

## **News and Notes**

- From the week of Sept 14 –

### **ADULT BIBLE CLASS | Sundays at 9:25am - Catholicism today**

The Lutheran church started as a reform movement within the Roman Catholic Church. Five hundred years later, there are still key teachings of Scripture that separate us. As the Catholic Church welcomed a new pope this summer, we'll study what the church teaches today, where Lutherans and Catholics agree and where we differ, and discuss ways to talk about these issues with Catholics. Some of the topics we'll discuss include: Purgatory, The Papacy, Mary and the Saints, Marriage and Sexuality, Worship and Conversations with Catholic friends. New to bible study? Give it a try for a few weeks. You will be surprised at how much you learn, enjoy, grow in God's Word.

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY | Thursdays at 9:30am - Quick to Listen (begins Sept 18)**

Evolutionists, atheists, Bible skeptics, and LGBTQ people. For many Christians, these groups can seem intimidating, strange, unknowable, or even, regrettably, hard to love. This Bible study builds on those insights, offering practical tools to reach these groups with compassion and humility as we show them Jesus. It prepares you to relay the true love of God—a forgiving love that goes far deeper than mere tolerance or cultural approval—and shows you how to love them in that way too.

### **God + Me Course – Mondays at 6:30pm beginning Sept 15**

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: [www.stjohnslutheran.com/god-and-me/](http://www.stjohnslutheran.com/god-and-me/)

### **Teen Night (Grades 7-12)**

Once a month we will have Teen Night (grades 7-12) on a Sunday evening. Typically we have it the third Sunday of the month. Usually it is 5-7pm and we do dinner, a Bible Study devotion, and then we do an activity to finish up the time. Sometimes we will do an outing, which usually goes longer. This month, we will meet on September 21st from 5-7pm. We are hoping to have some teen groups from other churches join us!

### **Women of St. John's, your help is needed! Come- Grow- Live**

All women are encouraged to come help make a difference both in our congregation and our community. Ruth Circle meets September-May on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 6:30-8pm . We grow our faith with a brief Bible study followed by a meeting and create projects throughout the year to help others . We manage St. John's cash card orders which is our churches biggest ongoing fundraiser to fund church projects and for our community. We would like to do more so your ideas and your help are needed. Live your faith by joining us starting September 18, 6:30pm. You will make a difference! If you have any questions please reach out to Kristi Murtaugh or Jean Hoeft.

### **St. John's Squad**

Join us Wednesdays at 6:30pm at St. John's starting September 17th for a FUN run/walk/lift club. We will go out for a run and/or walk and finish with some weights and core work. All levels are welcome! *"...Therefore honor God with your bodies." 1 Corinthians 6:20*

### **Warm-Up Winter!**

Let's warm-up winter! Ruth Circle is organizing a winter sock drive. Bring new or gently used socks and place them in the collection box in the Fellowship Hall from now until November 2. Items will be distributed to homeless shelters and others in need. Thanks for "warming up winter"!

### **Children's message**

We love to have our young worshipers come to the front for a message from the Word! Over the next few weeks we are inviting children (parents welcome too!) to sit in the first pew on the left (Pulpit side). We hope this creates a comfortable place for little ones to sit and hear Jesus promises.

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

Today:	8:00 AM	Worship Service
	9:15 AM	Family Bible Hour
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	2:00 PM	Private Baptism
Monday:	11:00 AM	Funeral (Doug Salzwedel) visitation beginning at 10am
	6:30 PM	God & Me
Wednesday:	6:30 AM	Grow Group – Dunn Bros.
	1:00 PM	Grow Group – Bierstube
	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
	6:30 PM	St. John's Squad
	6:30 PM	Gospel Outreach Meeting
Thursday:	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Ruth Circle
Saturday:	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study @ El Mexican
Next Sunday:	8:00 AM	Communion Service
	9:15 AM	Family Bible Hour
	10:30 AM	Communion Service
	12:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting
	5:00 PM	Teen Night

### **Upcoming Greeters –**

Sept 14: Rich & Linda Myklebust (8am); Carol Berneche & Marilyn Lee (10:30am)  
Sept 21: Henry & Jean Hoeft (8am); Jeanne Schumann & Charlotte Pierce (10:30am)  
Sept 28: Deb Grenstein & Kristi Murtaugh (8am); Tony Johnson & OPEN (10:30am)

### **Upcoming Ushers –**

Sept 14: Rich & Linda Myklebust (8am); Tony Johnson & Jacob Johnson (10:30am)  
Sept 21: Henry Hoeft & Dorothy Wiltermuth (8am); Jeanne Schumann & Charlotte Pierce (10:30am)  
Sept 28: Deb Grenstein & Randy Wills (8am); Tony Johnson & Myron Milbrandt (10:30am)



### **Upcoming Junior Ushers –**

Sept 14: Riley Klebe & Oliver Wirth (8am); Lena Bauer (10:30am)  
Sept 21: Grady Schweich & Lakyn Hoeft (8am); Clara Hochmuth (10:30am)  
Sept 28: Finn Larson & Lily Herrmann (8am); Mya Bauer (10:30am)

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