

St. John's Lutheran Church

Announcements

October 13, 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, Renaye Day, Mandy (Schmidt) Berndt, Elisabeth Lieske, Justin Brynjulfson, Ilene Shepherd, Caroline Schaefer, Alexis Brockberg, 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, Lorryne 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, especially Chris and Krista Anderson; Sam and Victoria Kulberg; Ryan and Naomi Ludwig; Cory and Daphne Olson; and Evan and Amelia Lane

Praying for Christian Marriage: With joy at the marriage of Andrew Rehmer to Alicia Sahr on Sept. 28 and for Rick & Lois Foggia as they celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary

Praying for our church & school: This week we pray for Deacon Chairman Ross Meyer and Deacon Secretary Scott Kulberg. We also

pray for our teachers, Maria Koosman (preschool) and Jeremy Koosman (second grade).

This week the congregations in our circuit are praying Grace International Lutheran (worships at Peace, Robbinsdale) and their pastor, Rev. Isaac Williams.

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. 9:27-34 "Two Blind Men and One Mute Demoniac"
- Next Sun. Matt. 9:35-10:4 "The Harvest, the Laborers, and the Twelve"

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

- October 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, Oct. 6 246 attended, 173 communed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US FOR FOOD, GAMES, AND MUSIC TODAY 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.

THE ANNUAL PLEDGE DRIVE for the 2025/2026 fiscal year is happening now. Thank you to the **45 families** who have submitted their pledges thus far. Time remains to submit yours! Pledge cards were

mailed to all families and may be returned either via the included pre-addressed envelope or the white box located in the narthex (extra pledge cards are available there as well, if needed).

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 & DECOR 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** 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.

CROSS FOOD DRIVE COMING IN NOVEMBER St. John's will be collecting items to donate to the CROSS food shelf. Recommended items

include canned goods, noodles, sauces, condiments, grains, and fruit cups. More information to come.

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 FREE, 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 **NOW 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.



THE ANNUAL STJ TRUNK OR TREAT is **Saturday, October 26th** from 2-3:30pm in the main parking lot. **All are welcome!** Scan the QR code to register to bring a decorated trunk and/or to trick or treat. There will be a best decorated trunk contest, scavenger hunt, and more. We can't wait to see you there!

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

THE 11TH ANNUAL GALA is Friday, November 15th. Be sure to mark your calendars now! Check your mailboxes for your official invitation. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors for a night of fun and games that supports a great cause. Everyone is invited, so spread the word!

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 30, 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!

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Nice to Know

The flowers on the altar are given by Rick and Lois Foggia in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary.

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:** Rolf Preus
- **Monday:** Logan Peterson
- **Tuesday:** Lois Foggia
- **Wednesday:** Tom Brady, Samuel Lane, Craig Schutte
- **Thursday:** Linda Kalk, Loren Peterson
- **Friday:** Tom Gardner, Dave Kiesow, Luke Kolstad, Lynn Schutte
- **Saturday:**

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What is the “pulpit”?

You probably noticed that the pastor preaches to the congregation from the same place in the church almost every time. This place is called the pulpit. The word “pulpit” comes from the Latin word “pulpitum,” meaning “scaffold.” Do you know what a scaffold is?

A scaffold is a platform which is raised high up into the air. If you have ever seen someone washing windows on a building, they were probably standing on a scaffold.

Why do pastors preach from a pulpit?

Before the invention of the microphone, it was sometimes hard to hear what the pastor was saying. By raising the place where the pastor preaches, he could better project his voice for all of the people present to hear the wonderful Gospel. Raising the pulpit above everything else also helps to signify the importance of proclaiming God’s pure Word. What a wonderful invention the pulpit is!



Parents: Before or after the service, allow your child to walk up to the pulpit to get a better look. Encourage them to step into the pulpit to get a view of the congregation. Remind them to be reverent in God’s holy places. During the service, before the sermon, remind them that pastor is about to preach God’s Word and that the pulpit will help them to see and hear him clearly!



This Week at St. John's

Today	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
Monday		
Tuesday	7:00pm	Board Meetings
Wednesday	8:10am	Chapel
	12:00pm	Sunday Announcement Submissions Due
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
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