# St. John's Lutheran Church
# **Announcements**
September 20, 2026

## *In Our Prayers This Week*

**Our members and friends who are sick and in need of healing and comfort:** Lynn Slauson, Pam Linton (daughter of LaVerne & Arlene Bagne), Ryan & Toya Fish, Thea Mazurowski (wife of Kevin), Caroline Schaefer, Lisa Kolander, Cindy Kmecik, Pat Hansen, Carol Eastborne, Judie Berreau, Pat Kalk, Randy Bredenberg, Duane Abraham, Lois Nelson, and Diane Radintz

**Our homebound members:** Judie Berreau, Rick Bymark, Lorrayne Conley, Rev. David Fechner, Pat Hansen, Darlean & Joe Goskey, Barb Grambart, Ron Koehler, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, Rev. Terry & Debbie Small, John Radintz

**For those who rejoice,** especially Adam & Jessica Gottula at the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth

**For those who mourn,** especially for Laura Kemna and family at the death of her mother, Robbie Danks and for the family of Loren Peterson

**All those serving in our Armed Forces:** Agena Christophersen (Germany), Lucas Kiesow (Kansas), Kevin Mazurowski (Wisconsin), Nathan Mazurowski (Arizona), Isak Preus (California), Brian Pruhs (Missouri), Joseph Radintz (home), Danny Schilling (home), Isaac Vogt (Colorado), and Alexander Rank (Minnesota)

**All expecting families and their unborn children,** especially Caitlin and Joe Pariseau and Johanna (nee-Rossow) and Darius Uditsky

**Praying for our church & school:** This week we pray for our many church volunteers, including accounting professionals, funeral workers, fund raisers, and worship assistants. We also pray for our fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Laura Berg.

**This week the congregations in our circuit** are praying for all retired pastors of our circuit still actively serving God's people.

## *From the Pastors*

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: REVELATION** This year we will study The Book of Revelation. Please read the September Church Newsletter for Pastor Moss's introduction to the book. Join us every Sunday as we walk through this fascinating and important final book of the Bible.

- Today: Revelation 1:9-20 John's Vision of the Son of Man

**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY** meets weekly at 9:00am in the auxiliary room.

- Sept. 22: Psalm 146 Trust in Yahweh, Not in Princes

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

- September 13: 347 attended; 234 communed

**TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY,** we encourage you to follow Issues, Etc. (especially Pr. John Bombaro's "Looking Forward to Sunday Morning [the 1-Year Lectionary]") on your podcasting app or via their website.

## *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

**NEXT SUNDAY - POTLUCK & CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY** The fellowship committee is hosting a potluck for our fall Congregational Assembly on **Sunday, September 27** after the second service. Please come to attend the meeting and break bread together in fellowship. Bring a dish to share! Beverages, lasagna, and mac and cheese will be provided.

**DEACON NOMINATIONS:** At the Fall Assembly meeting NEXT SUNDAY, four new Deacons will be selected from the following candidates: Brian Callahan, Greg Christopher, Mark Ellinger, Antony Fisher, Bob Gerda, David Huth, David Kulberg, Tim Radintz, David Rank. Also, the following will be up for re-election for congregational

officer positions: Leif Briel (president), Sarah Bahr (secretary), and Joe Koehler (treasurer).

If anyone has concerns about the fitness of these members to serve St. John's, that person must contact one of the pastors or the Deacon Chairman, Chris Kruse. The congregation gives thanks to God for those willing to serve in this capacity, especially those whose term of service is coming to an end: Deacons Pete Ims, Mark Radintz, Dan Kolander, and Grant Birznieks.

**SHANNON LANE PROPERTY CAMPAIGN** We are grateful for the newly purchased Shannon Lane property! Last Sunday, a capital campaign was launched with the goal of raising $100,000 by December 31 to be placed toward the property's mortgage.

Gifts may be made in any of the following ways:

- Place a gift in the Sunday offering plate using an envelope marked "Shannon Lane Property Campaign."
- Give online at www.stjlutheranchurch.org. Select Sharing, then Giving, choose "Shannon Lane Property Campaign" from the dropdown menu, and follow the prompts.
- Scan the QR code to go directly to the online giving page, select "Shannon Lane Property Campaign," and follow the prompts.

Every gift, regardless of size, will bring us closer to our goal. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you might support this campaign and for your continued generosity to the ministry of St. John's.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL, YOUTH BIBLE STUDY, AND NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Email Erika Rossow for youth group and Sunday school (there is a sign up outside the nursery for those interested in helping in between services).

**FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL** Join us after the 7pm service for a wine and cheese social on Tuesday, September 29th.

**JOIN US AT THE 2026 FALL FESTIVAL** The Fellowship Committee is delighted to invite you to the **St. John's 2026 Fall Festival**. Come celebrate the beauty of the autumn season, the joy of Christian fellowship, and the warmth of community with friends, family, and neighbors. Enjoy delicious fall favorites, seasonal activities for all ages, and the opportunity to gather as a church family while celebrating God's blessings.

- **Date:** Sunday, October 4th, 2026 (rain or shine at St. John's)
- **Time:** 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (immediately following the second Divine Service)

**Please RSVP** by scanning the QR code so we can ensure there is plenty of food and supplies for everyone attending. We look forward to celebrating this special fall tradition with you!

**FALL FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS WANTED!** If you'd like to lend a hand with setup, games, or the food tables, your help is greatly appreciated. Reach out to Lori Kiesow or Jamie Peterson.

**SENIOR MINISTRY ENRICHMENT EVENT** We're looking forward to our next Enrichment Event - the Osceola Fall Colors Train Ride on October 10th at 1:30! A few tickets still remain, so if you're interested in joining please email STJLSenior@stjlutheran.org. All ages are welcome!

**GATHER, CELEBRATE, & GIVE BACK AT THE ST. JOHN'S GALA!** Join us for an evening of dinner, meaningful connection, and exciting silent and live auctions as we come together to celebrate and support our St. John's Church and School community. As one of our most anticipated events of the year, this special night is truly made by your presence. Mark your calendars now!

**Save the Date:** November 13, 2026 | 5:00 PM | Rush Creek Golf Club

## *Finances & Giving*

**Financial Year To Date Update (July 1, 2026 - August 31, 2026)**

- Year To Date actual **revenue: $449,237**
- Year To Date **revenue** is favorable **$32,241** to budget

- Year To Date actual **operating expenses: $391,859**
- Year To Date **operating expenses** are favorable **$5,992** to budget

**Ways to Give**

- Scan the QR code
- Online at www.stjohnscorcoran.churchcenter.com/giving
- Download the "Church Center" in your app store
  - Add St. John's as your church to give
  - Track your pledges, giving and more!

**Did You Know?**

Through your faithful giving, St. John's supports several mission partners both locally and around the world. Members may designate offerings to any of the following missions:

- LCMS Minnesota South District missions
- Rev. Charles Wokoma – Nigeria
- Rev. Dr. Daniel & Joan Jastram – Japan
- Janine Foggia – Hong Kong

When **giving by check**, simply note the mission name in the memo line. **Online giving** options are also available through the church website by clicking on the "Sharing" tab and then selecting "Giving."

Thank you for supporting the spread of the Gospel through these mission opportunities.

**Questions regarding church financials** should be directed to Stephanie.Parris@stjlutheran.org or any member of the Board of Admin.

## *Nice to Know*

**Recorded worship services** may be viewed on our St. John's YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/@STJLutheran.

**Large print bulletins** are available. If you would like one in your mailbox each week for use, contact the church office at 763-420-2426.

**Large print Portals of Prayer** are available in limited numbers. Please speak with an usher if you would like one.

**St. John's Constitution & By-laws** are available at the front office.

**The Lutheran Hour** can be found this week at the following: 6:00am WCCO 830 AM; 7:30am WWJO 98.1 FM; 9:30am KRWC AM Buffalo

**Planning to stop in?** Please call ahead before arrival. Office hours are 7:30am-3:30pm Monday - Friday. You may reach us at 763-420-2426.

**Bulletin announcements** must be emailed by **noon each Wednesday** to Tori.Kuehne@stjlutheran.org to be considered for inclusion.

**A happy birthday** is wished to those celebrating this week!

- **Today**: Jessica Gerda, Renaye Day, Sarah Schmidt, Stephanie Parris
- **Monday:** Brigette Ritter, Frankie Gottula, Jake Miest, Nate Miest, Sophia Beck
- **Tuesday**: Donna Toelle, Terry Small, Wyatt Thurber, Zach Zupfer
- **Wednesday**: Isaac Kuehne
- **Thursday**: Curtis McDowell, Dalton Holovnia, Ross Robinson, Steven Briel
- **Friday**: Kara Birznieks
- **Saturday**: Paighton Thompson, Tanya O'Hern

# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

## What is a "Gospel Procession"?

You may sometimes see the Gospel reading take place in a different part of the church. On special Sundays, the Bible is carried into the center of the congregation where the pastor reads the Gospel to the people. There may also be some festive music or singing. After the reading, while the Bible is being carried back to its place, there may be more music and singing. This ceremony is called the Gospel Procession.

## Why do we have a Gospel Procession?

Jesus is the living Word. He set us free from the burden of sin through His life, death and resurrection. A Gospel Procession reminds us that this wonderful news is to be carried into the whole world. Jesus came for all people and He offers eternal life to all who believe by the power of the Holy Spirit! Wow! A Gospel Procession is a wonderful thing!

**Parents:** Before or after the Divine Service, remind your children of the meaning of the Gospel Procession. When it is taking place, point out the reverent way the pastor, crucifer, and/or assistants move. Reverence and humility are shown to the One who is truly among us declaring the Good News of forgiveness of sins by His Word! Read John 1:1–3, 14 and discuss it with your children. How is Jesus described in this reading?

Copyright © 2017 LCMS Worship. Created by Christopher Thoma. LCMS congregations and schools have permission to reproduce "KIDS in the Divine Service" for their use.
*lcms.org* | 888-THE LCMS

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

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Today** | 8:00am | Divine Service<br>• Common cup |
| | 9:30am | Adult Bible Study |
| | 10:30am | Divine Service<br>• Common cup |
| | 6:00pm | Adult/High School Open Gym Volleyball |
| **Monday** | | |
| **Tuesday** | 9:00am | Adult Bible Study |
| **Wednesday** | 6:00pm | Public School Catechism |
| | 6:00pm | Handbell Rehearsal |
| | 7:00pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| **Thursday** | 5:30pm | Adult Catechism Class |
| **Friday** | 8:15am | Chapel |
| **Saturday** | | |
| **Sunday** | 7:30am | Handbell Warm-Up |
| | 8:00am | Divine Service<br>• Common cup<br>• Handbells playing |
| | 9:30am | Adult Bible Study & Sunday School |
| | 10:30am | Divine Service<br>• Common cup<br>• Handbells playing |
| | 12:00pm | Potluck & Congregational Assembly Meeting |
| | 6:00pm | Adult/High School Open Gym Volleyball |