

St. John's Lutheran Church

Announcements

April 21, 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, Tony Stadler, Judie Berreau, Ryan & Toya Fish, Joyce O'Hern, Joe Goskey, Randy Goerke, Renaye Day, Debi Anderson (mother of Tori Kuehne), Mandy (Schmidt) Berndt, Jessica Klesk, Jamie Peterson, and Elisabeth Lieske

For those who mourn, especially LeAnn Cummins and family at the loss of Marv Cummins

Our homebound members: Dale Avenson, John Barrett, Rick Bymark, Lorraine Conley, Sue Erickson, Rev. David & Carole 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), Emily Singfield (Georgia), Kevin Mazurowski (Arizona), Nathan Mazurowski (Arizona), Isak Preus (California), Brian Pruhs (Oklahoma), Joseph Radintz (home), and Danny Schilling (Oklahoma)

All expecting families and their unborn children, especially Katie & Pastor Moss, Sarah & Austin Carter, and Ryan & Stacie (Windsperger) Stanek

Praying for our Church & School: This week we pray for our Congregational President Steve Kruse and Congregational Secretary Jamie Radintz. We also pray for our Kindergarten teacher, Anna Fuhrman.

This week the congregations in our circuit are praying for Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN and Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO.

From the Pastors

Sunday Adult Bible Study: Bible Study on Confirmation: We have come to the final short series on the pastoral acts of the church outside the normal Sunday Divine Service. We've covered funerals, weddings, and baptisms. Now we arrive at Confirmation. What is it? Where did it come from? Why do we do it? Join us for the next four weeks and celebrate this year's confirmation class with a more-informed knowledge of what is happening.

Today: Confirmation Remembrances

Tuesday Bible Study meets weekly at 9am in the auxiliary room. Pastor Moss is currently leading a study of *The Book of Psalms*.

April 23 Psalm 68 (cont.) God Scatters His Enemies

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

- Sun, April 14: 374 total, 255 communed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY TODAY: Our Spring Congregational Assembly is **TODAY** at 1:30 PM. The agenda and board report packets are available in the narthex; approval of the 2024/2025 Budget is the primary action item. You must be a communicant member of the congregation, in good standing and at least 18 years of age to vote at the Assembly.

THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION St. John's will be hosting our circuit congregations for this special feast day, and all are invited to both the service and reception following the 7:00 Divine Service. Wine and cheese, along with a cake in celebration of Pastor Matthew Johnson's birthday, will be served. RSVPs are appreciated, and you may do so by scanning the QR code.



SAVE THE DATE! Retirement reception for Gary and Deb Volberding on Sunday, May 19th. Details to come.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is scheduled for June 10-14. Mark your calendars! Registration opens in May. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to Erika at erossow17@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE for our annual **Food Truck Event** on Sunday, June 23rd from 12:00-2pm. Scan the QR code for more info or to go ahead and RSVP.

ST. JOHN'S IS HIRING for the following position. Contact Kristen.Skura@stjlutheran.org for more information or to apply.

- **Bus Driver** (beginning 2024/2025 school year)
 - Drive our wonderful students to and from school and field trips. We'll train you (if needed)!

OPEN HOUSE St. John's Lutheran School will be hosting a PS-8th Grade Open House on Saturday, May 11th from 9am-12pm. Anyone interested in learning more about our school or enrollment is encouraged to attend. Please tell your friends!

IN CELEBRATION OF OUR 160TH ANNIVERSARY, our school is collecting birthday items to be donated to CROSS. If you would like to donate any new toys or gift cards to go to CROSS, please bring them to the front office before Tuesday, April 30th.

THANK YOU to everyone who attended the 160th Anniversary Luncheon. How special it was to have so many members of the congregation come together in recognition of this special date and to hear Rev. Chris Lieske speak about his memories of St. John's and the connections to St. John's that he has seen throughout his life. Thank you, also, to the many volunteers who helped to make the luncheon successful. Whether you signed up in advance or pitched in on the spur of the moment, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

If you're curious about the trivia questions, here are they are again along with the answers:

1. How many pastors have been called and have served at St. John's?
2. The parsonage on the north side of the church in the 1980s still stands today. Where is it located?
3. A fire once occurred in the church building. Which year did it happen?
4. During which school year did St. John's start offering pre-K?
5. How many stained-glass windows remain in their original location from the 2000 sanctuary remodel?
6. In which year was the schoolhouse physically connected to the church building?
7. How many school classrooms existed in 1960?
8. A church bell was purchased in 1887. How much did it weigh?

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Don't forget to **save the date for our August 4th anniversary recognition** which will include guest preacher Rev. Gary Tillmann, another former member of St John's church and school. Please contact Caroline Schaeffer if you're interested in helping with this event.

Finances & Giving

Financial Update (July-March 2024)

- Year-to-Date budgeted operating revenue: **\$1,618,452**
- Year-to-Date actual operating revenue: **\$1,599,013**
- Year-to-Date actual expenses are favorable **\$50,845** under 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!

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.

Questions regarding church financials should be directed to the Business Manager, Sam Kuphal at Sam.Kuphal@stjlutheran.org.

Nice to Know

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 Thursday 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: Tara Eder, Jeff Holovnia, Michelle Malecha
- Monday: James Beck, Ivar Briel
- Tuesday:
- Wednesday: McKenzie Burke, Kari Schutte
- Thursday:
- Friday: Sam Say
- Saturday:

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What does “worship” really mean?

Most people use the word “worship” to mean something we do to honor God. Because of this misunderstanding, many people believe that a church service is what we do for God. The word “worship” comes from the root words “worth” and “ship.” These two words describe God rather than the ones praising Him. These words describe a God who is *worthy* of being honored and adored because of His love for us. God gives us His love through His Word and Sacraments. Worship is not something we do, but rather something that God does for us!



What makes the Divine Service so important?

The Divine Service is not about what we are doing for God, but who God is and what He does for us in the ways He has promised: His Word and Sacraments. That’s why Lutherans call it *Divine Service*. God is serving us! What a wonderful God we have!



Parents: The Divine Service is like listening to one long reading from the Bible. Everything in the Divine Service has been given to us through God’s Word. Explain this to your children, reminding them that it is God’s Word that delivers God’s salvation to us!



This Week at St. John's

Today	8:00am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common cup
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study
	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common cup• 7th & 8th grade handbell choir
	1:30pm	Spring Congregational Assembly
	4:00pm	Adult/high school basketball open gym
	6:00pm	Adult/high school volleyball open gym
Monday		
Tuesday	9:00am	Adult Bible Study
Wednesday	6:00pm	Public School Catechesis
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday		
Friday	8:10am	All-school Chapel <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3rd & 4th grade choir singing
Saturday		
Sunday	7:30am	Choir Warm-up
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