

## **News and Notes**

- From the week of July 27 –

### **Summer Worship Schedule:**

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

**Monday Evening @ 6:30pm**

### **SPLASH BASH – TONIGHT! July 27th @ 7:30pm**

St. John's is once again hosting a Splash Bash at the Hastings Aquatic Center! Join us tonight Sunday, July 27th (7:30pm-9:30pm) and be sure to invite a friend! The pool will be closed to the public for this event.

### **Sunday School, Youth Group, and Catechism**

We are currently planning for upcoming ministries programs for children: Sunday School ages 3-8th grade; Wednesday Catechism- Grades 7-8; Sunday teen Bible study- High school; Youth Group- monthly on Sunday evenings ; 7th -12th grade. All programs begin again in September. Visit our website or SCAN the QR code to register for Sunday school. Sunday School begins September 7<sup>th</sup>.



### **St. John's Outdoor Movie Night – August 15 @ 7pm**

Join us for an Outdoor Movie Night at St. John's on Friday, August 15 - "Homeward Bound". Bring a chair or blanket for your comfort and be sure to invite a friend!

### **Ideas? Suggestions?**

Our church council is in the process of planning for 2026. Do you have a question for one of our committees and/or have a ministry suggestion that you would like the council to consider? Feel free to fill out a Ministry Plan Feedback form found on the small table in the back of the sanctuary. Forms can be returned to the same table in the designated box, given to an usher or Pastor, or returned to the church office by July 28. Thanks for your insights!

### **Devotion Delivery**

For years St. John's has participated in "Meals on Wheels" to share food with those who need it. We are also eager to share spiritual food! As part of our Welcome Home effort we are looking for several more drivers to deliver "Meditations" to our members who live in and around Hastings. This is a great way to connect with our members and to provide encouragement. You can work at your own pace. About 4-6 hours every three months. Interested? We will be holding a meeting for anyone with interest soon. Please sign up on the bulletin board or talk with Pastor Harbach or a member of the In Reach Committee.

### **Garage Sale - Sept 11-13**

We are now accepting garage sale donations. Place items in the designated area of the gym. All items need to be CLEAN and in good condition. We cannot accept: microwaves, TV's, furniture, baby equipment, sports/exercise equipment, adult clothing/shoes. Infant/kids clothing up to size 6X will be accepted. If you have questions, contact Sandy Fiedler (715-262-5480). If you would like to bring your items during the week, please bring them during office hours (M-F, 8am-11:30 am) to ensure someone is at the church office.

### **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!

### Sunday Parking

We understand that injury, pregnancy, little children, and just tired old legs can make walking a big challenge - if you need a close parking spot, please take it! For those who still are blessed with strong legs consider using street parking on 8th or Eddy Streets. Thanks for thinking of other members and guests as we Come.Grow.Live. together.

### Wisconsin Synod News

The WELS biennial convention was held in New Ulm, MN past week. 2025 marks 175 years of God's grace to our synod. The "Christ through Us" focus over the next few years will include: Culture - Cultivating a gospel-driven culture, Congregations- Strengthening WELS' backbone, Calling- Producing workers for a growing harvest, Commission- Bringing Christ to the nations. Many stories about God's blessings on our outreach efforts were shared. God continues to bless our mission work around the world. Rev. Mark Schroeder will complete his term as synod president through 2027, but will not seek reelection. He has served in that role since 2007. For more information go to: [welsconvention.net/news](https://welsconvention.net/news)

### An Evening With Martin Luther (A One Man Play)

The Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran OWLS are sponsoring a presentation by Dr. Dwight Johnson entitled "An Evening with Martin Luther." The presentation will be Sunday Evening, September 7th at 6:30 PM at 9350 Portland Ave S, Bloomington, MN. Dr. Johnson was featured in the April 2025 Forward in Christ magazine, "Ministry Through Theater." You can find the article here: <https://forwardinchrist.net/ministry-through-theater/> There is no cost for this presentation. There will be a free will offering to support the Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG).

### This week at St. John's:

Today:	8:45 AM	Bible Class
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (Monday night @ 6:30pm)
	7:30 PM	Splash Bash!
Monday:	6:30 PM	Worship Service
Tuesday:	7:30 PM	Maintenance Committee Meeting
Wednesday:	6:30 AM	Grow Group – Dunn Bros.
	1:00 PM	Grow Group – Bierstube
Thursday:	9:30 PM	Women's Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Board of Education
Saturday:	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study @ El Mexican
Next Sunday:	8:45 AM	Bible Class
	10:00 AM	Communion Service (Monday night @ 6:30pm)

### Upcoming Greeters –

July 27: Rich & Linda Myklebust (10am)  
Aug 3: Jeanne Schumann & OPEN (10am)  
Aug 10: Carol Berneche & Marilyn Lee (10am)

### Upcoming Ushers –

July 27: Rich & Linda Myklebust (10am)  
Aug 3: Jeanne Schumann & OPEN (10am)  
Aug 10: Tony Johnson & Jacob Johnson (10am)

### Upcoming Junior Ushers –

July 27: Cora Schweich & Lyla McClellan (10am)  
Aug 3: Mya Bauer & Lena Bauer (10am)  
Aug 10: Jason Olson & Tyler Olson (10am)



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