

St. John's News and Notes Sunday, October 15, 2023

| Sunday (10-15) | Worship w/Communion | 9:00 am |
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| | Live Streaming & Radio | 9:00 am |
| | Bible Study/Sunday School | 10:15 am |
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| Monday | Quilters | 9:00 am |
| | Boy Scouts | 6:30 pm |
| Tuesday | Handbell Rehearsal | 5:00 pm |
| Wednesday | Confirmation (Holy Cross) | 6:00 pm |
| | Cub Scouts | 6:30 pm |
| | Youth Group - cancelled | |
| Thursday | Men's Bible Study | 5:00 pm |
| | Cub Scouts | 6:30 pm |
| Friday | | |
| Saturday | | |
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Pastor Krusemark can be called for emergencies – 507-450-2012

For our shut-in families desiring pastoral care or communion please contact Pastor Olana, (507) 438-3888, to set up a time. Pastoral visits typically take place on Wednesdays and Fridays.

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 <u>laminated invitation</u> 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.

Please note that there will be no Youth Group this Wednesday due to the MEA holiday.

Worship Services

Sunday

9:00 am Worship 10:15 Bible Study

The live radio broadcast on KAUS 1480 AM of this Sunday's worship service is sponsored by **Pastor John and Carol Schleicher** in memory of Carol's parents Mel and Marie Precht. To God be the glory!

October's internet streaming is sponsored by Dave and Sharry Watkins in thankfulness to God for His Blessing on the marriage of our Granddaughter Tori Watkins to Dominic Deardorff on September 16th, as we pray for all families in their married lives."

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.

<u>Scrip Orders</u> – 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 <u>Sunday</u>, <u>October 15</u>. 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

Men's Bible Study - <u>The Great Deceiver</u> - It should come as no surprise that an adversary fit to be called the "god of this world" and the "power of darkness" is a force to be reckoned with. And so he is. *In The Great Deceiver* explore a being so diabolical he will stop at nothing to separate us from God. Men, join us Thursdays, 5:00-6:00 pm in the Conference Room for the fourpart video-based Bible study, and bring a friend.

LWML News

Our kitchen is in need of a good fall cleaning. Please check the schedule in the kitchen and remember – many hands make light and easy work.

In November we will be sending boxes to our college and military members. A donation box will be set out. Gift cards, snacks, quick food, post it notes, pens, even stamps are a few ideas. Thank you for remembering and supporting them.

May God bless your fall as we continue to do His will of telling the world about His saving grace.

Happy Fall to everyone! The Evangelism committee is looking for candy donations for our Trunk or Treat this year.

Boxes will be in both entryways for donations.

We are also looking for cars that would like to be part of the event.

I hope you'll join us for this outreach event.

The Fall Displays were put up by the Library Committee. Later in October pumpkins and squash from Fran Strouf will be added. In November an altar display will be put up with canned goods from Annette Kiehne and produce for Thanksgiving. The bookmobile has been stocked with Thanksgiving books. Check them out. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"

Organ Renovation Fund – Donations are welcome and encouraged to achieve the 3 year goal of \$50,000, and can be made in several ways: one time donation, regular weekly, monthly or annual donations, as a gift in memory of or in honor of someone, as a memorial, in the form of cash, checks, tax deductible appreciated stocks, mutual funds, bonds, etc. Fund progress can be viewed on the graph at the back of the Nave. Please make any donations in addition to your regular giving as it isn't the intent to take away from ongoing needs.

| AV Tech Sunday | Rocky Schammel |
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| Organist Sunday | Annette Kiehne |

Deadline for weekly **News & Notes** is *Wednesday evening*.

Deadline for monthly **newsletter** is the *15th* of the month.

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

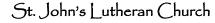
Culvers: \$10 Hy-Vee: \$50, \$100

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. <u>Damaged shoes can no longer be accepted.</u>

Stewardship Thoughts

October 15 – Trinity XIX

Ephesians 4:24 – "Put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness." We have a new identity in Christ. Our old identity was in Adam; we were sinners, enemies of God, destined for death and destruction. But in Christ, we have a new identity: we are forgiven, the children of God, cleansed, destined for life everlasting. These two identities continue to struggle as we exist in this fallen world. So St. Paul encourages us to "put on the new self" — to consciously cling to Christ in faith and claim our new identity in Him. Coming to the Lord's House, faithfully supporting the ministry, praying and reading Scripture daily — these are the works of the new self.





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