

St. John's Lutheran Church

Announcements

October 6, 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, Mandy (Schmidt) Berndt, Elisabeth Lieske, Justin Brynjulfson, Ilene Shepherd, Caroline Schaefer, Alexis Brockberg, Sarah Carter, Thea Mazurowski (wife of Kevin)

For those who mourn, especially Tori Kuehne and family at the death of her mother, Debi Anderson, and the family, friends, and congregation served by Rev. Vance Milbrath (Grace LCMS, Brooklyn Park)

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

All those serving in our Armed Forces: Agena Christophersen (Germany), Lucas Kiesow (Oklahoma), 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, specially Chris and Krista Anderson; Sam and Victoria Kulberg; Ryan and Naomi Ludwig; Cory and Daphne Olson; and Evan and Amelia Lane

Praying for our church & school: This week we pray for our Endowment Advisory Council and its chairman, Chris Kruse. We also pray for all of our families with school-age children and for our preschool teacher, Hannah Lange.

This week the congregations in our circuit are praying for Glory of Christ Lutheran, Plymouth and their pastors, Rev. Jeremiah Johnson, Rev. Kyle Krueger, and Rev. Peter Preus.

From the Pastors

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. 9:14-26 "Disciples Have Questions and People Have Problems"
- Next Sun. Matt. 9:27-34 "Two Blind Men and One Mute Demoniac"

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

- October 8 & 15 NO CLASS
- October 22 Psalm 78 Finishing the LONG History of Salvation

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. 29 254 attended, 180 communed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - 5TH - 12TH GRADE YOUTH EVENT from 12:00-3pm. Join us as we enjoy the Twin Cities Corn Maze. The cost of this event is \$14/person, and a permission slip is required. Contact Erika Rossow with any questions

ALTAR GUILD For any ladies of the congregation (post-confirmation) that are looking to serve the congregation with limited time commitments, Altar Guild may be the place for you! The Altar Guild is responsible for the care of the Altar throughout the church season which consists of filling candles and washing communion ware after services,

maintaining flowers on the altar, changing out paraments and banners as needed, and decorating for both Lenten and Advent services. This committee typically meets only three times each year. Members work in teams such that each team has a maximum of only two months each year that each team is responsible for altar care for that month. If you have any questions or are interested in joining, please contact Janine DeSplinter

CHRISTMAS WREATHS & DÉCOR AVAILABLE FOR

ORDERING Support the 8th grade Washington D.C. trip by ordering beautiful Christmas greenery to adorn your front door and home.

Wreaths, garland, topiaries, and more are available for ordering in person today and next Sunday, or you may order by using the QR code included here or speaking to an office secretary; orders must be received by Saturday, October 26th. Items may either be 1) picked up between services on Sunday, November 24th or 2) shipped directly to you by choosing to order online. Contact Stephanie Thompson for questions

FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER OUR GIFT OF LIFE TEAM

will be collecting items for Women's Care Center, our local pregnancy center in Anoka. Items needed are diapers (newborn to size 4), onesies, sleepers, and outfits (sizes newborn to 1 yr.), wipes, baby lotion, rash cream, formula, and baby blankets. Gently used baby clothes are also accepted. Please put items into the pak n' play in the narthex. For questions call Gretchen Kliche

SPECIAL HYMNAL PURCHASE- To honor the 500th Anniversary of the first Lutheran hymnal, St. John's would like your help replacing as many worn out and broken copies of *Lutheran Service Book* as possible. Concordia Publishing House is offering a special sale price of \$23.99 through the end of October. Order forms are available in the narthex and must be returned by Sunday, October 27.

ST. JOHN'S IS CREATING A NEW BUSINESS DIRECTORY



featuring the various community connections we have through school families and church members. If you are a business owner or have a direct connection to a local business and would like to advertise among the St. John's community, please use the QR code to complete a short form to share your information with us or contact Tori.Kuehne@stjlutheran.org or Kristen.Skura@stjlutheran.org.

CHURCH MEMBERS, FAMILIES, AND CHILDREN, our school is very excited to participate in a community event supporting those who are in need this winter. We are asking for fleece fabric donations that are sized 6ft by 5ft (72in by 60in). Our students will be making the fabric into tie blankets as an all-school activity for Term 2. Donations of fabric can be sent to school from **October 1 through November 15** (you may leave them at the front office). Miss Fuhrman and Miss Preus will be taking the donations until it's time to tie! Term 2 chapel offerings will also go towards this special. We are thrilled to be able to support the people around us by keeping them warm this winter! Questions? Contact Miss Kari Preus at Kari.Preus@stjlutheran.org or Miss Anna Fuhrman at Anna.Fuhrman@stjlutherschool.org.

JOIN US FOR FOOD, GAMES, AND MUSIC NEXT SUNDAY,

October 13th from 4:30-8pm at the Maple Tavern in Maple Grove for St. John's 3rd annual Oktoberfest event, hosted by the Fellowship Committee. Dinner buffet served from 5-6pm. See event flyer in Narthex for more info. RSVP by October 3rd by using the QR code, the sign-up sheet in the narthex, or call/text Sarah Bahr. Hope to see you there!



THE ANNUAL STJ TRUNK OR TREAT is **Saturday, October 26th** from 2-3:30pm. All are welcome! Decorated cars and volunteers are needed and appreciated (we're even able to provide candy for you if you volunteer). Scan the QR code to learn more and sign up.

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH between services to honor and celebrate Mr. Kyle Peterman's 25th anniversary in Lutheran education.

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING 2025 Next summer (2025), the St. John's **Senior Youth Group** will be attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering (NYG) held in New Orleans! The NYG is held every 3 years in different places each time. It's a wonderful opportunity to spend time with 25,000+ other LCMS youth and share in faith, fellowship and fun with them. During the 5 days of the Gathering, youth spend time together in God's Word, worship, service and fellowship with others from across the Synod.

- **Who:** Youth that are confirmed as of the day of the trip through 12th grade graduates
- **What:** LCMS National Youth Gathering - Theme = "Endure"
- **When:** July 19-23, 2025
- **Where:** New Orleans, LA

Finances & Giving

Financial Year to Date Update (July 1, 2024 - September 23, 2024)

- Year To Date **budgeted** operating revenue: **\$484,548**
- Year To Date **actual** operating revenue: **\$590,598**
- Year To Date revenue is favorable **\$106,050** over budget

Questions regarding church financials should be directed to any member of the Board of Administration or the Business Manager, Stephanie Parris at Stephanie.Parris@stjlutheran.org.

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.

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Nice to Know

The flowers on the altar today are given by Phil and Elizabeth Koehler in celebration of Wallace's birthday. Happy birthday, Wallace!

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

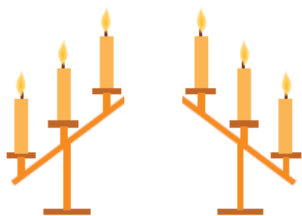
Planning to stop in? Please call first (763-420-2426) as we would appreciate notice of your arrival (this helps us better coordinate and accommodate your visit). Office hours are 7:30am-3:30pm Mon.-Fri.

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:** Riley Gehl, Ricky Haver, Steve Kruse
- **Monday:** Sandra Scott
- **Tuesday:** Wallace Koehler, Sadie Say
- **Wednesday:** Kristi Bode
- **Thursday:** Joseph Ims, Caden Sandliuzza
- **Friday:** Jeremy Johnson, Evelyn Klatt, Bradley Kruse
- **Saturday:** Darius Uditsky

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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| <i>This Week at St. John's</i> | | |
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| Today | 7:45am | 5 th -8 th Grade Choir Warm-Up |
| | 8:00am | Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual cups • 5th-8th grade choir singing |
| | 9:30am | Adult Bible Study & Sunday School |
| | 10:30am | Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common cup |
| | 12:00pm | Jr. & Sr. Youth Group |
| Monday | | |
| Tuesday | 9:00am | Adult Bible Study |
| | 5:30pm | Adult Catechism Class |
| | 6:30pm | PTL Meeting |
| Wednesday | 12:00pm | Sunday Announcement Submissions Due |
| | 6:00pm | Public School Catechism Class |
| | 6:00pm | Handbell Rehearsal |
| | 6:30pm | Gala Meeting |
| | 7:00pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| Thursday | 7:00pm | Deacon Meeting |
| Friday | 8:10am | Chapel |
| | 8:30am | Gala Meeting |
| Saturday | | |
| Sunday | 8:00am | Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common cup |
| | 9:30am | Adult Bible Study & Sunday School |
| | 10:15am | K-4 th Grade Choir Warm Up |
| | 10:30am | Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual cups • K-4th grade choir singing |
| | 4:30pm | Oktoberfest at Maple Tavern |
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