



# News and Notes

## Sunday & Wednesday

### September 05 & 08, 2021



<b>SUNDAY (09/05)</b>	WORSHIP W.COMMUNION	9:00 am
	Live streaming & Radio	9:00 am
	Fellowship	10:00 am
	Bible Study	10:10 am
	Worship-Praise w/communion	11:00 am
<b>MONDAY</b>	LABOR DAY	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	FROGS (MEN)	9:00 am
	Elder's meeting	6:30 pm
	Bd of Trustees	7:00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	STEWARDSHIP	6:00 pm
	WORSHIP W/COMMUNION	6:30 pm
	Youth Group	7:30 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	MEN FOR "BURGER & BEER"	5:30 pm
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
<b>SUNDAY (09/12)</b>	Worship	9:00 am
	Live streaming & Radio	9:00 am
	Fellowship	10:00 am
	Bible Study	10:10 am
	Worship-Praise	11:00 am
	<b>RALLY DAY</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**

**Newsletter deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

## 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 beginning Sept. 14. The study will be "All About Angels". This is a four week study.

**GRAY MATTERS** - Gray Matters Bible study led by Pastor James will begin on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Men's Bible Study** – We begin this season with a short study entitled, *Have Your Heard--About Gossip?* This will take us through the first two weeks, then on to probably a book of the Bible. We will meet every Thursday at 5:00pm in the Council Room **starting September 16<sup>th</sup>**. See you there, and encourage others.

**Praise the Lord With Music** – Has God given you the talent of music? Consider using your talent to enhance our worship services by getting involved in the handbell choir. Curious? Talk to Dave Ruhnke or Gale Siegfried.

## 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 Merrill and Bonnie Meier in thankfulness to God for their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary they will celebrate Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. We are thankful for these gifts of love to keep God's Word on the radio.

**Live Streaming sponsors** for September are Virginia & Harold Rohne.

**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.

**Help Needed:** We need people to volunteer to run the slides on Sunday mornings. Training will be provided. If this ministry is going to continue people must be willing to help. There is a sign up sheet at the computer with the slides. You can sign up as little or often as you like.

**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 the third Sunday of the month, **Sunday, September 19th**. 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.**

**Important September Dates:**

Sunday School will begin Sept. 12 at 10:00 am

CASE will begin Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 4:30 pm

Gray Matters will begin Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 7:30 pm

**The Youth Group** will be meeting every Wednesday night during the school year from 7:30 - 8:30pm starting September 8th. If you will be going into grades 7th - 12th this year we would love to have you join our fun group! Please speak with Kara Grant if you have any questions.

**Burger & a Beer.** Join the men for a "burger and a beer" at Torge's on Thursday, September 9nd at 5:30 pm.

Packets to complete the background check and Boy Scout training can be picked up in the metal cabinet drawer in the office labeled **Child Protection Policy**. Any member who will be participating as a teacher or chaperon is required to fill this out to follow our new guidelines. Please contact Kara Grant with questions.

**LWML Fall Women's Retreat** Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Owatonna, MN. Optional fellowship Friday evening. See the bulletin boards for more information.

Anyone interested in purchasing **The Lutheran Study Bible** can contact the church office. The cost is \$54.99. As we go through the Catechism during the next year this would be a great help. It would also make a great gift for children or grandchildren. You can see a copy of this study Bible in the office.

Audio-Visual tech-9:00	
Audio-Visual tech-11:00	
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 News & Notes is Tuesday evening.**



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## Rally Day



We are planning to begin Sunday School on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. After the second worship service at 11:00 we will have a small carnival and noon lunch. Please come join us for the kick off to our 2021/2022 Sunday school year. Come for Sunday school at 10 and stay for worship at 11, then join in on the carnival fun and meal.

**LWML Fall Women's Retreat** Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Owatonna, MN. Optional fellowship Friday evening. See the bulletin boards for more information.

**Portals of Prayer** – Pick up your new Portals of Prayer on the east side of the building near the office.

Women's Bible study will begin Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 1:00 p.m. Our study will be "All about Angels – a Biblical look at God's messengers". There are more than 250 references to angels or angelic creatures of God in Scripture. Please consider joining us for this interesting 4 week study.

Amy Schutte, Music Director at Emanuel Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights is looking for singers. See the bulletin boards for more information.

**A CHALLENGE**: This week an LCMS pastor said that he had heard when 60% of those attending Sunday worship were in a Bible study the congregation would begin to grow. He challenged his congregation to do this and it WORKED! The congregation grew rapidly. Let's do this at St. John's! Can we get 30 people attending Bible study on Sunday morning? Every council and board member – join the recommendation of AoR and join the Sunday morning Bible study. Set an example to the others. You will be surprised at what you have forgotten about the catechism.

**Do you have 7 and 8 graders? Contact Pastor James about confirmation classes. Classes will begin Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.**

## Bible Study Encouraged



As we start up with new boards and a new school year, I would ask everyone to strongly consider getting into Bible study. The preliminary report from Ambassadors of Reconciliation included an observation of a lack of Bible study. The Bible needs to be the focus and central piece of everything we do. Most especially come to the Sunday morning study. We will be looking at and applying Luther's Small Catechism to our daily life in

Christ.

Additionally I would ask each board to consider following the example the Pastor and Elders have set. Take 10-15 minutes, at the beginning of each meeting, looking into God's Word. The struggle is often in knowing what, or finding, something to study. We all get, through the generosity of this congregation, a copy of the Lutheran Witness. There is a brief Bible study in there each month. I would encourage you to start each meeting with that study. Look at what God's Word says, then get about the business of the Church, which can only be done when God's Word is the focus.

Please pray about this and allow the Holy Spirit to work, through God's Word, to lead in Jesus' name.

Pastor James.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. (ESV)

**The two most important hours of the week:** Sunday or Wednesday worship and Sunday morning Bible study. Do you have two hours to spend learning about your Savior? Think about what He did for you.

**FROGs (Faithful Retired Old Guys)** Calling all retired guys! Join us at the church on the first Tuesday of every month (**Sept. 7th**). FROGs offers both a social component and a volunteer component. Come the first Tuesday of each month for coffee and fellowship. We will also be looking for ideas to serve, doing general maintenance or upkeep activities or other creative ways to serve the Lord here at St. John's. Volunteer to serve if you want. If not, just come for the fellowship. All are welcome... just show up!