

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome to our guests.** We are glad you have joined us in worshipping our Lord and Savior. We trust you will draw strength, peace, and hope as together we hear God's Word spoken here today. So that we may serve you better, we ask that you fill out an attendance card located on the back of the pew, including your address and noting that you are a visitor.

**ETERNAL CANDLE** This warm, steady glow, encourages us to offer our thanks to our faithful Lord and God, especially for our Sunday school volunteers as they share the story of God’s love.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar is from Nancy Williams.

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS** *Amos 6:1a – “Woe to those who are at ease in Zion.”* The Book of Amos is a warning to God’s people who have been given great material wealth. As Jesus Himself mentions, material blessings can turn into temptations — chiefly the temptation to think of ourselves as self-sufficient and independent. What does Amos suggest as a way to combat this temptation? First, faith in the Lord and dependence upon Him! And if our faith is right, we will want to follow the rest of Amos’ instructions — to bless the poor with our alms and to make sure the Lord’s House is properly cared for. In other words, we are called to align our actions with God’s priorities and put others ahead of ourselves.

**FOOD PANTRY** Thank you everyone that donated canned fruits and vegetables! We are so grateful for your support. Another item that has not been available for us to purchase in quite some time is soup. As the weather finally begins to turn colder, we prayerfully ask for donations of canned soups.

**BLOOD DRIVE** Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 11th! We will be taking appointments for our annual blood drive from 8am-11:30am. If you have any questions, please contact Jill Schofield at 309-721-1646

**BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES:** *Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit...therefore honor God with your body. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)* Guess what? This instruction isn’t just for young people! How are we - young and old people alike – doing at taking care of our physical bodies where God’s Spirit dwells? No matter what your age, do something this week that will make your body stronger and healthier. Choose a healthy snack, drink less, or go for a walk and invite a friend or neighbor to join you. Shared activity makes it more fun and creates an open door for conversation about wellness, including spiritual wellness. This week, honor God with your body...no matter how many years it’s been around! **Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

**EMBROIDERY CRAFT ACTIVITY IN OCTOBER**  
We will welcome Susan Arrasmith two Mondays in October to teach us how to embroider. We will learn the basics on beginning your project and how to do three basic stitches (back stitch, lazy daisy, and cross stitch - not counted). You will walk away with an embroidered piece (pumpkin or daisy) you can hang on your wall. All you need is a 6” wooden embroidery hoop. \$3 each. If you have one already, please indicate, otherwise we will order them for the group. Sign up by Sunday, October 12.

**THANK YOU** Much thanks for the use of the church facilities to celebrate my Dad’s 90th birthday. He really enjoyed the celebration and visited with over 30 family members. Specific thanks to Marsha Boarts, Flo Moore, and Jonathan, Alice, and Henry Schmidt for helping out. The celebration was a great time and success.

**CAMP CILCA** The Grueling, Rugged, Intense Trail Run (G.R.I.T. Run) is Saturday, October 4 at 11:30am at Camp CILCA. Participants ages 6-18 run for \$10, and participants 19+ run for \$30. Find out more and sign up at [cilca.org/grit-run](http://cilca.org/grit-run) or call 217-487-7497 for more information.

**COFFEE WITH MOMCO** You are invited to a coffee with MomCo on Sunday, October 12th at 9:00am in the church gym. What is MomCo, you ask? MomCo is a community led by moms where they support one another through the motherhood journey. So come experience a MomCo meeting and let’s see if there is enough interest to start a MomCo ministry at St. John’s!

September 27th and 28th, 2025  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Prayer and Preaching

Prelude– The Guitars Group  
Congregation invited to sing along:  
“Be Still My Soul” 752  
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Postlude-Tyler Belan  
“Prayer of Saint Gregory”  
By: Alan Hovhaness

## *The Lord's Week*

### **Sunday, September 28th**

9:00am– Worship  
10:30am– Bible/ Sunday school  
10:30am– Confirmation Instruction  
1:30pm– Mary Kay facials

### **Monday, September 29th**

1:30pm– Activities room  
6:00pm– Cherub Chimers rehearsal  
6:30pm– Heavenly Ringers rehearsal

### **Tuesday, September 30th**

10:00am– Food Pantry  
6:30pm– Guitar Jam

### **Wednesday, October 1st**

9:00am– TOPS  
10:00am– Women's Bible study  
1:30pm– Activities room  
6:30pm– Courtyard Committee meeting

### **Thursday, October 2nd**

6:30pm– Board Meetings

### **Saturday, October 4th**

8:00am– Men's Bible study  
9:30am– Choir Rehearsal  
5:00pm– Worship w/Communion  
(Pastor Astrowski)

### **Sunday, October 5th**

9:00am– Worship w/Communion  
10:30am– Bible/ Sunday school  
10:30am– Confirmation Instruction

## *Bible Study Opportunities*

### **Sunday Mornings, following worship:**

Join Pastor Anderson in the Janssen rooms following worship- we will begin studying the Acts of the Apostles, looking at the beginnings of the Christian Church, and how the Church two millennia later still bears the imprint of that first Church.

### ***Holy Land Geography, Customs & History***

Join Clark Stojan in the Keyl room, as he leads us to explore the world of the Bible along with select events recorded in Scripture.

***Coffee with Christ– Myth or Faith?*** To begin Sept. 21st

### **Wednesdays, 10am**

#### ***Great Women of the Bible***

In this Bible study series, we will look at the lives of only the most familiar women in God's Word. From Eve, the first woman, to those women who helped Jesus' apostles, participants will see God's grace in action as He calls and leads these women in their daily lives. Through their God-given faith and their faith-filled deeds, you will be inspired by these great women of the Bible.

### **Saturdays, 8am**

***Men's Bible study*** We will be continuing the chronological study of the Gospel.

### **Serving the Lord this Week:**

**Organist:** Christine Engebrecht

**Greeters:** (Sat.) Chuck Brokaw  
(Sun.) Lucille Perley

**Ushers:** (Sat.) Greg Burke, Todd Miller, Rick Newlon,  
& Larry Ripka

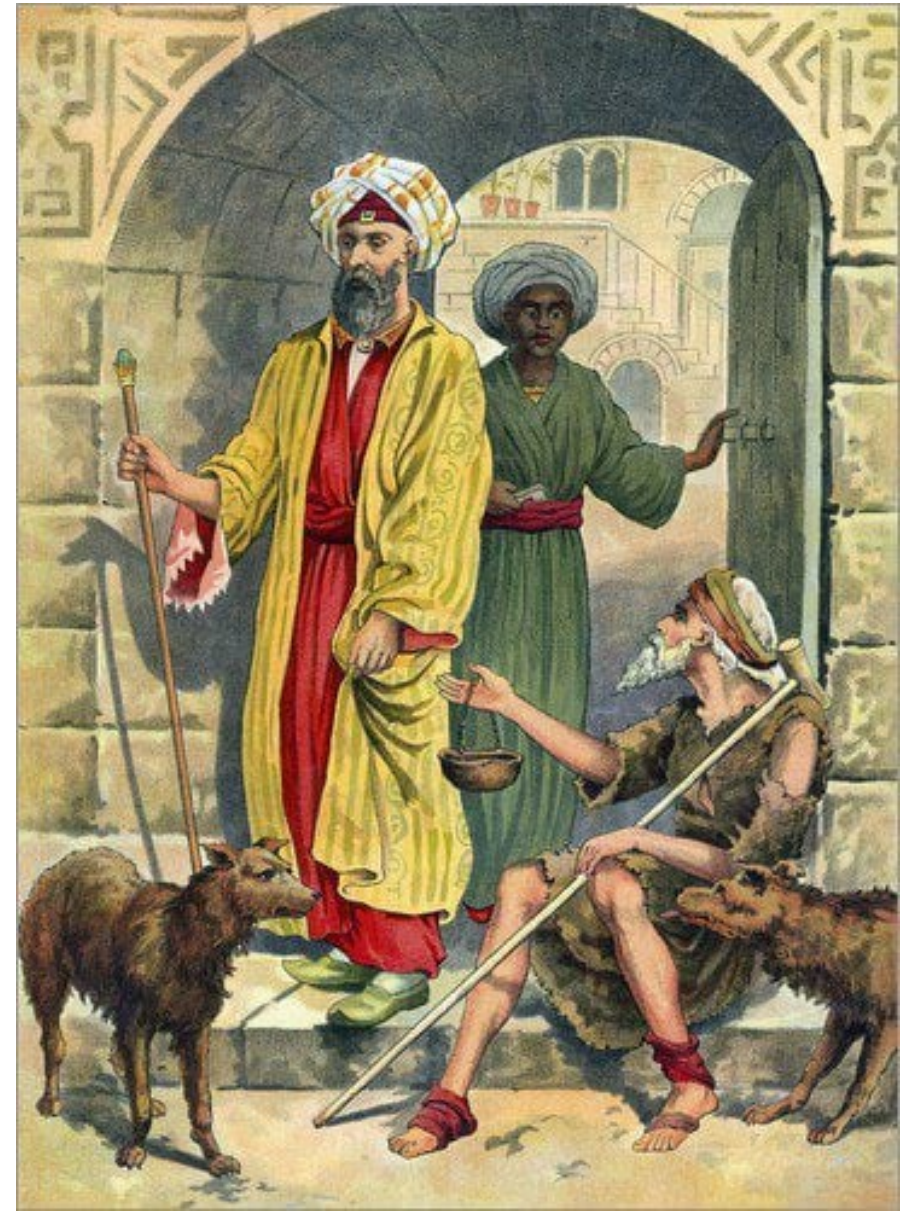
(Sun.) Rod Hopkins, Penny Schreck and George Aukee

**Altar Guild:** Cory Rossmiller, Wendy Rossmiller, and Brandi Erickson

The church confesses to Christ, “You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68). The church is encouraged to “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ...” (Col. 3:16). Psalm 1 teaches us to meditate on God's Word day and night. It is our great opportunity and joy to read and study God's Word. One beneficial practice is to memorize the Scriptures and, in so doing, to meditate on it. The LCMS invites everyone to memorize a verse together each week.  
Memory Verse Challenge:

### **2 Peter 1:3**

*His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.*



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### Readings

**P** The Old Testament reading is from Amos, the sixth chapter.

“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? “Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.” (*Amos 6:1-7*)

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Epistle reading is from 1 Timothy, the third chapter.

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God’s church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil. Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus. (*1Tim.3:1-13*)

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**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’” (*Luke 16:19-31*)

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**ST. JOHN’S PRAYER CARD**

**September 27th and 28th, 2025**

*Please remember the following in your prayers this week...*

**Anniversaries**

Brian & Carmae Kern (28)  
Russell & Diane Kosche (32)  
Rev. Kent & Carla Umbarger (5)

**Sister Congregation**

Rev. Jeffrey Gross  
Bethlehem Lutheran  
Petersburg, IL

**Members**

Anna McCoy  
Troy, Val, & Dawsyn McDonald  
Kathy McDowell  
Mary McGee

**Missionaries Serving**

The Mock Family– Latvia

**Military Chaplains**

MAJ Winston Grieser  
LT COL Timothy Steele  
CPT Cody Norton

**Ill & Hospitalized**

Tom McMillin– recovering from  
back surgery  
Lynn Swanson– Carrie’s uncle

**Prolonged Illness &**

**Special Needs:**

Joan Britton  
Bev Brokaw  
Chuck Brokaw  
Kodie Esparza  
Nic Fellows  
Steve Fors  
Duane Gosa  
Nancy Gosa  
Kathy Herron  
Jerry Hill  
Jane Hipple  
Chris Hoehn (Janet Newlon’s  
nephew, aplastic anemia)  
Kay Iwen (broken neck)  
Dale Johnson  
Merle Loete  
Reid McDonald  
Jean Morrical  
RaeJean Murphy  
Tom Nielsen  
Robin Passman  
Brenda Roggendorf  
Kathleen Schmidt  
Karen Schmidt  
David Sountris  
Alivia Voelkers  
Ken Weidenbach

**Homebound:**

Nancy Bonow  
Ann Bowman  
Don, Wanda, and Jason Cass  
Darlene Dopson  
Mary Ann Eckert  
Rick & Sylvia Fauser  
Angie Fischer  
Peg Heitzman  
Christopher Higgins  
Carole Hodshire  
Ingrid Hodshire  
Barbara Honert  
Lori Hopkins  
Judy Kirklin  
Mary McGee  
Nancy Smart  
Terry Tipsword  
Barbara Veskauf  
Cora Whipple