



News and Notes

Sunday, October 23, 2022



SUNDAY (10/23) WORSHIP	9:00 am
LIVE STREAMING & RADIO	9:00 am
SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE STUDY	10:00 am
MONDAY	9:00 am
QUILTERS	9:00 am
BOY SCOUTS	6:30 pm
TUESDAY	1:00 pm
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	1:00 pm
HANDBELLS REHEARSAL	5:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	6:30 pm
CUB SCOUTS	6:30 pm
YOUTH GROUP	7:30 pm
THURSDAY	5:00 pm
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	5:00 pm
CUB SCOUTS	6:30 pm
FRIDAY	
SATURDAY	
REFORMATION SUNDAY	
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**Office Hours: Monday –
Thursday 8:30 – 12:00**

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.

Pastor Krusemark can be called
for emergencies at
507-450-2012

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.

Worship Services

Sunday

9:00 am Worship (Traditional)

10:00 Adult Bible Study

The live radio broadcast on KAUS 1480 AM of this Sunday's worship service is sponsored by Gary & Sherry (Hartwig) Ehret in memory of Sherry's sister Deb Schammel whose birthday would have been in October. We are thankful for these gifts of love to share the gospel with our community.

October's internet streaming is sponsored by Virginia & Harold Rohne.

Sponsor the Internet broadcast. If you would like to sponsor a month of St. John's church services over the Internet (\$117 a month) contact Dave Watkins at 507-458-5018.

If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast the fee each week is \$150.00, contact Ellen Petersen for sponsorship, 507-422-6626, thank you!

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, November 20th**. 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.**

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

We extend our sympathy to the family of Virginia Bly, 86, who passed away Oct. 8th. Her wish was that there be no funeral. Virginia would attend our midweek service in the summer in her electric wheelchair. Cards may be sent to her brother: Robert Larson, 1103 21st St. NE Austin, MN 55912

Trunk or Treat Event

Sunday, October 30 from 2 – 4 pm at St. John's in the parking lot. We are looking for families to decorate trunks and hand out candy for our event. If you can decorate your vehicle or have any questions please contact Sue Downey at 507-219-8994.

Candy Donations

If you would like to help out with candy donations for our Trunk or Treat event the boxes are in the entryways.

LWML is collecting items for our 3 college students and 2 military men. Boxes are out in each entry. Snacks, post it notes, gift cards are just a couple of suggestions. We will be packing boxes on November 7th.

UPDATE

By vote of the Voters' Assembly on Sunday, October 2, 2022, the call process proceeds at St. John's as normal, calling the next regular, tenured pastor and not an intentional interim pastor to serve on a temporary basis.

The next step in the call process is to develop a Call List.

The Call Committee has already completed work on the pre-call documents: Congregational Self-Study, Congregational Checklist, and Congregational Profile. After posting them at church for comment and correction or amendment, they were forwarded to the District the first full week of October. These documents collect information about the parish and her needs and desires for her next pastor. The District President utilizes them in conjunction with complementary informational documents from Synod pastors to match pastoral candidates with St. John's.

The congregation's part in developing a Call List is the nomination of candidates for pastor. A mailing went out the first full week of October inviting member participation in what is required by St. John's bylaws: "Every congregational member shall have the privilege of nominating candidates" (1.2). The same bylaw requires the Call Committee to "submit all of the names nominated to the District President, together with a request for his recommendations, information, and evaluation." Please return all nomination forms included with the mailing by mail or in person to the church office by Tuesday, October 18, 2022. Additional forms may be obtained from the church office.

It is hoped that the Call Committee shall have a Call List from which to work before the end of the month. The full Call List will be shared with the congregation when it is received along with information about further steps in the call process: screening the candidates for preparation of a preferred list and electing a pastor by ballot at a Call Meeting of the voters.

Pastoral support through the vacancy is being addressed by the Board of Elders.

The elders will continue to schedule pastors for the Sunday 9:00 AM Divine Service and 10:15 AM Bible Study. Pastor Olana will have care of the shut-ins and Confirmation instruction. And Pastor Krusemark will serve as the emergency contact, 507-450-2012 until further notice. Pastor Krusemark will also attend regular and special meetings of the elders, the Call Committee, the Council, and the Voters' Assembly.

It is hoped that a regular vacancy pastor can be secured to cover many or most of the above pastoral services and others himself. We would also request of him to support continued work on the reconciliation process as developed by the elders in consultation with Pastor Krusemark.

Audio-Visual tech-9:00	Ellen Petersen
Organist-Sunday 9:00	Doraine Graff

Members – Please check the lost and found box on the table by the office for your lost belongings. There are blankets, eye glasses, scarfs and even a backpack that are looking for their home by Sunday, October 23rd.

Wanted – Volunteers for ushering.

If this is something you are interested in please contact an Elder.

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, and 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.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY - A MAN NAMED MARTIN - JOIN US TO LEARN HOW GOD LED MARTIN LUTHER TO DISCOVER THE GOSPEL AND THE DRAMATIC IMPACT IT HAD ON HIS LIFE. CAN WE EVEN RELATE TO HOW FAR-REACHING THOSE CHANGES WERE? COME AND FIND OUT - **THURSDAYS, 5:00-6:00 PM**, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM.

**Deadline for weekly News & Notes is Tuesday evening.
 Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month.**



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