

News and Notes

- From the week of October 19 –

Quarterly Meeting – TODAY

Our quarterly congregational meeting will be held today, Sunday, October. 19th between services at @ 9:15am. Everyone is encouraged to come and hear an update on current ministries and upcoming plans! Please note: The Sunday School children should report directly to their classrooms at 9:15am on Oct. 19th.

175 Years of God's Grace- Christ Through Us

As we thank our Lord for his blessings to us in the past we look to the future. We want to be able to pass his word on to the next generations as others have done for us. Here is the 4C's plan: A renewed emphasis on helping believers build strong congregations with healthy, biblical cultures, along with adequate numbers of workers to call and commission for sharing Christ with the nations. We continue with the goal of opening 100 congregation in the next 10 years. Today you will find an insert in your worship folder. We will also take a free-will collection today and next Sunday. Please see the basket in the back of the sanctuary. Those gifts will assist this effort. Over \$187,000 (synod-wide) has been donated to this effort to date.

Community Outreach Opportunity – Candy Crawl! Sunday, October 26, 2:00-5:00pm

We are looking for volunteers to help pass out candy the day of the event! Unable to make it? You can still help! Candy donations can be brought to the church up until the day of the event. To volunteer or make a donation, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the church entrance!

Sunday School Children Sing – Oct. 26

The Sunday School children will sing during worship on October 26th during the first parts of both worship services. There will be a special rehearsal on Wednesday, Oct. 22 6:30-7pm to practice with the choir and instruments.

Choir Opportunity

We are looking for people to sing God's praises by participating in the choir during worship on Oct. 26 and Nov. 2. The group will meet for rehearsal Wednesday, Oct. 22 6:30pm-7:00pm to practice with the Sunday School children and instruments.

Living Nativity: December 6, 2025

Planning is underway for our 2025 Living Nativity! The Live Nativity Event will be held on Saturday Dec. 6th from 5pm – 7pm. Performances will be held on a continuous basis, every 20 minutes beginning at 5pm. The last performance will be at 6:40pm. We have had such a wonderful support from the congregation in the past! Think about where you can help! A full list of opportunities are posted in the fellowship hall as well as available online – just scan the QR code or look for the link in the weekly eMessenger! **Please note: All children cast members under the age of 10 are required to accompanied by an adult during the entire event.**



Attention Cast Members: Costume fitting Oct. 26 between worship services in the gym. If you were a cast member in 2024 and will be playing the same part in 2025 and your costume fits well, you do not need to be measured again on October 26. Please text Janet Bremer (costume coordinator) at 651-341-8889 that you are comfortable using the same costume as in the past. Include your name/s in the text. Rehearsal will be held on November 16 @ 3pm.

Teen Outing (grades 7-12) – Oct 26th

On Sunday, Oct. 26th, the teens will be going to Afton Apple. We will leave from church at 2pm and plan to return around 6pm. Grades 7-12 are welcome and considering bringing a friend!

All Saints' Carnations

All Saints' Day is Sunday, November 2nd. It's the Sunday when we give special focus to remembering those who died in Christ and live with him in Heaven. If you would like to remember your loved ones who have been taken home to heaven by sponsoring a flower, please fill out an order form found in the narthex. Please list your name, the name of the person represented by the flower. Upon completion place your form and payment with the attached envelope in the box provided in the narthex no later than Sunday, October 19th. Please make checks out to St. John's Lutheran Church. May the Lord continue to keep us living in the hope of the resurrection!

Raise the Roof!

Let's "raise the roof" together! The gym roof is in need of replacement and we can all help. Everyone can contribute by placing your coins in the collection container found at the back of the sanctuary. The container will be available every Sunday. Every penny, nickel, dime, and quarter adds up. Let's "raise the roof" together!

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"!

This week at St. John's:

Today:	8:00 AM	Communion Service
	9:15 AM	Quarterly Meeting
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Communion Service
Wednesday:	6:30 AM	Grow Group – Dunn Bros.
	1:00 PM	Grow Group – Applebees
	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
	6:30 PM	St. John's Squad
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
	9:15 AM	Family Bible Hour
	9:15 AM	Live Nativity Costume Measurements
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	12:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting
	2:00 PM	Candy Crawl
	2:00 PM	Teen Outing to Afton Apple

Upcoming Greeters –

Oct 19: Henry & Jean Hoeft (8am); Jeanne Schumann & Charlotte Pierce (10:30am)
Oct 26: Deb Grenstein & Kristi Murtaugh (8am); Tony Johnson & OPEN (10:30am)
Nov 2: Larry & Julie Rosenow (8am); Rita Bremer & Shirley Munger (10:30am)

Upcoming Ushers –

Oct 19: Henry Hoeft & Dorothy Wiltermuth (8am); Jeanne Schumann & Charlotte Pierce (10:30am)
Oct 26: Deb Grenstein & Randy Wills (8am); Tony Johnson & Myron Milbrandt (10:30am)
Nov 2: Larry Rosenow & Isaiah Rosenow (8am); Eric & Rebecca Tessmer (10:30am)

Upcoming Junior Ushers –

Oct 19: Finn Larson & Riley Klebe (8am); Clara Hochmuth & Jacob Wood (10:30am)
Oct 26: Grady Schweich & Lakyn Hoeft (8am); Cora Tessmer & Laney Tessmer (10:30am)
Nov 2: Paisley Bechel & Lily Herrmann (8am); Annika Hauck & Nevaeh Straka (10:30am)

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

