



# News and Notes

for  
**Saturday & Sunday**  
**September 21, 22, 2019**



<b>SUNDAY (09/22)</b>	Worship service -Praise	9:00 am
	Prayer Ministry	10:00 am
	Fellowship Time	10:00 am
	Education Hour	10:15 am
	State of the Congregation	10:30 am
<b>MONDAY</b>	Quilting	9 am-3 pm
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Women's Bible study	1:00 pm
	Bd of Education	4:30 pm
	Handbell rehearsal	5:30 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	No CASE	4:30 pm
	Choir practice	6:30 pm
	<b>Worship service -Our Savior</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Crossways Bible Study	10:00 am
	Men's Bible Study	5:00 pm
	Gray Matters Bible Study	7:30 pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Worship service	6:00 am
<b>SUNDAY (09/29)</b>	Worship service	9:00 am
	Prayer Ministry	10:00 am
	Fellowship Time	10:00 am
	Education Hour	10:15 am

### **Tithes and Offerings**

If you are a guest visiting with us today please do not feel obligated to contribute to the offering plate when it is passed. Tithes and offerings are part of being a member of a church. This congregation would like to honor you as our guest today.

### **The Power of Prayer**

If you would like someone to come along side of you in prayer a small group will meet next to the organ. after the service. Everything there is kept in strict confidentiality.

### **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.



**Notes for the Lord's Supper** For those with sensitivities to alcohol, non-alcohol wine is offered in the light colored cups in the center 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 this can be available.

**The live radio broadcast on KAUS 1480 AM of this Sunday's worship service is given** given by Rosalie Seltz in memory of her husband Dick Seltz, as well as Dick and Rosalie's parents Rev. & Mrs Paul Seltz and Mr. & Mrs. Willard Critchfield. We are thankful for these gifts of love to keep God's Word on the radio.

**Live Streaming sponsors for September** are Dave & Sharry Watkins

**To sponsor a radio broadcast**, contact Ellen Petersen at 433-6626 or 440-8070. The cost is \$150.00.

**Sponsor the Internet broadcast.** If you would like to sponsor a month of St. John's church services over the Internet (\$109 a month) Contact Dave Watkins at 507-458-5018.



**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 pm.**

**We need volunteers** to help with coffee/treats on Sunday morning. All you need to do is fill coffee cups and see that the treat is set out. There is a sign up sheet in the kitchen next to the coffee maker.

**Boards and committees:** Are you planning special events this fall? Please get the information to the office so it can be placed in the newsletter and weekly insert.

**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 email [Miriam.Luehmann@icloud.com](mailto:Miriam.Luehmann@icloud.com)

**Annual Winter Coat Drive** We would like to be of help to those in our community who may have need of a winter coat. Do you have unused winter apparel that is hanging in your closet? Please consider donating these items to St John's and we will see that they are distributed to those who may have a need. We are happy to take men's, women's and children's coats that are in good condition. Monetary donations would also be welcome to help us to purchase children's coats. We will be applying for Thrivent Funds to purchase children's coats also. With thanks, Board of Evangelism

A car key and fob were found in the lost and found BOX AT ST. JOHN'S. THEY ARE NOW IN THE OFFICE. IF YOU LOST A CAR KEY CHECK IT OUT.

**Library Reading Program Coming Soon!!** "Let Your Light Shine" - Library reading incentive program for nursery through adults. Watch the insert for details in the coming weeks.

**Attention Quilters** The quilters have started up again on Mondays at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to join us for the morning or the day. No sewing experience is necessary.

**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 EMAIL [MIRIAM.LUEHMANN@ICLOUD.COM](mailto:MIRIAM.LUEHMANN@ICLOUD.COM).

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## YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER

Help support the Youth and join in the spirit of the holidays by purchasing Christmas wreaths provided by Mickman Brothers. The Youth will be selling wreaths following the church services the month of October. The orders must be in by November 1st and then we will distribute them on Sunday November 24th after church. We are raising money to be able to send our youth to the National Youth Gathering in Houston Texas in three years. You may order wreaths at anytime or call with questions to Kerri Groleau at 320-280-0043.



The first quarterly "State of the Congregation" meeting, during the Education Hour on Sunday morning (10:30-11:30am), will be held September 22. There I will lay out my goals and objectives for the congregation. I will explain where we are in the implementation process and what the plans are as we proceed. I would strongly encourage all members to attend.

Audio-Visual tech	
Reader	Donna Bailey
Ushers	Troy Watkins Joel Jensen Marsha Jensen
Communion Server	
Acolyte	
Organist-Saturday	Annette Kiehne
Prayer Ministry	Carol Schleicher Nathan Wradislavsky (Elder), John Schleicher

### Fall Voters' Meeting – October 6

11:30 Lunch with church supplying chicken & pot luck for the rest of the meal.

12:30 Voters' meeting

Agenda:

Budget

Sale of Parsonage

**Scrip** Every Sunday we have a manned table at the West entrance. *(FYI: the organ is on the west side of the sanctuary!)* You can purchase a variety of gift cards. St. John's receives 3-15% of the sale price. This money goes to projects like congregational t-shirts, choir chairs, picnic expenses, in-door nativity set, books and shelves for the library. Feel free to purchase any of the following Scrip cards after the service (or purchase them from the office secretary during the week):

Perkins: \$25, Kwik Trip: \$25, \$50, \$100  
Culvers: \$10, Hy-Vee: \$50, \$100,

**Shoe Away Hunger** If you have gently used shoes you no longer need, consider placing them in the box near the office. One pair of shoes can supply a family with seven days of essential groceries. Damaged shoes can no longer be accepted.

PRINTED COPIES OF THE SERMON CAN BE FOUND ON THE USHER'S TABLES.

**Deadline for weekly insert is Tuesday evening.**



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## **New Bible Study Opportunity**

### **Total Forgiveness by R. T. Kendall**

This study on the topic of forgiveness will show you how to let go of grudges, avoid traps such as denial and pretending not to hurt, and help others feel a new sense of freedom. The workbook features probing questions, various exercises, and prayer tips. Ideal for personal use or group discussions.

One of the core messages of the gospel is that of total forgiveness. Jesus forgives totally and He expects no less from us. Make the choice today, and step into a new dimension of freedom and inner peace.

R.T. Kendall was pastor of Westminster Chapel in London, England, for twenty-five years and is the author of more than forty books.

Watch for more information. There will be sign up sheets on the bulletin boards

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**Our first Men's Bible Study will be this Thursday, September 12th, at 5:00 pm.**

A new season is upon us and we will be starting off with a study entitled " Immigrants Among Us".

Immigration has become a very hot, emotional and complex topic, yet what does the Bible have to say about the sojourner and our neighbors? How can God's word guide us in the conflict between the law and caring for our neighbor? We will find out in this 4 session study based on God's word.

We will delve into the topics:

1. Immigrant Neighbors Past and Present
2. God's Law, Civil Law and the neighbor
3. Living in God's Two Realms
4. Who is My Neighbor?

JOIN US WHEN YOU CAN AT 5:00 PM ON THURSDAYS IN THE COUNCIL ROOM.

## **Coming Soon the Hallelujah Harvest Festival!**

The 16<sup>th</sup> annual **Hallelujah Harvest Festival** will be at St. John's **Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** We will provide a safe, warm, family-oriented environment where children can play games for prizes and treats and win some great door prizes too. Invite your friends and neighbors to share a light meal and have a fun time with your family and friends!

**Donations of bags of mini candy bars** such as Snickers, Kit Kat, etc... are needed for the Hallelujah Harvest Festival. Last year we used 100 lbs. of candy. Please place your candy donations in the specially marked totes at either entry way of the church.

**You could be the one we are looking for!** If you would like to be part of the fun-filled evening, why not staff one of the games, the registration table, or work in the kitchen for the Hallelujah Harvest Festival. Your help would be greatly appreciated! Game signup sheets are in the east entryway of the church.

### **Volunteers needed!!**

**Food donation** sheets for the meal we will serve are in both entryways of the church.

**SET-UP** WILL BE AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY OCT. 27<sup>TH</sup>. WE WILL SET UP ALL THE GAMES DO THE DECORATING AND BUILD THE MAZE. WE WILL SERVE PIZZA FOR LUNCH SO PLEASE COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN TO MAKE THE HALLELUJAH HARVEST FESTIVAL A GREAT SUCCESS!!