

# St. John's Lutheran Church

## Announcements

May 12, 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, Justin Brynjulfson, and Rev. Vance Milbrath (Pastor, Grace LCMS, Brooklyn Park)

**For those who mourn,** especially 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, and Sam and Victoria (Niemira) Kulberg

**Praying for our Church & School:** This week we pray for all who oversee our parish education, for our Jr. and Sr. youth coordinator, Erika Rossow, and for our middle school teacher, Kari Preus.

**This week the congregations in our circuit** are praying for Lutheran Church of the Triune God, Brooklyn Center and their vacancy pastor, Rev. David Farley.

### ***From the Pastors***

**Sunday Bible Study** This year we have studied the “Extraordinary Acts of the Church”. We have looked at the four most common “services” you will see outside the Sunday Divine Service. Join us **today**, Sunday, May 12, as we review and wrap up Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms, and Confirmation. We’ll also look at the super-extraordinary, *top-secret* list of pastoral services available to be ordered from the highly classified menu kept hidden from casual eyes.

- **Next Sunday:** Introducing Matthew’s Gospel and the Sermon on the Mount

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

- May 14: Psalm 69 Save Me, O God!

**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, May 5: 388 total, 220 communed

### ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**ROSES WILL BE FOR SALE** between services **TODAY**. All proceeds will go to Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL).

**THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE** will be held in the Church cemetery on Monday, May 27 at 10:00 am. We will not be giving thanks for a particular service member, but rather for all those who have served our country from the congregation.

**HELP IS NEEDED** to put flags on the veterans' graves in our cemetery for Memorial Day. We will meet Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00a.m. at the cemetery. For questions contact Gretchen Kliche.



**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](http://www.vbsmate.com/stjohnsvbs2024)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** St John's 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Volunteers Needed! A new committee is being formed to organize the August 4<sup>th</sup> event in recognition of St John's 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. An initial meeting will be held **THIS 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 **NEXT SUNDAY**, May 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Kristen.Skura@stjlutheran.org) for more information. Please share with friends, family, and neighbors!

## ***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](http://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](http://stjohnscorcoran.churchcenter.com/home).

**Questions** regarding church financials should be directed to the Business Manager, Sam Kuphal at [Sam.Kuphal@stjlutheran.org](mailto:Sam.Kuphal@stjlutheran.org).

## ***Nice to Know***

**The flowers on the altar today** are given by Julie & Gerald Anderson in memory of her brother, Bradley Alex Seifert 5/12/1966 – 4/29/1984, whose loss left their hearts in grief and whose brief life continues to bless them.

**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](mailto:Tori.Kuehne@stjlutheran.org).

**A happy birthday** is wished to those celebrating this week!

- Today: Comfort Lartey-Ofori
- Monday: Shannon Chase, Ty Holthus, Rev. Matthew Johnson, Nathan Mazurowski, Jacob Mock
- Tuesday: Austin Carter, Tony Stadler
- Wednesday: Jenny Holovnia, Marsha Meine, Joyce Peterson
- Thursday: Daniel Heidorn, Matthew Kolander
- Friday: Barbara Grambert, Paul Kemna, Clarisse Moss, Mitchell Schmidt, Phil Schutte
- Saturday:

A mother's love through every stage ♥



HAPPY Mother's DAY

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# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



## Who is the Holy Spirit?

The explanation of the Small Catechism says, the Holy Spirit is “the third person in the Holy Trinity, true God with the Father and Son.” This means that we believe in one true God, in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God just as the Father is God and the Son is God.

## What does the Holy Spirit do?

The Holy Spirit sanctifies God’s people. In other words, He makes us holy by giving us saving faith in Jesus and the strength to lead godly lives in His name.

## Why is the Holy Spirit so important?

We need the Holy Spirit and what He gives to us, because without Him, we are not able to believe in Jesus. In 1 Cor. 2:14 we hear the following: “The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.” The Holy Spirit calls us to faith through the Gospel and delivers the gracious gifts of salvation in the Sacraments.



### Parents:

During the service, tell your children to listen for times the Pastor says the name of the Holy Spirit (i.e. the Invocation, Benediction). Remind your children that the Holy Spirit is exactly where God promised us He would be — in the Word and Sacraments. He comes to us by no other means than through these gracious gifts.



## ***This Week at St. John's***

Today	8:00am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Common cup</li></ul>
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
	9:30am	Youth Group Mother's Day Sales
	10:30am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Individual glasses</li><li>• 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade choir singing</li></ul>
	6:00pm	Adult/high school volleyball open gym
	Monday	
Tuesday	9:00am	Adult Bible Study
	6:30pm	PTL Meeting
Wednesday		
Thursday	7:00pm	Deacon Meeting
Friday	8:10am	Chapel
	8:50am	Chapel
	4:00pm	ESP Piano Recital
	6:30pm	Youth Group End-of-Year Party
Saturday		
Sunday		YOUTH SUNDAY
	8:00am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Common cup</li></ul>
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Common cup</li></ul>
	12:00pm	Retirement Celebration for Volberdings
	6:00pm	Adult/high school volleyball open gym