



News and Notes

for
Sunday
 May 9 & 12, 2021



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| SUNDAY (05/09) | WORSHIP | 9:00am |
| | Live streaming & Radio | 9:00 am |
| | Bible Study/Sunday School | 10:00 am |
| | Worship-Praise | 11:00 am |
| MOTHER'S DAY | | |
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| MONDAY | BOY SCOUTS | 6:30-8 pm |
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| TUESDAY | WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY | 1:00 pm |
| | Church Council | 7:00 pm |
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| WEDNESDAY | Worship Service | 6:30 pm |
| | Gray Matters | 7:30 pm |
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| THURSDAY | BD OF EVANGELISM | 9:00 am |
| | SOCIAL MINISTRY | 4:00 pm |
| | MEN'S BIBLE STUDY | 5:00 pm |
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| Friday | | |
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| SATURDAY | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | |
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| SUNDAY (05/16) | Worship | 9:00am |
| | Live streaming & Radio | 9:00 am |
| | Bible Study/Sunday School | 10:00 am |
| | Worship-Praise | 11:00 am |
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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.

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

Pastor James is leading a Bible study on the book of Romans in the fellowship hall.

Women's Bible Study - meets at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday afternoons. We are doing a verse by verse study of the Psalms. Join us in this free discussion.

GRAY MATTERS - Gray Matters Bible study led by Pastor James meets on **Wednesday** at 7:30 pm at St. John's following the Wednesday service. All are welcome. We will have room for social distancing.

Men's Bible Study - Faith Lessons is an in-depth-video tour of the buried, distant, or otherwise forgotten places where the stories of the Bible actually happened - Thursdays - 5:00 pm.

Worship Services

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship (Traditional)

10:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible study

11:00 a.m. Worship (Praise)

Midweek

6:30 p.m. Wednesday service (Traditional)

The live radio broadcast on KAUS 1480 AM of this Sunday's worship service is sponsored by Pastor and Donna Bailey to the Glory of God! We are thankful for these gifts of love to keep God's Word on the radio.

Live Streaming sponsors for May are **Donna & Gary Barclay**. **Special thank-you** to God for their grand children **Bowen & Ella**.

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

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 the third Sunday of the month, **Sunday, May 16**. 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.

LWML would like to remind the members of St. John's that we have a selection of cards for every occasion. The cards are in the card case in Schleicher Hall. Please come and check them out. The price is on the back of the box, just put your money in the little envelope and slip it in the slot. LWML Thanks You

The Sunday morning Bible study on Romans can be accessed through Google Meet. Go to St. John's website, open the calendar and click on Roman's Bible Study. A popup should direct you to join with Google Meet. You will need a Google account to access this.

The Courtyard - Joe Chiarelli has volunteered to take up the challenge of enhancing and maintaining our courtyard. As work begins this Spring he could use an occasional hand or two. Anyone willing to put their green thumbs to work can call Joe at 763-234-5835.

LWML quilters want to thank everyone that has donated material, yarn or sheets to us. Since we haven't been able to quilt for a year, we are completely full of all items. We are requesting that no more donations be made until further needs arrive. We really appreciate the support and invite anyone who is interested please join us this coming fall. LWML Quilters.

Rev. 7:9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

Ambassadors of Reconciliation – This is ongoing and often quietly. A meeting was held with the Pastor, Elders and Council on April 22. For most present this was a very new experience. Much different than the public group confession we practice every Sunday morning. Some confessed, very personally, their own failures and short-comings. They received very personal forgiveness, and experienced the freedom that comes from hearing those words spoken. That is the goal of AoR. To bring people, children of God, to reconciliation with God and each other. That happens one way. Through confession and absolution. Continue to pray for the work of AoR among the members of St. John's. (2 *Corinthians 5:18-21*)

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| Audio-Visual tech-9:00 | |
| Audio-Visual tech-11:00 | Kerri Groleau |
| Audio-Visual tech-Wed | Rocky Schammel |
| Organist-Sunday 9 am | Annette Kiehne |
| Organist - Wednesday | 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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Congratulations to our 2021 Graduates

May your graduation be a blessing. And always remember the wisdom from the Holy Bible: “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters” Colossians 3:23. Congratulations and God bless you on this wonderful achievement. Don't let your heart be troubled and don't be afraid.

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