



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

September 27th, 2026 18th 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 "Hello" to 712-900-1070, to share your contact information.

FORTRESS OF FAITH and **RADIO ADS** are sponsored in honor and respect of our deployed military by Karol Holton. 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.

WELCOME, LINDY DOHMAN who will be sharing with us this morning about LifeWise.

PRE COMMUNION CLASS for 5th grade students begins today, September 27th. If anyone is interested in taking the class, please join us in the Fellowship Hall.

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

VISITORS...JOIN US ON THE PATH TO DISCIPLESHIP! September 27th - Grow: Empowering Leaders – Join us between services to find out more ways to get involved. Upcoming paths: October 4th – Follow, October 11th - Know.

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 pick up a supply of individual communion cups and wafers from the office.

GROW & GROW MEALS have begun. GROW Meal will kick off at 6 pm till 6:30 pm, serving chicken alfredo. 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.

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

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.

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 tentatively 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!

NEW SMALL GROUP FOR THOSE NEW TO THE COMMUNITY! If you are interested in finding out more about St. John's or if you would like to join our church community, you are invited to be a part of a small group to help you get to know one another, learn more about the church and find out what we teach and believe. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, October 13th at 6:30pm downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. If you know someone who is not a member, but you think that they might be interested, tell them about this opportunity! Contact Pastor Broers if you would like to join or have any questions. Thanks!

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!**

WELCOME DESK Want to get more involved at church but just don't have time to add another big commitment to your schedule? We have just the thing for you! We're looking for friendly volunteers to help at the Welcome Desk and wander the lobby looking for first time guests. Invite them to stop at the coffee bar for some coffee and donut holes and be sure to point them toward the Welcome Desk for a special gift. The shifts are short-just 15-20 minutes before service and 15 minutes afterward. That's it! All you need to bring is a friendly smile and a welcoming heart! Call to sign up (546-8855) or visit one of the crew members on Sunday.

BLOOD DRIVE Monday, Oct. 5, 12:30 pm to 6 pm in the St. John's Fellowship Hall. Visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule a time. See flyers in the lobby for more information or contact Terri Pauling: 712-898-2307.

THE ART OF MARRIAGE EVENT COMING SOON! Pastor Broers and his wife Kristy will be hosting The Art of Marriage November 6th and 7th at St. John's Lutheran Church. The Art of Marriage is a video event to help couples find out how to best love one another. The videos are funny, informative, practical and varied in how they present the material. Over the six sessions, they talk about God's plans for marriage, how to survive conflict, how to communicate better with your spouse, Gender roles, sex and how to make your marriage last a lifetime. There is no group discussion time. We watch the videos together and you work on various projects one-on-one with your spouse. The weekend starts Friday night, November 6th at 7:00pm and will continue Saturday from 9:00-4:00. It costs \$50 and will include two workbooks as well as Saturday's lunch. **Registration Deadline: Monday, October 26th**

WAGS 'N WHISKERS Sunday, September 27th If you're available on Sunday, September 27, consider joining the fun at **Wags 'N Whiskers**, Wet Nose Rescue's **biggest fundraiser of the year!** This special event helps support Wet Nose Rescue and the animals in their care. Enjoy an afternoon featuring a **silent and live auction, Country Store, Fund-A-Cause, raffles, snacks and more!** **Sunday, September 27, Starting at 3:00 PM, Willow Creek Banquet Hall - 935 Park Lane, Le Mars.** Come out for an afternoon of fun, support a great local organization, and help Wet Nose Rescue continue making a difference for animals in need!

Remember These People in Prayer: Barb Ebel, Regyn Lloyd, 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

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First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:6-9 ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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

Second Reading: Romans 10:13-15 ¹³ For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. ¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

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 19th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 19:13-15 ¹³ Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, ¹⁴ but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of

heaven." ¹⁵ And he laid his hands on them and went away.

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.

Thank you for serving!	8:15 am	10:30 am
Greeter	Rob & Jamie Sudtelgte Steve & Rhonda Justice	Brad & Kaylyn Pick Jean Heeren
Lector	Rose Heeren	Tammy Lee
Comm Serv	Rose Heeren Joel Johnson Mark Kerberg	Brad Pick Krista Plueger Nicole Jarvis
Crucifer	Aiden Fintel	Kenzie Harms
Acolytes	Kali Gerloff Josie Kroll	Anna Ferguson
ProPresenter	Brenda Haverhals	Megan Jeneary
Video/Sound	Keith Westhoff	Jacob Jeneary
Altar Guild	Janice Milne Janys Schroeder	Donna Duque Cindy Kamies
Coffee Bar	Chris Knapp	
Ushers	Rod LaBahn, Capt., Joel J., Henry H., Mark K., Lowell P.	Gary Borchers, Capt., Harold L., Jeff J., Levi TB.



REGISTER HERE FOR "GROW"

Sun Sept 27	Mon Sept 28	Tues Sept 29	Wed Sept 30	Thurs Oct 1	Fri Oct 2	Sat Oct 3	Sun Oct 4
Noisy Offering 8:15 & 10:30 am Worship w/Comm 9:25 am Study Hour 9:30 am Pre Communion Class		10 am Staff Meeting L/L 5:30 pm P.o.P. 7 pm Men's Small Group L/L	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.			8:15 & 10:30 am Worship w/Comm/ 9:25 am Study Hour 9:30 am Pre Communion Class