

May 2024

ST. JOHN EV.
LUTHERAN CHURCH
ELCA

401 3rd Ave NE
Waseca MN
507-833-1703

Lifeline

Firmly Rooted in God's Word

Church Office Hours

Monday — Thurs.
7:30 am — 11:30 am
12:30 pm — 4:30 pm
Fridays Closed



The Huber Farm Day is coming in May!

Outdoor Church Worship

May 19th, 9:00 AM.

Terry and Amanda Huber Farm
34073 150th St., Waseca

*See and pet the farm animals

*Lunch-made by the Men in Mission with a fee

*Kettle Corn Bags-with a fee

*Shave Ice Truck-with a fee

*Craft & Games for kids and families

*Fellowship with all!

*Hdcp accessible parking & shuttle

Everyone please come!

St John Evangelical Lutheran Church

Mission Statement



St. John is a Christian family of disciples alive in a Scripture-based, Spirit-led mission of ministry, worship and play.

Disciples at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church are expected to pray often, worship regularly, learn from the Scriptures, participate in the serving groups if physically able, offer their time and talent as the spirit calls them, and regularly contribute monetarily to support the mission and ministry of the church.

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VANCO MOBILE app

To get the **Vanco Mobile app**, follow these simple steps based on your phone type:

1. For Apple (iOS) Devices:

- Open the **Apple App Store**.
- Search for “**Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement**”.
- Tap the **Vanco Mobile app** or select **Install**.
- Follow the on-screen prompts to complete the installation.
- Once installed, open the app.
- On the Welcome screen, tap “**Find your organization**”.
- Search for your organization by name.
- Tap your organization.
- Next to “**Already signed up?**”, tap “**Log in**”.
- Enter your **MyVanco credentials**.

1. [For more details on using the app, refer to the **Vanco Mobile user guide**¹.](#)

· For Android Devices (Google Play Store):

- Open the **Google Play Store**.
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Now you're all set to engage with your church community using the Vanco Mobile app! Give, chat, or RSVP to events effortlessly!

Faith is a living and unshakeable confidence, a belief in the grace of God, so assured that a man would die a thousand deaths for its sake. This makes us joyful, high-spirited and eager in our relations with God and with all mankind.

Martin Luther



Last Sunday we began the Transition process by discovering who the congregation has been over the years. It is important to know who we are and where we have been as we look toward the future of who will become.

The next step is to explore the hopes and dreams of the congregation. As you look forward to calling a settled Pastor your hopes and dreams will aid the writing of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). The more people who participate in sharing their hopes and dreams will help create a MSP that reflects who the congregation is and who they hope to be.

During the month of May, we will be discovering these hopes and dreams during worship. God has big hopes and dreams for the church, but more specifically what are the hopes and dreams God has laid on our hearts for St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church? Each week you will be asked to answer questions about your hopes and dreams. Below are the questions for each Sunday, we ask you to contemplate and pray about your answers to be written down during Sunday morning worship. The questions and something to write with will be handed out during worship.

Hopes and Dreams

May 5

How long have you been a member or associated with St. John Lutheran?

What are three words that describe this congregation?

What are some of the strengths of this congregation? What do you especially appreciate about this congregation? List at least three things.

May 12

What are your hopes and dreams for the congregations' ministry? What would you like to see happen in the next one to five years?

What are the primary changes or challenges in our larger community that you believe God is leading us to address?

May 19

If you could dream big, what could we accomplish in our ministry together in seeking to serve our larger community?

What are the assets and resources that are available within this congregation for making this dream a reality?



March 2024

Monthly

Income \$14,618.92
Expense - 19,608.18
 -4,989.26

Year to Date

Income \$48,736.92
Expense - 61,170.95
 Diff - 12,434.03

Dylan Wesseling
 Dana Elias
 Jacob Lemmen
 Owen Thomas
 Matt Wantoch
 Kennedy Hodgkins

Happy Anniversary

- 3rd** -Craig & Arlys Youngberg—44 yrs.
- 4th**—John & Pat Scholljegerdes—50 yrs.
- 5th**—Kevin & Donna Whiteford—40 yrs.
- 12th**—Gary & Deb Dobberstein—40 yrs.
 Michael & Carla Pentico—34 yrs.
- 14th**—Steve & Jody Schroeder—41 yrs.
- 24th**—Gary & Jeanne Larson—49 yrs.
- 25th**—Brian & Karla Lange—28 yrs.
- 28th**—Kevin & Cindy Dickie—47 yrs.

I sincerely apologize if any information is incorrect. This comes from what we have on file. Please let the office know of any corrections.

WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION REGARDING ST. JOHN LUTHERAN & HOW DISTRIBUTED

Monthly Lifeline Newsletter

- *Emailed
- *Website
- *Mailed Out

Website - www.stjohnwaseca.org

- *Lifeline Newsletter
- *EGiving Set up Tab
- *Previous Month Council Minutes

- *Weekly Bulletin
- *Announcements
- *Acolyte Schedule
- *Annual report
- *Scrip form
- *Calendar

Archive Room (Education Bldg.)

- *Previous Council Minutes
- *Annual Reports
- *Pictionary directories
- *Etc.



Lutheran World Relief

Looking for that special Coffee or Tea for yourself or a GIFT? We have just the brew for you! "Fair Trade Coffee" or "Fair Trade Tea" may be purchased by contacting Sue Erdman. Call 507-461-5108.





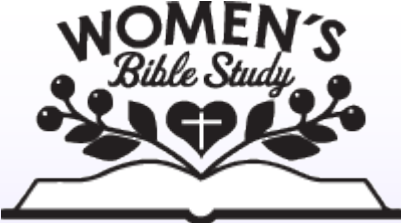
Noisy Offerings

First Sunday of the month
March 2024 offering

\$209.93



WOMEN'S Bible Study




YOU ARE INVITED ...to the Women 's Ministry Bible Study

Mary Bible Study
May 13, 2024
10.00 AM
Trinity Hall
Leader: Jean Miller

Ruth Bible Study
May 21, 2024
7:00 PM
Trinity Hall
Leader: Marie Tesch
Hostess: Rhonda Behsmann

May 26th

GRADUATION
Sunday
9:00 am Worship



Whatever God tells us to do, He also helps us to do.
Dora Greenwell

Scrip



Scrip Cards area available for purchase in the church office. Every scrip purchase you make will help the youth of St John.

Please contact:
*Kari Priebe 507-521-4723
or Julie at the Church office 507-833-1703.

Applebee's	Oscar's
Cash Wise	Pizza Ranch
Domino's Pizza	Subway
El Molino	Walmart
Yellow Mushroom	Hy-Vee
Kwik Trip	McDonald's

Life Line Screening

Will be returning to St. John Location on June 4th.
8:00 am- 5:30 pm
In Trinity Hall

Julie has 2 Complimentary Screening certificates available. Please call if you would like one.
507-833-1703
Must have before appt. made so you have comp. number from Certificate.

First Come First Served!!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
			1 5:30 Pers. Care Kit w-conf./ Pizza WELCA general mtg.	2 7pm Men in Mission BS-via Zoom	3 CHURCH CLOSED	4
5 9am Trad. Worship/ Noisy offering 10:15am –MIM 5pm Video Voice	6 10 am Quilters 10:30 am Video Voice	7	8 Christian Assembly Ch. Luncheon 12 pm 5:30 Confirm	9 2pm Lakeshore NH 3:30 Col. Court 7pm Men in Mission BS-via Zoom	10 CHURCH CLOSED	11 Synod Assembly- Mankato
12 Mother's Day 9am Contemp. Wor- ship/comm 10:15am-Quilters 5pm Video Voice	13 10am Mary BS 10 am Quilters 10:30 Video Voice	14 6:00pm Commission mtg 6:30 pm Council	15 5:30 Last Confirm	16 4:30 I.C.E 7pm Men in Mis- sion BS-via Zoom	17 CHURCH CLOSED	18 LWR In- gathering. 1st Luth. Church. AL
19 HUBER FARM 9am Outdoor Wor- ship w/comm. Huber Farm 10:15 MIM meal 5 pm Video Voice	20 10 am Quilters 10:30 am Video Voice	21 Lifeline deadline 7pm Ruth BS	22 Pine Ridge Group Leaves	23 7pm Men in Mis- sion BS-via Zoom	24 CHURCH CLOSED	25 Pine Ridge Returns
26 GRADUATION 9am Contemp. Wor- ship/ 10:15 –Fellowship 5pm Video Voice	27 OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY 10:30AM Video Voice	28 6pm Men In Mission	29	30 7pm Men in Mis- sion BS-via Zoom	31 CHURCH CLOSED	



**Communion
Bread Maker**
Rhonda Behsmann



Sunday, May 5, 2024
Traditional Worship, 9:00 am

Acolyte: Jacob Knutson
Reader: Janet Wichmann
Ushers: Diane Blowers, Janet Wichmann
Council: Pam Grunzke
Video: Dennis Sommers

Sunday, May 12, 9:00 AM
Contemporary Worship-communion

Acolyte: Dathan Elias
Reader: LuAnne Huber
Ushers: Polly Dill, Russell Tesch
Comm. Prep: Mary Meyman, Sue Michaels
Choir Director: Debra Yess
Council: Terry Huber
Video: Kyle Gallagher

HUBER FARM Outdoor Worship
Sunday, May 19, 9:00 am

Traditional Worship-communion
Acolyte: Ella Linnes
Reader: Marsha Bartz
Ushers: Sam Macklay, Carol Randal
Comm. Prep: Pam Grunzke, Linda Sandborg
Council: Karla Lange
Video: Pam Grunzke

Sunday, May 26, 9:00 am
Contemporary Worship/Graduation

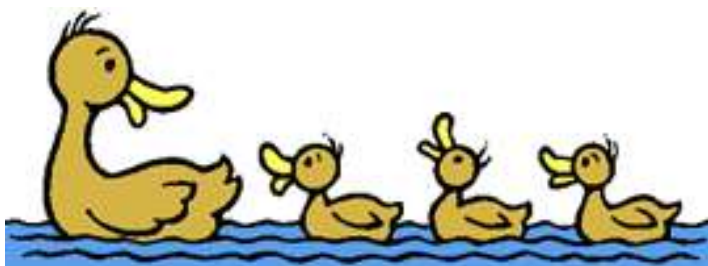
Acolyte: Mitikie Gushwa
Reader: Rhonda Behsmann
Ushers: Julie Pederson, Wayne Johnson
Council: Julie Spies
Video: Kyle Gallagher

Consoler, healer, guide

Holy Spirit, Lord divine,
Come from heights of heav'n and
shine,
Come with blessed radiance bright!
Come, O Father of the poor,
Come, whose treasured gifts endure,
Come, our heart's unfailing light!

Of consolers, wisest, best,
And our souls' most welcome guest,
Sweet refreshment, sweet repose.
In our labor rest most sweet,
Pleasant coolness in the heat,
Consolation in our woes. ...

Cleanse our soiled hearts of sin,
Arid souls refresh within,
Wounded lives to health restore!
Bend the stubborn heart and will,
Melt the frozen, warm the chill,
Guide the wayward home once
more!



SERVICES



Video voice of St John

Each Sunday morning the worship service at St. John is vide taped and broadcast on Media Comm Channel 8 Consolidated Communications 107 Sundays at 5:00 p.m. and Mondays at 10:30 am.



Anyone that wants to be included on our current **Homebound Communion** list please call the church office at **833-1703**. Pastor Kristen and trained members of the congregation make regular visits. **You may also request a copy of the weekly bulletin, announcements, and/ or prayer concerns to be sent to your residence.** Remember we broadcast on the local television station Sundays at 5:00 pm and Mondays at 10:30 am .



Complimentary bus tokens are available for St. John members and guests riding the bus to church. Call the church office at 833-1703 to get your tokens. You must call DISPATCH to arrange a pick up for yourself.

SMART Transit 1-855-762-7821 before 3pm Saturday to schedule your pickup and drop-off for church or 24 before other destinations.



Hospitalized or Ill?

Pastor Kristen would like to visit you if you have any mental or physical health issues. Therefore if you or a loved one is sick, or if you are in the hospital for a planned surgery or any other reason do contact us! Call 833-1703

Please join us for the Greater Waseca Ministerial Association's

SOUP LUNCHEON

Wednesday, May 8th
12:00 noon
at Christian Assembly
900 - 14th Avenue SE, Waseca

Come enjoy our last Soup Luncheon before summer:
a warm bowl of soup, some good conversation with friends,
just for the cost of a donation



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Dominic Grunzke



Susie Kuhns

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Lifeline



Council Members and Staff

Council President

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Terry Huber (507)461-5424

Council Secretary

Julie Spies (507)461-0227

Financial Secretary

Al Tonn, (507)234-5737

Congregational Life

Diane Blowers (507)461-5196

Education Committee

Karla Lange (507)201-2037

Worship and Music

Pam Grunzke (612)910-7230

Social Ministry and Outreach

Rhonda Behsmann (507)461-7490

Building and Grounds

Kyle Gallagher (507)461-3347

Rev. Dr. Kristen Venne

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Assistant Choir Director

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Al Tonn, (507)234-5737

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