

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 The eternal candle glows to the glory of God from Gail Massey.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar is from Larry and Sharon Ripka.

FOOD PANTRY We would like to say a huge THANK YOU for all the donations of canned soup that you generously blessed us with! For the month of November, we are collecting Thanksgiving items, such as: stuffing mix, canned cranberry sauce, canned gravy, instant mashed potatoes, canned yams, etc.

VENDOR FAIR AND CHILI COOKOFF Join the fun on Saturday, Nov. 15th from 11am-4pm in the gym and Janssen rooms. We are looking for vendors to sell crafts or products; cost is \$20 if you provide your own table, and \$25 if you need to rent one. For the chili cookoff, we are looking for chefs and judges both. Please contact Jill Schofield at 309-721-1646 if interested or sign up at the sign up station!

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: They number 16.5 million in the United States and make up over 6% of our population and there might be one sitting next to you right now. Look around and see a Veteran! Thank him or her for their service, on behalf of all who have benefited from their dedication and selfless sacrifice. May God grant His peace to our troubled world, and to the hearts, minds and lives of all who have served our country. On Veteran’s Day this Tuesday and every day, we love our veterans! **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS *Mark 12:44 – “For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”* From Old Testament times right through to today the Lord has urged us to give to His work in the Church in proportion to how He has blessed us. He has also called us to sacrificial giving, that is, giving that actually costs us something. That’s the shape of true Christian generosity.

CRAFT ACTIVITY Join us in the activities room on Monday, Nov. 17th at 1:30pm to make 3D paper ‘woven’ snowflakes. There is a sign-up sheet at the sign-up station. Please sign up so we can have templates prepped in advance. There is no cost for this craft!

LMCS FOUNDATION We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. To work on your Christian Estate Plan today, you must decide if you are more controlled by past goals or future desires. During working years, financial plans are often focused on wealth accumulation. Sometimes estate plans are focused on wealth preservation. However, might it be wise, as Christian stewards of God’s gifts, to shift that focus to blessing family and ministry with God’s things? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you consider making this shift. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnf.org

THANKSGIVING MEAL BOXES The Board of Human Care will be giving out food baskets for those in need this Thanksgiving. **Sunday, Nov. 16th is the deadline for requests.** If you know of a family who would be blessed to receive a basket, please fill out the slip found in The Informer and return it to the church office. If you would like to make a monetary donation, there is a special offering envelope in the Narthex, or you can just write “Thanksgiving boxes” on your check/envelope; the board will take care of the shopping. Members of the Human Care Board will be at church on Monday, Nov. 24th, 10:00am-noon for distribution. Questions may be directed to Rod Hopkins at 309-933-1071.

CALLING A FRIEND The Board of Outreach would like to thank everyone that participated in calling a friend...ALL of the absent members were contacted. Please pray that the Lord will move our members to return to their pews and join us in worship!

BIBLE BOWL This year’s Bible bowl topic is “Matthew”. If you would like to compete, or be a helper (quizzier, scorekeeper, etc.) please see Christine.

THANK YOU The Board of Trustees would like to say a sincere Thank You to everyone that helped mow the church lawn this year. You are a great blessing!

BLACKSMITHING CLASS Clinton Merritt will be leading a blacksmithing class on Sunday, November 9th at 12:00pm in the church parking lot. He will be showing you how to make letter openers from railroad spikes. All are welcome to come watch and/or participate.

YOUTH EVENT On Sunday, Nov. 16th from 2-5pm, all youths aged 5th-12th grade are invited to go on a Scavenger Hunt at Aldi’s to benefit the food pantry, and then come back to church and play volleyball. You will need to have a parent fill out a waiver since we will be travelling. Friends are welcome!

PASTORAL CALL UPDATE On Nov. 2nd at a special voter’s meeting, the voter’s of St. John’s elected to call Rev. Michael Ahlemeyer of The Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills. Please keep Pastor Ahlemeyer, his family, the congregation of Vestavia Hills, and St. John’s in your prayers as he deliberates the call.

*Saturday, November 8th, 2025
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Vespers*

Prelude		
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The Lord's Week

Sunday, November 9th

9:00am– Worship
10:30am– Bible Study/Sunday school
10:30am– Confirmation Instruction
12:00pm– Blacksmithing in the parking lot

Monday, November 10th

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

Tuesday, November 11th

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

Wednesday, November 12th

9:00am– TOPS
10:00am– Women's Bible study
1:30pm– Activities room
3:30pm– Fellowship Committee meeting

Friday, November 14th

6:30pm– 2nd Friday Fellowship

Saturday, November 15th

8:00am– Men's Bible study
9:30am– Choir Rehearsal
11:00am-4pm– Vendor Fair and Chili Cookoff
5:00pm– Worship w/Communion
(Pastor Astrowski)

Sunday, November 16th

9:00am– Worship w/Communion
10:30am– Bible Study/Sunday school
10:30am– Confirmation Instruction
2:00pm– Youth Event– grocery scavenger hunt at Aldi, followed by volleyball in the gym

Bible Study Opportunities

Sundays, 10:15am

Join Pastor Anderson in the gym following worship- we are 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?

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.)

Ushers: *(Sat.)* Greg Burke, Todd Miller, Rick Newlon & Larry Ripka
(Sun.) Glen McMillin, Stratton Churchill, **Demetrius?**

Altar Guild: Flo Moore & Margie Schaefer

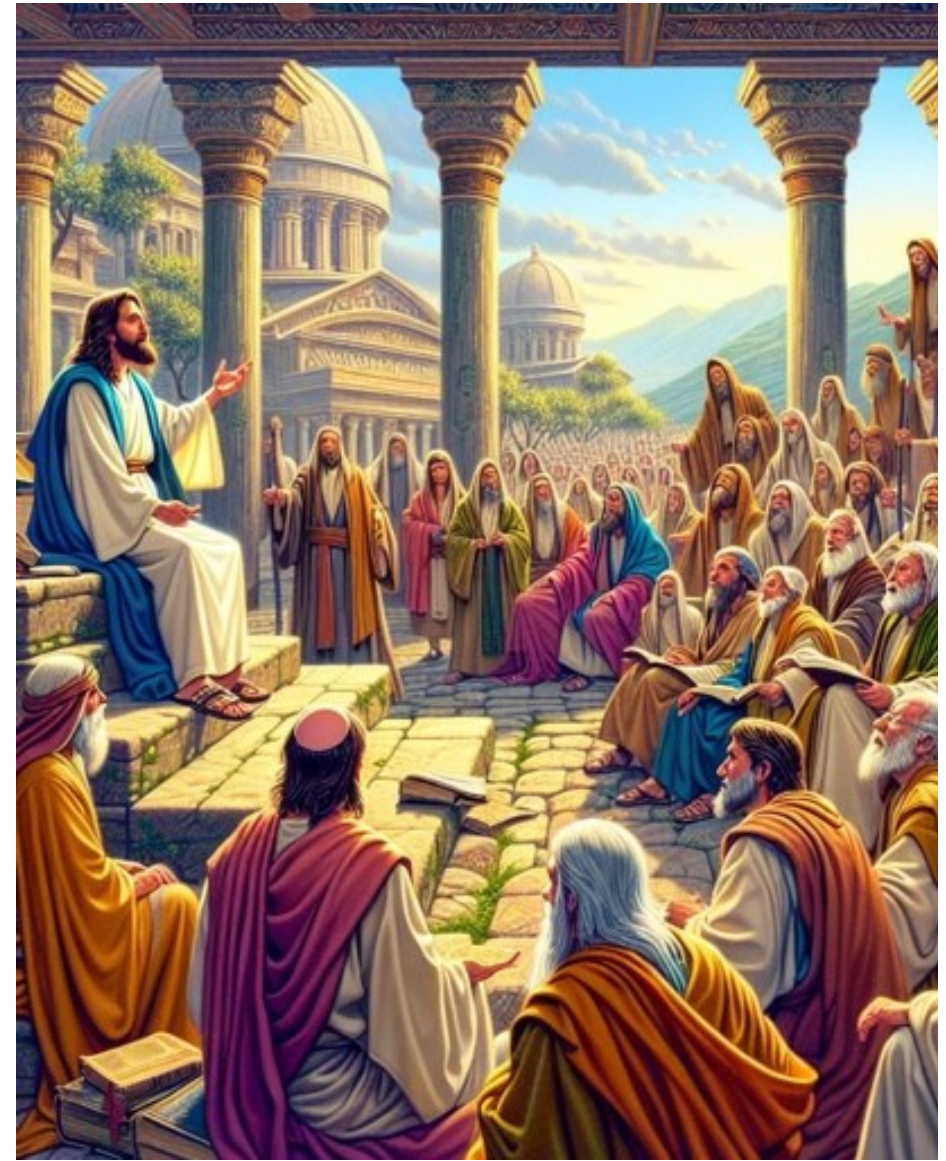
Acolyte: Nathan Duffy

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:

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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Psalm  Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

 **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!**

Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.

And he established them forever and ever;

he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints,

for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!

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.

Readings

 The Old Testament reading is from Exodus, the third chapter.

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.” Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel,

‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.” *(Exodus 3:1-15)*

 O Lord, have mercy on us.

 Thanks be to God.

 The Epistle reading is from 2 Thessalonians, the second chapter.

Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. . . .But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word. *(2 Thess. 2:1-8,13-17)*

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 The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

There came to [Jesus] some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, and they asked him a question, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. And the second and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. Afterward the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife.” And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.” Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” For they no longer dared to ask him any question. *(Luke 20:27-40)*

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ST. JOHN’S PRAYER CARD

November 8th and 9th, 2025

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

Anniversaries

Ron & Brandi Erickson(24)
Chris & Shannon Brand(13)
Jeffrey & Karen Fauser(27)
Duane & Nancy Gosa(46)

Sister Congregation

Rev. Andrew Herzburg
St. John’s Lutheran Church
Mattoon, IL

Members

Mark & Sherry Orey
Bryce, Jennifer, & Emme Palar
Ruby Pancrazio

Missionaries Serving

Vicar Jesse Liebmann-Romania

Military Chaplains

LT Eric Gledhill
CDR John Bombaro

Ill & Hospitalized

Jacob McMillin (son of Adam and
Amanda, grandson of Greg and
Cindy Hart) –needs surgery for
scoliosis
Lynn Swanson– Carrie’s uncle
Great-grandson of Kathy Herron–
newborn with heart defect and
needs open heart surgery

Deepest Sympathies

To the family of Stacey Roman– her
mother Sandra received her
crown to heaven on Oct. 30th

Special Request

For those struggling financially in
these uncertain times

**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
Karen Schmidt– broken
collarbone
Kathleen Schmidt
David Sountris
Alivia Voelkers
Ken Weidenbach
Cora Whipple

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