

St. John's Lutheran Church

Announcements

September 1, 2024



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), Barb Grambart, Judie Berreau, Ryan & Toya Fish, Joyce O'Hern, Randy Goerke, Renaye Day, Cecil & Debi Anderson (parents of Tori Kuehne), Mandy (Schmidt) Berndt, Elisabeth Lieske, Justin Brynjulfson, Ilene Shepherd, Rev. Vance Milbrath (Pastor, Grace LCMS, Brooklyn Park), Caroline Schaefer, Alexis Brockberg, Sarah Carter, Thea Mazurowski (wife of Kevin)

Our homebound members: John Barrett, Rick Bymark, Lorraine Conley, Sue Erickson, Rev. David Fechner, Wes Grambart, Ron Koehler, Joyce O'Hern, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, Ilene Shepherd, and Robert Stashenko

For those who mourn,

Andrew Heinen and family at the death of his mother, Judi Heinen, Connie Goerke and family at the death of her stepfather Linus Groenke

All those serving in our Armed Forces: Agena Christophersen (Germany), Emily Singfield (Georgia), Kevin Mazurowski (Arizona), Nathan Mazurowski (Arizona), Isak Preus (California), Brian Pruhs (Oklahoma), Joseph Radintz (home), and Danny Schilling (home)

All expecting families and their unborn children, Chris and Krista (Mellum) Anderson; Sam and Victoria (Niemira) Kulberg; Ryan and Naomi (Johnson) Ludwig; and Cory and Daphne (Evans) Olson

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, Megan Basham.

This week the congregations in our circuit are praying for St. Timothy Society for Lutheran Scholarship and their Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Gordon Bynum

From the Pastors

Adult Catechism Class- If you or someone you know is interested in an Adult Catechism Class, leading towards membership in St. John's for those not yet communicant members here, please get in touch with Pastor Moss as soon as possible, so we can schedule what days and times work best. pastor.moss@stjlutheran.org

Sunday Bible Study This Sunday we will be studying Matthew's Gospel. We will not go in chapter order but will start with the Sermon on the Mount. Join us in-between services to learn from our Lord's great message.

- Today: Matt. 7:24 – 8:1 “Built on the Rock”
- Next Sunday: Matt. 8:1– 13 “The Messiah's Miraculous Ministry Begins”

Tuesday Bible Study meets weekly at 9am in the auxiliary room. Pastor Moss will lead a study of Psalm 76, *The Glorious God of Judah* on Sep 3rd.

To prepare for next Sunday, we encourage you to follow Issues, Etc. (especially Pastor Will Weedon's "Looking Forward to Sunday Morning [the 1-Year Lectionary]") on your podcasting app or via their website.

Attendance Last Week

Sun., August 25 and Mon., August 26: 251 attended, 182 communed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD” As we end our 160th year anniversary celebrations we thank God for all He has given us. Thank you to all who attended our events and enjoyed fellowship with one

another. We also thank those who organized, donated, and assisted with the events.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. KRISTEN SKURA! Our very own school principal, Mrs. Kristen Skura, successfully defended her dissertation this past Tuesday and has now earned her Ed. D. degree from Liberty University. Well done, Dr. Skura!

BUSINESS MANAGER SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE:

The search committee would like to thank the congregation for their prayers and support during the process of searching for a new business manager. The Deacons announced in their last meeting, the hiring Stephanie Parris for this full-time position. Stephanie and her family are church members and their boys attend our school. We welcome her and her expertise!



WALK IN THE PARADE WITH US! Everyone from our church and school community is invited to participate in the Osseo Lions Roar Parade on Sept 7 at noon! This is a wonderful chance for us to come together, celebrate, and show our school spirit. We encourage you to wear your STJ gear. More details will be provided as we get closer to the date. If you have any questions, please reach out to Brenna Koehler at brenjrob@gmail.com or call the office for her phone number. Use the QR code to sign up. See you at the parade!

ST. JOHN'S HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, you are invited to join us for Sunday morning Bible class starting Sunday, September 8. We will meet in the auxiliary room and will be studying the Hymns of the Day, along with other topics that are relevant to you. We hope that you'll look forward to our time together, combined with the Divine Service, as a way to refresh and be renewed before starting your week with all the challenges the world has to give. Did we mention that we'll bring the treats? We look forward to seeing you Sunday mornings! Phil and Elizabeth Koehler



The 11th Annual Charity Golf Tournament is Saturday, September 14th! Register now to participate *or* be a sponsor. Participants may enjoy 18 holes on the beautiful Rush Creek course, a provided golf cart, and a delicious steak dinner. All proceeds from this event will go toward tuition assistance and PTL-sponsored school events.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY: Our Fall Congregational Assembly will be held on Sunday, September 22, 2024. The agenda and board report packets will be available in the narthex beginning on Sunday, September 8th. The selection of Deacons and election of Church Officers are the primary action items on the agenda for the meeting. You are invited to attend a traditional church potluck in the Fellowship Hall that will immediately follow the conclusion of the second service. The Fellowship Committee will provide lasagna, mac & cheese for the kids, a gluten free option, cookies and refreshments.

Bring a dish to share and enjoy the fellowship before the Assembly meeting. The Assembly meeting will commence immediately after the meal has concluded, approximately 12:30 PM. All are invited to attend this fellowship opportunity and to stay for the meeting to participate in the operation of the congregation. You must be a communicant member of the congregation, in good standing, and at least 18 years of age in order to vote at the Assembly.

DEACON NOMINATIONS: At the Fall Assembly meeting four new Deacons will be selected from the following six candidates... Mark Ellinger, Tom Gardner, Joel Johnson, KC Kolstad, Ron Tarvin, and Gary Volberding.

CHURCH OFFICERS ELECTION: Officers will be elected from the following candidates:

- Congregational President – Steve Kruse
- Treasurer – Joe Koehler
- Secretary – Sarah Bahr, Rachel Kolstad

If anyone has concerns about the fitness of these members to serve St. John's in these offices, that person must contact one of the pastors or the Deacon Chairman, Ross Meyer. 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 Andrew Heinen, Dave Kiesow, Ted Schmidt, and Jesse Mathwig, and Congregational Secretary Jamie Radintz.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND DUST OFF YOUR LEDERHOSEN! Sunday, October 13th will be St. John's annual fellowship Oktoberfest event from 4:30-8pm at the Maple Tavern in Maple Grove. More details to come soon!

OUR PRO-LIFE ACTIVITY THIS FALL will be collecting baby items for our local pro-life center in Anoka called Women's Care Center. Think of these babies as you shop during store sales, at thrift stores, or go to garage sales this summer. New and gently used baby items are accepted. Choose sizes newborn through one year. For questions call Gretchen at 763 477 6136 or LeAnn at 612 720 3357.

PRO-LIFE CONVOCATION at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on September 21st. Register by September 11th. See flyer in the narthex for more information on speakers and how to register.

Finances & Giving

Financial Year End Update (July 2023-June 2024)

This year ended with a deficit of \$7,482, favorable to the budgeted deficit of \$64,949

- Full Year **budgeted** operating revenue: **\$1,947,357**
- Full Year **actual** operating revenue: **\$1,948,256**
- Full Year **actual** expenses were favorable **\$56,568** under budget

Ways to Give

- 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!

Viewing your online giving statement, making a one-time online donation, and setting up recurring donations are all able to be done online at stjohnscorcoran.churchcenter.com/home.

Questions regarding church financials should be directed to any member of the Board of Administration: Dan Koehler, Ron Tarvin, Pete Ims, Mark Radintz, Andrew Heinen, Joe Koehler.

Nice to Know

Large print bulletins that include the entire order of service are available. If you would like one placed in your mailbox each week for use, please 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.

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 first (763-420-2426) as we would appreciate notice of your arrival (this helps us better coordinate and accommodate your visit). Summer office hours are 8am-noon Mon.-Fri.

Bulletin announcements must be received by Wednesday at noon each week to be considered for inclusion. Announcements may be emailed to Tori.Kuehne@stjlutheran.org.

A happy birthday is wished to those celebrating this week!

- **Today:**
- **Monday:** Katharina Meyer
- **Tuesday:**
- **Wednesday:** Blaine Mathwig
- **Thursday:**
- **Friday:** Arlene Bagne, Rachel Kolstad, Ron Tarvin
- **Saturday:** Joshua Haag

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What is a “steward”?

A steward is someone who has been put in charge of something. For example, if you are a babysitter, you are a steward for the parents of the child you are watching. We have been entrusted as stewards, or keepers, of God’s creation. That means that He has given us everything we have, and out of love for Him, we use all things for His will. This includes giving of our time, talents, money and all that we have in service to Him.

Why do Christians give?

Like everyone else, we belong to God because He created us and sustains us. As Christians we belong to His kingdom of salvation through our Baptism. God’s love motivates us to give of what we have. We don’t give because we owe God for all He has done for us in Jesus. Instead, we give because of the powerful Gospel that is working within us! Wow! God really strengthens us for wonderful service!



Parents: Before or after the service, discuss stewardship with your children. Remind them why we give. Help them to discover how they might give of what they have. Encourage them to set aside a certain portion of their own money each week to give. They will experience the joy of giving first-hand.



This Week at St. John's

Today	8:00am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual cups
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common cup
Monday		No School / No ESP Office Closed for Labor Day
Tuesday	8:00am	First Day of 5-Day Preschool Program
	9:00am	Adult Bible Study
Wednesday	8:00am	First Day of 2/3-Day Preschool Program
	12:00pm	Sunday Announcement Submissions Due
	6:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday		Deacon Reports for Deacon Council Meeting Due
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common cup
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