St. John Lutheran Church

October 4, 2026

Joyfully taking God's Love INTO THE WORLD





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

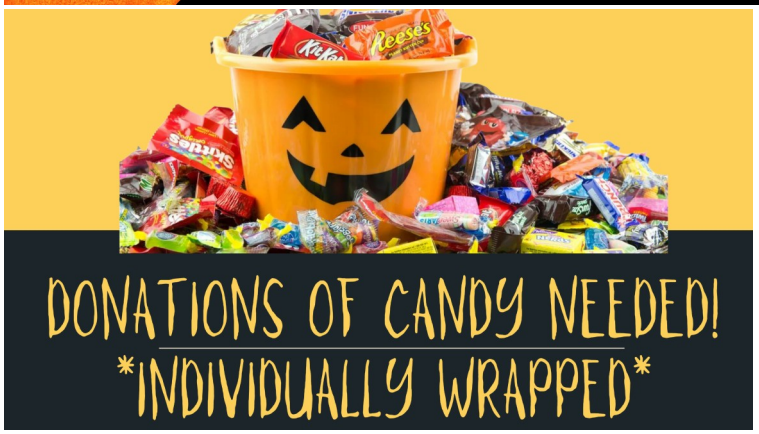
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RECONCILING *in* CHRIST

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!





COOKIES, cookies & MORE COOKIES! We need 300 cookies for our Halloween event — if you are willing to donate 1or more dozen, please scan the QR code to sign up. *To be allergen-friendly, please no nuts, tree nuts or peanut butter in the cookies.* Thank you!

SCAN ME

WOMEN'S EVENT: Coffee/Tea with Friends!
Saturday, October 17 at 9am @ Hansen's Dairy, CF. We'll share in a short devotion, then enjoy time catching up with those we know and meeting/welcoming new friends before heading off to enjoy the rest of our day. Coffee & Breakfast Items available to purchase from Hansen's . 25 seats available—sign up at the Welcome Center table.

The Chosen TV Series Discussion Groups
9-9:55am Sundays. Location: Fireside Chapel
5:30pm, Thursdays. Location: Library.
Join others at either opportunity:
Episode 3: "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Young at Heart Event + Our Young at Heart group will pay tribute to St. John Veterans on Tuesday October 20th We'll meet at **Americans for Independent Living (AFIL) on University Ave, Wloo at 10:30 am.** AFIL honors those who served, supporting veterans and their families with safe housing and a resource center where Veterans can access essential resources, build community connections, and find tools they need to thrive. The day will include:

- 10:45 AFIL presentation and tour w/ Executive Dir.
- 11:45 Recognition of St. John Veterans
- 12:15pm Lunch (Blue Barn BBQ—free for veterans, freewill offering for others)
- 1pm Optional Volunteer Opportunity assisting AFIL

Anyone who is "young at heart" is welcome! Signup at the Welcome Center table by Oct. 11 and indicate if you will be staying to volunteer for AFIL.

Grief Support Group + There is interest in our congregation for having a grief support group. We're looking for willing persons to serve as facilitator or co-facilitator, in helping those affected by all kinds of grief gather in a supportive setting and care for one another. If you're curious about helping in this effort, please contact Pastor Brian.

What's Happening This Week

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

Monday, October 5
Host Synod Pastor Conference (Main Level)

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10am Ladies Book Study (Youth Room)
PM Community Meal @ FUMC
6pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, October 7
7am Walking Wednesday @ Big Woods
5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal (Rm. 310)
6:30pm Youth Group: Pumpkin Painting

Thursday, October 8
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)
PM PCC Family Movie Night (Courtyard)

Friday, October 9
No Preschool/Childcare closed.

Saturday, October 10 & Sunday, October 11
Confirmation Retreat @ EWALU

Sunday, October 11
8am Worship (Sanctuary)
8:45am Confirmation
9am Sunday School
9am "The Chosen" Discussion Grp (Chapel)
9am Taking Faith Home Discussion (Atrium)
9am "Separation of Church & Hate (Rm. 305)
9am Welcome to St. John series (Fellowship Hall)
10am Worship (Faith & Life Center)

Thursday Bible Study: October 8, 3:30pm. + Join with others from SJLC as the group discusses the word "Accountability." Contact Don Kohagen with questions.

Wednesday Walks + 7am, Wednesdays *Contact: Pastor Brian.* Each Wednesday, meet at the Big Woods south parking lot at 7am for a 45 minute walk with whomever shows up. No signup needed.

MEN: Men's Breakfast + Saturday, **October 17th** 8-10am at Ritchie Kurtenbach's ***"Garage Mahal"*** , 238 Normandy St, Wloo,(5 minute drive outside CF). We'll provide the food you bring yourself, friend, family member if you choose. Come break some bread (& eggs, along with our "Breakfast With Jesus" Fish-Fry entrees) with your brothers! Sign up at the Welcome Center table.



Welcome Archer!



In the past few months Archer Trip has joined St. John and is discerning a call from God to seek ordained ministry. Archer started Seminary last month and has been *entranced* (step 1 of a multi-year 3 step process toward ordination) by our Synod's Candidacy Committee. Archer works part time as a custodian at UNI's Rod Library, and as the Children's and Youth Ministries Coordinator at St. Timothy's United Methodist Church. Archer also volunteers as the head of Outreach & Advocacy within the Cedar Valley LGBTQ+ Coalition, where he runs queer book club, an LGBTQ+ youth group, and Safe Zone Trainings. In their free time, they also enjoy reading, crochet, and petting their cat! Archer has long felt drawn to the St. John community through their multiple partnerships with ThreeHouse and activity at Pridefest! Now throughout his first few months attending, he has always felt welcomed and supported. A Discernment Team has been assembled from among St. John members to support, encourage and challenge Archer along his way. Check with Pastor Brian or Steve Peters if you have any questions about this process. Welcome Archer when you see them (most often at 8am worship) and pray for this long journey of discovery, that God's will be done and the good news of God's love in Christ Jesus would be lifted up!

HEALING & CONCERN. . . Ron Lance; Imogene Burgardt & Loy Walker (Barb & Brett Walker's moms); Glenda Johnson; James Van Patten; Darin Hansen; Don Timmerman; Christine & Denise (Lori Schneider's friends); Kathy Taylor; Grant Gubbrud; Lanette, Goose (Brian & Lori Fegley friends); Harley; Sue Larson; Paulo (Barb Feuerhak's son-in-law).

COMFORT & CONSOLATION. . .

To the family of Bev Voss-Hummel upon her death.

To Chandar Boyle & family, to Joe Boyle & family on the death of Chandar's father-in-law & Joe's dad, Gary.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

The altar flowers are given in memory of loved ones b Bea Koontz (8:00); and by Norm & Carol Menefee for all of our loved ones and for all our blessings (10:00). Donut Sponsor: Todd & Sarah Parsons family

	Aug-26			Fiscal YTD (04/01/26-03/31/27)		
Church	76,703.65	129,834.91	(53,131.26)	373,664.54	478,600.24	(104,935.70)
Preschool/Childcare	55,929.87	69,594.89	(13,665.02)	321,752.93	346,022.30	(24,269.37)
Total	132,633.52	199,429.80	(66,796.28)	695,417.47	824,622.54	(129,205.07)

* includes YTD Capital Projects - $178,499.51

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!). We arenow implementing those projects but with that comes all of 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

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Worship Attendance:

September 27— 260 in person & 35 households online