



News and Notes

for
Sunday & Wednesday
August 23 & 26, 2020



SUNDAY (08/23) Traditional Worship	9:00 am
Live streaming & Radio	9:00 am
Praise Service	10:30 am
MONDAY	
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY Traditional Worship	6:30 pm
THURSDAY BDS OF ED/YOUTH/FAMILY	5:00 pm
Friday	
SATURDAY	
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Live streaming & Radio	9:00 am
Special Voters' meeting	10:00 am
Praise Service	10:30 am

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 sponsored in memory of Joanne Rasmussen by her husband Stan and family and friends. We are thankful for these gifts of love to keep God's Word on the radio.

Live Streaming sponsors for August are Ruth & Vance Oelkers.

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, September 13.** 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.**

From the Elders: Worship attendance is slowly increasing. A concern among some members is possible COVID transmission by people not wearing masks when arriving and leaving worship. Elders are strongly recommending masks be worn when attending worship to protect others from possible transmission. Remember, you protect others, not yourself, when wearing masks.

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. Please let Kerri Groleau or the church office if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity.

SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING

There will be a special voters' meeting today, August 23, 2020 between services. Please plan to attend.

Volunteers needed. We are in need of a few people to help with the screens on Sunday morning for the 9:00 and 10:30 services. Everything will be set up so it is very simple. Training will be provided. Contact the church office if you can help with this ministry even if only once a month.

A new technology we are offering is a system you can call to listen to is an abbreviated version of the worship service. Please give it a try and let me know what you like and dislike about it. Tell me how the audio quality is and any suggestions you think may improve the system. The number you dial is: 518-906-1379. You will then automatically hear an abbreviated service from the previous Sunday. More features and details will be made available later but the initial release of this new system is up and running now.

New for **Men's Bible Study** this fall - In our new study, *Forensic Faith*, a veteran cold-case detective J. Warner Wallace helps you rethink and share your Christian beliefs. He teaches the principles investigators use to assist you in developing a clear, evidence-based faith. Learn why you have a duty to defend the truth and become a better communicator by learning the skills of professional case makers.

It is true that even more today than ever in our lives, we as Christians need to be able to defend what we believe and why we believe it. Join us at Men's Bible Study every Thursday, starting September 10th, at 5:00 PM, in Schleicher Hall, and let's work together to become better disciples for Jesus.

Ruby's Pantry in Austin

As we transition from summer into fall our Ruby's distributions continue at the Mower County Fairgrounds the 3rd Thursday of each month. With concerns about how many people we can safely have in our church building it's possible we may be at the fairgrounds for a few more months. There has been a noticeable drop off in volunteers for June and July so we are asking our area churches for any help they can give us in soliciting volunteers. If you have any individuals or groups who may be willing to help please have them call Grace Lutheran Church at 433-3445. As always, you are invited to stop out during any of our distributions to see the work we are doing in Christ's name to help our neighbors. Thank you for considering helping and please continue to pray our efforts will reach those who need it most.

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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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