



October 12, 2025 18th Sunday after Pentecost

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FORTRESS OF FAITH is in memory of Glenda Haverhals by Dale Cook, and **RADIO ADS** are sponsored by a friend of St. John’s.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE PARTAKING IN THEIR 1ST COMMUNION TODAY!

Karlee Kay Anderson
Gavin Charles Detloff
Kali Rae Gerloff
Treyton James Miller
Brantley Tyler Schleis
Parker Trey Westphal

Merek Michael Cochran
Anna Belle Ferguson
Anna Lorraine Larson
Faith Ranae Rachuy
Devyn Wayne Trobaugh

NEW SMALL GROUP BOOK STUDY The "Hearts of Fire" book study group will begin meeting in the church library at St. Johns beginning on Monday, October 13th at 4:00 pm. This is an 8 week study. **Sign up on the bulletin board.** Books are \$5. The book gives accounts of 8 women in the Underground Church and their stories of costly faith. We will be talking about the importance of missions by followers of Christ Jesus in our modern day world with these stories of women who found themselves in danger because of their faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

GROW MEAL for October 15 will be taco in a bag.

ALL CHURCH POTLUCK Sunday, October 19th immediately following second service. Tableware and beverages will be provided. Here is what you can bring. If your last name begins with the letter:

- A through I, please bring a main dish
- J through R, please bring a side dish
- S through Z, please bring a dessert.

Mark Vander Tuig will be speaking at both services, and the lobby will have tables promoting our benevolent partnerships. Be sure to stop by those tables between services.

NEW “MEN’S” SMALL GROUP STUDY A new Men’s study group will begin October 21st and go through November 18th. We will meet at 7 pm in the church library. We will be studying Right Now Media’s “Be a Godly Man.” Dave Brennan and Kent Westphal will be leading this study. All men, of all ages are encouraged to attend. **Sign up on the bulletin board.** Go to your RightNow Media acct and take a look at the material. It’s free!

Do Day has been moved to October 21 at 9 am. Please bring a sack lunch.

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP MEETING October 22nd at 8:15 pm. This is a meeting for those interested in the HS Mission Trip to Chicago next Summer. Join us in the Youth Room.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Be sure to go to 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org to sign up to donate blood at St. John’s on October 23rd. Collection hours are 12– 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Help save a life, donate blood!

Service for Helen Imbrock: Helen Imbrock, 100, passed away in her sleep early Tuesday morning, October 7 at Bartels Retirement Community in Waverly, Iowa. Helen was the widow of Rev. Arnold Imbrock who was the minister here at St. John’s from 1967 to 1978. Her visitation will be Monday, October 13, at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly. Her funeral will be on Tuesday, October 14 at 10:30 a.m., at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Waverly, where she and Arnie were members since retirement. In lieu of flowers, Helen asks that any contributions be made to your local hospice. Thanks from the Imbrock family (Jim, Tim, Steve, Dan, Ruth, Rachel).

Excel in The Grace of Giving! God never asks us to give what we don’t have—only to be generous with what He’s given us.



SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE BED BUILD

Catechism Students—Sleep In Heavenly Peace Bed Build – REQUIRED – October 26th – Pizza lunch will be served following the 10:30 service. We will then depart for Sioux City – parents and guides are needed to drive. Sign up/ parent permission required on the SIHP website - [IA- Sioux City - Sleep in Heavenly Peace](#) – our event is listed under “Upcoming Opportunities” then click on the box “Check It Out.” Or use the QR Code. – parents and siblings ages 8+ are welcome to join. We are collecting comforters, pillows, and twin size sheet sets throughout October to donate. Feel free to send with your student anytime and leave in the lobby! We will sign off on service hours for high school students. Other St. John’s members are invited to join us.

Can you help? The InReach Team is looking for volunteers to help check-in people when they arrive for their photo sessions October 15-18th. If you can help, please sign up on the church bulletin board. Shifts are 2 hours or less. Thanks you!

GET YOUR SMILES ON! The NEW St. John’s Directory... **NICE JOB, ST. JOHN’S!**...All of the photo sessions for the 1st four days have been filled! But do not fret!!! Universal has agreed to come for one more day of photos on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH**. Those sessions are now available on the website for you to sign-up. **LET’S FILL THESE, TOO!** To schedule your photography appointment, simply go to [www.ucdir.com](#). Click on **“Photography Session Sign-up”** on the right side. Enter **ia371** in the “Church Code” field and enter **photos** in the “Church Password” field.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD OCTOBER WISH LIST

The new list of items needed is in the October newsletter or a copy can be found on the bulletin board. Items can be dropped off in the green tub, by the office.

TIME AND TALENT SHEET...HAVE YOU FILLED ONE OUT? Forms can be found in the lobby by the bulletin board. Return to the office.

SAVE THESE DATES:

- October 30 - Human Trafficking Seminar @ 6:30 pm
- November 1 - Jocelyn Olivia Concert @ 2 pm

Thank you to our worship assistants!

	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Greeter	Dean Bohlken	Joyce Brownmiller
Lector	Kyleigh Bohlken	Kayla Foelske
Comm Serv	Aleigha Bohlken	Nicole Jarvis,
	Mark Kehrberg	Eliese Hoffman
	Arlene Wiener	Kayla Foelske
Crucifer	Kasen Niehus	Zoey Junck
Acolytes	Kylee Den Ouden	Emma Ryan
	Cameron Pauling	
ProPresenter	Keith Westhoff	Megan Jeneary
Video/Sound	Micah Broers	Jacob Jeneary
Altar Guild	Connie Kellen	Connie Kellen
	Jeannette Davis	Jeannette Davis
Coffee Bar	Sheri Oetken	
Ushers	Rod LaBahn, Capt.,	Gary Borchers, Capt.,
	Joel Johnson	Harold Lee
	Henry Herrig	Jeff Jelken
	Mark Kehrberg	Levi Te Brink

Remember These People in Prayer: Alex Hines, Richard Miller, Mason Sitzmann, Phyllis Hamann, Taelynn Ortmann, Michael, Kendra, Terri Clinton, James, Scott, Tim Lohafer, Logan, Norm Nielsen, Jae’Cion, Jen, Kathy, Nancy, Kay Allen, Shirley, Kathryn, and Bryan Utesch

Ongoing Prayers: Roma Lancaster, Louis Westhoff, Sherry Jo Wittkop, Robert, Ali, Brady Plucker, Diane Riediger, and Missy Rarrat

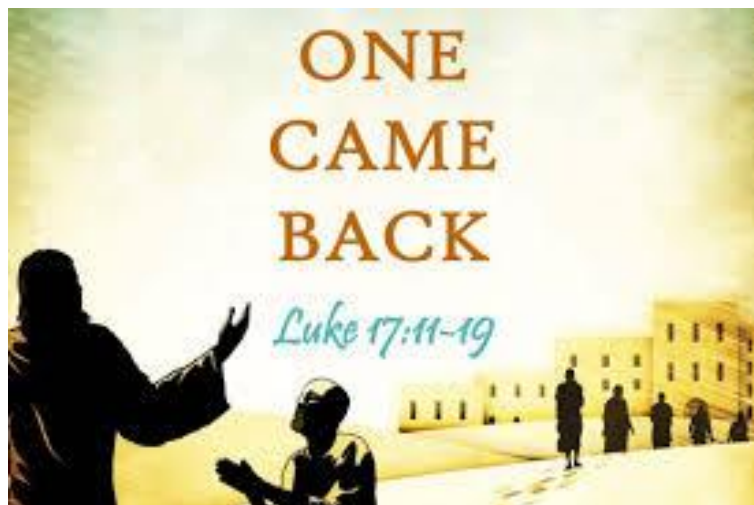
Sympathies to the family and friends of Ron Smith, who passed away on October 1.

Sympathies to the family and friends of Paula Parkin, who passed away on October 6. St. John’s family include her sister, Julie Hulstein.

Sympathies to the family and friends of Helen Imbrock who passed away on October 7.

Sun Oct 12	Mon Oct 13	Tues Oct 14	Wed Oct 15	Thurs Oct 16	Fri Oct 17	Sat Oct 18	Sun Oct 19
1st Communion 8 & 10:30 am Worship w/ Comm 9:15 am Study Hour 3:30 - 9:30 pm HS Okoboji Outreach Night	LifeWise 4 pm Heart of Fire 5 pm Worship Team 6 pm Outreach Mtg L/L 7 pm Council Mtg.	9 am Do Day Shipping 10 am Staff Meeting LifeWise 3 pm Imagine Heaven Study @ Ice Cream Parlor 5:30 pm P.o.P Rehearsal 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Mtg.	9:30 am Chapel Services LifeWise 1:30 pm Anna/Dorcas Circle 2 pm Directory Pictures 5 pm Bells/GROW Meal 6 pm Worship 6:30 pm Catechism/GROW 6:45 pm Sr. Choir 8:15 pm HS Youth Grp	9 am Prayer Time in Sanctuary 2 pm Directory Pictures 5:30 pm Jarvis Small Group L/L	2 pm Directory Pictures	10 am Directory Pictures	Mission Sunday 8 & 10:30 am Worship w/ Comm 9:15 am Study Hour 11:45 am Potluck

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First Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15 ¹ Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the Lord had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy. ² Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁷ As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!" ⁸ When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: "Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed." ¹¹ But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy." ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage. ¹³ Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed'!" ¹⁴ So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy. ¹⁵ Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel."

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please join in a responsive reading of Psalm 111

¹ Praise the Lord. I will extol the Lord with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

² **Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them.**

³ Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ **He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and compassionate.**

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

⁶ **He has shown his people the power of his works, giving them the lands of other nations.**

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸ **They are established for ever and ever, enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.**

⁹ He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever - holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰ **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not treat prophecies with contempt ²¹ but test them all; hold on to what is good, ²² reject every kind of evil. ²³ May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please rise for the reading of the holy Gospel.

The holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 17th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19 ¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him - and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.