News and Notes – October 11, 2026

Quarterly Meeting – NEXT SUNDAY
Our quarterly congregational meeting will be held Oct. 18th 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. 18th.

Ministry Fair
Check out the ministry display boards in the fellowship hall showing opportunities to learn more about serving. Could you help advance slides during worship? Join a ministry team? How about starring in the upcoming "Live Nativity." Visit shut-in members of the congregation? Provide refreshments? Browse through the fellowship hall and look at all the different ministry options that exist. We'll be on hand to answer questions. If you would like to learn more about a specific area of ministry- just sign your name. We'll connect with you on ways to use your gifts for God's Kingdom.

Community Outreach Opportunity – Candy Crawl! Sunday, October 25, 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!

Living Nativity: December 5, 2026
Planning is underway for our 2026 Living Nativity! The Live Nativity Event will be held on Saturday Dec. 5th 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! Costume Fittings will be held on Oct. 25 between services. **Please note: All children cast members under the age of 10 are required to accompanied by an adult during the entire event.**

Come- Grow- Live – Women's Circle
All women are encouraged to come help make a difference both in our congregation and our community. The Women's Circle (formerly Ruth Circle) meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 6-7:30pm. 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 October 15, 6pm. You will make a difference! If you have any questions, please reach out to Kristi Murtaugh or Jean Hoeft.

All Saints' Carnations
All Saints' Day is Sunday, November 1st. 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 18th. Cash is preferred. If using a check, please make it out to St. John's Lutheran Church. May the Lord continue to keep us living in the hope of the resurrection!

Teen Outing (grades 7-12) – <u>Oct 18th DATE CORRECTION!!!</u>
On Sunday, Oct. 18th, 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!

Choir Opportunity
With the festival days in the church year approaching, we are looking to get a choir organized to edify worship. Please stop by the ministry fair worship booth and sign up if you are interested in participating in the choir or leading/directing the choir.

Rides to Church
We have received some requests for transportation to Sunday worship services. Do you have the ability to pick someone up for worship? Even occasional rides are appreciated! Contact Henry Hoeft or Pastor Harbach to learn more.

Families with Young Children
In the cupboard by each changing table in the restrooms, you will find emergency supplies of diapers and wipes. Diapers range from Newborn to Size 5. If you get caught off guard and realize you are out in your diaper bag, feel free to use from the supply available.

This week at St. John's:

Today:	8:00 AM	Worship Service
	9:15 AM	Family Bible Hour
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Monday:	6:00 PM	God & Me
Tuesday:	12:00 PM	Leisure Club
	5:00 PM	Elders Meeting
	7:00 PM	Church Council
Wednesday:	6:30 AM	Grow Group – Dunn Bros.
	9:00 AM	"Lifestyle Witnessing" – Women's Study at the Harbachs
	1:00 PM	Grow Group – Bierstube
	5:00 PM	5 Year Vision Planning Meeting
Thursday:	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Women's Circle (formerly Ruth Circle)
Saturday:	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study @ El Mexican
Next Sunday:	8:00 AM	Communion Service
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	9:15 AM	Quarterly Meeting
	10:30 AM	Communion Service
	2:00 PM	Teen Outing – Afton Apple

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

Upcoming Greeters –
Oct 11: Deb Grenstein & Julie Rosenow (8am); Jeanne Schumann & Charlotte Pierce (10:30am)
Oct 18: Steve Klebe & Kristi Murtaugh (8am); Eric & Rebecca Tessmer (10:30am)
Oct 25: Henry & Jean Hoeft (8am); Rita Bremer & Chris Erickson (10:30am)

Upcoming Ushers –
Oct 11: Larry Rosenow & Isaiah Rosenow (8am); Jeanne Schumann & Charlotte Pierce (10:30am)
Oct 18: Steve Klebe & Randy Wills (8am); Eric & Rebecca Tessmer (10:30am)
Oct 25: Henry Hoeft & Dorothy Wiltermuth (8am); Jeanne Schumann & Charlotte Pierce (10:30am)

Upcoming Junior Ushers –
Oct 11: Olivia Schmidt & Kash Schmidt (8am); Clara Hochmuth & Mya Bauer & Lena Bauer (10:30am)
Oct 18: Finn Larson & Riley Klebe (8am); Cora Tessmer & Laney Tessmer (10:30am)
Oct 25: Paisley Bechel & Lily Herrmann & Elizabeth Wiltermuth (8am); Annika Hauck & Nevaeh Straka (10:30am)