

*Our mission is to glorify God as we seek to make disciples of all nations
by bringing the gospel of Jesus Christ to all people within and outside
of the one holy Christian Church.*

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ST. JOHNS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025

8:00 a.m. - Blended Order of Worship

10:30 a.m. - Blended/Divine Service, Setting 1, LSB Page 151

The Sermon: *"Coveting or Contentment?"*

The Text: *Colossians 3:1-11*

The Communion Hymns (10:30 a.m.):

"Christ be My Leader" LSB **861**

"Renew Me, O Eternal Light" LSB **704**

+Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 10:30 a.m. service today. Guests, it is our desire for you to commune with us. In the Lord's Supper, in with and under the bread and the wine, we receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. You should also know that when you commune with a group of Christians, you are saying you agree with the teachings of that church body. If you are a member of a different church body, please use this time for prayer and reflection upon God's Word. We then invite you to speak with one of the pastors about how you, too, can share in this wonderful gift. If you believe what Christ says about His supper and share the beliefs we have at St. Johns, an LCMS congregation, you are welcome to join us for communion. Gluten free wafers are available. If you prefer a gluten free wafer please let the pastors know.

This Week at St. Johns

Monday	Staff Meeting	8:45 AM
Tuesday	TOPS	9:00 AM
Tuesday	Board Meetings	6:00 PM
Wednesday	Bible Study	10:30 AM
Wednesday	Noon Communion Service	NOON
Friday	Office Closed (Summer Hours)	

Next Sunday

Worship (Comm.)	8:00 AM
Bible Class	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM

ON MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH: Rev. Thomas Clark, Immanuel, Hankinson, ND, and St. John's, Belford Township, ND, presents the message: "Winning in Christ" based on Ecclesiastes 2:18-26 and Luke 12:13-21. *This is The Life:* "Give and Take" - A young Christian ad agency representative navigates a situation with an overly attentive married man. Main Street Living is broadcast Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on KVRN Fargo-Moorhead or watch online at www.mainstreetliving.com, "North(Fargo)."

LISTEN to the Lutheran Hour Sundays on KPRM 870 AM at 9:30 a.m., or KTIG 102.7 and 95.9 FM at 5:00 p.m. You can also listen on Sirius XM Family Talk Channel 133 on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. or any time on lhm.org/sentradio. Today's sermon is "Proclaim His Glory" (John 5:30-47) with speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. Of course, we should search the Scriptures, but we search them for Jesus, the One to Whom the Scriptures point.

WE ARE STILL MISSING six baby bottles for the Pregnancy Resource Center. If you have one, please return it. Thanks!

OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE and sympathy is extended to Darlene Wallick and family as they mourn the passing of her daughter, Carily. A private graveside military ceremony will be held. Sympathy is also extended to Bob Stelter and family for the loss of his wife, Novia. A memorial service is being held in August. We pray that our Lord Jesus Christ will grant these families peace and rest from their sorrow.

THANKS for all your thoughts, prayers, cards, calls and visits the past few months. Special thanks to the dear friends and family who gave me rides to Bemidji for my treatments. God bless!! -

Helen Frith

THANK YOU to Wayne Krueger for the beautiful wood work he did constructing the new stand for the offering plate.

ABC is getting ready for the new school year and needs your help with supplies. There are lady bug tags on the supply board in the front entryway. Please take a tag or two. Some are cash gifts and gift cards, others are supply items. If it is a supply item that you can't find, please check with Kim.

NEXT SUNDAY a representative from the Gideons will present information about their ministry following both services.

WE'VE STARTED a communion service in the chapel at Heritage Living Center every 2nd Monday at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome.

BIRDIE GOLF for 5-12 grades is on Wednesday July 13 at 6:00 p.m. Meet at Birdie's. 12 and under costs \$8, 12+ is \$10.

LADIES AID POTLUCK will be held on Thursday, August 14 at noon. Bring your favorite dish or dessert and enjoy the afternoon!

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING shareholder dessert social will be held at 6:00 p.m. on August 14. Come and hear about their adventures, see photos and enjoy a great dessert.

A SILENT AUCTION AND BENEFIT for Tom Walsh will be held at the American Legion in Park Rapids on August 23 from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. to help cover expenses related to his motorcycle accident in May. See the bulletin board for more information.

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More Bulletin Information

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Special Voters Meeting Sunday August 17, 2025, 9:15 a.m.

Subject: Acceptance of improvements recommended by the Refresh Action Committee.

A/V Improvements – Hire Digital Horizons to modernize our Sound and Graphic systems to improve the live streaming of our services, modify the speaker system in sanctuary, and visual upgrades with larger digital screens. Budget of \$45,000. [finance with existing Line of Credit at Citizens Bank.] Start work immediately.

Communion Rail Relocation – Relocate communion rail to the same level as the seating to eliminate steps to communion. The new location will allow for 50% more at each table. And the railing will be removable for weddings and other functions. This modification includes the deletion of one row of pews. Budget unknown at this printing. Start work January 1, 2026.

Sanctuary Flooring – New carpeting for altar area and communion rail, and new LVP flooring from new communion rail to rear of room in isles and under pews. Pews will be removed and replaced for installation of flooring. Budget of \$28,000. Start work January 1, 2026. Flooring cost for the rest of building dependent on the procedure to separate carpet from original floor tile. Budget \$100,000 until confirmed.

Painting – A. Sanctuary Budget \$7000. B. South entrance and west rooms Budget \$12,000. C. North entrance and east classrooms Budget \$14,000. Start work A & B January 1, 2026.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND RELEASE TIME TEACHERS AND/OR SUBS are needed for this 2025-2026 year. We are considering many options to work with your schedule. Teachers/subs are needed for multiple age levels. The Concordia Publishing House curriculum we use has information to assist teachers in preparation for the lesson as well as lesson plans. Our experienced staff will be happy to help you develop your teaching skills. Please contact the church office at 218-732-9783 if you are interested in serving as a teacher.

Key aspects of the LCMS perspective on Sunday School teachers:

Essential Role in Discipleship:

Sunday School is seen as a foundational ministry for making disciples, helping individuals of all ages learn to think and act like Jesus.

Nurturing Faith:

Teachers are encouraged to help students study God's Word, pray, and learn about God's character and actions.

Age-Appropriate Instruction:

Sunday School provides a structured way for children and youth to receive age-appropriate Christian education.

Example for the Congregation:

Teachers are called to be examples in their faith, speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity.

Resources and Training:

The LCMS offers resources and training to support teachers in their ministry, including curriculum selection, lesson planning, and classroom management.

Facilitator Role:

Teachers are not just lecturers but also facilitators who guide students in exploring and understanding God's Word.

Parental Involvement:

The LCMS also encourages parents to be actively involved in their children's faith development at home.