



News and Notes

for
Sunday & Wednesday
September 20 & 23, 2020



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| SUNDAY (09/20) | Traditional Worship w/communion | 9:00am |
| | Live streaming & Radio | 9:00 am |
| | Praise Service w/communion | 10:30 am |
| MONDAY | | |
| TUESDAY | | |
| WEDNESDAY | Traditional Worship w/COMMUNION | 6:30 pm |
| | Gray Matters | 7:30 pm |
| THURSDAY | CROSSWAYS BIBLE STUDY | 10:00 am |
| | MEN'S BIBLE STUDY | 5:00 pm |
| Friday | | |
| SATURDAY | | |
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| | Praise Service | 10:30 am |
| | Confirmation Class | |

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

The LWML fall newsletter and WOM are on the ushers stand at the back of the church.

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 by Rosalie Seltz in memory of her husband Dick Seltz also Dick and Rosalie parents Rev. and Mrs. Paul Seltz and Mr. and 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 Sharry & Dave Watkins in celebration of 50 years of marriage on Sept 11th.

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, October 18.** 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.

Crossways Bible study will be held at 10:00 am Thursday mornings and have room to socially distance. Books are provided. Contact the church office if interested.

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, at 5:00 PM, in Schleicher Hall, and let's work together to become better disciples for Jesus. *(We will be observing the Governor's call for social distancing and the wearing of face masks.)*

Automated External Defibrillator AED training will be offered after the second service on Sunday October 11th and at 4:00 on Monday October 12. This will take about one hour. Please sign up for a date if interested on the sign up sheet outside the church office. If you have any questions please let me know. Kara Grant

GRAY MATTERS

Gray Matters Bible study led by Pastor James has started up. We meet on Wednesday at 7:30 pm at St. John's following the Wednesday service. All are welcome. We will have room for social distancing.

Shoe Away Hunger

Thank you all for donating the 120 pairs of shoes that were recently delivered to Minneapolis. Those shoes were sorted and then put on a bus to go to poorer areas of Minneapolis. They were sold for a nominal price and that money goes to provide food for the hungry.

With their various contacts, Shoe Away Hunger is able to feed 1 person for 7 days for \$2.50. In May, they fed 19,000 individuals with 7 days of groceries. In June, they fed 14,000 people. Currently they have over 21 hunger relief sites.

So as you can see, this is an easy way for us to help others. We can just check our closets for wearable shoes we no longer use and bring them to the church. Tie the shoelaces together or rubber band them together and put them in the box by the church office. They are certainly appreciated and we thank you for your support!

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| Audio-Visual tech | |
| Organist | Doraine Graff |

| Pastor James Office Hours | |
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| 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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RUMMAGE SALE

The rummage sale at St. John's Lutheran Church is going to happen, with limited access in and out of the building. Safe sanitizing guidelines will be in place. Masks are required.

WHERE: St. John's Lutheran Church
1200 13th Avenue. NW

WHEN: Friday, October 9th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 10th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Enter the Northwest door and follow the arrows through Schleicher Hall and exit the Northeast door. Upon arrival, purchase a grocery bag for \$5 and fill your bag with items you wish to take. If you do not find any items you want to take simply return the bag and get \$5 back. Large items will be priced and purchased separately.

Please come and support our youth. All proceeds will go towards the funding of youth to attend the National Youth Convention in Houston, Texas in 2022.

Masks required. Thank you.

If you have items to donate to the rummage sale, please place them in Schleicher Hall. Help support our youth.