

Firmly Rooted in God's Word

Lifeline



ST. JOHN EV.
LUTHERAN
CHURCH ELCA

June
2018



Children's Ministries
enjoying a game of
kickball on May 20 at
Trowbridge Park.
*Thank you to all our
volunteers!*



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.

Photograph by Curt Yess

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, June 3 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 833-1703



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!

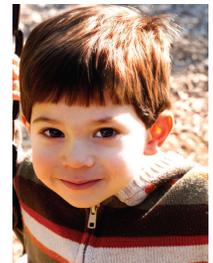


Lutheran World Relief

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



Noisy Offering Sunday, June 3 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.



“Lord, save us!

We are perishing!” (Matthew 8:25)

One day, after giving people food, making sick people better, and telling people God’s truth, Jesus got into a boat. “Come on in,” he told his friends, the disciples. So, the disciples climbed in the boat.

The boat started off to the other side of the lake on gentle waves. In the middle of the night a horrible storm came up! The storm raged on. The disciples awakened to ferocious winds and water pouring in. They tried to bail out the water with their hands.

Now Jesus was asleep in the back of the boat. How could Jesus sleep through all that?! He slept through the waves; he slept through the wind; he slept through the water. But Jesus was God, of course, and God can even work in his sleep.

But Jesus, in his time with his disciples, had given them something very important. Jesus had taught them to pray.

When I was learning how to play piano, my piano teacher showed me “middle C.” She taught me that if I got lost reading music, I could always find my way back to “middle C.”

Back to our Bible story. In the middle of the night, in the middle of the storm, the disciples knew how to find “middle C.” What was “middle C?” Taking it to God in prayer. Remember the song?

“Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer.”

The disciples went to Jesus and woke him up and said, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!”

Jesus woke up. He reached out his arms and shouted above the storm, “Peace, be still.” Instantly, there was silence. No more waves, no more wind.

Then Jesus looked at the storm inside the boat. He looked at the disciples’ scared eyes; he looked at the way they were all wet; he looked at the way their hands gripped the sides of the boat.

And Jesus gave them “middle C,” part two. When they came to the other side and got out of the boat, Jesus continued his ministry and his mission. It was like Jesus was telling them, “We’ll keep doing what we do. We’ll feed people and heal people and help people. And we’ll give something else after our experience in the storm. We’ll give them “middle C” for their storms.”

You know, some people say that the church is like a boat. Some churches have a ceiling shaped like an upside-down boat. We go through some big storms outside of this boat and even sometimes inside this boat. And just like he promised, Jesus gives us “middle C” here, and then he sends us to give “middle C” to others.



Peace -*Pastor John Omans*





FINANCE REPORT

April 2018

Monthly

Income \$ 27,130

Expense — 22,558

Diff 5,572

Year to Date

Income \$ 82,919

Expense — 87,556

Diff (4,637)

NOISY OFFERINGS

\$115.35 in coins were collected on May 6 for World hunger.



3rd GEAR June

Wednesdays @ ONE – 3rd Gear will be meeting in the afternoon on Wednesdays for all who can make it. We'll be meeting in various locations in Waseca so 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.



Wednesdays @ ONE Schedule:

June 6 @ McDonald's - 1pm

June 13 @ Dairy Queen – 1pm

June 20 @ TBA – 1pm

June 27 @ TBA – 1pm



Camp 3G – We're looking for 3G families to host a 3rd Gear around a firepit one time a month! Watch for an email with more details!

Coming in July – 3rd Gear On The Ropes!

Homeless Care Kits are available to take with you on vacation to hand out. Thank you 3rd Gear youth!

Waseca Bible Study



Mary Bible Study

Monday, June 11 1:30 pm
in Trinity Hall Leader– Jean Miller

Ruth Bible Study

Tuesday, June 19 7:00pm
at Realife Leader– Linda S.
Hostess– Jean M.

VIDEO VOICE OF ST JOHN

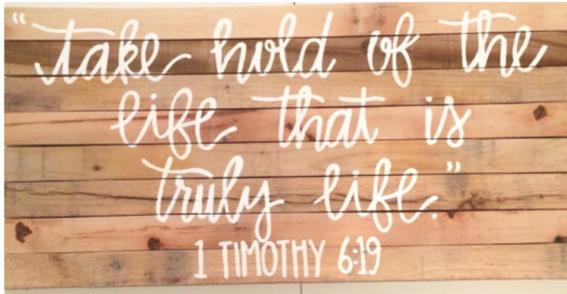
Each Sunday morning the worship service at St. John is videotaped and broadcast on Channel 8 Sundays at 5:00 pm and Mondays at 10:30 am.



Senior Lutherans Dinner



Senior Lutherans Dinner Wednesday, June 13, at 11:30 am \$7. "The people and the animals of Tanzania" by Ward Ask. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, June 11 at 833-1703.



Live Simply-Face the truth

"Peace! Be still!" (Mark 4:39)

That's what Jesus told the storm in Mark's Gospel. That storm arrived out of nowhere, didn't it? And it changed the disciples' lives in a split second. It's hard to imagine how terrified they were, unless we've been there.

When trouble comes to us, it sends shivers down our spines. The disciples woke Jesus. They knew, even in their terror, that Jesus was the source of life.

Dealing with a crisis strips away the pretensions we hide behind. We can see the truth of our need for God, and God is with us – what a relief that God's grace brings!

Living simply by facing the truth of our need for God also brings other truths into view:

- The truth that our church is here to help others.
- The truth that we (and others) are at the mercy of some hard unknowns.
- The truth that needs confessing: we are sinners and saints.
- The truth that God loves and saves us.

Our sacred stories of Jesus and the disciples allow us to see and pass on the truth: God will fight for us, and God will fight for others through us. We in the church need to hear that truth as much as we need to tell it. We need Jesus: this is our greatest asset as disciples.

When we can look back after a crisis, perhaps we can live life with a clearer, simpler appreciation of what life means – to keep our focus on Jesus, the one who saves us, and to take up the call to ease another person's path, knowing how hard it can be. We express our joy through generosity.

We are one body, the body of Christ. And in this body, we can find love and a simple purpose: Jesus' love is with us, and he calls us to embody his love for others.

Women and Justice: One in Christ

You may also respond to the draft individually.

(see below – "How do I respond?")

The ELCA Task Force on "Women and Justice: One in Christ" has been at work since 2012 and brought the work to a crucial stage: On November 15, 2017 it released the Draft of a Social Statement on Women and Justice. The 19 ELCA members on the task force represent diverse walks of life that provide a variety of thoughtful voices. The range of issues that the task force continues to explore remains open-ended since there are many issues that affect individuals, congregations, communities and society.

The comment period on the Draft is open until September 30, 2018.

How do I respond?

The Draft may be downloaded here: <https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/>

[Current-Social-Writing-Projects/Women-and-Justice/Draft](https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Current-Social-Writing-Projects/Women-and-Justice/Draft)



We are now collecting items for Lutheran World Relief **Baby Care Kits and Personal Care Kits**

Items needed for Baby Care Kits are-

- Lightweight cotton t-shirts
- Long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers without feet or shirt and pair of pants (sleepers with feet can have the feet portion cut off and the bottom then hemmed or zigzagged)
- Receiving blankets or medium weight cotton or flannel or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square
- Cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- Jacket, sweater or sweat shirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- Pairs of socks, various sizes make the kit last longer
- Hand towels, dark color recommended
- Bath size bars of soap
- Gently used and clean items (no stains or tears) can be used. Garage sales are a good place to get some of these items and Garage Sale season is here.

Items needed for Personal Care Kits are-

- Light weight bath size towels(20"x40" or 52"x27" dark colors recommended)
- Bath size bars of soap in original wrapping, any brand
- Adult size toothbrushes in original packaging
- Sturdy large toothed combs(no picks or fine toothed combs)
- Metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

Both of these projects will have the support of a Thrivent Action Team by a WELCA member but help is needed in collecting the items. Your generosity in helping with these projects is appreciated.

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

Let us welcome a mother and baby out into the world with a **Baby Care Kit**.

Personal Care Kits help families when natural disasters or conflict arise as many families must flee their homes, leaving all their belongings behind. They arrive in refugee camps scared, vulnerable and dirty from travel and the simple items in a Personal Care Kit tells them that someone cares.



Women of the ELCA will host a combined Bible Study led by Pastor John on Thursday, July 5 at 7:00pm. Fabric Kits will be assembled with the help of a Thrivent Action Project Please contact Shirley Raetz 835-3912 with any questions.



Women's Day Saturday, June 30
 8:30 am-3:30 pm \$25 per registrant
 Register at www.goodearthvillage.org/
 women's day or by calling 507-346-2494





Volunteers in Worship Schedule

Second Sunday in Pentecost June 3, 9:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship

Ushers: Sam and Jan Macklay

Kevin and Cindy Dickie

Reader: Bruce Boyce

Acolyte: Jersey Lynch

Church Council: Michael Schlueter

Videographer: Curt Yess

SCRIP: _____

Fellowship: Men in Mission

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 24, 9:00 a.m.

Contemporary Worship

Ushers: Rodney and Vickie Kolpin

Leslie and Karen Tlougan

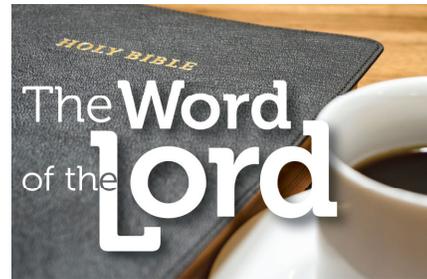
Acolyte: Erika Bowers

Reader: Karen Tlougan

Church Council: Cindy Coy

Videographer: Dennis Sommers

Fellowship: _____



**BIBLE READINGS FOR
UPCOMING SUNDAYS**

Third Sunday in Pentecost June 10, 9:00 a.m.

Contemporary Worship with Communion

Ushers: Jon and Vickie O'Neil

Myra Battenfeld, Polly Dill

Prepare Communion: Rodney and Vickie Kolpin

Prayer Ministers: Sue Erdman, Shirley Raetz

Reader: Carol Tilney

Acolyte: Owen Thomas

Church Council: Merrill Schultz

Videographer: Jackie Krause

Fellowship: WELCA LWR kits

Series Living Simply: Take hold of the life that is really life!

June 3 – Mark 2:23-3:6

June 10 – Matthew 6:25-33 and
1 Timothy 6:18-19

June 17 – Matthew 14:13-21 and
Philippians 4:11-20

June 24 – Mark 4:35-41

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 17, 9:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship with Communion

Ushers: Steven and Jody Schroeder

Wallace Priebe, Mary Conway

Prepare Communion: Merrill and Mary Schultz

Prayer Ministers: Dewey and Kathy Zabel

Reader: Marcia Bartz

Acolyte: Jenessa Baumgarten

Church Council: Kevin Dickie

Videographer: Marcia Bartz

Fellowship: _____

WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

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 June 10 and June 17





Lutheran Night at the Twins

Tuesday, July 31

Opponent Cleveland Indians

Cost \$30 includes hot dog and drink

The coach will leave the church at 4:45pm

Questions Contact Russell Tesch 835-3843

Sign up is in Trinity Hall



Scrip



We purchase gift cards to use for our every day needs such as gas and groceries. There is no additional 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 the first Sunday of the month or at the church office during the week. We are all a family at St John and we can ALL help the youth. Every scrip purchase you make will help the youth of St John and 3rd Gear. We need volunteers to help sell SCRIP to keep this program going, please contact:**

Kari Priebe 507-521-4723 or

Pam Grunzke 612-910-7230,

Scrip Co-Coordinator, if you are willing to help.

Or, a sign up sheet can be found in Trinity Hall.



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Consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution. It's easy! You will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes every week. Even when circumstances prevent you from attending services, your electronic contributions will continue to be received on an uninterrupted basis. Your consistent support is vital to our church. *Get started today!*

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.

DADS ARE A GIFT!

June

2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs-	Fri	Saturday
					1	2 T.H. Rental
3 9 am Traditional Worship Service of the Word Pastor Barth Noisy Offerings 10:15am Men in Mission Continental Breakfast 5:00 pm Video Voice	4 10 am Quilters 10:30 a.m. Video Voice	5 7:00 pm Commissions	6	7	8 5pm Wedding Rehears- al	9 Wedding Tyler Huber and Stephanie Bitner
10 9 am Worship Contemporary w/Communion 10:15 Fellowship 5pm Video Voice	11 10 am Quilters 10:30 a.m. Video Voice 1:30 p.m. Mary Bible Study T.H.	12 12 noon lunch in memory of Dona Hinkie 6:30 pm Exec Council 7:00 pm Council	13 11:30 am Senior Lutherans Dinner- Travelogue by Ward Ask	14	15	16 T.H. rental
17 Father's Day 9 am Traditional Worship w/Communion 10:15 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Video Voice	18 10 am Quilters 10:30 a.m. Video Voice	19 7:00 pm Ruth Bible Study at Realife 1212 3rd St NE	20	21 Joint Communion 11:15 am Lake Shore 1pm Colony Court 5pm ICE	22	23
	Pastor John on vacation					
24 9 am Worship Contemporary Pastor Ost 10:15 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Video Voice	25 10 am Quilters 10:30 a.m. Video Voice	26 7:00 pm Men in Mission Meeting T.H.	27	28	29	30 Women's Day at Good Earth Village Spring Valley
	Pastor John on vacation					



We want to support and encourage military members who are active duty, reserve, or retired from all branches of the service. Please help us to update our records.

Please fill out this form and mail it, put it in the offering plate, or email the information to: stjohn@hickorytech.net

OR

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Office Manager
401 3rd Ave. NE
Waseca MN 56093



Name _____

Branch of Military _____

Status- active, reserves or retired _____

If you are active or reserves please include an address:

THANK YOU!



The commission of Congregational Life is looking for input and interest in starting a Stephen Ministry in our congregation. What is Stephen Ministry? Taken from their website, "Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers, called Stephen Ministers, to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting." If you would like more information, or are interested in becoming a Stephen's Minister, let the church office know at 833-1703 or contact Ron Alger at 763-232-2874.



AVAILABLE ONLINE  **Keep up to date on current information**

www.stjohnwaseca.org

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



Memorials



WERE YOU AWARE?

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



If you would like to adorn our altar with fresh flowers please call Debbie Bartelt at 461-4874 or the church office at 833-1703 at least a week ahead of time. Two vases of flowers can be purchased for \$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".





THE BRIDGE

A Monthly Resource from the Southeastern Minnesota Synod



HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2018 SYNOD ASSEMBLY

- The 2018 assembly was held on May 4-5 at the Verizon Center in Mankato. The theme was, "Celebrating Our Global Congregation." Global guests were welcomed from Tanzania and Colombia including Bishop Atahualpa Hernandez, Pastor Angelica Bernate, Bishop Dr. Alex Mkumbo, Wilhelmina Pamba Augustine, Pastor Emmanuel Kaghondi and Pastor Deborah Lyanga.
- One resolution came before the assembly and was passed regarding minimum compensation guidelines for 2019.
- On Friday afternoon, attendees had the opportunity to participate in three sessions: 1) A Conversation with the Bishops, 2) Women of the Global South, and 3) Global to Local: Bringing it Home.
- A Global Banquet took place on Friday evening with amazing cuisine and entertainment from the St. Olaf South Sudanese Children's Choir, Veselica, and the Kubisa Family.
- Worship services were held on Friday and Saturday morning as well as Friday afternoon. Pastor Deborah Lyanga preached on Friday, and Bishop Steve Delzer preached on Saturday. Pastor Benyam Kassahun, ELCA Program Director for East and Southern Africa Regions, shared a greeting from churchwide as well as updates on South Sudan. He also read this poem.
- There were two ballots voted on during assembly. Elections were held for synod committees/teams as well as 2019 churchwide assembly voting members. New council members were installed.
- Representatives from Portico, the Lutheran Campus Center - Winona, Crossroads Campus Ministry - Mankato and the Mission Investment Fund came to the mic to tell about the Spirit's movement in their ministries.
- The 2019-2020 budget was passed.
- Rev. Mark Boorsma & Deacon Mary Kay DuChene introduced the current Committee on the Election of a Bishop. They also described the Landscape

process which will be one of the tools our synod uses as we make our way to next year's 2019 Synod Assembly on May 31-June 1 when a new bishop will be elected.

- Jodie Archer concluded her tenure as our synod's secretary and expressed a special message of gratitude with the assembly.
- Bishop Delzer shared his annual report and highlighted the ways our synod is developing leaders, equipping congregations and accompanying global partners!
- \$55,961.14 was raised during the assembly offerings! This money will be directed toward specific ministries taking place in Colombia, South Sudan and Tanzania.
- Photo albums and resources at <http://semnsynod.org/archive>.

A BRIEF INTERVIEW WITH REV. TIM EHLING OF THE SYNODICAL LEADER GRANT TEAM

WHAT IS THE MISSION OF YOUR GROUP?

To provide funding for leaders at various intersections of their calling in ministry, and to support and encourage conversation with pastors and congregations on clergy and congregational health, wellness, and life-long learning.

HOW MIGHT INDIVIDUALS AND CONGREGATIONS IN THE SYNOD SUPPORT YOU AND THE MINISTRY WITH WHICH YOU ARE INVOLVED?

Pray for us. Invite our team to your church for conversation and guidance on health, wellness, and life-long learning potential within the ministry settings you serve. Take advantage of the resources available to clergy and congregations for continuing education, debt reduction, seminary scholarships, and the amazing gift to pastor and congregation of a sabbatical. More information at <http://semnsynod.org/sabbaticals/>.



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