St. John's Lutheran Church
Announcements
October 4, 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, and Kim Heinen

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

Praying for our church & school: This week we pray for our Board of Education deacons, Grant Birznieks, Gary Volberding, and Stu Glock, the board members, and also for our middle school teacher and co-athletic director, Kyle Peterman.

This week the congregations in our circuit are praying for the widows of pastors in our circuit.

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 2:12-29 The Seven High Priestly Pronouncements Continue

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

- Oct. 6: Psalm 148 Praise Yahweh, All You Host of Heaven

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

- Sun, September 27 334 attended; 213 communed
- Tues, September 29 59 attended; 51 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

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

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).

FREE COLLEGE PLANNING WEBINAR Parents—especially those with students in grades 9–11—are invited to "4 Strategies for a Smarter College Search," a FREE webinar hosted by MINNDEPENDENT on **Wednesday, October 7, at 7:30 p.m.** Cozy Wittman of College Inside Track will share practical guidance on admissions, testing requirements, scholarships, and financial aid to help your family plan with confidence. To learn more and/or register, scan the QR code or visit www.minndependent.org/seminars.

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!

PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING UP TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS. The sign-up poster is located on the bulletin board in the narthex, and you may choose to purchase the flowers at the location of your choice, including through former member Rachel (Schalo) Galle.

THANK YOU TO THE 46 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.

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 Wallace's 4th 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

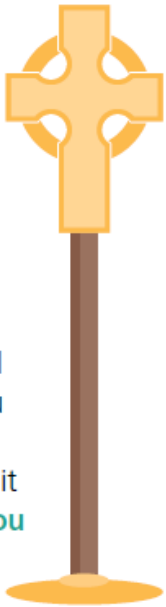
Planning to stop in? Please call ahead before arrival. Office hours are 7:30am-3:30pm Monday - Friday. You may reach us at 763-420-2426.

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**: Joshua Glock, Nichole Schilling, Tessa Birznieks
- **Monday:** Andrew Dickman, Louis Gaffaney
- **Tuesday**: Orin Skramstad, Ricky Haver, Riley Gehl, Steve Kruse
- **Wednesday**: Sandra Scott
- **Thursday**: Sadie Say, Wallace Koehler
- **Friday**: Kristi Bode
- **Saturday**: Caden Sandliuzza, Joseph Ims

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What is the "processional cross"?

The processional cross is the cross attached to a long pole that is carried into the sanctuary during a processional hymn. During the Entrance Hymn on festival Sundays, a crucifer will carry the processional cross followed by the acolyte and pastor. Maybe you have seen this happen in your church. When the processional cross is not being used in a procession, it sits in a stand in the front of the sanctuary. **See if you can find it right now.**

Why do we use a processional cross?

When the processional cross enters the sanctuary, we stand to honor our risen Lord and remember that He comes to be with His Church. We especially remember, during festival times in the Church, the reason we are celebrating: Jesus' death on the cross to save us from our sins, and His resurrection to prove it! **So, when that cross comes marching in, keep your eye on it.** Remember that Christ has come to be with us in His Word and Sacraments. What a wonderful way to begin the Divine Service!

Parents: Before or after the service, allow your child to walk up to the processional cross to get a better look. Remind them to be reverent in God's holy places. During the service, when the cross is being carried in, remind them that our Lord actually comes to be with us every Sunday in His Word and Sacraments. He is really here!

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This Week at St. John's

Today	8:00am	Divine Service • Individual cups
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30am	Divine Service • Common cup • 5th-8th grade choir singing
	12:00pm	Fall Festival
	6:00pm	Adult/High School Open Gym Volleyball
Monday		
Tuesday	9:00am	Adult Bible Study
	2:00pm	Church Directory Photos
Wednesday	2:00pm	Church Directory Photos
	6:00pm	Public School Catechism
	6:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00pm	Church Directory Photos
	5:30pm	Adult Catechism Class
	7:00pm	Deacon Meeting
Friday	8:15am	Chapel • K-4th grade singing
	2:00pm	Church Directory Photos
Saturday	10:00am	Church Directory Photos
	1:30pm	Senior Ministry Enrichment Event • Osceola Fall Colors Train Ride
Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service • Common cup • K-4th grade choir singing
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