

SERVICE OF THE WORD  
8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

THE LORD PREPARES OUR HEARTS

The Prelude, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" arr. Robert Lau  
"Lift High the Cross" arr. Gordon Young

THE LORD GATHERS US TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP

The Gathering Song, "Lift High the Cross" No. 660  
The Confession and Forgiveness Page 211  
The Greeting and Kyrie Page 213  
The Gloria Page 213  
Refrain: Congregation  
Verse 1: Pastor  
Verses 2 and 3: Congregation

The Prayer of the Day – In Unison  
Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. To those who look upon the cross, grant your wisdom, healing, and eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Anthem, 8:30 – "God So Loved the World" John Stainer  
10:45 – "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" William Doane

THE LORD SPEAKS TO US

The First Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9  
The Psalm: Psalm 98:1-4 No. 98  
The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24  
The Gospel Acclamation Page 216  
The Gospel: John 3:13-17  
The Pulpit Hymn, "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading" No. 401, vs. 1,2  
The Children's Message, "The African Cross"  
The Pulpit Hymn, "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading" No. 401, vs. 3,4,5  
The Sermon: "**LOOK TO THE CROSS**"

THE LORD CALLS FORTH OUR RESPONSE

The Hymn of the Day, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" No. 803  
The Apostles' Creed Page 217  
The Offering, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" arr. Robert Thygerson  
The Canticle of Thanksgiving Page 219  
The Concerns of the Church  
The Installation of Volunteer Education Staff  
The Prayers, Lord's Prayer, and Blessing  
The Sending Song, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" No. 324  
The Dismissal  
The Postlude, "Praise Be to God" Matt Powers

A CORDIAL WELCOME TO YOU from the entire family of believers in Christ of St. John's Church! May God the Father and the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace by the power of the Holy Spirit. If you are a visitor, you are invited to sign the Welcome Pad and come and worship with us again! If you brought your **CELL PHONE** to church today, please be sure to turn it off as you prepare for worship. **A NURSERY** is available this morning down the southeast hallway in Matthew. If your **CHILD** needs a **BRIEF BREAK** from worship there is a **CRY ROOM** available, with sound, tables, chairs, and visibility into the sanctuary to your right as you exit the sanctuary.

PARTICIPANTS IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Deacons: David Casperson, Scot Kretzschmar  
Director of Music: Deborah Helland  
Organist: Shirley Peterson  
Drum: Eli Paul  
Worship Preparation Hostesses: Ardelle Kirkeby  
Sound Technician: Blair Aakre  
Nursery Attendant: Carrie Flesch  
Pew Preparation: Boss family  
Bulletin Assembly: Darlene Pedersen

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Greeters:	Lang family	Clarice Norgaard
Usher Teams:	Dave Horn	Ross & Walker families
Crucifer:	Sam Johnson	Morgan Koski
Acolyte:	Kaitlyn Kamleiter	Matt Wiemann
Choir:	<i>Chancel Choir</i>	
Soloist:		Cindy Fuerniss
Readers:	Wayne Meyer	Jim Knutson
Nursery Helpers:	Melissa Bartz	Megan Sperl

**ONE GRADE 4 TEACHER IS NEEDED.** If you're considering teaching, the curriculum is conducive to teaching as a team. There are many different combinations that would work if you'd like to give it a try. Please call Kristi Paulson at 952-431-3590 if you are interested or if you have any questions. We would love for you to join us this fall!

**THE ST. JOHN'S SOUND TEAM** is looking for a person who would be available approximately one Sunday per month to operate our sound board during worship services. There may also be an occasional wedding, funeral or other special event. Past experience is useful but not necessary. We will provide training and orientation as needed. If interested, please contact Dan Nelson at 952-435-5314 or krisndan@charter.net.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will meet again starting Wednesday **October 1**. We will follow the music schedule for the remainder of the year. Our book will be The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren. New members are welcome. Child care will be provided. Please call Sigrid Iversen at 952-469-3385 with questions.

**WOMEN, PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS** St John's will be hosting a women's' retreat Friday, **January 30 (evening) and Saturday, January 31**. There is an exciting line up planned centering around "Time for God, Time for Reflection, Time for Women". We look forward to this time as a congregation of women to spend time in the word and with each other. Please check the board in the narthex or contact Sigrid Iversen at 952-469-3385 for more details.

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<b>St. John's Support Staff</b> Administrative Secretary: Jill Fioreck Nursery Attendants: Carrie Flesch, Jenna Holm, Set-up: Leon Nyssen	

# St. John's Notebook

## Mission Statement

"We are here to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and to reach out in his love to all people."

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

<b>SUN 9/14</b>	8:30/10:45 a.m. 9:40 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Worship/Education Installation Education Hour 3-year-olds through Adult Paintball, Grade 6-12 Eagle Scout Ceremony <i>The Reach</i>
<b>MON 9/15</b>	3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Piano Lessons Boy Scouts/Executive Board Meeting
<b>TUES 9/16</b>	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	St. John's Quilters Staff Meeting String Factory Music Staff Meeting
<b>WED 9/17</b>	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00/6:00/7:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Music Staff Meeting Pizza, Subs, and More <i>Affirm</i> <i>Sonshine, GRACE Singers</i> <i>Praise Singers, Chancel Choir, Ablaze</i>
<b>THUR 9/18</b>	1:00 p.m. 3:00-5:00/5:00-7:00 p.m.	Look Good, Feel Better Loaves and Fishes, Bloomington
<b>SUN 9/21</b>	8:30/10:45 a.m. 10:45 am 9:40 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Worship/Communion Third Grade Bible Sunday Education Hour 3-year-olds through Adult "Road to Muhanga" Presentation <i>The Reach</i>

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY:** 8:30 - 403; 10:45 - 406.

**WORSHIP OF OUR LORD JESUS AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH** is celebrated in the classic, historic, liturgical format that is practiced around the world and has sustained the faith of the Church for centuries. St. John's Church serves the greater Lakeville area through a membership of 1,566 baptized believers in Christ.

**ST. JOHN'S HYMN OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER** is the Tanzanian hymn, "Gracious Spirit, Hear our Pleading". This hymn from Tanzania is a call to the Holy Spirit to come to us each day, to lead us, to fashion us, and to help us follow. It is a prayer to keep us strong in our faith, unswerving to the influence of the world and to turn our doubt into certain faith. In Tanzania, this hymn would be sung in four parts with drum accompaniment, and of course, by memory!

**WE INSTALL TODAY AND HOLD IN PRAYER THE ENTIRE VOLUNTEER EDUCATION** staff of St. John's Church. Thank you in advance for all that you will do to assist the teaching ministry of our congregation!

**HEARING ASSISTANCE** devices are available at the sound desk. Please talk to one of St. John's sound team technicians in the sound booth.

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS** for today's worship services are available on the small table by the entrance to the sanctuary.

**FLOWERS TODAY:** Chris and Dawn Schaller in honor of their 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Jim and Sandy Spitzner. Bruce and Lynn Krejci, in honor of Pete and Jessie Mommsen's anniversary.



**CALLING ALL ADULTS! JOIN US IN THE SANCTUARY AT 9:40**

St. John's Sunday morning programming of Worship and Education includes opportunity for adults to continue their faith development by engaging in adult reflection on the Bible and matters of faith. This fall

Pastor Helland will be leading discussions in A.C.E. for the month of September under the banner theme, "Listen, God Is Calling!" The general theme will be the proclamation there is in the Bible that God is interested in reaching out to the whole world through his people. The September sessions will unfold as follows:

**TODAY**, September 14 – "Listen, God Is Calling...Through Jesus"

Participants will have opportunity to hear God calling through the Bible's presentation of Jesus to the world.

**NEXT SUNDAY**, September 21 – "Listen, God Is Calling...Through the Church"

Participants will have opportunity to hear God calling through his call to the church at large as well as to individuals who are the church.

**COMMITTEES OF THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL** are reminded that your packet of minutes from last Monday's meetings is available for you in your mailbox in the main office this morning. Please stop and pick up your packet and review this month's work at your leisure!

**ST. JOHN'S INSPIRE THURSDAY EVENING ADULT BIBLE STUDY** will consider "The Book of Faith" this fall. Have you often wondered how the Bible could be more meaningful to you? Have you wished that the Bible would speak more directly to you in your daily life? Would you like to spend a few hours thinking with other believers about various approaches to the Bible as a Book of Faith?

*Inspire* is a Thursday evening program of adult learning and fellowship led by Pastor Helland. This fall *Inspire* will meet for six Thursday evenings from **October 2 through November 20**, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., with one Thursday off for the MEA weekend.

*Inspire* participants will meet in "Mark" for one hour each session. There is a \$10 registration fee per person for materials.

Please e-mail Pastor Helland at [pastor@sjlcl.org](mailto:pastor@sjlcl.org) or fill out the form below and submit to the church office to indicate your intention to participate in *Inspire* Thursday evenings, October 5-November 20. Participants are invited to pick up materials at the Information Center in the narthex on Sunday mornings or in the church office weekdays beginning Sunday, September 21.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes! I am coming to participate in "The Book of Faith"!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**REFLECT WILL AGAIN BE OFFERED SUNDAY EVENINGS** through St. John's Church this fall. This recurring Sunday evening opportunity for fellowship and learning is a time for participants to "*reflect*" upon their past experience of Christian faith in conversation with the Lutheran perspective on the teaching of the Bible and practice of Christian faith. *Reflect* is required of persons desiring membership with St. John's Church who have not yet been baptized, not yet celebrated their confirmation, or who desire to transfer to St. John's Church from church membership other than Lutheran. *Reflect* is, however, open to any interested adult. Pastor Helland will be leading *Reflect* beginning Sunday evening, October 5, at 6:00 in "Mark". "Mark" is the name of the room at the far east end of the front hallway.

Sessions will be held for five Sunday evenings, one hour each session, **October 5-November 9**, with one Sunday off on October 19 for the MEA weekend. There is no cost. Interested persons are invited to call the church office, 952-469-4916, or to e-mail Pastor Helland at [pastor@sjlcl.org](mailto:pastor@sjlcl.org) and indicate plans to come to "Mark" on October 5.

The next opportunity for persons to be received into membership at St. John's Church will be offered Sunday, November 23.

**IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO IS ILL**, hospitalized, or in need of pastoral care, please call the church office at 952-469-4916. St. John's Prayer Chain may be activated by calling Diane Hammer (952-469-2570/952-239-0806) or Mavis Haaland (952-447-1610). Prayer requests may be included in our public prayers on Sunday morning by calling the church office during the week or by submitting the request to Pastor Helland in writing prior to the service.

**FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR:** Hi St. John's, welcome to another great morning of Sunday worship! I'm excited about the great things we have coming up in the youth ministry, especially the trip to MN Pro Paintball today for youth grades 6-12 and parents. If you haven't got your \$30 dollars in or the waiver completed and signed don't worry, just grab a waiver after service in the narthex and pay me before we leave. We have about 50 people signed up so drivers are needed! If you are an adult that can help as a driver for this important youth ministry kick-off event please let me know as it would be a tremendous help and very appreciated. We will start the day off with a pizza lunch served at 12:00 at the church, and since it is a long day it might be a good idea to bring a few snacks with you. We will also have *The Reach* tonight 6:00-8:00 after paintball, and the youth will also be serving a meal for the Muhanga presentation next Sunday. Thanks for reading and I look forward to seeing you today after service! God bless. – Peter Youth Director

**LOOK GOOD, FEEL BETTER – September 18**, 1:00-3:00 p.m. St. John's sponsors this program with the American Cancer Society (ACS). It is for women who are or have gone through surgery, chemo therapy, or radiation therapy for cancer. Meet with other women and a licensed cosmetologist through the American Cancer Society and receive cosmetics from brand named agencies who have donated their materials. Free registration is required by calling the ACS at 651-285-8162 or your Parish Nurse at 952-461-2214. Please share this information with your neighbors, people at work, and friends as this is open to the public.

**LOAVES AND FISHES** St. John's will be serving a hot meal this Thursday, **September 18**, at the Creekside Community Center in Bloomington. Would you like to help prepare or serve this meal? Please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board near the coat racks.

**THE NEXT TWO SUNDAYS** St. John's Church will have opportunity to hear updates about ways in which our congregation was in mission this past summer. The plans are as follows:

- **Sunday, September 21**, 4:30 p.m. – “The Road to Muhanga!” Pastor Helland and Debbie sharing their summer Mission Trip to Muhanga, Tanzania, Africa, over a light supper. A limited number of hard copies of Pastor Helland's e-mails from Africa are available at the Information Center this morning. You are invited to pick one up if you have been unable to read them and read them prior to the presentation!
- **Sunday, September 28**, 9:40 a.m. (note date and time change!) – “Hands with Purpose!” St. John's youth sharing their summer Mission Week during the Education Hour in the sanctuary.

**TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**, you are invited to read next Sunday's readings in advance. The readings will be as follows: First Reading – Jonah 3:10 – 4:11; Second Reading – Philippians 1:21-30; Gospel – Matthew 20:1-16. Pastor Helland plans to be preaching on the Second Reading.

**PARTICIPANTS FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

Deacons: David Casperson, Scot Kretzschmar  
Worship Preparation Hostesses: Bea Antolik, Jan Bentson, Lynn Coldren  
Sound Technician: Mark Allen  
Nursery Attendant: Carrie Flesch  
Communion Preparation: Loffler/Hansen/Cromer  
Pew Preparation: Marilou Zachary  
Bulletin Assembly: Ardyce Potter

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Greeters:	Nelson family	Wiemann family
Usher Teams:	Jeff Larson	Koch & Gustafson families
Acolytes:	Sam Johnson	Zach Emond
Choirs:	<i>GRACE Singers</i> <i>Praise Singers</i>	<i>Chancel Choir</i>
Readers:	Tom Holverson	Erin Lindquist
Communion Servers:	Pam & Kirsten Haukoos Ron Swagger	Rolan Anderson Kari Schultz Mary Ann White
Nursery Helpers:	Travis Meyer	Megan Sperl

**CALLING ALL WOMEN! BE A BLESSING, LEAVING FOOTPRINTS** of goodness and love! Mark your calendar and call a friend to attend! The fall Synod Women's Organization South Cluster meeting will be held here at **St. John's on September 25 at 7:00 p.m.** We will welcome women from 20 of our sister churches in the South Cluster with an inspiring meeting and guest presenters, Sister Michelle Meyers and Sister Kay O'Neil, Presentation Sisters of Aberdeen S.D. The sisters are renowned in the area for teaching, retreats and special appearances. Their light-hearted enthusiasm (personality plus) in sharing the messages of Christ to “everyone in their corner of the world” promises to be an evening you won't want to miss!! A free will offering will be taken. Dessert and coffee will be served. ***Child care offered with 48 hours notice to the church office.*** We hope to see you there.

**WE HAD 19 UNITS OF BLOOD DONATED** in the September Blood Mobile Drive which means St. John's, YOU, assisted in saving 57 lives. Thank you! Our next blood drive is scheduled for January 9.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY FALL RETREAT** will be held **Saturday, September 27** at 8:00 a.m.; join us! New members are welcomed to anyone that knows how to or wants to learn how to knit or crochet. A continental breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. Speaker guest will be JoAnn Fabric's education coordinator, Betty McNeill. She will share ideas relating to yarn chosen, patterns, and finishing of shawls. Area church ministries are invited to share the morning, their projects and ideas, as well as friendships weaved with God's love. Questions can be directed to Parish Nurse at 952- 461-2214 or Alice Anton at 952-435-5450.

**LUTHERAN WOMAN BIBLE STUDY** As Lutheran Women we are blessed to have the award winning Lutheran Woman Today [subscriptions@augsborgfortress.org](mailto:subscriptions@augsborgfortress.org) magazine available to us. For just \$12 per year, inspirational, informative, and scriptural articles and a 12 month Bible Study will come to your home. The latest and newest resources are available to you including The Little Lutheran for your child or a special little one in your life. [www.thelittlelutheran.org](http://www.thelittlelutheran.org) .

The study this year is based on Wisdom stories from Ruth, Daniel, and Esther "The Hidden Hand of God" authored by Rev. Gwen Sayler and Rev. Ann Fritschel, both professors of Hebrew Bible at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa.

**On September 27** we will have an opportunity to hear the study discussed by Rev. Jillene Gallatin, Associate Pastor of Elim Lutheran Church in Scandia, MN. Rev. Gallatin has a Master of Divinity from Luther Seminary and is highly involved in the areas of Evangelism and Outreach, Children and Youth Ministries, and serves on the St. Paul Area Synod Candidacy Committee, meeting with students in discerning their call to the ministry. Rev. Gallatin's secret: "I get energy from people doing what they feel they are called to do."

Registration forms can be found in the track rack in the narthex. We hope many of you will opt to participate and enjoy this high-energy, active, dynamic leader and articulate speaker. Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in St. Paul on September 27. Registration is from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.

**THE AUGSBURG CENTENNIAL SINGERS**, a 55-voice male chorus, will appear in concert at St. John's Lutheran Church on **Sunday, September 28, at 3:00 p.m.** The Centennial Singers consist of men from various walks of life drawn together by their love of singing. The group was formed in 1993 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first gospel quartet from Augsburg College to sing in Norway. The music for the concert includes spirituals, familiar hymns and gospel songs, selections from the classical repertoire and a barbershop tune or two. A free-will offering will be received. St. John's Lutheran sponsors the concert.