

St. John's Lutheran Church

Announcements

November 17, 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, Renaye Day, Mandy (Schmidt) Berndt, Elisabeth Lieske, Justin Brynjulfson, Ilene Shepherd, Caroline Schaefer, Alexis Brockberg, Thea Mazurowski (wife of Kevin), and Darlean Goskey

Our homebound members: John Barrett, Rick Bymark, Lorryayne Conley, Sue Erickson, Rev. David Fechner, Wes Grambart, Ron Koehler, 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 (Missouri), Joseph Radintz (home), and Danny Schilling (home)

All expecting families and their unborn children, especially 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 Board of Spiritual Life and its deacons, Ross Meyer, Scott Kulberg, Cory Olson, Dave Hebert, Tom Gardner, and Joel Johnson as well as all the staff, volunteers, and committees they oversee. We also pray for our 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Sarah Carter.

This week the congregations in our circuit are praying for Shepherd of the Grove Lutheran Church & Childcare Center, Maple Grove and their pastor, Rev. Chou Vang.

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: Matthew 11 John the Baptist and Jesus
- Next Week: Matthew 1 The Genealogy of Jesus

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

- November 19 Psalm 82 God Judges the False Gods and Unjust Nations

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, Nov. 10 245 attended; 167 communed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE COMMISSIONING & INSTALLATION OF HANNAH

LANGE We are happy to announce the Commissioning & Installation of our preschool teacher, Hannah Lange as a called teacher on the roster of the LCMS **TODAY** at the 10:30am service. We will hear her confession of faith and the vows of her office, and make our own promises of prayer and support.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! The school is in need of one or more volunteers for assistance Monday and/or Friday to help supervise during lunch and/or recess (11am-1pm). If you are interested, please contact Dr. Kristen Skura at 763-420-2426 or Kristen.Skura@stjlutheran.org.

AN UPDATE FROM MISSIONARY JANINE FOGGIA Thank you, St. John's, for your partnership in God's mission in Costa Rica. I will be visiting St. John's on Sunday, December 1 during the bible study hour at 9:30 am to share how God has been at work in Costa Rica and to say

thank you for sharing God's love and shining His light. If you're unable to attend but would like to get in touch, please email me at janine.foggia@missionofchrist.org. Thank you for your prayers, support and making Christ known in Costa Rica. Blessings – Janine Foggia, Mission Partner, Mission of Christ Network.

CROSS FOOD DRIVE UPDATE Thank you so much to those donors who have given over 345 lbs. of food! Please continue to bring in your bags of food before Thanksgiving.

SAVE THE DATE! Kindergarten – 8th grade children are welcome to join us at Ninjas United in Maple Grove from 5-7pm on Saturday, January 25th. This event is sponsored by the school PTL and is a favorite of everyone! More info to come!

Finances & Giving

Financial Year to Date Update (July 1, 2024 – November 11, 2024)

- Year To Date **budgeted** operating revenue: **\$728,859**
- Year To Date **actual** operating revenue: **\$752,428**
- Year To Date revenue is **favorable \$23,569** over budget

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!

Questions regarding church financials should be directed to our business manager, Stephanie.Parris@stjlutheran.org or any member of the Board of Administration.

Nice to Know

The flowers on the altar today are given by Mike and Jackie Nauth in honor of their son Matthew's birthday.

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:** Elenna Baltus, Mark Schutte
- **Monday:** Evalyn Diers
- **Tuesday:** Katie Moss, Athena Nnamerenwa, Aphrodite Nnamerenwa
- **Wednesday:**
- **Thursday:** Jim Giefer, Ryan Klein, Mary Pozarski
- **Friday:** Stephanie Heidorn, Jeremy Koosman
- **Saturday:**

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What is the “altar”?

When you walk into the sanctuary, what is the first thing you notice? Maybe you see the beautiful stained glass windows. Maybe you noticed the candles. Of all the wonderful sights in our sanctuary, one thing probably comes to your attention first: the altar. The altar is the large, table-like object located directly in the center at the front of the building. The word “altar” comes from the Latin word “altare,” which means “a place for offering sacrifices.”

Why do we have an altar when we don’t sacrifice anything on it?

It’s kind of scary to think that we might use an altar for sacrifice. We look at the altar through the eyes of the Gospel. On the top of the altar are often carved five crosses — one for each of the five wounds of Christ. They mark this altar as a place where no more blood sacrifices will occur. The only sacrifice needed was made on the cross. The altar is a place where Christ gives out the forgiveness He earned for us through His death and resurrection. Wow, the altar sure is an important place!



Parents: During the service, direct your children’s attention to the altar. Point out that during the Divine Service this is where God has promised to come to be with us. After the service, take your children up to the altar to observe. Remind them to be reverent in God’s holy place.



This Week at St. John's

Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common cup
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common cup • Commissioning & installation of Hannah Lange
Monday		
Tuesday	9:00am	Adult Bible Study
	5:30pm	Adult Catechism
	7:00pm	Board Meetings
Wednesday	12:00pm	Sunday Announcement Submissions Due
	6:00pm	Public School Catechesis
	6:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal
Thursday		
Friday	8:10am	Chapel
Saturday		
Sunday	7:30am	Handbell Warm Up
	8:00am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common cup • Handbells playing
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common cup • Handbells playing
	12:00pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Sr. Youth Group