



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church October Newsletter

October 2017



FROM THE
PASTOR ...Pastor Matthew P. Johnson

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Worship Schedule

Sundays:

8:00 am Divine Service
9:30 am Bible Study
10:30 am Divine Service

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Special points of interest:

- October Birthday's
- Monthly Calendar
- Worship Assistant Schedules and Those who Serve
- Minutes of the Deacon Council Meeting
- Misc. Information about our church and events



Please remember...

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, it is up to YOU to find someone who will take over for you.

On the final day of the coming month we will celebrate a world-changing event on the 500th anniversary of what is often regarded as the initial moment of the Lutheran Reformation, namely the posting of the 95 theses on October 31, 1517 on the Castle Church door by Dr. Martin Luther, professor at the fourteen-year-old University of Wittenberg. The next six to seven years would prove to be the most tumultuous since Luther's life was in danger, the university and city were in turmoil, and the struggling theology began to take shape as a movement and a church rising within the confines of a school setting.

Even though we will sing "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" this Reformation (it is the assigned Hymn of the Day) I thought another newsletter article on that hymn might be repetitive. After all, it is found in most hymnals of whatever Christian denomination, including Roman Catholic ones. In doing a little digging I discovered another hymn that might have more of a claim to being the "battle hymn of the Reformation," especially in the tumultuous early years between 1517 and 1524 or so. Luther wrote the words to "O Lord, Look Down from Heaven, Behold" some ten years before "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." In both cases he also composed the music, basing each hymn text on the wording of a biblical psalm.

The earliest record we have of "A Mighty Fortress" (based on Psalm 46, authored by the sons of Korah) is from the year 1533, while the other hymn we are examining here was written ten years earlier in 1523—a year that saw Luther take quite a few psalms and paraphrase them into hymns. Luther had a great love for the psalms, and from his days praying them monastically he had them all memorized by heart. In this case, he took Psalm 12 (with David as its human author), a psalm that sharply contrasts the words of men (insincere lies) and the Word of God (see v. 6: "the words of the Lord are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times").

The psalmist King David (around the year 1000 B.C.), Martin Luther in 1523, and we in 2017 as believers lament the lies that inundate our world and us (and sometimes are found within God's church), the insincerity that appears to have the upper hand, the arrogance of man and his disregard for God. "O Lord, Look Down from Heaven, Behold" was found in the Lutheran Hymnal of 1941 (Hymn 260), which served this congregation up until the mid-1980's. If you would like to hear it sung with organ accompaniment at Martin Luther College in New Ulm (a WELS school) please follow the first link given below. If you yourself would like to sing the words you may either follow the organ accompanied version or make use of the second link which has a piano version of the hymn.

The two highpoints of the hymn come in the middle (stanza 4 below) and the end (stanza 6 below)—both of which are put in bold print. The first highpoint takes up the key moment of the psalm, which like the hymn occurs precisely in the middle of its eight verses, wherein God sees, considers, and resolves to act: "because the poor are plundered, because the needy groan, I will now arise," says the Lord, "I will place him in the safety for which he longs (Psalm 12:5)." The second highpoint of the hymn comes in the final stanza, particularly the final phrase, which reads: "but Thou art our Salvation." Within the psalm this is actually the first word, a Hebrew verb translated as "save" and the basis for the name of Jesus (Whose name means "the Lord saves"). When we sing this final phrase of Luther's final stanza (and when we

Pastor Johnson's article continued:

sing "hosanna" in the Sanctus within the communion liturgy) we are singing to Jesus and we are singing His very Name. As another psalm puts it: "the Name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous flee to it and are safe." This hymn was found in the first ever Lutheran hymnbook, the "Achtliederbuch" (the "eight-song book") of 1524.

1. O Lord, look down from heaven, behold
And let Thy pity waken:
How few are we within Thy Fold,
Thy saints by men forsaken!
True faith seems quenched on every hand,
Men suffer not Thy Word to stand;
Dark times have us o'ertaken.

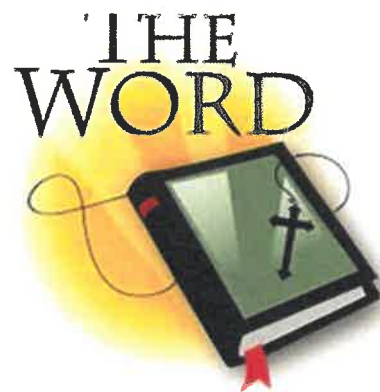
2. With fraud which they themselves invent
Thy truth they have confounded;
Their hearts are not with one consent
On Thy pure doctrine grounded.
While they parade with outward show,
They lead the people to and fro,
In error's maze astounded.

3. May God root out all heresy
And of false teachers rid us
Who proudly say: "Now, where is he
That shall our speech forbid us?
By right or might we shall prevail;
What we determine cannot fail;
We own no lord and master."

**4. Therefore saith God, "I must arise,
The poor My help are needing;
To Me ascend My people's cries,
And I have heard their pleading.
For them My saving Word shall fight
And fearlessly and sharply smite,
The poor with might defending."**

5. As silver tried by fire is pure
From all adulteration,
So through God's Word shall men endure
Each trial and temptation.
Its light beams brighter through the cross,
And, purified from human dross,
It shines through every nation.

6. Thy truth defend, O God, and stay
This evil generation;
And from the error of their way
Keep Thine own congregation.
The wicked everywhere abound
And would Thy little flock confound;
But Thou art our Salvation.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dBMG1aKJVS8> from Martin Luther College (WELS) – New Ulm, MN
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hCgTVb0NPrC> piano version, easy to sing along with

~Pastor Johnson

YEAR BY YEAR IN THE LIFE-WORK OF MARTIN LUTHER: In this 500th Anniversary year of the Lutheran Reformation (October 31, 2017) we will examine the background, history, main characters, and major events in the life and work of Martin Luther, moving year-by-year starting with 1517. If you have ever wondered how such an amazing event as the Reformation of the Christian Church could have come about or how Luther developed in his theology and what he actually wrote/taught or what all of this means for today come to the adult class in the Fellowship Hall between services each Sunday.



ADMISSIONS & COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As of today, we have 171 students enrolled for the 2017/18 school year. K-8th Grade enrollment is 135 (up 2 from last year) and Pre-Kindergarten enrollment is 36 (down from 6 last year - likely due to the new pre-schools opening in our area).

I'm executing behind a robust marketing plan for the year in order to drive awareness and grow our school. Within the last month we ran two social media campaigns -- one for a School Open House & Ice Cream Social and another for Pre-Kindergarten Enrollment. Those two campaigns reached over 2500 moms living within 10 miles of St. John's! I also met with the circuit pastors to discuss partnerships that may include inserts in their church bulletins, presentations at their Bible Studies or to their mom groups, and more. I look forward to continuing to build relationships with those pastors and congregations.

I'm very proud of our current students (and families) as we raised over \$1345 for hurricane relief efforts! Our money will specifically go to help Lutheran South Academy, a Pre-Kindergarten through 12th Grade school in Houston, TX.

Parent Teacher League (PTL) hosted a Love and Logic parenting seminar on Friday, September 15th. We had nearly 100 adult attendees learning and laughing together about the greatest vocation God has given us -- parenting! Our learning does not stop here; watch for a Love and Logic library of books and resources coming soon.

For more information about our school, I encourage you to read our weekly school newsletter (found on the school website), follow us on social media (Facebook & Instagram), watch for occasional inserts in church bulletins, and more. Feel free to give me a call (763-420-2426 x11), send me an email (suzanne.haag@stjlutheran.org), or stop by my office any time.

In His Service,
Suzanne Haag



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council of Deacons Meeting Minutes-August 10th, 2017

Deacon meeting was called to order by Chairman Greg Christopher at 7:00 P.M.

Pastor Briel opened the meeting with a study from The Book of Concord (Large Catechism: Part IV Baptism) and an opening prayer

In attendance: Greg Christopher, Peter MacMillan, Phil Koehler, Steve Kruse, Scott Kulberg, Kevin Pomerence, D.J. Schilling,

Dan Kappel, Pr. Briel, Tom Gardner, Baron Cate, David Huth, Ross Meyer.

Deacon Minutes:

- M/S/P to accept the minutes from the July 13th Council of Deacons Meeting.

Suzanne Haag gave a presentation on her role as the Admissions & Communication Director. She shared her marketing and communication plan for the year. And goals that have been set for the year in enrollment, recruitment, and retention.

Church Secretary: Written report submitted.

New Members: Laura Kaiser **M/S/P to approve new member.**

Transfer Out: Terry, Rachel Galle & family to Alive Lutheran, Monticello, MN. **M/S/P to approve transfer.**

Released: Jeff, Stephanie, Cole Abbott

Jennifer, Emma, Jacob Bongartz **M/S/P to approve release of families.**

Removed from Membership: None. **Baptisms:** None. **Marriage:** None.

Death: None.

Pastors Report: No written report.

Board of Administration: No report.

- Meeting will not be held in July. They will resume in August.

Board of Stewardship/Evangelism/Worship & Alter Care: Written report submitted.

- A date is being scheduled for worship assistant training.
- Pastor Johnson is in the process of planning a circuit-wide event to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation on Saturday, September 30th.
- Two board members met with Crystal for her annual review. Discussion on her new title being cantor versus organist.

Board of Parish Education: Written report submitted.

- Sunday school and youth bible study will begin September 10th.
- VBS had a great turnout, with nearly 100 kids attending each day.

Principal's Report: Written report submitted.

Board of Education: Written report submitted.

- Administrator call committee will resume in October.
- Working on Julie Preus call paperwork.
- Admissions and Communications Director in an Ex-officio member of the BOE.

Board of Property & Grounds: Written report submitted.

- Conference room needs to be split into offices for secretaries and Gary.
- Storage space is becoming more limited. Storage rooms need to be organized and unwanted items removed.

Technology Board: No report.

Congregational President Report: Oral report submitted.

- Fall congregational meeting will be September 17th. It might time out where the congregational meeting and pastoral call meeting could happen on the 17th.
- Board reports need to be in the office by August 28th for congregational meeting packet.

M/S/P to accept the board reports as presented.

Old business:

- Discuss the addition of an additional board to oversee all church fundraising activities that was brought forth by Kevin Pomerence: **Tabled**
- Pastoral call update: Background checks for the candidates are coming in from the Synod.
- Discuss Deacon candidates.: **Mike Gaffer, Rick Foggia, Tom Eversman, Craig Schutte, Ed Kemna, Sam Kulberg, Matthew Kolander, Mike Mc Ferrin Russ Reznecheck, Dan Holtus, Andrew Heinen.**
M/S/P to approve these men as Deacon candidates.

New business:

- Discuss Suzanne's report
- Discuss food for thought topics for future discussions.

Resolutions: None.

M/S/P to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer and Benediction at 8:48 p.m.

Next meeting is September 14th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Reports are due in the church office September 7th, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Koehler

**St. John's Lutheran Church & School
Financial Report
August**

Endowment Fund

Endowment Fund Balance Beginning of Month	\$ 222,090.67
<u>Income / Receipts:</u>	
Missions Offerings	\$ 5,352.30
Elementary Scholarship Fund	53.00
Improvement Fund	1,095.00
Mercy Fund (f/k/a Kindness Fund)	100.00
Principal Paydown	4,850.50
Interest	117.89
<u>Disbursements:</u>	
Principal Paydown	(4,850.50)
Endowment Fund Balance End of Month	<u>\$ 228,808.86</u>

Fund Balances:

Fund Purpose / Notes

Altar Guild Fund	\$ 2,518.94	Fund administered by Altar Guild and used for altar paraments, communion ware, altar gowns and vestments and the like.
Confirmation Banquet	533.97	
Elementary (K-8) Scholarship Fund	76,342.71	Fund administered by Scholarship Fund Committee reporting to BOE. Used to grant needs-based tuition assistance to member families of St. John's Lutheran School.
Improvement Fund	7,159.58	Funds administered and approved by Board of Property & Grounds and used for capital improvements and major repairs of property and grounds (above \$500). Costs above \$2,500 also require Board of Deacons approval. Not to be used for smaller, normal operating repairs and maintenance expenses (i.e. those less than \$500), which should be paid for out of the General Fund.
Church Library Fund	4,448.82	Fund administered by Church Library Committee. Consists of designated memorial money to be used for the purchase of books, materials and software for the Church Library.
Memorial Fund	25,788.11	Fund administered by Board of Administration, funded by memorial contributions from individuals and estates and used for capital improvements and special purposes. Expenditures must be recommended by BOA for approval by Board of Deacons.
Mercy (f/k/a Kindness) Fund	8,210.77	Fund used for immediate emergency assistance to people in need. Administered by Marv Cummins and Gretchen Kliche.
Youth Fund	15,934.84	Fund administered by Youth Director(s). Fund consists of youth-sponsored fundraiser dollars allocated to individual youths and used to offset the costs of youth trips and events, which are not funded from the General Fund.
School Fund	75,091.65	Fund administered by BOE.
Mission Programs-Undistributed Offerings:		
Synod Missions	2,062.20	
Issues, Etc.	5,943.17	
Preus Mission	1,392.30	
Nigeria- Rev. Wokoma	1,940.90	
Japan - Jastram	1,440.90	
Endowment Fund Balance End of Month	<u>\$ 228,808.86</u>	

Note: Except where specified, all Endowment Fund expenditures > \$5,000 require Board of Deacons approval.

Mortgage balance as of August 31, 2017 = \$700,686.68

St. John's Lutheran Church
General Fund Budget Performance
 Aug 2017

	Current Month		Year-to-Date (2 Month)			Annual Budget
	Aug 17	Budget	% of Budget	July-Aug 17	YTD Budget	
Income						
4010 · General Fund Income	49,066.86	59,083.33	83.05%	130,374.83	118,166.66	110.33%
4020 · Tuition	114,400.84	48,546.99	235.65%	127,381.06	97,093.90	131.19%
4400 · Other Income	0.00	4,100.50	0.0%	0.00	8,201.00	0.0%
Total Income	163,467.70	111,730.82	146.31%	257,755.89	223,461.56	115.35%
Expense						
6060 · Mortgage Payment	8,151.08	8,151.08	100.0%	16,302.16	16,302.16	100.0%
6200 · Salaries & Wages						
6201 · Pastors Salaries	7,773.60	10,925.33	71.15%	15,547.20	21,850.66	71.15%
6202 · Staff Salaries	45,843.07	50,584.75	90.63%	84,704.54	101,169.50	83.73%
6203 · Sub Teacher	0.00	481.00	0.0%	0.00	962.00	0.0%
6204 · Teachers Aide	270.03	2,045.00	13.2%	270.03	4,090.00	6.6%
6216 · Sub-Secretary	0.00	31.66	0.0%	0.00	63.35	0.0%
6226 · PT Secretary	0.00	1,007.75	0.0%	0.00	2,015.50	0.0%
6206 · Secretary - Other	3,133.44	2,652.00	118.15%	6,205.68	5,304.00	117.0%
Total 6206 · Secretary	3,133.44	3,691.41	84.89%	6,205.68	7,382.85	84.06%
6207 · Custodial	4,475.00	3,201.08	139.8%	7,525.00	6,402.16	117.54%
6208 · Director of Music	2,107.38	2,283.00	92.31%	4,214.76	4,566.00	92.31%
6209 · Sub Organist	0.00	430.00	0.0%	375.00	859.00	43.66%
6210 · Bookkeeper	211.56	229.16	92.32%	423.12	458.32	92.32%
Total 6200 · Salaries & Wages	63,814.08	73,870.73	86.39%	119,265.33	147,740.49	80.73%
6400 · Benefits						
6401 · Benefits - Insurance	9,932.76	9,788.00	101.48%	16,806.52	19,576.00	85.85%
6402 · Disability & Retirement	8,283.77	6,655.59	124.46%	13,757.11	13,311.17	103.35%
6403 · Payroll Taxes	1,601.94	1,829.00	87.59%	3,007.92	3,658.00	82.23%
6405 · HSA Match	0.00	0.00		5,500.00	6,500.00	84.62%
Total 6400 · Benefits	19,818.47	18,272.59	108.46%	39,071.55	43,045.17	90.77%
6501 · Staff Travel	127.07	706.75	17.98%	234.02	1,413.50	16.56%
6502 · Youth Expense	0.00	172.25	0.0%	0.00	344.50	0.0%
6503 · Continuing Education	141.28	171.33	82.46%	141.28	342.66	41.23%
6504 · Parish Education	0.00	210.83	0.0%	73.98	421.66	17.55%
6505 · Pastors Cont Ed	0.00	144.33	0.0%	0.00	288.66	0.0%
6506 · Promotions	0.00	208.33	0.0%	0.00	416.66	0.0%
6508 · Technology	134.85	358.92	37.57%	269.70	717.84	37.57%
6550 · Insurance	1,560.00	2,219.59	70.28%	2,537.00	4,439.17	57.15%
6560 · Supplies	2,457.54	3,500.00	70.22%	4,188.55	7,000.00	59.84%
6570 · Utilities and Maintenance						
6571 · Maintenance	5,343.90	3,750.00	142.5%	9,282.98	7,500.00	123.77%
6572 · Utilities	3,510.46	3,383.33	103.76%	7,139.73	6,766.66	105.51%
Total 6570 · Utilities and Maintenance	8,854.36	7,133.33	124.13%	16,422.71	14,266.66	115.11%
Total Expense	105,058.73	115,120.06	91.26%	198,506.28	236,739.13	83.85%
Total	63,653.97	111,730.82	146.31%	138,249.61	116,722.43	118.43%

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

GALA INVITES COMING SOON!

Get ready! Invites for the 4th Annual St. John's Lutheran Church & School Gala "Give Thanks, Give Back" will be mailed out soon! The St. John's Gala is a wonderful evening out with other St. John's Families and parishioners. This year's Gala will be held at the beautiful Rush Creek Golf Course and will feature an amazing dinner plus: drinks, silent and live auctions, and games! Also, new this year will be live music and dancing with Bjorn Briel! Our past Galas have helped raise over \$100,000 to support our school! This year's Gala will raise money to make improvements to technology resources, as well as support our tuition assistance program, which is a growing need each year. Invite your family and friends to join the fun for this wonderful night out to support our school!

GALA DONATIONS NEEDED

The Gala committee is currently seeking and graciously accepting donations for our 4th annual St. John's Gala. We would greatly appreciate donations for our silent and live auctions. Items such as:

- Vacations (airline tickets, condo rentals, hotels)
- Sports or Horseback Riding Lessons
- Day Trips
- Electronics
- Services (Auto repair, car wash, home services)

and beyond, have all been big sellers in our auctions which directly support our church & school! Please contact Liz Glock (612-247-4794) with any questions or if you or someone you know would like to donate! Table sponsorships are also available, plus all businesses that donate or sponsor will be recognized through emails, handouts, flyers, and throughout the evening of the event! All donations are tax deductible. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

PRO LIFE COMMITTEE: The Pro Life Committee of St John's Lutheran continues to support young mothers in keeping their babies alive and raising their families. We provide receiving blankets, baby Taggy blankets, baby quilts, bibs, etc. to two family centers in Anoka and Minneapolis. We have several meetings throughout the year to create these items, along with sewing at home in our free time. Please join us in our efforts to save these babies and support their mothers. Donations of supplies or monetary donations to purchase materials would be much appreciated. Suggested Supplies: Thread, ribbons, rick rack, fleece (1 1/2 yd cuts preferred), flannels, calico, muslin, cotton, quilt batting, etc. Fabric remnants are also welcomed, as we have some very talented sewers who can piece fabric scraps and make great looking items. If you have any questions, please contact LeAnn Cummins (763-420-2317), Gretchen Kliche (763-477-6136) or Diane Haag (763-498-7838).

THE PASTOR CALL COMMITTEE: If you have any questions about the process, please don't hesitate to reach out to any member of the Call Committee:

Paul Dolan	Brenna Koehler	Erik Preus	Phil Schutte
Theresa Gaffer	Matt Kolander	Sue Reznecheck	Dennis Stieg
Ed Kemna	Nicoleen Meyer	Jerry Rogge	Gary Volberding

THE COUNCIL OF DEACONS would like to thank Randy Beyreis, Phil Koehler, Ross Meyer, and Scott Kulberg for their service as Deacons. Additionally, we'd like to welcome Tom Eversman, Stu Glock, Mike Gaffer, and Dan Holthus as new Deacons.

COLLECTIONS FOR PR. WOKOMA: St. John's school children are collecting money to purchase catechisms for Pastor Wokoma to take back with him when he visits us on Sept. 28-Oct. 2. Our goal is to purchase 45 catechisms for him. We are currently at \$223 (not counting Friday's offering). Pastor Wokoma uses the catechisms to help train the young pastors at JEM Lutheran Seminary. It is easier for Pastor to take the catechisms with him in his luggage due to the high cost of shipping to Africa. The school children would like to challenge the congregation to raise enough money to purchase the other 45 catechisms needed for Pastor Wokoma's class. There will be a free will offering at the end of each service through Oct. 1st. Wouldn't it be wonderful if our church and school, working together, would be able to raise the money to purchase all 90 catechisms needed for Pastor to train those young Lutheran pastors! Any questions contact Ruth at ruth.droogsma@stjlutheran.org



SAVE THE DATE!! 4TH ANNUAL ST. JOHN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT. Rush Creek Golf Club, Sunday October 8th at 1pm SHOTGUN. No Vikings game that day. Bring your friends, neighbors, relatives and co-workers. Support St. John's!!

CELEBRATING 500 YEARS OF REFORMATION at Orchestra Hall, November 2nd, 3rd & 4th. There will be three concertos; one by Bach, another by Mendelssohn & a chorale. Some Lutheran Hymns will be included in the program. Tickets can be purchased at 612-371-5656 or at minnesotaorchestra.org.

ALVEDA C. KING, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, will be presenting a pro-life message at St. Mary's University Center, 2540 Park Ave S., in Minneapolis on Friday, November 3rd. Dessert & refreshments at 6:30 pm & program at 7:30 pm. Free will offering. Reservations due by October 27th. See LeAnn Cummins, 763-420-2317 for more info & carpooling.



CROSS...FOOD NEEDS: Each month CROSS collects food items to be donated to the needy. Items desired from STJL during October are: Rice and Toothbrushes. Thank you for helping when you can; your contributions placed in the narthex area are greatly appreciated.



CHOIR HAS BEGUN! Come join us, Wednesdays 7-8 in the Sanctuary. All abilities and adult voices welcomed! High school aged youths are especially encouraged to attend (it counts toward volunteer hours, looks great on a college application). We have much to celebrate with the 500th anniversary of the Reformation taking place this year. See Dr. Rossow for details.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS INSTALLATION:

We thank and praise God for all His gifts—His Word, the children of our congregation, and all those Christian adults who teach children the will and ways of God as found in His Holy Word. The following Sunday School teachers have been installed for 10 weeks: Kim



Pomerenke, Jenny Holovnia, Nichole Schilling, Erica Rossow, Tori Kuehne and Superintendent Tara Eder.

NURSERY HELP NEEDED: Do you love little kids? Would you like to help parents grow in faith? To encourage couples 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 contact Amy Becker at amy.becker@stjlutheran.org or at 920-207-4143 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.

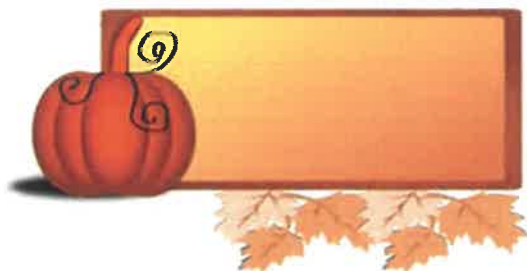
NURSERY CARE provided during the Education hour each Sunday from 9:20-10:20am began September 10. The room is staffed by a minimum of two nursery attendants. We provide care for infants 6 months to 3 years of age. The nursery is located to the west of the sanctuary, just past the Auxiliary Room. We encourage 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.

HELP FOR THE HOUSTON AREA: Please see materials in the narthex for options of ways you can help those in need with the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey in the Houston area. The address of the Dalenbergs (who have moved to the area) is also provided.

LOST & FOUND: A red umbrella has been left in the sanctuary and is now in the last pew. Please claim it if it is yours.

Jr./Sr. High Youth

GET CONNECTED: Are you in 6th-12th grade? Are you a parent of a youth in 6th-12th grade? If you answered yes to either of those questions, then I want to hear from you! We have many youth group events throughout the year and I want to make sure YOU know about them. Please email me (Jayme Kruse) so that I can put you on the email list and keep you informed throughout the year! - jayme.kruse@gmail.com Also, be sure to request to join the "St. John's Youth Group" private group on FB!



SCHEDULING CHURCH AND SCHOOL

EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S! Please remember to check with the church/school secretary about scheduling any event! The Secretary keeps a main calendar and all church and school events need to be coordinated through this main calendar!



Those Who Serve In October

Altar Guild

Arlene Rogge 763-428-4547
LuAn Schutte 763-420-3379

Money Counters

- 10/01 Randy Bredenberg, Scott Brockberg, **Scott Kulberg**, Russ Reznecheck
- 10/08 Mike DeSplinter, **Mike McFerrin**, Courtney Oakland, Mark Schutte
- 10/15 Jon Bode, **Dave Giefer**, Paul Radintz, Bob Stashenko
- 10/22 Duane Abraham, John Meyer, Bob Radintz, **Craig Schutte**
- 10/29 Cindy Kiekow, **Scott Kulberg**, Mark Radintz, Bill Walters

8 am Ushers

Joe Koehler, Philip Koehler,
Dan Orbin, Mike Orbin, Jerry Rogge

10:30 am Ushers

Randall Beyreis, Marvin Cummins,
Tim Lodholz, Dean Noren

Acolytes 8:00 am

- 10/01 Alexis Brockberg & Eric Toelle
- 10/08 Andrew Wandersee & Alexis Brockberg
- 10/15 Samantha Brustuen & Leah Gordon
- 10/22 Bradley Kruse & Sam Say
- 10/29 Zach Kappel & Noelle Dolan

Acolytes 10:30 am

- 10/01 Miranda Blanck & William Schutte
- 10/08 Allie Cate & Dalton Cate
- 10/15 James Wicht & Matthew Koosman
- 10/22 Colin Vetsch & Alex Vetsch
- 10/29 Naomi Schilling & Evan Pulju



Worship Assistants 8:00 a.m.

- 10/01 Joe Koehler
- 10/08 Jerry Rogge
- 10/15 Kevin Pomeranke
- 10/22 Dan Kolander
- 10/29 Greg Christopher

Worship Assistants 10:30 a.m.

- 10/01 Ross Meyer
- 10/08 Barron Cate
- 10/15 Todd Haag
- 10/22 Dean Noren
- 10/29 Dan Holthus



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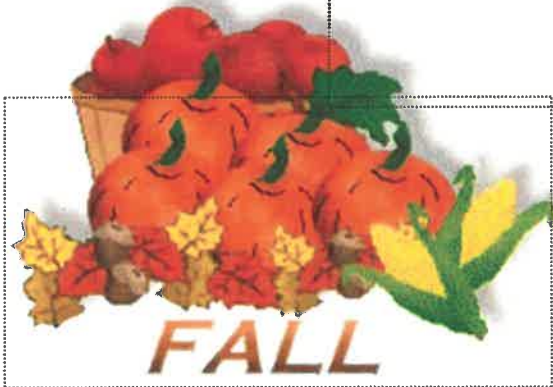
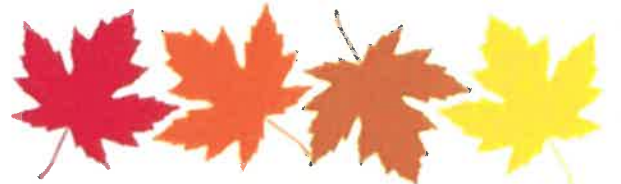
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*Give Thanks to the Lord,
 for He is good.
 Psalm 107:1*




OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Jason Christopher	2 Katie Borcherting Emily Broberg Kelsey Lattreil	3 Heaven Knutson Gavin Truex (Glenn) Abby Weinhandl	4 Joshua Glock Nicolle Schilling	5 Derek Howey Abel Orbin Grady Pollock	6 Riley Gehl Emma Kara Stephen Kruse Emily Weishaar	7 Sandra Scott
8 Sadie Say Sue Thurber Ashley Weinhandl	9 Kristi Bode	10 Aaron Cook Tim Kaz Lara Radin	11 Bradley Kruse	12 Kathleen Cooper Fran Lopic	13 Rolf Preus	14 Eric Wamer
15 Lois Foggia Rachel Galle Kelly Johnson	16 Keira Homing Kelsey Homing Tim Minnihan Craig Schutte	17 Troy Eder Linda Kalk Loren Peterson	18 Hayden Anderson/Zarracina Thomas Gardner David Kiesow Lynn Schutte	19 Kathleen Rosso Hannah Wilson	20 Fred Hunt	21 Kim Pomeranke
22 Tracey Blomck Oliver Borcherting Harold Grambart Karen Orth David Retner Mara Schmidt	23 Cory O'Hem	24 Brian Cleveland	25 K. C. Kotstad Cheryl Lucas Kari Preus	26 Kimberly Bredesen Noah MacMillan Sarah Walters Grace Windsperger	27 Weston Holovnia Aaron Rossow Johanna Rossow Matthew Weishaar	28 Brian Remer
29	30 Duane Esterly Gail Lieske	31 Conrad Koehler Lisa McFerrin Karen Nelson Jason Pruhs Levi Stein-Renner				

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*Monthly events are subject to change

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 K-8 Sings at Both Services 8:00 am Divine Service 9:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Divine Service 5:00 pm Lego Robotics 7:00 pm Gala Meeting	2	3	4 6pm Public School Catechism 7pm Choir Practice	5 Deacon Reports Due-noon 7:15 pm Table Tennis	6 8:00am Chapel 4th Grade Sings	7
8 8:00 am Divine Service 9:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Divine Service 1:00 pm Golf Tournament at Rush Creek 5:00 pm Lego Robotics	9	10 6:30 PTL Meeting	11 6pm Public School Catechism 7pm Choir Practice	12 7:00 pm Deacons Council Meeting 7:00 pm Strategic Ping 7:15 pm Table Tennis	13 8:00am Chapel	14
15 8:00 am Divine Service 9:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Divine Service 5:00 pm Lego Robotics	16	17 7:00 pm Board Meetings	18 6pm Public School Catechism 7pm Choir Practice	19 No School	20 No School	21
22 8:00 am Divine Service 9:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Divine Service 11:30 am Acolyte/ Processional Practice 5:00 pm Lego Robotics	23	24	25 6pm Public School Catechism 7pm Choir Practice	26 7:15 pm Table Tennis	27 8:00am Chapel 3rd Grade Sings	28
29 500th Reformation Anniversary Service 8:00 am Divine Service 9:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Divine Service 5:00 pm Lego Robotics	30 No School	31				

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**Divine Services on Sundays are 8:00 am and 10:30 am
Bible Study is at 9:30 am**



THE SERVICE OF INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION is available the first Thursday of every month in the sanctuary from 6:30 until 7:00 pm or by appointment. 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)

LAST ONE OUT, PLEASE REMEMBER TO LOCK THE DOORS, PICK UP AFTER YOURSELVES.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!