

St. John's Lutheran Church

Announcements

April 28, 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 death of her husband, Marv Cummins and Pam Kothrade and family at the death of her mother, Norma Werner

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, Ryan & Stacie (Windsperger) Stanek, Chris and Krista (Mellum) Anderson

Praying for our Church & School: This week we pray for our Board of Administration members and its deacons, Andrew Heinen, Pete Ims, and Mark Radintz. We also pray for our business manager Sam Kuphal and financial administrator Dawn Rolf.

This week the congregations in our circuit are praying for St. Timothy Society for Lutheran Scholarship and its chaplain, Rev. Dr. Gordon Bynum.

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 Examination

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

April 30 Psalm 68 (part 3) The Ascended Lord Leads out Rebel Captives

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 21: 327 total, 225 communed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RETIREMENT PARTY honoring Gary and Deb Volberding on Sunday, May 19th at 12:00pm. After 86 combined years of hard work, dedication, and service, the Volberdings are retiring. Please RSVP via the QR code or by calling the front office at 763-420-2426.



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.

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!

ST. JOHN'S IS IN NEED of a new bus driver, and we are able to train the right candidate. Contact Kristen.Skura@stjlutheran.org for more information.

ST. JOHN'S WILL BE PARTICIPATING in the Maple Grove Days parade (July 11th at 6:30pm) and Osseo Lions Roar parade (Sept. 7th at noon) this summer, and students and adults are needed to walk in the parade and share their love of St. John's. A minimum of 5 adults are needed, and all are welcome - current students, future students, and alumni...everyone! Feel free to participate in one or both parades. Additional details will be available closer to the parade dates. Please use the QR codes to sign up.



Maple Grove Days



Osseo Lions Roar

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 (763-425-2279) 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

The flowers on the altar today are given in celebration of Marlys Kothrade’s 90th 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 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: Diane Haag, Ronald Mead
- Monday: Edwin Murschel
- Tuesday: Dave Hebert
- Wednesday: Al Mazurowski
- Thursday: Marlys Kothrade, Leland Baldwin, Nellie Buttweiler, Antoon Bussing
- Friday: Jenna Wicht, Deb Volberding
- Saturday: Diana Schilling, Soren Say, Kyle Peterman

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is a “hymn”?

The word “hymn” comes from a Greek word which means “song of praise.” Webster’s Dictionary tells us that a hymn is “a song of praise especially in honor of God.” In the Church, we sing hymns because they are God’s Word put to music. What an awesome way to praise our Lord!



Why do we sing hymns?

During the early years of the Christian Church, its music came from the Psalms. As new people came into the Church, they added new hymns. The Church’s hymns have stood the test of time, never failing God’s people as generations change. When we sing hymns, we are praising God with the words He has already put on our tongues! There is no better way to pray, praise, and give thanks to God than with the words He has given us.



Parents: In order to answer questions as to why we do what we do as Lutherans, including utilizing the hymnody, read the introduction on pages 6 and 7 in *Lutheran Worship*. Here you will find a brief summary of what Lutheran worship and hymnody are all about.



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This Week at St. John's

Today	7:30am	Choir Warm-up
	8:00am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common cup• Choir singing
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study
	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common cup• Choir singing
	4:00pm	Adult/high school basketball open gym
	6:00pm	Adult/high school volleyball open gym
Monday		
Tuesday	9:00am	Adult Bible Study
Wednesday		
Thursday		Deacon Reports Due
	5:30pm	Confirmation Banquet
Friday	8:10am	Chapel
	8:50am	Chapel
Saturday	9:30am	Confirmand Arrival
	10:00am	Confirmation Pictures & Examination Review
Sunday		CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
	8:00am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual glasses
	9:30am	Confirmation Examination
	10:30am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common cup• Confirmation Rites
	4:00pm	Adult/high school basketball open gym
	6:00pm	Adult/high school volleyball open gym