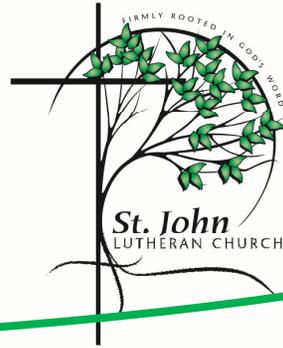


Firmly Rooted in God's Word

Lifeline



ST. JOHN EV.
LUTHERAN
CHURCH ELCA

August
2018



Serve Boldly
Youth Mission Trip
Chicago IL
July 8-14

*Thank you to everyone who
supports our youth*



Sorting books at "Bernie's Book Bank"

Painting at Irving Park Lutheran Church



St John 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 Evangelical 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.

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Church Office Hours

Monday — Friday
7:30 am — 11:30 am
12:30 pm — 4:30 pm

Email- stjohn@hickorytech.net
Call-507-833-1703
www.stjohnwaseca.org
Facebook- [stjohnlutheranchurchelca](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnlutheranchurchelca)

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!



MILITARY SERVICE

Jacob Kuhns, Trevor Morris, Matt Wantoch, Dana Elias, Darren Peterson, Savanna Grunzke, Madyson Murphy, Jacob Lemmen and Nathan Lonneman. Please let us know of others to add.

Men in Mission will serve a Continental Breakfast on Sunday, August 5 following worship.



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 the church



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!



Lutheran World Relief

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



Noisy Offering Sunday, Aug. 5 at 9:00 am. Help the children fill our milk can with coins. Used for World hunger.



Anyone that wants to be included on our 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 at 833-1703. You must call DISPATCH 1-855-762-7821 before 3pm Saturday to schedule your pickup and drop-off.



From time to time, I just want to remind you what a joy and honor it is to be the pastor of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Lord has been so good to the Church, he has blessed us in so many ways. For the things that happen in this



church, year after year, it is truly the work of the Lord. I want to thank the Lord for the wonderful ways that you participate in the ministry and mission of St. John. And there are several that, sadly, have died over the years, but we trust in the Lord's promise that we will meet again. And the Lord graciously continues to add to St. John - people that love each other, serve each other, and participate in the Lord's mission and ministry:

To participate in a deep life of prayer and worship,
 To be an instrument of God's healing for the broken,
 To be an instrument of God's grace to a world in need.
 To be an instrument of God's love for all.

As pastor I want to say, "thank you," and I love all of you very much. I praise the Lord for the Spirit-Filled worship and fellowship, and I thank God for His presence with us as his people.

I want to encourage the members of St. John to participate in the mission and ministry which the Lord has entrusted to us, and to always pray for this church and to ask the Lord to help us to grow in faith and service. Once again thanks for allowing me to be your Pastor! All of you are a real blessing to me and my wife. I can only hope that I have inspired all of you as much as you have inspired me.

Thank you so much for all that you do. You make this great place possible.

Peace -*Pastor John Omans*



WOULD YOU CONSIDER JOINING St. John Church?

Joining the Church at St. John is a way to deepen one's participation in the mission and ministry of our Lord.

Would you, or someone you know, like to join St. John Church?

Please call the Church office and speak to Carrie, or Pastor John, at 833-1703

On Sunday, September 30 we will celebrate our New Members!





June 2018	
Monthly	
Income	\$ 18,486
Expense —	21,712
Diff	(3,226)
Year to Date	
Income	\$ 118,305
Expense —	130,101
Diff	(11,796)

NOISY OFFERINGS

\$97.17 in coins were collected on July 1 for World hunger.



Senior Lutherans Dinner

Senior Lutherans Dinner Wed, August 8, at 11:30 am \$7. **Presentation by 3rd Gear Youth Mission Trip Participants.** (see page 1 of this Lifeline) “Build your own burger” catered by the Pheasant Café. Please call the church office by noon on Monday, August 6 at 833-1703 to RSVP.

Welca Bible Study

Bible Studies are based on the monthly Gather magazine
Mary Bible Study
 Monday, August 13 1:30 pm
 in Trinity Hall Leader– Jean Miller

Ruth Bible Study
 Tuesday, August 21 7:00 pm
 at Latham Place
 First Floor Conference Room



Women of the ELCA Guest Night
Pastor Dick and Caryl Jorgensen



“Songs of Faith, Family and Fun”

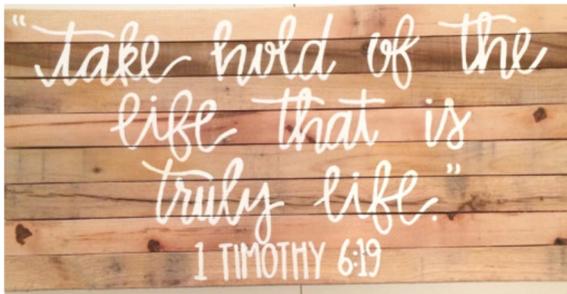
Thursday, September 6 at 7pm in Trinity Hall. Fellowship and lunch following the program.

Pastor Dick and his wife Caryl have sung together since college. Folk music, both traditional and original continues to be an important part of their lives.



Are you looking for a fun environment to work with children? We are seeking an individual for St. John Children’s Ministries. Please call the church office at 833-1703 or talk with Pastor John Omans.





Live Simply-Share Enough

*“Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have.”
(Philippians 4:11)*

In the middle of expressing appreciation to the Philippian Church for their financial support, the Apostle Paul writes some strange words for a thank you note. They sound like a bit of an ‘aside’ – *“Not that I am referring to being in need.”* Reading that, by itself, perhaps we would say, ‘Paul doesn’t need our financial gifts.’ But such a reaction would miss the main point of what Paul is saying. He continues, *“For I have learned to be content with whatever I have.”* Paul has learned one of the most valuable lessons any of us can learn: namely, to get along just fine with what one has.

I am envious of Paul, for I am not there yet. I grew up in the Baby Boomer generation, and I must admit that I have not yet fully learned to be content with whatever I have. Call me a ‘recovering consumerist.’

I learn a little bit more about this, every time I go on a mission trip and witness:

How others live on less that I do, living on few possessions, and in many cases, finding contentment in that;

How much can be done to help with little, feeding meals, donating time, making things, and most importantly, loving our neighbors in need;

How my gifts, financial and the giving of myself, can make a difference.

As you go through you week, and month, pray that God will give you insight into how you can become more content, and how you can share enough with a needy and hurting world.

Pastoral Acts

Funerals

Virginia Elias, Phyllis Werner

Wedding

Matt Sommers and Nicole Kalow



**Council
Notes**

Ron Alger has resigned from the Council due to a job change and will be moving. The Council has been searching for a replacement.



Pastor John and Nadine will be having an open house at the parsonage 400 9th St. SE
Sunday, August 19 from 2pm-5pm



LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION



Some of the men enjoying the “Pool Party” July 24. Thank you Bill for hosting!

Lutheran Men in Mission’s next gathering will be at St. John Church Tuesday, August 28 at 7:00pm. Host– Dennis S. Devotions– Russell T.



Men in Mission will host a **Movie Night for the whole family** in Trinity Hall Sunday, September 23 at 6:30p.m.



I Can Only Imagine is a gripping reminder about the power of forgiveness, beautifully illustrating that no one is ever too far from God’s love or from an eternal home in Heaven.

Remember your church this summer! Simply Giving® an easy, generous choice

If you think you may miss church services this summer due to travel or other commitments, consider setting up an automatic giving schedule. Your consistent support is vital to our church, especially during summer months.

There is information on our church website, or ask for an authorization form in the church office.



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.





Eleventh Sunday in Pentecost August 5, 9:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship

Ushers: Scott and Shannon Hedberg
David and Gwen Oraskovich
Reader: Shannon Hedberg
Acolyte: Jenessa Baumgarten
Church Council: Dianne Bathke
Videographer: Marcia and Dennis Bartz
SCRIP: _____
Fellowship: Men in Mission

Twelfth Sunday in Pentecost August 12, 9:00 a.m.

Contemporary Worship with Communion

Ushers: Craig and Cathy Johnson
Darwin and Julie Spies
Prepare Communion: Pauline Dill, Arlene Weber
Prayer Ministers: Sue Erdman, Shirley Raetz
Reader: _____
Acolyte: Erika Bowers
Church Council: Kari Priebe
Videographer: Merril Schultz
Fellowship: Dewey and Kathy Zabel

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 19, 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion

Ushers: Dennis Sommers, Mark Sommers
Jeff and Ann Ruedy
Prepare Communion: Mary Meyman, Sue Michaels
Prayer Ministers: Dewey and Kathy Zabel
Reader: _____
Acolyte: Hannah Fordham
Church Council: Michael Schlueter
Videographer: Gyles Randall
Fellowship: _____

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 26, 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship in Trinity Hall

Ushers: Merril and Mary Schultz
Wayne Johnson, Linda Sandborg
Acolyte: Peyton Garza
Reader: Mary Schultz
Church Council: Kevin Dickie
Videographer: Curt Yess
Fellowship: Worship and Music Committee

**BIBLE READINGS FOR
UPCOMING SUNDAYS**

*God's soundtrack for the life of faith
(Psalms)*

Aug 5 – Psalm 40:1-10
Aug 12 – guest preacher John 6:35, 41-51
Aug 19 – Psalm 8
Aug 26- Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-10



**Worship
Schedule
for the
Summer**

Traditional Worship
on the first and third
Sundays at 9:00 am

Contemporary Worship
on the second and fourth
Sundays at 9:00 am

Holy Communion
Sunday August 12 and August 19

Worship in Trinity Hall
Sunday August 26

God's work. Our hands.

God's Work, our Hands

Sunday, September 9th

You are invited to participate!

- Pancake breakfast follows worship (hosted by Men in Mission). A free-will offering will be given to Bethlehem Inn, a transitional home for woman and children being started in Waseca – supported by Waseca Churches. See page 11.

Bethlehem Inn is a short term, transitional home for women and children, to average less than 30 days. Priority would be for those wanting to be part of Waseca. The goal is to assist for a temporary need and to transition to independent, self-sustained living.

St. John (under the leadership of the Women of the ELCA) will be doing a Thrivent Action Team Project for Lutheran World Relief School Kits September 9, 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.

In Honduras, poverty and lack of opportunity prevent many children from going to school. While the country offers free public education, children must still have the proper supplies to attend.



In the last half of 2017 our partner in Honduras, Children's Gift Ministry, distributed 14,175 School Kits across all 18 departments of the country, making education possible for children living in extreme poverty. Children's Gift Ministry president, Ken Harrell, notes that the gift of School

Kits truly does make education possible for children in Honduras. "Many of these parents are single mothers just getting by from day-to-day and cannot afford food and clothing, much less school supplies, as much as they would like to. It is hard to believe how a simple school kit given to a child could bring such hope to a single mother living in poverty, but it truly does!"

For the Lutheran World Relief school kits, we are asking for the following donations:

- 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper.
- 30 centimeter rulers, or ruler with inches on one side and centimeters on the other side
- Pencil sharpeners (small, non-electric)
- Blunt scissors
- #2 pencils with erasers
- Black or blue ball point pens (no gel ink)
- Crayon boxes (16 or 24 count)
- 2 ½ inch eraser

Please leave items in the large basket in the Narthex or in Trinity Hall on the pew by the Library. This is a good project to involve the whole congregation. Thank you for your generosity for this important project. Lets see if we can increase the total amount of Kits completed this year. **Plan to participate on Sunday, September 9th! Mark your calendars!**



THRIVENT





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
			1 <i>Wednesdays@One at DQ -3GYouth</i>	2	3	4
5 9am Traditional Worship Noisy Offerings 10:15 am Men in Mission Continental Breakfast 5pm Video Voice	6 10am Quilters 10:30am Video Voice	7 7:00 pm Commissions	8 11:30 am Senior Lutherans Dinner Wednesdays@One at BK-3GYouth	9	10	11
Good Earth Village Camp for Youth		Pastor John on vacation				
12 9am Contemp Worship w/commun Pastor Ken Jensen 10:15am Fellowship 5 pm Video Voice	13 10am Quilters 10:30 am Video Voice 1:30 pm Mary Bible Study Trinity Hall	14 5:30 pm Exec Council 6:00 pm Council Meet	15	16 Joint Communion 11:15 am at Lakeshore 1pm Colony Court 5pm ICE	17	18 TH rental
19 9am Traditional Worship with Communion 10:15am Fellowship 1:00 pm 3G 9th and 10th graders 2:00pm -5:00pm Open House at the Parsonage 5pm Video Voice	20 10am Quilters 10:30 am Video Voice	21 7pm Ruth Bible Study at Latham Place	22	23	24	25 TH rental
26 9am Worship in Trinity Hall 10:15 am Fellowship by Worship and Music Committee 1pm 3G 11th &12th graders at Grace 5pm Video Voice	27 10am Quilters 10:30 am Video Voice	28 7 pm Men in Mission Meet Host Dennis S Devo Russ T	29	30	31	



Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation—

School and teacher supplies are being collected for Pine Ridge. A trip will be made August 23-26 in partnership with Grace and the First Congregational Church.

We are looking for: new backpacks, pens, paper (loose leaf and notebooks-wide and wide lined), pencils, erasers, finger paint, crayons, markers, water color paints, water color paper, wide lined penmanship paper for Kindergarten, Post-it notes, 1 inch black notebook binders, glue sticks, folders, ear buds (very inexpensive-from the Dollar Store), inexpensive reward incentives such as stickers or small toys.

Also, we are looking for beds, dishes and kitchen pots and pans, couches. Our fall trip includes bringing clothes and jackets for all ages that are clean and have no stains. If you have questions, call Sue Erdman at 461-5108



www.stjohnwaseca.org

Pastor John's Sermon, weekly church announcements, calendar, Lifeline newsletter, SCRIP order form, photos, electronic giving and much more can be found on our website.



3rd Gear Youth Senior High Ministries

- 08/01 Wednesdays @ ONE at DQ
- 08/08 Wednesdays @ ONE at BK
- 08/15 NO Wednesdays @ONE
- 08/22 TBA

August 19 – Meeting with incoming 9th and 10th Graders in St John Trinity Hall @ 1pm

August 26 - Meeting with incoming 11th and 12th graders in Grace Social Hall @ 1pm

Stay connected through texts by simply text **follow 3rdgearwaseca to 40404.** check the website and the Facebook group "3rd Gear Insiders Edition" (for parents and Senior High students only), Grace St John fb profile, Snapchat and Instagram. Marty Aberle, Youth Director



Youth pose for a picture in front of the iconic "Bean" in Chicago during some sightseeing time.



Bethlehem Inn is moving closer to our goal of opening our doors to women and children in our community.

Bethlehem Inn is a short-term transitional home that will provide a living environment for women and children in transition, operated by a faith-based organization. Our goal is to assist women and children without permanent housing to find the resources necessary for housing and support services.

Seeking a full time Program Director for Bethlehem Inn of Waseca, a transitional home for women and children. For more information, to apply for the position or to send your resume please check out our website at www.bethleheminnwaseca.org, email us at info@bethleheminnwaseca.org, call 507-833-3310, or mail to Bethlehem Inn, 400 2nd Ave. NW, Waseca, MN 56093.



**Diane Caspers, MS,
LP Licensed
Psychologist
Individual, Couple,
Family and
Child Therapy**

Diane provides individual, couple and family therapy for children, adolescents and adults. Diane is available for counseling on Thursdays in Waseca at St. John Ev. Lutheran Church. To schedule an appointment, call the Mankato office at 507.625.7660



Undie Sundays in August

Some people have been stripped of basic dignities such as under garments. Having clean, serviceable under garments is something most of us are lucky enough to have.

St. John Church would like to help provide some personal dignity to adults and children who are economically challenged or homeless. The simple items are sometimes difficult, if not impossible, to obtain. By donating new, packaged underwear, socks and bras for all ages (men, women, boys, girls) we could all help make those less fortunate feel comfortable and maintain a sense of personal dignity. There will be a rather large pair of briefs hanging in the narthex during the month of August. Please put the undergarments in there. Thanks for making a difference!



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.





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