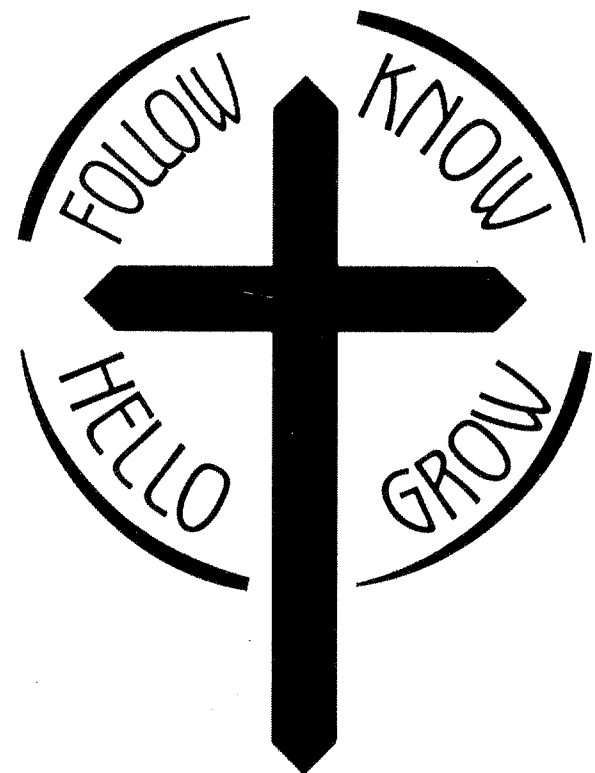


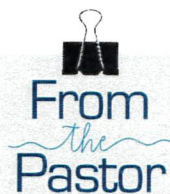
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Welcoming Everyone
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September 2026



"Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint; but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction."
– Proverbs 29:18

Several months ago, our church invested in our future by hiring an organization called The Unstuck Group to come and help us discern where God was calling us as a congregation. We looked at where we had come from in the last twenty years and what God was doing now in our faith community. Then, we prayed and discussed where God might be leading us in the future. Twelve people from within our staff and congregation were a part of these discussions so that we had a good cross-section of people from all of our services and our many ministries. On Sunday, September 13th, I will be sharing a vision for St. John's that was inspired by these conversations so that we can start working in the direction that I believe God is calling us.

At the opening of this article, I shared a quote from the book of Proverbs, "Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint." Some of you may remember the King James Version translation of this passage, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." The point is the same: God's people need to know what direction God is calling us toward or else we easily become lost and end up either wasting our time (at best) or even end up destroying ourselves.

Many Biblical scholars believe that this passage is referring to the time when Moses went up on Mount Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments from God, a story that you can read about in Exodus chapters 19-31. However, you might remember what was happening at the base of the mountain while Moses was gone, "When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, 'Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him.'" (Exodus 32:1) When God's people were left by themselves without a clear vision of why they were there, it didn't take them long to start getting frustrated and making plans of their own.

That's why it's so important for us as a church to also have a vision for where God is leading us. Ephesians 1:17 says, "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better." We can't make our own plans and just hope that God blesses them. We have to wait for God to **reveal** Himself to us so that we are following **His** leadership. I believe that through the conversations led by The Unstuck

Group, we now have a much better idea of where God is leading us so that we can do our best to follow Him and make a difference in the lives of those both within our church and outside in the wider Le Mars community.

During these meetings, our consultant explained that our current Vision Statement was more of a Mission statement. It describes what we want to be **doing** as a Christian community: **Welcoming Everyone. Making Disciples. Trusting Jesus. Empowering Leaders.** But a Vision Statement should describe where we are **going**! What our goals are and what our destination is. I hope that you will come to church on Sunday, September 13th or watch online to hear more about where God is leading us as a congregation so that we can work together to follow Him there. God bless you! Pastor Broers



Fall Worship Schedule

Sundays at **8:15** am and **10:30** am
Starting Sunday, **September 13th**

Wednesday Worship Services
have been discontinued. But, be watching
for new Small Group Opportunities.

START DATE: SEPTEMBER 13TH

SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:25 AM – 10:20 AM PRE-K – 8TH GR

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

**Please turn in your newsletter articles by
September 21.**



COFFEE IS ON!!! The coffee bar will be ready at 9:15 am Sunday mornings! Come early or stay after. Grab a cup of coffee and a Lally's donut hole, or two! Free will donations are appreciated. Enjoy!!



Contact us: 712-546-8855 or
stjohns@stjohnslemarsia.org

If you would like to supply
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Fall Schedule begins September 13th

Sunday @ 8:15 am & 10:30 am
Wednesday Worship discontinued
Sunday School Hour 9:25-10:20 am

All services are now Live Streaming to Facebook and YouTube.



Remember These People in Prayer: Diane Z., Pat Gollhofer, Tammy Meier, Rex, Scott, Sharen, Joyce Gronemeyer, Angie, Denise, Carolyn, and Randy Stream; **Ongoing Prayers:** Nash, Diane K., Tim Lohafer, Jae'cion, Nancy H., Bellamy, Hanna Francksen-Small, Mason Sitzmann, Missy Rarrat,

Alex Hines, Taelynn Ortmann, Kendra, Sherry Jo Wittkop, Jen, 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

Congratulations to Chris & Diane (LeBlanc) Wurth, who were married at St. John's on Saturday, August 29th.

Sympathies to the family and friends of Vicky Jurgensen, who passed on August 16th. St. John's family includes Chris & Devin Royalty family.

Sympathies to the family of Kristi Little, who passed on August 24th. St. John's family includes Tammy & Harold Lee family.

Sympathies to the family of Harold Droegmiller, who passed on August 23rd. St. John's family includes Janet & Tim Lohafer.

Treasurer's Report

July 2026

- 1) Our operating Checking Account increased \$1,812 to \$6,819 in July. Benevolence liabilities of \$4,896 due as of 7/31/26.
- 2) We continue to be debt free.
- 3) Offerings of \$46,054 in July, which is under our past 2 year July offerings of an average of \$56,000. Year-to-date offerings are now at \$286,000 as compared to 2025 total of \$272,000, 2024 total of \$286,000, and 2023 total of \$271,000.
- 4) July operating expenses of \$47,262 as compared to budget of \$48,902. We are about \$15,000 under our year-to-date operating expense budget with most of this in the salary/benefits expense line item.
- 5) In July we paid \$3,530 for concrete repair of south entrance to parking lot. In addition, we paid out 12 grants of \$500 each to 12 college bound students from our endowment funds.
- 6) Endowment funds had a \$2,047 investment gain in July. Year-to-date gain now at \$60,014. Total endowment funds under investment total \$719,414.

Bill Young
Church Treasurer



The new HELLO welcome desk will soon be ready to welcome first-time guests to St. John's!

Be sure to say HELLO to our visitors and warmly invite them to stop by the Welcome Desk, located just outside the church office doors. Thank you for helping us make every guest feel welcome and at home at St. John's!

FALL MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

Rehearsals for St. John's Choir and Handbell Choir will resume on Wednesday, September 2. People of Praise continues to rehearse on Tuesday nights throughout the entire year. These three music groups are a great way to share beautiful music, make new friends, relieve stress, and have fun while praising God together and enriching our worship services. Your hands and voices are needed in St. John's music ministry! Please contact Mike Rathke with any questions.



Fall Music Schedule

Tuesdays

5:30-6:30 People of Praise

Wednesdays (beginning September 2)

5:30-6:25 Handbell Choir

6:30-7:30 St. John's Choir



FALL WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Bell Practice	5:30 pm - Sept 2nd
GROW Meal	6:00 pm - Sept 9th
Catechism	6:30 pm - Sept 2nd
GROW	6:30 pm - Sept 9th
Sr. Choir Practice	6:30 pm - Sept 2nd
HS Youth Group	8:15 pm - Sept 9th



ELDERBERRIES

Join St. John's fellow seniors 55+ for an afternoon of fun and fellowship on September 23 @ 2 pm. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us!



RightNow MEDIA



Welcome to "Pastor Steven's Picks." You can find these in the St. John's Lutheran Church Custom Library under "Pastor Steven's Picks" when you login to your RightNow Media account.

I hope that you will take advantage of these videos and the over 25,000 other videos on all kinds of spiritual topics. They can really help you grow in your faith! – Pastor Broers

1. **The Practicing the Way Course – John Mark Comer**

The Practicing the Way Course features eight sessions of teaching, guided conversation, and spiritual exercises designed to lay a foundation for life-long apprenticeship to Jesus. This is the same course that Pastor Broers will be leading as a Bible study on Thursday evenings this Fall, but you can also watch the videos at your own pace independently.

2. **The Book of Jonah: David Platt**

The book of Jonah is best known for Jonah's run-in with a large fish. But there's much more to the story than Jonah's three-day stay in a fish's belly. It's about God's grace, compassion, and love—even toward wayward people—and his commitment to spreading his message around the world.

In this six-session series, pastor David Platt shows us that God is determined to spread his Word to all the nations of the earth and use his people to do it. The book of Jonah shows us that God desires to transform the hearts of his followers, making them more like him as they carry out his purposes in the world. Join David and get a renewed sense of what it means to orient your life around the mission of God.

3. **Becoming Like Jesus: Matt Chandler**

The Christian life is not up and to the right but a lifelong series of highs and lows that the Holy Spirit uses to shape us into people who look like Jesus. In his six-session series, pastor and author Matt Chandler guides us through Jesus's beatitudes found in Matthew 5. As we live out our Christian faith, Jesus develops in us a new way of living so we can be people who reflect God's kingdom.

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WOMEN'S CIRCLES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:30 AM Hannah Circle, Library

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

1:30 PM Dorcas Circle, Library

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

1:30 PM Anna Circle, Library

All women are welcome to join St. John's Women Circles. Circle meetings are held the 3rd Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of each month.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH DO-DAY TIME 9AM

Join us as we put together quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief and Global Health. If you can iron, sew, tie a knot, or use a scissors, we want you to join us! Please call the church office if you would like more information or pick up a booklet from the information table in the entryway or lobby to learn more about this women's ministry!

Please save your gently used Bibles and canceled postage stamps for Do-Day. These items can be placed in the designated baskets which are currently in the north entryway of the church.

MISSIONS FOR LWR



School supplies for 2026 are showing up in stores, so now is the time to purchase them. Please leave the items in the basket in the entryway. Here is the needed list for the kits.

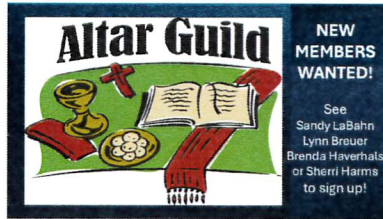
Each school kit contains:

4 - 70 sheet notebooks (no loose leaf paper), 1 - wooden ruler, 1 - pencil sharpener, 1 - blunt scissors, 5 - black or blue ball point pens (no gel ink), 1 - 24 count box of crayons

No backpack, erasers, or pencils are needed at this time. Thank you!

ALTAR GUILD HELPERS WANTED

Join today or wait to start in 2027. The work is easy, scheduling time off is not a problem, snow birds can help during the Summer months. HS students are welcomed. Serve the Lord and your fellow St. John's members. Contact Sandy LaBahn, Brenda Haverhals, Lynn Breuer, or Sherri Harms for more information and get signed up.



THRIVENT CHOICE UPDATE All Thrivent members will now receive Choice Dollars, that can be directed to thousands of non-profits. St. John's is one of them. Choice Dollars will be available at the beginning of the year and can be directed anytime through December 31. To see if you have Choice

Dollars available, log in or register at thrivent.com/thriventchoice and please consider directing your funds to: **St John Lutheran Church.** Thanks.



St. John's next **Red Cross Blood Drive** will be held on **October 5th, 12:30 - 6 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. To sign up for a time go to: **www.redcross.org**.

St. John's contacts are Terri Pauling (712) 898-2307 and Sheri Oetken (712) 540-2223.

QUILT AUCTIONS



The Ingham Bible Camp auction was held on August 1. St. John's donated three quilts and the camp received a total of \$525 for the quilts.

The following thank you was received:

On behalf of IOLBC, I want to offer my sincere thanks to you for your donation to our 39th annual quilt auction. The work, time, and creativity that you put into each item is truly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity in giving to this ministry. In total, we received \$63,000.00 in bids on Quilt Auction weekend. The money enables the camps to continue providing excellent youth and family programs. Thank you for your investment in the work of sharing Christ with so many campers! Rod Quanbeck, Executive Director

In addition to the Bible Camp quilts, two quilts were donated to the Life Skills Auction held at the Plymouth County fair. \$350 was the sum received by Life Skills for the quilts.

Thank you to those serving St. John's this month:

Worship Assistants Schedule

Sunday, September 6th

9:30 am

Greeter: JoEllen Cronin
Jay & Vicki Dunn
Lector: Dianne Baack
CS: Dianne Baack
Pam Roling
Ellen Russell

Sunday, September 13th

8:15 am

Greeter: Chris Gerloff Family
Bette Miller
Lector: Jane Arnold
CS: Jane Arnold
Henry Herrig
Teri Herrig

10:30 am

Greeter: Cindy Kamies
Joyce Brownmiller
Lector: Nicole Jarvis
CS: Hope Majeres
Paula Kommes
Cheryl Peyton

Sunday, September 20th

8:15 am

Greeter: Mike & Brenda Haverhals
Steve & Rhonda Justice
Lector: Roma Lancaster
CS: Brenda Haverhals
Roma Lancaster
Dean Borchers

10:30 am

Greeter: Dave Brennan Family
Mel & Donna Heeren
Lector: Alisha Jelken
CS: Denise Anthony
Dave Brennan
Elizabeth Brennan

Sunday, September 27th

8:15 am

Greeter: Rob & Jaime Sudtelgte
Rose Heeren
Lector: Rose Heeren
CS: Rose Heeren
Joel Johnson
Mark Kehrberg

10:30 am

Greeter: Brad & Kaylyn Pick
Jean Heeren
Lector: Tammy Lee
CS: Brad Pick
Krista Plueger
Nicole Jarvis

Sound Board Schedule

Sunday, September 6th

9:30 am

Slides: Brenda Haverhals
Video/Sound: Keith Westhoff

Sunday, September 13th

8:15 am

Slides: Larry Brangwin
Video/Sound: Tim Larson

10:30 am

Slides: Sophia Brennan
Video/Sound: Micah Broers

Sunday, September 20th

8:15 am

Slides: Tim Larson
Video/Sound: Micah Broers

10:30 am

Slides: Sophia Brennan
Video/Sound: Carter Westphal

Sunday, September 27th

8:15 am

Slides: Brenda Haverhals
Video/Sound: Keith Westhoff

10:30 am

Slides: Megan Jeneary
Video/Sound: Jacob Jeneary

Altar Guild

Sunday, September 6th

9:30 am Arlene Wiener
Donna Duque

Sunday, September 13th

8:15 am Janice Milne
Elvira Nielsen
10:30 am Nicole Jarvis
Sherri Harms

Sunday, September 20th

8:15 am Elvira Nielsen
Janys Schroeder
10:30 am Nicole Jarvis
Cindy Kamies

Sunday, September 27th

8:15 am Janice Milne
Janys Schroeder
10:30 am Donna Duque
Cindy Kamies

Coffee Bar Schedule

Sunday, September 6th

Amy Kruse

Sunday, September 13th

Amy Kruse

Sunday, September 20th

Chris Knapp

Sunday, September 27th

Chris Knapp

Acolytes Schedule

Sunday, September 6th

9:30 am

Crucifer: Tim Larson
Acolytes: Kemper Davis
Hadley Klein

Sunday, September 13th

8:15 am

Crucifer: Kasen Niehus
Acolytes: Carter Westphal
Autumn Jelken

10:30 am

Acolytes: Zoey Junck
Emma Ryan

Sunday, September 20th

8:15 am

Crucifer: Norah Kellen
Acolytes: Avery Bogh
Saylix Farmer

10:30 am

Acolytes: Aynslee Schmidt
Chesney Keleher

Sunday, September 27th

8:15 am

Crucifer: Aiden Fintel
Acolytes: TBD
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10:30 am

Acolytes: Kenzie Harms
TBD

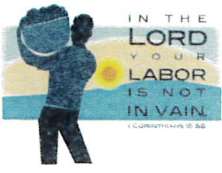
September Usher Schedule

8:15 am Rod LaBahn, Capt., Joel Johnson, Henry Herrig, Mark Kehrberg, Lowell Penning

10:30 am Gary Borchers, Capt., Harold Lee, Jeff Jelken, Levi TeBrink

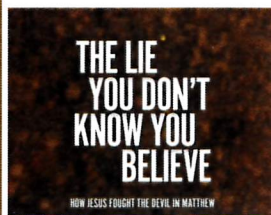


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
		1 10 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm People of Praise
6 9:30 am Worship w/Comm	7 <i>Labor Day Building Closed</i>	8 9 am Do-Day 10 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm People of Praise
13 Service of Promise 8:15 & 10:30 am Worship w/Comm 9:25 am Study Hour	14 7 pm Church Council F/H	15 9:30 am Hannah Circle L/L 10 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm People of Praise 7 pm Men's Small Group L/L
20 3 rd Grade Bible Presentation 8:15 & 10:30 am Worship w/Comm 9:25 am Study Hour 1 pm DeVries Private Event F/H	21 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 1:30 pm Anna Circle-L/L 6 pm Youth Ministry Mtg L/L	22 10 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm People of Praise 7 pm Men's Small Group L/L
27 NOISY OFFERING Mission Sunday-LifeWise 8:15 & 10:30 am Worship w/Comm 9:25 am Study Hour 9:30 am 5 th Gr Pre-Comm. Class	28	29 10 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm People of Praise 7 pm Men's Small Group L/L

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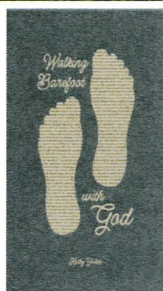
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9 9:30 – 11am Chapel Services at Care Facilities 5:30 pm Bells 6:00 pm GROW Meal 6:30 pm Catechism/GROW/ SJ Choir 8:15 pm HS Youth Group	10 9 – 10 am Prayer Time in Sanctuary 3 pm Imagine Small Group L/L 5:30 pm TH in the Word	11	12
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THURSDAY IN THE WORD

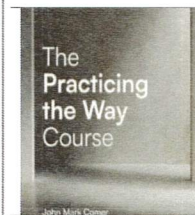
You are invited to join this Small Group beginning September 10 at 5:30 pm in the Library. We will be using the study from RightNow Media called "The Lie You Don't Know You Believe" by Jennie Allen. You can find this study on the RightNow Media website for free.

In this six-session series, author and speaker Jennie Allen pulls back the curtain on the enemy's oldest trick—and shows us how to dismantle his lies with the spiritual authority we already have in Christ. Whether you're struggling to feel worthy, wrestling with fear, or longing to break old patterns, this study will equip you to silence the lies with God's Word and unleash lasting transformation in Christ.



MEN'S TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY GROUP

We will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 15th. There will be 7 Tuesday night meetings with the last meeting on Tuesday October 27th. Meetings will begin at 7 pm in the Church Library. The study will continue with Kathy Yoder's Book- "Walking Barefoot with God," which was the center of the group's discussion this past spring when the group met for 5 weeks. We had twelve members this past spring with average attendance of 9 to 10 per meeting. We are looking for new members and if anyone is interested, please contact Bill Young at 540-3749. Kathy Yoder has written a weekly devotional article since 2005 for the Sioux City Journal. "Walking Barefoot with God" has sixty-four of these handpicked columns which explore love, profound loss, and resilience with references to Bible verses. The common thought from our group was that these stories connected with each of us to where it was easy to have a meaningful discussion which brought us all closer to Jesus. **Sign up on the bulletin board to join us and we will provide a book.**



PRACTICING THE WAY COURSE

Beginning October 8th, 6:00-7:30

Pastor Broers will be leading the Practicing the Way Course featuring eight sessions of teaching, guided conversation, and spiritual exercises designed to lay a foundation for lifelong apprenticeship to Jesus. You will be hearing about the nine spiritual disciplines during Sunday messages this Fall and this is an excellent way to learn more about them and start actually putting them into practice! This Bible study is starting Thursday, October 8th from 6-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Let Pastor Broers know if you are planning to attend or sign-up on the bulletin board.

GROW September Schedule

Sept. 9 -

- PreK-K Teacher - Becca Peyton
- PreK-K Helper - Cheyenne Grause
- 1-2 Teacher - Micah Broers
- 1-2 Helper - Kathy Braband
- 3 Teacher - Nicole Jarvis
- 3 Helper - Brenda Erickson
- 4-5 Teacher - Sandy LaBahn
- 4-5 Helper - Donna Duque
- Greeters - Rhonda Justice, Cassie Hines

Sept. 16 -

- PreK-K Teacher - Becca Peyton
- PreK-K Helper - Cheyenne Grause
- 1-2 Teacher - Nicole Jarvis
- 1-2 Helper - Megan Jeneary
- 3 Teacher - Anne Jeneary
- 3 Helper - Jacob Jeneary
- 4-5 Teacher - Kent Westphal
- 4-5 Helper - Donna Duque
- Greeters - Sonya Hanisch, Muriel Miller

Sept. 23 -

- PreK-K Teacher - Becca Peyton
- PreK-K Helper - Cheyenne Grause
- 1-2 Teacher - Micah Broers
- 1-2 Helper - Kathy Braband
- 3 Teacher - Nicole Jarvis
- 3 Helper - Brenda Erickson
- 4-5 Teacher - Sandy LaBahn
- 4-5 Helper - Donna Duque
- Greeters - Bette Miller, Mary Rieken

Sept. 30 -

- PreK-K Teacher - Becca Peyton
- PreK-K Helper - Cheyenne Grause
- 1-2 Teacher - Nicole Jarvis
- 1-2 Helper - Kathy Braband
- 3 Teacher - Anne Jeneary
- 3 Helper - Brenda Erickson
- 4-5 Teacher - Kent Westphal
- 4-5 Helper - Donna Duque
- Greeters - Jean Heeren, Cheryl Peyton

Oct. 7 -

- PreK-K Teacher - Becca Peyton
- PreK-K Helper - Cheyenne Grause
- 1-2 Teacher - Micah Broers
- 1-2 Helper - Kathy Braband
- 3 Teacher - Nicole Jarvis
- 3 Helper - Brenda Erickson
- 4-5 Teacher - Sandy LaBahn
- 4-5 Helper - Donna Duque
- Greeters - Rhonda Justice, Cassie Hines

GROW Kick Off Meal

Sept. 9, 6:00-6:30 pm

Please join us for food and fellowship with Papa Murphy's Pizza and treats.

Sheri Oetken & Jane Westphal

GROW WITH US

in the *grace* and *knowledge* of our Lord Jesus Christ. ~ 2 Peter 3:18



Free Supper | Bible Learning | Activities

Come Join Us!

St. John's Lutheran Church invites all Pre-K through 5th grade students to GROW, our FREE Wednesday night children's ministry! From **September 9, 2026 - April 28, 2027**, kids can come enjoy free food, fun activities, and learning about Jesus together.

Interested in Learning More?

Call us at (712) 546-8855
Email us at StJohns@StJohnsLeMarsIA.org
Check out our website at StJohnsLeMarsIA.org
Scan the QR code to register



Schedule

Free Supper

6:00 - 6:30 PM

The whole family is invited!

Bible Time & Activities

6:30 - 7:45 PM

Pre-K through 5th grade

Help Wanted for GROW

We're looking for people that love God, love kids and are willing to spend their Wednesday nights **GROW**ing the kingdom of God.

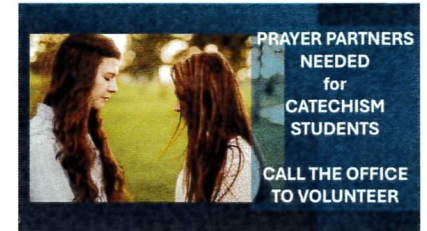
Positions to prayerfully consider: - *Teachers (PreK-5th grade)*
- *Helpers (PreK-5th grade)*

-Volunteers can be scheduled weekly, twice a month, or monthly.

Please pray and ask God if He is wanting you to step out in faith and join us!
Contact Kristy or Pastor Broers with questions or to volunteer. Thanks!

CATECHISM PRAYER PARTNERS WANTED!

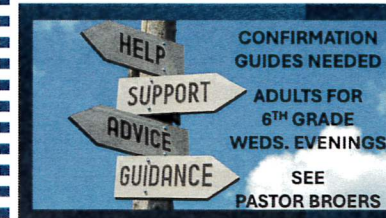
If you would be interested in becoming a "Prayer Partner" for the incoming Catechism students, or have any questions about what is needed as a Prayer Partner, give Kim a call and she can fill you in! 712-546-8855.



CATECHISM GUIDES NEEDED!

We are looking for 2 adult men, who would commit to being Catechism Guides for our 6th grade boys starting this Fall. We meet each Wednesday evening from 6:30-8 pm. Please

contact Pastor Broers with interest or questions. Thank you!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Donations can be left in the marked box near the Resource Room. We are gearing up for the Samaritan's Purse Project which is 3 months away. We have a list of requested items for both boys and girls, on the box near the resource room. All items are appreciated. If you have any questions contact Jane Westphal or Pam Roling.



After his resurrection, Jesus asked one of his disciples the same question three times: "Do you love me?" The disciple felt hurt, wondering why Jesus kept asking. Who was this disciple?

A. James
C. Philip

B. John
D. (Simon) Peter

The answer can be found in John 21:17

COLLEGE STUDENT MAIL MINISTRY

What college student doesn't love to receive mail? We need St. John's members to join in a writing ministry for our college students for the upcoming school year.

*just a little
note to let you know
we're thinking
of you today.*



Life after high school graduation and throughout the college years can be difficult. This ministry is designed to encourage and help our college students during the school year. Through this ministry we will connect each college student with adults from our church who will send them a note/card (once per month) to remind them that someone from home loves and cares about them!

What does this require?

- College Students - need to provide contact information, likes, birthday, and parent information.
- St. John's members - need to commit to sending a note/card once per month – September thru April. Each month you will receive (via email) a different student to write, so by the end of the school year you will have blessed eight students!



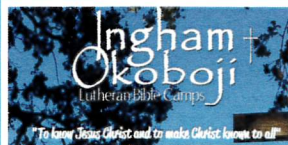
Let's show our students that they are in our thoughts and in our prayers even while they are away at school.

If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Brennan via phone/text at 540-7315.

LE MARS COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, September 4th, from 9 am till 2:30 pm
at the YMCA - upper level fitness room.

Text lifeserve to 515.815.7242 or call 800.287.4903 or visit
lifeservebloodcenter.org to schedule an appointment.



There is a lot happening at Ingham/Okoboji Bible Camp for all ages. Check out the website to find more information on all that is happening this Fall or to register for any of the activities.

WWW.OKOBOJI.ORG



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO ST. JOHN'S MEMBERS

- 1: Haley Stinton, Miles Kruse
- 2: Cheryl Peyton, Dacia Fuentes
- 3: Brendan Anthony, Margie Pigg, Rose Heeren
- 4: Betty Van Sickle, Britt Hessenius, Kari Niehus, Kari Weitl, Ella Kramer, Serna Hansen
- 5: Kathleen Braband
- 7: Adalee Foelske
- 8: Kaden Brownmiller, Mark Beitelspacher, Barbara Ebel
- 9: Matt Albert, Henry Herrig, Katie Gerloff, Taije Posivio, Brooks Wurth
- 10: Jackson Sudtelgte, Jason Sudtelgte, Sam Wacker
- 11: Trish Varenhorst
- 13: Tyler Westphal
- 14: Lowell Penning
- 15: Jack Bennett, Hadley Klein, Sophia Brennan
- 16: Christian Meier, Dean Borchers, Dia Jester
- 17: Eric Isebrand, Tom Grosenheider
- 18: Brenda Erickson, Todd Oetken
- 19: Collins Roder
- 20: Tate Ferguson, Caleb Gerloff
- 21: Caitlin Sudtelgte, Brenda Haverhals, Justin Junck
- 23: Susan Klemme
- 24: Alexandria Stamer-Fuentes, Kellie Grause
- 25: Donna Vander Well
- 26: Carol Mairose, Carter Westphal
- 27: Brad Westphal, Patricia Rachuy
- 28: John Rexwinkel, Stacey Hoss, Steve Panzer, Amanda Heitritter
- 29: Grayson Fisher, Ellaina Pick, Tracy Wingert, Callie Westphal
- 30: Bruce Erickson, Amy Isebrand, Nicholas Knapp



THE LIFEWISE POST

SUMMER UPDATE



"ICE CREAM DAYS
PARADE 2026"



CLASSROOM NEEDS

We are still in need of the following:

- *Teacher (1st and 3rd grade back-to-back classes one day a week)
- *Classroom Volunteers (various times and days of the week available)
- *Bus Drivers (CDL routes or regular driver's license routes- openings for both)
- *Board Members (monthly meetings and assist with events)

Please reach out to Lindy Dohman at
lindydohman@lifewise.org or
320-292-0591
to learn how you can get involved.



UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 29-AUGUST 2

LifeWise Foodstand at
Plymouth County Fair

SEPTEMBER

8TH

Fall Kick-Off Party
5:00-6:30

14TH

LifeWise
Classes begin



"Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

MATTHEW 28:19-20



HOME COMMUNION



If you or someone you know is homebound and would like visits and communion from Pastor Broers and our Visitation Team, please contact the office and let us know. Our phone number is 712-546-8855. Thanks!



**MAKE A
"JOYFUL
NOISE!"**

Noisy Offerings will be collected on **September 27th**. Designations are TBD. Remember to mark on your calendars the last Sunday of the month, Noisy Offering Sunday!! Thanks in advance from your Outreach Team!

ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY PARTNERS

St. John's is supporting the following agencies with Benevolence funds in 2026:

- Lutheran Services in Iowa LSIowa.org
- Lutheran World Relief LWR.org
- Ingham Lake Bible Camp www.okoboji.org/ingham
- Global Health Ministries www.ghm.org

We encourage you to go to each of these agencies websites to read more about the good work they do.



**NORTH AMERICAN
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

If you wish to stay informed on what is happening in the NALC, you can go to: www.thenalc.org/newsletter and subscribe. You will receive

informative newsletters by email. Sign up today to receive the "NALC News." You can also go to www.thenalc.org for the main church website.



To stay up to date on what is happening in the LCMC, go to this link to sign up for their e/newsletter. <https://mailchi.mp/ed05627605ee/lcmc> You can also go to www.lcmc.net for the main church website. Printed materials may also be found in the library.

SHARE THE WORD OF GOD BY SPONSORING

FORTRESS OF FAITH, a half hour recording of the church service broadcast on 1410 KLEM/AM on Sundays at 1 pm. Your name and reason for sponsoring will be included in the broadcast. The cost to sponsor this is \$25. **SPONSORS ARE NEEDED!**



SPONSOR A RADIO MESSAGE, which airs on Fridays on KLEM, advertising our service information for the upcoming weekend, and costs \$10. **CALL THE CHURCH TO SPONSOR!** You can sponsor either (or both!) of these in memory or in honor of a loved one, in honor of an anniversary or birthday, or you can sponsor anonymously as a friend of St. John's. 712-546-8855 **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**



Watch St. John's worship services on **CABLE CHANNEL 12** on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm, or on the St. John's website, www.stjohnslemarsia.org listed under Video Sermons on the left side of the home page.

Rejoice! Food Bank Distribution is the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 4 - 5 pm. If you are in need, please call 548-4430 or email rejoice@hotmail.com. **The Table** at Rejoice has new hours. They are open every Tuesday, except the 2nd Tuesday of the month, from 5 - 6 pm. Every Wednesday from 12 - 2 pm. Only once a month visits are allowed to The Table.

Sunnybrook Hope Center Food Pantry Distribution is the 3rd Monday each month from 6 - 8 pm by appt. Located West of Le Mars Fareway. Make a reservation through the QR Code or go to www.sunnybrookchurch.churchcenter.com/people/forms/399133



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED....Please consider becoming a Foster Grandparent or Senior Companion.

If you love to spend time with children, the **Foster Grandparent** program may be what you are looking for. Foster Grandparents assist and spend time with children at local schools and childcare centers.

Would you like to make a difference for adults in your community? **Senior Companions** assist adults to remain independent by providing socialization, visitation, and transportation services.

Here are some benefits that also come with working with this organization: Tax-free stipend, transportation reimbursement, meal reimbursement and friendship and lasting relationships. Call 712-476-2628 to find out more information!

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Hope Majeres - Worship

For contact info call 546-8855 or email stjohns@stjohnslemarsia.org

A Little Free Pantry always needs donations. No one needs to know, shop for non-perishable items (quick snacks are best) and drop them off at the Pantry. Please avoid items that may melt or glass that may break. Thanks!