



October 19, 2025 19th Sunday after Pentecost

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WELCOME Pastor Mark Vander Tuig, who will be sharing about his experiences with Missions this morning.

FORTRESS OF FAITH and **RADIO ADS** are in memory of Oliver Kellen by his family.

MISSION SUNDAY TODAY Be sure to stop at the tables in the lobby to see the many ways you can live out your faith by supporting the many worthy missions. Thank you to each of the Organizations for sharing their information with us: Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch, Compassion International, Her Health, Red Cross, Operation Christmas Child, Lutheran World Relief, and Voice of the Martyrs.

ALL CHURCH POTLUCK today, 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.

WANTED...30 CUP COFFEE POT If you have a coffee pot you are no longer using, please consider donating it to St. John’s. Contact the office with questions. Thanks!

HEARTS OF FIRE BOOK STUDY This group has begun meeting in the library on Monday’s at 4 pm. This is an 8 week study. Books are \$5. The book gives accounts of 8 women in the Underground Church and their stories of costly faith. Contact Iris is you are interested in attending.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Tuesday, October 21st. Please have all items to the office by end of day.

DO DAY has been moved to October 21 at 9 am. Please bring a sack lunch.

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!

ELDERBERRIES Join us October 22nd at 2 pm in the church parking lot. We will be taking a field trip to the Ruhland Green House. Wear good shoes and bring your assistance device for walking.

GROW MEAL for October 22 will be hot dogs.

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP MEETING October 22nd at 8:15 pm. This is a meeting for students and adults, who are interested in learning more about the HS Mission Trip to Chicago next Summer. Dates are July 18th-24th. 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!

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

Excel in The Grace of Giving! But since you excel in every-thing—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. ~ 2 Corinthians 8:7



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 November 11th. 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!...**Many have had their pictures taken this past week, however, 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.

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

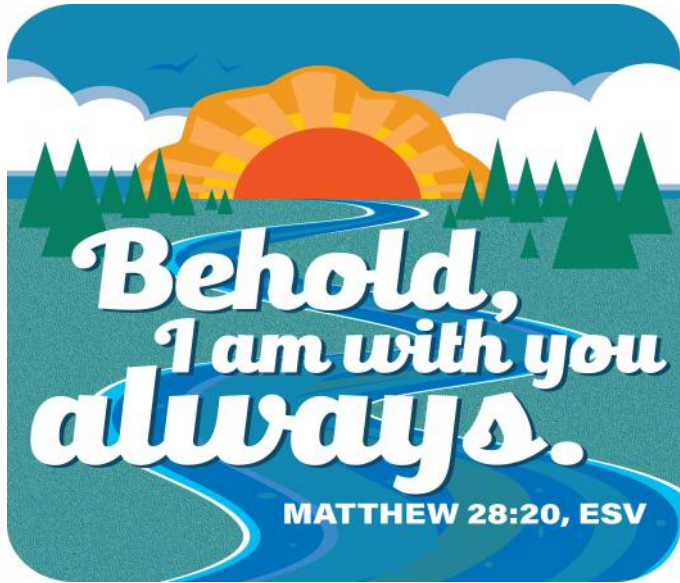
Thank you to our worship assistants!

	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Greeter	Mary Rieken	Cindy Kamies
Lector	Kristy Broers	Kristy Broers
Comm Serv	Arlene Wiener	Cindy Kamies
	Elvira Nielsen	Mary Roder
	Janys Schroeder	Denise Anthony
Crucifer	Gavin Rolling	Chesney Keleher
Acolytes	Aiden Fintel	Journey Keleher
	Owen Fintel	Ian DeRuyter
ProPresenter	Brenda Haverhals	Becky DeRuyter, Kemper Davis
Video/Sound	Micah Broers	Janys Schroeder
Altar Guild	Janys Schroeder	Linda Oloff
	Sherri Harms	
Coffee Bar	Jane Westphal	
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, Shirley, Kathryn, Bryan Utesch, and Bellamy; **Ongoing Prayers:** Louis Westhoff, Sherry Jo Wittkop, Robert, Ali, Brady Plucker, Diane Riediger, and Missy Rarrat **Sympathies** to the family and friends of Marge Adler, who passed away October 12th. **Care Facility Residents:** Good Samaritan - Russ Martfeld, Lorraine Luksan, Dennis Asche, Warren Oetken; Accura Health - Patty Lubben; 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 Oct 19	Mon Oct 20	Tues Oct 21	Wed Oct 22	Thurs Oct 23	Fri Oct 24	Sat Oct 25	Sun Oct 26
Mission Sunday 8 & 10:30 am Worship w/ Comm 9:15 am Study Hour 11:45 am Potluck	LifeWise 4 pm Hearts of Fire L/L 5:30 pm Visitation Team Mtg.	9 am Do Day 9:30 am Hannah Circle L/L 10 am Staff Meeting LifeWise 2 pm Imagine Heaven Study L/L 5:30 pm P.o.P Rehearsal 7 pm Men's Study Group L/L	LifeWise 2 pm Elderberries 5 pm Bells/GROW Meal 6 pm Worship 6:30 pm Catechism/ GROW 6:45 pm Sr. Choir 8:15 pm HS Mission Trip Meeting	9 am Prayer Time in Sanctuary 12-6 pm Blood Drive 5:30 pm Jarvis Small Group L/L			Noisy Offering New Member Sunday 8 & 10:30 am Worship w/ Comm/SS sings @ 8 am 9:15 am Study Hour 11:30 am Pizza 1 - 3 pm Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build

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First Reading: Acts 1:4-8 ⁴On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

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

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-20 ¹⁶So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

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 28th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20 ¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have

commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

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.