St. John Lutheran Church

November 9, 2026

Joyfully taking God's Love INTO THE WORLD



3rd-6th Gr Lock-In

Our **St. John 3rd-6th Grade Lock-in** will be from 6PM—11PM THIS FRIDAY, November 13th. **Students grades 3-6 are welcome —friends included!!** Activities may include but are not limited to making your own pizza, 9 square, indoor baseball, night games, movie & popcorn - come and join us for a night of fun!!

The cost for the event is just $5 per student to offset some of St. John's expenses in the event. If you choose to pay online, please include a note/memo "3-6 Lock-in". Otherwise, your student may simply bring cash/check upon arrival. **Please complete and submit the registration form** by scanning the QR code **by Thursday, Nov 12th**.

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 will need 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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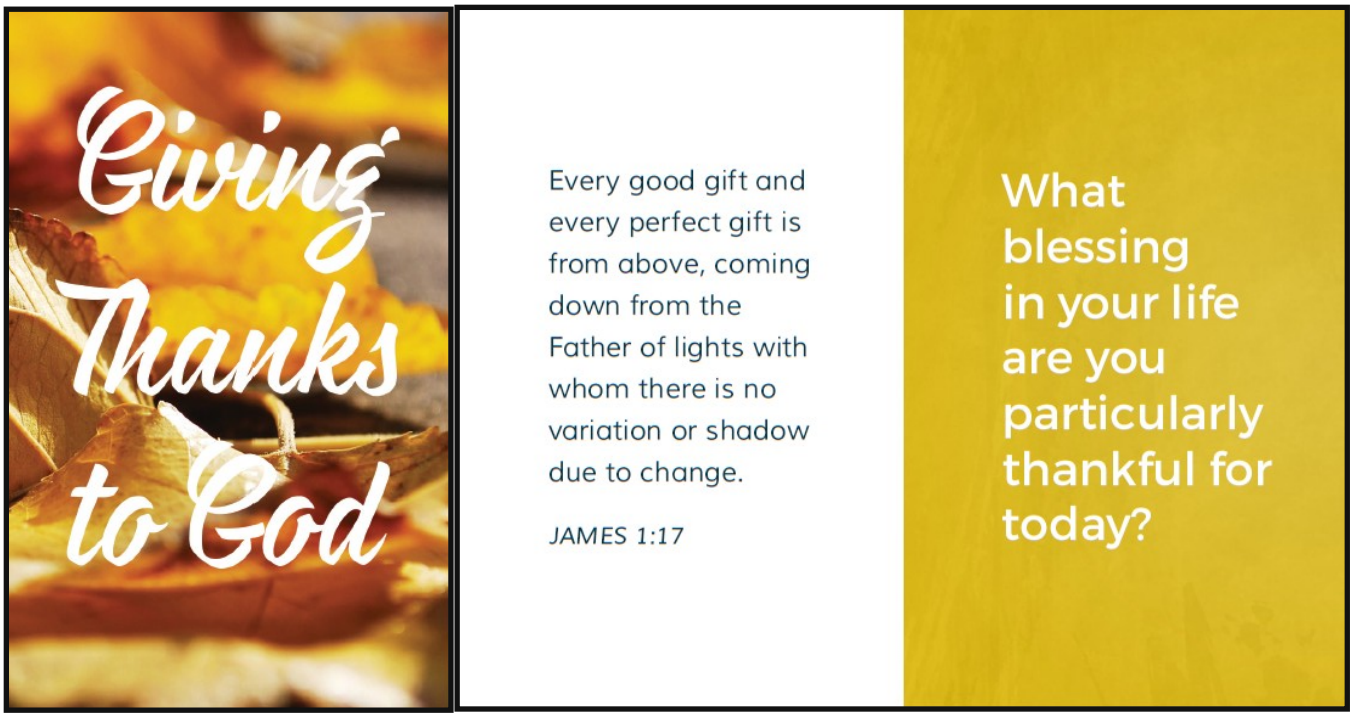
For Information

- 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!







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.

At our Worship Services today, Pastor Brian and Pastor Jordan will be signing a 4-page Partnership Agreement between ThreeHouse and St. John. The goal of this agreement is to give form to the relationship between ThreeHouse and its partners. This Agreement was approved by our Council at their October 2026 meeting.



ThreeHouse Collaborative Partnership Agreement

with St. John Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls

We, **St. John Lutheran**, herein list those ways in which we aspire to join with and enjoy this ministry through participation and collaboration, knowing that this list is not exhaustive or unchangeable:

- Participate in events, activities, and programming (such as the Block Party, Finals Week Breakfasts, Listening Post, Tabling, etc.).
- Connect Threehouse with quality community members capable of serving on the Threehouse Board.
- Provide worship leaders to support Threehouse worship as needed, requested.
- Host a 'ThreeHouse Sunday' regularly and invite ThreeHouse to provide sermons and other worship elements.
- Inform ThreeHouse of what's happening with our denomination's grant opportunities, events relevant to college students and young adults, etc.
- Host or sponsor events, activities, and programs at ThreeHouse
- Contribute special skills (such as building and grounds work, cooking and baking, teachings, etc.).
- Have ThreeHouse brochures and information available at our building.
- Let Threehouse know when students of St. John attend the University of Northern Iowa, Hawkeye Community College, or Allen College.

In order to support the work of ThreeHouse Collaborative Campus Ministry, **St. John Lutheran** will support ThreeHouse with a meaningful annual financial commitment (2026-2027 fiscal year – $2,000)

The person designated to be that point of communication between ourselves and ThreeHouse is: Pastor Brian Julin-McCleary.

Partner Representative Signature: _____

Printed name / title: _____Date: _____

ThreeHouse Director _____Date: _____





Christmas Lights

Perhaps you are thinking about putting up your decorations & exterior lights. Don't throw away any non-working Holiday Lights (when you find them)! We've got out a collection box in the office entry so they can be recycled at CFU — or take them over to CFU yourself & drop them off ☺.





Celebrate the Christmas season with your St. John friends! **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.

NEW: For our table centerpieces, we are looking for people willing to share 5-6 pieces of their Nativity to create a tablescape. Drop-off would be during the day on Monday, Nov 30. Depending upon the number of nativities volunteered, we will do a random selection of ones to go onto the round tables and the remainder will be available for viewing on display tables.

Christmas Choir!

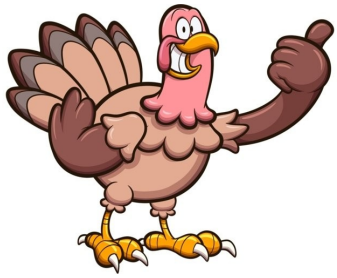


Our combined choir will present pieces in the Sanctuary on **December 20 at 8am & 10am**, and also help lead the **3pm & 5pm Christmas Eve services**.

We'll rehearse three (3) Sunday afternoons — where we'll cover all the songs for both Dec 20th in the Sanctuary and the 3pm/5pm Christmas Eve services. You'll need to attend at least two of the three rehearsals.

- 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.



International Student ThreeHouse Thanksgiving Meal

ThreeHouse is excited to host a Thanksgiving dinner for UNI International College Students. The meal will be **Thursday, Nov. 19, at 6 PM** at St. Luke's Episcopal, and we would 'relish' your support!

While ThreeHouse will provide the turkey, they need contributions of homemade favorites such as mashed potatoes, yams, green bean casserole, rolls, pies, and more. Please consider signing up to bring a dish that makes "Thanksgiving Dinner" special for you. Once you sign up, you'll be able to see what others are bringing and can easily edit your entry if you like. Any leftovers will be shared with the students to take home. Of special need are kosher or halal items to meet the dietary needs of some of our students. *Thank you for all the help! This is a wonderful cultural experience for the students and a great way to celebrate the spirit of Thanksgiving!*

What's Happening This Week

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

Monday, November 9
8am Do-Day Quilters (Fellowship Hall)
5:15pm FRT Mtg. (Library)

Tuesday, November 10
10am Ladies Book Study (Library)
5:30pm Serving & Discipleship Team Mtg. (Library)
6pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, November 11
7am Walking Wednesday @ Big Woods
5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal (Rm. 310)

Thursday, November 12
7:30am Thirsty Thursday Men Bible Study (Library)
3:30pm Bible Study (Library)
5:30pm "The Chosen" TV Show Discussion Grp (Lib)
6:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal (F&LC)

Friday, November 13
6-11pm 3rd-6th gr Lock-In

Sunday, November 15
8am Worship (Sanctuary)
8:45am Confirmation (Youth Room)
9am Sunday School (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 6: "Indescribable Compassion"- part2

Sign up to Sponsor Our 2027 Altar Flowers (For Either Worship Space)

Altar Flowers are provided by generous donors and may be given in memory of loved ones, in thanksgiving for God's blessings, or in celebration of special events. 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!

Holiday Food/Fund Drive — St. John collab with CF CAPS

NORTHEAST IOWA FOOD BANK

From Nov 1st -16th, Cedar Falls CAPS and the Northeast Iowa Food Bank will be collaborating with St. John for a Holiday Food/Fund Drive — raising money and food donations for those who may need food this Thanksgiving season. Food Donations can be left in the in the box in the atrium. A QR code is on the box if you prefer to give financially to the Food Bank through that or and a Lock Box for cash donations is next to the food collection box.



Feed a Family for the Holidays

$45 will provide a northeast Iowa family with an entire holiday dinner!

Support northeast Iowans experiencing food insecurity by providing them with a holiday meal.

Thanksgiving
Food Drive

- Boxed Stuffing Mix
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Turkey Gravy
- Canned Yams
- Cranberry Sauce
- Canned Veggies (green beans, corn, peas, etc.)
- Cornbread Mix
- Canned Pie Filling
- Pie Crust Mix
- Thanksgiving Condiements
- Boxed Mac n' Cheese
- Biscuit or Roll Mix
- Coffee, Tea, or Hot Cocoa Mix

HEALING & CONCERN. . . Za'ah LaBrie Hall (Sarah Langel friend); Romaine Kallenbach; Kathy Taylor; Jim Fogdall; Ethel Ann Koch; Jean Clark; Tina Meyer; 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 CELEBRATE. . . The baptism of Elliana Louise Rasmussen, child of Kayla & Drew Rasmussen.
The marriage of Grace Bobeldyk and Cooper Olsen.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

The altar flowers are given by the SJLC congregation in gratitude for God's blessings (8:00); by Gerald & Stephanie Sorensen in thanksgiving for all the gifts they have been blessed with (10:00).
Donut Sponsor: none. Sign up at the Welcome Center table if you'd be willing to be a donut sponsor!

	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:

Card ACH G Pay venmo

Pastoral Staff

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St. John Staff

Located on the St. John website

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Technology & Communication……Nick Frerichs

Worship Attendance:

November 1: 325 in person & 25 households online