

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 19:11-21

¹¹[The LORD] said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹⁵And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

¹⁹So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" ²¹And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

GRADUAL Ps. 84:9, 8

Behold our shield, | O God;*

look on the face of your anointed!

O Lord God of hosts, | hear my prayer;*

give ear, O God of | Jacob!

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Holy Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ²and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." ¹¹And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

DAILY READINGS

July 1: Joshua 6:6-27; Acts 10:18-33; 2: Joshua 7:1-26; Acts 10:34-48; 3: Joshua 8:1-28; Acts 11:1-18; 4: Joshua 10:1-25; Acts 11:19-30; 5: Joshua 23:1-16; Acts 12:1-25; 6: Joshua 24:1-31; Acts 13:1-12; 7: Judg. 2:6-23; Acts 13:13-41.

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† **The Fifth Sunday after Trinity** †
July 1, 2018

VERSE: Alleluia. O LORD, in your strength the king rejoices, and in your salvation how greatly he exults! Alleluia. (Ps. 21:1)

PRAYER: O Christ, forgive and overpower our weak and unwilling hearts. Let the confession of your Gospel and Cross fill the life of Your Church, that we might confidently trust that You will provide the souls that Your Church catches. Amen.

Sermon: *"The Church of the Holy Spirit Confesses & Catches"* (Luke 5:1-11)

Preacher: Pr. Matthew Moss
Liturgist: Pr. Matthew Johnson
Organist: Duane Esterly

Prelude: If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee (Walcha)
Offering: O Christ, Who Called the Twelve (Callahan)
Postlude: "Come, Follow Me", the Savior Spake (Kittel)

Altar Guild: Theresa Gaffer & Jill Gehl

Worship Assistants: 8:00 am: Jerry Rogge
10:30 am: Ed Kemna

Acolytes: 8:00 am: Matthew Koosman & Joy Koosman
10:30 am: 2 acolytes needed

Ushers: 8:00 am: Larry Jobes, Rod Priebe, Jack Schalo
10:30 am: Joel Johnson, Ben Kemna, John Meyer

Money Counters: Scott Brockberg, Courtney Oakland,
Craig Schutte, Deb Weinand

Those Serving This Week, Monday, July 2nd:

Worship Assistants: 7:00 pm: Barron Cate
Acolytes: 7:00 pm: 1 acolyte needed

THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for Grace International Lutheran, worshipping at Peace Lutheran, Robbinsdale and Pastor Isaac Williams.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for BOE Deacons Dave Huth & Stu Glock and the Board Members, and also for our Sixth Grade Teacher Kyle Peterman.

SCHEDULE FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER: At the Reformation the Lutheran Churches celebrated the Lord's Supper *"every Sunday and on other festivals"* (Apology XXIV, 1). We follow this fine custom and so offer the Lord's Supper every Sunday at both morning Divine Services. Individual glasses are used in the 8:00 a.m. Divine Service on the first Sunday in the month and in the 10:30 a.m. Divine Service on the second Sunday in the month. All other celebrations use the chalice.

TWO LARGE PRINT LSB HYMNALS NOW AVAILABLE: (4 NOTE-BOOKS) Please ask the ushers about the notebooks that are now available for those who have difficulties with small print hymns.

PARENTS: We're happy you've brought your children to worship today. Jesus says, "The kingdom of God belongs to such as these." If you must leave during the service for any reason, please be aware that there are also exits at the front of the sanctuary to the left and right; that you will be able to hear the service over loudspeakers in the entrance area and in the upper room to the left of the sanctuary; and that there is a changing table in the restroom near the elevator.

THE DIVINE SERVICE *The Divine Service is the time when God serves His people with His forgiving grace in Word and Sacrament. It is not a time to be entertained. To show she is not a sect or cult the Lutheran Church retained the historic liturgy as much as was possible. The liturgical service makes no attempt to meet current cultural norms or personal needs but is the time when God comes in Word and Sacrament to meet our deepest spiritual needs. The Lutheran Church uses an ordered liturgy so that God's holy "priesthood" can participate and "declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9). The Augsburg Confession concludes, "It is quite clear that among us nothing in doctrine or ceremonies has been accepted that would contradict either Holy Scripture or the universal Christian Church (AC, Conclusion).*

INTROIT Ps. 27:1a, 11-12, 14; antiphon: Ps. 27:7, 9b

Hear, O Lord, when I | cry aloud;*
be gracious to me and | answer me!
O you who have | been my help,*
forsake me not, O God of my sal- | vation!
The Lord is my light and my sal- | vation;*
whom | shall I fear?
Teach me your way, | O Lord,*
and lead me on a level path because of my | enemies.
Give me not up to the will of my adver- | saries;*
for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe
out | violence.
Wait | for the Lord;*
be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait | for the Lord!
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.
Hear, O Lord, when I | cry aloud;*
be gracious to me and | answer me!
O you who have | been my help,*
forsake me not, O God of my sal- | vation!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, You have prepared for those who love You good things that surpass all understanding. Pour into our hearts such love toward You that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

† **Fifth 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).*

OPENING HYMN: LSB 856

CONFESSION: LSB 184

INTROIT: (bulletin) – conclude

with Gloria Patri on LSB 186

KYRIE: LSB 186

SALUTATION:

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And with thy spirit**

COLLECT: bulletin

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Gradual: bulletin

Responses: LSB 190

CREED: LSB 191 (*or inside back cover*)

HYMN OF DAY: LSB 688

SERMON

OFFERTORY: LSB 192 (*"Create in Me"*)

THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

COMMUNION LIT: LSB 194ff

DIST HYMNS: LSB 750

LSB 730

CLSG CANTICLE: LSB 199

(*"Nunc Dimittis"*)

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 828

BIRTHDAYS THE WEEK OF

July 1 - July 7

SUNDAY	THURSDAY
Mary Magnuson Angela Renner Lauren Rosso John Wicht III	Brenna Koehler
MONDAY	FRIDAY
David Kulberg Sawyer Say	LeAnn Cummins Joseph Koehler Dylan Talbot
TUESDAY	SATURDAY
Michael Orbin	Rick Foggia Sydney Kappel Jesse Mathwig Thomas Vogt
WEDNESDAY	
Stacie Rogge	

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

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!



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 -12:00 Monday through Friday

If you have urgent pastoral needs, please contact Pastor Matthew Moss:
pastor.moss@stjlutheran.org or 763-496-5350

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

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. email: secretary2@stjlutheran.org

† The Fifth Sunday after Trinity †

July 1, 2018

SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: *The Visitation* (July 2- Is. 11:1-5; Rom. 12:9-16; Luke 1:39-56)

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), Troy Eder, Kristine Eversman, Bruce O'Hern, Jan Stadler, Bob Malwitz, Ed Kemna, Bob Abraham, and Ron Conley. 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, Marllys 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— the family of Caroline Christophersen, Mark Coombs & family (at the loss of his father Paul), 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.

And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones— 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).

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).

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 email: secretary@stjlutheran.org

† Announcements †

BAPTIZED YESTERDAY is Lydia Lynn Howey, infant daughter of Craig Howey and Jessica Heins. May our Lord Jesus bless Lydia as she is nourished in the faith by her parents so that she may join us at the foretaste of the wedding feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom. "May this child, Your mercy sharing, in Your arms be shielded ever, Yours on earth and Yours forever...Write the name we now have given; write it in the book of heaven." (LSB 592)



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. So the first few weeks of the Trinity Season offer different doctrinal lessons on what the Church of the Holy Spirit (given at Pentecost) will look like.

The Church of the Holy Spirit:

- Hears His Prophets (June 3)
- Receives His Invitation (June 10)
- Rejoices over Repentance (June 17)
- and, Confesses the Faith & Catches Men (July 1)



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR MOSS: In our study of the Book of Exodus, we have reached the Wilderness. It should only have been a short stay at Mount Sinai to receive the Law, but things go wrong through Sin. God who is merciful and just, therefore, institutes a place of worship, The Tabernacle, where He might dwell with His people and forgive their sins.

This week: Tabernacle Worship: The Veil and Hangings (Exodus 26)

Next week: Tabernacle Worship: The Altar (Exodus 27)

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

NS BOYS' CHOIR CONCERT: **TONIGHT** the international award winning North Star Boys' Choir of Minnesota will present a **free** homecoming concert at St. John's, 7:00, July 1st. They are at their very best, having toured for three weeks to the Southeast and participated in a choral competition. Any boys interested in joining the North Star Boys' Choir, please contact us at our website www.NorthStarBoysChoir.org



THE SUMMER MONDAY NIGHT DIVINE SERVICE: Every summer we add a Monday night service at 7:00 pm which has the same liturgy, Scripture readings, and sermon as the previous day's Divine Service. The weekly summer evening services will run through Monday, August 27th.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: We study the *Book of Proverbs*, meeting Tuesdays at 9am in the Auxiliary Room. 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
	9:30 am:	Bible Study
	10:30 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	7:00 pm:	North Star Boys Choir Homecoming Concert
MON:	9:30 am:	Boys Summer Basketball
	7:00 pm:	Divine Service: The Visitation
TUES:	9:00 am:	Adult Bible Study (Auxiliary Rm)
WED:		Office Closed – Independence Day
THURS:	7:00 pm:	Adult Instruction Class (Auxiliary Rm)
FRI:		
SAT:		
SUN:	8:00 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	9:30 am:	Bible Study
	10:30 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper

Those Serving Next Week, Sunday, July 8th:

Altar Guild:		Theresa Gaffer & Jill Gehl
Worship Assistants:	8:00 am:	Tom Eversman
	10:30 am:	Todd Haag
Acolytes:	8:00 am:	Andrew Wandersee
	10:30 am:	Summer Stockfish
Ushers:	8:00 am:	Larry Jobes, Rod Priebe, Jack Schalo
	10:30 am:	Joel Johnson, Ben Kemna, John Meyer
Money Counters:		Randy Bredenberg, Cindy Kiekow, Scott Kulberg, Nichole Schilling

Those Serving Next Week, Monday, July 9th:

Worship Assistants:	7:00 pm:	Dan Kolander
Acolytes:	7:00 pm:	Sophia Beck



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

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



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.

NIGERIA: Pr. Briel has been asked to return to Nigeria this coming September to teach several more classes at the Jonathan Ekong Lutheran Seminary in Uyo, Nigeria. Contributions toward his travel expenses and necessary text books for the classes he will be teaching would be greatly appreciated. God continue to bless his and all other missionary activities in our church as we seek to train indigenous pastors to bring the gospel to the nations. ...donations for this special trip should be made payable to St. John's, and designated as "Briel Nigeria Trip". Thank you for your generosity and continued support!



BOARD OF EDUCATION CALL UPDATES:



The BOE extended a Call to Alicia Oldre for 5th Grade Teacher and that call was accepted! Also, the contract extended to Linda Kalk was accepted for .6 time, Resource Teacher. Calls extended to Gary Volberding for Interim Administrator, and a contract to Suzanne Haag for part-time Admissions, Communications & Marketing Director, were both accepted. Thank you all for the prayers and support of the Board of Education, the existing Faculty, and the new Teachers coming on who have decided to serve God's people here at St Johns!! If you have any questions please contact BOE chair Brian Callahan , 763-242-3837, or brian.callahan@centurylink.com.

ADMINISTRATOR CALL UPDATE: After prayerful consideration, the Admin Call Committee and BOE are recommending we continue with our interim Administrator solution for the 2018/2019 school year. Additionally, the recommendation to the BOE is that the current Call committee be dissolved with a new committee formed this late summer/early fall that may start with fresh eyes and full hearts! If you have interest in serving on the future committee, then please contact BOE Chairman Brian Callahan at 763-242-3837.



THANK YOU: I'd like to give a big "Thank You!" to all of the members that have served on the Administrator Call Committee in various forms over the last 18 months! Your hard work and dedication over the countless hours is beyond appreciated. It's been amazing to witness first-hand the love these folks have for our school here at St. John's! I'd also ask that the Congregation continue to pray and support the BOE as they pick up this endeavor again in a few months. ~Dave Huth

CROSS...FOOD NEEDS: Each month CROSS collects food items to be donated to the needy. Items desired from STJL during the month of **JULY** are: Jello/Pudding and Cleaners (Toilet Cleaner, All-Purpose, etc.). Thank you for helping when you can; your contributions placed in the narthex area are greatly appreciated.



25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION for Pastor Loel Wessel of First English Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, July 22 at 3:30 at the church in Spring Valley, 217 West Grant Street. RSVP by July 6th: call Mary Ann 507-421-8275, or email FEL@mediacombb.net

PRO LIFE SAVE THE DATE: July 14th our Pro-Life group will have another Sewing Saturday. Any age is welcome to sew baby quilts or tie blankets for needy families. Come anytime between 9 am and 3 pm. *Lunch will be provided. And we are inviting other churches in our circuit.* RSVP LeAnn Cummins 763-420-2317 or Gretchen Kliche 763-477-6136.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Thank you to everyone in making our VBS program successful again this year! Many people contributed time, talents, and props in enhancing the program...all of which are so greatly appreciated.

~Tara Eder tara.eder@gmail.com

THANK YOU so much to everyone who donated items for the Baby Kits. They will go to pregnancy centers in Red Wing, Rochester and Winona where they will help mothers with new babies. Your caring is much appreciated. Any questions: LeAnn 763-420-2317.



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Sunday, June 24th: 8:00 am: CT: 106 CM: 93
10:30 am: CT: 109 CM: 92
Monday, June 25th: 7:00 pm: CT: 37 CM: 25



FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<i>Last Week</i> 06/24/18	<i>Year-to-date</i> since 07/01/17
Offerings Received	\$ 9,741	\$ 714,604
Amount Needed	\$ 14,958	\$ 846,611
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ (5,216)	\$ (132,007)
% Ahead (-Behind)	-35%	-16%



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

GIVE+



NEW GIVING OPTIONS:

We are excited to now offer three electronic giving options for St. John's 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), but now St. John's has introduced two more elements of that program: *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, please see the insert in today's bulletin, and check out the display in the narthex. Kindly be patient with the introduction and implementation of these new programs – it may take more effort to perfect the process! Comments or questions: secretary2@stjlutheran.org