

July 2024

ST. JOHN EV.
LUTHERAN CHURCH
ELCA

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



BLESSED IS
THE
NATION
WHOSE
GOD IS THE
LORD,

Psalm 33:12

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



Hello everyone,

The topic that has come up the most frequently in conversation the last few weeks has been rain. I'm not sure what the record books say, but I think this is the most rain I have ever seen. Just when it looks like it is drying out, it rains again. The washouts in fields are getting bigger, with each rain fall it seems as if parts of fields aren't going to get planted this year. The good news about the rain is that we are no longer in drought status, but with the extreme rainfall we ask, "are we ever going to get back to normal?"

"Normal" is what we seek in all aspects of our lives. The reality, however, is that normal is different for everyone. We each experience life differently and our normal may not be the same as our neighbors' normal. The one constant in our lives is Jesus. The writer of Hebrews states this very clearly in 13:8, Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever.

The world around us is changing, the needs of our neighbors are different than they were before. With these needs changing, the way we do ministry is also changing. As we serve as the hands and feet of Jesus in the world, we continually need to ask ourselves how we best meet these needs.

The Transition Team is working on writing St. John's Ministry Site Profile. This document reflects the congregation, and the ministry needs of the community. It is presented as an introduction to candidates for the next settled pastor. I encourage you continue to pray for the Transition Team as they work through the questions of our changing community and congregation; remembering the world maybe changing around us, but Jesus remains our constant.

Pastor Kristen



Prayers go out to all of our church members and friends of St. John that have been affected by the flooding in Waterville and or Mankato and surrounding areas.

If you are able to help those in need, please offer your time and talents in helping these people in their cleanup.

(Ex: bring sandwiches, bottled water, shovels, buckets, cleaning supplies and manpower)



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF July Project

LWR FABRIC KITS : provide tools to aspiring tailors to learn and practice sewing skills.

Families in **BURKINA FASO** use the fabric and thread to mend their clothing and extend the life of their limited wardrobes.

EL SALVADOR, women are trained in making clothing for themselves and their children, giving them the personal satisfaction of caring for their families in this way, as is traditional in rural communities.

MALI, vocational training centers teach young women and girls to sew as a means of earning an income, building a brighter future for themselves and their families.

*July 11th at 7pm the kits will be put together during the Combined Bible Study that is also scheduled.



INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH FABRIC KIT

TWO spools of neutral-colored, general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each

TWO pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester). Each piece should match one of the sizes below:

- 2 1/4 yards of 60" wide fabric
- 3 yards of 44" wide fabric
- 4 yards of 36" wide fabric

SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER

Fabric should have no stains or holes.

- Pieces do not need to match in size or color/pattern as long as they fit into one of the three size options.
- Each spool of thread should match one of the pieces of fabric included. Neutral thread is also a good option.
- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags



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 corrections.

- 8th- Raul & Lacie Garza- 18 yrs.
- 8th-Jeff & Ann Ruedy-51 yrs.
- 10th-Delwin & Sheryl Root-48 yrs.
- 24th-Merril & Mary Schultz-43 yrs.
- 27th Richard & Lois Nelson Sr.-56 yrs.
- 28th-Matthew & Nicole Sommers-6 yrs.
- 30th-Brad & Julie Pederson-41 yrs.
- 30th-Alfred & Janice Kampen Jr.-64 yrs.

April 2024

Monthly

Income	\$36,920.11
<u>Expense</u>	<u>-19,719.70</u>
	17,200.41

Year to Date

Income	\$85,657.03
<u>Expense</u>	<u>-80,890.65</u>
Diff	4,766.38

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

HAVE YOU
 TALKED
 TO GOD
 TODAY?

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
June 2024 offering

\$155.08

WOMEN'S Bible Study



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

Mary Bible Study
July 8, 2024
10.00 AM
Trinity Hall
Leader: Jean Miller

Ruth Bible Study
July 16, 2024
7:00 PM
Trinity Hall
Leader: Marie Tesch
Hostess: Rhonda Behsmann



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



CATHEDRAL FLOOR PLAN

Traditionally, a cathedral is laid out in the shape of a cross. The lower section or nave (from Latin for *ship*), along with the transepts (the arms of the cross), is where the congregation sits. The choir sits on either side of the chancel. Despite our common terminology, the sanctuary (from Latin for *holy*) isn't the full worship space but the area right before the altar. The location of the lectern, from which Scripture is read, and pulpit, used for preaching, may vary.

The Living Water

*From the alley of the bones,
Came God Almighty's booming tones.
"I put y Spirit in you to dwell,
To Live," is what the Lord did tell.*

*"Come to me and drink" said Hem
"He who believes in me
Shall living water now receive,"
For Jesus' word does not deceive*


*It takes but just a little while,
Some time to think and then to smile;
I look and see the Spirit here
Within the church I hold so dear.*

*-by Larry D. Krohn who writes from
Princeton, Indiana
The Lutheran Message*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	1 10 am Quilters 10:30 am Video Voice	2 10am Church Lakeshore 11am Deb Rietfort- Wisely Graveside 12pm Lunch	3		5 CHURCH CLOSED	6
7 9am Trad. Worship/ Noisy offering 10:15am -MIM 5pm Video Voice	8 10 am Quilters 10am Mary BS 10:30 am Video Voice	9 6:00pm Commission mtg 6:30 pm Council	10 Fair starts	11 Fair 7pm Combines BS/Fabric Kits 7pm Men in Mission BS-via Zoom	12 Fair CHURCH CLOSED	13 Fair
14 Fair 9am Contemp. Wor- ship/comm/Bapt. Eloise Possin 10:15am-Quilters 5pm Video Voice	15 10 am Quilters 10:30 Video Voice	16 7pm Ruth BS	17	18 Grace Luth. 2pm Lakeshore NH 3:30 Col. Court 4:30 ICE 7pm Men in Mis- sion BS-via Zoom	19 CHURCH CLOSED	20
21 9am Trad. Worship w/comm. 10:15 -? 5 pm Video Voice	22 10 am Quilters 10:30 am Video Voice	23 Lifeline deadline 6pm Men In Mission	24 .	25 7pm Men in Mis- sion BS-via Zoom	26 CHURCH CLOSED	27 11am-Trinity Hall Rental - Emily Wright Bridal Shower
28 Pulpit Supply 9am Contemp. Wor- ship 10:15 -? 5pm Video Voice	29 10 am Quilters 10:30 am Video Voice	30	31			



**Communion
Bread Maker
Mary Schultz**

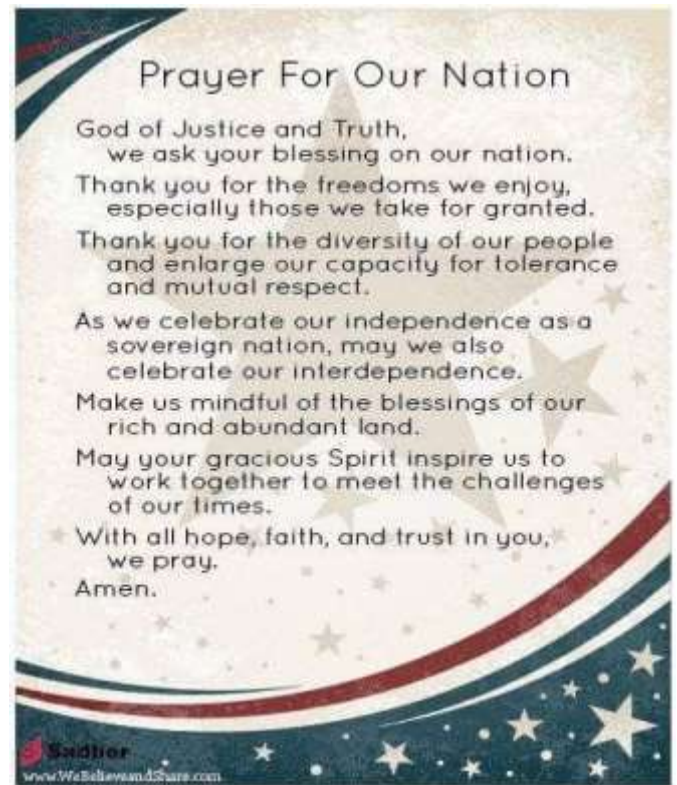


**Sunday, July 7, 2024
Traditional Worship, 9:00 am
Acolyte: Lilly Peterson
Reader: Julie Spies
Ushers: Darwin & Julie Spies
Council: Diane Blowers
Video: Dennis Sommers**

**Sunday, July 14, 9:00 AM
Contemporary Worship-communion
Acolyte: Jacob Knutson
Reader: Suzie Root
Ushers: David & Gwen Oraskovich
Comm. Prep: Jody & Teri Wilker
Council: Terry Huber
Video: Kyle Gallagher**

**Sunday, July 21, 9:00 am
Traditional Worship-communion
Acolyte: Jaeger Anderson
Reader: Mary Schultz
Ushers: Merrill & Mary Schultz
Comm. Gyles & Carol Randall
Council: Karla Lange
Video: Curt Yess**

**Sunday, July 28, 9:00 am
Contemporary Worship
Acolyte: Dathan Elias
Reader: Dennis Sommers
Ushers: Kathy Zabel, Karen Schwake
Council: Julie Spies
Video: Merrill Schultz**



Redeeming ‘wasted’ time

In *Just Like Jesus*, Max Lucado writes that the average American spends a total of six months waiting at stoplights, eight months opening junk mail, 18 months looking for items we’ve lost and five years standing in line. All the while, many of us grumble: “What a waste of time! I could be doing something much more important! *Where* are my keys?”

But Lucado suggests that we give these moments to God. Rather than whispering to ourselves, we can speak to God in prayer. “Simple phrases such as ‘Thank you, Father,’ ‘Be sovereign in this hour, O Lord,’ ‘You are my resting place, Jesus’ can turn a commute into a pilgrimage,” he writes. “You needn’t leave your office or kneel in your kitchen. Just pray where you are. Let the kitchen become a cathedral or the classroom a chapel. Give God your whispering thoughts.”

When we do this, “the common becomes uncommon,” Lucado adds. What’s more, “wasted” time becomes valuable; boring waits become meditative; the lost — your time, if not also your keys — is redeemed.



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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It is that easy.



Christian hope involves more than a sunny, cheerful attitude. It is more than a general kind of optimism. It is more than hope in hope, or faith in faith. Christian hope is tied to the goal of history and the purpose of each person's existence. It is the unshakeable confidence of the sovereignty of God and God's eventual triumph over all the forces that stand against truth, righteousness, faithfulness, love and mercy.

And in the great contest between good and evil, Christian hope declares God as winner. ... Christ is the hope not only in the world to come; he is the hope of the world right now.

—Oswald Bronson



Name: _____

Date: _____

Pentecost Sunday

N R F C U L S A W Q B R H E T V Z
 N S C U U U C K F F E W Y O X V T
 X H H A S M A I D W H T J L Q B F
 Z T F E G E R W O D S O X L O Y T
 I W J X P E F P B O I R U B A H E
 J D G S F Y E S C V R C D S J T I
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 S I S E G Q E O T U Q S A D C I Q
 J D F L K N D A S T C A O D R C T
 L C I T W C A J D N E V A E H E Q
 P Y O W Y Z A L S E U G N O T G R

Pentecost	apostles	language	tongues	spirit
filled	Heaven	Jesus	power	fifty
speak	house	sound	acts	wind
hear	Holy	fire	Day	

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