# News & Notes

September 16-17, 2018

Saint John Lutheran Church & School
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**To Our Guests:** Welcome to St. John! We are happy you are worshiping with us today. Please introduce yourself to one of the Pastors after the service so that we can get to know you.

| **Serving Today:** | **8:00 am** | **11:00 am** | **Monday 7:00 pm** |
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| Preacher | Rev. Peter Elliott | Rev. Peter Elliott | Rev. Peter Elliott |
| Liturgist | Rev. Bradley Smith | Rev. Bradley Smith | |
| Pianist | Mel Machemer | Mel Machemer | Mel Machemer |
| Choir | Adult Choir | Adult Choir | |
| Acolytes | London Greene | Emily Drost | Daniel Wenz |
| | Declan Greene | Avery Sisk | |
| Elders | Jeremiah Hoehner | Ralph Carnagie | Dan Saunders |
| | Scott Scharich | Keith Olson | |
| Elder Assistants | Andrew Pastorius | Bob Meyer | Bob Livingston |
| | Johnathon Centala | John Shields | |
| Altar Guild | Paula Stidwill, Sherry Ploeger, Kayla Elder, Lauren Guiles | | |
| Trustee | Chris Hengy | | |
| Ushers (8am) | Mark Griffith, Don Windhorst, Andrew Pastorius, Richard Schwandt, Brad Nixon, Ron Housley, Duane Rieck, Daryl Schroeder, Jacob Schroeder | | |
| Ushers (11am) | Dan Wood, Robert Monroe, D.J. Wood, Jeremiah Hoehner, Marvin Asmus, Keith Olson, Jonathan Nalezyty, Kim Wood | | |
| Coffee Hour | Saunders Family | | |

## This Week at St. John (Sept. 16 - 23)

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| Sun | 8/11 am | Worship© |
| | 9:00 am | Coffee/Fellowship |
| | 9:30 am | Education Hour |
| | 5:00 pm | Marvel Youth |
| | 5:00 pm | MCREST @ Hope |
| Mon | 1:30 pm | Shut-in Service© |
| | 7:00 pm | Worship© |
| | 8:00 pm | Council |
| Tues | 6:30 pm | MOPS |
| Wed | 9:00 am | Costume Creators |
| | 2:15 pm | Medilodge |
| | 6:30 pm | Bible Study |
| | 7:00 pm | CDSB |
| Thurs | 6:30 pm | HB |
| | 6:30 pm | A/A |
| | 7:00 pm | Trustees Brd. Mtg. |
| | 7:30 pm | Adult Choir |
| Fri | 2:50 pm | Brownies |
| | 6:00 pm | Marvel Youth (off site) |
| Sat | 8:00 am | Men's Bible Study |
| Sun | 8/11 am | Worship |
| | 9:00 am | Coffee/Fellowship |
| | 9:30 am | Education Hour |
| | 5:00 pm | MCREST ends |

## COMING EVENTS

**MOPS!** Our fall open house is on Tuesday, Sept. 18th from 6:30-8:30pm in Rutkowsky Hall. MOPS is for all moms with infants through kindergarten. Questions or to RSVP contact Erin Wagner daverinwagner@gmail.com.

Today's Light Bible Study – Week 25

1 Samuel 16 - 23. Samuel anoints David as the successor to Saul. David enters service to Saul, defeats Goliath, and becomes part of Saul's household. David was so successful, having been chosen and blessed by God in all he did, that Saul became jealous and tried to kill him. The Lord continues to give Israel's enemies into David's hands. Saul's anger burns to the point of pursuing David throughout the countryside.

**YOUTH GROUP!** Planning meeting Sunday, September 23 after 11 am late service in the Cafeteria for those planning to attend the LCMS Youth Gathering being held in Minneapolis, MN, July 11-15, 2019. Food will be provided! If you are going to be in high school in the upcoming 2018-2019 school year and wish to attend this great event, or would like more information, please call or text Doug Schwark 586-747-8989 or Chris Waltz 586-980-7713. Please also sign up on the Youth board in the school hallway!

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** – will be held on Wed., 09/26, from 1-7pm in Rutkowsky Hall. Sign-up sheets are in the back of church. As usual, there is a critical shortage of blood here in southeast Michigan. Please consider donating. As Jesus said, "Whatever good we do for someone else, we do unto Him " (paraphrased).

**ALTAR GUILD MEETING** will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 2nd , 7pm in the school library. Please make every effort to attend as we plan for the upcoming advent season as well as discuss other topics.

**GAME ON!** It's time for the first ever Branching Out **BOWLING BLAST**. Join us on Sat., 10/6, from 1-4pm at Sterling Lanes. Two games of bowling, shoe rental, pizza & pop all for $20/person (12 & up), $10/person (11 & under), or for those larger families $60/family (immediate family only). Fellowship is free! Other fun happenings include Mystery Game, Strike Ball, 50/50 raffle and family-themed raffle baskets. Don't miss out! Register between services and Monday nights through 09/30. If you have questions, please contact Kim Hengy at 586-201-2897.

### Opportunities for Study

**Sunday School** meets in the church for opening at 9:30. **Large Group** is studying the book of Thessalonians in the cafeteria. **Small Group** is studying *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis in the school library. **Inquirer's Class** delves into Luther's Small Catechism in the 8th grade room. **Marvel Youth** meets in the 5th grade classroom, and the **Senior Youth** meets in Rutkowsky Hall.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

**MCREST UPDATE (9/16-23/18)** – Due to the organ being put back together, we will not be able to host MCREST at St. John. Hope/Warren has graciously offered their church. We will again be hosting men. Everything will be on one floor this year and we will be able to wash towels there, but not personal laundry. Sign-up sheets for volunteer opportunities are in the back of church. We could also use the following if you're out over the summer: 1) Burger King or McDonald's gift cards - $5.00 each. 2) Speedway – blue "gas only" cards - $10.00 each. Thank you for your support! Darlene Seibel

**ST. JOHN FOOD PANTRY** – We are in need of the following items: spaghetti sauce, instant potatoes, macaroni & cheese, hot cereal, jelly, peanut butter, hearty soups, Chef Boy-R-Dee ravioli, rice and snack foods. Thank you for your generosity!

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER IS PEOPLE OF THE BOOK (POBLO).** POBLO works in strategic partnership with churches, missionaries and volunteers across the country in order to expand our reach and multiply our efforts at reaching American Muslims and others immigrant and refugee populations with the Gospel message. Our unique strategy of training ethnic missionaries enables us to share the Gospel with people in their own language and in a culturally relevant way.

### *STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT*

**Ephesians 3:14-15 - "For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named."** We don't call our heavenly Father by that name by analogy to our earthly fathers – it's the other way around. God sets the pattern and image for earthly fathers to follow. He is the real and true Father: kind, loving, strong, faithful, generous, righteous, and self-sacrificing. Knowing this Father is the basis for growing into His image, which is the goal of our sanctification.

**THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS FOR OUR ST. JOHN FAMILIES –**The Howitt and Hubbard families, Cheryl & Daniel Hughes, Denise Humenny, and Cathy & Daniel Hunter.

**JOIN US FOR THE UPCOMING VOTERS' MEETING!** Monday, Sept. 24th at 8pm. We will be voting to extend an official call to our 3rd grade teacher. Also, get the latest Branching Out updates. Hope to see you there!

**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR SHOPAROO YET?** Snap pictures on your smart phone of your receipts from any store/restaurant - big or small – to earn Roo Points (cash donations) for our school. It doesn't matter where you shop or what you buy, Shoparoo will make a cash donation for every receipt! Download the free App onto your phone and start snapping away. You can track how many points St. John has as well as many other features. It's a fun way to earn easy money for the school.

**NEED A GIFT IDEA?** Did you know 1/3 of your life is spent sleeping? Do you want your kids to sleep for hours? Why not rest comfortably on luxurious sheets while supporting the St. John Athletic teams?! Bed sheets sets are $42 each. Sheets are available in all sizes and in 14 colors! Place your order by October 1st! Visit our table in the hall between services to place your order and see samples! Questions? Contact Mrs. Swazey

**BEAUTIFULLY DONE!** A very special thank you and commendation goes out to member Marybeth Cairns, for the two murals she painted in the school cafeteria during the summer. The colorful graphics capture the identity and message of our church and school. Marybeth attended Lutheran High Northwest as a student (art student of Mr. Jeff Davis) and undertook this mural as a part of her fine arts enrichment at Macomb College. Lift high the cross and show the story!

**PRAYERS :** (Please contact the church office with prayer requests to be included in the service or if you see a name that could be removed from the list.)

In the Hospital: Ron Housley

Strength & Healing: Georgia Allen, Jenny Balcerzak, Lois Bellis, Amy Blake, Mike Bongiorno, Fred Brandt, Ted Brouillette, Marian Bujak, Janet Bunge, Clay Coon, Matthew Dantes, Robert & Sharlene Ebbole, Pat Everett, Lois Feldbush, Deanne Garr, Henrietta Georgevich, Diane Griffin, Jim Hagerty, Tom Harder, Keith Harris, Bill Hertel, Kendal Hicks, Pastor Thees Hoft, Randy Jackson, Lori Johnston, Richard Kassube, Debra Klein, Erna Kusch, John Kutz, Joyce Lannon, Aileeen Lietz, Vicki Little, Deborah Livingston, Magen Lorenz, Toni McTaggart, David Merrill, Dave Mitchenall, George & Shari Movsesian, Al Mozdzen, Larry & Marie Muehlbrandt, Julie Nalezyty, Shirley Nelson, Patty O'Malley, Robert Pressel, Diana Rang, Wayne Reindel, Kent Schmidt, Irma Schurig, Randy Seefurth, Kathy Seguin, Janet Sharp, Charles Shoebottom, Nancy Shooltz, Ruby Singel, Patricia Smith, Maria Spencer, Megan Stidwill, Shirley Stier, Trevor Swazey, Paul Tepker, Alma Tomlinson, Sallie Walunas, Lindsey Windhorst, Claire Winter, Hailie Witt

Continuing Prayer Needs: Gerry Friedeman

For Roger Edwards, Michael & Jackie Folcarelli, Tristen Howitt, Samantha Knapman, Megan Stidwill, Merissa Stevens, Roger Carl Van Vechten, Elizabeth Vermeesch and all those serving in the military; for those affected by natural disasters, and those involved in relief efforts.

| *Last Week's Contributions* | | *Year to Date (As of July 31)* | | |
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| | | | Budget: | Actual: |
| Designated Funds | $ 19,236.00 | | | |
| General Fund | $ 21,799.06 | Total Income | $ 958,008.38 | $ 906,553.06 |
| Day School Tuition | $ 4,695.00 | Total Expense | $ 1,037,312.22 | $ 970,699.19 |
| Preschool Tuition | $ 502.00 | Difference | ($ 79,303.84) | ( $ 64,146.13) |

*Branching Out Contributions*
*July - $20,305.50*
*August – $34,390.25*

*Branching Out – Total Given (End of August)*
*$843,371.54*

**Church Attendance:** Sunday – 253/322; Monday - 75. Total – 650. Education Hour: Large Group – 48; Small Group – 33; Inquirer's Class – 9; Marvel Youth – 16; Youth Group – 10; Sunday School – 54.

**DO YOU HAVE INVESTMENTS WITH CEF?** If you have investments with Church Extension Fund, please be sure your congregation is listed as "St. John Fraser" so your investments can be counted toward our total for building loan discount. We are getting close to achieving a rate break of 0.5% which would save us nearly $1000/month on our loan. Every little bit counted helps get us closer to our goal! Thanks!