

News and Notes

- From the week of May 18 –

Summer Worship Schedule – Begins Sunday June 1!

Sunday Morning @ 10am (Bible Class at 8:45am)

Monday Evening @ 6:30pm

Opening Greeting

As we gather together to praise our God it's our privilege to do this with fellow believers with whom we will share eternal life! So it's good to get to know each other now. Beginning on Sunday, June 1 (10 AM) we'll spend a few moments at the beginning of worship to greet one another. This will be a chance to greet those we know- and those who may be first time visitors. Thanks for making St. John's a welcome place for all to worship our Savior!

Sunday School Closing & Carnival – TODAY!

Thank you to our Sunday School Children for edifying our 8am worship service today! Today between services, there are some interactive activities in the gym for the kids that review some of the Sunday School lessons and allow us to celebrate the year together! Thank you, dear parents, for sharing your children with us and allowing us to partner with you in the training and instruction of God's Word! And thank you to our Sunday School Staff for using their time and talents for the work of this important ministry!

2025 Soccer Camp – June 9-13

After months of preparations and dozens of volunteers and over 130 eager campers, we are getting ready to host our annual Soccer Bible Camp! We could use people on-site Monday morning for the first day of camper check-in! Reach out to the pastors or any of the outreach members if you are able to help (Matt Schaar, Gene Flemming, Michelle Hartinger, Jean Hoeft, Naomi Senter, Michelle Schulte). Also, if you have a lawn sign posted in your yard, kindly return it to the church.

Volunteers please note: Coaches Meeting – June 1st @ 6pm & Field Striping – June 7 @ 9:30am.

Ruth Circle Outing

Ruth Circle will be having their end of the year gathering at Bogeys Restaurant located at Emerald Greens golf course just outside Hastings on Wednesday May 21 at 5:30pm. All women of our congregation are welcome to come. Please let Jean Hoeft or Kristi Murtaugh know if you may need transportation.

Lawn Mowing Sign-up:

Help keep the church lawn beautiful! Everything you need is available at church - even a zero-turn lawn mower! Are you able to serve? Check out the sign up on in the fellowship hall!

Worship Prep (Altar Guild)

A wonderful way in which we can show thanks to our Savior and serve God's people is by making His house beautiful for worship. We are looking for volunteers to serve by preparing the chancel area for worship. No experience necessary! Some of the duties include: Changing/Filling Candles, Basic dusting and vacuuming of chancel, Preparing Communion, Changing banners and altar paraments, Decorating for Festival Services. Individuals are paired with a partner and serve once every 5 weeks. Please contact Martha Linkert if you are interested in serving.

Sound system

After much waiting, the new sound board has been installed in the balcony. We are in process of adjusting the settings. Please share feedback on how you can hear when you are at church or at home watching via livestream. Training is available for anyone interested in learning the system.

Worship Seating

We encourage everyone to sit where they feel comfortable in church. However, we do want to keep the back "short" pews open for those with special needs. We also encourage those who are able to sit closer to the front to move forward to allow for those who need may need to access restrooms (etc.). Again, please sit where you are comfortable, but for those able to move forward a few pews- "Thank you!" An added benefit to this helps us to fill out the seats at the front of the sanctuary which is an encouragement to those who enjoy our streamed service online.

This week at St. John's:

Today:	8:00 AM	Sunday School Closing Worship Service
	9:15 AM	Family Bible Hour (with Sunday School Carnival)
	10:30 AM	Communion Service
Wednesday:	6:30 AM	Grow Group – Dunn Bros.
	1:00 PM	Grow Group – Culvers
	5:30 PM	Ruth Circle Outing (Emerald Greens)
Thursday:	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
Saturday:	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study @ El Mexican
Next Sunday:	8:00 AM	Worship Service
	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Worship Service

Upcoming Greeters –

May 18: Henry & Jean Hoeft (8am); Rita Bremer & Shirely Munger (10:30am)
May 25: Deb Grenstein & Kristi Murtaugh (8am); Tony Johnson & OPEN (10:30am)
June 1: Larry & Julie Rosenow (10am)

Upcoming Ushers –

May 18: Henry Hoeft & Dorothy Wiltermuth (8am); Jeanne Schumann & Charlotte Pierce (10:30am)
May 25: Deb Grenstein & Randy Wills (8am); Tony Johnson & Myron Milbrandt (10:30am)
June 1: Larry Rosenow & Isaiah Rosenow (10am)



Upcoming Junior Ushers –

May 18: Jason Olson & Tyler Olson (8am); Clara Hochmuth (10:30am)
May 25: Riley Klebe & Oliver Wirth (8am); Mya Bauer (10:30am)
June 1: Annika Hauck & Livie Schmidt (10am)

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