

August 2024

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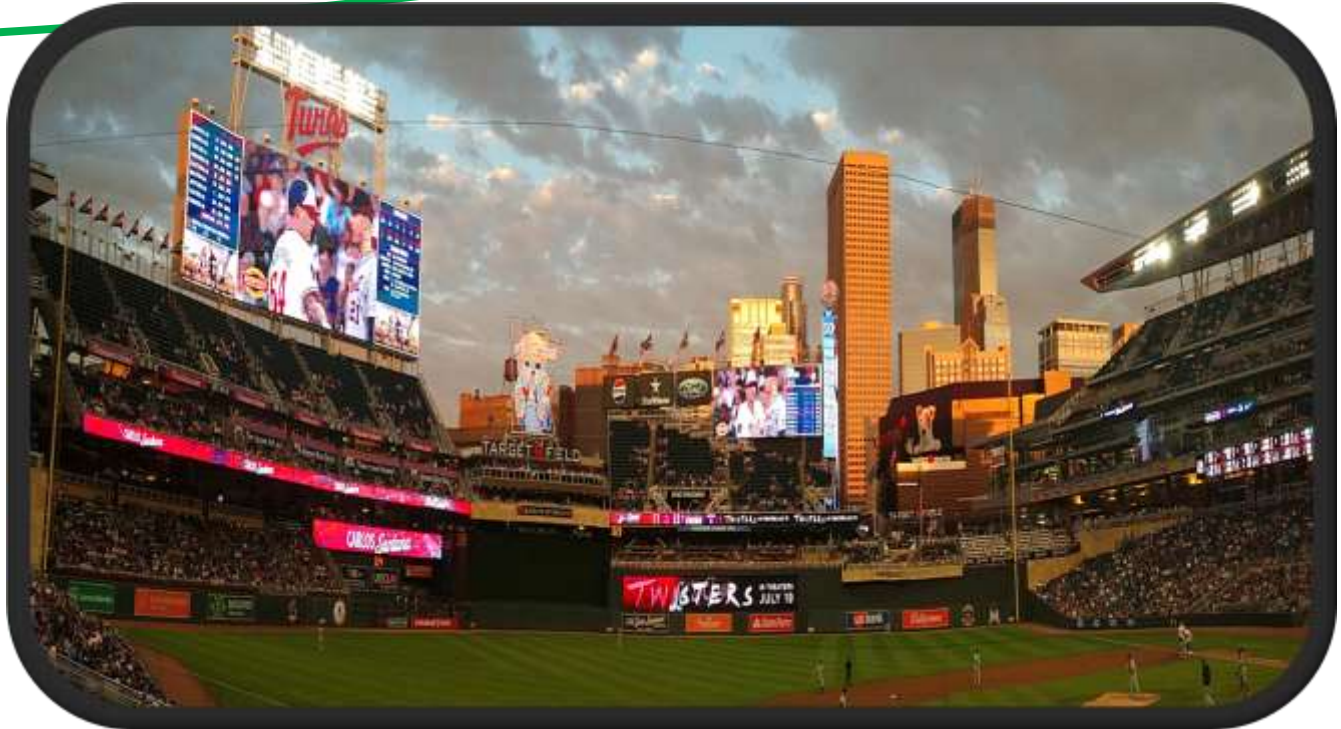
Firmly Rooted in God's Word

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

Lifeline

Church Office Hours

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



**ST. JOHN'S
MEN IN MISSION
Bus TRIP to
MN TWINS vs Kansas city Royal s**
Baseball fans invited to join!!

Monday, August 12th

Leave at 4:00 pm sharp from church

Sign up for the bus trip
in Trinity Hall or call office
507-833-1703

**50 tickets
available
Adult-\$35.00
Kids under 14-
Free**

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.

Photograph by Curt Yess

Dear people of God,

As I sit down to write this for the August Lifeline, I'm also marking items off my to do list as I prepare for vacation. I'm looking forward to the time away, but I'm also looking forward to checking out the local bakeries when we get to our destination. Local bakeries are great to explore as we look for new and different types of bread to try. Over the years we have found some really good breads, the type you want to eat as a snack every day. There have also been some really bad ones we couldn't finish. On our travels we have discovered each destination has had a unique bread to try.

I've been thinking about bread lately since this is the year the lectionary turns our attention to Jesus saying, I am the Bread of Life. For six weeks we will be discovering what it means for Jesus to be our bread; the sustenance we need to survive in the world around us. Jesus reminds us over and over he is the one who will give us life, he is the bread that keeps us alive.

Jesus will be with us through all things, giving us the love and grace we each need. Jesus is also with us as we move into the future he has in store for us. Jesus has been guiding the Transition Team as they finish the Ministry Site Profile and will soon be handing the work over to the Call Committee. Jesus will continue to be side us and feed us as you move toward the future God has in store for you.

Blessings, Pastor Kristen

Following Christ

To have faith in Christ means, of course, trying to do all that he says. There would be no sense in saying you trusted a person if you would not take his advice. Thus, if you have really handed yourself over to [Christ], it must follow that you are trying to obey him.

But trying in a new way, a less worried way. Not doing these things in order to be saved, but because he has begun to save you already. Not hoping to get to heaven as a reward for your actions, but inevitably wanting to act in a certain way because a first faint gleam of heaven is already inside you.

—C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

The meaning of membership

Oklahoma pastor Ricky Jones tackles the meaning of church membership, or being part of Christ's body. "Leaving the church is not simply leaving a club," he writes at the Gospel Coalition website. "When you walk away, you dismember yourself from the body. Jesus and the rest of the body sorely miss you, and bleed after your departure. You cut yourself off from your only source of life and nourishment. Like an amputated hand, you will slowly bleed out, wither, and die."

Jones contends that "being a part of the universal church without submitting to a local church is not possible, biblical or healthy." It's impossible because you need to be part of a smaller community before you can be considered part of a greater community. It's unbiblical because the New Testament epistles are addressed to specific local churches. And it's unhealthy because wanting to independently make your own choices is "at the heart of sin," the pastor writes.

"You need to know we're all in this life together, and we won't walk away from you just because you let us down or we disagree," says Jones. "Together we build each other up into the image of Christ; no one can make it alone."



A gardener's legacy

I'd like to leave but daffodils to mark my little way,
To leave but tulips red and white behind me as I stray;
I'd like to pass away from earth and feel I'd left behind
But roses and forget-me-nots for all who come to find.

I'd like to sow the barren spots with all the flowers of earth,
To leave a path where those who come should find but gentle mirth;
And when at last I'm called upon to join the heavenly throng
I'd like to feel along my way I'd left no sign of wrong.

And yet the cares are many and the hours of toil are few;
There is not time enough on earth for all I'd like to do;
But, having lived and having toiled, I'd like the world to find
Some little touch of beauty that my soul had left behind.

—Edgar A. Guest



Happy Anniversary

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

- 3rd- Jim & Lori Hill-16 yrs.**
- 4th- Curtis & Patti Tesch-40 yrs.**
- 5th- Harlen & Barbara Beyer- 41 yrs.**
- 9th- Larry & Karen Sparks-55 yrs.**
- 14th- Duane & Kimberly Groskreutz-48 yrs.**
- 16th- Brian & Heidi Kbnutson-16 yrs.**
- 17th- Eugene & Lonnie Kuhns-61 yrs.**
- 18th- Don & Judy Finnern-40 yrs.**

June 2024

Monthly

Income \$14,155.92
Expense -17,156.65
 Diff -3,000.73

Year to Date

Income \$113,466.53
Expense -117,804.58
 Diff -4,338.05

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



Let us not grow weary of doing good- Galatians

Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Ensuring that girls attend school, especially in places where their access is deprioritized, has even stronger results. Lutheran World Relief School Kits contain essential supplies to help children—and in some cases, adults—continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities.

LWR.org

St. John is again partnering with Grace Lutheran Church on a mission trip to **Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota**. There is a list of general school supplies as well as specific requests from teachers at Red Shirt School (Grades K-8) in Trinity Hall and the narthex. If you would like to contribute, take a look at what is needed, make a purchase and **return to St. John by Sunday, August 11th.**

There are many specific requests. However, any student or teacher school supply is needed, i.e. pens, paper scissors, crayons, etc. New backpacks are also needed. The group is leaving for Pine Ridge on Thursday, August 15thth and returning Sunday, August 18thth.




Noisy Offerings



First Sunday of the month
July 2024 offering

\$71.81

WOMEN'S Bible Study



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

Mary Bible Study
Aug. 12, 2024
10.00 AM
Trinity Hall
Leader: Jean Miller

Ruth Bible Study
Aug. 20, 2024
7:00 PM
Trinity Hall
Leader: Marie Tesch
Hostess:

Where we live

[Christians] do not live in themselves but in Christ and their neighbor, or else they are not Christian. They live in Christ through faith and in the neighbor through love. Through faith they are caught up beyond themselves into God; likewise, through love they fall down beneath themselves into the neighbor — remaining nevertheless always in God and God's love.

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

THRIVENT ACTION TEAM FUNDRAISER!

Community Lunch and Silent Auction for our church family flood victims held at
St. John Lutheran
Sunday, Sept. 15th
11:00-1:30pm

Volunteer Sign up in Trinity Hall

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.

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AUGUST

2024

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wed Thursday Friday Sat

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				7pm Men in Mission BS-via Zoom	CHURCH CLOSED	
4 Nancy Hansen	5	6	7	8	9	10
9am Trad. Worship/ Noisy offering 10:15am -MIM 5pm Video Voice	10 am Quilters 10:30 am Video Voice			St. John 2pm Lakeshore NH 3:30 pm Colony Crt 7pm Men in Mission BS-via Zoom	CHURCH CLOSED	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9am Contemp. Wor- ship/comm/Baptism 10:15am-Quilters Pine Ridge Dona- tion Deadline 5pm Video Voice	10 am Quilters 10:30 am Mary Bible Study 10:30 Video Voice	2024 Prim. Elec- tion Day 6:00pm Commission mtg 6:30 pm Council		Pine Ridge Group Leaves 4:30 ICE 7pm Men in Mission BS-via Zoom	CHURCH CLOSED	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9am Trad. Worship w/comm. 10:15 -? 5 pm Video Voice	10 am Quilters 10:30 am Video Voice	Lifeline deadline 7pm Ruth BS	.	7pm Men in Mission BS-via Zoom	CHURCH CLOSED	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9am Contemp. Wor- ship 10:15 -? 5pm Video Voice	10 am Quilters 10:30 am Video Voice	6pm Men In Mission				



**Communion
Bread Maker**
Marcia Bartz



Sunday, Aug. 4, 2024
Traditional Worship, 9:00 am
Acolyte: Calvin Kahnke
Reader: Kaden Elias
Ushers: Kim Elias, Kaden Elias
Council: Mike Behsmann
Video: Pam Grunzke

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Sunday, Aug. 11, 9:00 AM
Contemporary Worship-communion
Acolyte: Ella Lines
Reader: Russell Tesch
Ushers: Duane & Kim Groskreutz
Comm. Prep: Kevin & Cindy Dickie
Council: Rhonda Behsmann
Video: Dennis Sommers

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Sunday, Aug. 18, 9:00 am
Traditional Worship-communion
Acolyte: Charley Kietzman
Reader: David Oraskovich
Ushers: Val Possehl, Kim DeMarce
Comm. Craig & Cathy Johnson
Council: Diane Blowers
Video: Kyle Gallagher

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Sunday, Aug. 25, 9:00 am
Contemporary Worship
Acolyte: Mitikie Gushwa
Reader: Karen Schwake
Ushers: Shirley Raetz, Mary Conway
Council: Kim Elias
Video: Kaden Elias
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God's gift of music



What helps you sort out what you're feeling, or experience an emotion more deeply? What allows you to let loose and cry, or fully celebrate when you're joyful? Nature helps some of us get in touch with our feelings, perhaps because it removes us from screens and other distractions.

But when getting out isn't possible — no mountain lake is nearby, or the weather isn't tranquil — consider the gift of music. Often instrumental or vocal music helps us access the depths of our soul like nothing else can. God may even speak to us through music — whether in song lyrics, our own inner thoughts or wordless stirrings of the heart.

Albert Schweitzer, a pastor, musicologist, physician and more, said, "Joy, sorrow, tears, lamentation, laughter — to all these music gives voice, but in such a way that we are transported from the world of unrest to a world of peace, and see reality in a new way, as if we were sitting by a mountain lake and contemplating hills and woods and clouds in the tranquil and fathomless water."

Make some playlists for various emotions: joy, grief, anxiety, hope. Then imagine yourself relaxing in nature, and experience God's love.



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



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Take a picture with your phone of the icon to the left and you will be directed to the website to help you with your donation to St. John Lutheran Waseca.

It is that easy.



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Lifeline



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