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Everyone is invited to join the Adult Bible Study following worship on Sunday mornings.

The group will meet around the large table in the north end of the Fellowship, and will study the H2O series written by Kyle Idleman. Please pick up some refreshments and join us!

Find us on Facebook!

Search for "St. John's Lutheran Church" and join our page.



October Birthdays, Anniversaries, Special Days, and Upcoming Events

God's blessings to...

75th+ Birthday

Oct. 1 Eldon Hoelzer
Oct. 4 J. Leonard Schaller
Oct. 5 Gene Schinzer
Oct. 14 Richard Gansemer
Oct. 31 Jan Schuster



Congratulations!

Richard & Jennifer Hartt
October 2nd — 15 years

James & Michele Meyer
October 28th — 35 years

Upcoming Events

October

3 Sarah Circle at 1pm
3 Executive Team meeting at 6:30pm
3 All Teams meeting at 7pm
13 Jr. High cookie baking at 11:15am
14 Office Closed — Columbus Day
14 HS group to NIU Grace Place
14 Rebecca Circle at 1:30pm
17 Church Council meeting at 6:30pm
19 Kids Against Hunger food pack at 12pm
21 Newsletter Deadline
22 Mission Quilt Day at 9am
24 Newsletter Assembly at 10:30am
28 Lifeline Screening here all day

November

3 HS Mission Trip planning meeting
7 All Teams meeting at 7pm
9 NO Chapel worship
9 Intergenerational Trivia Night
10 Commitment Sunday
21 Church Council meeting at 6:30pm
26 Mission Quilt Day at 9am
28 Office Closed — Thanksgiving Day

A BIG Thank You to all who have supported our mission work for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). 139 quilts and 120 school kits have been completed this year. Thank you to our quilters for donating your time and talents; to those who donated fabric and school supplies; to the Rebecca Circle for donating school bags; and to those who helped pack the quilts and kits. Your continued support of our mission work is greatly appreciated. Everyone working together makes for a successful outcome. God's work, our hands.

The Mission Quilting group meets in the Fellowship Hall on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 9am. All are welcome to join us as we continue our year-round work of assembling quilts.

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Special items of interest:

• **We hope you will join us for worship!**
Saturday worship - 5pm
Sunday worship - 9am
Sunday School - 10:10am
Fellowship - 10am

• **The hospital does not contact the church when you are hospitalized.** Please have a family member contact us.

• St. John's offers **Electronic Giving.** If you are interested please contact Susan in the office.

• **Volunteers are needed** in October & November to host Fellowship Time and/or provide the snack. Please sign up in the Kitchen.

• **Our quilting ladies have replenished the walker bag in the Narthex with lots of fall themed bags.** If you know of someone who would enjoy a bag, or if you would like one, please feel free to take one.

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Remember The Saints, Sunday November 3rd

On Sunday, November 3rd we will honor and remember those of our church family who have gone before us.

In our prayers and during Holy Communion we will lift up the names of St. John's members who have died since last November, and who now rest in peace with Christ forever.

All Saints Day is traditionally observed on November 1st — in England it used to be called "All Hallows Day". So October 31st was "All Hallows Eve" or "Halloween."

We, like many churches, moved the All Saints celebration to the first Sunday in November.

All Saints Day began as a day to remember the martyrs — those who had died as a result of their witness to Christ. Because there were too many of them to be named, Christians developed a common celebration of all martyrs as early as the fifth century AD.

All Saints Day has evolved into a celebration of all of those who Christ has claimed in baptism, who have been fed at his table, and who have been joined to his body, the Church.

A "saint" does not have to be a Mother Teresa or a Peter or Paul. A "saint" can be anyone whose manner of life reflects faith in God and who has lived in his love.

On All Saints Day we remember that we become holy — sanctified — not by our own puny efforts, but by the grace of God in his Son.

Grace alone, which God supplies; strength unknown he will provide.

Christ in us, our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone!

(Scott Brown, Jeff Nelson)

Grace and peace,
Steve Mindrup

Time & Talent Forms and Financial Commitments

You will find a Time & Talent form and a Financial Commitment card included with this month's Eagle newsletter. An additional Time & Talent form and the Financial Commitment card will be sent to homes soon along with the Quarterly Statement of Giving. Forms and commitment cards are also available in the church office or on the Information Booth. We will use the information on the Time & Talent forms to schedule our many church volunteers. We ask that everyone return their Time & Talent forms and Financial Commitment cards on Commitment Sunday, November 10th.

Church Council Highlights

The following are some highlights from the September 19, 2019 Church Council meeting.

- The Call Committee is working on setting up an interview with a potential candidate.
- The Task Force is planning an intergenerational Trivia Night on Saturday, November 9th with pizza and entertainment. The Task Force also reported that \$7,000 was distributed to the PADS Homeless Shelter, \$7,000 will be used toward the upcoming Kids Against Hunger food pack event, and the remaining \$6,000 will be used for the Trivia Night. The top three winning Trivia Night teams will choose the charities to receive the funds.
- Time & Talent forms and Financial Commitment cards will be available soon.

Finance Report Year To Date thru August 2019:

Budgeted Regular Offerings \$217,588	Actual Regular Offerings \$203,500
Budgeted Income \$231,481	Actual Income \$236,987
Budgeted Expense \$248,202	Actual Expense \$193,794

Family bequests have been important to the financial health of the church. Thank you for thinking of St. John's in your estate planning.

October 2019: Scriptures for Worship

October 6: Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4. *The righteous will live by their faith.*
2 Timothy 1:1-14. *Paul reminds Timothy of those who nurtured and instructed him.*
Luke 17:5-10. *Jesus links together faith and humble service.*

October 13: Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15. *A Syrian general (an enemy of Israel) receives a gift of healing from God.*
2 Timothy 2:8-15. *Paul urges Timothy to remain faithful to his witness to Christ.*
Luke 17:11-19. *Jesus heals ten men with leprosy. One returns to Jesus and gives thanks.*


October 20: Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31. *Jacob contends and wrestles with the Divine Presence.*
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5. *Be a faithful witness to Christ, in both good and bad circumstances.*
Luke 18:1-8. *Be persistent and faithful in prayer, and God will vindicate you.*

October 27: Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22. *Through the prophet, Israel cries out to God for mercy.*
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18. *Paul foresees his death, and trusts in Christ to vindicate him.*
Luke 18:9-14. *Jesus warns against self-righteousness and spiritual pride.*

A Thank You from Gabrielle Brown



I would like to thank everyone for the cards and letters I received while I was at Basic Training in South Carolina. The thoughts, prayers, and encouragement helped me stay positive throughout the training. Every time I received a piece of mail I had to do 5 push-ups. One day I received 5 pieces of mail and I had to do 25 push-ups! I graduated from Basic Training with a top score!

Thank you again,
Gabrielle Brown

Gabrielle's current address is:
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Kids Against Hunger®

Feeding families around the world...and around the corner.

Our Kids Against Hunger food pack event will be held here on Saturday, October 19th. We will need *MANY* helping hands — 10 people to help with set-up for the event on Friday evening, 120-130 people to work the event from 12pm to 2pm, and 12 people to help with clean-up following the event. We have created a way for you to sign up online through SignUpGenius. Just type this link into your internet browser: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4aa5a629a3ff2-kids>, choose how you would like to help, and fill in your information. Paper sign-up sheets are posted in the Narthex, on the Information Booth in the Fellowship Hall, and in the church office. You may also sign-up through the link shared on our website (www.stjohnsmendota.org) or on St. John's Facebook page. Or, you can call the church office and we will sign you up that way. Please invite your family and friends to join you in this event. It will be a very fun time and will touch 56,000 people in a life-giving way!!

St. John's Youth News

Growing Together in our Faith as we Serve Others

St. John's Youth to partner with First Lutheran of DeKalb in their "NIU Lunches to Go" ministry



First Lutheran in DeKalb found that up to 30% of college students live with food insufficiency. They have developed a ministry of weekly packing 100-125 lunches during their Sunday fellowship time after church and then distributing these free lunches outside of NIU Grace Place Campus ministry on Monday late mornings. Our youth are going to partner with them in the following ways:

****6th, 7th, & 8th graders are invited to help with the "NIU Lunches to Go Cookie Baking" on Sunday, October 13th from 11:15am to 12:45pm (or for as long as works for you).**

We will meet in the kitchen to bake and package cookies to be distributed to NIU students on Monday by our High School youth, BUT NOT WITHOUT doing our own quality control tasting of the cookies along with handcrafted sundaes/milkshakes. Hope you'll plan to join us!!

****High School Youth are invited to participate in the "NIU Lunches to Go" program on Monday, October 14th from 9am to approximately 2:30pm.**

We will leave St. John's at 9am to arrive at NIU Grace Place around 10am where we will help get tables, etc. set up. Lunches will be distributed to college students beginning at 10:30am until around 11:30am, or until they are gone. We'll briefly see Grace Place & then hit Portillo's for lunch (either eating there or getting it to-go depending on time) before heading back. There is no cost for you to participate, however a signed permission form is required. **PLEASE let Karen Goy know by Saturday, October 12th if you are coming so that adequate transportation can be arranged.** It should be a great morning on campus!

Information regarding each event (along with permission forms for the October 14th event) will be mailed to families on October 1st. Please let Karen Goy know if you plan to participate or have any questions. What a neat way to serve as Christ's hands and feet in a place we may not have thought of before!!

Confirmation Class News

Our confirmands are currently studying Lutheran history, theology and doctrine.



Who was Martin Luther, and why is he important? What is the place of Lutherans in the whole Christian world? What do we believe about God, about Jesus, and why does it matter?

Please keep our Confirmation Class in your prayers as they continue their studies this school year — *Jace Baird, Ava Beetz, Cindy Bumgarner, Ella Coss, Natalie Hanaman, Macy Hartt, Lauren Holland, Quin Holland, Kennedy Knaff, Dessa Komitas, Ella Martin, Haden Shakespeare, and Jillian Younger.*

High School Sunday School

High School Sunday School will meet on Sunday mornings at 10:10am in the high school classroom upstairs, *The Upper Room*. Our high school class is led by Liz Miller with other adults also participating.



The high school class will continue their tradition of enjoying breakfast as part of their time together. If you are willing to provide breakfast treats for the class, please sign up on the sheet in the classroom, call the church office, or send an email to laura@stjohnsmendota.org. Thank you to those who have already signed-up!

LAUSANNE 2020 Youth Olympic Games



We ask for your prayers and well-wishes for Logan Brandner, one of our high school students, who will be traveling to Denver from October 3rd through 6th. Logan will be competing along with his curling teammates Max, Sophia, and Faith for a spot in the Youth Olympic Games. The winners of this competition will advance to Switzerland in the winter. What an amazing opportunity! We are so excited for you, Logan!!