

# St. John's Lutheran Church

## Announcements

September 8, 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, Debi Anderson (mother 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,** especially 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 our Board of Education deacons: Jesse Mathwig, Russ Reznecheck and Grant Birznieks. We also pray for our middle school teacher and athletic director, Mr. Kyle Peterman.

**This week the congregations in our circuit** are praying for Grace Lutheran Church, Brooklyn Park, and their pastor, Rev. Vance Milbrath.

### *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](mailto:pastor.moss@stjlutheran.org)

**Sunday Bible Study** We are studying Matthew's Gospel. We covered the Sermon on the Mount over the Summer and now continue with some action! Join us in between services.

- Today: Matt. 8:1– 13 “The Messiah’s Miraculous Ministry Begins”
- Next Sunday: Matt. 8:14-27 “The Messiah’s Miraculous Ministry”

**Tuesday Bible Study** meets weekly at 9am in the auxiliary room.

- September 10 Psalm 77 The Days are Evil, Seek the Lord

**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**

- Sunday, Sept. 1 197 attended, 148 communed

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH BIBLE STUDY BEGINS**

**TODAY**, Sunday, September 8th. Contact Erika Rossow if you would like to volunteer to teach Sunday school.

**ST. JOHN'S HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**, you are invited to join us for Sunday morning Bible class starting **TODAY**, 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

**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.

**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 of 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!

**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](http://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](http://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).

**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](mailto:Tori.Kuehne@stjlutheran.org).

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

- **Today:** Bret McFerrin
- **Monday:** Cathy Schmidt
- **Tuesday:** Dylan Jenkins, Floyd Lieske, Alexandra Meyer, Alexander Vetsch
- **Wednesday:** Colton Dorweiler, Amy Murschel, Joni Wicht
- **Thursday:** Leah Johnson, Jordan Klatt, Makena Murschel
- **Friday:**
- **Saturday:** Emery Radintz, Sue Reznecheck, Alan Stromback



Thank You

FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP IN MISSION



St. John's Church and School,

Thank you for your continued support of the ministry here in Parrita, Costa Rica. It is a true joy to partner with you as brothers and sisters in Christ to make Christ's immeasurable love known to youth in the Parrita community.

The second half of the school year here in Costa Rica has found my team and I deeply engaged in youth ministry. Praise God for open doors at the high school and the ways in which He is working through avenues such as teaching English and engaging with kids during their lunch hour. As we focus on cultivating relationships with students and staff, we seek to share the Gospel, shine Christ's light into their circumstances and share His love. Praise God for the ways that He is ever-present and working in these relationships! What a joy it is to be able to walk alongside students; to pray with them and for them. Pray that opportunities to continue connecting deeper with students and staff would abound and that they would know the love of our Savior poured out on the cross for us.

It gives me great joy to partner in mission with you to share the hope that we have, a hope that does not disappoint. Thank you for your hearts for mission and for sharing the love of our heavenly father with students. God's blessings to you as you continue carrying out His mission in Minnesota and beyond.

In Christ,  
-Janine Foggia

I THANK MY GOD EVERY TIME I REMEMBER YOU.  
~PHILIPPIANS 1:3

# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

## What is an “acolyte”?

The acolyte is the person (or persons) who lights the candles before the service. The word acolyte comes from the Greek word *akolouthos* which means “follower.” In English, the word acolyte sometimes means “attendant.”

## Why do we use acolytes in the Church?

Acolytes have always been an important part of worship. For centuries, acolytes have attended to the service of God’s people by helping the pastor in many different ways. In our

churches today, acolytes primarily serve by lighting the candles. Acolytes wear robes and sit apart from the congregation because they are helping the pastor to serve God’s people during the service. Wow! What an important job!



### Parents:

During the Divine Service, point out the acolyte to your children. If they are too young at the time, encourage them that one day they will get the opportunity to be an acolyte. Remind them that being an acolyte is a very important job for children to have in the church.



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

Today	8:00am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Common cup</li></ul>
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Individual cups</li></ul>
Monday		
Tuesday	9:00am	Adult Bible Study
	6:30pm	PTL Meeting
Wednesday	12:00pm	Sunday Announcement Submissions Due
	6:00pm	Public School Catechism
	6:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00pm	Deacon Meetings
Friday	8:10am	Chapel
Saturday		11 <sup>th</sup> Annual STJ Charity Golf Tournament
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