

Look at the Week Ahead

Sun Sept 16	9:00 AM	Worship with Communion
	10:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	10:00 AM	Congregation Meeting
	10:45 AM	WOTC Meeting
	11:00 AM	Youth Board Meeting
	11:00 AM	Rock'n the Church
	4:00 PM	Lucky 4 4-H Meeting
	6:30 PM	NA Meeting
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts
Mon Sept 17	6:00 PM	Girl Scouts Service Unit
Wed Sept 19	6:30 PM	7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation
	7:00 PM	Bells of St John
Fri Sept 21	8:00 PM	AA/Al-Anon Meeting
Sat Sept 22	5:00 PM	Worship with Communion

The Sunday School program is always in need of art supplies, general classroom items (like tissues and Clorox wipes), and snacks. Sarah Kuchinka put together a wish list at Amazon if you wish to contribute - <http://a.co/g3TGAW0>. There will also be a giving tree outside the nursery beginning Rally Sunday. Contributions are entirely optional but very much appreciated! We have a unique group of 3rd and 4th graders this year - the class is approximately 70% boys! If there are any dads, older brothers, uncles, grandpas, etc. who would like to volunteer to help Emily Hoefs in that room once or twice throughout the year, that would be GREAT. Please let Sarah Kuchinka know!

Women Of The Church will be having election of officers at our next meeting on Sunday, September 16th following the congregation meeting. We are in need of several officers, the current officers terms will be done. Please consider becoming involved in the WOTC by coming to our next meeting. Also, to be discussed at this meeting will be the annual fundraiser. We are considering changing from the egg bake to something else, please come share your thoughts and ideas. A few ideas: salad luncheon, sell tickets in advance with entertainment, a mother/daughter or grandmother/granddaughter tea, sell Christmas goodies, no fundraiser at all (just ask for a \$25.00 donation or some fee from all women of the church). Please come and share your ideas and consider becoming an officer.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR SERVICE TODAY

Reader

Isaac Schroeder

Head Usher

Kathy Peterson

Ushers/Greeters

*Alice, Isaac & Ethan
Schroeder*

Communion Assistants

*Alice Schroeder
Isaac Schroeder
Youth Volunteer*

Acolyte

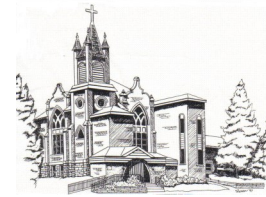
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Altar Guild

*Kathy Petersen
Doreen Marcussen*

Saturday's Service

*Thank you to our
volunteer ushers and
others helping with this
service.*



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September 16, 2018
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jason Pollington, Pastor 507-667-9000
Sara Kuchinka, Sunday School Superintendent
Melissa Gregor, Youth Ministry Director/Secretary
Kathy Heyda, Music Director/Organist
Roman Jindra, Custodian

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 16, 2018

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3rd Graders Receive Bibles

Prayer of the Day (in unison).....Insert

First Reading: *Isaiah 50:4-9a*

Psalm *Psalms 116:1-9*

Second Reading: *James 3:1-12*

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Gospel: *Mark 8:27-38*

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Lift High the Cross"..... #660

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Peace

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Communion

Blessing

Sending Hymn "Sent Forth By God's Blessing"#547

Dismissal

Welcome to Worship at St. John!

May you find peace and joy as we worship together on this day. We invite you to please sign the guest book located near the elevator. For those with children, we are grateful you are here. Activity bags and children's bulletins are available and are located at the top of the stairs. *All baptized Christians* who believe in Christ's real presence in Holy Communion may receive it. During the distribution of Holy Communion, children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing and a cookie. Wrapped gluten-free wafers and portioned cups of grape juice are available for Communion. Wine is distributed in the larger chalice and grape juice is distributed in the smaller chalice. Large print bulletins and inserts are available in the back of the church. Ask the head usher for these materials.

Worship Offering Last Weekend: General Fund \$2671.85 Restoration Fund \$65
 ~ \$3,471.00 is needed weekly to meet the 2018 General Fund budget

Attendance Last Weekend: Saturday 23 ~ Sunday 120



Remember in your Prayers... Peggy Schultz (Brenda Petersen's sister), Cathy Herrmann, Eileen Segna, Diane Schultz, Nancy Vollmar, Tom Trenda, Greg Vlasak, Rev. Bob Boda, Phyllis Swidorski, Amy Korthuis (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law), Nancy Creger, and Kathy Fellman (sister of Peggy Hentges).

Please remember in your Prayers the following who are serving our country: Matthew Astorino, Travis Ferguson, Cassidy Gilbertson, Shane Morris, Adam Smith, Adam Vlasak and Sam Westerhouse.



Thank you for signing up to be Worship Assistants. The schedule for Sept-Dec is posted in the fellowship hall and at the main entrance to the sanctuary. Schedules will also be in the newsletter. *If you are unable to help on the day you are listed please call or email the church office no later than Wednesday of that week. 507-364-5002 or stjohnelca@frontier.com*

There will be a CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 15th AND 16th, 2018 after the service to present information and discuss the bell tower repair.

Fall Grief Support Group A weekly support group will be held at the church this fall for anyone in our community who has experienced a loss through death. The group will be held in a supportive and confidential environment starting Tuesdays, October 9th thru November 13th at 7:00 pm. If you have questions or would like to register you may call Brenda Peterson, 701-269-1439. Registration is required to ensure there is enough group material.

Braelynn Janell O'Connell will receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday, September 15th. Braelynn was born on July 15, 2018 to Anthony & Jozlyn (Franta) O'Connell. Braelynn's sponsors are Jared Franta & Emily Grote.

Opportunities to Help: We need help to facilitate Confirmation for our 7th and 8th Graders on Wednesday evenings. Volunteers are needed to prepare meals for 23-28 Confirmands and Helpers (meal from 6-6:30 PM) and 2-3 Volunteers to help with each of the Confirmation Sessions (6:30-7:30 PM). We are asking parents to assist in both of these areas, but this is also open to other members of our congregation including our high school members. Sign-up sheets with dates and times are available. **If you have any questions, please contact Pr. Jason 406-665-5320 or prjasonpollington@gmail.com.**

Quilters come and share your talents! The group will meet from 9 AM – 2 PM on the 2nd and 4th Mondays starting September 24th. Bring a bag lunch for noon fellowship.

The 10th Graders will be having their Confirmation Retreat at Gustavus Adolphus College September 29th- 30th. We will be going over Saturday afternoon and returning Sunday afternoon. We are looking for 1 Male Adult Chaperone, please contact Pr. Jason if you are able to volunteer.

Youth Group Corn Maze Challenge Event will be held on Sunday, September 23rd 1-3:30 PM. This is for grades 3-12. We will meet at church at 1 and head to the corn maze at the Montgomery Orchard. Please sign up via the youth group Facebook page or on the youth bulletin board by Saturday, September 22nd.