

Pastor's Message

Dear Friends in Christ,

We Are Church Together! That's been our theme for the year, and it's been great to live into that understanding that whatever or age or place in life, the Holy Spirit brings us together. (In Martin Luther's words, "the Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth!")

In everyday terms, what does that mean? Well, we're trying this new **Sunday School time of 9:00-9:30**, so that kids can worship with us, and so that in that time slot, we can also offer some adult options.

It means on the weekend of Oct. 6-7, **Missionary Dr. Steve Friberg** will be with us to share what it means to be connected in service with God's people half way around the world!

It means something as simple as getting your picture taken for the new **Picture Directory**, so that we can help put names and faces together, and grow connections.

It means something as exciting as a **Matching Gift Challenge!** One of our members stopped in recently, saying "I want to do some good with \$5,000!" My response was "Wonderful!" She asked what it could go towards. I thought of our partnerships and asked: How about if we challenge members to give an extra mile gift to:

- +Crossways Camps-just starting a capital campaign.
- +All Peoples' Church in Milwaukee, which does so much with young people.
- +Ulong'a Parish in Tanzania, where we can help students attend school!
- +Our own Good Samaritan Fund, which helps some of the neediest in our care.
- +Our ELCA Hunger Appeal, which makes a huge difference in the U.S. and the world!

Our generous member said "Great!" So here's the challenge: *Can you give an extra \$20, \$50, \$100, \$500, or \$1000 to match this gift? You can designate it for any of these 5 purposes, if you wish! This is a great way for \$5,000 to end up doing even more good than we thought possible!*

Thank you for being Church Together in worship, in learning, in service, and in prayer this month!

Pastor Paul

October 2018

Try our New Sunday School time of 9:00-9:30!

We hope this allows you families to worship at *either* early or late service! Parents – we're offering reader, usher & communion training, and other forums during the Sunday school time!

Tell us how we can make this work, please!

We're Looking for Ringers & Singers!

Come and make a joyful noise to the Lord in Adult Choir! The Adult Choir (7pm Wednesdays) or Bell Choir (7pm Thursdays).. No experience necessary – come and give it a try!

Picture Directory

Lifetouch Photography will be here to for photo sessions on Tuesday & Wednesday, October 23, 24 from 2-9, Thursday & Friday, November 1 & 2 from 2-9, and Saturday, November 3 from 10-5. Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 and directory for participating. You will have the opportunity to purchase more prints, Christmas cards, and photo gifts at the time of your session. You can bring extended family, props, and even your pets. Sign up in the gathering space on or online at <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yx96dxzs/>. Our goal is to include everyone! (We didn't take enough pictures on our own last year to produce a directory. Sorry! So please jump in again!)

Personal Care Kits – Lutheran World Relief

Ruth Circle will be assembling personal care kits this fall for Lutheran World Relief.

This fall, the Sunday School classes will have a LWR kit drive. The children will compete between classes and with the congregation to see who can bring the most items!

Kits contain: 2 bars of soap, nail clipper, sturdy comb, toothbrush, and a bath towel. Deadline to bring items is October 7th. Thank you!

“Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World” Bible Study

Our women's Bible Study will continue. It is a study about our busy lives in today's world and how we can take time to spend with God and reflect on our relationship with God. Each session is a standalone so come and join us when you can. Wednesdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 6:30-7:30pm in the Upper Room!



Upcoming Events

October 6 – Service of Healing Prayers
October 21 – Trunk or Treat
October 27 – Fall Clean-up Day
November 3 – Service of Remembrance

Updates 2018

+YTD General Fund

Receipts: \$ 130,807
Expenses: \$ 136,161

+YTD Building Fund:

Receipts: \$ 70,307
Expenses: \$ 74,659

+YTD ELCA Benevolence:

\$ 10,810 Goal for 2018: \$15,000

+YTD Missionary Sponsorship:

\$ 5,288 Goal for 2018: \$6,000

We have several electronic giving options. Talk to Wendy Wolf for more information!

Thank you for your regular attendance and offerings!





Fall Clean Up Day Saturday, October 27 – 8:00-noon

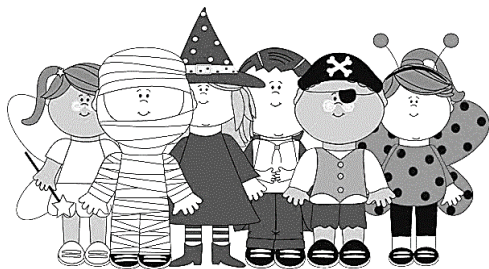
Join us for a day to take care of God's house! This is not only God's house, it's our house too! And just like your own home, it needs tender loving care, and regular maintenance and cleaning.

It's time to do some deep cleaning inside and outside the church. We have projects for all ages! Come when you can and leave when you must! If October 27th doesn't work for you, talk to Wendy Wolf to work out a time when it's convenient for you!

Thank You for a Wonderful Picnic!

Thank you to our picnic committee, our volunteers, and to everyone who made some type of contribution to our picnic. We had awesome baskets donated for our raffle, very generous silent auction items and great games & bounce house. Thanks to your donations we raised over \$ 1,200 which will be divided between our Good Samaritan Fund, and Crossways Camping Ministry. It was a great day of fun and fellowship!

Trunk or Treat - Sunday, October 21 - 6:00-8:00pm



Let's start the night with a simple dinner with lots of spooky people, continue to fun games, and finish with some trunk or treat.

1. Wear a costume – adults come in costume too!
2. Bring a dish to pass
3. Plan to decorate a trunk
4. Plan on having a ton of fun!!!

Reverse Offering Project

The Mission Endowment Team has another challenge for you! Pastor spoke of the *Matching Gift* Challenge. We, want to *give you* money! Later this month we'll offer \$25 to anyone in the congregation who would like to participate. You can give the funds to a person or a group in need, or you can do something to grow the \$\$\$. (Think about the Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25.)

The idea is to put the money to work for good, and you can be creative about how you'd like to do that. You can participate, as an individual, a family, or any kind of group you would like to put together.

More details to come!

St. John's Talent & Variety Show

Warm up those voices and instruments for the St. John's Talent and Variety show on Saturday, November 10th at 6:30! We welcome any type of talent or shenanigans! In the past we've had singers, piano players, violinists, joke tellers, skits, and hula hoopers! Sign up at the Welcome and Information Desk in the Gathering Space! Join us for a night of fun!



Called to Serve

Readers

(8:00 Service)

10/7 Heather Anders
10/14 Irv Brandt
10/21 Jackie Gauger
10/28 Joel Heidtke

(9:45 Service)

10/7 Sarah Murray
10/14 Sharon Boldt
10/21 Sam Eisenhauer
10/28 Reuben Heidtke

Ushers

(8:00 Service)

10/7 Luke Muller, George Liberatore
10/14 Kevin & Mary Bukovic

10/21 Pete Kutzora, Joel Wolf

10/28 Irv & Ben Brandt

(9:45 Service)

10/7 Dick & Karen Uhlig
10/14 Judy Henrichs,
Ella Pickart
10/21 Reuben Heidtke,
Jim Kurtz
10/28 Scott Adams,
Peter Uhlig

Communion Assistants

(8:00 Service)

10/7 Skip Bartelt, Mary Bukovic
10/14 Heidi & Hannah Hellesen

10/21 Dee Johnson, Cassidy Bohling

10/28 Pete & Robin Kutzora

(9:45 Service)

10/7 Sarah Murray, Cindi H.
10/14 Ella Pickart,
Scott DeChant
10/21 Amanda Reinemann,
Ryan Liberatore
10/28 Gary & Kathy Zirtzloff

Greeters

(8:00 Service)

10/7 Darleen & Gerald Wanta
10/14 Paul & Pam Stahl
10/21 Skip & Laura Bartelt
10/28 Roger & Donna Lamberg

(9:45 Service)

10/7 Staci & Perry Benz
10/14 Jason & Angela Pickart
10/21 Skip & Laura Bartelt
10/28 Roger & Donna L.



October Anniversaries!

Oct. 2 Paul & Karla Mozdzen – 25 years
Oct. 3 Matt & Sarah Schaus – 9 years
Oct. 4 Jeff & Jenny Moerke – 4 years
Oct. 5 Jim & Sharon Ziemer – 33 years
Jason & Angela Pickart – 16 years
Oct. 7 Josh & Melissa Staller – 12 years
Oct. 17 Bob & Michelle Jones – 31 years
Oct. 22 Paul & Pam Stahl – 35 years
Oct. 26 Jeffrey & Laurie Matthews – 27 years

October Birthdays!

Oct 1 Alex Miller
Liam Mickie
Oct 3 Maryann Stoecker
Oct 4 Candace Liebner
Kelli Fraley
Oct 6 Riley Haddorff
Oct 8 Steve Devoe
Bob Zarda
Megan Olafsson
Jon Gust
Oct 9 Joann Kurtz
Oct 10 Jack Frank
Oct 11 Benjamin Hollister
Oct 12 Jenny Moerke
Hope Groth
Oct 13 Ryan Kutzora
Erin Anders
Oct 14 Terry Stoecker
Christine Miller
Jenny Micksch
Oct 15 Tracey Jackson
Melanie Gierach
Emily Blank
Renee Liberatore
Oct 16 Colleen Wagner
Lili Inchaurregui
Oct 17 Arliss Steffen
Oct 18 Amy Hennings Canard
Kristen Mickie
Jackie Goodman
Jacob Williams
Oct 19 Tim Kiernan
Karen Bertucci
Oct 20 Abby Adams
Oct 21 Mike Schneider
Truman Ayers
Aiden Brice
Oct 23 Ruth Bogart Harrass
Pam Dhein
Cindy Driebel
Caleb Dalton
Oct 24 Mary Bukovic
Oct 25 Kimberly Byrne
Oct 26 Maryann Ostranger
Vince Dueno
Tom Toll
Oct 27 Georgia Haddorff
Oct 29 Randy Adametz
Sharon Kiernan
Oct 30 Dani Scheunemann
Oct 31 Nick Robel

If we missed your special day please let us know.

Happy Birthday!

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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.

