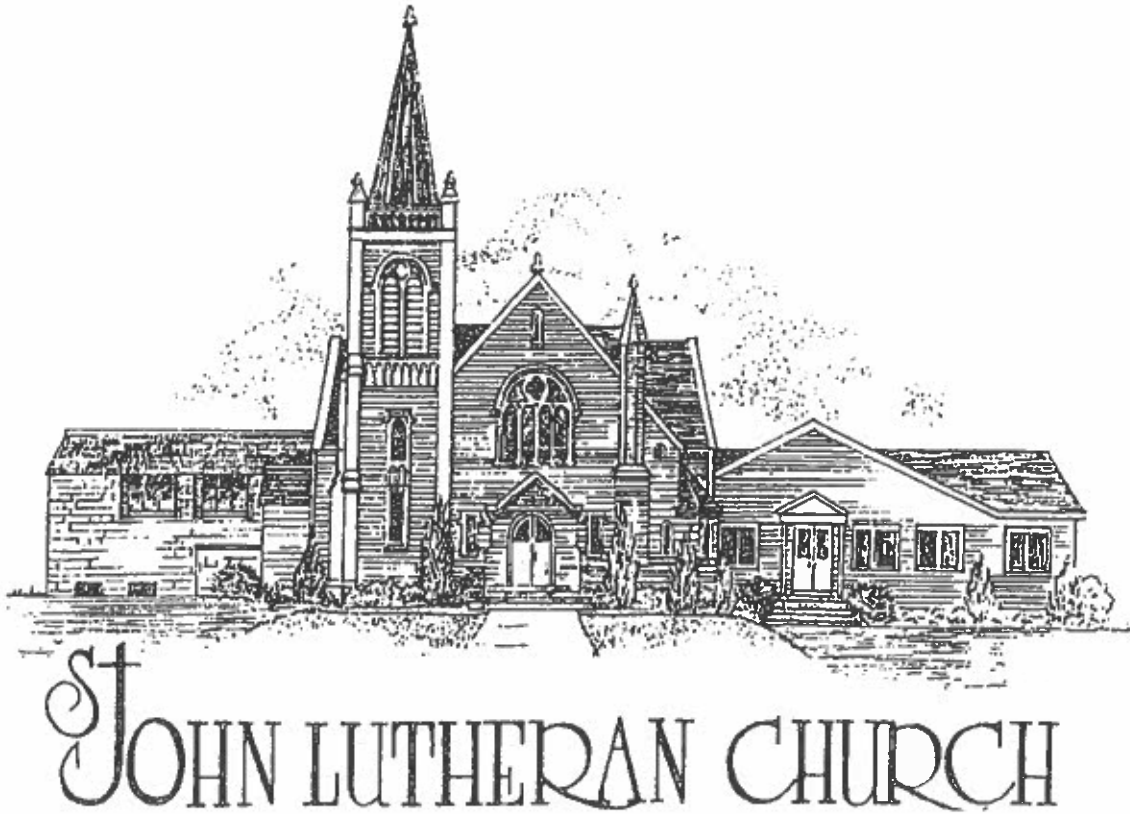


September 7, 2025



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Our Mission Statement:

"TO KNOW CHRIST and TO MAKE HIM KNOWN"

St. John Lutheran Church

585-964-2550 / September 7, 2025

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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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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: Bonnie Zarpentine (recent surgery)

The Family of Jeff Dobson

Prayers for healing:

Garrison Ball, Spencer Begemann, Mike Christy, Kelly Cook, Deb Curtis, Jean Doricko, Christy Fessler, Kathy Foos, Kathy Fox, Jim French, Marty Graham, Stan Gregory, Darwin Hale, Margery Hale, Ashley Hendley, Madeline Holley, Lloyd Hugelmaier, Bruce Johnson, Brendan Kemp, Christy Kuhn, MaryLou Leverenz, Donna Ophardt, Linda Palmer, John Palmer, Nancy Porcellio, Denise Raymond, Roger Seaman, Andy Schock, Rob Schuler, Debbie Scordo, Logan Sommer, 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: Pastor Christian Bode

Elders: Wes Miller 8:30 Roy Heise 11:00

Trustees: Corky Beadle 8:30 Jim Raymond 11:00

Musicians: John Dorr 8:30 Praise Team 11:00

Greeters: Ron & Judi Flemming 8:30

Wendell & Diane Grimm 11:00

Altar Guild: Linda Marshall, Darlene Nichols

Readers: Jean Leverenz 8:30 Abi Phillips 11:00

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

Ushers: Steve Baase, Corky Beadle, Brian Rath, Wes Miller 8:30

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✠ PREPARATION ✠

WELCOME – Sharing of God's Peace & Announcements

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

HYMN "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" *LSB* 427

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Most holy and merciful Father,

People: we confess to You, and to one another, and to the whole company of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

Pastor: We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

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Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

✠ WORD ✠

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

(I have set before you this day life and good, death and evil.)

¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Philemon 1–21

(Paul’s letter commending the slave Onesimus back to his master, not only as a slave but as a brother in the Lord.)

¹ Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ² and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have

toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, ⁶ and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷ For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

⁸ Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹ yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you – I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus – ¹⁰ I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹ (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹² I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³ I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. ¹⁵ For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶ no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother – especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹ I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it – to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:25–35

(Jesus speaks of the cost of discipleship and calls on those who would follow Him to deny themselves and take up the cross.)

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

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁵ Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. ³⁴ “Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵ It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Come, Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake” LSB 688

SERMON

CREED *Nicene Creed*

People: 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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ and for all people according to their needs.

That we walk with Christ the heavenly way and follow Him where He has led, that by His obedient life, His life-giving death, and His victorious resurrection we receive the crown of everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That we be wise unto salvation, counting the cost of following Jesus, and by His grace and favor be sustained upon the path of life against all temptations and doubt, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That all the nations and their leaders work for peace, that the elected and appointed leaders of our own land act with integrity in the protection of our liberty and in the pursuit of justice, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That the Lord bless the proclamation of His Word here and in every place and that pastors serve us faithfully in Christ's name, distributing to us the gifts of His grace in the Holy Sacraments, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That all those afflicted in body or mind find healing and relief and those near death and the grieving find comfort... and for all whom we name in our hearts, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That we learn gratitude for the manifold and rich gifts which God supplies every day and that we learn generosity to share with those in need, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That we receive in repentance and with faith the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given to us in this Holy Communion and that we manifest the unity of heart and mind in all the doctrines taught us by His Word, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That we be kept holy and blameless until the day of Christ's coming and be received by the mercy of God into the place of everlasting light and life in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Silence for meditation.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Holy and mighty Lord, in Your mercy You created all things and still preserve them, and by Your will and purpose You sent forth Your Son, born of the virgin by the power of the Holy Spirit, to rescue and redeem us from the sin and death we chose. As He has fulfilled Your holy purpose and won for You a holy people, grant that we may here receive with faith the fruits of His redeeming work and in this Holy Communion be fed and nourished to everlasting life in Christ.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;

1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✕ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✕ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: By His holy incarnation and righteous life, His obedient death and life-giving resurrection, by His ascension before You and His promise to come again, He has begun and will bring to completion all things in us for our salvation. Grant that we be faithful to Him whose faithfulness has freed us from sin and its death and that we may deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him in the way of everlasting life. Hear us as He has taught us and we are bold to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us
our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against
us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI *(p. 164 in hymnal)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Take My Life and Let It Be” *LSB 783*

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table” *LSB 618*

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *(p. 163 in hymnal)*

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

People: and His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, You were born in flesh and blood to walk
with us the path of our sin and death in order that we
might walk with You by Baptism and faith. Lead us in the

way of the cross that we may not depart from it but follow its path to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways” *LSB 707*

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OPENING SONGS

TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

*Chorus: Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face.*

*And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.*

O soul are you weary and troubled
No light in the darkness you see
There's light for a look at the Savior
And life more abundant and free *Chorus*

Through death into life everlasting
He passed and we follow Him there
Over us sin no more hath dominion
For more than conquerors we are *Chorus*

His Word shall not fail you He promised
Believe Him and all will be well
Then go to a world that is dying
His perfect salvation to tell *Chorus*

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BE NOT AFRAID

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

*Refrain: Be not afraid; I go before you always.
Come, follow Me, and I will give you rest.*

If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
you shall not drown.

If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,
Know that I am with you through it all. *Refrain*

Blessed are your poor for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.
And if the wicked men insult and hate you all because of Me.
Bless-ed, bless-ed are you! *Refrain*

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 (pages 3, 4)

EPISTLE

Philemon 1-21 (pages 4, 5)

GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-35 (page 6)

SONG OF PRAISE

WORTH IT ALL

All I am Lord here before You...Reaching out for more
You're the promise never failing
You are my reward...Jesus, You are my reward

*Chorus: I let go of all I have just to have all of You
And no matter what the cost, I will follow You
Jesus ev'rything I've lost I have found in You
When I fin'lly reach the end I'll say
You are worth it all...(You are worth it all)*

There's no riches earthly treasure...That will satisfy
Ev'ry longing for You Jesus
Set this heart on fire...Set this heart on fire.....*chorus*

When I'm there in Your glorious presence
Ev'ry knee is bowed before You...Hear the sound of heaven
singing

You are worth it all...All the saints cry "holy holy"
Angels singing "worthy worthy"
Forever I will shout Your praises...You are worth it all

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Forever I will shout Your praises...You are worth it all, You are
worth it all.
.....*chorus*

SERMON

APOSTLE'S 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

ANTHEM

I WILL FOLLOW

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow

Verse 1: All Your ways are good
All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone
Higher than my sight
High above my life

I will trust in You alone

Chorus: *Where You go I'll go*
 Where You stay I'll stay
 When You move I'll move
 I will follow You
 Whom You love I'll love
 How You serve I'll serve
 If this life I lose
 I will follow (You)

Interlude
Yeah I will follow You yeah

Verse 2: Light into the world
 Light into my life
 I will live for You alone
 You're the One I seek
 Knowing I will find
 All I need in You alone
 In You alone *Repeat Chorus*

Bridge: In You there's life everlasting
 In You there's freedom for my soul
 In You there's joy unending joy
 And I will follow *Repeat Chorus*

Ending: Yeah I will follow You yeah
 I will follow You yeah
 I will follow You yeah

PRAYERS

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

LET IT BE SAID OF US

(based on II Tim. 4:7)

Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion,
that with gladness we bore ev'ry cross we were given,
that we fought the good fight, that we finished the course,
knowing within us the pow'r of the risen Lord.

*Refrain: Let the cross be our glory, and the Lord be our song,
by mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song,
'til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known*

Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.

Let it be said of us; We were marked by forgiveness,
we were known by our love and delighted in meekness
We were ruled by His peace, heeding unity's call,
Joined as one body that Christ would be seen by all.

Refrain

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Birthdays this Week:

Today - VJ Scharping

8th Emily Donn

9th None

10th Greg LaDue, Corbin Leverenz

11th - 13th None

Tithes and Offerings:

Attendance & Offerings:

8/31 9:30 AM 106 Amount Received \$3599.00

May the Lord bless you for your faithfulness.

Calendar of Events for the Week of 9/06-9/14/25

SUNDAY	9/07	8:30 AM Worship Service / Communion 9:45 AM SS & Adult Bible Class 11:00 AM Worship Service
MONDAY	9/08	9:00 AM Finance 6:00 PM Gym Reserved 6:30 PM Dorcas Mtg.
TUESDAY	9/09	8:30 AM Prayer Group 9:45 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Gym Reserved 6:45 PM Bells Meeting / Mtg. Rm.
WEDNESDAY	9/10	10:00 AM Quilters / Mtg. Rm. 6:00 PM Gym Reserved 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study
THURSDAY	9/11	1:00 PM Book Club 6:00 PM Gym Reserved
FRIDAY	9/12	6:00 PM Gym Reserved
SATURDAY	9/13	
SUNDAY	9/14	8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM SS & Adult Bible Class 11:00 AM Worship Service / Communion

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!

Today is the beginning of Adult Sunday School, we will be studying the "Nehemiah Code" by O.S. Hawkins. Please join us at 9:45 AM in the Meeting Room.

Worship News for September

The Sundays after Pentecost continue through September.

September 14th is also Holy Cross Day, a day when we remember how that cross is His triumph in the work of our redemption.

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 are easy to do online or by phone! Thanks.

Lutheran Hour September 14th "It's All on God; It's All on Us"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A paradox doesn't make sense, mathematically. But it can be an accurate description of real-life experience. (Deuteronomy 1:31) www.lutheranhour.org, or 107.1 FM, Sundays at 8:00 AM, Sirius XM Family Talk 131 Sundays at 10:00 AM

Donations for the Fall Festival / Rummage Sale.

Donations are still being taken for the Fall Festival Rummage Sale. IF you bring something down, PLEASE put it in the designated rooms. *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.* We are planning on serving food again this year so, could use any Thrivent grants to defray cost of supplies. If you have questions, please contact Tracey Unterborn 301-0716 or Diane Grimm 964-2861.

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.