



St. John Lutheran Church ELCA

Montgomery, Minnesota

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November 2018

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

***After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count,
from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white,
with palm branches in their hands.
They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"
Revelation 7:9-10***

This is a powerfully challenging, yet joyful time of the year. A time that is built into the fabric of our church year. A time that sneaks up on us and either surprises us or knocks the wind out of us. It's not Halloween. Yes, I know Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner, but I am not talking about those holidays. No, I am talking about All Saints Sunday, or more specifically All Saints Day. It is that day each year where we are called to step into the dynamic, eternal understanding that those who share in Christ's promises are known by saint, with the much larger incorporation that you and I are part of, the communion of saints together with Jesus Christ.

Hope

As we hit the pause button this day, we are called to give voice and name to those saints who now rest in Christ from their earthly labors and pains. Those who have shared their faith with us through word and deed - those who have died - are named rightly, saints. Though the grief of loss still tugs at our hearts, their hope in Christ - our hope in Christ keeps us clinging to the promise of eternal life to come (Check out Romans 6:4-6).

Joy

As we celebrate on November 4th the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Haley Layne Loftus, we are called to live into the joy now with this sister in Christ trusting and affirming the promises of our baptism that we share, as those washed with the water with God's word. Joy comes to us in the midst of the brokenness that we see around us in our world, in Pittsburg, and yes, even in Montgomery. Joy comes to us as sinners redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus - sinner/forgiven on account of Jesus. On this day, we give thanks for those saints who are the living body of Christ here and now (Check out 1 John 1:1-10).

Expectation

As we celebrate with expectation those who have yet to hear the forgiveness and restoration - the life and salvation through the continued sharing of the gospel of Christ. On this day, we await with eager expectation those saints yet to come - those by chance that we will get to see face to face in this world together with those who will come long after we have found our rest. On this day, we give thanks for those brothers and sisters yet to join us when expectation becomes our final revelation (Check out 1 Peter 1:3-7).

Fellowship

Finally, as we celebrate what is to come, let's be real about what is right now. On this day, we name all that divides us, but cling to the one who unites us. As living saints, we are called into the confession of those ways that we have hurt one another and the forgiveness that we give by and with Jesus' authority. May we look to one another with the grace and forgiveness that we ourselves have received as we are called together in this one body of Christ (Check out Colossians 3:12-15).

Peace of Christ,
Pr. Jason

Music Notes



The Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be Tuesday, November 20 at 7:00 PM at the Church of St. Patrick in Shieldsville. The address is 7525 Dodd Road, Faribault, MN. This is the sixth year we have combined churches to give thanks. Please join us at this community event which will feature music from local church choirs. Stay for coffee and dessert after the service. We pray you will attend.

The Voices of St. John (new name for the Women's Choir) will rehearse for the Thanksgiving Service on November 7th and November 14th. They will rehearse for the Christmas Eve Service on November 28th, December 5th, December 12th and December 19th. They will rehearse for Easter Sunday Services on March 13th, March 27th, April 10th and April 17th. More singers are always welcomed.

Kathy Heyda

Music Director

Special Music for November

November 11 – N/P/K and Grades 1-4 sing

November 18 – Rock'n the Church sings

November 25 – Bells of St. John ring

UPCOMING ALL SAINT'S SERVICES

This weekend during the Saturday and Sunday Services (November 3rd and 4th), we will be including our observance of our All Saint's Services. Pastor will read the list of members and non-members who have died that we have had services for since our last All Saint's Services.

As each name is read a candle is lit and a bell is rung. After this, anyone who is in the congregation will be invited to come forward to light a candle and name a loved one who has died this year, as well as, for those who have died in past years.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Come join us in welcoming those who have joined together in ministry with us here at St. John Lutheran this past year. We are blessed to share in the gifts and talents that they have to offer. They will be recognized during the Sunday, November 18th at the 9 AM Worship Service with a reception to follow for them afterward in the Fellowship Hall.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Lutheran church of Montgomery and the Roman Catholic churches of Montgomery, Shieldsville, Kilkenny, Heidelberg, and Union Hill invite you to an Ecumenical Thanksgiving worship service on Tuesday, November 20th at 7:00 PM at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 7525 Dodd Road, Shieldsville, MN.

This ecumenical service of music and the Word will be led by Catholic and Lutheran clergy and lay people. It will include numerous delightful vocal and instrumental music offerings, including choirs and hand bells. Coffee and dessert will be served after the worship.

An offering will be taken for the Montgomery Food Shelf. We prefer a monetary offering (cash or check payable to Montgomery Food Shelf). With the special buying power of Minnesota Food Share, the Montgomery Food Shelf is able to turn your \$1 cash donation into \$3 worth of food! An offering of non-perishable food items will also be taken.

Please join us in this exciting celebration to give thanks!

November Church Council Meeting

October 28, 2018 St John Church Council Minutes Chair person Carol Kiekow called the meeting to order at 11:10 AM. Present: Carol Kiekow (2019), Liz Vlasak (2021) , Kathy Peterson (2020), Wendy Vargo (2020), Erin Krautkremer (2019), and Pastor Jason. Absent: Connie Cihak (2021), Steve Schroeder(2020).

Pastor Jason led with devotions. Kathy Peterson/Wendy Vargo moved/seconded to accept the minutes from Sept. Carried Liz presented the treasurer's report; Kathy/Wendy moved/seconded to approve as presented. Carried Pastor Jason gave his activity report.

No individuals noted for Feed My Sheep- gift cards working well. The next monies from recycling will go towards Operation Christmas Child Postage Renee Pribyl shared program and financial info about the WOTC. Discussion was held.

OLD BUSINESS Discussion on a photo directory to be done in 2019, need a steering committee of about 4 people. Staff review dates were discussed. Need to be done by Christmas. Thrivent Action Cards/Thrivent Choice: Need to work to keep congregation aware how to use these. Elevator Repair will be in Nov. Restoration of tower/first phase happening now. Need for more handicapped parking spaces was addressed by Steve this week City will put in. Child and Youth Safety- should include mentors as part of program. Wireless Mic- add to wish list Carol needs to be put on Security list- and Eric removed End of year reports should be into Secretary's office by Dec 21 for annual report. Names of members for each committee should be included. CCLI License (music) Should be filled out and begin Jan 1, 2019. Music and worship should find ways to utilize. Carol updated Time and Talent form. Suggestions made. Kathy will put together the Wish List. Both should be included in communications starting Nov. 1 Committee reports: Education: Joint Youth and education meeting held 10/14. Evangelism: New member Sunday 11/18. Soldier boxes being worked on Church in Society: Operation Christmas Child: 11/18 Next council meeting: Nov 18, 2018 11 AM. Budget meeting: Dec 2, 2018 11 AM. Following the Lord's prayer, Erin/Kathy moved/seconded to adjourn. Carried

Wish List for the Church 2018

If you are feeling generous, here are a few things needed for St. John Lutheran Church. Keep in mind, we still need your continuous support for our regular operating budget!

- _____ DONATION TOWARD BELL TOWER REPAIR
- _____ Donation toward wireless mic updates (approx \$320 X 2 sets)
- _____ Donation toward Security Camera & Updates
- _____ Complete set of tools in a toolbox
- _____ Donation to replace access door to garage at parsonage
- _____ Donation toward parsonage landscape fund
- _____ * Blue Ray Player - wifi enabled
- _____ * Portable White Board (approx \$200)
- _____ * Smart TV 37 inch
- _____ * Fireproof, lockable, 4 drawer file cabinet
- If interesting in purchasing one of these directly please, let Pastor Jason or Missy know.

Please have all items for the annual report submitted via email to stjohnelca@frontier.com by *Monday, December 17th*.

CONFIRMATION NEWS AND EVENTS

St. John Lutheran celebrates with the 10th Grade members who are recognized as confirmed members of our congregation during our Confirmation Sunday Service on October 28th where they gave a declaration of Affirmation of their Holy Baptism: Preston Michael Anderson, Caleb James Cihak, Derrick Jeffrey Horejsi, Dustin Charles Horejsi, Natalee Portia Korbitz, Wyley Steven Petersen, Abigail Jean Schulte, Tanner Ray Smith, and Timothy Patrick Tiede. Confirmation Sunday is not a graduation, but it is instead filled with the very active word of intent. One word of intent on behalf of the confirmand, and one word of intent on behalf of our congregation.

First by those who were affirming their baptism, as those who intend to continue in the covenant God made with each of them in their baptism, to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the good news in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

And

Finally, by you, the members of St. John Lutheran, as those who intend to support each one of them and pray for them as they continue their life in Christ.

7th & 8th Grade – No Class on 11/21

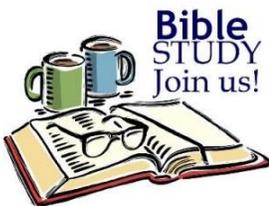
We will meet on the other Wednesdays in November

Meal @ 6PM & Class 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENTS SHEET

Do you have time and talents that we don't know about? Is there an area of ministry that you would like to know more about? Would you like to try something new?

Then, please take the time to fill out the Time and Talents Sheet that is included in our newsletter. These sheets will also be available around the church. This is a great way for you to consider different ways that you can lend your gifts to our ministry here at St. John. This helps serve as a way to connect us all together. This isn't just for adults. If you are a youth, and you would like to help out please fill one out. Just drop these off in the basket at the top of the stairs, in the black drop box near the youth announcement board, or simply, put it in the offering plate.



BOOK OF ROMANS BIBLE STUDY

We invite you to come and join us for Bible study and discussion on the Book of Romans. It is held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the Month from 6:30-7:30 PM in the downstairs Education Room (11/13 & 11/27 for this month). We started this study in October, but anyone can come to this

(even if you happen to miss a night). The format of this Bible study is intended to welcome anyone to come and join. On each night, we will be reading and discussing the chapters for that particular night of the study. If you wish to read chapters ahead of time, feel free to think about any questions that you may have that might add to the discussion. Our next class will be on November 13th where we will be reading and discussing Romans Chapters 5 & 6. See you there!

Worship Helpers
September-December

Ushers / Greeters

Sept 2 Carol Kiekow
Rick & Gwen Hanzlik
Marc Peterson
Sept 9 Kathy Derhaag
Mike & Maridan Nesmoe
Sept 16 Alice, Isaac & Ethan
Schroeder
Sept 23 Todd & Kayla David
Jim Heyda
Marc Peterson
Sept 30 Cindy Westerhouse
Lynden & Deb Jelinek
Oct 7 Roman Jindra
Myrna Terwedo
David & Dorothy Scheffert
Oct 14 Alice, Isaac & Ethan
Schroeder
Oct 21 Dick Milinkovich
Kelle Schleis
Jesse & Gail Skluzacek
Oct 28 Gerald & Dianna Smith
Berlyn & Garie Teig
Nov 4 Myron & Peggy Hentges
Ted & Colleen Wondra
Nov 11 Paul Vollmar
Kim Washa
Paul & Kay Busch
Nov 18 Carol Kiekow
Tom & JoAnne Dawson
Ralph Hendrickson
Nov 25 John & Lori Helling
Myron & Peggy Hentges
Dec 2 John Krautkremer
Kathy Derhaag
Jeanne Anderson
Ruth Kukacka
Dec 9 Kathy Westerman
Tammi & Steve Pan
Lynn Schuknecht
Dec 16 Steve & Anne Schroeder
David & Rhonda Solberg
Dec 23 Carol Kiekow
Phillip Solberg
Doug & Karen Thompson
Dec 30 Greg & Jessica
Westerman
Ted & Colleen Wondra

Communion Assistants

Sept 2 John Grimm
Kathy Derhaag
Youth Volunteer
Sept 9 Kathy Derhaag
Erin Krautkremer
Youth Volunteer
Sept 16 Alice Schroeder
Isaac Schroeder
Youth Volunteer
Sept 23 Gary & Jacquelyn
Hartwig
Youth volunteer
Sept 30 Karen Vlasak
Carol Kiekow
Youth Volunteer
Oct 7 John & Lori Helling
Youth Volunteer
Oct 14 Alice Schroeder
Isaac Schroeder
Youth Volunteer
Oct 21 Kathy Derhaag
Brenda Petersen
Youth Volunteer
Oct 28 Don Marcussen
Candyce Kadrlik
Youth Volunteer
Nov 4 Ruth Kukacka
Tammi Pan
Youth Volunteer
Nov 11 Steve & Anne Schroeder
Youth Volunteer
Nov 18 Renee Pribyl
Myrna Terwedo
Youth Volunteer
Nov 25 Cindy Westerhouse
Maridan Nesmoe
Youth Volunteer
Dec 2 Rich & Wendy Vargo
Youth Volunteer
Dec 9 Gerald & Dianna Smith
Dec 16 Sunday school
Christmas program
Dec 23 Lynden & Deb Jelinek
Youth Volunteer
Dec 30 Carol Kiekow
Peggy Hentges
Youth Volunteer

Readers

All lesson readings will be available to view and/or print on the church website under info center. Enlarged paper copies are available in the file folder outside the church office door.

Sept 2 Megan Pratola
Sept 9 Kathy Peterson
Sept 16 Isaac Schroeder
Sept 23 Marc Peterson
Sept 30 Dianne DeWitte
Oct 7 Carol Kiekow
Oct 14 Alice Schroeder
Oct 21 Jean Waugh
Oct 28 Cindy Curtis
Nov 4 Dave Winge
Nov 11 Doris Hendrickson
Nov 18 Lisa Hoefs
Nov 25 Doreen Marcussen
Dec 2 Dianne DeWitte
Dec 9 Renee Sorenson
Dec 16 Sunday school
Christmas program
Dec 23 Diane LaVine
Dec 30 Carol Kiekow

Acolytes

Sept 2 Gabrielle Davidson
Sept 9 Tayte Domine
Sept 16 Aubrey Filter
Sept 23 Jameson Fonseca
Sept 30 Aubrey Filter
Oct 7 Jameson Fonseca
Oct 14 Devin Filter
Oct 21 Lauren Houn
Oct 28 Devin Filter
Nov 4 Lauren Houn
Nov 11 Hailey Kadrlik
Nov 18 Aliviya Boyd
Nov 25 Hailey Kadrlik
Dec 2 Aliviya Boyd
Dec 9 Gabrielle Davidson
Dec 16 Tayte Domine
Dec 23 Gabrielle Davidson
Dec 30 Tayte Domine

Thank you for your help!
If you are unable to help on the day you are listed please call or email the church office no later than Thursday morning of that week.
507-364-5002 or
stjohnelca@frontier.com.

Head Usher

November Wendy Vargo & Carol Kiekow

Altar Guild

November Tammi Pan (1st weekend)

Worship Helpers on Christmas Eve

Readers

Dec 24 3 PM Dave Winge
Dec 24 5 PM Volunteer needed
Dec 24 10PM Megan Pratola

Ushers

Dec 24 3 PM Volunteers needed
Dec 24 5 PM Volunteers needed
Dec 24 10PM Volunteers needed

Communion Assistants

Dec 24 3 PM Volunteers needed
Dec 24 5 PM Volunteers needed
Dec 24 10PM Kathy Derhaag

Acolytes

Dec 24 3 PM Volunteer needed
Dec 24 5 PM Volunteer needed
Dec 24 10PM Volunteer needed

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.



Have an announcement for the bulletin or newsletter?

Drop off or e-mail (stjohnelca@frontier.com) information to the church office by:

- ◆ **Wednesday** for the bulletin.
- ◆ **The 22nd of November** for the **December newsletter**.

Remember in your Prayers... Rycky Kes, Glenn Kerkow, Kathy Fellman (Peggy Hentges'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.

Remember those serving our country... Matthew Astorino, Travis Ferguson, Cassidy Gilbertson, Shane Morris, Adam Smith, Adam Vlasak and Sam Westerhouse.

*If you have the addresses for our service people listed above please call or email the information to the church office.

Baptisms

Ruby Katheryn Engstrom received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday, October 20th. Ruby was born on April 11, 2016 to Eric and Nicole Engstrom. Ruby's sponsors are Ryan & Tara Engstrom, Sara & Ramsey Boyd, Tammy Johnson & Larry Malcom, Larry & Anna Hoffman.

Weddings

Janell Ericksen and Lynn Schuknecht were married on Saturday, October 27th.

Thank You

Thank you for the donation to the Alter Guild.

Thank you for the donation of flowers, given in memory of John C. Richter. John died on October 28, 1978.

Coffee servers are needed for Sunday coffee hour! Please consider signing up on the calendar in the Fellowship Hall.



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St. John's Worship Schedule

5:00 p.m. Saturday Worship

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

10:00 a.m. Sunday School (Sept.– May)

Distribution of the Lord's Supper
is celebrated at every weekend service.
Fellowship/Coffee Hour follows Sunday's
worship service.

St. John's Staff

Jason Pollington, Pastor (c) 507-667-9000

Carol Kiekow, Congregation President

Kathy Heyda, Music Director & Organist

Melissa Gregor, Secretary & Youth Ministry Director

Roman Jindra, Custodian

Sara Kuchinka, Sunday School Superintendent

Diane DeWitte, Organist

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

As children of God, we are a family
living out the Gospel of Jesus Christ
through worship, fellowship, and service.

Operation Christmas Child “Declare His Glory among the Nations” Psalm 96:3

Girls and boys in more than 150 countries have experienced the joy of Christmas and heard the good news of Jesus Christ thanks to caring people who have packed over 157 million shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child since 1993. These simple shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies and hygiene items bring smiling faces to God’s precious children. Help spread joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide by taking part in this special Christmas project.

Complete details are outlined in the Operation Christmas Child brochures available at church.

Please bring your gift filled shoebox to church on or before Sunday, November 18th (shoebox collection and dedication Sunday). Last year we collected 127 shoeboxes. For more information, contact Mary Brahs 364-8058. *(Due to increasing custom regulations, candy and toothpaste will no longer be accepted in shoebox gifts.)*

A group of adults & youth (grades 9-12) will be volunteering at the Operation Christmas Child Twin Cities Processing Center on Wednesday, November 28th from 6-9 PM. There is a sign-up sheet on the youth bulletin board. Anyone under 18 must have a Samaritan’s purse volunteer information form (posted next to the sign up sheet). We will leave from church at 4 PM and stop to eat before our work shift begins.

We are starting to collect items for the Soldier Boxes which we will be sending out the first part of December. These items are sent to those who are currently serving from our congregation, former veterans around our area, and veterans in rehab homes. Collection boxes are downstairs in the fellowship hall for your donated items. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please leave it with Missy or Pastor in one of the church offices. Thank you for your help with this wonderful program.

SAVE THE DATE

Women of the Church Fall Fundraiser
Sunday, November 11th
7:30 AM – Noon
Breakfast/ Brunch, Bake sale, Craft Sale, and Silent Auction.



Women Of The Church
Please remember to let us know if you can work or contribute to the upcoming WOTC Fall Fundraiser on November 11TH, if you have any questions, please contact Renee Pribyl.

Do you receive your newsletter in the mail? Would you be interested in receiving it via email instead? Newsletters that are received by email get to you 2-3 days faster than in the mail. Help us go green and email stjohnelca@frontier.com to be put on the



Pastor Jason’s Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:00 AM-12:00 PM & 1:00-5:00 PM

Pastor Jason Pollington’s Cell

Phone Number:
507-667-9000

Missy’s Office Hours

Tuesday 8:30 AM–2:30 PM
Wednesday 11:30 AM -2:30 PM
Thursday 8:30 AM-2:30 PM