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ST. JOHN
EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH ELCA

October
2017

WELCOME
New Members



Pastor John poses for a picture with our newest members: Courtney Hermel, Stephanie Bitner, Amanda Southwick, and Brooke Bartelt. Not pictured: Marion Jenson, Elmer and Evelyn Schmidhuber. WELCOME to St. John!

**Thank
You!**



AND I WILL GIVE YOU
PASTORS
ACCORDING TO MINE HEART, WHICH
SHALL FEED YOU WITH KNOWLEDGE
AND UNDERSTANDING



St John Evangelical Lutheran Church Mission Statement

St. John is a Christian family of disciples alive in a Scripture-based, Spirit-led mission of ministry, worship and play. Disciples at St. John Lutheran Church are expected to pray often, worship regularly, learn from the Scriptures, participate in the serving groups if physically able, offer their time and talent as the spirit calls them, and regularly contribute monetarily to support the mission and ministry of the church.

Photograph by Curt Yess

Office Hours



Church Office Hours

Monday — Friday
7:30 am — 11:30 am
12:30 pm — 4:30 pm
stjohn
@hickorytech.net

Lutheran World Relief

“Fair Trade Coffee” or “Fair Trade Tea” may be purchased the first Sunday of each month before or after services.



Prayer Ministers



Ask...
Seek...
Knock...

Prayer teams will be available in the narthex for prayer during all Sunday Communion services. **While communion is being served** you are invited to go to the narthex and a member will be there to hear your request and to pray with you. Please make use of this opportunity to pray!



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

MILITARY SERVICE
Savanna Grunzke, Chad Chum, Trevor Morris, Matt Wantoch, Dana Elias, Darren Peterson, Jacob Kuhns, Jacob Lemmen and Nathan Lonneman.



Men in Mission will serve a pancake breakfast with sausage, fruit and toppings Sunday October 1. Preschool and Kindergarten Children will be honored.

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

Hospitalized or ILL?

Pastor John would like to visit you if you have any mental or physical health issues. Therefore if you or a loved one is sick, or if you are in the hospital for a planned surgery or any other reason do contact us! Call 833-1703



Noisy Offering Sunday, October 1 at 9 am. Help the children fill our milk can. Offerings collected are for missions.

Anyone that wants to be included on St. John current Homebound Communion list please call the church office at 833-1703.



Sunday Bus (Smart Bus)



Complimentary bus Tokens are available for St. John members riding the bus to church. Call the church office 833-1703. You must call DISPATCH 1-855-762-7821 before 3pm Saturday to schedule your pickup and drop-off.



Freed & RENEWED in Christ 500 YEARS OF GOD'S GRACE IN ACTION

I've really struggled this year with the question, "what relevance does the Lutheran Reformation of 500 years ago have for us today?" With some help from a Pastor Johnson of Immanuel Lutheran in Chicago, here are my thoughts:

ELCA Lutherans consider the Bible to be central for our faith and Christian life.

Luther was determined that people read the Bible for themselves and determine what it means for them. We begin by asking what scripture meant to those who first heard it long ago. This requires a study of history, social-political contexts, literary styles, and ancient languages. Once we have a good idea what scripture meant, we are in the best position to consider what it means for us today. Critical thinking is a vital tool for doing this.

ELCA Lutherans encounter a living and still-speaking God in Word and Sacrament.

Martin Luther lifted up two sacraments as central to our Christian life and worship: Baptism and Communion. He maintained that we also encounter God in the preaching of the word. Together, word and sacraments are called "the means of grace." We encounter the living God in and through word and sacraments. Of course Lutherans recognize other ways God encounters us too, such as in nature, dreams, through loved ones, or even strangers. But through word and sacraments we are confident God is active in our lives.

ELCA Lutherans believe we draw closer to God (i.e. become justified) by grace through faith in Christ and not by our good works.

For Lutherans, this is the heart of the gospel. Grace defines our relationship with God. Grace means our future need not be determined by our past. This is why the gospel is called "good news." God has looked past our faults to respond to our needs. Faith is neither primarily intellectual (that is, having the right knowledge about God) nor emotional (that is how firmly or how sincerely one believes). Instead, Luther emphasized faith is relational. It is a form of trust. We are justified through faith because faith alone trusts God's promise of forgiveness for Christ's sake.

ELCA Lutherans believe Christians become priests through baptism into Christ, called to service using gifts unique to their particular area of work and vocation.

The term "vocation" literally means "calling" – Until Luther's time it was used primarily to refer to those with a special religious calling to be a priest, monk or nun. Luther expanded the idea to include all Christians. Luther affirmed that all human work is a calling from God if done in faith and for the service of neighbor. According to Luther, God doesn't need our good works, but people do. Christian faith, then, expresses itself in how we live out our professions, in how we attend to family relationships, and as we fulfill our responsibilities as citizens. These are all important and worthy arenas for service to our neighbor.

The Reformation of 500 years ago changed the ways we think about our Christian faith and Christian life. I'm sure much could be added to this list, but for me these are the ways the reformation still is relevant for us today.

Peace – Pastor John Omans



October 29, 9:00 am Reformation Sunday
Contemporary Worship

Ushers: Bob and Jean Miller
David Lewer, Melvina Conrath

Reader:

Acolyte: Janessa Baumgarten
Church Council: Kevin Dickie

Videographer:

Fellowship: WELCA Confirmation reception

October 1, 9:00 a.m. Seventeenth Sunday after
Pentecost Traditional Worship

Ushers: Scott and Shannon Hedberg,
Ethan Hedberg, Myra Battenfeld

Reader:

Acolyte: Lanesha Spies
Church Council: Cindy Coy

Videographer: Gyles Randall

Fellowship: Men in Mission Pancake Breakfast

October 29, 11:00 am Confirmation
with Communion

Ushers: Jeff and Ann Ruedy
Kevin and Cindy Dickie

Prepare Communion:

Rodney and Vickie Kolpin

Reader:

Acolyte: Owen Thomas

Church Council: Kevin Dickie



October 8, 9:00 a.m. Eighteenth Sunday after
Pentecost Contemporary Worship with Communion

Ushers: David and Gwen Oraskovich
Valerie Possehl, Kimberly Possehl

Reader:

Acolyte: Owen Thomas

Prepare Communion: Arlene Weber, Polly Dill

Church Council: Ron Alger

Videographer:

Fellowship:

VIDEO VOICE
OF ST JOHN



Each Sunday morning the worship service at St. John is videotaped and broadcast on Channel 8 Sundays at 5 pm and Mondays at 10:30 am.

Currently, St. John has a team of videographers who record Sunday's worship service for Channel 8 for those not able to attend the service. Because our team is mostly choir members, scheduling of weekly recorders has become a challenge. Duties of the videographer are simply arrive at church about 8:40, set up the camera, video record the announcements and worship service, and then take the video disk to the City of Waseca's curbside drop mail box. Each videographer takes about one Sunday per month. New videographers will be trained. If you are interested and would like to assist with this easy but valuable ministry, please contact Carrie in the office (833-1703) or Gyles Randall (835-4511).

October 15, 9:00 am Nineteenth Sunday after
Pentecost Traditional Worship with Communion

Ushers: Merrill and Mary Schultz
Dennis Sommers, Mark Sommers

Acolyte: Daniel Kuhns Jr.

Reader:

Prepare Communion: Craig and Cathy Johnson

Church Council: Sam Macklay

Videographer:

Fellowship:

October 22, 9:00 am Twentieth Sunday after
Pentecost Contemporary Worship

Ushers: Darwin and Julie Spies
Dewey and Kathy Zabel

Reader:

Acolyte: Josiah Behncke

Church Council: Dianne Bathke

Videographer:

Fellowship:



Christ-like Compassion

“If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.” (John 13:14)

“I have called you friends,” is our stewardship emphasis for this year. We are ‘stewards,’ which means that we are ‘care-takers,’ of Jesus’ gifts, Jesus’ mission, and Jesus’ church.

Jesus’ teaching of serving others that he demonstrated to his disciples is also reflected in his love and compassion for people he met. And Jesus has called us to imitate his love and compassion for those in our community today.

I have seen this Christ-like love and compassion demonstrated in our church and by our church members in their daily lives to:

- church attenders ...
- neighbors who do not have a church home ...
- people who are just passing through ...

Many of us first experience Christ’s compassionate love through a relationship with another person. That person’s love for us is an echo of the more profound love and mercy and compassion extended to us from the cross.

Christ’s love, given to us, is a gift that our Lord asks us in turn to offer to people who are alienated from God. Jesus asks us to echo his more profound love and mercy and compassion.

Our compassion for people who are spiritually lost should also extend to those who need food, shelter, or bandages for wounds – physical and emotional wounds – whether they are Christians or strangers to the faith.

Jesus calls us to echo the forgiveness and compassion we ourselves have received.

Peace, Pastor John Omans



Sermon Series for October 2017 *“Wisdom, Kings and Prophets”*

- 10/01/17...Matthew 21:23-32
- 10/08/17...1 Kings 21:1-21a
- 10/15/17...Amos 5:21-24
- 10/22/17...Isaiah 5:1-7, 11:1-5
- 10/29/17...2 Kings 22:1-20, 23:1-3





August 2017

Monthly

Income \$ 16,538
 Expense — 23,045
Diff (6,507)

Year to Date

Income \$ 149,764
 Expense— 173,773
Diff (24,009)

NOISY OFFERINGS

\$119.57
 was collected on
 September 3 for



Currently Available in the Narthex and Trinity Hall

Large print and regular size copies of :
 “Portals of Prayer”, “Christ in our Home”,
 and “The Upper Room” quarterly devotion
 books.

Council meeting monthly minutes

Extra Copies of our Lifeline Monthly
 Newsletter

Monthly Prayer Ventures from ELCA

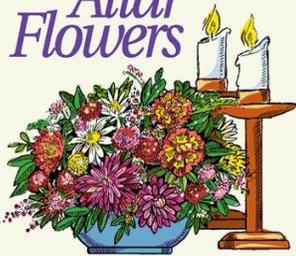
“Pockets” learning about God for children

“Gather” women’s magazine for faith and
 action

“The Lutheran Prayer
 book” a collection of
 prayers and inspirations
 for every Lutheran.



Altar Flowers



If you would like to adorn our altar with fresh flowers please call Debbie Bartelt at 461-4874 or the church office at least a week ahead of time. Two vases are \$40 paid to WELCA. This may be brought to the church office or put in the offering plate. Individuals whom belong to the

church may have this donation listed on their financial statements. You may request a color and/or flower preference. A written announcement can be put in the weekly bulletin specifying if they are “in honor of” or “in memory of”.

Welca Bible Study

Mary Bible Study
 Monday October 9 at
 1:30 pm in Trinity Hall

Ruth Bible Study
 Tuesday October 17 at
 7:00 pm at Realife
 Leader– Marie Tesch
 Hostess– Jean Miller

Sarah Bible Study
 Wednesday, October 18
 9:30 am

Fall Worship Schedule

Traditional Worship First and Third Sundays

**Contemporary Worship
 Second and Fourth Sundays**

Worship Schedule
Sundays at 9:00 am

Holy Communion
**Sunday October 8, 15 and October 29 at
 11am Confirmation Worship only**





OCTOBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 9am <i>Traditional Worship</i> Pastor Hegal Baptism/ Noisy Offerin 10:15am Children's Ministries /Pancake Breakfast MiM honor Pre-K & K 5:00 pm Video Voice</p>	<p>2 10:00 am Quilters 10:30 am Video Voice</p>	<p>3 7:00 pm Commissions</p>	<p>4 5:00 pm Pizza and Confirmation Class 6:15 pm Bells at Grace 7pm 3rd Gear at Grace Chapel</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 10am-3pm WELCA Work Day mission projects</p> 
<p>8 9am <i>Contemporary Worship with Communion /Baptism Bibles to 3rd graders</i> 10:15am Children Ministries & Fellowship 5:00pm Video Voice</p> 	<p>9 10:00 am Quilters 10:30 am Video Voice 1:30 pm Mary Circle Bible Study T.H.</p>	<p>10 6:30 pm Exec Council 7:00 pm Council Meet</p>	<p>11 9:30 a.m. Bible Study in T.H. 11:30 am Senior Lutherans Dinner 5pm Confirmation 6:15 pm Bells at Grace 7pm 3rd Gear at Grace Chapel</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 9am <i>Traditional Worship with Communion / Blessing New Drivers / Campus Ministry Sunday</i> 10:15am Children's Ministries /Fellowship 5:00 pm Video Voice</p>	<p>16 10:00 am Quilters 10:30 am Video Voice</p>	<p>17 7:00 pm Ruth Circle Bible Study at Realife 1212 3rd St NE</p>	<p>18 9:30 am Bible Study in T.H. 12 noon St. John Ministerial Lunch 6:15 pm Bells at Grace 3rd Gear TBA</p>	<p>19 Joint Communion 11:15 am Lake Shore Inn 1:00 pm Colony Court ICE</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 9 am <i>Contemp. Worship / Projects to 6th graders</i> 10:15am Children's Ministries/Fellowship 5:00 pm Video Voice 6:30 p.m. First Communion Class</p>	<p>23 10:00 am Quilters 10:30 am Video Voice</p>	<p>24 7pm Men in Mission</p>	<p>25 9:30 a.m. Bible Study in T.H. 5pm Confirmation 6:15 pm Bells at Grace 7pm 3rd Gear All Hallowed Eve meet at Grace</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 11:00am-1:30 pm Fall Festival hosted by WELCA</p>
<p>29 <u>Reformation</u> 9 am <i>Contemporary Worship</i> 10:15 am Children's Ministries/ WELCA Confirmation Reception 11am Confirmation 5:00 pm Video Voice 6:30 p.m. First Communion Class</p>	<p>30 10:00 am Quilters 10:30 a.m. Video Voice</p>	<p>31</p>				



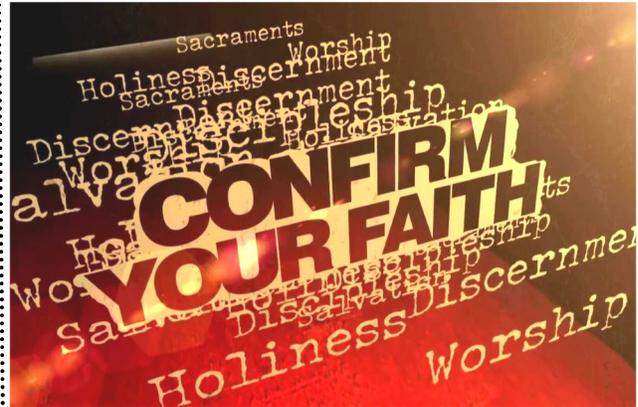


First Communion

Preparation classes for 5th graders are being held Sunday October 22 and Oct. 29 at 6:30 pm. First Communion Sunday is November 19 at 9:00 am. Contact Pastor John for more information.

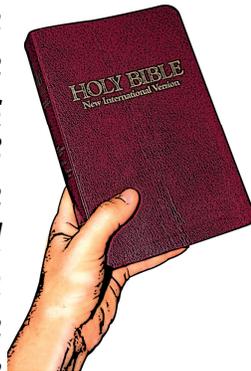


Confirmation of our Ninth Grade Students will be Sunday, October 29 at 11:00 a.m.

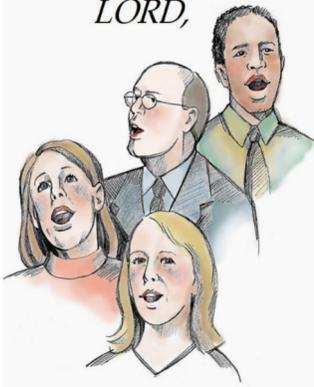


Confirmation is a rite by which adolescents following Christian Education profess the faith into which they were baptized. We also call this "affirmation of baptism." Confirmation is the beginning of a life of discipleship with a sense of purpose. Confirmation Students must be at St John by 8:00am for pictures with their parents, sponsors, etc wearing their gowns. Women of the ELCA will host a reception for confirmation at 10:00 a.m. Worship Service is at 11:00 a.m.

Bibles will be presented to the 3rd Grade students on Sun, October 8 at 9:00 a.m. These Bibles are provided by the St. John Women of the ELCA. They are used every year for confirmation projects.



"I will sing to the LORD,



Choir is a great way to build performance skills, develop confidence, help your voice grow, and make new friends. Anyone high school age or older is invited to join choir! Contact Deb Wantoch Yess at 835-3498 with questions

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

Building men for Christ

Men in Mission will be meeting Tues. October 24 at 7pm in Trinity Hall Viewing 2nd half of "Hacksaw Ridge" Host— Dennis Sommers Devotions— Russell Tesch



St. John's Children's Ministries and the Women of St. John will be doing a Thrivent Action Team for Lutheran World Relief School

Kits October 1, 2017 after the Men in Mission breakfast. Now is a good time to purchase school supplies as they are all on sale. Last year with your generous contributions we were able to send 150 School Kits to LWR so that children and sometimes adults living in poverty or disaster areas have essential supplies to continue their learning despite the hardships they face. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities. The following list of items are what is needed for each LWR kit.



- Four 70-sheet notebooks (280-300 sheets total) wide or college-ruled paper (approx. 8"x10 1/2 ")

- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

- One pencil sharpener

- One pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers

- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)

- One box of 16 or 24 crayons

- One 2 1/2 " eraser

Please leave items in the large basket in the Narthex, in Trinity Hall on the pew by the Library, or have your Sunday School student bring them to Sunday School. Thank you for your generosity for this important project. Lets see if we can increase the total amount of Kits completed this year.



Waseca Area Ministerial Soup Lunch

Wednesday, October 18 at 12 noon
Hosted by St. John Lutheran Church
401 3rd Ave. NE

Join us for food, fellowship, and a devotion from an area pastor — all for the cost of a donation
Waseca Ministerial Association helps those in need through area churches



Help Needed - Quilters

The quilters will be making more quilts this year than other years. Our supply of sewn quilt tops has gone down and we are urgently asking for volunteers to do some sewing for us. This involves sewing 48 squares together for a 60x80 inch quilt top which will then be made into a quilt when we meet on Mondays. There is a basket of quilt top kits in the Narthex and one in Trinity Hall. Call Jean Miller at 835-2094 with any questions.



Registration Deadline for 3rd Gear 2018 Summer Trips is Sunday, October 1. Go to 3rd Gear website (goo.gl/Ddkiep – it's case sensitive!) for more information.

High School Students – Please take 20 seconds and answer 2 questions about MEA by going here → goo.gl/kLCquS (case sensitive)



Blessing of The New Drivers – Any sophomore students getting, hoping, or anticipating getting their driver's license are invited on Sunday, October 8th for a Blessing! We, your faith community would love to celebrate with you and pray for you! The Blessing will be during the 9am worship.

3rd Gear Wednesdays Schedule:

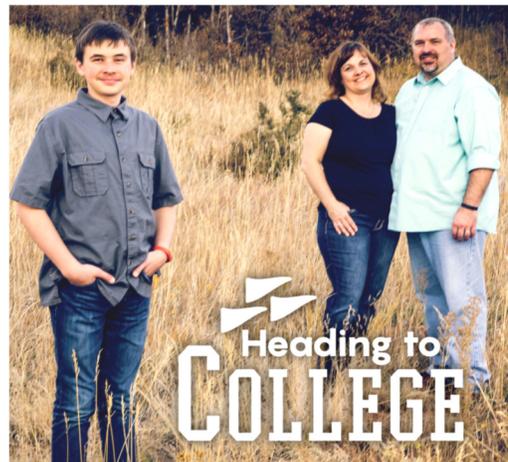
- 10/04 - @ Grace Chapel 7pm – 8:30pm
- 10/11 - @ Grace Chapel 7pm – 8:30pm
- 10/18 – Prince of Peace Mission
Outpost



10/25 – All Hallowed Eve
– Meet at Grace by 7pm

College Addresses Needed

Men in Mission will be sending out college care packages soon. Please submit your children's college addresses to the church office now by email, phone, or a note in the offering plate. Make sure they know we



are



Volunteers are needed to serve and minister with our young children. Could you help for an hour or the whole year? Our children are excited to learn about Jesus and share their faith with others. As a helper you also will be blessed in countless ways. Pam Grunzke 612-910-7230 or Anne Mitchell 507-573-2619.



Sunday, October 1 Everyone is invited to help The Women of the ELCA and the children. They will be working to put together school kits for Lutheran World Relief. **Some children do not have the basic school supplies.** Your donations are welcome and can be brought to Trinity Hall.



Preschool and Kindergarten Students

Pancake breakfast hosted by Men in Mission Sunday, October 1 is in honor of you!



Senior Lutherans Dinner



Learn Healthy Activities to keep you young.

Kristin Ziemke is a licensed Music Therapist. Discover what

amazing things music can do for your life!

Wednesday, Oct.11 at 11:30 a.m. In Trinity Hall \$7 Meatloaf Dinner Please RSVP to the church office by noon on Monday Oct 9 833-1703.



Wed. Nov 8
11:30 am
Senior Lutherans Musical Entertainment and a German Style meal by Debbie Bartelt

FALL FESTIVAL



Here is a list of some of the items needed to prepare the soup and sandwich luncheon. If you can donate any of these items please leave them in the box labeled Fall Festival in Trinity Hall prior to Wednesday, October 25. Thank you for help with these costs!

- 5 - 32 oz jars Hamburger Pickles
- 30 - cans Chicken Jumbo soup
- 4 - 11 oz boxes of Quaker Pearl Barley
- 4 - 20 oz cans Diced Tomatoes
- 3 - 16 oz jars of Beef Base Paste
- 6 - 6.25 jars of minced/chopped Onion
- 3 - 36 oz bottles Ketchup
- 2 - 16 oz bottles Mustard
- 3 - 46 oz cans Vegetable juice

Pies, baked goods and items for the Craft sale can be dropped off at the church on Friday, Oct. 27 from 7:30 am — 6:00 pm or else bring them on Saturday, but if you choose that option, please drop it off before 9:00 am.



“It is a fun day with all of the Women working together on a common goal, to help others.”



**Women of the ELCA Outreach
Mission Work Day Saturday,
October 7th**

The schedule is 10:00am -3:00pm with a potluck at noon group #5 serving followed by a General WELCA meeting. We will be assembling LWR Kits/Thrivent Action Team for *Baby Care Kits*. Other projects such as making bandages will also be worked on. All women of St. John are invited to assist in this worthwhile project.

“But Jesus called for them and said, Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.”

Today and every day, Lutheran World Relief Kits give families



around the world a helping hand, a sign of comfort and hope for the future. As needs increase around the world, requests for Kits are also on the rise. These Kits are urgently needed and your generosity in providing items for these Kits is greatly appreciated and is an immeasurable blessing to families around the world.



Baby Care Kits

A Thrivent Action Team by the Women of St John for October 7, 2017 will assist us in providing Baby Care Kits to help a mother and baby out into the world.

We are collecting for Lutheran World Relief baby Care Kits. Items needed are:

items for Baby Care Kits are-

lightweight cotton t-shirts, long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet) or shirt and pair of pants, receiving blankets, medium weight, cloth diapers, jacket or sweater or sweatshirt with a hood or a baby cap, Socks, dark hand towel, bath size bars of soap(4-6oz)

Gently used and clean items (no stains or tears) can be used. Garage sales are a good place to get some of these items. Please leave items in the basket in the narthex or on the pew in Trinity Hall.



**AVAILABLE
ONLINE**



On Our Website

Pastor's blog (sermon), Weekly announcements, the monthly Lifeline newsletter, google calendar, electronic giving, Information about our ministry groups and so much more.

Check it out at www.stjohnwaseca.org



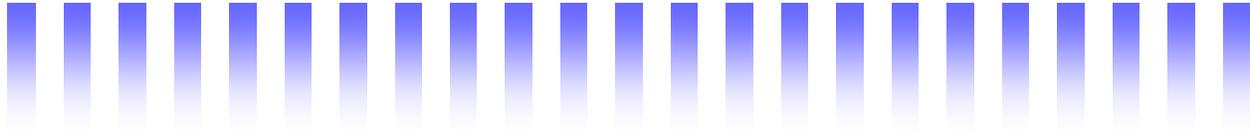
Pastoral Acts

Weddings-
*Alex Cooper
and Brooke Bartelt*

*Tanner Schlueter
and Allison Thooft*

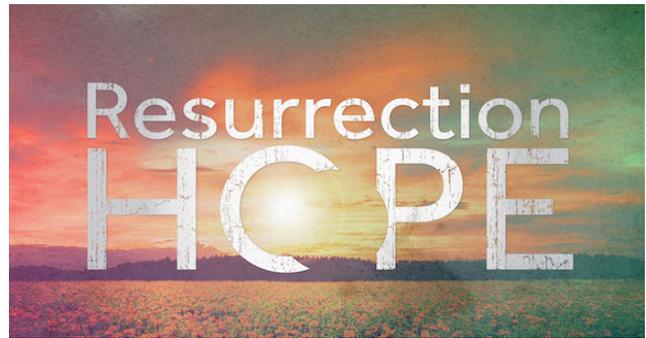
Baptism-
*Caden Fordham
Elliot Nelson*

Burial-
Karee Kruger



Mexico





**New Bible Study:
The Hope of Resurrection
1 Corinthians 15**

Have you ever wondered what happens when we die?

Pastor John will lead a new Bible Study for six weeks beginning Wed. Oct 11 at 9:30 am in Trinity Hall. There is no cost, but please RSVP to the church office 833- 1703 so we have enough materials for everyone.



Food Shelf Month

Please bring nonperishable items to worship in October. Please leave your items in front at the altar. They will be delivered to the Waseca Neighborhood Service Center.



Remember the Neighborhood Service Center can purchase items at reduced prices, so cash donations are greatly appreciated!



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Council Vice-President

Kevin Dickie, 507-835-4151

Council Secretary

Cindy Coy, 507-837-9115

Congregational Life

Ron Algers, 763-232-2874

Education Committee

Pam Grunzke, 507-835-3121

Worship and Music

Dianne Bathke, 507-835-3653

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