



News and Notes

for
Sunday
May 24, 2020



SUNDAY (05/24)	Traditional Worship w/communion	9:00 am
	Live streaming & Radio	9:00 am
	Praise Service w/communion	10:30 am
MONDAY	Memorial Day-Office closed	
TUESDAY		
WEDNESDAY	Worship w/communion	6:30 pm
THURSDAY	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY-ON LINE	5:00 pm
Friday		
SATURDAY		
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Holy Communion.

For us at St. John's the Lord's Supper is a very sacred and Holy Meal. If you would like to join us at this Sacramental Supper, please read the [laminated invitation](#) in the seat pocket.

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 Comfort 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.

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:30 – 12:00

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 by Butch and Helen Grabau in thankfulness to God for good health and their family. We are thankful for these gifts of love to keep God's Word on the radio.

Live Streaming sponsors for May are Pat & Arnie Mulso May in honor of Arnie's mother **Ruth Ann Sanderfeld** who will be turning 96 on May 5th.

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.

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

Script Orders – Thinking about ordering Script cards to help the congregation? Order blanks are on the Script table. Check out the new list of businesses available. Orders, with payment, must be in by **Sunday, June 14.** The cards should be here the following Sunday. Place your order and check on the Script table or bring it to the office. **We will still have the usual cards available after service.**

Men's Bible Study - Join us for a study of the New Testament book of Hebrews each Thursday at 5:00 on the internet. Yes, we are meeting on the internet in what is called Zoom meetings until the end of May. With any computer, laptop or smart phone that has a camera you can join in. Call Dave Ruhnke if you are interested in learning more about Zoom - 507-433-3801.

Youth Fundraiser

Youth and Family is having a Fundraiser to help the youth get to the National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. The rummage sale planned for May has been postponed. You can still **bring items in to the church and we can store them here.** So start going through your stuff and save it for the rummage sale. Contact Lisa or Kerri for more information. Please let Kerri Groleau if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity.

As you may know, John & Carol Schleicher will be moving to Spring, Texas on Wednesday, May 27. After the van is loaded on that day, they will also leave for their new home. We would like to thank them and wish them well. A drive-by farewell is being planned for Sunday, May 24, at [2:00](#) p.m. on the west side of St. John's. A drop-off area for cards will be available. Please add this event to your calendar and plan to come!

Martin Luther High School, Northrop

After much discussion, idea processing, prayer, and health precaution considerations, our committee has regretfully decided to cancel the 2020 spring rummage sale.

- 1) Our county had a small covid outbreak in March and we haven't had many cases since. With the state opening up next week, we have the potential for an outbreak the first week of June.
- 2) We have thought of different ways to keep people safe, however it would take more manpower, supplies, and social spacing than we would have.
- 3) We will continue to plan for our fall sale. Hopefully by then the worst will be over and we will be able to safely have our sale.
- 4) As heartbreaking as this is with our long standing tradition, it would be more heartbreaking to lose one of our valued helpers or community members who took the risk and participated.

Sincerely,

The MLHS rummage sale committee

Audio-Visual tech	Tim Carlson-9:00 am
Communion Server	
Organist	

Pastor James Office Hours	
Monday	9-11:30 a.m.
Wednesday	9-11:30 a.m.
Thursday	9-11:30 a.m.

On Tuesday Pastor James is working at home but can be reached by phone: 320-336-8149

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 3-10% 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 USHERS' TABLES.

Deadline for weekly insert is Tuesday evening.



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St. John's is opening up worship services again.

Beginning on May 17, the new schedule will be:

- Sun 9:00am Traditional Worship service
(Liturgy and hymns from the hymnal)
- Sun 10:30am Praise service
(Liturgy and music from various sources)
- Wed 6:30pm Traditional Worship service
(Liturgy and hymns from the hymnal)

It will take a long time to get things back to normal but this is the first step. The protocols below were written by a group of Catholic and Lutheran denominations and sent to the governor. **Please be aware of the protocols below.** They are required to allow people into the building for worship, to make everyone feel comfortable, and to keep everyone safe.

Protocols for Opening Worship Services at St. John's

- Pews will be blocked off so that family units cannot sit closer than 10 feet apart.
- The space will be thoroughly sanitized before and after each service, including all entryways and doors. Hand sanitizer will be available at all entryways.
(9:00am will sit on the West side of the sanctuary
10:30am will sit on the East side.)
- Doors will be propped open and one-way traffic patterns established to ensure social distancing.
- Signs will be posted concerning social distancing and sanitation requirements.
- Collection plates and other items will not be passed person to person.
- People are encouraged to bring their own protective wear including facemasks, which may be worn during the worship service.
- People should not greet each other with touching. Maintain six feet of distance.
- Choirs singing and other musical groups will not be allowed, in order to maintain social distance guidelines.
- Signs and other instructions will encourage normal safe practices necessary to stop the spread (e.g. cough or sneeze into a shirtsleeve, handkerchief, or tissue; avoid touching the eyes, nose, and mouth to help slow the spread of germs).
- People are strongly encouraged to avoid use of the restrooms.

- Those over age 65 are encouraged to not attend at this time. This is the age group that appears most vulnerable to serious infection.
- Anyone showing any symptoms of sickness, or anyone who has a household member who is sick or showing symptoms of sickness should not attend.
- Service may be canceled without notice if the situation warrants it. A sign will be placed on the entrance doors.