

## Look at the Week Ahead

<b>Sun Sept 9</b>	9:00 AM	Worship with Communion
	10:00 AM	Potluck– Hilltop Hall
	11:00 AM	Rock'n the Church
	6:30 PM	NA Meeting
<b>Mon Sept 10</b>	9:30 AM	Funeral for Mary Steinhouse
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts
<b>Wed Sept 12</b>	1:00 PM	Aging Services Info Meeting
	5:30 PM	Special Information Meeting
	6:30 PM	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation
	7:00 PM	Parent Meeting
	7:00 PM	Bells of St John
<b>Fri Sept 14</b>	8:00 PM	AA/Al-Anon Meeting
<b>Sat Sept 15</b>	5:00 PM	Worship with Communion
	10:00 AM	Special Congregation Meeting

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!

**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.

**Thank you for the donation to the Youth in honor of the baptism of Oliver Alexander Mattson.** Oliver was born on May 26, 2018 to Nate and Angela (Kaderlik) Mattson and received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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

#### Reader

Kathy Peterson

#### Head Usher

Kathy Peterson

#### Ushers/Greeters

Kathy Derhaag  
Myron & Peggy Hentges

#### Communion Assistants

Erin Krautkremer  
Kathy Derhaag  
Youth Volunteer

#### Acolyte

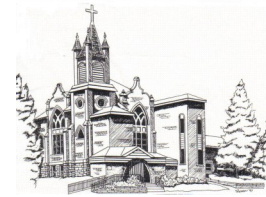
Gabrielle Davidson

#### 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 8, 2018

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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Gathering Song "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People".....# 519

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

First Reading: *Isaiah 35:4-7a*

Psalm *Psalm 146*

Second Reading: *James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17*

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Gospel: *Mark 7:24-37*

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Healer of Our Every Ill" ..... #612

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Peace

Offering

Offertory "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" .....# 885

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Communion

Blessing

Sending Hymn "We All Are One in Mission" .....#576

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 \$2,899.32 Restoration Fund \$340  
 ~ \$3,471.00 is needed weekly to meet the 2018 General Fund budget

**Attendance Last Weekend:** Saturday 23 ~ Sunday 73



**Remember in your Prayers...** Peggy Schultz (Brenda Petersen's sister), Cathy Herrmann, Eileen Segna, Diane Schultz, Nancy Vollmar, Tom Trender, 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*

**Rally Sunday September 9, 2018** The Worship and Music Committee invited the St. Wenceslaus "Indigenous" Music Group to play for our outdoor service on Rally Sunday, September 9, 2018. We ask that you come to the service by 8:45 AM so you can enjoy the prelude music before the service begins at 9:00 AM. The group is composed of 6 musicians from New Prague who play concertina, guitars, drums, trumpet and keyboard. We are asking for donations from the congregation to help pay their fee of \$500. They will play prelude, offertory and postlude music plus congregational hymns. They are a talented group of men who use music to give honor to God. A church potluck will follow the 9:00 AM outdoor service. Mark your calendars!

**A Special Informational Meeting** with the Contractor will be held on **Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM** in the Sanctuary. This is a time to ask basic information and to ask questions prior to the Congregational Meeting to be next weekend following the services (September 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>). If you can't attend the meeting, please fill out a slip with any questions or concerns you may have. Slips are available on the bulletin tables. Slips can be placed in the black lock box near the youth bulletin board downstairs. Questions and concerns can also be emailed to stjohnelca@frontier.com no later than *Wednesday, September @12 PM.*

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

**What if you could be debt-free** with an emergency fund of 3-6 months of expenses saved, all while investing for retirement and planning for your family's future? Sound impossible? It's not! With Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace University*, you CAN take control of your money. If you're interested in learning more about the group, contact Angie & Mike Budin right now at [askluzac@hotmail.com](mailto:askluzac@hotmail.com) OR (507)364-5974. You can also visit <http://www.fpu.com/1068252> for additional class details, online registration or to order class materials. Classes will be offered at Holy Redeemer School just for you starting September 9<sup>th</sup>!

**Our thoughts and prayers** to the friends & family of Mary Steinhouse. Her funeral service will be on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM on followed by a luncheon. There will be a visitation 2 hours prior to the service starting at 9:30 AM.

**Our thoughts and prayers** to the friends & family of Dale Benson. Dale passed on Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.