

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



**Preacher:** Pr. Steven Briel  
**Liturgists:** Prs. Moss & Johnson  
**Kantor:** Dr. Crystal Rossow

**Thanks to all who serve this week:**

**Altar Guild:**  
Julie Mazurowski, Brenna Koehler

**Worship Assistants:**  
8:00 am: Kevin Pomerence  
10:30 am: Ross Meyer

**Acolytes:**  
8:00 am: Jada Clifford & Jordan Brustuen  
10:30 am: Sophia Beck & Sophie Glock

**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:**  
Randy Bredenberg, Dave Giefer,  
Cindy Kiekow, Nichole Schilling

**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

C: [sung] **Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, <sup>3</sup>and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ <sup>5</sup>But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ <sup>10</sup>And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. <sup>12</sup>And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Hymn of the Day: *We Are Called to Stand Together* LSB 828**

**Sermon: “This Is One Wedding Reception You Won’t Want to Miss” (Matt. 22:1-14)**

**The Nicene Creed page 174**

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering: Voluntary in E Minor (John Stanley)**

**Offertory page 176**

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**Distribution Hymn: *Jesus Comes Today with Healing* LSB 620**

**Distribution Hymn: *A Multitude Comes from the East and the West* LSB 510**

**Canticle: “Thank the Lord” page 181**

**Collect and Benediction page 183**

**Closing Hymn: *Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion* LSB 559**

**Postlude: Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion (Johann Pachelbel)**

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

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† **Twentieth Sunday after Trinity** †  
**October 14, 2018**

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

*Verse: Alleluia. Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Alleluia. (Ps. 130:1-2a)*

*Prayer:* O Lord, in holy baptism you called us to be Your children and You clothed us with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all our sins. Bless us by Your Word and Spirit to remain faithful unto death and enter into the wedding feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom which has no end. Amen

**Prelude:** Partita on Ascended Triumph (Robert Hobby)

The Divine Service

**Opening Hymn:** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* **LSB 816**

**Confession & Absolution** **page 167**

**Introit** **Ps. 48:1a, 9-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text**

The Lord is righteous in all he has | done to us,\*  
 for we have not obeyed his com- | mandments.  
 Glorify your name, | O Lord; \*  
 and deal with us according to your great | mercy.

**Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised\*  
 in the city of our God, his holy | mountain.**

**We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,\*  
 in the midst of your | temple.**

**As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth.\*  
 Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.**

**Let Mount Zion | be glad! \*  
 Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your | judgments!**

**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.**

The Lord is righteous in all he has | done to us,\*  
 for we have not obeyed his com- | mandments.  
 Glorify your name, | O Lord; \*  
 and deal with us according to your great | mercy.

**Kyrie & Gloria in Excelsis** **page 168**

**Collect of the Day**

O Lord, grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; 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: Isaiah 55:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>“Come, everyone who thirsts,  
 come to the waters;  
 and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!  
 Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.  
<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
 Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
 and delight yourselves in rich food.  
<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live;  
 and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
 my steadfast, sure love for David.  
<sup>4</sup> Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
 a leader and commander for the peoples.  
<sup>5</sup> Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,  
 and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,  
 because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.  
<sup>6</sup> “Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;  
<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake his way,  
 and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
 let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God,  
 for he will abundantly pardon.  
<sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.  
<sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
 so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”  
 P: This is the Word of the Lord  
 C: Thanks be to God

**Gradual** *Ps. 145:15-16*

**The eyes of all | look to you,\*  
 and you give them their food in due | season.  
 You open | your hand; \*  
 you satisfy the desire of every | living thing.**

**The Epistle: Ephesians 5:15-21**

<sup>15</sup>Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.  
 P: This is the Word of the Lord  
 C: Thanks be to God

**The Alleluia Verse** **page 173**

† **Twentieth Sunday after Trinity** †

- *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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## BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION & YOUTH (Rich Oakland):



**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/JqONGIX> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> grade (Mr. Peterman's) room upstairs. We have some great topics planned, you won't want to miss it!

**TODAY** is the Corn Maze Quest - The Youth Group will leave from St. John's on the bus at 12:00 to go to the corn maze in Brooklyn Park and will return to St. John's at 3:00. The cost is \$9/person. There is also food and games at the maze, which is not included in the \$9.00 ticket fee. Each youth will need a permission slip (can be found at the Office) and \$9.00 prior to getting on the bus for the event. All 5th-12th graders are invited. See you there!

**RANDOM RAKING:** Sunday, October 28th - Bring a rake, a snack and a friend and join us as we rake leaves for members of our church. We will meet at St. John's and leave via caravan at 12:00. We will be back to St. John's by 3:00. PARENTS ARE NEEDED!

## † The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity †

October 14, 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), Kristine Eversman, Bob Malwitz, Alvin Cook, Diann Bates (mother of Toya Fish), and Ilene Shepherd. 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 Eternal Hope Lutheran, Brooklyn Park, and Vacancy Pastor Bill Hillyer.

**PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL:** This week we pray for ESP Program Director Julie Zemke and Assistants Heather Bursch, Kaitlyn Eder, Anna Furhman, Leah Johnson, Martha Kulberg, Karen Orth, Lynn Schutte, Danielle Woodgate, and Logan Zemke.

**THE SERVICE OF INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** is available the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary (and by appointment any time with your pastors). 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).



**FROM THE PASTORS:**

**SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:** 10/18- St. Luke the Evangelist (Is. 35:5-8; 2 Tim. 4:5-18; Luke 10:1-9)



**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:** Special Mission Presentation by Pastor Steve Briel

**Next week:** What Should a Preacher Preach?

**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.



**ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS:** A new course through the Catechism began last week. Anyone- member or non-member- interested in joining should contact Pastor Moss ([pastor.moss@stjlutheran.org](mailto:pastor.moss@stjlutheran.org))

**MARRIED YESTERDAY:** Courtney (Oakland) and Kyle Gardner were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. May our Lord Jesus bless Courtney and Kyle as they begin their life together as husband and wife.



**NIGERIA:** I returned from Nigeria this past Tuesday having spent three weeks instructing men at the Jonathon Ekong Lutheran Seminary of the Lutheran Church of Nigeria where I taught elementary Hebrew, the book of Isaiah, and a more advanced Hebrew reading course to the men I taught last February. I want to thank everyone who kept me in your prayers and who contributed financially to this important mission. I am still in need of additional funds to cover my expenses and would appreciate any additional contributions you may provide. I will provide a detailed account of my expenses to our congregation secretary when everything has been finalized. Please write out any checks to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church with a note, "Briel Nigeria Trip". Any funds contributed over and above my expenses will be sent to the Seminary pending approval by our Board of Deacons. May God continue to bless our brothers and sisters in the Nigerian Lutheran Church, especially those men preparing for the Ministry at the seminary.

~Pr. Briel

**This Week at St. John's Lutheran**

<b>TODAY</b>	8:00 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	9:15 am:	Sunday School
	9:30 am:	Bible Study
		Processionals Training/Refresher
	10:30 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	6:00 pm:	Robotics Club
<b>MON:</b>	7:00 pm:	Adult Instruction Class
<b>TUES:</b>	9:45 am:	Adult Bible Study this week
	7:00 pm:	Board Meetings
<b>WED:</b>	8:00 am:	Chapel ~ 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Sings
	6:00 pm:	PS Catechism
	6:15 pm:	Brass Practice
	7:00 pm:	Choir Practice
<b>THUR:</b>		MEA Wknd~No School/Office Closed
	7:00 pm:	Table Tennis
<b>FRI:</b>		MEA Wknd~No School/Office Closed
<b>SAT:</b>		
<b>SUN:</b>	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
	6:00 pm:	Robotics Club

**Those Serving Next Week, Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>:**

Altar Guild:		Julie Mazurowski and Brenna Koehler
Worship Assistants:	8:00 am:	Joe Koehler
	10:30 am:	Ed Kemna
Acolytes:	8:00 am:	Leah Gordon & Joey Heisler
	10:30 am:	Ava Kanz & Bella Kanz
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:		Ruth Droogsma, Paul Radintz, Craig Schutte, Mark Schutte



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If you unlock to enter, please lock as you leave!**

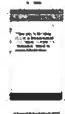
**BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION (Tom Eversman, Mike Gaffer):**

**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](http://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, October 7<sup>th</sup> ~ 8:00 am: CT: 206 CM: 132  
10:30 am: CT: 212 CM: 109



**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

	<i>Last Week</i> 10/07/18	<i>Year-to-date</i> since 07/01/18
Total General Fund Receipts-All Sources	\$ 20,682	\$ 428,253
Amount Needed	\$ 27,069	\$ 604,915
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ (6,387)	\$ (176,662)
% Ahead (-Behind)		-29%

Current Building Mortgage Balance (September 30) \$594,597

**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](mailto:mtgaff@comcast.net)) or Tom Eversman ([Theversman@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:pastor.moss@stjlutheran.org)), or Phil Schutte ([phil\\_schutte@hotmail.com](mailto:phil_schutte@hotmail.com)).

**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.

**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES:** Kindly remember to write your offering amount on the front of your envelope ~ this helps the Money Counters and the data entry of your contribution into your giving records.



**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.

**BOARD OF TECHNOLOGY (Tom Gardner):**

**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



**GALA:** The annual Gala is approaching (Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>)...invitations are out!

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



**ALTAR FLOWERS** are in celebration of the Courtney and Kyle Gardner wedding.

**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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 Rezneck @ 763-477-4959.

**FROM THE CONGREGATION AT LARGE:**

**THANK YOU** to Pr. Moss for his pastoral care and hospital visits as well as the congregation for your prayers while Jim was ill. We are pleased to report he is doing much better and is back home. Thank you! ~ Jim & Renaye Day

**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  
October 14 – October 20**

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
Eric Werner	Troy Eder Linda Kalk Loren Peterson
MONDAY	THURSDAY
Lois Foggia Kelly Johnson	Hayden Anderson/Zarracina Thomas Gardner David Kiesow Lynn Schutte
TUESDAY	FRIDAY
Keira Horning Kelsey Horning Tim Minnihan Craig Schutte	Kathleen Rosso Hannah Wilson
	SATURDAY
	Fred Hunt

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

**FROM OTHER CONGREGATIONS:**



# 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](mailto:secretary2@stjlutheran.org)



The Gala Committee is enthusiastically planning their **5<sup>th</sup> 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"