

St. John's Lutheran Church
Welcoming Everyone
Making Disciples
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August 30th, 2026 14th 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 & respect of our Veterans and Deployed Military by Karol Holton.

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.

BAPTISM Today we welcome into the family of God and St. John's, Willow Starr Posivio, daughter of Joey & Taije (DeRocher) Posivio. Baptism sponsors include Keshia Nashaleanas and Anna Posivio. May Willow's baptism day be the start of a lifetime walking in God's grace and love.

CONGRATULATIONS to Chris and Diane (LeBlanc) Wurth, who were married at St. John's on Saturday, August 29th. May God bless this new home with many happy and healthy years to come.

NOISY OFFERINGS will be collected today. Thank you for donating your loose change and bills. Small gifts make a BIG impact.

EDUCATION HELPERS/GUIDES TRAINING TODAY! Sunday, August 30th at 10:30 am, all catechism guides, Sunday school teachers/helpers and GROW teachers/helpers, are asked to meet in the Fellowship Hall for a training session. Your attendance is very important, as we will be going over expectations, safety protocols and other important aspects of the positions you will be serving this year.

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE Sunday, September 13th we will return to 2 worship services, 8:15 am and 10:30 am. Sunday School will start at 9:25 am till 10:20 am. Mark your calendars!

BELL AND SENIOR CHOIR PRACTICE will begin this Wednesday, September 2nd. Bells rehearsal will start at 5:30 pm and will be meeting in the Heritage Room on the second floor. Senior Choir practice will start at 6:30 pm in the choir room in the basement. See Mike if you have any questions.

GROW & GROW MEALS begin Wednesday, September 9th. GROW Meal will kick off at 6 pm till 6:30 pm with Papa Murphy's Pizza and treats. GROW will follow at 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.

CATECHISM GUIDES NEEDED! We are *STILL* looking for 2 adult males to "guide" the incoming 6th grade boys class starting this Fall. We meet each Wednesday evening from 6:30-8 pm. Please contact Pastor Broers with interest or questions. Thank you!

CATECHISM PRAYER PARTNERS WANTED! We are in need of approximately 10 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.

GROW HELP NEEDED! Positions to prayerfully consider: *Teachers (PreK-5th grade, Helpers (PreK-5th grade)*. Volunteers can be scheduled weekly, twice a month, or monthly. Contact Kristy or Pastor Broers with questions or to volunteer. Thanks!

COLLEGE STUDENT WRITING MINISTRY We are looking for St. John's members to join in a writing ministry for our college students for the upcoming school year. 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. Adults and Students may register by scanning the QR Codes. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Brennan via phone/text at 540-7315.

LABOR DAY St. John's will be closed Monday, September 7th in observance of the holiday.

MEN'S TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY GROUP We will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 15th, for 7 weeks. 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.*

THURSDAY IN THE WORD small group, will resume meeting on Thursday, September 10th, at 5:30 pm in the library. We will be looking at a study found on RightNow Media called "The Lie You Don't Know You Believe" by Jennie Allen. This is a 6 week study. We would love to have you join us!

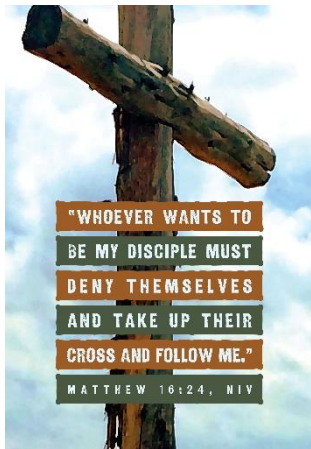


Remember These People in Prayer: Diane Z., Pat Gollhofer, Tammy Meier, Rex, Scott, Sharen, Joyce Gronemeyer, Angie, Denise, Carolyn, and Randy Stream; **Ongoing Prayers:** Nash, Diane K., Tim Lohafer, Jae'cion, Nancy H., Bellamy, Hanna Francksen-Small, Mason Sitzmann, Missy Rarrat, Alex Hines, Taelynn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

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

Sun Aug 30	Mon Aug 31	Tues Sept 1	Wed Sept 2	Thurs Sept 3	Fri Sept 4	Sat Sept 5	Sun Sept 6
Noisy Offering 9:30 am Worship w/Comm/Baptism Posivio 10:30 am Education Helper/Guide Training		10 am Staff Meeting L/L 5:30 pm P.o.P.	5:30 pm Bells 6:30 pm Catechism Student/Parent Orientation Acolyte Training 6:30 pm Sr. Choir	3 pm Imagine Small Group			9:30 am Worship w/Comm

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First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21 ¹⁵ Lord, you understand; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering - do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake. ¹⁶ When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, Lord God Almighty. ¹⁷ I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them; I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable? You are to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails. ¹⁹ Therefore this is what the Lord says: "If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them. ²⁰ I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you," declares the Lord. ²¹ "I will save you from the hands of the wicked and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel."

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

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21 ⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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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 16:21-28 ²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. ²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" ²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." 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.

REGISTER HERE FOR
"GROW"



FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Sunday School **9:25 - 10:20** am

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

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