

Announcements

October 2, 2022 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship and Bible Study will be as follows:

Contemporary Worship “The Well” – 8:30 a.m.

Bible Study – 9:45 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:45 a.m.

Traditional Worship – 10:30 a.m.

Offering Plates are located in the back of the church on the tables and as you come forward for communion.

Thank You

Thank you to Steve Anderson and Nathan Kottlowski for leading services today while Pastor Tom is celebrating his 65th birthday at the Ravens game!

From Pastor and Gwen

We are so blessed by the generosity of all for the gift we received to help us replace household items lost due to mold. Thank you very much!

Important Reminders - TODAY

Although I will be out of town there **WILL be Holy Communion** at both services. I will pre-consecrate the elements so they can be distributed by the elders. There **WILL be Sunday School and Adult Class on the 2nd.**

One last note. As you know we just approved the new budget which began Sept 1st. We lowered our estimate of congregational giving \$10,000 from the last budget. Even with that reduction we still need to average \$8000 per week in offerings. The past two Sundays were the two lowest non-Covid Sundays since I arrived. Each week offerings were below \$4500. Therefore, we are already \$10,000 behind our budgeted offerings. Please catch up on your regular tithe and maybe a bit more. Thanks for your consideration. Pastor Tom

Trunk or Treat – save the date!

St. John's Trunk or Treat is scheduled for **Saturday, October 29 from 3:30pm – 5:00pm**. Please help us out by decorating your trunk and/or donating candy. Drop off in church office.

Call Committee:

The BoD has authorized the formation of a Teacher Call Committee. The purpose is to have someone available for the next school year (2023-2024).

Why? Tom Baldwin is retiring. That will leave us with only two called synodically trained staff members.

Therefore, we would like to add another called Lutheran teacher to be here for next school year.

What for? With Tom leaving we will have at least one staff opening. A new called teacher will also allow Mrs. Banks flexibility in piecing together next year's staff.

Note: This will not increase the budget because Tom is retiring.

Prayer: Please pray for God's direction throughout this call process.

Wedding Invitation to all – save the date!

Ben Anderson and Charla Adams will be married on **Saturday, October 22, 2022 at 2:00pm** at St. John's Lutheran Church. Reception following in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP by October 1 to

charlaanderson22@gmail.com

Hispanic Ministry has begun again!

This ministry provides homework assistance to children. Specifically, we target families where English is a second language in their home. You do not need to speak Spanish to volunteer! All that is needed is the ability to read and welcome children! Light meal served at 5:30pm, tutoring begins at 6:00pm. Please talk with Kris Gartley, Kathleen Sawicki, or Cheryl Wulfert if you have questions.

Scrip ordering is back!

Help support the school by ordering scrip.

Sunday, Oct. 23 8pm > > > Available for pickup Thurs. Oct. 27

Sunday, Nov. 27 8pm > > > Available for pickup Thurs. Dec. 1

Sunday, Dec. 11 8pm > > > Available for pickup Thurs. Dec 15

You can also take advantage of ScripNow! to order anytime and print your gift certificates or reload your physical gift cards directly from your phone or computer. RaiseRight App can be added to your phone to order gift cards. For any questions please contact Rachel Orsborn rachel.orsborn@gmail.com

Tuesday Morning Senior Ladies Bible Class

Our bible study has resumed again. We meet at **10:30am in room 100**. We will begin a 12-week study on the book of Ephesians. This letter calls believers to walk in love, holiness, and wisdom in their local church and in the world. Ladies come and enjoy coffee and fellowship with a group of wonderful women. Call Dot Cleary for any questions. #336-767-4116.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Next meeting will be October 16 at 1:00pm room 100. Everyone is welcome to join this Ministry Team. Any questions contact Claudia Essbach, Cherry Horn, or Ann Carney.

Thursday Evening Bible Study

Our Thursday Evening Bible Study will continue on Zoom. During September we will study the minor prophet Micah and then move into a 16-part study of the New Testament Epistle of 1 Peter. Please contact Bill Thorpe, wthorpe.bt@gmail.com, or Rich Essbach, rhcessbach@triad.rr.com for more information.

Please join Pastor and Gwen

Join Pastor and Gwen in reading thru the Bible this year.

MONDAY – Isa. 28-30; Phil. 2

TUESDAY – Isa. 31-32; Phil. 3

WEDNESDAY – Isa.33-34; Phil. 4

THURSDAY – Isa. 35-37; Col. 1:1-2:5

FRIDAY – Isa. 38-40; Col. 2:6-3:17

WEEKEND – Isa. 41-46; Col. 3:18 – 1Thess. 1:10

Crisis Control Item of the month – October – Applesauce (no glass jars)

If you would like to donate food to Crisis Control, please drop the food off in the basket in the back of the church. – **145 lbs. was collected for the month of August. Thank you for your donations!**

Please Sign Pew Pads

Please sign in and pass down to others in your pew. Make a note of any changes to email, phone, address, etc.

Worship Assistant: 8:30am – Bill Thorpe; 10:30am – Dale Mierisch

Lector: 8:30am – Rachel Orsborn; 10:30am – Joel Becker

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God, by Cyndie & Lola Anderson in honor of TJ Michel's birthday.

Altar Guild for October: Gayle Barcio, Karin Lennon