

**& SUNDAY SEPT. 15 & 16, 2018. JOHN'S LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

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THE MISSION OF ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



Through Jesus Christ, we
Proclaim God's Word,
Encourage one another in faith,
Witness to God's love and
Serve all people.



The live radio broadcast on KAUS am 1480 of this Sunday's worship service is given by Mary Sparks in memory of her parents Don & Ann Voeltz and her God parents Harold & Alice Miller. We are thankful for these gifts of love to keep God's Word on the radio

Live Streaming sponsors for September are Winnie & Ken Greenlee

To sponsor a radio broadcast, contact Ellen Petersen at 433-6626 or 440-8070. The cost is \$142.00.

WE ARE CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER THIS WEEKEND. THE LORD'S SUPPER IS THE HIGHEST AND MOST HOLY PART OF OUR WORSHIP SERVICE. IT IS A SACRED MEAL GIVEN TO US BY JESUS WITH IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR ITS ENJOYMENT. A BROCHURE CAN BE FOUND IN EVERY HYMNAL. IT WILL EXPLAIN OUR UNDERSTANDING, TEACHING, AND PRACTICE OF THIS SACRED AND HOLY SUPPER. **GUESTS WHO WISH TO COMMUNE WITH US SHOULD READ THE BROCHURE AND THEN PLEASE SPEAK WITH THE PASTOR. COMMUNION REGISTRATION IS ON THE ATTENDANCE SHEET TO BE FILLED IN DURING THE "OFFERING AND RITE OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP" TIME.** *FOR THOSE WITH SENSITIVITIES TO ALCOHOL, NON-ALCOHOL WINE IS OFFERED FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER. IF YOU DESIRE TO PARTAKE OF THIS, PLEASE CHOOSE THE LIGHT COLORED CUPS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE COMMUNION TRAY. ALSO, IF YOU NEED A GLUTEN-FREE WAFER, PLEASE CONTACT AN USHER, THE PASTOR, OR AN ELDER BEFORE THE SERVICE SO ONE CAN BE AVAILABLE.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday 09/16	Worship service w/communion	9:00 am
	Prayer Ministry	10:00 am
	Fellowship time	10:00 am
	Education Hour	10:15 am
Monday	Bible study	9:30 am
Tuesday	Women's Bible study	1:00 pm
	Handbells	5:30 pm
	Church council	7:00 pm
	Blood drive	1-6 pm
Wednesday	Worship Seeker/Teaching service	04:30 pm
	CASE	4:30-6:30pm
	Confirmation	5:30 pm
	Choir	6:30 pm
Thursday	Men's Bible study	5:00 pm
	Gray Matters	07:30 pm
Saturday	Worship service	6:00 pm
Sunday 09/23	Worship service	9:00 am
	Prayer Ministry	10:00 am
	Fellowship time	10:00 am
	Education Hour	10:15 am
Audio-Visual tech		Tim Carlson
Reader		Donna Bailey
Ushers		Troy Watkins, Dave Grant, Larry Waters
Communion Servers		Dick Heuton, Larry Waters, Nathan Wradislavsky
Acolyte		Kylea Rupe, Randi Lynn Strouf
Organist		
Prayer Ministry		Miriam Luehmann, Dick Heuton (Elder), Kathy Carlson

Adult Bible Study

Sunday: Adult Bible Class at 10:25 a.m. led by Pastor James.

Monday morning Bible Class at 9:30 a.m. led by Pastor James, is studying the lessons that will be read in the services the following weekend. Come and join us! Bring a friend.

Tuesday: A women's Bible study on Women in the Bible
1:00 p.m. at St. John's.



Gray Matters meets on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at Perkins Restaurant. Join us for a free-flowing discussion.



C.A.S.E - Christian After School Education. We will continue to teach the children the wonders of God's Holy Word. There are Bible lessons, games, music and snacks! All for free! For children going into 1st—6th grade.

Every Wednesday 4:30-6:30 p.m.

This week's lesson: What is Confirmation & CASE

Prayer Ministry . . . will be right after worship service by the organ. We pray for others... we pray for you. All remains confidential. Bring your special needs or hurts and we will petition the Lord with you. Questions? Feel free to call Carol Schleicher at 396-8420.

Men's Bible Study - Every Thursday, 5:00 pm. Now up is a video based Bible study entitled "Mormons: Who They Are, What They Believe". Throughout six sessions - how they came about; what they teach; their affect on the believer and those that become disillusioned; Mormon vs. Christian teachings and faith. Hear stories from insiders and other experts in this engaging study. Are Mormons really Christians?

Join an exciting new Bible study. Sign up for **Crossways**-a faith-enriching, life-changing course that serves as your 'road map' for an unforgettable journey through the entire Bible. *Crossways* is an in-depth, two-year study of the Bible from beginning to end. It uses dozens of full-color illustrations, assigned readings, workbooks, and class discussion to take participants on the big journey through its big narrative. You will get greater understanding of the ministry, mind, manner, meaning, and mission of Jesus the Messiah. Beginning Thursday, October 4, 2018.

There are printed copies of the sermons available next to the service bulletins..

Take It to the Lord in Prayer. Do you have a prayer concern or thanksgiving? Commend it to the Lord through your own prayers, but also through the loving service of our Prayer Chain. If you have an item you would like included on the Prayer Chain, please contact Miriam Luehmann at 437-7619 or Miriam.Luehmann@icloud.com.

Harvest Table

Check out the table near the office.

Do you have extra Vegetables or Fruit? Bring them to St. John's to share with others. Does anything on the Harvest Table look good? Feel free to take what you want... it's FREE!

Please join us in a planning meeting for the 15th Annual **Hallelujah Harvest Festival**, the meeting will be Wednesday Sept. 19th at 6:30 p.m. We will need a lot of help to start the planning of the HHF. If you can help, please come to this meeting and work on the planning of the Harvest Festival.

Life-Light Bible Study: a nine-session course at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesdays, beginning October 3rd. We will use our synod's Concordia Publishing House lesson-materials for the combined study of "Ephesians" and "1st & 2nd Thessalonians". Prominent themes will focus on our Savior Jesus, the Lord of the Church; blessings shared together as members of His family; serving with hope and joy in our daily Christian lives; and, some of God's precious promises for now and for eternity. While Clayton Petersen recovers from surgery, John Schleicher will serve as the study-group leader. If you are interested in attending and/or want more information, contact Pastor John by September 23rd so that enough lesson-packets can be ordered.

Need for winter coats

Imagine what it might be like if you had recently moved to Austin and were not prepared for cold Minnesota weather. Those first blasts of cold air could be a very unpleasant surprise!

We would like to be of help to those in our community who may have never before needed a winter coat and now have need of one.

Do you have unused winter apparel hanging in your closet? If so, please consider donating them to St Johns and we will see that they are distributed to those who may have need of these items.

With thanks, Board of Evangelism

If you would like to sponsor a month of St. John's weekly church services over the internet/Live Streaming (\$109 a month).

Boards: Get your reports into the office for the voter's meeting.

Fall Voter's Meeting Agenda

- 1) Board reports and goals
- 2) Approval of Budget
- 3) Update on the blinds in the sanctuary

Rachel's Hope On September 29, 2018 Rachel's Hope will celebrate their 20th anniversary with their first ever Walk for Life. Please consider supporting the mission to help families by participating in this event. They are looking for people who would like to come out and walk that day, and raise sponsorship or walking that will go to support their programming, helping young children in need. For more information, contact Linda at Rachel's Hope, Tues/Wed 9-4 at 507-437-7595 or outside these hours at 507-434-9469. Pledge forms, along with donations, are due back to Rachel's Hope by Tuesday, Sept. 25th. Walk for Life Fund Raiser forms on ushers' stands.

Rev. Gemechu Olana has accepted the call to serve Our Savior, Brownsdale and Holy Cross, Austin. His installation has tentatively been scheduled for Sunday, October 21, 2018 in the afternoon.

Pastor James is heading to Panama. The Minnesota South District is partnering with local missionaries in Panama to begin the work of bringing the Word of salvation through Jesus Christ to the local people. This is done by filling actual physical needs first by speaking with local leaders to determine what the people require, and what matches up with what we can offer. The goal is to build lasting relationships with the Christian workers and new churches there in Panama, and a few of our congregations here in Minnesota. The goal is a minimum 5 year commitment to return each year to continue the work of supporting local indigenous Church workers. To get to know them, support them where we can, and pray for them by name. I would appreciate your prayers as we travel to Panama that God would provide opportunities that genuinely benefit the people there, and that the work we do would feed, help, and inspire us as we strive toward sharing God's Word with all people beginning in Austin, and reaching out as far as God would afford us opportunity and means. I will be gone: Thursday October 11 – Friday October 19.