



September 14, 2025 14th Sunday after Pentecost

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

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3RD GRADE BIBLES Today we present Bibles to our 3rd grade class, fulfilling the promises made at their baptisms to share God's word with them. May you continue to learn the stories and study the words.

PRE-COMMUNION CLASS will begin next weekend at 9:30 am for all youth in 5th grade. Please contact the office if you would like your child to participate and haven't received a letter. This will be a 3 week class with 1st Communion held on October 12th.

PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED! We are looking for *5 more Prayer Partners* for the incoming 6th graders, who will be starting Catechism this fall. Call the office to sign up or for more information. Thanks! 546-8855

GET YOUR SMILES ON! The NEW St. John's Directory is in the making and online sign-up has begun. Photo sessions will be

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15-SATURDAY OCTOBER 18, 2025

HOURS: 2:00PM- 8:30PM WEDNESDAY- FRIDAY

10:00AM- 4:00PM SATURDAY

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. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have six or more in your family, please use two consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!

Appointment times fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time. You are an important member of the St. John's church family so be sure to sign-up, show up, smile, and...SAY CHEESE!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

JOIN US THIS FALL TO



We're looking for people that love God, love kids and are willing to spend their Wednesday nights growing the kingdom of God. Positions needed include readers/guides, helpers, and greeters. Contact Kristy or Pastor Broers. Thanks!

WE WANT YOUR SILLY DRESS UP CLOTHES! Donate your silly dress up clothes and accessories to St. John's for use in our Confirmation classes. Talk to Pastor Broers if you have any questions. Thanks!

Excel in The Grace of Giving!

"Volunteers truly make St. John's the wonderful ministry it is! I have seen so many of you sharing your lives and your time with the youth of our community and I want you to know that it truly makes a difference. Every gift, whether it is your time, talent or treasure, is appreciated. Thank you!" – Pastor Broers

YOU GOT MAIL! COLLEGE WRITING MINISTRY Paper forms can be found in the lobby by the bulletin board. Or sign up using the QR codes below. Questions, please contact Elizabeth Brennan via phone/text at 540-7315.

College Student address form: provide contact information, likes, birthday, and parent information.



Adult/Writer Form: commit to writing notes once a month, September - April. Each month you will receive, through email, a different student to write.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SEPTEMBER WISH LIST

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

DITCH CLEANING...WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Sunday, September 28 meet at church at 1 pm in the parking lot. We will head over to the section of HWY 3, East of town to clean the ditches St. John's sponsors. Wear gloves, long pants and closed toe shoes. We hope to see you there!



RightNow Media: These videos are great resources for your small group Bible study, for your own personal spiritual growth and to help your kids grow in their faith in Jesus! Scan the QR Code to sign up. It is free!



Thank you to our worship assistants!

**Greeter
Lector
Comm Serv**

8:00 AM
Dean & Lyn Borchers
Dianne Baack
Dean Borchers

10:30 AM
Brad Pick Family
Kent Westphal
Anne Jeneary
Brad Pick

**Crucifer
Acolytes**

Iris Hemmingson
Quentin Ranschau
Aleigha Bohlken
Kyleigh Bohlken

Aynslee Schmidt
Rylann Schmidt
Larry Brangwin
Micah Broers
Jane Arnold
Ashley Bennett

**ProPresenter
Video/Sound
Altar Guild**

Ian DeRuyter
Becky DeRuyter
Sandy LaBahn
Rod LaBahn

**Coffee Bar
Ushers**

Chris Knapp
Tracy Wingert, Capt.
Greg McInnis
Doug Schultz
Rob Sudtelgte

Bryce Tingwald, Capt.
Nathan Pauling
Joey Posivio
Jeremy Ferguson

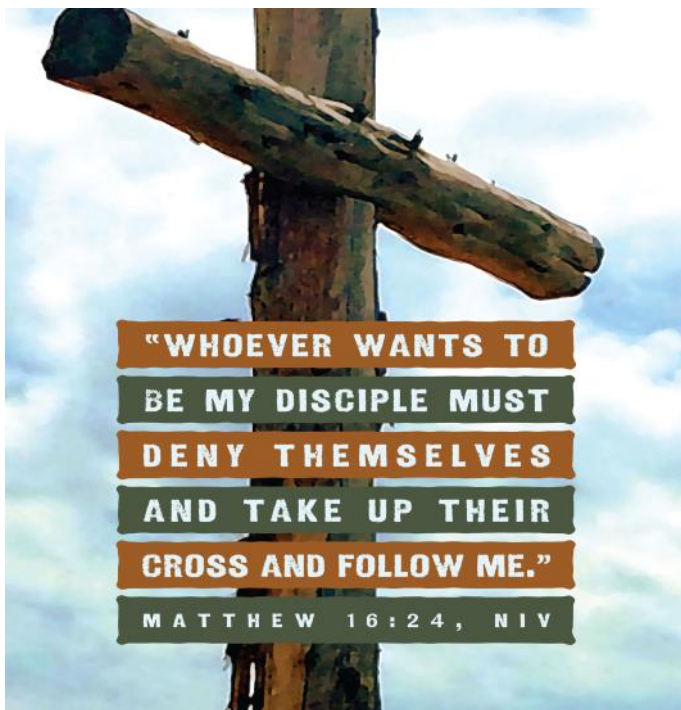
Remember These People in Prayer: Alex Hines, Richard Miller, Mason Sitzmann, Taelynn Ortmann, Michael, Kendra, Terri Clinton, James, Scott, Logan, Norm Nielsen, Jen, Kathy, Kay Allen, Shirley, Karla Hansen, and Kathryn, Bryan Utesch

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

Sympathies: To the family of Robert Pick, who passed away September 5th. St. John's family includes Brad Pick family. To the family and friends of Ellen Utesch, who passed away September 3rd.

Care Facility Residents: Good Samaritan - Ron Smith, Russ Martfeld, Lorraine Luksan, Dennis Asche, Warren Oetken; Accura Health - Patty Lubben, Marge Adler; Stonebridge Suites - Joanne Klohs, Lynne Bogh, Roger Athens, Dorothy Luschen; Floyd Senior Living - Diane Utesch, Judy Schmidt; Heartland Care Center - Le Ann Hurlbut; Holy Spirit Retirement Home - Alma Willer; Prime Living - Wade & Betty Thompson; Vintage Hills of Indianola - Jane Schultz

Sun Sept 14	Mon Sept 15	Tues Sept 16	Wed Sept 17	Thurs Sept 18	Fri Sept 19	Sat Sept 20	Sun Sept 21
3rd gr Bible Presentation 8 & 10:30 am Worship w/ Comm 9:15 am Study Hour 9:30 am Bible Reading Class 3rd Grade	LifeWise Begins	9:30 am Hannah Circle 10 am Staff Mtg. LifeWise 5:30 pm P.o.P Rehearsal 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Mtg L/L	9:30 am Care Facility Chapel Services 1:30 pm Anna & Dorcas Circles L/L 5 pm Bells/GROW Meal 6 pm Worship 6:30 pm Catechism/Sr. Choir/GROW 8:15 pm HS Youth Grp	9 am Prayer Time in Sanctuary 5:30 pm Jarvis Small Group	Newsletter Deadline	7:45 am - 4 pm NALC Convocation	8 & 10:30 am Worship w/ Comm 9:15 am Study Hour 9:30 am Pre-Comm Class for 5th gr



First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:3-12 ³ Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, promised you. ⁴ Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. ¹⁰ When the Lord your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you - a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, ¹¹ houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant - then when you eat and are satisfied, ¹² be careful that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

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

Please join in a responsive reading of Psalm 1

¹ Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,

² **but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.**

³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither - whatever they do prospers.

⁴ **Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

⁶ **For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

Second Reading Colossians 3:15-17 ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in

word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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 16th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel: Matthew 16:24-28 ²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. ²⁸ "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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.