



September 2022



Worship Schedule

Sundays:

8:00 am Divine Service
(live-streamed on our web-site: stjlutheran.org)

9:30 am Adult Bible Study
10:30 am Divine Service

Address Updates:

Help us keep our files up-to-date. E-mail: secretary@stjlutheran.org or call 763-420-2426, ext. 10

Special points of interest:

- September Birthdays
- Monthly Calendar
- Pastoral Inspiration
- Minutes of the Deacon Council Meeting
- Financial Updates
- History Committee notes



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.

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church September Newsletter



...Pr. Matthew P. Johnson

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As we return to the normal fall schedule as a church and school some of you may have experienced the joy of a family reunion over these past summer months. I know of a wonderful family that dealt with personal sickness ahead of such a gathering and one of the encouragements toward regaining health and strength was the desire to be ready for and attend that upcoming get-together (which gratefully did take place as planned!). In fact, our resumption of school, Altar Corps, and Sunday School might be thought of as a congregational family reunion. Every year I, for one, find myself thinking during this time of year "wouldn't it be an amazing thing if we could do this more often!"

The good news is that we can gather more regularly, more fulsomely as a congregation. Seeing one another is an encouraging thing, and hearing God's Word together is faith's familiar place for rejoicing. Please permit me to review how we came together this past summer and preview what is planned for this fall. This past summer we had Sunday morning Bible class each week and learned more about Biblical teaching in an orderly format. Bible class was likewise held each Tuesday as the group examined the Psalms, an endeavor that will continue until all 150 have been taken up. We also came together as a congregation to respond with Christian charity and prayer for the family of Pastor Loeslie of Morristown in light of a diagnosis that left him without a way to provide for his family through his call (there is still opportunity to give on an individual basis).

As we look ahead to gathering together over these months of fall we see the resumption of Sunday School on September 11—please bring your children to learn more of the Biblical basics and settle in in the Fellowship Hall for some hearty adult study on the two books of Samuel. We rejoice in the resumption of our congregational music program in church and school, with increased opportunities for singing and handbell ringing—please watch for Kantor Moss' direction and listen for her encouragement on how we can praise the Lord together. On Saturday, September 17 we have our annual Golf outing to raise funds for school scholarships—this event returning for another year after a forced hiatus during Covid. On the next day we celebrate the retirement of the mortgage with a congregational potluck and annual fall meeting.

A little over ten days later we gather for the prayer service called Vespers in the middle of the week (Thursday, September 29) in the evening to give thanks to God for the ministry of His holy angels. This service will be followed by a wine and cheese reception to thank the Safety Team, as well as celebrating Pastor Moss' birthday with one another. About ten days after that (Sunday, October 9 from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm) we have another opportunity to gather for a congregational fellowship event, with Oktoberfest at the Lookout Bar and Grill. The Fellowship Committee asks for reservations to be made by October 1.



Family gatherings can be great times of rejoicing, while at some times and for some members they can be painful occasions thanks to major loss or life-change. Something like this can happen in our church life together as well. Attending can be hard for a single person, for a sick person, for an elderly person, or someone who has lost a spouse. Grandparents can be in church but hurt to think of their grandchildren who have never been baptized. Those not facing these kinds of crosses should not take the joy of gathering around God's Word and sacraments for granted in our own lives, nor should we pass up the opportunity to show support for our fellow church members who are enduring these trials. Sometimes this support is given simply when you are present for church or bible class, where the fellow hurting member sees other Christians treasuring what for them is their only lifeline amid grief or distress—the Word and sacraments of Christ.

Pastor Moss and I—along with the Deacons—have been eager to roll out a new support program for our parents and grandparents whose children or grandchildren have left the Church and the Christian faith. This is an increasingly common heartache both for laypeople and church workers. I will be leading a “Faith Family Reunion” small-sized encouragement group where we will share together, learn together, pray together, and listen together to the struggles that come with adult children who have left the Christian faith behind. We will meet on Monday night for four weeks in October, with a group of 4-8 people. Confidentiality is essential for this process, and mutual support and consolation can be expected. Please reach out to me if you are interested in joining or simply want to know more (EMAIL: pastor.johnson@stjlutheran.org / CELL: 763-772-7315).

~Pastor Johnson



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council of Deacons Meeting Minutes-July 14, 2022

Deacon meeting was called to order by Jerry at 7:00 P.M.

In attendance: Pr. Moss, Phil Koehler, Leif Briel, Phil Schutte, Ted Schmidt, Jerry Rogge, Andrew Heinen, Sam Kuphal, Gretchen Dolan, Scott Gehl, Dennis Schwecke, Dave Kiesow, Chris Kruse.

Pr. Moss opened the meeting with a prayer.

Theological Study: Handling the Word of Truth. We discussed chapter 11&12. Pr. Moss led the discussion with the questions at the end of the chapters. Read chapter 13 for the next meeting.

Endowment Fund update: Chris Kruse gave an update on what has been happening with the committee. The goal was to give a presentation at the fall congregational meeting. But the communication to the congregation leading up to the meeting has not been the best. The committee is going to continue to work through the process. And have information ready to present to the congregation in the near future.

Deacon Minutes:

Phil S. motioned, Dave seconded to approve the May minutes. Motion passed.

Pastors Report: Written report submitted.

New Members: Luther & Bobbi Mathsen

Leif made the motion to approve new members. Dave seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Release: Rob, Ashley, Landon & Cooper Essig

Phil K. made the motion to release the Essig family. Ted seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Death: None in June.

Marriage: None.

Baptisms: Lewis Howey, June 4, Pr. Johnson presiding

Naomi Steffen, June 18, Pr. Johnson presiding

Removals and Record-Keeping:

Name	Removal	Record Keeping
Oliver Hofker	X	Currently at Immanuel Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Eagle, NE
Gerald Kiekow	X	Out of state and no known contact information
Jocelyn Anderson	X	No known location or contact information
Kurt & Donna Jennings	X	No known location or contact information
Jeddeloh, Melvin, Denise, Cambrai, Corey	X	No known location or contact information
Kanarski, Dawn, Kurt, Stacey Kawa	X	No known locations, phone not in service
Kaylee Isaacson & Thomas Bruce	X	Transferred in 2018 Life in Christ, Albertville
Chad & Michelle Gangelhoff	X	Transferred in 2014 Life in Christ, Albertville, never updated in Shepard staff
Alisa Howell	X	Relocated to WI, attends other churches

Board of Spiritual Life: Written report submitted

Business Manager's Report: Written report submitted.

- George Beam to start in July as the new custodian. He will shadow John for a few weeks. John will be done working at the end of July.
- The thermostat replacement project should be done next Friday.
- Evaluate/review of St. John's employer sponsored health plan. Current plan is set to increase 10% at the beginning of the year.

Board of Administration: Written report submitted.

Principal's Report: Written report submitted

Board of Education: Written report submitted.

Congregational President Report: Congregational meeting & mortgage burning ceremony is set for Sept. 18th.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the board reports as presented. Motion passed.

Old business:

- Explore the functionality and goals of our youth program. BSL is working on this item.
- Safety Team training update/schedule. Safety Team trains on situations every month. Go over severe weather events in the spring. Possibly doing a fire drill with the entire congregation after each church service in the future.

New business:

- Discuss slate of nominees for Deacons and congregational officers.
- Constitution committee update. The committee has made updates to the constitution. Phil Schutte will answer any questions about the updates. It is still on track for approval at the fall congregational meeting.
- HVAC repair. A heat exchanger and a condenser fan need to be replaced. Two bids were obtained for the repairs. Heating and Cooling Two for \$7374.05. And Assured Htg, A/C & Refg for \$6150.

Scott made the motion for Assured Htg to repair the HVAC unit. Phil S. seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Resolutions:

1. Be it resolved that the slate of nominees for the office of Deacon and for the congregational officers of President and Secretary be approved by the Council of Deacons.
Motion was made to approve the lists of nominees as presented. Motion was seconded. Discussion occurred about the nominees. Motion approved.
2. Be it so moved that the Gala project funds for 2022 are designated to safety enhancements with the percentage designation to the safety enhancements and school endowment to be determined at a later date.
Motion was made to approve the designations for the Gala funds for 2022 by Leif. Motion was seconded by Scott. Discussion occurred. Motion approved.
3. Be it so moved the Compensation Committee be dissolved and that the authority to review/update/execute compensation and pay rate policy be governed by the Board of Administration.
Motion was made to approve resolution as presented by Dave. Motion was seconded by Andrew. Discussion occurred about the resolution and the context behind it. Motion approved.

Bach Society of Minnesota: They contacted St. John's about have a concert on March 4th, 2023. They have performed at St. John's before. And have had a good turn out from members and the public at the event. They will do everything that goes into putting on the event including advertising. There is no financial commitment upfront from St. John's. They would be working with Katie, pastors and the BSL to put on the event.
Motion was made to approve the Bach Society concert on March 4th, 2023 by Leif. Motion was seconded by Phil S. Discussion occurred about the event. Motion approved.

Motion/Second/Passed to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:47 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church and School Monthly Reporting – July 2022

July Summary:

- Deficit of \$28k for July:
 - Total revenue short \$6k of budget
 - Total expenses a favorable \$9k under budget
- Mortgage balance is at \$13,169; final payment will be September!

Financial Details:

Fund Balances
As of July 31, 2022

Current Fund balances thru last month

	TOTAL	
▶ A) Operating Fund	248,563	} St. John's currently has \$945K in cash assets*
▶ B) Gifting Fund	327,695	
▶ C) School Endowment Fund	368,544	
Total Bank Accounts	\$944,801	
▼ 25000 Gifting Funds		} Breakdown of Gifting Fund
25020 Improvement Fund	304,353	
25035 Mercy/Kindness Fund	15,784	
25701 Mission-Synod	4,908	
25713 Mission-Jastram	2,650	
Total 25000 Gifting Funds	327,695	

Budget vs Actuals-Last Month July 2022

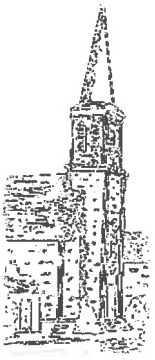
	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
▼ Revenue				
4010 General Fund Offerings	44,336	54,400	-10,064	82.00 %
4020 Tuition	32,057	30,841	1,216	104.00 %
4030 Other School Income	16,022	13,000	3,022	123.00 %
4400 Other Income	14,589	14,739	-150	99.00 %
Total Revenue	\$107,004	\$112,980	\$ -5,976	95.00 %
▼ Expenditures				
6200 Salaries & Wages	83,399	86,385	-2,986	97.00 %
6400 Benefits	19,633	23,738	-4,105	83.00 %
6500 Other Staff Expenses	4,035	2,497	1,538	162.00 %
6510 Church Programs	221	1,342	-1,120	16.00 %
6560 Operating/Misc Expenses	13,254	12,774	480	104.00 %
6570 Utilities and Maintenance	8,895	11,839	-2,944	75.00 %
7100 School Academic Expenses	4,554	5,275	-721	86.00 %
7300 School Bus Service	123	0	123	
7900 Other School Expenses	1,004	675	329	149.00 %
Total Expenditures	\$135,117	\$144,525	\$ -9,407	93.00 %
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ -28,113	\$ -31,545	\$3,432	89.00 %

Operating Callouts:

- General Fund offerings were short of budget by \$10k
- Strong July ESP (summer program) attendance; \$15k revenue this year compared to \$9k last year
- Overall came in slightly favorable to budget (\$28k actual deficit vs \$31k budgeted for July).

*Fund balances do not include the Cemetery, Church Worker Scholarship Funds, Hot Lunch or PTL. These funds currently maintain their own financial reporting.

- Year-To-Date and more detailed ins/outs for Gifting/Endowment funds will be reported quarterly
- Full Balance Sheet and Profit/Loss reporting available via request to sam.kuphal@stjlutheran.org



St. John's History Committee

Did you Know:

- The first school at St. John's was held on Sunday afternoons. These sessions were held for one month in the home of Mr. John Schober and for one month in the home of Mr. Herman Schutte.
- When the first church was built in 1865-66, much of the teaching was done in the church.
- When the second church was built in 1880-81, the old church was moved and served as the school for several years.
- In the early 1890's the school was moved to the basement of the church.
- As a special 60th Anniversary project in 1924, the congregation decided to build an all brick, two-story school building as shown below.

Check out the new History Committee display featuring our school. Interested in learning more?
Please join the group at their next meeting scheduled for September 26th at 6:30 p.m.





September

2022 MISSION PROGRAMS: We currently continue to support the Synod mission program and that of Rev. Dr. Jastram. *Please note:* Any contributions to missions other than these two options at this time will be divided between these two currently supported programs. BSL will update you via the Announcements when we learn how and whom we may support via mission offerings going forward. May God bless you for your generosity!

SUNDAY SCHOOL returns this fall beginning September 11th at 9:15am in the gym.



NEW CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY: It's that time again when St. John's is creating a new Church Directory! Our dates of photography are September 20th – 24th, 27th & 28th. For participating you will receive a complimentary 8 x 10" portrait and a church directory. You will view your images right away and have the chance to purchase family portraits for your own memories and to give as gifts. You can make an appointment either online or on Sunday mornings in the narthex before and after services. The link for making your own appointment is www.ucdir.com ...click on "*Schedule Appointment*". Our church code is "*mn272*" with the password of "*photos*" (all lowercase). Please call Sue Reznecheck or Russ Reznecheck if you have any questions or need assistance with sign up.



GOLF TOURNAMENT: St John's 9th Annual Charity Golf Tournament, Saturday, Sept 17th, 2pm Rush Creek Golf Club. Dinner to follow at 6:30pm. Register by September 10th.

YOUTH GROUP VOLUNTEERING: The Board of Spiritual Life and Pastors, on behalf of the whole Deacon Council and congregation, would like to thank Jayme Kruse for her years of tireless service to our Lord and the youth of this congregation. She has been a great blessing and leaves big shoes to fill! We would like to take this opportunity to explore all the options, including potentially calling a church worker from the roster of Synod. We will need to have conversations about the commitment of St. John's to youth ministry, and the commitment of our individual families to prioritizing and participating in youth ministry. To do that with the diligence it deserves will take time, however. While we take the time to explore those options and decide together on a best course, we still need to provide and facilitate this program year with fun events and service opportunities.

Those interested in helping should contact Pastor Moss.

THE BACH SOCIETY OF MN will be returning to St. John's for a concert on Saturday, March 4, 2023 (time, TBD). They are asking our congregation to make a contribution of \$2,000 towards their operating costs. They will come and perform regardless, but this would be a good gesture on our part as we seek to reach out to our community and especially to those who already have a love for excellent and historic Lutheran music. Since this cost was not included in BSL's line of the 2022-2023 budget we are seeking interested donors from the congregation to get in touch with BSL Chairman Phil Schutte to communicate your support for this event.

ADULT CATECHISM CLASS: If you or someone you know desires to take an Adult Catechism class with Pastor Moss, potentially leading to membership at St. John's, please get in touch with Pastor Moss soon so we can set up a day and time that works for everyone.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: St John's is looking for some Part-Time Maintenance help! Are you mechanically inclined or generally handy? We are looking to fill a part-time role (15-25 hours) for the church and school which would include mainly basic maintenance duties (anything from changing light bulbs to switching out furnace filters to replacing light switches). Exact position responsibilities and pay rate will vary depending on the skill level, reach out to our Business Manager (sam.kuphal@stjlutheran.org) or the church office for more information.

ATTENTION FAMILIES OF COLLEGE AGE STUDENTS: Please send us your college age student's address (even if they are living at home, working or their school address stayed the same) so that St. John's may keep in touch with them throughout the year. Email addresses Mary Brockberg. Please note if you do not supply an address you will not receive the mailings. Thank you and we wish everyone a blessed fall!

Fellowship Committee:

CELEBRATION POTLUCK: The Fellowship Committee is hosting a Potluck after the second service on Sunday Sept. 18th in celebration of St. John's "Debt Free" achievement! The Fall Congregational Assembly will follow the meal.

WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION: Thursday September 29th after the evening Feast of St. Michael and All Angels Vespers Service, the Fellowship Committee will host a Wine & Cheese Reception to thank the Safety Team for their dedication and service; your support will be appreciated with a special door offering. Please join us as we will be celebrating Pr. Moss' birthday as well.

OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION: Join us on Sunday October 9th 4:30-7:30pm at the Lookout Bar & Grill in Maple Grove; hosted by the Fellowship Committee. Dinner from 5-6pm. RSVP by October 1st.



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!



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Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio. Listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org.

GET CHURCH EMAIL COMMUNICATION: If you are not already on our church email distribution list for notices such as upcoming church events, funerals, weather closures, etc. and wish to be included, please provide your email address to: secretary@stjlutheran.org

~LIFE NOTES~

"We all belong, first and foremost, to God. His creative and redemptive acts bring value and meaning to our lives. Because we belong to Him, He provides all we need. Our lives also belong to each other, and because we are connected through the body of Christ, we are not alone. We are necessary to each other as we serve through our vocations." Michelle Bowman, director of 1/4Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life
www.lutheransforlife.org



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Katharina Meyer	3 Raelene Fairchild Puddy Zarracina
4 Blaine Mathwig Natalie Zarradna	5	6 Arlene Bagne Ryan Fritz Rachel Kolstad Ron Tarvin	7 Joshua Haag	8 Bret McFerrin	9 Cathy Schmidt	10 Dylan Jenkins Floyd Lieske Alexandra Meyer Alexander Vetsch
11 Colton Dorweiler Amy Murschel Joni Wicht	12 Leah Johnson Jordan Klatt Makena Murschel	13	14 Emery Radintz Sue Reznecheck Alan Stromback	15 Calvin Thompson Sabrina Vetsch	16 Rochelle Hansen Deb Koehler Harlan Peterson	17 Eric Toelle Laura Wandersee
18	19 Lois Nelson	20 Dale Avenson Renaye Day Elisabeth Lieska Stephanie Parris Sarah Schmidt	21 Charles Ballou Sophia Beck Jake Miest Nate Miest Brigitte Ritter	22 Lewis Howey Wyatt Thurber Donna Toelle Zach Zupfer	23 Isaac Kuehne	24 Pr. Steven Briel Dalton Holovnia Curtis McDowell Ross Robinson
25 Kara Birzniaks	26 Tanya O'Hern Paighton Thompson	27 Kaitlyn Anderson	28 Theresa Gaffer Luther Mathsen Mason Schmidt Olivia Skepper William Walters	29 Owen Curd Kim Heinen Braxton Holovnia Edwin Kothrade Rylee Sumstad	30 Pr. Matthew Moss Jennifer Swanson	





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*Monthly events are subject to change

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 8:00 am Divine Svc [indv gls] 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Divine Svc [cm cup]	5 No School/No ESP OFFICE CLOSED~ Labor Day	6 Preschool- First Day of School (5 Day) 9:00 am Adult Bible Study	7 Preschool- First Day of School (2&3 Day) 6:00 pm Wed Catechism (Public School Students)	8 7:00 pm Deacons Council Meeting	9 No School/No ESP OFFICE CLOSED~ Labor Day Weekend	10
11 8:00 am Divine Svc [cm cup] 9:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Divine Svc [indv gls]	12	13 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm PTL Meeting	14 6:00 pm Wed Catechism (Public School Students)	15 OCT NWSLTR DEADLINE	16	17 2:00 pm St. John's 9 th Annual Charity Golf Tournament 6:30 pm Dinner – Rush Creek Golf Club
18 8:00 am Divine Svc [indv gls] 9:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Divine Svc [cm cup] 11:30 am Celebration Potluck 12:30 pm Congregational Assembly	19 5:00 pm Fellowship Committee Meeting	20 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 2:00 pm Church Photo Session for Directory 7:00 pm Board Meetings	21 2:00 pm Church Photo Session for Directory 6:00 pm Wed Catechism (Public School Students)	22 Autumnal Equinox-First Day of Fall 2:00 pm Church Photo Session for Directory	23 2:00 pm Church Photo Session for Directory	24 10:30 am Church Photo Session for Directory
25 8:00 am Divine Svc [cm cup] 9:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Divine Svc [indv gls]	26 6:30 pm History Committee Meeting	27 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 2:00 pm Church Photo Session for Directory	28 2:00 pm Church Photo Session for Directory 6:00 pm Wed Catechism (Public School Students)	29 7:00 pm The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels Vespers Service 8:00 pm Wine & Cheese Reception	30	

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Divine Services Live-Streamed on Sundays at 8:00 am
Sunday Divine Service 10:30 am



THE SERVICE OF INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION
is available this month by appointment only. 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!