

September 2017

Pastors Message

Dear Friends in Christ:

My summer has flown by. I suspect yours has too! Sometimes living in this culture consumes every moment of our time. (And sometimes we *let* it consume us!) September will be full, too! School starts. Sunday School and Confirmation and Youth Group happen. (Something named "Packers" happens?) We'll want to invite and get to know new people at church. Let me encourage you to stay centered in worship, in Holy Communion, with your church family, and in serving in the community. Clearly life can get very busy very quickly! We also trust that in the days and hours God gives us, "there is time for every purpose under heaven."

Praying that we all find some moments each day to rest in God's grace and in God's presence! -Pastor Paul#

Christian Education

Sunday School starts Sept. 10th at 9:45 worship, then the regular schedule starts Sept. 17 – (8:30-9:20)

Children's Church (10:00-10:45) starts Sept. 17th

Confirmation Class (7:00-8:15) starts Wednesday Sept. 6th.
Jesus said, "Let the children come to me".

Matthew 19:14



Coming Soon, Small Group Bible Studies!

Some of you may be familiar with an existing Bible study group here at St. John's. You know, the Italian Dinner people. Typically, we meet once a month for dinner, fellowship, and sharing God's word.

This year we'd like to help get a few more groups up and running. During September we'll have sign-up sheets for groups that will begin in October. We'll include information regarding which family is hosting, and what curriculum we'll be using. Our hope is to get a few more groups started, so more people can enjoy being in a group like this as much as we have. For more information, you can contact anyone in our Bible study group. Rick and Tracey Corlett, Dan and Dee Johnson, Sharon and Tim Kiernan, Keri and Mike Kraus, Pete and Robin Kutzora, Bryan and Laura Scheunemann.



Upcoming Events

Confirmation Meeting – Sept. 6
Rally Day/Picnic – Sept. 10
Lunch Bunch – Sept. 21
God's Work, Our Hands – Sept. 23

Updates

+YTD General Fund

Receipts: \$ 107,864
Expenses: \$ 113,286

+YTD Building Fund:

Receipts: \$ 66,973
Expenses: \$ 67,716

+YTD ELCA Benevolence:

\$ 9,902 ; Goal for 2017: \$15,000;

+YTD Missionary Sponsorship:

\$ 4,815 ; Goal for 2017: \$6,000.

+YTD Average Attendance:

174/week; 2016:187/week

Thank you for your regular attendance and your offerings!

Lunch Bunch

Join our Lunch Bunch one weekday per month for a video or speaker, some fellowship time and a simple lunch. Our next lunch bunch day is Thursday, September 21, with a program at 11:00 and lunch at noon. Bring a guest!





Church Packer Tailgating Event & Sunday School Rally Day

This year we have decided to combine our picnic and Sunday school Rally Day on Sunday, September 10th. The 10th is the first regular season game for the Packers so this year we will have a Packer Tailgating Event, wear your Packer gear!

We'll have one service at 9:45, Sunday School starting at 10:15, with tailgating to follow. We'll supply the meat and beverages, just bring a dish to pass. We'll have bingo, games, and the bucket flush will be back! We're planning on having the basket raffle/silent auction as well. Helpers are still needed. Contact Wendy Wolf! Join us for a fun filled day!

God's Work, Our Hands

September 23rd is the day to get involved in this year's God's Work, Our Hands day of service. "God's work. Our hands." This day of service provides us a chance to serve our neighbors in new ways and with new partners. It also provides an opportunity to gain new insights, to be renewed in faith and to gain fresh strength for serving in all our daily callings. A brochure can be found in the gathering space to sign up to volunteer! There are opportunities to build a habitat house, play bingo with seniors, make a craft for a hospice patient's door, do yard work for our members, and more!

Each of you has been blessed with one of God's many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. So use your gift well. 1 Peter 4:10



Sunday School LWR Care Kits Drive!

We are about 35% to our Lutheran World Relief personal care kits goal! Thank you to everyone who has donated so far! Ruth Circle would like to meet the goal of 300 care kits by October.

Starting in September the Sunday School classes will have a LWR kit drive. The children will compete between classes and between the congregation to see who can bring the most items!

The class winner will be treated to a pizza party! The winner of the congregation and Sunday school classes competition will be served ice cream by the loser!

Kits contain: 2 bars of soap, nail clipper, sturdy comb, toothbrush, and a bath towel. You can find towels for \$2.50 at Walmart and other things at most dollar stores!



We're Looking for Ringers & Singers!

Our Choir and our Bell Choir are in need of volunteers to sing and ring God's praises! The adult Choir meets on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm starting on September 13th and our Bell Choir practices on Thursdays at 7:00 pm starting on September 14. No experience necessary – come and give it a try!

"What can I get involved in this fall?"

Be an **usher, greeter, reader, communion assistant, or run the PowerPoint!** Talk to Wendy Wolf.

Want to start **something new**? Exercise class, scrapbooking, knitting, etc.? Got an idea? Talk to Wendy, and she'll help you get a group started!

Women's Groups: Naomi Circle meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 1pm. Ruth Circle meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm.



Quilters meet the 3rd Monday of each month at 9am. No experience necessary! Crocheters can make prayer shawls. Quilts and prayer shawls can be made at home at your convenience.

Monday morning Bible Study meets Mondays at 9am with Pastor. We study the next week's reading. Join us!

Dartball will start this fall and will meet on Monday nights at St. John's and neighboring churches to shoot darts. What a great night of fellowship within and outside our church!

Ministry Planning Team Update – St. John's Look to the Future

With your input from the Congregational Table Talks and Lenten Worship Reflections, the Ministry Planning Team identified several scripture passages that resonate with the themes that have emerged throughout this process. These scripture passages energize our thinking and inspire our conversations about who God is calling us to be, and what God is calling us to do.

We are God's People – Ephesians 2:19-22

"You are no longer strangers...but you are fellow citizens...built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone"

Caring for the Least – Matthew 25:34-46

"And the King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me'"

The Parable of the Sower – Matthew 13:3-9

"A sower went out to sow...some seeds were devoured or withered...Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain"

Over this past summer the Ministry team and Church Council reflected upon these scriptures and our expressed values / beliefs to identify our top priorities and goals for next several years.

We are Church Together

Goal: We will grow in our ability to invite, welcome, and include one another, so that we together have a sense of belonging and connection and are eager to become more engaged in the ministry of St. John's.

We are a Learning Church

Goal: We will continually cultivate our Christian life together through ongoing faith formation.

Goal: We will embed teaching and learning as normal activities engaged in regularly by all of us in our congregation.

We are a Church for the Community

Goal: We will grow our presence within both the local and broader communities by developing and strengthening partnerships and outreach.

We are a Church of Stewards

Goal: We will grow in our ability to be faithful, wise, and responsible managers of all of God's gifts, including individual gifts of time, talents, and treasures and the church's gifts of people, resources, and partnerships.

*When a congregation has identified its key values, Bible themes and goals for the future, it is not the end of a journey but the beginning! Take a moment to reflect: **How are these values and goals inviting you personally to respond?** Then, keep watch – in September we will have opportunity to turn these values and goals into action together!*

Called to Serve

Readers

(8:00 Service)

9/3 Joel Wolf

One Service at 9:45

9/17 Renee Liberatore

9/24 Heidi Hellesen

(9:45 Service)

9/3 Reuben Heidtke

9/10 Susan Heidtke

9/17 Sarah Murray

9/24 Karen Uhlig

Ushers

(8:00 Service)

9/3 Megan Olafsson, Skip Bartelt

One Service at 9:45

9/17 John Breest, Pete Kutzora

9/24 Camdyn Schneider, Joel Heidtke

(9:45 Service)

9/3 Gary & Kathy Zirtzclaff

9/10 Reuben & Keith Heidtke

9/17 Don Meyerpeter, Rich Uhlig

9/24 Jim Kurtz, Dick Uhlig

Communion Assistants

(8:00 Service)

9/3 Joel & Wendy Wolf

9/17 George & Dianne Liberatore

(9:45 Service)

9/3 Reuben & Val Heidtke

9/17 Sarah Murray, Cindi Hanke

Greeters

(8:00 Service)

9/3 George & Dianne Liberatore

One Service at 9:45

9/17 Staci Bohling, Pam Stahl

9/24 Scott & Don Christianson

(9:45 Service)

9/3 Angela & Jason Pickart

9/10 Donna & Roger Lamberg

9/17 Gale Loehrl, Linda Susnik

9/24 Gary & Sue Kielisch

September Anniversaries

Sept 3 Jim & Amy Meyers – 23 years
 Sept 9 Dick & Karen Uhlig – 50 years
 Sept 10 Shad & Kristy Young – 12 years
 Sept 11 Rick & Linda Guslick – 41 years
 Mike & Keri Kraus – 24 years
 Sept 13 Rick & Gale Loehrl – 37 years
 Sept 14 Dave & Jean Gardipee – 26 years
 Mike & Jenny Starzman – 21 years
 Sept 15 Eric & Jennifer Olafsson – 16 years
 Sept 16 Roger & Donna Lamberg – 56 years
 George & Dianne Liberatore – 45 years
 Sept 17 Ken & Kären Keel – 57 years
 Mike & Jamie Hamlin – 23 years
 Paul & Katie Ziemer – 1 year
 Sept 19 Rich & Cindy Uhlig – 9 years
 Sept 20 Hank & Eileen Dieringer – 59 years
 Sept 23 Vince & Nicole Dueno – 17 years
 Sept 24 Scott & Pam Adams – 34 years
 Charlie & Kristin Jones – 1 year
 Sept 27 Dan & Eileen Mack – 20 years
 Sept 29 Kyle & Jennifer Binversie – 5 years



September Birthdays!

Sept 2 Judy Durr
 Sept 3 Melissa Belongia
 Steve Henrichs
 Lucas Hansen
 Sept 4 Connie Hornburg
 Sept 5 Paul Mittermaier
 Allyssa Hanke
 Sept 6 Ron Jonas
 Angela Pickart
 Ashlyn Muller
 Sept 7 Dorothy Slatter
 Terry Legate
 Bruce Beuscher
 Amy Reid
 Jennifer Olafsson
 Sept 8 Geri Michalski
 Eileen Dieringer
 Butch Callum
 Rick Guslick
 Chris Guslick
 Alex Neufuss
 Sept 9 Mark Dalton
 Alaina Staller
 Sept 10 Debbie Gramza
 Sept 13 Jack Lippold
 Gary Kielisch
 Tom Lanham
 Melanie Priebe
 Joe Liberatore
 Tracey Corlett
 Sept 14 Emmaline Guslick
 Sept 15 Collin Russ
 Sept 16 Terry Christopherson
 Sept 17 Katy Brodesser
 Sept 18 Parker Schaus
 Sept 20 Scott Reid
 Sept 21 Ann Radloff
 Barb Jonas
 Sept 22 Ed Holcomb
 Maryrose Leist
 Joel Heidtke
 Kaylee Brice
 Sept 23 Ryder Goodman
 Sept 24 Warren Scheunemann
 Scott Anders
 Sept 26 Lora Ackman
 Garry Basing
 Sept 27 Duane Plath
 Jackie Dhein
 Sept 28 Peter Jackson
 Sept 29 Karen Kraemer
 Jessica Frank
 Sept 29 Arleen Ziemer
 Sept 30 Bonnie Puestow
 Larry Liebner

If we missed your special day please let us know.

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At St. John's we're privileged and challenged to *Welcome, Worship, and Witness* in Christ's name. Thank you for being part of this faith community and for the serving you do to the glory of God!

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Office hours: M-F 9:00am-1:00pm

Worship Services: Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:00 am & 9:45 am

Sunday School 8:30 am - 2nd Service Children's Church 10:00

Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th weekends each month.

