

St. John's Lutheran Church

Announcements

May 5, 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, Elisabeth Lieske, and Justin Brynjulfson

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, Lorryne 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 Spiritual Life and its deacons, Ross Meyer, Scott Kulberg, Dave Kiesow, Cory Olson, Ted Schmidt, and Dave Hebert, 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 Grace Lutheran Church, Brooklyn Park and their pastor, Rev. Vance Milbrath.

From the Pastors

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

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 28: 290 total, 211 communed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION St. John's will be hosting our circuit congregations for this special feast day **THIS THURSDAY**, 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.



ROSES WILL BE FOR SALE between services **NEXT SUNDAY**, May 12th (Mother's Day). All proceeds will go to Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL).



Vacation Bible School will be from June 10-14. This year's theme is "Digging in the Apostles' Creed", and registration is open now through June 1st. Children in preschool-5th grade may attend, and students in grades 6th - adult may volunteer to help. Scan the QR code to register or go to www.vbsmate.com/stjohnsvbs2024

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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED St John's 160th Anniversary – Volunteers Needed! A new committee is being formed to organize the August 4th event in recognition of St John's 160th Anniversary. An initial meeting will be held **NEXT Tuesday, May 14th at 6:30pm** in the music room. Please join us if you are interested in helping. If you're interested but can't attend this meeting, you're still very welcome to join the committee. For questions, please contact Caroline Schaefer.

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.



THE GIFTING & ENDOWMENT ADVIOSRY COMMITTEE

is pleased to host a 3-part educational series to help you not only better understand how St. John's utilizes the gifts it receives from you, but to also understand *your personal financial wellness*. The first event will be Wednesday, May 22nd from 6:30-8pm and will include dinner and guest speaker Greg Van Heest, an estate planning attorney at Gries & Lenhardt in St. Michael. This presentation will consist of a short overview from Chris Kruse of the 3-board structure of St. John's Lutheran Church and School (Board of Admin., Board of Ed., and Board of Spiritual Life) followed by an introduction into estate planning, including explaining what wills, trusts, and health care directives are and why they are needed from Mr. Van Heest. This is a very informative and worthwhile series, and we hope to see you there! Please RSVP using the QR code *or* by signing up on the sheet in the narthex.

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



Maple Grove



Osseo

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.

Finances & Giving

Financial Update (July-April 2024)

- Year-to-Date budgeted operating revenue: **\$1,776,655**
- Year-to-Date actual operating revenue: **\$1,750,745**
- Year-to-Date actual expenses are favorable **\$71,461** 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 Confirmation Sunday and our confirmands.

Our deepest gratitude is extended to everyone who helped with Marv's funeral. Your support & prayers have been of great comfort to us, especially the visits by Pastor Moss, Pastor Johnson, and Pastor Briel.

~The Cummins Family

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: Ben Kemna, Laura Ellinghuysen
- Monday: Lisa Kolander
- Tuesday: Jennifer Steffen
- Wednesday: Kaitlyn Eder
- Thursday: Thomas Wettstaedt, Bella Paguio
- Friday:
- Saturday:

Wishing Ilene Shepherd an extra special "Happy Birthday" as she recently celebrated turning 101 this past week. May God continue to bless and keep her.

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What is a “catechism”?

A catechism (pronounced KAT-eh-kizm) is a book of instruction usually written in question and answer form. The word “catechism” comes from the Greek word *katekhein*, which means “to instruct.” A catechism teaches the basics of the Christian faith.

Why do we need catechisms?

While visiting local churches, Martin Luther found many pastors and their church members were unaware of the true teachings of the Bible. Because of this, the people were living immoral lives. Martin Luther wrote the catechisms to instruct people in the basics of the Christian faith, that they might know Christ and His forgiveness and live accordingly. We still use Luther's Large and Small Catechisms so that we never forget those things that are necessary for faith in Christ.



Parents: Consider these words from Luther: “I, too, am a theologian who has attained a fairly good practical knowledge and experience of Holy Scriptures through various dangers. But I do not so glory in this gift as not to join my children daily in prayerfully reciting the Catechism. ... For God gave the Word that we should impress it on ourselves. ... Without this practice our souls become rusty, as it were, and we lose ourselves” (Plass, Ewald M., *What Luther Says* vol. 1 [St. Louis: Concordia, 1986], 125–26).



This Week at St. John's

Today

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

- 8:00am Divine Service
- Individual glasses
- 9:30am Confirmation Examination
- 10:30am Divine Service
- Common cup
 - Confirmation Rites
- 6:00pm Adult/high school volleyball open gym

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

- 9:00am Adult Bible Study
- 7:00pm Ascension Service
- Reception following service

Friday

8:10am Chapel

8:50am Chapel

Saturday

9:00am PS-8th Grade Open House

Sunday

- 8:00am Divine Service
- Common cup
- 9:30am Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
- 9:30am Youth Group Mother's Day Sales
- 10:30am Divine Service
- Individual glasses
 - 5th-8th grade choir singing
- 6:00pm Adult/high school volleyball open gym