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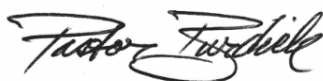
St. John's Weekly Newsletter October 18, 2026

Last Sunday we were blessed to have five teams go out to the streets around the church, visiting 107 homes. Some neighbors weren't home. Many more received us warmly. Many asked us to pray for them. Everyone received a pamphlet giving an overview of the ministry of the Gospel we're privileged to carry out. What a blessing the visitors, the Evangelism Board, and the prayer partners at home were! Thanks be to God.

As Pastor Schurb said in his sermon last week, we don't limit an invitation into Christ's Church merely to a canvassing weekend. Every day encounters with people are opportunities to say, effectively, "come to Jesus and to my church – I love it, and maybe you will, too!"

Here are some special events coming up...

- October 25 is Reformation Sunday. It will also be the day that the numerous quilts our ladies have created on Wednesdays will be upon the pews. Then they get shipped to Lutheran World Relief.
- November 1 is All Saints Day, and the Saturday evening Service will include the dedication of new white paraments at the Altar.
- We will host the Lutheran Care Center Congregational Service at 3:00pm November 1. This year it will include a Hymn Sing! Bring your requests of favorite hymns from LSB as we sing and pray with all the owner-congregations of our beloved LCC. The Pastors' Bake-Off and a reception will take place immediately after, and will serve as the Kick-Off of the Care Campaign.
- November 8 will be our Haiti Hunger Fight in support of Trinity Hope. Breakfast and the Presentation will be at 9:00am, between Services.



The Elders would like to hear from you if you would find it essential to have Alcohol-removed wine made available in our distribution of the Lord's Supper. Reach out to an Elder or Pastor Burdick with your request. Thank you.

This Week's Sunday School Lesson **Lesson 8**

In today's lesson, "A Dreamer Rises," students will learn about how God works good for Joseph. Falsely accused, Joseph finds himself in prison interpreting dreams for Pharaoh's baker and cupbearer. When the Egyptian pharaoh has troubling dreams, God empowers Joseph to explain the visions. Pharaoh appoints him to the second highest position in the land, and Joseph manages the harvest to endure the coming famine.

Council Meeting

October 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Voters Assembly

October 27 at 7:00 p.m.

2027 Slate of Officers

President – Rick Keller
Vice President – Jeff Weis
Treasurer – Marcy Scott
Secretary – Laura Galvan

2027 Board Nominees

Board of Christian Education – Kristin Niemerg
Board of Early Childhood – Julie Scott
Board of Elders – Adam Bohnhoff & David Wall
Board of Evangelism – Laura Janis
Board of Social Ministry – Patsy Latch
Board of Stewardship – Wade Bloemer
Board of Trustees – Al Siebert
Board of Youth Ministry – Karla Flach

Response to the Gospel **Our Attendance Last Week**

Sunday October 11	377
Sunday School	38
Adult Sunday School	40
Lifelight	15

Our Offering

Sunday October 11.....	\$11,789.07
Online Offering.....	\$4,319.75
Total Gen. Fun	\$16,108.82



Prayer List

Roger Fritch, Steve Rubin, Gerry Thoman, Alan Phelps, Terry Simmons, Lynn Kuhn, Eileen Wall, Jon & Brooke Becker who were united in marriage yesterday.

Stewardship Moments

Matthew 22:21 – “Then he said to them, ‘Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’” So what is Jesus saying? Doesn’t everything belong to God? Yes — and God has a place for everything. Some of what He gives us goes to Caesar. Some must come back to the work of His church. And some goes to support the families He has given us. All belongs to God, and He has work for us to do with what He has given us in the home, in the church and in society.

LCMS Foundation

Including a statement of your Christian faith is important in your estate plans. Creating that statement of faith is something we do in community. If you write a personal Christian Preamble/Family Blessing, it is important to remember that you aren’t writing it for yourself, but for your target audience such as family, friends, or maybe even fellow Church members. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can ask you some questions, focusing on your audience. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnfnd.org.

Golden Eagles

The Golden Eagles dinner will be on Thursday, October 29, at 12 noon. The meal will be catered by Joe’s Pizza & Pasta. The menu will be mostaccioli, chicken fettuccine alfredo, salad, garlic bread and dessert. Attendees will pack Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes with gifts and prayer notes. Everyone is welcome to attend. We ask that you please sign the name of each person who will be attending on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the atrium by Sunday, October 25.

Youth Corner

Hayride & Wiener Roast at Jim & Kathy Schroeder's

Sunday, Oct. 18th from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Everyone is invited. Food provided by the Youth Board. You will need to bring a lawn chair. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board.

Music Jam

Mark your calendars for the evening of November 15 and enjoy a night of music!

Life Quote

"Do not be silent. You have the most positive, powerful, life-giving, and life-affirming message in the universe! It is a message of love for every sinner, i.e., everyone! It is a message of forgiveness for everyone and every sin. It is a message of the certain hope of a paradise whose reality surpasses the most beautiful of words." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Fall Social

All ladies of St. John's are invited to the Lydia Guild Fall Social! On October 20th at 6:00 pm we will gather for a simple meal and hear Greg Perry speak about keeping ourselves safe from scams and other tricks of the world of technology. Come for the fellowship and learn a bit. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway.



LYF kids (6th, 7th, 8th Grade) are invited to stay after Confirmation Classes this week (October 21) for dinner, devotions, and games. 6:00-7:15pm

Time To Stock Up On Cards

The 6th, 7th, & 8th graders are again taking orders for greeting cards. These students have catalogs--Paisley & Finley Bloemer, Cohen Debolt, Nolan & Jenna Bohnhoff, Hank & Knox Probst, Abel Wilson, Dalton & Jordyn Cole.

You may pick up a catalog from the "card" cabinet and choose a student from the list. They will enjoy profits for LYF activities. Orders are to be placed by November 1.

Installation

Rev. Kyle Ronchetto will be installed as Pastor for Trinity Lutheran Church & School at 2:00pm Sunday October 18 in Stewardson. Come rejoice with the people of Trinity as they receive their new pastor.

Turkey Supper

St. Peter's Lutheran Church will be hosting a Turkey Supper on Sunday, November 15th. It will be held at St. Peter Lutheran Gym. You can dine in or carry out from 4:00pm – 6:30pm for a free will donation. The menu includes turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, turnips, cranberry sauce, and desserts.

Holy Trinity School Spirit Wear

Holy Trinity's Promark webstore is open now through October 25th for anyone interested in purchasing school spirit wear. There is a flyer on the main bulletin board.

Catechism Bible Study

Our Catechism Bible Study is the path toward membership for those who wish to learn what Lutherans believe and practice. It's also an excellent refresher for all members who desire to review the faith. The next five-week series will be Tuesdays, November 3, 10, 17, 24 and December 1. Each class is from 6:00-8:00pm, and participants will prepare for each session with readings from Luther's Small Catechism (and the Scriptures included in it). Who will you invite to study alongside you?

CALENDAR-----	October 18 - 24, 2026
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Sunday	18	8:00 a.m.	Worship w/HC - Choir
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship w/HC - Choir
		4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Schroeder's Hayride/Weiner Roast
		4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Oktoberfest at Lake Sara
Monday	19	4:00 p.m.	Board of Evangelism
Tuesday	20	6:00 p.m.	Lydia Guild Social
		7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wednesday	21	9:30 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
		10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.	Quilting
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Meeting and Devotion
		5:00 p.m.	Bell Practice
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		6:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship
Thursday	22	9:30 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
Friday	23		Pastor Burdick Sabbath
			No Preschool
Saturday	24	8:00 a.m.	Band Practice
		8:45am – 9:30am	Stephen Ministry Meeting
		9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	E.A.S.T.E.R.
		5:30 p.m.	Worship w/HC

Birthdays This Week

10-18 Brenda Osborne, David Althoff,
Evan Pryor

10-19 Amelia Hippchen, Blair Smith,
Craig Bailey, Steve Backhus

10-20 Chuck Mayberry, Gloria Fortkamp

10-21 Ryan Sandifer, Vincent Veach

10-22 Kaden Junge, Waneta March

10-23 Alan Bahrns, Wesley Osborn

10-24 Bob Brinkopf, Rosie Gibbons

Anniversaries This Week

10-19-1969 Don & Patsy Latch

10-19-2013 Jason & Megan Smith

10-19-2014 Kris & Molly Lipe

10-19-2019 Kyle & Bailey Willenborg

10-19-2019 Tony & Karine Castillo

10-22-2005 Larry & Dawn Quicksall

10-23-1976 Lee & Karen Hartman