
St. John's Way, Truth and Life

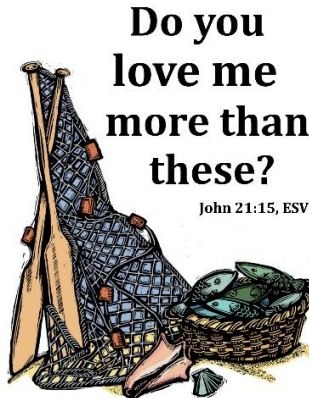
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September 2026



The Question

At the end of the Gospel of John, the final scene, Jesus asks Peter, "Do you love me more than these?" It is a net that is ridiculously full of fish. When I hear, earlier, that Peter is going fishing, think about members of our congregation going to the creek or on a boat in the river. Anglers of an avocation. Hobbyist relaxation. Not so for Peter. For Peter this is business. This is work. This is money—cold hard cash.

When Jesus asks us, "Do you love me?" It is easy to say yes. I don't want to answer the question: "How much?" I don't want to put a price on my love. The answer is supposed to be, "I love you more than anything!" "I love you to the moon and back!"

The Small Catechism explanation to "You shall have no other gods" is "We are to fear, love and trust God above anything else." This is our challenge and hopefully our goal: above anything else.

There are the Spiritual, intangible answers to the question. This fall we will be looking at more concrete ways we can grow in our walk with God. On Generosity Sunday we will be invited to take a step forward. It is true: "where our money is, there will our heart be also."

Sometimes I wish it wasn't true; but it is. How we treat our possessions is always a spiritual issue. What we do and how we act in the concrete has an impact on our spiritual lives. Always has, always will.

See you in Worship,
Pastor Johnson



Rally Day Breakfast - September 13th @ 9:45 a.m. in the Social Hall

Join us as we kick off a new year of Sunday School with our Rally Day intergenerational celebration, including light breakfast. Orientation for all students, come and meet your teacher! Games and fun!

Come join the fun and fellowship!



Progressive Workshop Luncheon Sunday, September 27, 2026 following Worship.

Sponsored by the Fellowship & Social Ministry
Committees and Thrivent.

Bring your appetite and your generous donations to support the Progressive Workshop!

If you are unable to attend the luncheon, but would like to make a donation, please mark your offering envelope: "Progressive Workshop" and place in the offering at worship. Thank you for your support!

*Every Sunday morning Jesus is waiting
to meet you in church.*

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Electronic Giving is Good for You and the Church

You can now make a
contribution to our church

through a mobile app!

To get started, download GivePlus Church for free from the App Store or Google Play. Simply search for "GivePlus Church" to quickly find and download the app today. Then, you can easily make donations directly from your smartphone using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account.

You can also choose to donate as a guest or set up an account that allows you to securely and conveniently schedule recurring donations and manage and review your giving history.

We hope you enjoy this new way to contribute to our ministry, and thank you for your support.

1. Download the free app on your Apple or Android phone.
2. Make one-time or recurring donations using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account.
3. Log in or donate as a guest.
4. Securely and conveniently manage donations using Touch ID/Fingerprint, PIN or password.

To give through the app, search your phone's app store for "GivePlus Mobile" or contact the church office.

To give from your personal computer go to:
<https://secure.myvanco.com>

"Give according to your income,
lest God make your income
according to your giving."



*You can never
outgive God.*

Mark Your Calendars

September 13	Rally Day
September 27	Progressive Workshop Luncheon
October 11	Harvest Home/Generosity Sunday
October 25	Reformation Sunday
November 8	Turkey/Ham Luncheon
December 6	Christmas Concert



- Contracted with Shaffer Painting to repaint the outside of the church at a cost of \$9,476. Cost to come from a grant from the Dale H. and Jeane V. Smart Foundation.
- Contracted with North American Fencing Corporation to put in a gate at the front and back of the space between the Social Hall and the Library. Half the cost to come from the Dale H. and Jeane V. Smart Foundation. The other half of the cost to come from the library.
- Appointed Charlesetta Bleakney, Rose Debnar, and two outgoing members of Council, (Brendan Swanson), to the nominating committee per the constitution.
- Received thank yous from Bethesda Lutheran Services, Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries, Lutheran World Relief, Water Missions, Lutheran World Relief, Hope Lutheran Church Smethport, Lutheran Bible Translators (for the Ethiopian Seminary), Spiritual Orphans Network (Ukraine relief) and North American Lutheran Seminary for donations.

A complete copy of the approved minutes from each month is posted on bulletin boards in the Narthex and Education Building.

Your Church Council members are always available for your questions and concerns:

Ryan Shafer, Vice President	724-859-2749
Bill Bouch	724-859-0359
Chris Choncek	724-664-6947
Dean Crooks	724-664-2015
Richard Farah	724-859-0049
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Patricia Kirkpatrick	724-525-0962
Susan Neal	724-763-8331
Brendan Swanson	724-525-7255
Jill Wranich	724-902-9389



We will be receiving New Members on Sunday September 20th. Please talk to Pastor Johnson if you would like to join St. John's.

September Kids Stuff Pre-K- 5th grade

 **Sept. 13th:** Rally Day Breakfast 9:45am

 **Sept. 16th & 17th:** Children's Hour Begins!
9:30-11am

 **Sept. 22nd:** First Spark of the school year!
6:15-7:30pm

 **Sept. 29th:** 30 MIN SERVE
Kids and Families,
Make a Difference & Work together!
Sign up for a time online!

 **Oct. 11th:** Ignition Café, Opens @ 10am



IGNITION Cafe
FUELING UP ON God's Word

Free SMOOTHIES, JUICE, COFFEE, TEA & PASTRIES

SONGS, FELLOWSHIP, BIBLE STORIES FOR KIDS, FAMILIES, STUDENTS & ADULTS

GRAND OPENING!
OCTOBER 11 | 10AM
Old Fellowship Hall

SPARK

IGNITING FAITH, EQUIPPING KIDS

AT St. Johns Kittanning

SEPT 22nd 6:15-7:30pm

Dinner, Bible Story,
Exciting, faith building
interactive stations with games,
crafts and activities!

Preschool-6th Grade

COST: FREE!

Parents! Stay and hang out,
relax and rest, or run some errands!
Please Text **SPARK** to 724 276 5321
for weather updates,
announcements and reminders

REGISTER YOUR CHILD AT

www.tinyurl.com/sparkstjohnskittanning

Children's Hour at St. John's Kittanning

9:30-11:00am

ages 2 ½ -5yrs

Sign up Anytime Cost: \$1.00 week Donation

Fall 2026 Classes begin Sept 16th and 17th

Join us...for our
Fun-and-Faith-Filled,
exceptional program
that is available
for all children ages
2 to 5 Years old.
Moms, Grandparents,
Caregivers, Babies all
welcome!
Homeschoolers
welcome too!!

Every week, we present a structured, Children's program that blends preschool concepts with fun Biblical lessons. Children develop their creativity and imagination with crafts, games, Bible Stories, lessons, and snacks, and hands-on activities to learn Biblical values and have preschool fun! Both Wednesdays and Thursdays, we present the same lesson. So, you can choose whichever day works best for your family each week, to attend.

The cost is just a donation of \$1.00 per class/NOT required to pay to attend!

NEW STUDENTS, PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE AT
<https://tinyurl.com/stjohnsch24>

OR call to Register, or tell someone that may be interested!!
...Call 724-548-2051 or email

stjohnskittanning@gmail.com

Parents/Caregivers must stay with non-potty-trained children



30 MIN. SERVE!

SEPT 29TH

YOU Pick the TIME!

**Sign up w QR below,
by Sun. the 26th**

What will we be doing:

Preparing bags for
people in need, from our food
pantry & organizing items

**Extras: You can bring items in
as well.**

**Who Can Come? Kids & Families
& Students**



SEPTEMBER STUDENT STUFF GRADES 6-12



Sept. 13th: Rally Day Breakfast 9:45am



Sept. 13th: Student Picnic @ Tammy's!
5-8pm Welcome 6th Graders –
Gifts for new Students!

Student Pick - Bible Study@ Inspirare



Sept. 23rd: See You At the Pole
At Your School's Flagpole,
Wednesday Sept. 23rd 7am



Sept. 27th: Students SERVE,
after Luncheon on the 27th 12:30-1:15pm



Oct. 11th: Ignition Café Opens 10am



Oct. 11th: Youth Group@
St John's - 6:30-8pm

**Youth Group
Kickoff Picnic @
Fleeger Meadow
Sept. 13th 5-8pm**

Food, Fishing
Welcome Back,
& New Student & 6th Grader Gifts!
S'mores, Game, Prizes, God Stories,
Fun and Friends!

*** BAD WEATHER LOCATION WILL BE AT ST. JOHN'S**

Sign up for updates TEXT
YOUTH to 724.276.5321



**Student Bible Study
at Inspirare**

Students pick
day & time
Message will be sent out

STUDENTS MEET AT
ARMSTRONG FLAGPOLE
7AM SEPT 23RD

**IGNITION
Cafe**

FUELING UP ON
God's Word

Free SMOOTHIES
JUICE
COFFEE
TEA
& PASTRIES

SONGS
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& ADULTS

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sept 23

SEE YOU AT THE POLE™
GLOBAL DAY OF STUDENT PRAYER



Students SERVE!
Service Project
After Luncheon
Sunday, Sept. 27th
12:30-1:15

Kids Ministry: Vacation Bible School, Trunk or Treat, Easter Egg Hunt, Spark, Kids Retreat and More... includes children ages Pre-K through 5th grade, presenting God's Awesome Word, with super-incredibly fun activities.

Jesus Centered

Children's Hour: Our program is for ages 2 to 5, that meets throughout the school year, every Wednesday and Thursday, both days present the same lesson. We combine preschool fun with discovering Bible stories! Grandparents, parents and caregivers welcome!

Spark: Is an outstanding monthly program, during the school year, typically on Tuesday evenings, 6:15-7:30. Kids Pre-K to 6th grade are invited to our "mini" VBS, start with a meal, Bible story, crafts, games and more!

Gospel Focused

Student Ministry: Grades 6th-12th, Our activities include, Special events, service projects, Sunday evening gatherings, with epic games, lessons, and snacks, special events, Winter Quake retreat, Christian concerts, leadership opportunities, and more, all focusing on our personal relationship with God!

Student Bible Study: Learning and understanding God's Word is so important, the MOST important! We meet at various days/times at St. Johns, Ispirare and other locations. Student input is essential! Messages will be sent out on MOJO. Please sign up to know when and where we are meeting. See you there!!

In-Tents Youth and Kids Camp: Every Summer in Somerset County, is a fantastic 2 weeks for youth 7th-12th, and kids 4th-6th grades. Youth and kids from our entire NALC Mid-North East Mission district meet for the week and camp in tents. We host phenomenal speakers, service events, sports, outdoor fun, games, friendships, special trips, camp fire, worship, small groups and more!

Catechism: For students in 7th and 8th grade, who will be making their Confirmation. Students meet with Pastor every Thursday at 2:45pm or 7pm, during the school year, for a 2-year program. This program covers The Bible, the Lutheran faith and history, The 10 commandments, The Lord's Prayer, The Creed and More.

Serving at Worship: Students 6th-12th grade have an opportunity to serve at worship as an acolyte, camera operator, lector, and more. Rock of Salvation Praise Band musicians for early service...
.... Vocal & Bell choir, led by Rebecca Veith, meets weekly through the school year to practice, with concerts and many opportunities to share your talents at worship!

Faith Growing

If you have any questions about our Kids and Student Ministries, please let Julie Smith know.

Youth group and children's ministry are back in action! Bring your friends, bring your Bibles—let's kick off the new season with games, snacks, and a whole lot of Jesus!





BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY

- 1 Eva Shafer
4 Stephen Blaney, Jon Arnette,
8 Braden Hankey
9 Alicia Round, Jessica Corso
10 Tammy Fleeger, Carter Rupp
11 Blair Dawson, Naomi Campbell,
Juanita Sams, Brooke Slater, Patty
Kirkpatrick
12 Paige Smail, Anthony Reitano
13 Donna Livengood
14 Fred Tregaskes III, Chamie Hooks III,
Steven Moore
16 Susan Mentch
18 Nancy Pierce, Michelle Kozlowski
19 Josh Shamberger
20 Elliot Zydonik, Jake Graff
22 Sally Henry
23 William Hays
26 Sybil Dosch
27 Scott Hutchison
28 James Merryman
29 Dorothy Laube, Tyler Smail, Scott Neyman
30 Ryan McLaughlin, Samantha Meiers



Our July Church Offerings

Offerings	July Receipts	July Budget	Year To-Date	Budget To-Date
Current				
Operating	24,119	27,974	167,751	195,816
Benevolence	1,540	3,333	13,595	23,333
Capital				
Campaign	1,487	1,655	11,273	11,585

Current Account	Income	Expenses	Gain/ -Loss
Current Month	24,119	23,427	693
Year to Date	167,751	182,355	-14,604

We are born into and made for community.

*When our relationships get severed,
there is a jump in anxiety.*

*That is why we need to go to Church,
To be part of the body of Christ.*

mojotxt

We have a New Texting App!

Mojo texting was created FOR churches! It is safe and doesn't sell your number to anyone else!

If you would like to receive schedule changes, updates, reminders and announcements from St. John's, please text the word **GRACE** to 724-276-5321. It will send you a welcome message.

You will now receive important messages via text about what's going on at St. John's!

Messages will only be sent out on occasion and when important changes need to be communicated.

Thank you so much!

*If you have any questions, please contact
Julie Smith.*



ATTENDANCE

Our July Worship Attendance

July	2025	2026
1 st Sunday in July	34(E) 69(L)	46(E) 49(L)
2 nd Sunday in July	53(E) 61(L)	37(E) 60(L)
3 rd Sunday in July	47(E) 63(L)	42(E) 51(L)
4 th Sunday in July	39(E) 56(L)	38(E) ---(L)
Average for July	105	95

*God, we confess we don't always
understand Your ways. But like Peter, we
say, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have
the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). Help
us trust you more today.*



Thank You's August 2026

- ♥ Thank you to Mary Jane Dawson and Betty Mitchell for helping with the August newsletter mailing.
- ♥ Thank you to Mary Jane and Blair Dawson for the assembly of the new rolling cart for Katie's items.
- ♥ Thank you to Amber and Kylie Zurn for making personal care packets, dividing dog/cat food and maintaining the weekly crates.
- ♥ Thanks to the St John's staff for always filling the cupboard and handling public outreach for food.
- ♥ Thank you to our Folk Fest parking lot volunteers: Angela Clever, Julie Smith, Melissa Veneksy and Karen Waugaman!
- ♥ Thank you to our amazing VBS crew..... **Youth:** William Bouch, Avia, Vaila and Vieira Clever, Ella Fennell, Stella Freehling, Nicholas Furguiele, Annabelle, Riley, Landon and Kailin Griffin, Ailey, Rocco and Gia Keefer, Lonna Meiers, Madeline Owen, Max Petrosky, Payton and Paige Smail, Anna and Stella Venesky..... **Our College Students:** Mollie & Emily Bouch, Robert John, Cassidy, Delaney and Marlee Smith, Elijah Stanko, Jerah Wranich, and Brenna and Ashlynn Zurn!..... **Thank you to Our Adult Team:** Sue Bain, Debbie Bouch, Angela Clever, Joanna Crawford, Dean Crooks, Sharon Febinger, Tammy Fleeger, Cindy Geidel, Steve Ignatz, Rick and Juanita John, Donna Livengood, Connie McMaster, Patty and Mary Olinger, Juanita Sams, Toni Smail, Randy and Matt Smith, Janice Smith, Scott and Rachel Steriling, Jill Wranich, and Amber Zurn.
- ♥ Thank you to EVERYONE who donated items for VBS! Thank you to EVERYONE who helped in big and small ways!
- ♥ Thank you to Julie Smith for another amazing VBS!!
- ♥ Thank you to the Allied Milk Producers for the donation of "cow items"
- ♥ Thank you to everyone who continues to support & donate to the Katie's Cupboard Ministry @ St. John's.
- ♥ Thank you to everyone who continually supports our Children's and Youth Ministry in many and various ways!!
- ♥ Thank you to the Praise Band for sharing your talents and helping to lead worship in August!
- ♥ To Blair Dawson, Mark Hankey, and Bill Olinger for mowing the grass.
- ♥ Thank you for once again hosting our sponsor parking. This is a great help to us each year & our sponsors love

the opportunity to park so close to the Festival! Your help & support through the years is greatly appreciated. We look forward to August 5-8, 2027 with you! With Gratitude, The Fort Armstrong Folk Festival Board & Claire Osborne, Executive Director.

- ♥ Thank you to Blair Dawson and Dean Crooks for various maintenance projects.
- ♥ Thank you to Brian Kozlowski for inspecting our roofs using drone technology.
- ♥ Thank you To Frank Baker, Scott Stirling, Ken Burkett, Dean Crooks, David Lindeman, Clair Roudebush, Keith Livengood, Pastor Johnson, for cooking, cleaning up after and leading the Men's Breakfast.

Christ is enough

Though never ordained, H.A. Ironside (1876-1951) was a prolific Bible teacher and preacher. Inspired by Dwight L. Moody, he began delivering sermons at age 16. While still a teenager, he worked his way up to captain in the Salvation Army. But he soon had a breakdown from preaching more than 500 messages per year — and from feeling burdened by sin.

After Ironside recovered, his ministry blossomed. He pastored Moody Church in Chicago for 18 years while continuing his evangelistic travels. Most importantly, he learned to rely on Christ alone, not on his own merit.

"Christ *and* ... is a perverted gospel, which is not the gospel," wrote Ironside. "Christ without the *and* is the sinner's hope and the saint's confidence." He concluded, "For salvation itself, Jesus is not only necessary, but he is enough."



Jesus Loves me,
this I know

*Jesus, You welcomed the little children
(Mark 10:14). Help us come to You
today with childlike faith — curious,
honest, and ready to receive Your love.*

*Help us also welcome
all Children of God that we may not
hinder them!*



Katie's Cupboard

Ever wonder . . .
*"just where does the
 food/supplies go"?*

Jesus commends us to FEED HIS SHEEP, *BOTH* Spiritually and physically. What folks are blessed with from the pantry helps stretch their limited budgets.

Feeding America's latest report states for 2024 in Armstrong County **14%** is the food insecurity rate!

29% of those experiencing food insecurity do not qualify for federal nutrition programs

The average meal cost in Armstrong County is \$3.54.

~ Read this again ~



*in real life – someone 3 doors down from you,
 or 3 houses away is insecure !*

Just a note to say THANK YOU to the folks of St Johns for serving our Risen, Living Lord Jesus by sustaining our neighbors thru Katie's Cupboard. Please know your contributions, efforts to stock, clean, sort and maintain are noticed in the community and are a blessing to many beyond measure. With Fall and Winter approaching, see the October newsletter for a list of suggestions

September Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, September 13th at 8:00 a.m.



The men of St. John's will be meeting Saturday morning for breakfast and study. Following the meal will be a brief program concluding by 9:00 a.m.

Women's Bible Study

will return at the King's restaurant on **Tuesday, September 8th at noon.** Any questions, please contact Cheryl Mechling at rock92@comcast.net. All are welcome!



SEEKING HOMEBOUND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND VISITORS

Please prayerfully consider being a blessing to our homebound members by becoming a part of our Homebound Ministry where we provide a critical connection for our homebound members to the full church community. When our members are homebound and unable to attend worship, the **Eucharistic Ministers** will bring them Holy Communion once a month. *This is not just any bread or wine, but the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, consecrated on the altar on Sunday morning.* Readings from the worship service and an update to current events through the bulletin are also shared during these home visits.

If you are currently bringing Holy Communion to Shut-ins, or would like to begin delivering the "Bread of Life," please see Pastor Johnson.

Homebound visitors make a monthly visit to a homebound member to offer words of prayer, encouragement and to share in the life of our faith. Touch others and be touched by being part of this important ministry. You may choose to be a Eucharistic Minister, homebound visitor or both. This is such a rewarding experience - sharing our faith, the life of the church and touching the lives of our senior members. Our list has grown and we need more members willing to make visits. Let's not let our homebound members feel as though they are forgotten.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Pastor Johnson, 724-548-2051.



The Bible affirms both the value and dignity of work. From the beginning, God placed Adam in the garden "to work it and keep it" (Genesis 2:15, ESV). In the fourth commandment, we are reminded not only to observe the Sabbath, but also to labor diligently throughout the week: "Six days you shall labor, and do all your work" (Exodus 20:9, ESV).

Work is more than a routine obligation; it is an opportunity to engage our God-given abilities in meaningful ways. Whether using our hands, minds, or hearts, we reflect the image of our Creator—bringing order, care, and creativity into the world.

Our labor allows us to contribute to the common good, find personal fulfillment, and practice faithful stewardship of the talents and strengths God has entrusted to us. As Paul writes, "We are God's fellow workers" (1 Corinthians 3:9, ESV).

On this Labor Day, may we take time to recognize the blessing of work and celebrate those who serve, build, teach, lead, and labor with purpose and care.

—Author unknown

A Path of Persistence

Some Christian converts in an overseas village were diligent about daily prayer. In the thicket outside town, they each had a place where they prayed in solitude. Over time, these believers wore pathways through the brush to their special prayer areas. If someone neglected his or her prayer life, it was evident because fresh grass started growing on that footpath. Out of concern, fellow Christians offered this loving reminder: "Friend, there's grass growing on your path."

How worn is your own path to prayer? Are you persistent when answers don't seem to come? Do you trust that God will answer your prayers, according to his good and gracious will?

When you grow weary, remember this promise in Galatians 6:9 (ESV). "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."



Pastor's adult Sunday School Class

Beginning September 20th

"The Book of Acts of the Apostles"

What does the early church teach us about today's church? Come witness the beginnings and the spread of the Gospel.

This is the perfect course for beginners. Bible study is the only course where students think they are supposed to know the material before they've had the class.

Whether you are new to the Bible or are a veteran, this course provides a fresh and fun look at the "Old, Old Story"



Heading into the hospital?

If you or a member of your family is hospitalized, please contact the office @ 724-548-2051. Because of confidentiality issues, the hospitals are not as helpful in notifying us as they once were.



*Thank You, God, for the gift of grandparents and spiritual mentors —
for their steady love and faith passed down through generations (2 Timothy 1:5). Help us treasure their wisdom and honor their lives through how we live.*

Wednesday Bible Study

Beginning September 10th

7:00 pm

Statement on the Ordination of Women For some people the ordination of women is controversial. The NALC published a Bible Study/statement on why the NALC ordains women. Come explore why this seemingly controversial practice makes sense when looking at the Bible as a whole.



Christian Symbol

BREAD — One of the oldest and most familiar foods, bread carries deep meaning throughout Scripture. In the Old Testament, God provided manna, or "bread from heaven," to sustain His people in the wilderness. In the New Testament, Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35), pointing to himself as the true source of spiritual nourishment. Bread also holds a central place in the Lord's Supper, where it represents Christ's body, given for us. Simple and sustaining, bread has become a lasting symbol of God's provision, Christ's presence, and the shared fellowship of believers.



NORTH AMERICAN
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

CHURCH MUSIC NOTES

Special thanks to: Debbie Bouch, Emily Bouch, Bill Bouch, Mollie Bouch, Gene Hughes, Jeanette Nestor, Charlesetta Bleakney, Rose Montgomery, Karina Blose, Robert John, and Sally and Tim Marasco for sharing their wide range of super musical talents during summer worship!



Now that September is approaching, VOCAL AND BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS are soon!

WE HAVE AN URGENT NEED FOR NEW SINGERS IN ALL SECTIONS ESPECIALLY SOME MALE VOICES. CAN YOU SHARE SOME OF YOUR TIME GENEROUSLY?? WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED BY SO MANY FAITHFUL CHOIR MEMBERS WHO WOULD LOVE TO WELCOME YOU WITH WIDE ARMS!! The Adult Vocal choir practice resumes on Wednesdays starting September 9, 2026 at 7:30 pm and also on Sunday mornings in the music room to accommodate those with work and other schedule conflicts during the week.



All ages WELCOME! Thank you!!

Bell rehearsals also begin **September 9, 2026** with the Adult Bells practicing from 6:15-7:30 pm. We have a immediate ringer opening for the High B and C Bells. So if you have any musical experience or simply want to learn to ring, please see me.

You will also notice some major organizational changes to the choir room to make the space more efficient and convenient. Come check it out!

Finally, we were so happy to have our pineapple plant featured in the Leader Times this past summer followed by a Pop-up Luau in August to enjoy the fruit.

Rebecca Veith
Organist/Director of Music



*Hope is the ability to hear the music of the future;
faith is the courage to dance to it today.*

—Peter Kuzmic, theologian and author

Remember to Pray
Pray for those in school:
The students,
The teachers,
The staff



September

September 6

Assisting Ministers	John Swanson (E)
	Charlie Bleakney (L)
Lectors	Becky Swanson (E)
	Lance Whiteman (L)
Comm Assistants	Jill Wranich, Patty Kirkpatrick (E)
	Lance & Christine Whiteman (L)
Acolytes	TBA (E)
	Stella Venesky (L)
Camera Operators	Nick Wranich (E)
	Keith Livengood (L)

September 13

Assisting Ministers	Gene Hughes
Lectors	Christine Whiteman
Acolytes	TBA
Camera Operator	Bill Bouch

September 20

Assisting Ministers	Kay Thorell
Lectors	Richard Thorell
Comm Assistants	Charlie Bleakney, Karina Blose
	Susan Neal, Susan Barto
Acolytes	TBD
Camera Operator	Bill Bouch

September 27

Assisting Ministers	Karen Waugaman
Lectors	Karina Blose
Acolytes	TBA
Camera Operators	Keith Livengood

Keep Christ your priority!



September

Altar Guild: TBA

Money Counters: Brendan Swanson, Chris Choncek, Dean Crooks

Ushers: Bill Olinger, Jarrod Olinger, Ryan Shafer, Roger Mechling

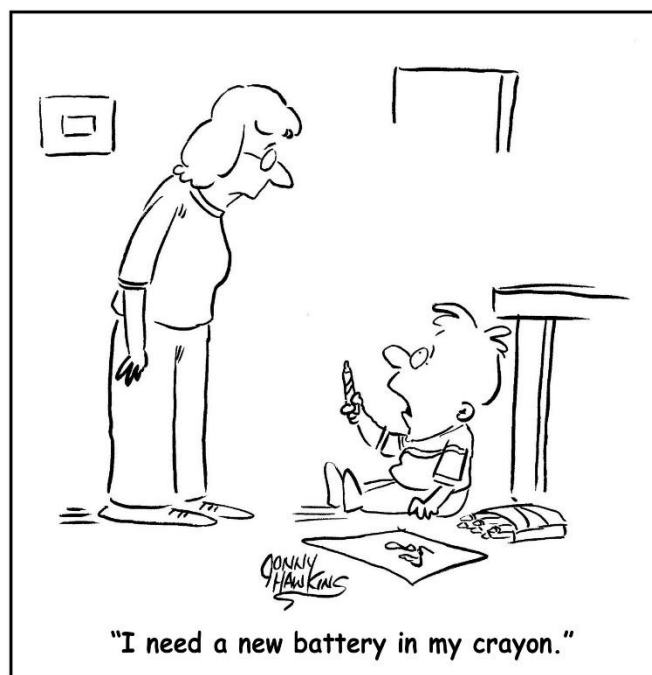


Children's Hour:
Begins September 16th
and 17th @ 9:30 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church Staff:

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry	Julie Smith
Secretary	Angela B. Clever
Sexton	TBA
Director of Music/Organist	Rebecca Veith
Sr. Choir Accompanist	Elizabeth Cramer

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."



September St. John's Lutheran Church 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Green 8:30 Worship: Rock of our Salvation Communion 11:00—Worship	31	1 7:00 Property	2	3 7:00 Catechism Parents	4	5
6 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Green 8:30 Worship: Communion 11:00 Worship: Communion	7 	8 12:00 Women's Bible Study at King's	9 6:15 Senior Bells 6:30 PJ's Bible Study 7:30 Senior Choir	10 2:45 Catechism 7:00 Catechism	11	12 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast
13 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Green 9:45 Rally Day Breakfast 10:00 Senior Choir 11:00 Worship 5:00 – 8:00 pm: Youth Kickoff Picnic Fleeger Meadow	14 7:00 Council	15	16 9:30 Children's Hour 6:15 Senior Bells 6:30 PJ's Bible Study 7:30 Senior Choir	17 9:30 Children's Hour 2:45 Catechism 7:00 Catechism	18	19
20 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Green 9:45 Sunday School 10:00 Senior Choir 11:00 Worship: Communion	21	22 6:15—7:30 SPARK Kick off	23 7:00 a.m. See You at the Pole 9:30 Children's Hour 6:15 Senior Bells 6:30 PJ's Bible Study 7:30 Senior Choir	24 9:30 Children's Hour 1:00 Newsletter mailing 2:45 Catechism 7:00 Catechism	25	26
27 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Green 9:45 Sunday School 10:00 Senior Choir 11:00 Worship PROGRESSIVE WORKSHOP LUNCHEON FOLLOWING CHURCH Service Project 12:30 – 1:15	28 6p Mutual Ministry 7p Worship / Music	29 30 Min. Serve. You pick the time! 	30 9:30 Children's Hour 6:15 Senior Bells 6:30 PJ's Bible Study 7:30 Senior Choir	1 9:30 Children's Hour 2:45 Catechism 7:00 Catechism	2	3