St. John's Lutheran Church
Announcements
September 27, 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, Diane Radintz, and Bruce Wilson

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 mourn, especially for Laura Kemna and family at the death of her mother, Robbie Danks

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 Sarah & Kyle Hennen, Caitlin & Joe Pariseau, and Johanna (nee-Rossow) & Darius Uditsky

Baptized into Christ With thanks to God we pray for Macklin Lee, infant son of Andy and Paige Windsperger, baptized into Christ this day.

Praying for our church & school: This week we pray for all who oversee our technology operations, our business manager Stephanie Parris, and for our first-grade teacher and co-athletic director, Mrs. Megan Basham.

This week the congregations in our circuit are praying for the wives and families of our circuit pastors.

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 2:1-11 — The Seven High Priestly Pronouncements Begin

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

- Sept. 29: Psalm 147 — Yahweh Restores Jerusalem and Delights in God-Fearers

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

- September 20 — 311 attended; 216 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 website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - POTLUCK & CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY The fellowship committee is hosting a potluck for our fall Congregational Assembly TODAY after the second service. Please come to attend the meeting and break bread together in fellowship.

DEACON NOMINATIONS: At the Fall Assembly meeting today, 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).

BE PART OF OUR NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY! We'd love to include every member's photo. Appointments are available October 6–10. Sign up at the table after Sunday worship, call Sue Reznecheck, or schedule online/scan the QR code (Username mn659 · Password mnmember659).

THANK YOU TO THE 32 FAMILIES who have returned their pledge cards. There is still time to return yours. Please place them in the white box in the narthex or return them to the front office. If you have not received one in the mail and would like to contribute, there are extra cards and envelopes on the table in the narthex.

ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN ST. JOHN'S EXPANSION! With the purchase of the Shannon Lane property, we are forming a Property Development committee and need your expertise. All communing members are welcome. Construction, real estate, long-term planning, and project management experience helpful, but all backgrounds are needed to fully represent our congregation. Help shape our future! If interested, email Ron Tarvin.

SHANNON LANE PROPERTY CAMPAIGN We are grateful for the newly purchased Shannon Lane property! A capital campaign has been 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:

- In the Sunday offering plate using an envelope marked "Shannon Lane Property Campaign."
- Online at 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.

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

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.

JOIN US AT THE 2026 FALL FESTIVAL The Fellowship Committee is delighted to invite you to the **St. John's 2026 Fall Festival** on **Sunday, October 4th following the late service** (rain or shine). 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.

Please RSVP by scanning the QR code so we can ensure there is plenty of food and supplies for everyone attending.

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! 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 November 13th at Rush Creek Golf Club for an evening of dinner, 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!

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

The flowers on the altar today are given by Phil and Elizabeth Koehler in celebration of Charlotte's baptismal birthday.

Our family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our church family for the many prayers, kind words, visits, and acts of love shown to us during this difficult time. We are especially grateful to our Pastors for the time, care, and compassion they gave our family through their home visits and for the meaningful funeral service they provided. Their prayers, comforting words, and faithful presence were a true blessing to us.

A special thank you to the Ladies Aide for preparing and serving the funeral luncheon. Your kindness, generosity, and willingness to serve meant so much to our family. We would also like to thank Katie Moss for sharing her beautiful music during the funeral service. Her music added such a special and comforting touch to the day.

Most of all, we are deeply thankful for the prayers and support of our church family. During one of the most difficult times in our lives, your love helped carry us, reminded us that we were not alone, and gave us strength through our faith in God. We are truly blessed to be part of such a caring and faithful church family. Your kindness and compassion will always be remembered.

With heartfelt gratitude, The Loren Peterson Family

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**: Kaitlyn Wass
- **Monday:** Juliana Thon, Luther Mathsen, Mason Schmidt, Theresa Gaffer
- **Tuesday**: Braxton Holovnia, Kim Heinen
- **Wednesday**: Matthew Moss
- **Thursday**: Jason Christopher
- **Friday**: Katie Borcherding
- **Saturday**: Heaven Knutson, Paul Dickman

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What are "ceremonies"?

The word "ceremony" comes from the Latin word that means "ritual." Ceremonies are the actions associated with the words we use in worship. For example, when the Pastor says "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" you may see people making the sign of the cross. Making the sign of the cross is a ceremony. Can you think of other ceremonies that occur during the Divine Service?

Why do we have ceremonies?

Ceremonies help to keep things reverent and in good order during worship, but **their main purpose is to teach the faith through sight, sound and action.** For example, when we make the sign of the cross, we are reminded of our Baptism. At your Baptism, you received the sign of the cross on your forehead and on your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified! Ceremonies also show what a congregation believes. You can learn a lot about a church by the ceremonies in their worship.

Parents: The Lutheran Confessions say: "The purpose of observing ceremonies is that men may learn the Scriptures," and "the chief purpose of all ceremonies is to teach the people what they need to know about Christ." If you have questions about the ceremonies of your church, ask your pastor. He will be happy to explain them!

This Week at St. John's

Today	7:30am	Handbell Warm-Up
	8:00am	Divine Service • Common cup • Handbells playing
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30am	Divine Service • Common cup • Handbells playing
	12:00pm	Potluck & Congregational Assembly Meeting
	6:00pm	Adult/High School Open Gym Volleyball
Monday		
Tuesday	9:00am	Adult Bible Study
	4:00pm	Chipotle Fundraiser
	7:00pm	St. Michael & All Angels Divine Service
	8:00pm	Wine & Cheese Reception
Wednesday	6:00pm	Public School Catechism
	6:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	**DEACON REPORTS DUE**	
	5:30pm	Adult Catechism Class
Friday	8:15am	Chapel • 5^{th}-8^{th} grade singing
Saturday	12:00pm	Fall Festival Set Up
Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service • Individual cups
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30am	Divine Service • Common cup • 5^{th}-8^{th} grade choir singing
	12:00pm	Fall Festival
	6:00pm	Adult/High School Open Gym Volleyball