

## News and Notes

- From the week of September 17 –

### Bible Gifts

This Sunday, September 17, we are inviting all 3rd through 6th graders to come forward during the worship service to receive a Bible. For many years St. John's has provided a copy of God's Word to students in our 3rd grade Sunday School. Due to Covid and other factors we have not done that for several years, so several classes are invited this year. These Bibles can be used in Sunday School, Confirmation class, and for reading at home. May God bless you as you study His Word! Be ready to come forward next Sunday during the service for this special gift.

### New Women's Bible Study: Proverbs 31 - Living in Godly Wisdom

You may not appreciate the reminders in Proverbs 31 to get up early, do nice things, work hard, and stay up late. You already do that. What you really need is wisdom to manage your life. Proverbs 31 gives more than a heavy dose of guilt - it brings wisdom for godly living and a delightful reminder of grace. With glimpses of Jesus, you can see what it looks like as a woman lives for his glory. Proverbs 31 is like a scrapbook with slowly turning pages. Each verse shapes our thinking as this godly woman reminisces on her faith, relationships and opportunities. You see her love and serve and lead - and you want to follow her example. You want to encourage other women as they seek wisdom to live by faith. But God isn't showing you how to do it all. He is building your trust in His plan for your life. No hidden messages. No secret codes. This is wisdom sheathed in grace. God's image. His priorities. His blessing. And His forgiveness. Learn about the life Jesus lived for you. Join your sisters in Christ on Thursdays at 9:30am starting September 21 for a wonderful discussion and study of God's Word in Proverbs 31. All are welcome! Ask a pastor for more details or questions.

### God + Me Course - Monday's 6:30pm Beginning Sept. 18

This class explores the basic truths of the Bible and briefly compares some differences between religions and various Christian denominations. Most importantly, it answers the 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? This class can serve as a membership class or simply a good spiritual refresher and a further step to understanding God and self. To learn more or to register, please go to: <https://www.stjohnslutheran.com/god-and-me/>

### Griefshare – Monday's 6-8pm Beginning Sept. 18

GriefShare is a support ministry to help people who are grieving the loss of a loved one whether recent or in the past. If you are interested in getting more, please contact Pastor Zimpelmann. More information and registration is available online at the GriefShare website, [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org). There is a charge of \$20 per person which is to cover the cost of workbooks. Please register by September 11 so we can ensure that we have a sufficient number of workbooks.

### Hymnal Update

Several years ago gifts were given to purchase the new blue hymnals. These hymnals contain a large majority of hymns from the red hymnal along with many new selections. Several months ago, the Council approved an order of 70 copies. (The amount for which there was funding.) Soon after that we became aware of other donations that were also coming into that fund. There is a current incentive offered by the publisher that reduces the fee for congregations using the "digital hymnal" (which we do). This will create an annual savings. Since we should soon have nearly all the funds to receive the discount the Council approved the purchase of 125 hymnals at their September meeting. That will allow us to have 2 hymnal per rack, along with a few extras. Due to the generosity of one of our members who will pick up the books we also will be saving on the shipping fees. Anyone wishing to add to this fund can do so with a special gift to the "Hymnal Fund." We look forward to having the new hymnals in the near future.

**Circle Meetings This Week:**

The ladies of St. John’s are invited to join in circle meetings! This week Miriam-Naomi circle will meet at the church at 1:30pm on Tuesday, Sept. 19. Ruth circle will meet at the carriage house on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 6:30pm. The groups always welcome new people to join in the meetings. All confirmed women are welcome to join the circle of their choice!

**Facility Improvement** The committee continues its effort on carpet replacement. Another bid has been requested. We will pass on details soon as we look to keep our worship a welcome environment for all.

**Like to plan ahead?** Invite your friends to these special Christmas Worship services:

Christmas Eve Worship – Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>: Children’s Christmas Service 10 AM; Candlelight Worship 4PM  
Christmas Day Festival Worship – Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM

**This week at St. John’s:**

Today:	8:00 AM	Communion Service
	9:15 AM	Family Bible Hour – Classes for all ages!
	10:30 AM	Communion Service
	12:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting
	5:00 PM	Teen Night at St. John’s
Monday:	6:00 PM	Griefshare
	6:30 PM	God & Me
Tuesday:	1:30 PM	Inreach Meeting (at the Carriage House)
	1:30 PM	Miriam-Naomi Circle (at church)
Wednesday:	6:30 AM	Grow Group – Dunn Bros.
	1:00 PM	Grow Group – Carbones
	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
Thursday:	9:30 AM	Women’s Bible Study
	1:00 PM	Welcome Home
	6:30 PM	Ruth Circle (at the Carriage House)
Saturday:	8:00 AM	Men’s Bible Study @ El Mexican
Sunday:	8:00 AM	Worship Service
	9:15 AM	Family Bible Hour
	10:30 AM	Worship Service

**Upcoming Greeters –**

Sept 17: Henry & Jean Hoeft (8am); Carol Berneche & Marilyn Lee (10:30am)  
Sept 24: Deb Grenstein & Kristi Murtaugh (8am); Rita Bremer & Carol Oertel (10:30am)  
Oct 1: Larry & Julie Rosenow (8am); Tony Johnson (10:30am)

**Upcoming Ushers –**

Sept 17: Henry Hoeft & Dorothy Wiltermuth (8am); Myron Milbrandt & Carrol Tammen (10:30am)  
Sept 24: Deb Grenstein & Randy Wills (8am); Tony Johnson & Dave Bauer (10:30am)  
Oct 1: Larry Rosenow & OPEN (8am); Jeanne Schumann & Shirley Tammen (10:30am)

**Upcoming Junior Ushers –**

Sept 17: Jason Olson & Tyler Olson (8am); OPEN (10:30am)  
Sept 24: Lily Herrmann & Finn Larson (8am); OPEN (10:30am)  
Oct 1: Jason Olson & Tyler Olson (8am); OPEN (10:30am)



Scan the QR code for the full schedule and to sign up for other serving opportunities!