

News and Notes

- From the week of September 12-

St. John's Anniversary Celebration – October 3rd, 2021 150 years of God's Grace - "In Christ Alone"
Please join us in a 150th anniversary celebration of St. John's Lutheran Church Sunday, October 3rd. There will be no 8am worship that day. The Anniversary Worship Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. with a catered meal will following worship (Chicken & Ham Dinner with Au Gratin Potatoes & sides). There will also be special games and activities for children - even including a Bouncy House! Please scan the QR code (or click the link in the weekly eMessenger email) to RSVP if you are able to join us! You may also email admin@stjohnslutheran.com) or call (651-438-3730) the church office to RSVP.



Do you know of others you'd like to invite to our celebration? There is a supply of invitations and (and envelopes). Feel free to take some today!

There are some volunteer opportunities involved with the celebration! Would you be interested in serving for this event (decorating, set-up, clean-up)? Check out the sign-up options by the coffee and treats!

Teen Ministry

St. John's Teens (grades 7-12) are invited, along with parents, to a pizza party planning session on **Saturday, September 18 at 5:00pm**. We'll have a new concept to introduce for teen ministry as well as look at the events planned for 2021-2022 and opportunities for teens to add their own ideas and suggestions. Parents will be meeting separately to discuss, encourage and define the teen ministry at St. John's. If you have any questions or would like to know more, please contact Andy Larson or Pastor Zimpelmann.

"God & Me" Course – Beginning Monday, Sept. 27th @ 7pm

With Autumn quickly approaching, we're looking forward to some cool, refreshing weather. St. John's is also offering a wonderfully refreshing course for your faith this Fall – **God & Me**. This class explores the basic truths of the bible as well as briefly explaining some simple differences between religions and various Christian denominations. But most importantly, it answers the deep questions every person needs to know in life...*who am I?... what's my purpose in life?...how can I get to heaven?...how can I be certain I am loved and forgiven?...how does the bible apply to me today?* This study is a good spiritual refresher and stepping stone in a Christian's growth and understanding of God and His Word. It also serves as a membership class for those curious or interested. NOTE: there are no strings attached and there is no cost – all the materials are covered. Let us know if childcare can be provided. You can even "Try it before you buy it!" in the sense of, if after 2-3 weeks you decide to step away, you won't be made to defend your decision to do so. As the kids return to their learning and growing this Fall, you won't regret pushing yourself to learn either. To Learn more or register please visit our website: www.StJohnsLutheran.com

NEW! Women's Bible study

Starting soon, the women of St. John's are invited to join a new study group meeting once a month on **Saturdays mornings: 9:30-10:30 – Beginning Sept 25th**. Led by women, we will be reading, discussing and applying a wonderfully encouraging book on Christian Parenting called *"Give them Grace: Dazzling your kids with the love of Jesus!" Helping Christian parents raise their children with grace and the gospel, this book addresses topics such as the law, God's forgiveness and love, and true heart obedience—a great resource for raising grace-filled kids.*

If you're interested or would like to know more, contact Andrea Zimpelmann

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A God-Lived Life Stewardship Challenge

This month, the particular focus of the God-lived life is that of being a disciple, a learner, one who grows in God's Word. May God's Word cause us to crave that pure spiritual milk so that by it we grow up in our salvation.

Our challenge card this month focuses on growing and learning in God's Word. What's your biggest motivation for spending time in God's Word? What's your biggest obstacle to spending time in God's Word? What can help you overcome that obstacle? How can you build Bible study and prayer time into your regular routine?

May God bless the coming weeks as we commit to living a God-lived life of discipleship!