



# News and Notes

for  
**Sunday & Wednesday**  
**November 08 & 11, 2020**



<b>SUNDAY (11/08)</b>	Traditional Worship	9:00am
	Live streaming & Radio	9:00 am
	Bible Study	10:00 am
	Praise Service w/communion	11:00 am
	<b>Ditch Clean-up</b>	1:00 pm
	Confirmation Class	6:00 pm
<b>MONDAY</b>	Boy Scouts	6:30 pm
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Handbell rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Church Council	7:00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Traditional Worship	6:30 pm
	Gray Matters	7:30 pm
	Youth Group	7:30 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	CROSSWAYS BIBLE STUDY	10:00 am
	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	5:00 pm
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
<b>SUNDAY (11/15)</b>	Traditional Worship w/communion	9:00am
	Live streaming & Radio	9:00 am
	Bible Study	10:00am
	Praise Service w/communion	11:00 am
	Confirmation Class	6:00 pm
	<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	

### **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.

### **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.

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

## Sunday Morning Bible Studies

**Total Forgiveness** is continuing. It will meet in Schleicher Hall. Led by Thad Kusick, Elder.

**Becoming a Contagious Christian** is the new Sunday Morning Bible study with Pastor James. In Becoming a Contagious Christian we will learn what has helped many believers reach the unchurched.

**The Gospel of Luke** in the small conference room near Schleicher Hall, following the 9 a.m. service. Led by Sandy Groleau, certified Director of Church Ministries.

## **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.

**Crossways Bible study** is being held at 10:00 am **Thursday** mornings and there is room to socially distance. Books are provided. Contact the church office if interested.

***Men's Bible Study*** - Forensic Faith - learn to give the reason for the hope you have in Jesus Christ as you have the opportunity to witness to others. Every **Thursday** at 5:00 pm.

## Worship Services

### **Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Sunday

10:00-11:00 Adult Bible study

11:00 a.m. Sunday (Praise Service)

### **Midweek**

6:30 p.m. Wednesday

**Ditch Adventure is today, Sunday, November 08.** On the east side of Austin, starting by the country club, there is a 2 mile stretch of I-90 we are responsible for picking up trash on the north and south sides of the freeway (we do not do the median) and we are required to do 2 clean ups each year. Sorry – no youth – must be 18 to participate. Meet at church at 1, be done by 3 and bring gloves. I'll have the bags, vests and some post-adventure refreshments.

Dale Siegfried.

**The live radio broadcast** on KAUS 1480 AM of this Sunday's worship service is sponsored by Cheryl Qualey and family and friends in memory of Cheryl's parents Harry and Lois Anderson. We are thankful for these gifts of love to keep God's Word on the radio.

**Live Streaming sponsors** for November are Pastor Bob and Donna Bailey.

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

**Scrip Orders** – Thinking about ordering Scrip cards to help the congregation? Order blanks are on the Scrip table. Check out the new list of businesses available. Orders, with payment, must be in by **Sunday, November 15**. The cards should be here the following Sunday. Place your order and check on the Scrip 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.

**Poinsettia plants** can be ordered before December 6<sup>th</sup>. Consider purchasing one for our shut-ins to provide some Christmas cheer to them.

**Volunteers needed.** We are in need of a few people to help with the screens on Sunday morning for the 9:00 and 11:00 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.

**Advent Devotions** from Lutheran Hour Ministries are available on the ushers' tables in the back of the sanctuary.

We are offering is a system you can call to listen to is an abbreviated version of the worship service. The number you dial is: 518-906-1379. You will then automatically hear an abbreviated service from the previous Sunday.

Proverbs 21:23 Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble.

Audio-Visual tech	Tim Carlson
Organist-Sunday	Doraine Graff
Organist-Wednesday	Doraine Graff

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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Social Ministry "**Pack the Pew**" food drive for the Salvation Army is going on during the month of November. Please pick up a brown grocery bag at the back of the sanctuary. This year the Salvation Army is requesting that we focus on 5 food groups: Canned fruit, canned vegetables, cereal/oatmeal, tuna, rice/ pasta. Once your bag is filled, place it on a chair in the choir section of the sanctuary. Thank you for supporting the nutritional needs in our local community.

**St. John's Fall Voters Meeting**  
**Sunday, November 22, 12:00 noon**

(No meal or food involved, unless you want to bring a brown bag lunch)

This will mostly cover:

- discussing and approving the 2021 budget
- presenting the goals and plans of the various boards.

**Thanksgiving Eve Service**

Thanksgiving Eve service, November 25, will be a combined service with Holy Cross and Our Savior at **6:00 p.m.** It will be held at Holy Cross, 300 16<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Austin, MN