

July 27, 2025



St JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our Mission Statement:

"TO KNOW CHRIST and TO MAKE HIM KNOWN"

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and confidence that the Lord here offers to us His body and blood together with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His word and promise, repent of all sin, and seek to follow Him in godly living. The Lord's Supper is a public statement of our unity and agreement in the Christian faith. If you hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and yet desire to receive the sacrament, we ask that you first speak with the Pastor. For those who wish to prepare for attending the Lord's Supper, you will find some questions and answers from Luther's Small Catechism in the hymnal on page 329. If you would like communion brought to you in the pew, please alert an usher. We also have a gluten free wafer with wine and a wafer with grape juice for communion. Please let Pastor or an Elder know if you prefer one of these options before the service.

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Appointed Communion Assistants: Dave Bader, Doug Foelsch, Jim MacMaster

Please include the following in your daily prayers:

Our World, Our Country, Our President and Government Leaders.

All our Military Personnel

Police, Firefighters & EMT'S, who are there for us in times of crisis.

Eastern District President Rev. John Pingel

Our Missionaries: Chad & Jami Bader – Guatemala

Our Seminarian: Ryan Philpot

Recent Prayer Requests: Denise Raymond (surgery was this past week)

Holy Baptism of Brielle Brackett, daughter of Jacob & Rebecca Brackett, granddaughter of Joan Brackett, great niece of Lillian & Karl Meyer. (at 12:30 PM today)

Prayers for healing:

Garrison Ball, Spencer Begemann, Doug Bish, Mike Christy, Kelly Cook, Deb Curtis, Jean Doricko, Christy Fessler, Kathy Foos, Kathy Fox, Jim French, Marty Graham, Stan Gregory, Darwin Hale, Ashley Hendley, Madeline Holley, Lloyd Hugelmaier, Bruce Johnson, Brendan Kemp, Sue Klafehn, Christy Kuhn, MaryLou Leverenz, Donna Ophardt, Linda Palmer, John Palmer, Nancy Porcellio, Denise Raymond, Andy Schock, Rob Schuler, Debbie Scordo, Logan Sommer, David Thomas, Sharon Thomas, Debbie Turbeville, Carol Wiltse.

ASSISTED LIVING & NURSING HOMES

Tom Elphick, Lloyd Hugelmaier, Dale Jennejahn, Carol Klafehn, Naomi Nundy, Donna Ophardt, Marilyn Weitz

HOMEBOUND

Cathy Saar

SERVING US TODAY:

Officiant: Christian Bode

Elders: Garry Leverenz 8:30 Jim Krygier, Jon Marriott 11:00

Trustee: Corky Beadle 8:30 Andy Smith 11:00

Musicians: Lillian Meyer 8:30 Praise Team 11:00

Greeters: Joy Rose, Linda Wietz 8:30
Duane & Cherie Rockow 11:00

Altar Guild: Barb Bruder, Bev Ergott

Reader: Barb Lehning 8:30 Cindy Metherell 11:00

Finance: Michelle Bliss, Karen Jones, Darlene Nichols, Marilyn Rowell

Ushers: David Leverenz, Jim MacMaster, Chris Marshall, Jon Marriott,
Eric Peters 8:30 Tom Metherell, Andy Smith 11:00

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✠ PREPARATION ✠

WELCOME - Sharing of God's Peace & Announcements

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

HYMN "Come, Thou Almighty King" *LSB 905*

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy

Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 50:1, 3–5, 14–15; John 15:7, 16; Romans 12:12;

1 Thessalonians 5:17–18

Pastor: Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

People: **The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Our God comes; He does not keep silence; before Him is a devouring fire, around Him a mighty tempest.**

Pastor: Jesus says, “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”

People: **He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may judge His people.**

Pastor: The apostle Paul writes, “Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.”

People: **God says, “Gather to Me My faithful ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!”**

Pastor: Jesus said, “You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you.”

People: **“Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon Me in the**

day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.”

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Pastor: Our God hears our prayers for mercy and graciously forgives our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 119:145–149; antiphon: Psalm 50:15*

Pastor: Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

People: With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O LORD! I will keep Your statutes.

Pastor: I call to You; save me, that I may observe Your testimonies.

People: I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in Your words.

Pastor: My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on Your promise.

People: Hear my voice according to Your steadfast love;

Pastor: O LORD, according to Your justice give me life.

People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, Your grace and mercy have strengthened Your people throughout the ages and emboldened them to come before You in all circumstances. Strengthen our faith and confidence so that we come to You boldly, consistently, and persistently;

through Jesus Christ with whom You rule and reign with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 18:17–33

(Abraham prays to God, asking for mercy.)

¹⁷The LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, ¹⁸seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.” ²⁰Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.” ²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” ²⁶And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.” ²⁷Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city

for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹ Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰ Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹ He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³² Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." ³³ And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Colossians 2:6-19

(Stay rooted in Christ to be able to stand firm in your faith.)

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith

in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. ¹⁶ Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13

(Jesus teaches His disciples to pray.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

11 Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation." ⁵And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer" *LSB 780* (sing 3x, remain sitting)

SERMON

CREED *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING “Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us” – *Kaia Bode*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, I encourage you to lift your hearts to God and pray with me as Jesus has taught us and promises to hear us.

People: **Our Father in heaven,**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, mercifully hear the prayers of your people on behalf of our congregation, community, nation, and world.

People: **Holy be Your name.**

Pastor: Holy Lord, we know Your name is holy. We ask that it be kept holy among us as we bear that name and live as Your people in this world.

People: **Your Kingdom come.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we thank You for planting Your Kingdom among us as You nourish us with Your body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. We eagerly anticipate the fullness of Your kingdom coming and ask that You continue to do Your good and gracious work in, through, and among us while we wait for Your return.

People: Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we know that it is Your will that all people come to the knowledge of the truth and are saved. Work Your will here on earth. Work through our governing authorities and their agents to bring Your will to all people.

People: Give us today our daily bread.

Pastor: Loving Father, we thank and praise You for providing everything we need for our bodies and lives. Prevent us from being selfish and greedy. As You generously bless us, lead us to be a blessing to others, especially those who are in need.

People: Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Pastor: O Jesus, forgive and empower us to forgive others so that our relationships are ruled by Your peace. Create clean hearts within us so that we may approach You boldly, with confidence.

People: Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

Pastor: Almighty God, as we face trials and temptations, strengthen us by the power of Your Spirit so we can stand

firm against the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.
Watch over all we name before You this day. Deliver us
from evil now and forever.

People: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13* (Pages 12-13)

BENEDICTION *2 Thessalonians 2:16-17*

Pastor: May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God our Father,
who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope
through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in
every good work and word.

People: Amen.

HYMN "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" *LSB 649*

The Lord's Prayer

And when thou hast shut thy door, pray to the Father . . . — Matthew 6:6

MALOTTE
Albert Hay Malotte
Arranged by Fred Bock

Matthew 6:9-13

Unison

The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system includes the word 'Unison' above the staff. The second system includes the word 'be' below the staff. The third system includes the words 'Thy name.' and 'Thy king-dom come,' below the staff. The fourth system includes the words 'Thy will be done on earth as it is in' below the staff. The fifth system includes the words 'heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly' below the staff. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, providing harmonic support for the vocal line.

Our Fa - ther, which art in heav - en, hal - low - ed

be Thy name. Thy king-dom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in

heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly

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PRAYER AND INTERCESSION



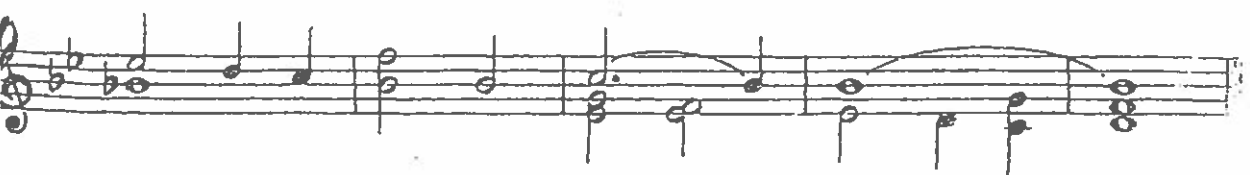
bread, and for - give us our debts as we for-give our



debt-ors. And lead us not in-to temp-tation, but de - liv-er us from



e - vil, for Thine is the King-dom and the Pow-er and the



Glo - ry, for - ev - er. A - men.



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OPENING SONGS

HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.

O Lord.....we praise Your name.

O Lord.....we magnify Your name,

Prince of Peace, Mighty God,

O Lord God Almighty.

repeat

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SEEK YE FIRST

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you! Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you; Seek and you shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Man does not live by bread alone; But by every word,
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord. Allelu, Alleluia!

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING

Genesis 18:17-33

Pages 5, 6 in bulletin

Solo *"Make My Life a Prayer to You"*

SECOND READING

Colossians 2:6-19

Pages 6, 7 in bulletin

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13

Pages 7, 8 in bulletin

SONG OF PRAISE

LET YOUR GLORY FALL

(Based on Numbers 14:21)

Let Your glory fall.....We are thirsty, Lord.....

Hear us as we call.....Fill us now.

Let Your glory fall.....Let Your glory fall.....Let Your glory fall.

Ev'ry tongue and tribe.....gathered 'round Your throne.....

With one voice we cry....."Holy Lord"

Ev'ry tongue and tribe....Ev'ry tongue and tribe.....Ev'ry tongue and
tribe.

Glory to the Lamb.....Lamb upon the throne.....

All the saints proclaim....."Jesus reigns"

Glory to the Lamb.....Glory to the Lamb.....Glory to the Lamb.

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SERMON

CREED *Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
that calls me from a world of care;
and bids me at my Father's throne,

make all my wants and wishes known.

In seasons of distress and grief
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare,
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
Thy wings shall my petition bear,
to Him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since He bids me seek His face,
believe His word and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my every care,
and wait, for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
May I thy consolation share, till,
from Mount Pisgah's lofty height,
I view my home, and take my flight.
This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise to seize the everlasting prize,
and shout, while passing through the air,
farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer.

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PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

+++ THE LORD'S SUPPER +++

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE (Tune: Olivet)

My faith looks up to Thee
Thou Lamb of Calvary
Savior divine

Now hear me while I pray
Take all my guilt away
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine

May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart
My zeal inspire
As Thou hast died for me
O may my love to Thee
Pure warm and changeless be
A living fire

While life's dark maze I tread
And grief's around me spread
Be Thou my guide
Bid darkness turn to day
Wipe sorrow's tears away
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside

When ends life's transient dream
When death's cold sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll
Blest Saviour then in love
Fear and distrust remove
O bear me safe above
A ransomed soul

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PRAISE TEAM

PSALM 61: HEAR MY CRY

Hear my cry O God attend unto my prayer
From the ends of the earth I will cry unto Thee
When my heart is overwhelmed
Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I
That is higher than I

For You have been a shelter for me
And a strong tower from the enemy
When my heart is overwhelmed
Lead me to the rock that is higher than I
That is higher than I

Composer unknown

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

What a Friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer
O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations
Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care
Precious Savior still our Refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Do your friends despise forsake you
Take it to the Lord in prayer
In His arms He'll take and shield you
You will find a solace there

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Birthdays this Week:

27th – 30th None

31st Ginny Stephenson

8/01 Judith Flemming, Barbara Jones, Karen Jones, Ray Oehlbeck

2nd Gail Jacobs, Wesson Wiler

Tithes and Offerings:

Attendance & Offerings:

7/20 8:30 AM 74, 11:00 AM 42. Amount Received \$5623.00

May the Lord bless you for your faithfulness.

Calendar of Events for the Week of 7/27-8/03/25

SUNDAY	7/27	8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:00 AM Worship Service / Communion 12:30 PM Gym, Meeting Rm. Reserved
MONDAY	7/28	8:00 AM – Noon Gym Reserved 9:00 AM Finance 7:00 PM Worship Committee
TUESDAY	7/29	8:30 AM Prayer Group 9:45 AM Bible Study 10:00 AM – Noon Gym Reserved 6:30 PM Gym Reserved
WEDNESDAY	7/30	10:00 AM – Noon Gym Reserved
THURSDAY	7/31	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Gym Reserved 6:30 PM Gym Reserved
FRIDAY	8/01	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Gym Reserved
SATURDAY	8/02	
SUNDAY	8/03	8:30 AM Worship Service / Communion 9:45 AM Coffee Fellowship 9:45 AM Trustee Mtg. 11:00 AM Worship Service

Check out our website for Daily Inspiration, Sunday Messages, Worship Bulletins & Monthly Newsletter: stjohnhamlin.org

Due to Pastor's busy schedule, if you make an appointment with him in passing, please confirm the appointment with MaryAnn in the Office. Thank you!

The Altar Flowers that grace our house of worship are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Neil Newman. Given by: Sugar & Family.

Thrivent members: The Mission Committee would appreciate your help. If you'd like to write a grant to fund shopping for an upcoming outreach in Rochester, please see Marilyn Rowell (585-278-4993) or any committee member. You have two opportunities per year to write grants and they're easy to do online or by phone! Thanks.

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who made our VBS week an amazing one! From the workers in the registration, kitchen, craft, song leaders, outdoor and the youth as classroom helpers, we couldn't have done it without you! We also thank everyone who has donated towards VBS and got us Thrivent cards to use for expenses and most importantly the prayers on our behalf! Our hope and prayer is that we made great memories for all and brought the love of Jesus (through his friend Scout) a reality to the children that attended.

Donations for the Fall Festival / Rummage Sale.

They can be taken to the lower level in the room where everything will be sorted, a sign is on the door. *The south side parking lot door will be unlocked on Saturdays 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM & Sundays, 7:30 AM - 2:00 PM for your convenience.* Any questions? Contact Tracey 301-0716 or Diane 964-2861

THE DORCAS OUTING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 14TH AT TAVERN 19 IN HAMLIN. PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEET IN THE ANNEX WITH PAYMENT TO GAIL JACOBS (CHECKS MADE TO ST JOHN DORCAS SOCIETY) NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD.

Lutheran Hour August 3rd

"Proclaim His Glory" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

Of course, we should search the Scriptures, but we search them for Jesus, the One to Whom the Scriptures point. (John 5:30-47) www.lutheranhour.org, or 107.1 FM, Sundays at 8:00 AM, Sirius XM Family Talk 131 Sundays at 10:00 AM

From the 150th Committee:

We still have some sweatshirts, t- shirts and mugs available for sale. They are set up in the middle meeting room. Sweatshirts are \$20, t- shirts and mugs are \$10 each. Thank you!

Prayer Shawl Ministry - If you have a friend or relative who is going through a "tough time" and would appreciate a prayer shawl, please call the church office or Cherie Rockow at 964-3179 or Cindy Smith 964-3772. If you would like to join us in this ministry, patterns and yarn are available. Call Cherie or Cindy for information.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE PROTECTING OUR COUNTRY

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Reserves: Kevin Smith

United States Army

Lee Bellows	William Bernreuther	Dan Cappuzzo
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