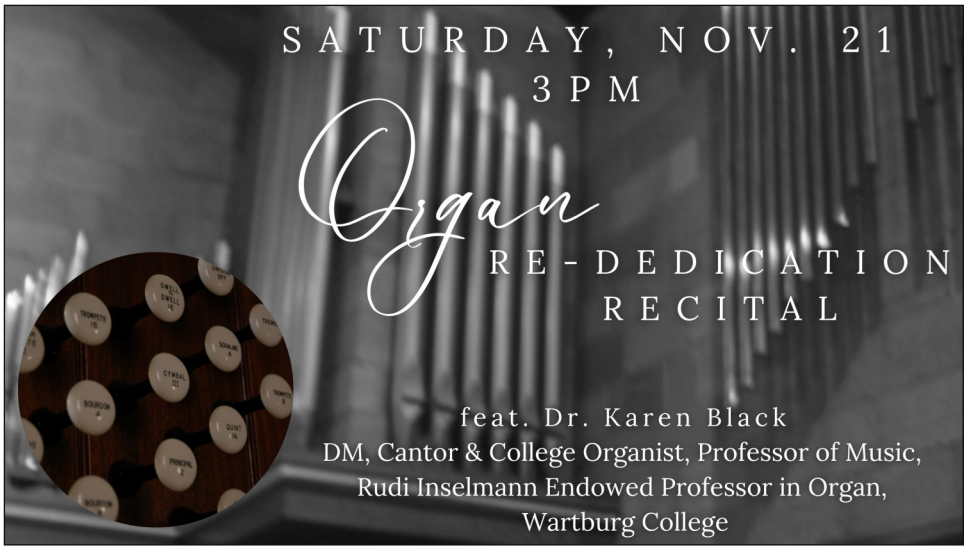
St. John Lutheran Church

November 15, 2026

Joyfully taking God's Love INTO THE WORLD



Playground Access

We are thrilled to share how YOUR littles can play on the playground!

NOTE: All children are to be supervised by an adult while playing.

- On Sunday mornings, between 8am-12noon, the playground gates will be unlocked to allow free entry into the spaces to play.
- Weekdays after 6pm (until sunset); Saturday until sunset; and Sundays 12noon until sunset: the gates into the playground are locked and a keyfob is needed to gain access.

IF you would like access into the playground to play any time other than Sunday morning, you are asked to complete a liability/waiver form (available from the church office) and then will receive a keyfob.

Welcome to ALL!

Please let us know any questions you may have or anything we can do for you. Our volunteers are ready to help!

Pastor Brian Julin-McCleary would love to meet up, in person or otherwise, and share more about St. John, chat about the Gospel or whatever else might be on your mind. He can be reached at 319-888-3814 or PastorBrian@stjohncf.org .

RESTROOMS are located on the main level near the Sanctuary.

HEARING ASSIST DEVICES are available for **both** worship spaces. Go to an usher or the soundboard for assistance.

MEMBERSHIP: Contact the church office or complete the form on the website found on the Membership page. A "Welcome to St. John" series is held each fall.

CHILDREN are welcome in worship. Our nursery is located near the F&LC and available for you to use with infants/toddlers under 3.

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVE-STREAMED ON FACEBOOK @STJOHNCF

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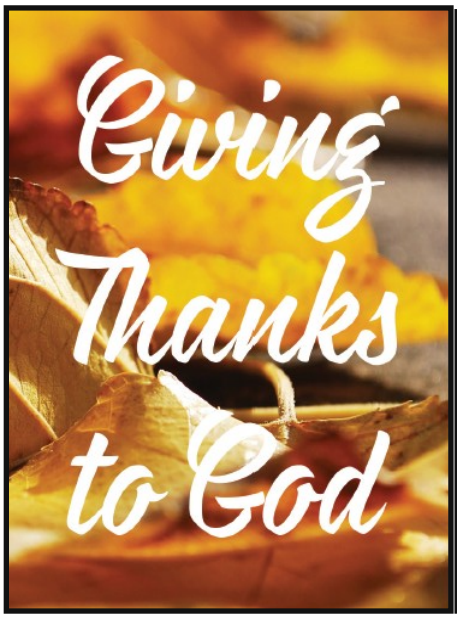
For Information

- Online: www.stjohncf.org
- Call the office: 319-268-0165
- Follow us on Facebook: stjohncf

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RECONCILING *in* CHRIST

Wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here in the name of Jesus Christ. We celebrate that each person is loved by God. We affirm the gifts of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression, and are committed to working for racial equity. Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church!



I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving.

PSALM 69:13

For what music are you thankful? Tell us about a song that has encouraged you?



Support our Advent Meals

There are two Wednesday opportunities for worship during Advent: 12noon and 6pm Holden Evening Prayer service.

A meal will precede the evening service in Fellowship Hall. A freewill offering will be collected.

You can support the suppers …

- As a Soup Sponsor (*with a cash donation to help offset the cost of the soup*); If you would like to be a soup sponsor, drop your donation into a labeled envelope at the Welcome Center table collection box. Remember to mark yourself paid on the sheet.
- Baking/Donating non-nut cookies or bars;
- Volunteer! Help with food setup, serving the meal, and cleanup/chair & table take down.

A signup sheet for all of these areas of support is available at the Welcome Center table.



Gather Ladies Bible Study

Join other ladies of SJLC on Wednesday, November 18 in our library at 1:30pm to reflect on what it means to be present in uncertain times. *Through Mary Magdalene's story, we will see that bold faith is not knowing all the answers. Instead it is rooted in showing up, staying engaged and responding when God calls. bring your Bible and a friend!* Contact Gloria Tollefson (319-266-4075) if you have questions.



What's Happening This Week

See the website for a complete listing of building use dates/times.

Tuesday, November 17
10am Ladies Book Study (Library)
5pm HRT Mtg. (Library)
6pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, November 18
7am Walking Wednesday @ Big Woods
1:30pm Gather Ladies Bible Study (Library)
5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal (Rm. 310)
6:30pm Youth Group: Dodgeball

Thursday, November 19
7:30am Thirsty Thursday Men Bible Study (Library)
2pm Western Home Gathering
2pm NewAldaya Gathering
3:30pm Bible Study (Library)
5:30pm "The Chosen" TV Show Discussion Grp (Lib)
6:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal (F&LC)

Sunday, November 22
Decorate the church for Advent/Christmas
8am Worship (Sanctuary)
8:45am Confirmation (Youth Room)
9am Sunday School: Christmas program music rehearsal (various rooms)
9am The Perennials (Library)
9am "The Chosen" Discussion Grp (Chapel)
9am Taking Faith Home Discussion (Atrium)
10am Worship (Faith & Life Center)

The Chosen TV Series Discussion Groups
9-9:55am Sundays. 5:30pm, Thursdays.
Episode 7: "Invitations"



Sign up to Sponsor Our 2027 Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers are provided by generous donors. Arrangements for the Sanctuary cost $50 (two arrangements) and floral arrangements for the Faith & Life Center cost $35 (one arrangement). The church office will place the order & Bancroft's Florists will bill you directly.

Sign up in the booklets at the Welcome Center table for the date(s) you would like to sponsor flowers!



Our annual Young at Heart Christmas dinner for all those age 55 years and older will be Tuesday, December 8 in the Fellowship Hall.

11:30am: Social gathering time.
12Noon: Meal served at 12noon.
Following the Meal: Fun, Fun, Fun!

Cost is $22.00 per plate. **Please pay when you sign up** - ***cash or check payable to Moment in Thyme*.** **Menu:** Roasted Pork Loin, Cranberry Cucumber Salad, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Bean Almondine, Roll/Butter & Dessert. ***Friends welcome too so invite others to join you!***

Sign-up & pay at the Welcome Center table. **Deadline to sign up is Sunday, November 29**. We pay for the number of meals based on the number we give to the caterer are unable to offer refunds if you find yourself unable to attend for some reason after this date.

Christmas Choir!



Our combined choir will present pieces in the Sanctuary on **December 20 at 8am & 10am**, and also help lead the **3pm & 5pm Christmas Eve services**.

We'll rehearse three (3) Sunday afternoons. Please come to 2 or 3 of the 3:
- Sun, Nov 22, 2-4pm in the FLC - combined rehearsal
- Sun, Dec 6, 2-4pm in the FLC - combined rehearsal
- Sun, Dec 13, 2-4pm in the FLC - combined rehearsal

Sign up at the Welcome Center table & pick up a copy of the music packet.

HEALING & CONCERN. . . Dustin; Ethan; Amy (Sue Mitchell's friend); Tina Meyer; Za'ah LaBrie Hall (Sarah Langel friend); Romaine Kallenbach; Kathy Taylor; Jim Fogdall; Jean Clark; James Van Patten; Linda Southworth; Ron Lance; Imogene Burgardt & Loy Walker (Barb & Brett Walker's moms); Glenda Johnson; Darin Hansen; Don Timmerman; Christine & Denise (Lori Schneider's friends); Lanette, Harley; Sue Larson; Paulo (Barb Feuerhak's son-in-law).

WE GRIEVE. . . The death of EthelAnn Koch.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

The altar flowers are given Sandy & John Livingston in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary (8:00); and Tim, Debi & Arlo Schmidt in loving memory of Tyler Schmidt (10:00).
Donut Sponsor: The Breid family

	Oct-26			Fiscal YTD (04/01/26-03/31/27)		
	Revenue	Expense*	Net	Revenue	Expense *	Net
Church	51,908.63	99,962.15	(48,053.52)	488,729.55	771,101.39	(282,371.84)
Preschool/Childcare	58,739.40	76,803.96	(18,064.56)	443,028.07	491,482.79	(48,454.72)
Total	110,648.03	176,766.11	(66,118.08)	931,757.62	1,262,584.18	(330,826.56)

* includes YTD Capital Projects - $342,781.78

UPDATE ON OUR FINANCES

For the past several years, we have worked hard on several large fundraising projects and those extra funds have made our financials look very bountiful (what a blessing!). As those projects are being completed, we are now receiving the bills. Since we raised the money in prior fiscal years but the expenses are occurring during the current fiscal year, our numbers look very lopsided. This was always going to be the case and we are still well within budget of what was planned. These contingencies have all been years in the making and we are able to move forward with these projects due to the generosity of the congregation. Thank you!

Submit A Prayer Request:

Visitor Connection Card:

Support Financially:

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Pastoral Staff

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St. John Staff

Located on the St. John website

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Joyce Riley……..

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Faith Formation & Lifelong Learning ……Mandi Loudermilk
Human Resources……..Jim Denholm
Financial Resources……Jim Langel
Property Resource Team……..Larry Prohaska
Technology & Communication……Nick Frerichs

Worship Attendance:

November 345 in person & 22 households online