

NOTEWORTHY NEWS



Adult Sunday School Classes starting September 12th:

Learning to Use a Study Bible with Pastor Cosgrove! Bring your Study Bible and explore the many different tools inside that can enrich your time in God's Word! Learn how to use the Concordance and Cross Referencing helps as well as the notes that accompany the text. Pastor will be working with the ESV Lutheran Study Bible, but much of the information shared will apply to other study Bibles. Get some coffee and join him in the Community Room (the first room on the right after going down the steps just beyond the offices).

Before Amen, a video-based study by Max Lucado on Prayer, will be led by Denise Wright in the Fellowship Hall. Max shares his life journey of prayer and how he discovered that it is not about pious words offered by especially spiritual people, but it is a simple tool that everyone has been given to have a conversation with God. We will be encouraged to trust that God hears our prayers and to embrace a life of prayer that brings peace and rest.

Children's Message Video Disclaimer

Now that Children's Messages are being offered each Sunday, parents should understand that the children that come forward will be on the Live Stream, which is also uploaded to YouTube. Being that there is no formal request for parents to sign a waiver for their child(ren) to be on the Live Stream, by virtue of parents sending their child(ren) forward for the message, consent for them to be on the Live Stream is assumed.

Choir Member Practice: The choir is starting once again during the month of September. Practices will be on Sunday mornings at 8:00AM, and the choir will sing at the 8:30AM service on **September 12th and 26th**. We thank Darryl Smeltzer and Al Oesterreich for leading this effort.

KnitWits- We have been blessed with a generous donation to be used for purchasing yarn for the blankets or lap robes for the veterans in hospice care with White Rose Hospice. There is a basket in the narthex with yarn for those participating in this project. Please help yourself.

Thank you: I want to take a moment to say thank you for your wonderful generosity throughout the years you have partnered with missionaries John & Aimee Cima, Krista & Joel Young, and John & Melinda Bombaro. What a blessing each of you are in doing the Lord's work. Julie Loehring, LCMS.

Grandparents' Day is Sunday, September 12th!

Bring your Grandparents or your Grandchildren to Church! Grandparents' Day is Sunday, **September 12th**. If you're a grandparent, bring your grandkids to church with you. If you're a grandchild, bring your grandparents. Pictures will be taken up front, after each service.

Funeral Fund Developed: A funeral fund has been set up to help families with the costs of conducting a funeral at St. John. There are behind the scenes costs for AV needs, music, and Fellowship meals that are incurred for families requesting services from St. John. A donation has been made to start a funeral fund and the donor wanted to make it known to the congregation as well for future donations. If you want to give a donation over and above your general giving, you simply write a check to St. John Lutheran Church and in the memo line write "Funeral Fund."

MOP Men's Study Starting Next Month - True faith produces fruit. A faith without action and without life change is ultimately a dead faith. The book of James speaks to the realities of a living faith in Jesus—the kind of roll-up-your-sleeves and get-your-hands-dirty discipleship that is borne out of an authentic relationship with the risen Lord. James writes to believers who know suffering, who've faced trials, and who ultimately desire a deep relationship with God.

The MOP men's ministry will be studying the book of James from Right Now Media with author Francis Chan. Through 12 sessions, Francis works through James verse-by-verse, challenging followers of Christ to move beyond a private, intellectual knowledge of God and His Word, to a vibrant faith that impacts every square inch of life.

All men are invited to participate in this study that starts **Saturday, September 11** at 8:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will be meeting every other Saturday. Contact Jerry Cook (717) 825-1986 if you have any questions.

Upcoming Children & Youth Activities:

Attention High Schoolers: official registration for the National Youth Gathering (**July 9th-13th, 2022**) begins **September 13th**. Email Lydia Woods with any questions: dcestjohn@comcast.net.

Jr. and Sr. High: be prepared to take each other on in a game of Gaga Ball; then refuel with some smores afterward on **September 25th**, starting at 6:30pm.

Our first Family Event is coming up on Sunday, **September 26th**. Come on over to church at 6:30pm to watch "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe" together!

Thank you for the amazing response for Sunday School teachers! Additional substitute teachers or assistants are always welcome! Please see Lydia Woods or email her at dcestjohn@comcast.net.

To all Sunday School parents:

- * Sunday School will start at 10:00 am; your child can be dropped off as soon as 9:50 am.
- * If your child has a snack at fellowship, please have them finish it before attending Sunday School.
- * Please pick up your student promptly at 10:45 am.
- * All students 3rd grade and under must be checked out of their Sunday School class.
- * The person dropping off the student must indicate who will be picking them up.
- * The individual checking the student out must be at least Jr. High age or older.

GriefShare Begins Again in September! Grieving the loss of a loved one is one of the most difficult things any of us will ever have to do. At this time there is an unprecedented number of people throughout our country who are grieving and through the Grief Ministry of St. John we want to share the comfort and hope that Jesus has for each of us. Please think about the people you know who are grieving and share a packet that can be found in the narthex with information about our GriefShare program.

The "Loss of a Spouse" program will be held on Monday, **September 13th** at 7:00 pm and on Tuesday, **September 14th** at 1:30 pm.

The next new cycle of GriefShare begins on Monday, **September 20th** at 7:00 pm and on Tuesday, **September 21st** at 1:30 pm.

All sessions will be held in person in the Fellowship Hall as well as on ZOOM. *If you have friends or family members who live out of the area, they are more than welcome to join us on ZOOM! Please contact Denise Wright, Denisedsg@comcast.net with any questions.

Yard Sale! 17th Annual Yard Sale at Good Shepherd Church, 2121 Roosevelt Avenue, on Saturday, **Sept. 18th** from 8:00am to 2 :00pm. 35 vendors will be displaying their items. Food available also.

Women's Ministry at St. John

Please consider joining us this fall!

- "Seeing Beautiful Again," a Morning Tea on Saturday, **September 18** from 9:30 – 11:30 am. The deadline to sign up is Friday, September 10th.
- Come to the Fellowship Hall and watch the Sight and Sound production of "Queen Esther" on **September 14th** at 9:30 am or on **September 16th** at 7:00 pm.
- Soul Care for Women will begin on Tuesday, **September 21st** at 9:30 am and Thursday, **September 23rd** at 7:00 pm (ZOOM only). Our DVD based study by Beth Moore is "Living Beyond Yourself," focusing on the Fruit of the Spirit. Please contact Denise Wright if you would like to participate.

Brochures with more detailed information about Women's Ministry can be found in the church narthex. You can also contact Denise Wright, Denisedsg@comcast.net for more information.

Bad News/Good News

Bad News—Last month we were notified that Krista Young will no longer be serving as missionary to Kenya, which will affect our 1% tithe we were giving to her. *Good News*—The Ministry Leadership Board decided that instead of distributing the tithe to another missionary abroad, we would distribute the monthly tithe locally. After prayer and consideration, it has been decided to send the monthly tithe to a local ministry called Human Life Services. Since 1985 HLS have been doing great work with young mothers in pregnancy crisis and have saved countless of children's lives from abortion. It is with great pleasure that we take a portion of our income each month and help this local ministry achieve God's will for the sake of His Kingdom. Please keep Krista Young and her family in your prayers as they transition to the US for a different journey in life.



	<u>Deposit of August 29, 2021</u>	<u>August Total</u>
Offering Collected:	\$ 6,638.00	\$32,870.50
Direct Deposit:	920.00	5,275.00
Thrivent Choice \$		
Special Services:		
Brighten The Light	10.00	5,050.00
	Total: \$ 7,558.00	\$38,145.00
Weekly Giving Budget needs:	\$ 9,927.88	\$49,639.40
Attendance:		
8:30 am	81	
11:00 am	38	
Online	79 (as of 9/2)	

