



St. John's Lutheran Church
Welcoming Everyone
Making Disciples
Trusting Jesus
Empowering Leaders

September 20th, 2026 17th Sunday of Pentecost

St. John's Office Hours: 8-5 Tues.-Fri. Building Hours: 8-5 Mon.-Fri.

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WELCOME VISITORS If you are new to St. John's, we would love to get to know you. Please use this QR Code or text "Welcome" to 712-900-1070, to share your contact information.

FORTRESS OF FAITH and **RADIO ADS** are sponsored in honor of Michael & Maddy Alberts' wedding by Dan & Julie Albert. Call the office if you would like to sponsor a week.

HEARING ASSISTANCE If you are having difficulties hearing the service in the sanctuary, please see an usher for a hearing device that will boost the volume for you in the sanctuary.

CONGRATULATIONS to Michael & Madisyn (Jerman) Albert, who were married at St. John's on Saturday, September 19th. May God bless this home with many happy and healthy years.

CONGRATULATIONS to Carol Ann Mairose, who was baptized at St. John's on Thursday, September 17th. Baptism sponsor is Natasha Mairose.

PRE COMMUNION CLASS for 5th grade students begins next week Sunday, September 27th. If anyone is interested in taking the class, please call the office. 546-8855

NOISY OFFERINGS will be collected next weekend. Don't forget your loose change and bills.

VISITORS...JOIN US ON THE PATH TO DISCIPLESHIP! **September 20th** - Know: Trusting Jesus - Fifteen minutes to learn more about our church's beliefs and activities; **September 27th** - Grow: Empowering Leaders - Between services to find out more about ways to get involved. **October 4th** - Follow: Making Disciples - Five minutes after service to get to know people. Please see one of our "Hospitality" or "Discipleship" members, wearing a red or yellow lanyard by the hospitality desk near the North entrance.

LIFEWISE Another year of LifeWise has begun here at St. John's, so we are reminding everyone of their safety policy. Safety of the children is a top priority. **Doors will be locked and we ask members to refrain from using the building during the times LifeWise is in the building.** Please adjust your schedule accordingly. Hours include: Tuesdays 11am-1:15pm, Wednesdays 11:30am-1:15pm, and Fridays 11:30am-12:45pm.

COMMUNION CUPS & WAFERS AVAILABLE If you are unable to join us in person but follow along with our Live Stream service Sunday mornings, you can still participate in the sacrament of Holy Communion if you normally receive communion in church. St. John's has individual communion cups and wafers available just for you. If you plan to be out of town or are worshiping from home, please stop by the church office to pick up your supply. Additionally, if you are homebound and would prefer a direct visit from one of our home communion servers, let the office staff know so we can arrange a time. We look forward to sharing this holy sacrament with you, near or far.

GROW & GROW MEALS have begun. GROW Meal will kick off at 6 pm till 6:30 pm, serving potato bar, ham, cheese, taco meat, sour cream, carrots and ranch. GROW will follow from 6:30 pm till 7:45 pm. You can register your child for GROW by scanning the QR Code on the other side of this page.

MEN'S TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY GROUP We have begun meeting on Tuesday evenings, 7 pm in the Church Library. The study will continue with Kathy Yoder's Book- "Walking Barefoot with God." If anyone is interested in joining, please contact Bill Young at 540-3749 or **sign up on the bulletin board, we will provide you a book.**

CATECHISM PRAYER PARTNERS WANTED! We are in need of **2 MORE PEOPLE** for our 6th grade class. If you would be interested in becoming a "Prayer Partner" for the incoming Catechism students or have any questions about what is needed as a Prayer Partner, give Kim a call and she can fill you in! 712-546-8855.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD NEEDS: small water bottles, youth underwear, youth socks, children's scissors

MISSION TRIPS aren't only for youth groups! If you are interested in participating in a mission trip to the Twin Cities next summer as a part of St. John's, there will be a Mission Trip Interest Meeting after church on Sunday, October 11th in the Fellowship Hall. There are lots of different activities that we could choose to be a part of ranging from helping with VBS or prayer ministry to work projects and food distribution. Children 8-years old and above, adults and seniors would all be welcome! We have signed up for a trip that would take place from June 19th-June 25th, 2027. The cost is \$599 per person, and we will be using Praying Pelican Ministries. The cost includes all meals and lodging while we are staying there. This is a great opportunity to put your faith into action!

SPIRIT 712 RADIO invites you to attend a special night of Christian music in Le Mars on Saturday, September 26. All are welcome to experience "Acoustic Storytime" at Rejoice Community Church, 1320 3rd Avenue SE, featuring performances by Jason Gray, Stars Go Dim, and Blanca. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the concert at 7 p.m. There is no admission fee (a freewill donation will be accepted at the door.)

PORTALS OF PRAYER are in the lobby. Please pick up a new copy today.

NURSERY COMING IN OCTOBER! We are excited to be working toward offering a nursery during our **10:30 Contemporary Service**, beginning **Sunday, October 4!** To make this possible, we are looking for **adults and middle school/high school students** who would be willing to serve on a rotating schedule and care for children during the service. **Adult volunteers will need to complete a background check.** If you would be willing to help make our worship services more welcoming and accessible for families with young children, please sign up on the **bulletin board.** **Thank you for helping us create a place where every family feels welcome!**

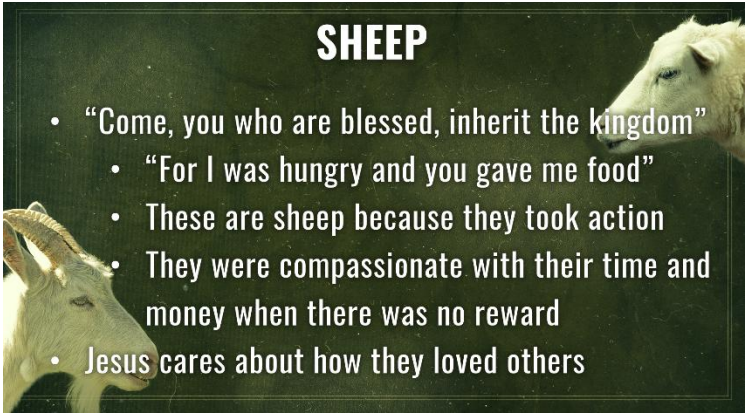
Remember These People in Prayer: Regyn Lloyd, Lyn, Phyllis Hamann, Diane Z., Pat Gollhofer, Tammy Meier, Rex, Scott, Joyce Gronemeyer, Angie, Denise, Carolyn, and Randy Stream; **Ongoing Prayers:** Nash, Diane K., Tim Lohafer, Nancy H., Hanna Francksen-Small, Mason Sitzmann, Missy Rarrat, Alex Hines, Taelynn Ortmann, Kendra, Sherry Jo Wittkop, and Diane Riediger; **Deployed:** Blake Erdmann; **Care Facility Residents:** Good Samaritan - Russ Martfeld, Lorraine Luksan, Dennis Asche; Accura Health - Patty Lubben, Bob & Nancy Potter; Stonebridge Suites - Joanne Klohs, Lynne Bogh, Roger Athens; Floyd Senior Living - Diane Utesch; Happy Siesta - Eleanor Westhoff, Wade Thompson

Sun Sept 20	Mon Sept 21	Tues Sept 22	Wed Sept 23	Thurs Sept 24	Fri Sept 25	Sat Sept 26	Sun Sept 27
8:15 & 10:30 am Worship w/Comm/ Chicago Mission Trip Presentation/ 3 rd Gr Bible Presentation 9:25 am Study Hour 1 pm Private Event F/H	Newsletter Deadline 1:30 pm Anna Circle L/L 5 pm Discipleship Mtg 6 pm Youth Ministry Team Mtg.	10 am Staff Meeting L/L 5:30 pm P.o.P. 7 pm Men's Small Group L/L	2 pm Elderberries 5:30 pm Bells 6 pm Grow Meal 6:30 pm Catechism/ Grow/ Choir 8:15 pm HS Youth Grp	9 am Prayer Time 3 pm Imagine Small Group 5:30 pm Thurs. in the Word.			Noisy Offerings 8:15 & 10:30 am Worship w/Comm/ LifeWise Guest 9:25 am Study Hour 9:30 am Pre- Communion Class

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SHEEP

- “Come, you who are blessed, inherit the kingdom”
- “For I was hungry and you gave me food”
- These are sheep because they took action
- They were compassionate with their time and money when there was no reward
- Jesus cares about how they loved others



First Reading: Micah 6:6-8 ⁶With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? ⁸He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

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

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-18 ¹⁶This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

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. Matthew the 25th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-40 ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ³⁴“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ ³⁷“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or

needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ ⁴⁰“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

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.

REGISTER HERE FOR “**GROW**”



Thank you for serving!	8:15 am	10:30 am
Greeter	Mike & Brenda Haverhals	Dave Brennan Family
Lector	Rose Heeren	Mel & Donna Heeren
Comm Serv	Roma Lancaster	Alisha Jelken
	Brenda Haverhals	Denise Anthony
	Roma Lancaster	Dave Brennan
	Dean Borchers	Elizabeth Brennan
Crucifer	Norah Kellen	
Acolytes	Avery Bogh	Aynslee Schmidt
	Saylix Farmer	Chesney Keleher
ProPresenter	Tim Larson	Sophia Brennan
Video/Sound	Micah Broers	Carter Westphal
Altar Guild	Elvira Nielsen	Nicole Jarvis
	Janys Schroeder	Cindy Kamies
Coffee Bar	Chris Knapp	Gary Borchers, Capt.,
Ushers	Rod LaBahn, Capt., Joel J.,	Harold L., Jeff J., Levi
	Henry H., Mark K., Lowell	TB
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