St. John's Lutheran Church
Announcements
October 18, 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, Bruce Wilson, Kim Heinen, and Jeff Lande

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

All those serving in our Armed Forces: Agena Christophersen (Germany), Lucas Kiesow (Kansas), Adam Kiesow (Iowa), Ben Kiesow (Iowa), 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 & Kyler Hennen, Caitlin & Joe Pariseau, and Johanna (nee-Rossow) & Darius Uditsky

Praying for our church & school: This week we pray for all members of our Safety Team, for our PTL, and for our principal, Dr. Kristen Skura.

This week the congregations in our circuit are praying for Concordia University, Saint Paul.

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: Special Study of the Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist

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

- Oct. 20 & 27 NO CLASS

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

- Sun. Oct. 4 382 attended, 239 communed
- Sun. Oct. 11 453 attended, 261 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.

MINNESOTA SOUTH DISTRICT PASTORS CONFERENCE St. John's is privileged to host the Fall Pastors' Conference from October 19-20, and **WE WILL NEED LOTS OF HELP**. Opportunities include directing traffic in the parking lot, keeping the coffee and treats flowing, guiding visitors through our building, or helping with set-up the weekend before. Sign up to help in the narthex or contact Pastor Moss at pastor.moss@stjlutheran.org with your desired position.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SENIOR MINISTRY OCTOBER FELLOWSHIP EVENT will be held **THIS Tuesday** (Oct. 20th) at noon in the fellowship hall. This month we will start with a luau food bar followed by devotions, fellowship and cards/games. All are welcome!

MEN WHO LOVE TO SING The St. John's men's choir will be welcoming guest conductor Dr. David Mennicke on November 21-22 for a singing workshop and the Sunday morning services. We would love to

have as many singers as possible join us! Our first men's choir practice is **Wednesday, October 29 at 7:00pm**. Please speak with Katie if you are interested in singing.

ST. JOHN'S PRO-LIFE TEAM recently attended a conference in St. Paul sponsored by Lutherans for Life & the MN South District. We heard the amazing true story of how the "American Abortion King" became pro-life and came to faith. More details of this story and other highlights will be included in the November newsletter.

For those who are interested in joining our pro-life team, please contact Gretchen Kliche, LeAnn Cummins, or Patty Gardner.

SHANNON LANE CAPITAL DRIVE UPDATE As of Monday, October 5th, a total of $22,956.95 has been raised. Thank you for your contributions! The drive continues through December 31st.

GATHER, CELEBRATE, & GIVE BACK AT THE ST. JOHN'S GALA!

Thank you for your incredible generosity and support! We're still accepting donations through **October 31**. To contribute, please contact Liz Glock.

Watch your inbox for your official invitation arriving this week! Want to get a head start? Scan the QR code below to register and reserve your seats for this special evening of fellowship, fun, and giving back!

Friday, November 13 | 5:00 PM Rush Creek Golf Club

Finances & Giving

Financial Year To Date Update (July 1, 2026 - September 30, 2026)

- Year To Date actual **revenue: $693,141**
- Year To Date **revenue** is favorable **$72,707** to budget

- Year To Date actual **operating expenses: $590,038**
- Year To Date **operating expenses** are favorable **$6,204** 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 Mike and Jackie Nauth in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

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**: David Kiesow, Luke Kolstad, Lynn Schutte, Tom Gardner
- **Monday:** Jackson Lane
- **Tuesday**:
- **Wednesday**: Henry Rather, Kim Pomerenke
- **Thursday**: Jim Peterson, Mara Schmidt, Oliver Borcherding
- **Friday**: Cory O'Hern, Gabriel Hindermann
- **Saturday**:

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

Why do we use candles in the Divine Service?

Imagine that you are attending a worship service 500 years ago. Since there are no lights, even during the daytime, the church is dark. How will you see what is going on? How will you see the pastor? How will you walk up to the altar to receive the Lord's Supper? As you probably guessed, one of the first uses for candles in church was to give light in the sanctuary. Actually, oil lamps were probably used until the fourth century when candles became more common.

Is there more to using candles than just lighting the room?

With the invention of the light bulb, candles were no longer needed to light the church. That doesn't mean they lost their importance in the church. Candles have been used for hundreds of years to symbolize Christ's words when he said: "I am the Light of the world" (John 8:12). **Candles remind us that Jesus is the Light that has conquered the darkness of sin.** As you can see, candles play an important role in our worship.

Parents: When the candles are lit at the beginning of the service, remind your children that Christ is the Light of the world. Teach them that when the candles are lit, we are honoring our God and recognizing His presence in the sanctuary. He is really here just as He promised!

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This Week at St. John's

Today	8:00am	Divine Service • Common cup
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30am	Divine Service • Common cup
	6:00pm	Adult/High School Open Gym Volleyball
Monday		**MN-South Pastors' Conference**
	4:30pm	Music Warm-Up
	5:00pm	Divine Service • Choir singing & handbells playing
Tuesday		**MN-South Pastors' Conference**
	12:00p	Senior Ministry Fellowship Event
	7:00pm	Board Meetings
Wednesday	6:00pm	Public School Catechism Class
	6:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	5:30pm	Adult Catechism Class
Friday	8:15am	Chapel
	6:00pm	Youth Event – Dehn's Corn Maze
Saturday	3:00pm	Trunk or Treat
Sunday		**Reformation Sunday**
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