexible days & hrs. Please contact Julie Zemke for more information: 612-940-6065, julie@zemke.com



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Administrator Call Committee is starting up again and we need your help. If you have names of individuals we should be considering, or if you would like to join us to find the next Administrator for our School, please contact Brian Callahan, Committee Chair, for more information or to volunteer. 763-242-3837, Brian.callahan@centurylink.com.

BOARD OF TECHNOLOGY (Tom Gardner):

FROM THE CONGREGATION AT LARGE:

**BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP, EVANGELISM, WORSHIP,
and ALTAR CARE (Steve Kruse, Phil Schutte):**



ALTAR FLOWERS are in loving memory of Nathan, marking his 9th anniversary entering into heaven. ~ D.J., Nichole, Danny, Naomi & Diana Schilling.



CHOIR... has begun, but you can still join us on Wednesday evenings, 7-8. Come to the sanctuary, bring friends, and prepare to have a fun time and let the day's stress go. Choir is open to all adults, high schoolers, and those who've been confirmed.

BRASS ENSEMBLE will begin October 3rd, 6:15-6:55.

BABY ITEMS NEEDED: Our pro-life pregnancy centers, WomenSource and City Life Center, are in need of fall and winter baby clothes, sleep sacks, diapers, and wipes. Please put in the pack 'n play in the narthex. We will be collecting the month of October.



LWML SERVICE PROJECT: On Saturday, October 27th, our circuit churches are meeting at St. John's to quilt, sew, & tie blankets for pregnancy centers. Come anytime between 9am-3pm & bring your scissors & sewing machine. Fleece in 1½ yards is also needed. Lunch will be provided. RSVP to LeAnn Cummins 763-420-2317 or Gretchen Kliche 763-477-6136.

CROSS...FOOD NEEDS: Each month CROSS collects food items to be donated to the needy. Items desired from STJL during the month of **SEPTEMBER** are: Cereal and Shampoo/Conditioner. Thank you for helping when you can; your contributions placed in the narthex area are greatly appreciated.



LUTHERAN WITNESS: Our monthly subscription has **changed**...please note the magazine will no longer be mailed to individuals at their home address; St. John's will receive a monthly supply that will be made available in the narthex beginning in October.

**BOARD OF PROPERTY & GROUNDS (Kevin Pomeranke,
Dan Holthus):**

BUILDING NEEDS:

Roof replacement project ~ We have a comprehensive plan to replace the aging school roof over the next 7-10 yrs. The SE section of the building is in the worst shape, and we would like to replace that portion next summer; estimated cost \$60,000. If we do not proceed with this replacement schedule, the damage repair cost could be even greater. Funds are needed to start this project.

Carpet scrubber ~ One of the carpet scrubbers is broken; new purchase will cost \$2500.

Electrician needed ~ We are looking for a licensed electrician to do some work around the church and school. Let us know if you have these skills and would like a job. If we cannot find anyone from the congregation, we would appreciate any qualified electrician referrals.

Please consider these needs by making a special contribution to the St. John's Improvement Fund. As of August 31, the Improvement Fund was at \$3,178...a lower-than-normal amount due to repairs & maintenance projects completed during the last year.

FROM OTHER CONGREGATIONS:

GLORY OF CHRIST: Join us for a free Perspectives presentation by Dr. Saunder on Mental Health next Sunday, Sept. 30th from 12:30-3:30 pm. This is an opportunity to learn more about mental health & how as Christians we can be of proper assistance to those in need. Please see materials in the narthex for more information.

FROM THE SECRETARIES:

EACH QUARTER: FIVE COPIES OF LARGE PRINT PORTALS OF PRAYER will be available to share with those who need this magazine in larger print.

"LUTHERAN HOUR" this week on WCCO 830 AM at 6:00 a.m., WWJO 98.1 FM at 7:30 a.m., and KRWC AM Buffalo at 9:30 a.m.

SCHEDULING CHURCH AND SCHOOL EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S:

Please remember to check with the church/school secretary about scheduling any event; all church and school events need to be coordinated through this main calendar. Thank you! 763-420-2426 Julie A.: secretary@stjlutheran.org

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Items received by midnight Wednesday will be included in the Sunday bulletin. Kindly please submit your request timely to ensure your announcement gets published as needed. Ruth D.: secretary2@stjlutheran.org

**BIRTHDAYS THE WEEK OF
September 23 – September 29**

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
Isaac Kuehne Connor Matter	Tanya O'Hern Paighton Thompson
MONDAY	THURSDAY
Steven Briel Rev. Dalton Holovnia Barbara Kloetzke Curtis McDowell Ross Robinson	Kaitlyn Anderson Andrew Burns
TUESDAY	FRIDAY
Jason Priebe	Theresa Gaffer Mason Schmidt Olivia Skepper William Walters
	SATURDAY
	Jasmine Donaldson Kim Heinen Braxton Holovnia Edwin Kothrade

If you notice an update is needed, kindly advise the church secretary to make sure we have the correct information to publish.

perspectives:

Mental Health

Understanding and Caring for Persons Affected by Depression, Anxiety and other Mental Health Problems

Where? This FREE PRESENTATION will be at Glory of Christ Lutheran 4040 County Rd. 101 Plymouth, MN 55447. Church office: 763-478-6031 Website: www.gloryofchrist.org

When? Sunday September 30th, 2018 from 12:30pm-3:30pm. All materials provided. Light refreshments will be served. To learn more and to register please see the registration form below. Walk-ins welcome.

Why? One-in-five persons in any given year will experience a mental illness, causing distress to the person and to the person's family members, caregivers, loved ones and friends. The distress can be compounded and confounded by confusion, anxiety and guilt about what it means to have a mental illness. Simply put, many worry that mental illness is an indication that God no longer loves them. Churches therefore must arm themselves with rudimentary knowledge, an appropriate attitude, and interpersonal skills to help persons with mental illness and those that love them.

Who? Dr. Stephen Saunders is Professor of Psychology at Marquette University (Milwaukee WI) and author of the two volume book, "A Christian Understanding of Mental Illness" (Northwestern Publishing House). He is a longstanding member of Our Father's Lutheran Church in Greenfield WI and a speaker for Doxology. He has published over 100 articles and chapters on the treatment of mental illness, stigma associated with mental illness, and on the intersection between religious faith and mental health care.

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This Seminar is especially suited for:

- Those who seek more experiential events. It has

- Value to professional ministers and pastors regarding caring for mental illness.

What you will learn:

- Basic skills and strategies to help in a support and care situation by mental friends
- Finding context for the right professionals
- Practical relational skills as well as public, corporate strategies

It includes providing light refreshments onsite



DID YOU KNOW?
Each year 1 in 5 people will experience a mental illness!

► To learn more and to register, visit: GloryofChrist.org/events

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Light refreshments will be provided onsite.

About the Presentation in Detail: In the first part of this presentation, attendees will learn basic issues related to the prevalence of mental illness and its burden of distress and impairment to the person and loving others. Of particular focus will be the stigma against mental illness that persons and their loved ones will face, including the special distress that might be experienced by Christians who are assailed by the corrupt theology of glory. Attendees will be exposed to and encouraged to adopt an appropriate Christian attitude based on the theology of the cross. The second part will focus on the basic, learnable skills and strategies to use when trying to help individuals affected by mental illness. Both private, individual skills (e.g., starting a difficult conversation; listening skills; mental health first aid; finding competent mental health professionals to whom you feel comfortable referring) and public, corporate strategies (e.g., encouraging a proper attitude among others, prayers, bulletin inserts) will be reviewed.

Advance registration is recommended.

Registration Form

Perspectives

Sunday September 30th, 2018 from 12:30pm-3:30pm.

Name(s):

Phone:

Address:

Email:

Mail to Glory of Christ or you can register online at www.gloryofchrist.org/events

Directions to Glory of Christ Lutheran Church:

From the West: Take Hwy. 55 East to County Road 101 South (turn right) then go to the church entrance which is about 100 feet, turn left off 101.

From the East: Take Hwy. 55 West to County Road 101 South (turn left) then go to the church entrance which is about 100 feet, turn left off 101.

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