



# News and Notes

Sunday & Wednesday  
July 11 & 14, 2021



<b>SUNDAY (07/11)</b>	<b>WORSHIP</b>	9:00am
	Live streaming & Radio	9:00 am
	Bible Study	10:00 am
	Worship-Praise	11:00 am
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>ELDERS</b>	6:30 pm
	<b>BOY SCOUTS</b>	6:30 pm
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>CHURCH COUNCIL</b>	7:00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	6:30 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MEN'S BREAKFAST</b>	7:30 am
<b>SUNDAY (07/18)</b>	<b>Worship</b>	9:00am
	Live streaming & Radio	9:00 am
	Bible Study	10:00 am
	<b>Special congregation meeting</b>	10:15 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.

## 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. We are on break for the summer. Join us in the fall.

**GRAY MATTERS** - Gray Matters Bible study led by Pastor James is braking for the summer.

**Men's Bible Study** - We are breaking for the summer. Join us in the fall. Thursdays - 5:00 pm.

## Worship Services

### **Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Worship (Traditional)

10:00 a.m. 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 Deloris Harber in memory of her husband Mike Harber. We are thankful for these gifts of love to keep God's Word on the radio.

**Live Streaming sponsors for July** is in loving memory of Erwin & Hilda Schmidt 78th Wedding anniversary, given by Doug Schmidt, Christine Schwanke, grandchildren & great grandchildren.

**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)

We are again using the **Record of Fellowship** folders. Please sign your name and pass it.

**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, July 19**. 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.**

**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

### **Portals of Prayer**

If anyone wants a large print Portals of Prayer & is currently not getting one, please call Doraine Graff at 433-6637 or the church office. The order from Concordia can be changed only in August, so call now.

### **VBS Opportunity**

St. John's kids have been invited to join Brownsdale for VBS this summer. Brownsdale has engaged Camp Omega staff to run VBS during July. The dates and times are as follows: Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. The hours will be 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Monday through Thursday, with Friday being 9:00 am to 12:00. Each child is to bring their own sack lunch. We will need to provide transportation to and from Brownsdale. Please sign up to volunteer with VBS or meals. Please consider this opportunity as St. John's is not hosting a VBS this summer.

We have gone back to our normal seating. **9:00 Worship folders and News & Notes will be on the usher's tables in the back of the sanctuary, 11:00 worship folders will be on the table on the east side of the sanctuary.** The south east side of the sanctuary will set up for social distancing.

### **Available items**

The church has several boxes of ledger size (11x17) blue paper and gold paper as well as a two drawer file cabinet to give away to any one who could use them. Contact the church office or a trustee if interested.

### **FELLOWSHIP TIME**

Join us for coffee and a sweet treat as well as a little fellowship time at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings before Bible study.

**Men's Breakfast** will resume as before COVID with the first being Saturday, July 17th at 7:30 a.m., at Barley's Family Restaurant. As in the past, the plan is to meet the third Saturday of each month so put it on your calendar. Come and enjoy the fellowship. All restrictions have been removed.

Audio-Visual tech-9:00	
Audio-Visual tech-11:00	Kerri Groleau
Audio-Visual tech-Wed	Rocky Schammel
Organist-Sunday 9 am	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, indoor 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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## **SPECIAL MEETING – July 18 at 10:15am**

A special meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday July 18 at 10:15am for the purpose of hearing the congregation report prepared by Ambassadors of Reconciliation. Dwight Schettler from AoR will present their report, with time for questions and comments to follow.

## **Congregation Voters Meeting on Sunday, July 25, 2021**

Starts at 12:00 noon with a meal. Since the pandemic is still around to a lesser degree, we decided to have the entire noon lunch purchased from Pizza Ranch..... so you bring nothing!

If you chose not to have lunch at church, the meeting will start about 12:45.

The main line of business will be to vote for officers and board members.

**This is your church... it's our church... let all of us plan for its future!!**

## **Vacation Bible School**

We have such a wonderful opportunity this VBS year. If you haven't heard, we are working together with St. Johns Lutheran, Our Savior Brownsdale and Holy Cross. We have had some challenges and also some wonderful things happening to help to prepare for this event. The district has generously donated part of the funds for a school bus. There will be a bus that will start at Zion Lutheran, then pick up children at St. Johns and then travel to Our Savior Brownsdale. Camp Omega counselors will be running the camp, with the help of other church members. There will be a preschool for those going to kindergarten in the fall. If you don't feel your child can stay the whole time of preschool, parents may come and check out their child earlier. Otherwise the VBS will be running Monday through Thursday from 9-3pm and Friday from 9-12 pm. The bus details are still in the works and apologize for that. As soon as we get that information, we will get that to you. To register online, go to our church website and there will be a link to click on and register your child OR come to the church and on the table in the sanctuary there is a two page registration paper form from Camp Omega. There are also some fliers on that table. If you have any questions please call Kerri Groleau at 320-280-0043. We still could use some volunteers to help with preschool, crafts and storytime. Come join us for this historic event!