Lifeline

Firmly Rooted in God's Word

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

September 2016

MEN in Mission

MEN IN MISSION & FRIENDS

ATTEND THE TWINS GAME

St John 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.

Homebound Communion

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

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

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!

Have you checked out Pastor John's blog, which is the current weeks sermon? http://stjohnwaseca.wordpress.com/ **You can also find it on our website!**

MILITARY SERVICE

Jacob Kuhns, Trevor Morris, Matt Wantoch, Dana Elias, Darren Peterson, Chad Chum, and Jacob Lemmen. Please let us know of others to add to this list.

Noisy Offering Sunday, September 4 at 9 am. Help the children fill our milk can

Men in Mission will serve a Continental Breakfast following worship on Sunday September 4.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Friday
7:30 am —11:30 am
12:30 pm— 4:30 pm
stjohn@hickorytech.net
507-833-1703

Confirmation CLASSES

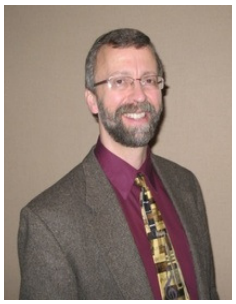
Confirmation Orientation is Wed. Sept. 7 at 6:30 for students and parents of 7th and 8th graders.

Classes resume Wed, Sept. 14
5:00pm Pizza (optional)
5:30pm– 7:00pm Class

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



From the Pastor

THE CALL OF MOSES

Ministry Fair Sunday and our "vocation"

"Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt … So come, I will send you…'" (Exodus 3:7, 10)

God says, "Moses, I am calling you! I have a job for you!"

The story about Moses and the burning bush, like the stories of God's call to many people in the Bible and Jesus' call to his disciples, is reminding us to pay attention to our vocation.

Vocation is another one of those church words, but a useful word for us to think about. Vocation literally means "to be called." It refers to something more encompassing than the work we do for a living. Vocation is the work that God is calling us to do. It's a very Biblical way of thinking about life.

Your vocation might be your occupation, and it might not. It could be teaching Sunday school, or making quilts, or serving coffee hour, or video recording our worship service. Your vocation might be attending a bible study and digging deeper into God's Word, or your vocation might be serving on Church council or on one of our commissions. Your vocation can change. It might be one thing this year and something else next year.

Someone may say, "I've done too many bad things, or, I'm not sure my faith is very strong, I'm not sure God can use me." Moses was a murderer and God used him. When we baptize, a representative of this congregation stands up and says, "We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share." As baptized members of the Body of Christ, we become responsible for doing the work that God has called us to do, individually and together, the hard work and the easy work, the desirable work and the not so desirable work.

As you enter this fall season, and every season of our life, I encourage you to think about this question: what is God calling you to do?

I encourage you to listen for God's voice; because with our labor and God's faithfulness, awesome things are sure to happen.

On Sunday, September 11th, we will have a "Ministry Fair" at St. John. Tables will display the various activities that happen in our church, and we will have the opportunity to add our name, to offer our service, and to employ the gifts the Spirit has given us.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday morning, September 11, 2016. Thanks!

Peace – *Pastor John*

September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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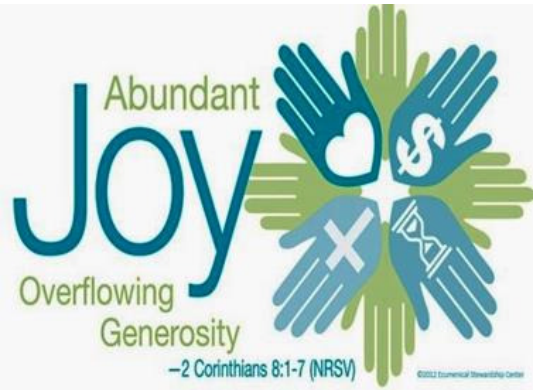
			Pastor John on vacation			
4 ***9:00 am Traditional Worship*** *Pastor Hegal– Guest pastor Noisy offerings 10:15 am Men in Mission Continental Breakfast 5:00 pm Video Voice*	5 *10:30 am Video Voice*	6 *7:00 pm Commissions*	7 *6:30 p.m. 7&8 gr. Students and Parents Confirmation Orientation 3rd Gear Welcome Freshman Night*	8 *7pm WELCA guest night Trinity Hall Federal Corrections Choices Program*	9	10
Pastor John on vacation						
11 ***9:00 am Contemporary Worship w/communion*** *Favorite Hymn Sunday (purple) 10:15 am Ministry Fair Fellowship, Choir starts, Photo Directory sign up 5:00 pm Video Voice*	12 *10:00 a.m. Quilters 10:30 am Video Voice 1:30 p.m. Mary Bible Study T.H.*	13 *6:30 pm Executive Council 7:00 pm Council*	14 *11:30 a.m. Senior Dinner 5:00pm Pizza 5:30 pm Confirmation 7:00pm3rd Gear Acts of Random Kindness*	15 *Joint Communion 11:15 am Lake Shore Inn 1:00 pm Colony Court* ICE	16	17
18 ***9:00 am Traditional Worship w/Communion*** *Favorite Hymn Sunday (cranberry) 10:15 am Sunday School Resumes and Fellowship Photo Directory sign up 5:00 pm Video Voice 6:30 & 7:30 pm Summer Trip Info Meet at St. John*	19 *10:00 a.m. Quilters 10:30 am Video Voice*	20 *7:00 p.m. Ruth Circle meets at Realife 1212 3rd Street NE*	21 *9:30 am Sarah Circle at Bonnie Lewer's 12 noon "Peace" Ministerial Lunch 5:00pm pizza 5:30pm Confirmation 7:00pm 3rd Gear Grace Chapel*	22	23 *5pm Re-hearsal*	24 *3:30 pm Wedding*
25 ***9:00am Contemporary Worship*** *New Member Sunday 10:15 am Sunday School, and Fellowship 5:00 pm Video Voice 6:00 pm Bible Study* Life & Ministry of the Messiah	26 *10:00 a.m. Quilters 10:30 am Video Voice*	27 *7:00 p.m. Men in Mission*	28 *9:30 am Bible Study in Trinity Hall* Life & Ministry of the Messiah *5:00 pm Pizza & Confirmation*	29	30	
		Directory Photos taken in the Chapel		2pm-9pm		



"Be still and know that I am God."-Psalm 46:10

(In last month's lifeline, I introduced the symbols on the picture to the left. For a summary, see the bottom of this article)

This month, I invite you to reflect on the hand with the timer, and our stewardship of our time.

The words of the Psalm 46 center our reflection: "Be still, and know that I am God! To be still reveals willingness to value personal quiet time with God. No iPod, radio, TV, cell phone – just sitting quietly in the company of God takes practice.

This quiet time with God is a time to listen to God's Word, as found in the Bible, and a time to speak to God in prayer.

Many excellent resources are available at the church – devotionals that include a Bible reading, a thought or application from that Bible reading, and a prayer. Many excellent resources are also available on the web. One, geared to young adult women is found at http://www.boldcafe.org/ A different, excellent devotional, geared to people of all ages, is found at http://d365.org/ I've used this one at times, while eating breakfast.

Jesus says that his followers hear his voice (John 10:27). Reserving a place and time each day to "hear" the voice of God allows God to put his Word into our minds. There, it can be with us throughout the day, as we reflect, think, and ponder on what God is saying to us.

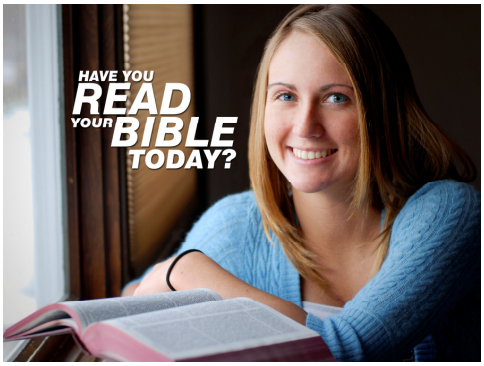
Time with God each day allows us to know that we are treasured and loved by God. Most importantly, claiming a quiet time to listen and speak to God allows us to be…just be…with God and ourselves.

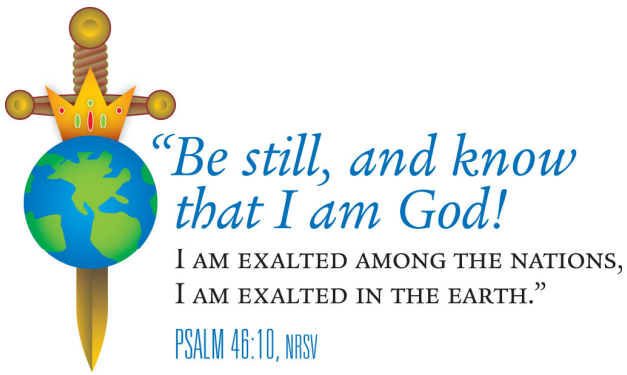
- What are you challenges to claiming a personal quiet time with God?
- What are the benefits of stillness in your relationship with God?

"Stewardship" is a word that refers to our management of all that God has entrusted to our care – our time, our worship, our gifts, and our finances.

These four areas of our stewardship are illustrated in the above picture. Hands are used for the illustration, because hands represent a giving of ourselves to God. The hand with the timer represents our time. The hand with the cross represents our worship. The hand with the heart represents our gifts. The hand with the dollar sign represents our finances.

Peace be with you all - *Pastor John Omans*





Help Meet Our Budget

July 2016

Monthly	
Income	$ 15,208
Expense	— 17,299
Diff	(2,091)
Year to Date	
Income	$ 132,547
Expense	— 145,022
Diff	(12,475)

NOISY OFFERINGS

$88.41
was collected on August 7 for missions.

3rd GEAR

Save the Dates:
09/07 - Welcome Freshmen Night at Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm– Info letter going out soon!
09/14 - A.R.K. (Acts of Random Kindness) Senior High Edition – Parents with clean driving records are encouraged to pack a van with kids and experience this!
09/21 – 3rd Gear in Grace Chapel
09/28 – **NO 3rd Gear**

2017 Summer Trip Informational Meeting – Sunday, September 18 at 6:30pm in St John's Trinity Hall. Students who will be in grades 9-12 in the fall of 2017 are invited to hear about the trips 3rd Gear will be taking!

2017 Summer GRADUATE Trip Meeting – Sunday, September 18 at 7:30pm in St John's Trinity Hall. All 2017 graduates are invited to start the process of planning your Senior trip!

grace & peace
Marty

Welca Bible Study

Women of the ELCA

Mary Bible Study
Monday, September 12 1:30 pm
in Trinity Hall

Ruth Bible Study
Tuesday, September 20 7pm at Realife
Host– Joann Spies
Leader—Linda Sandborg

Sarah Bible Study
Wed. Sept 21 9:30 am
Bonnie Lewer's

PRAYER VENTURES

a resource from the ELCA is available in Trinity Hall and in the narthex. It includes prayers for every day of the month. Pick yours up today.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

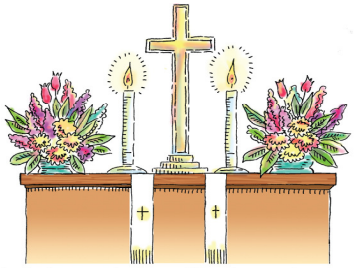
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Service
Worship 9:00 am

Traditional Worship
(first and third Sundays)

Contemporary Worship
(second and fourth Sunday)

Holy Communion
September 11, 18



Worship Schedule

Pentecost 16 September 4, 9:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship

Ushers: Don and Linda Wesseling
Danielle Timmerman, David Lewer
Reader: Bruce Boyce
Acolyte: Jay Lewer
Church Council: Kevin Dickie
Videographer: Jackie Krause
Fellowship: Men in Mission

Pentecost 17 September 11, 9:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship with Communion

Ushers: Bob and Jean Miller,
Myra Battenfeld, Wallace Priebe
Prepare Communion: Scott and Shannon Hedberg
Prayer Ministers: Sue Erdman, Shirley Raetz
Reader: Rod Kolpin
Acolyte: Kailey Overland
Videographer: Dennis Sommers
Church Council: Pam Grunzke
SCRIP:_____we need help
Fellowship: _____we need help

Pentecost 18 September 18, 9:00 am
Traditional Worship with Communion

Ushers: David and Gwen Oraskovich
Wayne Johnson, Joseph McCarthy
Prepare Communion:
Myra Battenfeld, Carol Tilney
Prayer Ministers: Dewey and Kathy Zabel
Reader: Sally Takala
Acolyte: Ethan and Grace Speikers
Cantor: Mike Harvey
Church Council:
Marcia Bartz
Videographer:
Marcia & Dennis Bartz
SCRIP:_____volunteers needed
Fellowship:_____volunteers needed

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!
Sun., Sept. 11 at 10:30 am

Pentecost 19 September 25, 9:00 am
Contemporary Worship in Trinity Hall

Ushers: Jon and Vicky O'Neil
Lanae Feser, Bruce Boyce
Reader: Rose Thissen
Acolyte: Josiah Behncke
Church Council: Don Wesseling
Videographer: Jackie Krause
SCRIP:_____we need you
Fellowship: _____we need you

We are getting ready to create a new photo directory and we need you to help make it complete! By participating you will receive a free printed directory. Sign up for your professional photography session after church on Sunday, September 11 at the ministry fair, online at www.appt.lifetouch.com or call the church office at 833-1703.Our directory won't be complete without you!

We are looking for volunteers to help with the photo directory. You would be welcoming members of the congregation as they prepare for their photo session. Each shift would be about 4 hours long. Please contact the church office if you can help.

Living Lutheran

CALLED FORTH TOGETHER IN CHRIST: LET'S GO

Our new publication for the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – that's us!) is called "Living Lutheran." You can subscribe at www.livinglutheran.org

In this article, in the July "Living Lutheran," Called forth together in Christ: Let's go," the presidents and chief administrative officers of the eight ELCA seminaries were invited to offer their brief perspectives on the future of the church. I was especially inspired by two of the perspectives:

"The future of the church of Jesus Christ is exciting. Yes, there is decline in places. But that decline doesn't mean that the Spirit is idle. God is mightily on the move in the world. There are more Lutherans in the largely Muslim populated country of Indonesia than in North America. And the Lutheran church there is growing. Nothing can prevail against Christ's church, which is growing faster today than in any previous period in history."

Clay Schmit, provost, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary/Lenoir-Rhyne University, Columbia, S.C.

"The future is God's. How can it not be hopeful? Our call is to discern where God is leading us, and our prayer is to have to courage to follow. Will we be a smaller church, a larger church, in decline or growing? None of that ultimately matters … Our mission is to boldly declare the promises of Scripture, to stand in solidarity with those who suffer or are oppressed, and to embody Christ's love to our neighbors in need. God will take care of the rest.

David Lose, president, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia

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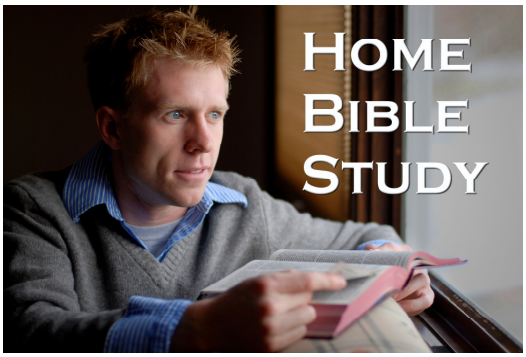
Upcoming Bible readings

I invite you to read the following Bible texts in preparation as we explore Joshua in a series of Sundays titled:
"Going Forward with God."



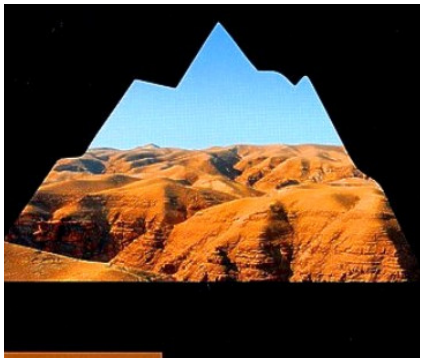
09/11/16 Deuteronomy 30:15-20
09/18/16 Joshua 1:1-9
09/25/16 Joshua 2:1-24
10/02/16 Joshua 3:1-17
10/09/16 Joshua 4:1-8a, 15-24
10/16/16 Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

MEN in Mission

Men In Mission will be putting together college care packages soon. We need college students' current address to the church office by *November 1* so the package can arrive during finals week.

Life and Ministry of the Messiah.

Pastor John will lead a new Bible Study for six weeks Wed. Sept. 28 at 9:30 am in Trinity Hall. A Sunday night session is also being planned. If you are interested in Sunday nights please attend Sun night Sept. 26 at 6pm.



Discover Jesus

Journey back to the time of Jesus. Marvel at the magnificence of Herod's palace. Scramble among the ruins of Qumran. Wonder at the simplicity and wisdom of Jesus' parables. Discover how the events of Jesus' day impacted his life, ministry, and communication. Then let them impact yours.

Imagine having to choose between a meal or purchasing a notebook. Project Promise School Kits are sent to places where even the few required school supplies may be more than a family can afford. Pencils and paper can help write a positive future putting together school kits for LWR.

On Sunday, October 2, Women of the ELCA, Sunday School Students and Parents will be assembling school backpacks for LWR. *If you can bring school supplies to add to WELCA's it would be greatly appreciated!*

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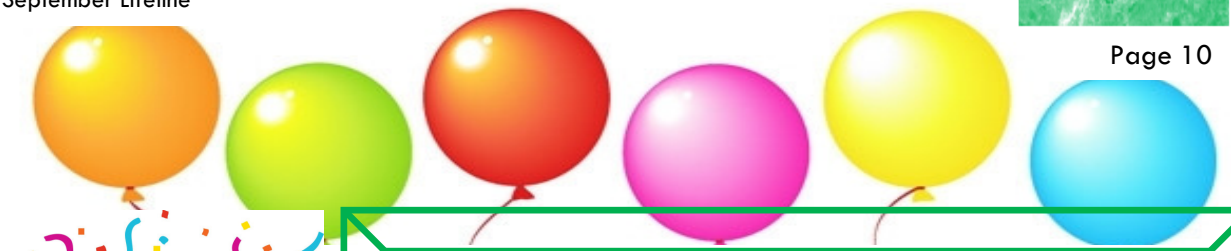
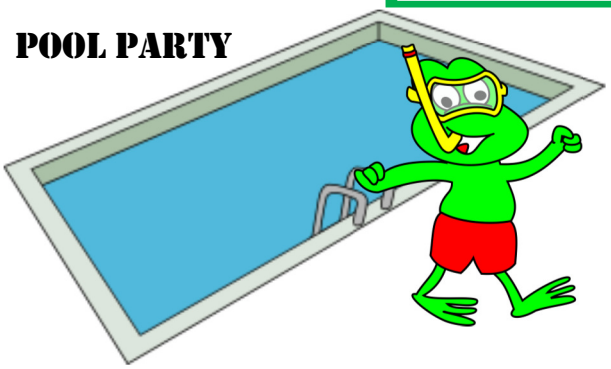


Ministry Fair

Join us at the Ministry Fair on Sunday, Sept 11 following worship. We will be celebrating the many ministries of our congregation. Prayerfully discern what special skills and talents God might be calling you to share. Many thanks to all those faithful and generous stewards of St. John.

POOL PARTY



COME EARLY AND SWIM!

Men in Mission's next get together is Tuesday, September 27, starting at 5:30 pm at Bill Erdman's Home.

Host Jody Wilker

Devotions Dale Wegner

MEN in Mission

Guest Night

Thursday, September 8, 2016
7:00 PM in Trinity Hall

Federal Corrections Institution Choices Program

Guest Speaker: Sue McIntosh-Mentor Coordinator

Sue will speak about a program called **"Choices"** at the FCI. This is a program that teaches public speaking skills to offenders and assists them to be able to tell their personal stories to various audiences with the intent of providing insight into pathways to crime, the consequences of criminal thinking and activities, and the prison experiences.

Each offender must go through an application process to be accepted into the program and must attend classes prior to presenting their story to the public. There will be one to two offenders presenting.

Encourage

one another and build each other up

Fellowship and lunch will follow

Enjoy a warm bowl of soup, fellowship with friends and a devotional from an area pastor.-

just for the cost of a donation

Wednesday Lunch

September 21, 12 noon

St. John Lutheran Church

401 3rd Ave. SE Waseca

Sponsored by the Greater Waseca Ministerial Association

Sunday School NEWS

Sunday School Classes Resume on <u>September 18</u>, 10:15 am-11:00 am. Registration forms are available in the narthex and Trinity Hall. We can use your help!

Contact Pam Grunzke

612-910-7230 or

Anne Mitchell **833-4078**

Let's Make Some MUSIC

SCRIP

Area Merchants will give us Free $100,000 or more to our St. John Youth Program.

The only stipulation is that we buy items from their businesses. There is no cost to the members of our church! A percentage of each purchase will be donated to the church. The more we buy the more we make. It's that simple. Gift certificates are purchased at face value and the merchants give scrip a percentage discount on the cards. **Scrip can be purchased before or after worship on Sundays, or at the church office during the week.** We will return to selling EVERY Sunday after we enjoyed a "summer break" of only selling twice a month.. It's Back to School time so let's get FIRED UP about saving for our youth! **We are all a family at St John & we can ALL help the youth. Every scrip purchase you make will help the youth of St John and 3rd Gear.** Individual Youth Accounts begin 9/1/2016 and continue through 4/30/2017. You do not need to be a member of St John to purchase scrip.

Talk to Amy LeCocq, Scrip Coordinator, about helping to sell Scrip on Sundays at 837-9733.

October 1st WELCA Outreach Mission Work Day. The schedule is 10:00am -3:00pm with a potluck at noon followed by a General WELCA meeting. We will be assembling LWR Kits/Thrivent Action Team for *Baby Care Kits*. Other projects may be worked on also. All women of St. John are invited to assist in this worthwhile project.

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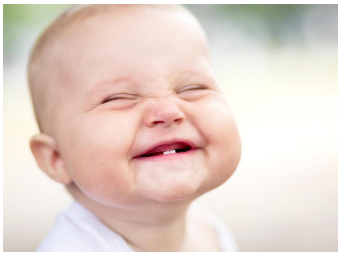
It is a fun day!

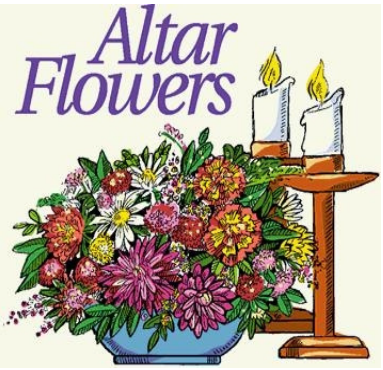


Senior Lutherans Dinner

Wednesday, September 14 at 11:30 am $7.00 Call the church office at 833-1703 before noon on Monday, September 12 to reserve your meal.

VIDEO VOICE OF ST JOHN

Each Sunday morning the worship service at St. John is videotaped and broadcast on Channel 8 Sundays at 5:00 pm and Mondays at 10:30 am.



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 and labeled. 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".

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Ask for an authorization form in the church office. Or visit our church website. Endorsed by the Thrivent Federal Credit Union.

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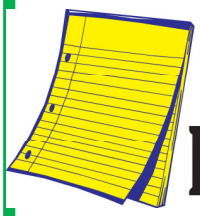

Take Note!

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.

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.

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