

Weekly HAPPENINGS

October 5, 2025

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Purpose: Joyfully taking God's love into the world!

Congrats to our elected
Associate Pastor
Call Committee

PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS!



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Council President



PASTOR BRIAN
Senior Pastor

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 OR watch CFU Channel 18 on
Sundays, 7:30am or Wednesdays, 6pm (replay
10am service previous week)

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For Information

- Online: www.stjohncf.org
- Call the office: 319-268-0165
- Follow us on Facebook: [stjohncf](https://www.facebook.com/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!*

Young at Heart: Riverboat Cruise & Meal Together

Our next Young @ Heart outing will be **Wednesday, October 8th -- 2pm**. We will be taking a 90-minute cruise on the Iowa River in Iowa Falls. The boat can accommodate up to 50 so this excursion is open to all ages! With a minimum of 20 people, it's just **\$10 cash per person**. Please pay when you sign up.

We will **meet at SJLC to carpool, leaving church @ 10:15 am**. We will eat together @ Iowa Falls Pizza Ranch (BYO) before the cruise. A room has been reserved that holds 20 (largest room available) plus more seating available in the main dining room. *Friends are always welcome!*

A signup sheet is at the Welcome Center table.



What amazing gifts of God - pets of all shapes and sizes—are in our lives! To honor that, and enjoy some time together as fellow pet lovers, St. John will be hosting our Blessing of the Pets event! We'll gather **outdoors in the courtyard NEXT Saturday, October 11th at 9am**, spaced out for pet comfort and safety. We'll share in a brief prayer and Scripture reading, followed by an individual blessing of each pet. You may bring your pet on a leash, in a carrier, an aquarium or terrarium! No RSVP needed!

To include more pets in our Pet Blessing celebration, **you are invited to submit a PHOTO of your pet for a slideshow/photo display using the QR code** to be shown in the atrium & pre-worship on Oct. 12.

Celebrating God's creatures, big & small!



SCAN ME

MEN: Burnt Offerings

Sunday, October 5, 1pm at John McClellan's home (1402 Austin Way, CF). Join other guys from SJLC for this end of summer BBQ and smoked meats n' treats event! *Didn't sign up & want to come? YES you can! Can't wait to see you there!*

Free Little Pantry

Our free little pantry across the street that we support needs restocking. Donations are needed:



Dry goods: oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, rice, canned soups (to mix with water), canned fruit or vegetables *NO GLASS items*

Individually packaged snacks: boxes of raisins, granola bars, protein bars, fruit snacks, individual cereal cups, applesauce, and pudding packs.

GOD IS INCREDIBLE!

HALLOWEEN EVENT:
OCTOBER 26, 2025

Donations of Candy &
Non-Candy Prizes needed
LEAVE AT TABLE IN ATRIUM

The Incredibles logo, featuring a stylized 'i' inside a yellow oval.

PIZZA

FOR ALL AGES
4:30-5:30PM

GAMES

For kids through 6th grade
4:45-6:00PM

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

10 Ladies Bible Study (Library)
6pm Adult Choir (Sanctuary)
6pm Serving Community Meal @ First United Methodist

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

7am Walking Wednesday @ Big Woods Lake/south lot
5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

7:30am Men's Bible Study (Library)
3:30pm Bible Study (Library)
6:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal (F&LC)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

PM Gabel/Hanson Wedding

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

8am & 10am Worship Services

9am Welcome to St. John (Fellowship Hall)
9am Sunday School
9am Taking Faith Home (atrium table)
9am Perennials Bible Study (Library)
9am The New Jim Crow Book Discussion (Chapel)
Youth Group: AFFIRM combined event with St. Timothy's
2-3pm Cultivating Safe Spaces @ St. Luke's Episcopal



Taking Faith Home is a simple, yet effective, tool to help you & your family extend your faith formation practices in your home. Based on the worship scripture text for the week, each half-sheet flyer contains faith-building activities, **daily scripture readings**, and devotions! All of these are designed to help you share and live out your faith during the week.

Pick up your copy from the round tables in the atrium or the brochure rack in the entry—or use the link in the ENEWS!

Cultivating Safe Spaces Event

Share in “Cultivating Safe Spaces” on Sunday, October 12 from 2-3pm at St. Luke's Episcopal Church—featuring Jordan Mix from Iowa Safe Schools. This gathering will focus on creating safe & welcoming environments for LGBTQIA+ individuals—fostering inclusion, respect & authentic support for all people!

Could YOU Join the Worship Tech Team?

The Worship Tech Team is on the search for people to join the team, especially in the area of mixing audio during worship. This is such an important behind-the-scenes way to serve—it helps every person who walks through these doors hear clearly, worship fully, and connect with God. You don't need prior experience; we'll provide all the training you need. This is a great opportunity to make a real impact! Learn more by contacting Steve Peters (8am) / Mike Best (10am) or anyone serving in at the sound board today. We'd love to have you be part of the team!

Christmas Lights

Don't throw away your non-working Holiday Lights (when you find them). When the holiday season gets closer, we'll have a collection box in the office entry so they can be recycled at CFU.

(Please hold onto them a little bit longer!)



Are the Nuts Driving You Nutty?

Do you have Walnuts, Acorns, or Hickory nuts in your yard? Then this is the time of year that Hartman Reserve has been waiting for! Back by popular demand, the Nut Bin has returned to the upper parking lot of Hartman Reserve! Gather and drop off nuts at any time of the day for Hartman. Reserve to use in direct seedings in their woodlands. Please only place nuts in the bin, not sacks.

Dispose of Unneeded Medications

The Cedar Falls police department provides a year-round drop box at the CF Public Safety Center (4600 Main St). People can go there 24/7/365 and put prescription and over-the-counter meds in the secure dropbox in the entryway (No liquids, no sharps). This keeps those out of the landfill and waterways.

Thanks to the Environmental Stewardship Team for this reminder of how to take care of unwanted meds!

HEALING & CONCERN. . .

Nancy Hammer; Luella Rance (Helen Duncan's sister); Holly (Bright friend); Janice Weaver (Marlene Sheetz' sister); Clare L (Jennifer Kurtenbach friend); Craig Parsons (Todd Parson's uncle); Ruth Anne Lugg; Lisa Driscoll (Sarah Langel friend); Goose; Molly Myron; Merna Stemmerman; Carol Mae Osborn; Gayle Wood; Paul Moser (Diana Smith's ex-husband); Dan Ott & Bart Peyton (Terry Phillips son-in-laws); Elaine (Sue Holm's cousin); Jay (Prohaska friend); Chris (P Brian's friend); Becca (Paula McDougall's niece); Christine (Lori Schneider's friend); John Morgan; Jeff Bowers; Eileene Katcher; Dorothy Bright; Diana (Jean Morehouse friend); Kelly (sister of Kathy Taylor); Jennifer Huetten (Guse friend); Abby Palsic (April Hannam's sister); Mary Kahl; Janelle Fereday (John's daughter-in-law); Jennifer Snitker; Nonie Duff; Dorothy Perry.

COMFORT & CONSOLATION. . .

To Darlene & Bob Taylor on the death of their friend, Kent Quin.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

Our 8:00 altar flowers are given by Kailyn Bettel-Nilles & Matthew Nilles in celebration of their 1 year anniversary. Our 10:00 altar flowers are given by Jim & Darcy Dally—happy heavenly birthday to Darcy's mom, Jann Wiegmann.

Today's donuts are sponsored by Missy & Blake Borwick.

	Aug-25			Fiscal YTD		
	Revenue	Expense	Net	Revenue	Expense	Net
Church	66,000.70	58,130.70	7,870.00	350,406.03	284,715.45	65,690.58
Preschool/Childcare	45,050.22	68,386.98	(23,336.76)	303,735.59	336,159.98	(32,424.39)
Total	111,050.92	126,517.68	(15,466.76)	654,141.62	620,875.43	33,266.19

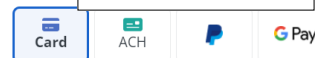
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Visitor Connection Card:



Support Financially:



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Worship Attendance:

Sept. 28—290 in person & 23 online