

## Look at the Week Ahead

<b>Sun Sept 23</b>	9:00 AM	Worship with Communion
	10:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Rock'n the Church
	1:00 PM	Youth Corn Maze Event
	4:00 PM	Lucky 4 4-H Meeting
	6:30 PM	NA Meeting
<b>Mon Sept 24</b>	9:00 AM	Quilting
	7:00 PM	Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Wed Sept 26</b>	6:30 PM	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
	7:00 PM	Bells of St John
<b>Fri Sept 28</b>	8:00 PM	AA/Al-Anon Meeting
<b>Sat Sept 29</b>	1:00 PM	10th Grade Confirmation
	5:00 PM	Retreat 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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!

We hope the St. Wenceslaus Indigenous Music Group met your expectations with the music they provided on Rally Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. The Worship and Music Committee is happy to say that enough money was collected to cover their fee. Thank you to everyone who donated cash or threw change in the bucket for the noisy offerings. We also thank the church council for money contributed from an aluminum can collection.

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church will have their Fall Festival on Sunday, September 30th. Homestyle Chicken & Ham Dinner served from 11:00 AM-1:30 PM Afternoon activities include: Beer Garden, The Czech Lites Old Time and Variety Music, Raffle, Bingo, Crafts and Silent Auction, Child's Games, Cake Walk and Farmer's Market.

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

### SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR SERVICE TODAY

#### Reader

Marc Peterson

#### Head Usher

Kathy Peterson

#### Ushers/Greeters

Todd & Kayla David

Jim Heyda

Marc Peterson

#### Communion Assistants

Volunteers needed

Youth Volunteer

#### Acolyte

Jameson Fonseca

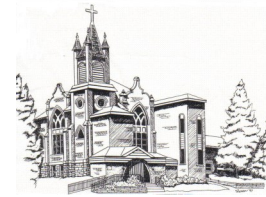
#### Altar Guild

Kathy Petersen

Doreen Marcussen

#### Saturday's Service

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



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September 23, 2018

Eighteenth 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

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Commissioning of the 9<sup>th</sup> Graders and Mentors

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

First Reading: *Jeremiah 11:18-20*

Psalm *Psalms 54*

Second Reading: *James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a*

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Gospel: *Mark 9:30-37*

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"..... #815

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Offering

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Sending Hymn "Jesus Loves Me" .....#595

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 \$2761.69 Restoration Fund \$15  
 ~ \$3,471.00 is needed weekly to meet the 2018 General Fund budget

**Attendance Last Weekend:** Saturday 49 ~ Sunday 131



**Remember in your Prayers...** 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.

**Women of the Church** - there will be a meeting **today** during coffee hour to finalize the plans for our Fall Fundraiser. The Fundraiser is being planned for Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in the morning and is being planned as a Brunch Event along with a bake sale, a craft sale and a silent auction. We will need workers and we will need donations for all categories. The details are not finalized as of yet, please plan to attend with your ideas and input or questions. As a reminder, the money we earn at the Fall Fundraiser helps to supply coffee for all church events, and all the items we supply to Lutheran World Relief and a number of other charitable gifts. Thank you all very much for all you do for St. John.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> thru November 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Our thoughts and prayer's** to the family and friends of Peggy Schultz (Brenda Petersen's sister).

**Opportunities to Help:** We need help to facilitate Confirmation for our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:prjasonpollington@gmail.com).**

**The 10<sup>th</sup> Graders** will be having their Confirmation Retreat at Gustavus Adolphus College September 29<sup>th</sup>- 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 1-3:30 PM. This is for grades 3-12. We will meet at church at 1 PM and head to the corn maze at the Montgomery Orchard. Please talk to Missy if you would like to go today.

**The Church Council** wants to thank Eric Schroeder for his years serving and leading the congregation We valued his perspective and experiences. Unfortunately, he has stepped down as president and has resigned from the council to help balance some things in his faith and life. Carol Kiekow, who is the vice-president, is stepping up as President through the rest of the year.