



St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

and Day Care & Development Center

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THE 21ST WEEKEND AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 17/18, 2026

“Thankful Tribute”

AS WE GATHER

There are certain “givens” in our earthly lives. In a letter written in 1789, American statesman Benjamin Franklin wrote: “In this world nothing can be said to be certain except death and taxes.” Paying taxes is one of those unavoidable duties we have as citizens of our nation. Paul directed the Christians at Rome to pay “taxes to whom taxes are owed” (Romans 13:7) as part of their ongoing responsibilities. Jesus and His Disciples also paid taxes to both Roman Authorities, and for the annual “Temple Tax” (Matthew 17:24-27.) Christian Stewardship recognizes the setting aside a percentage of the wealth God has allowed us to have, for the benefit of God’s Kingdom in this world for the work of God to reach others and for the upkeep of the Congregation. Christian Stewardship is not a burden. It is the thankful and loving response to God’s love in choosing us to be His own, giving His Son, Jesus, to save us. We recognize all the blessings God has Given.

For the convenience of all worshipers at St. John, we have:

- **Large-Print Bulletins and Hymnals**
- **A Quiet Room** for families needing to take their child(ren) out of Worship, located at the back (left side) of Church, with a large window and speakers, so that families may still see and hear the Worship Service
- **Restrooms** located at the back of the Church in the Narthex
- **Activity bags for children** which are available in the Narthex, hanging on “Ginny the Giraffe.” Children may take home the pictures they color.
Please return books, crayons, and bags to “Ginny.”

(Please ask an Usher to direct you to any of the above.)

IN THE NAME OF OUR BLESSED SAVIOR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN *"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

LSB 905

- 1 Come, Thou Almighty King,
 help us Thy Name to sing; help us to praise;
 Father all-Glorious, O'er all Victorious,
 Come and Reign over us, Ancient of Days.
- 2 Come, Thou Incarnate Word,
 Gird on Thy Mighty Sword; our prayer attend.
 Come and Thy People Bless, and give Thy Word success,
 and let Thy Righteousness, on us Descend.
- 3 Come, Holy Comforter,
 Thy Sacred Witness bear, in this glad hour!
 Thou, Who Almighty art, now Rule in ev'ry heart,
 and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of Pow'r.
- 4 To Thee, Great One in Three,
 Eternal praises be, hence evermore!
 Thy Sov'reign Majesty, may we in Glory see,
 and to Eternity, love and adore.

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INVOCATION

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

All: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *1 Chronicles 16:28; Psalm 28:8; 29:2, 11; 68:34; 1 Peter 4:11*

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD, O clans of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD Glory and Strength!

All: The LORD is the Strength of His People; He is the Saving Refuge of His Anointed.

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD the Glory due His Name; worship the LORD in the Splendor of Holiness.

All: May the LORD give Strength to His People! May the LORD Bless His People with Peace!

Pastor: Ascribe Power to God, Whose Majesty is over Israel, and Whose Power is in the skies.

All: To Him belong Glory and Dominion forever and ever. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our Heavenly Father.

All: O God our Father, we confess that we are by nature sinful, and we acknowledge that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have transgressed Your Law and have sometimes brought injury to the lives of others, and we have not always kept the commitments we have made or fulfilled the responsibilities entrusted to us. We do sincerely repent of our sins. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Grant us Your Grace and full Forgiveness in Jesus Christ, our Savior. By the Renewing Work of the Holy Spirit within us, lead us to amend our lives that each day we may grow in Righteousness and in godly living to the Glory of Your Holy Name.

Pastor: Our Gracious God hears our pleas and accepts our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ. To those who repent and call upon Him, our Lord Promises Forgiveness, Life, and Salvation. As a Called and Ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.

All: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 121:1–4, 7–8; antiphon: v. 5

Pastor: The LORD is your Keeper; the LORD is your Shade on your right hand.

All: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

Pastor: My Help comes from the LORD, Who made Heaven and Earth.

All: He will not let your foot be moved; He Who keeps you will not slumber.

Pastor: Behold, He Who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.

All: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the Beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, the Protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You, as our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things Eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 45:1–7*

ESV 719

¹Thus says the LORD to His Anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have Grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: ²"I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, Who Call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of My Servant Jacob, and Israel My Chosen, I Call you by your name, I Name you, though you do not know Me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides Me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know Me, ⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides Me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I Form Light and Create Darkness, I Make well-being and Create calamity, I am the LORD, Who does all these things."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 1:1–10*

ESV 1172

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the Church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of Faith and labor of Love and steadfastness of Hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that He has Chosen you, ⁵because our Gospel came to you not only in Word, but also in Power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the Word in much affliction, with the Joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the Word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your Faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the Living and True God, ¹⁰and to wait for His Son from Heaven, Whom He Raised from the Dead, Jesus Who Delivers us from the Wrath to come.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.



¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in His Talk.

¹⁶And they sent their disciples to Him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that You are True and Teach the Way of God Truthfully, and You do not care about anyone’s opinion, for You are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what You think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put Me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show Me the coin for the tax.” And they brought Him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹They said, “Caesar’s.” Then He said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left Him and went away.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN *“Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”* Vs 1,2 *LSB 782*

- 1 Gracious God, You send Great Blessings, new each morning all our days.
For Your Mercies never ending, for Your Love we offer praise. *Refrain*

*Refrain: Lord, we pray that we, Your People who Your Gifts unnumbered claim,
through the sharing of Your Blessings, may bring Glory to Your Name.*

- 2 By Your Word You formed Creation, filled with creatures large and small;
as we tend that endless treasure, may our care encircle all. *Refrain*

SERMON

HYMN *“Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”* Vs 3,4 *LSB 782*

- 3 In His Earthly Life, our Savior, knew the care of faithful friends;
may our deeds of dedication, offer love that never ends. *Refrain*

*Refrain: Lord, we pray that we, Your People who Your Gifts unnumbered claim,
through the sharing of Your Blessings may bring Glory to Your Name.*

- 4 Heav’nly Father, may our caring, bear the imprint of Your Grace;
with the Son and Holy Spirit, praise be Yours in ev’ry place! *Refrain*

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OFFERING *(received and brought to the Altar)*

OFFERTORY

LSB 192

All: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and Renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy Presence and Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the Joy of Thy Salvation and Uphold me with Thy Free Spirit. Amen.

CATECHISM

The Second Article

Pastor: As we bring our thankful tribute to our Lord Jesus Christ through our worship, let us speak together the Words of the Apostles' Creed regarding our Savior, and in the words of the Small Catechism by Dr. Martin Luther confess what it means to have faith in God's only Son.

All: I believe 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.

Pastor: What does this mean?

All: I believe that Jesus Christ, True God, Begotten of the Father from Eternity, and also True Man, Born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, Who has Redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, Purchased and Won me from all sins, from Death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His Holy, Precious Blood and with His Innocent Suffering and Death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His Kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is Risen from the Dead, Lives and Reigns to all Eternity. This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: With full confidence that our prayers will be heard by our Loving God, we offer our petitions for the Church, the world, and all people in need. For the Church and for all gathered here together in worship, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy. *(after each petition)*

Pastor: Remembering with gratitude those whose earthly lives are now completed and who dwell in Light Eternal, we ask that we be blessed by the memory of all who have fallen asleep in Jesus, looking forward to a Grand Reunion in the Courts of Heaven. Let us pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, have mercy and hear our prayer. Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

LSB 194

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.



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

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

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, because Your Mercy attends us all our days. Graciously You Provide for all our wants of body and soul. Grant that Your Holy Spirit Guard, Guide, and Comfort us throughout the days of our journey on Earth as Your Pilgrim People. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels and with all the Company of Heaven we laud and magnify Your Glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

LSB 208

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and Earth with full acclaim shout the Glory of Your Name.
Sing hosanna in the Highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord!**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 this, 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

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim the Lord's Death until He Comes.

All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

LSB 209

All: Amen. *(spoken)*

AGNUS DEI *(sung)*

LSB 210

All: O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You Take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You Take the sin of the world away;
have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, and Grant us Peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

DISTRIBUTION:

All who Commune receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.
Therefore, each one must take seriously the responsibility to examine oneself:
+ To acknowledge oneself as a sinner and repent of one's sins.
+ To trust Jesus as one's Savior for forgiveness and submit to Him as Lord.
+ To believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, that His true Body and Blood are received in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine.
+ To ask the Holy Spirit to assist in living a moral and obedient life to glorify God.
St. John, Cudahy is a member of the SELC District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS).
+ Communing here implies agreement with the teachings and practices of the LCMS.
Questions? Please speak with Pastor.

[Please follow the instructions of the Usher. Exit the pew down the center aisle.

*As you approach the Altar Rail, if you desire the Individual Cup of Wine, please take one with you.
Stand or kneel at the Altar Rail. (Non-alcoholic individual cups are available in the center of the trays.)*

Receive the Wafer, then receive the Wine, either from the Common cup, or the Cup you brought.

*If you have selected the Individual Cup, please discard the cup
in the container on the side aisle as you return down the outside aisle to your pew.]*

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

HYMN “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

LSB 851

1 Lord of Glory, You have Bought us, with Your Lifeblood as the Price.
Never grudging for the lost ones, that tremendous Sacrifice;
and with that have freely given, Blessings countless as the sand,
to the _unthankful and the evil, with Your own Unsparing Hand.

2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You, gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your Goodness, melt our thankless hearts of stone,
till our cold and selfish natures, warmed by You, at length believe,
that more happy and more blessed, 'tis to give than to receive.

3 Wondrous honor You have given, to our humblest charity.
In Your own Mysterious sentence, "You have Done it all to Me."
Can it be, O Gracious Master, that You deign for alms to sue,
saying by Your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?



4 Lord of Glory, You have Bought us, with Your Lifeblood as the Price.
Never grudging for the lost ones, that tremendous Sacrifice.
Give us Faith to Trust You boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on You;
but, oh, best of all Your Graces, with Your Love our love Renew.

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HYMN *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

LSB 850

1 God of Grace and God of Glory, on Your People pour Your Pow'r;
Crown Your Ancient Church's story; bring its Bud to Glorious Flow'r.
Grant us Wisdom, grant us Courage
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us, scorn the Christ, assail His Ways!
From the fears that long have bound us, Free our hearts to Faith and Praise.
Grant us Wisdom, Grant us Courage
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

3 Cure Your children's warring madness; Bend our pride to Your Control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us Wisdom, Grant us Courage
lest we miss Your Kingdom's goal, lest we miss Your Kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation, to the evils we deplore,
let the Gift of Your Salvation, be our Glory evermore.
Grant us Wisdom, Grant us Courage
serving You Whom we adore, serving You Whom we adore.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Heavenly Father, for You have once again Fed and
Nourished us at Your Table through the Body and Blood of Your Son, Jesus
Christ, our Lord. Strengthen us through this Gracious Meal that we live with
Hope and Confidence, keeping the priorities of our lives in ways that show forth

Your Love. Support us in this life and bring us at last to the unending Feast in Your Eternal Kingdom, where You Live and Reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

CLOSING SENTENCES

Colossians 2:6–7; Psalm 90:17a; Philippians 4:20

Pastor: Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the Faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

All: Let the Favor of the LORD our God be upon us. To our God and Father be Glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

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.

All: Amen, amen, amen. (sung)

LSB 202

HYMN “Children of the Heavenly Father”

LSB 725

- 1 Children of the Heav’nly Father, safely in His Bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in Heaven, such a refuge e’er was given.
- 2 God His Own doth tend and nourish; in His Holy Courts they flourish.
From all evil things He Spares them; in His Mighty Arms He bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever, from the Lord His Children sever;
unto them His Grace He showeth, and their sorrows all He knoweth.
- 4 Though He Giveth or He Taketh, God His Children ne’er forsaketh;
His the Loving Purpose solely, to preserve them Pure and Holy.

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IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER...

- † for the sick and shut in of our Family of Faith: Elaine Wasicka, SaDonna Antonia, Chris Buttke, Lynne Hahn, Dorrene Krueger and Yolanda Brandstrom
- † friends of our family of Faith: Karen McAndrews, Karen Squiers, Donna H and Bruce
- † Special Prayers for those with Cancer: Ray Berg, Charlie Baranowski, Dan Gerber, Gabe, Nate Watters and Lindsay Rowland
- † For our Church's mission outreach around the world.
- † for the family and friends of Jenny Gianou who passed away from Cancer



THOSE WHO SERVE

Officiant: Rev. Phillip DeVries

Elder on Duty:

Sat: Scott Lucas

Sun: Craig Hanke

Sunday Ushers:

Jim Fahser

Jim Papala

Organist:

Sat: Tom Bellis

Sun: Betty Johnson

Altar Guild:

Upkeep:

Sat: Laura Lucas

Sun: Karen Erickson

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the Altar this week are placed to the glory of God by Craig and Lynn Hanke. Happy Blessed Birthday Lynn.

120th ANNIVERSARY: TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY!

Uplifting music was performed by our Organist, Brass Choir and Bell Choir! Thank you to all the musicians the strong singing by the congregation! Inspiring experience of Word, and Distribution of the Sacrament was done by Pastors Vinovskis, Schauer, DeVries and Krueger. The wonderful dinner, video slides and program were enjoyed by all at Pulaski Inn. Thank God for all involved!

IT'S KRINGLE TIME – ORDERING WILL END NOVEMBER 8!!

Look for samples of O&H Kringle at next weekend's services. Day Care is raising money for maintenance and improvements in their play yard. This year will be new coffee packets. Kringle will be available for pick-up beginning Wednesday, November 18, just in time for Thanksgiving!

ST. JOHN FAVORITE MEMORY CARDS

Memories are dear and precious to us all and certainly there are many memories you have of your time here at St. John. Please share one or two of your favorite memories by filling out a "Memory Card" on the table in the Narthex. Once you have filled out a card, please place them in the box in the Narthex. We will be saving them to use at the 125th Anniversary!

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

During the month of October, Project Concern, the food pantry that serves Cudahy and St. Francis, holds a food drive to collect items for Thanksgiving food baskets. Every year the food pantry provides baskets to our neighbors in need. Items such as corn, green beans, gravy and mashed potatoes are needed. You can drop off a donation in our Project Concern area behind the Church Office.

CONCORDIA GOSPEL OUTREACH & PROJECT CONCERN

Project Concern of Cudahy/St. Francis will be receiving FREE children's Arch Books from Concordia Gospel Outreach. Books in English and Spanish are sent to St. John, to give to Project Concern to share with families they serve. Concordia Gospel Outreach now sends more than 10,000 books to food pantries around the country. This means that children and families in need, receive the hope of Jesus Christ alongside other necessities when they are served by participating food banks. There is no cost to St. John for these books. To support this outreach effort you can donate at: CONCORDIAGOSPELOUTREACH.ORG.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE FOR LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship Service: 38

120th Anniversary Worship Service: 132

FINANCIAL POSITION FOR OCTOBER 2026

GENERAL FUND

	Month to Date	FY to Date
Received:	\$ 13,262.40	\$ 99,459.61
Obligations:	\$ <u>17,647.77</u>	\$ <u>118,066.75</u>
Balance:	\$ (4,385.37)	\$ (18,607.14)
Beginning Fiscal Year General Fund Balance		\$ 25,000.00
YTD General Fund Balance		\$ 6,392.86

Property Improvement Loan

Monthly Amount Needed	Received MTD	Balance Needed
\$2,553.24	\$1,706.00	\$847.24

*St. John Day Care contributes \$1,000 each month toward Loan Repayment.
This is in addition to the \$2,200 per month paid to the General Fund for Use & Occupancy.*

*BIBLICAL GIVING – 2 Corinthians 8:12 -: For if the willingness is there,
the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.*

SPECIAL GIFT

General Fund

- + from Robert & Denise Roszak in celebration of 120 years
- + from Bess Papala in memory of Anna Trochta
- + from James & Bonnie Papala in memory of Anna Trochta
- + from Nels & Julie Monson in memory of Jane Weber (Bob's mom)
- + from Don Seaman in memory of Jane Weber

Property Improvement Fund

- + from Marjorie Zielski celebrating the St. John 120th Anniversary

120th Anniversary Fund

- + from Don Flemming in celebration of the St. John 120th Anniversary

GIVING ELECTRONICALLY FALL TRAVEL

Do you know that St. John offers an electronic automated option for giving? It's easy and simple for you. "Electronic Giving" allows your weekly or monthly contributions to be transferred electronically from your checking or savings account. Some families pay bills this way. If you are away on vacation, you can have peace of mind knowing that your offering has been received and is contributing to the work of the church.

A simple and easy-to-use authorization form can begin or change your electronic contribution amount. Contact the Church Office for more information. (414-481-0520)

SEPTEMBER 2026 ATTENDANCE AND FINANCE NUMBERS

<u>AVERAGE ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Saturday Worship	34	44	41
Sunday Worship	75	70	68
Total Weekend Worship	109	114	109
Generations of Blessings	145	123	97

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>End of Month</u>	<u>YTD – November</u>
	09/30/2026	07/01/2026 – 09/30/2026
Offering and Receipts	\$25,676.58	\$86,343.11
Obligations	\$30,405.80	\$100,318.98
Balance:	(\$4,279.22)	(\$13,975.54)

PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT LOAN BALANCE: \$249,882.24

To contribute to the Property Improvement Fund, please use a designated envelope from your packet or the pew. Please label “Property Improvement Fund” and mark your Name, Envelope Number, and Amount on this envelope, so it may accurately be recorded on your end of year contribution statement.

A detailed financial report of receipts and expenses is available in the Church Office by request of any St. John member.

BANNER COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a Banner Committee on Wednesday, October 28 at **5:00pm** in the Council Room.

ANNUAL ALTAR GUILD MEETING

The Annual Altar Guild meeting will be held on Thursday, October 29 at **6:00pm**. Bring your friends. Any suggestions? Call Pat: 414-426-8422.

ALL SAINTS WEEKEND: OCTOBER 31 / NOVEMBER 1

Lutherans DO NOT pray to Saints! A “Saint” is a “holy person” - and everyone who has Faith in Jesus as Savior and Lord has been made “Holy” because our sins have been FORGIVEN and God sees us IN CHRIST as “Holy.” While we are living, our problem is that we still “sin daily.” However, those Christians who have been translated into Eternity are now always “Holy” - and therefore “Saints.” The Church remembers all those who have died in faith (translated from physical life into soul life in Paradise) on All Saints Day (Nov 1). In our Worship Services on October 31 & November 1, we will remember all St. John members who have died this past year. If you have loved ones that you would like us to remember and praise God for, please use the special cards in the Narthex to PRINT CLEARLY their NAMES and their RELATIONSHIP to YOU as you submit their names. **Deadline is Sunday, October 25, for NAMES to be in our Worship bulletin.**

VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE

The 11th Hour, of the 11th Day, of the 11th Month - the end of World War 1, first known as Armistice Day, but became Veterans Day to honor all who ever served in any branch of the military. Many St. John members have served in the military, and we have had whole listings in years past. HOWEVER, this year, on Nov 7 & 8 we will HONOR those for whom you volunteer the information. If you or a loved one has served in the military at any time, and you would like their NAME, RANK, and BRANCH of SERVICE to be acknowledged and thank God for their service to our Country, USE THE CARDS found in the NARTHEX to provide their information, plus your name and your relationship with the name provided, and place the card in the provided box. **The DEADLINE for the NAME to be included in the Worship Bulletin is Sunday NOON, Nov 1.**

THE GRAND OL' CHRISTMAS SHOW

Social Concerns invites you to join us at the South Milwaukee Performing Arts located at 901-15th Avenue in South Milwaukee, Sunday, December 13 at **3:00pm** for The Grand Ol' CHRISTMAS SHOW. Cost for the show is \$53.10. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Make checks payable to Julie Monson. **Deadline for sign-up is November 1.**

LUTHERAN WITNESS MAGAZINE

Did you know that there is a magazine for Lutheran lay people that offers information and help in day-to-day situations with faith, humor, compassion and understanding? It's called the ***Lutheran Witness***. If you are interested in subscribing to this Christian magazine, please place \$23.50 in an envelope and write on the outside of the envelope "Lutheran Witness Subscription" Attn: CynDee, along with your name and address. Checks should be made payable to: "St. John Lutheran Church". They can be placed in the Church Secretary Mailbox in the Church Office. **Deadline is Sunday, November 8.** Your Subscription will begin in February 2027.

QUARTERLY 2026 WINTER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: SUNDAY, NOV. 08

The deadline for the Winter Evangelist will be here before you know it. Please submit your articles for the upcoming events that will happen during the Winter months - (Dec-Jan-Feb) to: seavisionten0r@gmail.com

DINNER & BUNCO

Social Concerns invites you to join them on Saturday, November 14, 2026, for Bunco and Barbeque [aka sloppy joes]. A light dinner will be served at **4:15pm** with Bunco to follow. If you have never played Bunco - it is a very easy to learn, interactive, and fun group dice game. Let us know that you will attend on the signup sheet in the Narthex. **Deadline** to sign up is ***Sunday, November 8, 2026***. Hoping to see you there!



GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR CELEBRATION...

...of birth

Oct 17

Donna Schraufnagel

Oct 18

David Zagrodnick

Oct 20

Lynn Hanke

Ava Tice

Oct 21

Kristi DeVries

James Tice

Oct 22

Ethan Olson

...of baptism

Oct 20

Sara Loh Vogelsang

James Sieg

Oct 21

Addison Schurk

Oct 23

Randall Foeckler

Phillip Meyer

...of marriage

Oct 17

James & Nancy Sieg

Oct 18

Christopher & Angela Perry

Oct 20

Keith & Jean Belter



If your celebration day is incorrect or doesn't appear, please notify the Church Office at 414-481-0520.

FREE 4K DAY CARE PROGRAM!!

"Get Kids Ready" is a **WI State Funded Program** that is available here at our St. John Day Care! It is an 8:30am – 12:30pm daily offering. Know any 4-year olds whose parents should consider this? More information can be found at this website:

dcfgetkidsready@wisconsin.gov or contact Karen at

St. John Day Care (414) 482-0554. Applications are now being accepted. There is no cost to the parents for this program which will run from 8:30am – 12:30pm. Should your child need additional hours, the cost will be calculated in compliance with our regular Day Care rates.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES AT ST. JOHN

These classes are free and Bibles are provided. All are always welcome to join. Please see weekly calendar on the back cover for times and topics.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH AND CHILD DAY CARE

CHURCH 414-481-0520

DAY CARE 414-482-0554

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CALENDAR: OCTOBER

Sat.	17	<i>LWML ZONE 1 SWD RALLY</i>	
		10:30am	Fireside: Come from Away
		3:00pm	Communion Worship Service
Sun.	18	9:00am	Communion Worship Service
		10:00am	Coffee Koinonia (<i>Fellowship Time</i>)
		10:30am	Adult Bible Study (<i>Book of 1 Peter</i>)
		10:30am	Sunday School
Mon.	19	5:30pm	Social Concerns Meeting
		6:15pm	Handbell Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Adult Bible Study (<i>Book of John</i>)
Tue.	20	7:00am	Men's Bible Study @OC (<i>Book of Hebrews</i>)
		2:00pm	Church Council Meeting
		4:30pm	Day Care Meeting
		6:00pm	120 th Anniversary Recap Meeting
Wed.	21	9:30am	AdavaCare Sr. Living @ SF
Thur.	22	9:00am	Oak Creek Place Worship Service
		9:30am	Day Care Devotions
		10:15am	AdavaCare Sr. Living (OC)
		1:30pm	Adult Bible Study (<i>Join the TOUR – Know the Book</i>)
		7:00pm	Sheepshead
Fri.	23		
Sat.	24	<i>REFORMATION WEEKEND OBSERVED</i>	
		3:00pm	Communion Worship Service
Sun.	25	9:00am	Communion Worship Service
		10:00am	Coffee Koinonia (<i>Fellowship Time</i>)
		10:30am	Adult Bible Study (<i>Book of 1 Peter</i>)
		10:30am	Sunday School