

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



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

Thanks to all who serve this week:

Altar Guild: Vivian Radintz, 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

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 22nd chapter.

C: [sung] Glory to You, O Lord

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴²saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴“The Lord said to my Lord,

Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet?”

⁴⁵If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” ⁴⁶And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day: *Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower* LSB 694

Sermon: “Christian Love Loves Christ’s Law & Gospel” (Matthew 22:34-46)

The Nicene Creed page 174

Prayer of the Church

Offering: Love in Christ Is Strong and Living (setting by Jim Vyhanek)

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

Distribution Hymn: *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name* LSB 549

Distribution Hymn: *Love in Christ Is Strong and Living* LSB 706

Canticle: “Thank the Lord” page 181

Collect and Benediction page 183

Closing Hymn: *Father, We Praise Thee* LSB 875

Postlude: May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill (setting by Stephen P. Folkemer)

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran
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(LCMS)**

Est. 1864



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† **Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity** †
September 30, 2018

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

Verse: Alleluia. Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! Alleluia. (Ps. 117:1)

Prayer: O Father, You have revealed Your love for us in Jesus Christy, Your Son. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may love You with our whole heart and our neighbor as ourselves. Amen.

Prelude: Prelude in G (Felix Mendelssohn)

The Divine Service

Opening Hymn: *May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill* **LSB 698**

Confession & Absolution **page 167**

Introit **Ps. 122:1, 6, 8-9; antiphon: Liturgical Text**

Give peace, O Lord, to those who | wait for you,*
 and let your prophets be proven | faithful.
 Hear the prayer of your | servants,*
 according to the blessing of Aaron upon your | people.

I was glad when they | said to me,*
“Let us go to the house | of the LORD!”

Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!*
May they be secure who | love you!

For my brothers and com- | panions’ sake*
I will say, “Peace be with- | in you!”

For the sake of the house of the | LORD our God,*
I will | seek your good.

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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 according to the blessing of Aaron upon your | people.

Kyrie & Gloria in Excelsis **page 168**

Collect of the Day

O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Anthem: O Send Thy Light Forth (Mily Balakirev, ed./arr. Charles Callahan)

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 10:12-21

¹²“And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? ¹⁴Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. ¹⁵Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. ¹⁶Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. ¹⁷For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. ¹⁸He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. ²⁰You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gradual

Ps. 122:1, 7

I was glad when they | said to me,*

“Let us go to the house | of the LORD!”

Peace be with- | in your walls*

and security within your | towers!

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

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).*

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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/lqONGfX> 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 6th grade (Mr. Peterman's) room upstairs. We have some great topics planned, you won't want to miss it!



† The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity † September 30, 2018

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, Diann Bates (mother of Toya Fish), Ilene Shepherd, and Jim Day. 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 (Germany), 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 Lutheran Church of the Triune God, Brooklyn Center, and Vacancy Pastor Richard Resch.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for Tech Board Deacon Tom Gardner & the Tech Board Members, and also for our Teachers Alicia Oldre (Fifth) and Linda Kalk (Educational Resource).

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: *no special feast days this week.*

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: *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: How Exactly Does Faith Justify? (The Righteousness of Faith)
Next week: "Good Works ARE necessary!" Wait, what?
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.



BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION (Tom Eversman, Mike Gaffer):

RECEPTIONIST POSITION: As approved in the Budget meeting in March of 2018, St. John's is looking to hire a part-time receptionist for the school year. If you are interested in the job description and applying, please contact the Church Office during normal business hours, or look on our website for that to be posted soon.

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
MON:		Photo Day
TUES:	9:45 am:	Adult Bible Study
WED:	6:00 pm:	PS Catechism
	6:15 pm:	Brass Practice
	7:00 pm:	Choir Practice
THUR:	7:00 pm:	Table Tennis
FRI:	8:00 am:	Chapel ~ 4 th Grade Sings
SAT:		St. John's 7-8 th Soccer Tournament
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, October 7th:

Altar Guild:		Julie Mazurowski and Brenna Koehler
Worship Assistants:	8:00 am:	Tom Eversman
	10:30 am:	Todd Haag
Acolytes:	8:00 am:	McKenzie Burke & Henry Bymark
	10:30 am:	Paige Dolan & Carson Dufault
Ushers:	8:00 am:	Joe Koehler, Philip Koehler, Dan Orbin, Mike Orbin, Jerry Rogge
	10:30 am:	Marvin Cummins, Tim Lodholz, Dean Noren, Wayne Schutte
Money Counters:		Scott Brockberg, Mike McFerrin, Courtney Oakland, Deb Weinand



**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. ***



***you can use the printed "I Give Electronically" cards as a visible sign of your stewardship during services...The supply is available upon entering service and will be returned to replenish for re-use after the money counting process.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday, September 23rd ~ 8:00 am: CT: 152 CM: 136
10:30 am: CT: 180 CM: 126



FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>Last Week</u> 09/23/18	<u>Year-to-date</u> since 07/01/18
Total General Fund Receipts-All Sources	\$ 21,569	\$ 354,802
Amount Needed	\$ 33,340	\$ 544,506
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ (11,771)	\$ (189,704)
% 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).

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.

FENCE PROJECT: In conjunction with the PTL fundraising efforts, we are in the process of considering bids for a chain link fence which would enclose the small playground area. Please let us know if any congregation member would like to bid on this project.

BOARD OF TECHNOLOGY (Tom Gardner):

FROM THE CONGREGATION AT LARGE:

BOARD OF EDUCATION (Dave Huth, Stu Glock):

PT ESP JOB OPPORTUNITY: Responsibilities will include supervising children after school with homework and playtime. Availability Mon-Fri 2:15-5:30; flexible days & hrs. Contact Julie Zemke: 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.

GALA: The annual Gala is approaching (Nov. 9th)...please see today's insert for more info.

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



ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Rich & Jenny Oakland in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary.



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 **THIS** Wednesday, 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 **OCTOBER** are: Rice and Toothbrushes. Thank you for helping when you can; your contributions placed in the narthex area are greatly appreciated.



LIFETOUCH PHOTO DIRECTORIES are here! If you participated in this year's Lifetouch Photo Directory sessions, you can pick up your directory out in the Narthex. For those who did not participate this time, there is a limited number available for purchase for \$5. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Reznecheck @ 763-477-4959.

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.

FROM OTHER CONGREGATIONS:

GLORY OF CHRIST: Join us for a free Perspectives presentation by Dr. Saunder on Mental Health **TODAY** 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.

LIFE IN CHRIST: Annual pork chop dinner, Thurs **Oct 4th** 4:30-7pm 763-497-3799

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR: Vine & Branches Conference, **Oct 6th** 9-3pm. *The cost for the conference & meal is free if you register by Oct 1st: 507-831-3522*

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 30 - October 6**

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
Heidi Brackeen Scott Kloetzke Pr. Matthew Moss Jennifer Swanson Roland Walti	Heaven Knutson
MONDAY	THURSDAY
Jason Christopher	Joshua Glock Nichole Schilling
TUESDAY	FRIDAY
Katie Borchering Emily Broberg Kelsey Latterell	Derek Howey Abel Orbin Grady Pollock
	SATURDAY
	Riley Gehl Richard Haver Emma Kanz Stephen Kruse Emily Weishaar

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

E-Giving at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



GIVE+ GIVING OPTIONS: St. John's offers three electronic giving options for convenient stewardship! **Online giving** has been in place for some time (formerly known as Simply Giving...re-branded as the Give+ electronic giving program of Vanco Payment Solutions),

The Mobile App and **Text**. As convenient alternatives to envelope offerings, all of these options are fast, more secure, and manageable for one-time or repetitive contributions, **and** you can direct your money to any of St. John's current giving funds! No longer do you have to carry cash or checks to make contributions – and, if you are unable to give in person while out ill, on vacation, or business, you can initiate a transaction anytime, anywhere! Additionally, when there are special giving opportunities, attending congregational social events, or responding to special appeals, your supplemental discreet gift can easily be submitted. **When you participate in electronic giving, you may still want to demonstrate your stewardship during services; so our offering plate cards (that read "I give electronically") are available to drop in the offering plate as it is circulated.**

In weeks to come, expect postings on Facebook and our website. While traditional envelope offerings are still an option, any donations made electronically provide accurate record posting, and do not require the tedious manual handling of the money counting process, or endure the physical environment of bank check processing. St. John's relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis; please consider setting up a recurring giving plan. By knowing what you are willing to commit financially, we are able to better plan for the future.

New members will be advised of our giving method options, and guests/non-members will have the ability to contribute anywhere, anytime and have a record of their donation. *You are encouraged to utilize any and all of the ways now available to you for giving to St. John's Lutheran Church.* Members will receive a statement at the end of the year that will reflect your total combined giving by fund distribution.

For detailed information on these options, check out the display in the narthex. Comments or questions: secretary2@stjlutheran.org



The Gala Committee is enthusiastically planning their **5th Annual Gala, "Give Thanks, Give Back"**. This event has had a direct impact on our Church and School.

This year's event goal is to ensure that the generosity of our donors and attendees will be used for tuition assistance and roof repairs of our Church and School.

Please consider the various opportunities of support:

- ✓ Attend the event!
- ✓ Donate an item or service for the live auction or silent auction.
- ✓ Make a monetary contribution.
- ✓ Invest in a Sponsored Table that will expose your Business (table sponsorship includes 10 tickets, a glass of wine for each Guest, Business name recognition in the event program, website, social media and table centerpiece - \$750 per table (\$425 tax-deductible portion).
- ✓ Invite Family, Friends, Co-Workers and Neighbors. Showcase St. John's Lutheran Church & School!

Thank you for your generosity! Donation deadline is October 21 to ensure proper acknowledgement in printed materials. If you have any questions regarding your donation or attendance, please contact Liz Glock (Gala Committee Chair) at 612-247-4794.

St. John's Lutheran Church and School Gala



"Give Thanks, Give Back"