

St John Lutheran Church  
***Polka Worship***

*September 15, 2024*



***Pastors***

***Presiding and Preaching: Jeremy Ullrich***

***Music***

***Praha Brothers Polka Band***



# Welcome!



*Welcome to St John Lutheran Church and thank you for worshiping with us today! We pray that you will be blessed by our time of praise and worship, and that the Holy Spirit will fill you with joy in serving and living out your faith all week!*

***For your convenience, these services are available:***

***Dry/change Room at 10:30 am – for children under the Age of 5 (ask an usher for directions)***

***Holy Communion – for all who believe that Jesus is Lord***

***Please complete the Attendance Form, located in the bulletin and drop the form in the offering plate.***

***Prayer Request Form – is in the pew rack, complete and drop in the offering plate and our prayer groups will pray for you.***

***God's Work***



***Our Hands***

***Praha Brothers Polka Band  
Band Leader: Billy Havlik***

## **POLKA PRELUDE:**

*Please complete an Attendance Form and place it in the offering plate.*

## **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

## **WELCOME AND WORSHIP NOTES**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the strength of our ancestors,  
the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

**Amen.**

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.

Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,

**you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you.**

**We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering.**

**We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.**

**For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.**

**For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.**

**For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

**Lead us back to you and set us on the right path;**

**in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,

God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.

God's compassion is beyond compare.

In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.

In ✝ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

**Amen.**

### **♪ GATHERING HYMN - "Strike Up the Music"**

*Text: Ardene Wuthrich © 2003*

*Tune: Pennsylvania Polka*

**Refrain**

Strike up the music, the band has begun,  
It's time for Polka Worship!  
Add in your voice, then, come join in the songs,  
It's time for Polka Worship!  
Lift up your heart, lift it up to the Lord.  
It's time for Polka Worship!  
Holy Lord, we come before You,  
Receive our praises as we adore You!

1. Praise the Father for His love before the world was made.  
Praise the Savior for His coming down to give us aid.  
Praise the Spirit for His comfort, never does it fade.  
Praise the Trinity, let us praise the One in Three,  
The Father, the Son, and Spirit, One in Three.

### Refrain

2. Praise the Father, creator of heaven and of earth.  
Praise the Savior, redeemer who gives us a new birth.  
Praise the Spirit, sanctifier working through the Word.  
Praise the Trinity, let us praise the One in Three.  
The Father, the Son, and Spirit, One in Three.

### Refrain

## GREETING

*Text: Ardene Wuthrich © 2014*

*Tune: Ein Prosit*

### Spoken:

P/A: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### Sung:

P/A: Christ is Risen! Christ is risen!! Alleluia!!!

**C: Christ is Risen! Christ is risen!! Alleluia!!!**

**ALL: Christ is Risen! Christ is risen!! Alleluia!!!**

**Christ is Risen! Christ is risen!! Alleluia!!!**

♪ HYMN OF PRAISE - "Praise the God of All Creation"

*Text: Ardene Wuthrich © 2014*

*Tune: Praha Polka*

1. Praise the God of all creation, giving all the breath of life.  
Praise the God of all creation, separating day from night.  
Sun and moon and bright stars, shining in the heavens.  
Birds and fish and fruit trees, for our use and caring.  
Let us sing with joy and gladness, praising what our God has done.
  
2. Praise the God of our salvation, changing sure death into life.  
Praise the God of our salvation, Jesus entering our strife.  
Jesus was a stranger, to a lowly manager.  
Buried Him in sorrow, in a tomb they'd borrow.  
Let us sing with joy and gladness, praising what our God has done.
  
3. Praise the God who preached the Gospel, bringing our world the true light.  
Praise the God who preached the Gospel, turning blindness into sight.  
Calmed the storms by speaking, living water giving.  
Dread diseases healing, hungry people feeding.  
Let us sing with joy and gladness, praising what our God has done.
  
4. Praise the God of Resurrection, our Redeemer lives on high.  
Praise the God of Resurrection, now Christ lives no more to die.  
Sin is now forgiven, our true home is heaven.  
Now we wait His coming, joy and peace unending.  
Let us sing with joy and gladness, praising what our God has done.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*in unison*)

Let us pray.

**O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Isaiah 50: 4-9**

**PSALM: Psalm 103**

*Text: Ardene Wuthrich © 2007    Tune: Under the Double Eagle*

**Refrain:**    Oh bless the Lord, bless the Lord, bless the Lord my soul,  
                  And all that is with - in me.  
                  Oh bless the Lord, bless the Lord, bless the Lord my soul;  
                  Give praise to God's ho - ly name.  
                  Oh bless the Lord, bless the Lord, bless the Lord my soul,  
                  And all that is with - in me.  
                  Oh bless the Lord, bless the Lord, bless the Lord my soul,  
                  For - get now how kind God is.

1. Oh bless, bless the Lord who - gives,  
          Who for - gives me all my sins  
Oh bless, bless the Lord who will heal,  
          Who will heal me of all ills.  
Oh bless, bless the lord who brings life.  
          Who brings life out - of - the - grave.  
WHO CROWNS MY LIFE with stead - fast love.  
          Whose mer - cy nev - er goes away.  
Oh bless, bless the Lord, ho - ly God  
          Who does fill my life with good.  
Oh bless, bless the Lord who re - news,  
          Like an ea - gle in its youth.  
Oh bless, bless the Lord for great love,  
          For great love that ne - ver - ends.  
WHO DOES NOT PUN - ish as de - served,  
          Nor deal ac - cord- ing to our sins.

**Refrain**

**SECOND READING:**

**James 3:1-12**

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

♪ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**“Speak Through the Gospel”**

*Text: Ardene Wuthrich © 2003*

*Tune: Julida Polka*

1. We come to You, O Lord, because You call us.

We come to You, O Lord, because You want us.  
We come to You, O Lord, because You love us.  
Speak through the Gospel, Lord. Open up our ears.

2. We come to You, O Lord, because we need You.  
We come to You, O Lord, help us to see You.  
We come to You, O Lord, because we love You.  
Speak through the Gospel, Lord. Open up our eyes.

3. Speak through the Gospel, Lord. Come now and feed us.  
Speak through the Gospel, Lord. Come now and free us.  
Speak through the Gospel, Lord. Come now and lead us.  
Speak through the Gospel, Lord. Open up our hearts.

## **GOSPEL:**

**Mark 8:27-38**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup>"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened,

they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**Pastor Jeremy Ullrich**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY “I Believe in God”** (*paraphrase of The Apostle’s Creed*)

*Text: Ardene Wuthrich © 2017*

*Tune: Happy-Go-Lucky Polka*

1. I believe in – God the Father, Creator of heav’n and earth;  
And God’s only –Son, Christ Jesus, who came down to give us worth  
True God by the – Holy Spirit; True Man of the virgin pure,  
Suffered under – Pontius Pilate, all the sins of ours to cure

**Refrain** I believe, oh, I believe in God the Father;  
I believe in Christ, God’s Only Son;  
I believe, oh, I believe in God the Spirit;  
I believe in God the three yet one.

2. He was cruci-fied, then buried; went down to the depths of hell.  
Christ arose in – power and glory. Said the angel “Go and tell.”  
Christ ascended – into heaven, reigning on the Father’s right.  
Comes to judge the – dead and living, Comes this time in glory bright.

#### **Refrain**

3. I believe in – God the Spirit, working in the church to save.  
Calling us as – saints together, in a fellowship Christ made.  
I believe in – God’s forgiveness, from the grave I shall arise,  
I believe in – life eternal, God has opened paradise.



## Refrain

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**Response:** Merciful God...receive our prayer.

### ♪ OFFERING HYMN: "In Heaven There is No Fear"

*Text: Ardene Wuthrich © 2009 "Im Himmel" - A Bavarian Tune*

1. In Heaven there is no fear,  
No hunger, death, nor tears.  
In Heaven is endless joy.  
Christ is risen!!! Now nothing can destroy.
2. In Heaven God's children see  
The Lamb who set them free.  
In Heaven God's children sing,  
"Alleluia, my Savior and my King."
3. In Heaven where streets are gold,  
No one gets sick nor old.  
In Heaven the lame now walk,  
Those once blind see and now the mute can talk.
4. In Heaven a room's prepared,  
Where all by faith are bound.  
In Heaven each will receive  
A white robe, a new ring, and a crown.
5. In Heaven there is no night,  
God's glory is its light.  
In Heaven, this lovely place,  
Where all enter by God's amazing grace.
6. In Heaven the redeemed live  
In glory evermore.  
In Heaven the saved are blessed  
By the Father, Son, and Spirit evermore.

7. In Heaven there is no fear,  
No hunger, death, nor tears.  
In Heaven is endless joy.  
Christ is risen!!! He reigns now over all.

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

God our provider,

**we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it.  
Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table,  
and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that  
really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **♪ HYMN - THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Text: Ardene Wuthrich © 2004      Tune: "Muss I Denn"*

#### **1) THE PREFACE** (*Sung responsively*)

P: May the Lord be with you.

**C: And be al-so with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts

**C: We will lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to God.

**C: It is right to thank and praise,**

P: In-deed we should at all times and all pla-ces.

Lord You o-ver-came death and the grave,

O-pen-ing to us e-ter-nal life.

**C: With the Church here on earth and with all the hosts of**

**heav'n,**

**We praise Your name join-ing their un-end-ing hymn:**

#### **2) HOLY LORD, HOLY GOD** (*Congregational Hymn*)

Ho-ly Lord, ho-ly God, ho-ly One of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth with Your glory, Lord, are filled.

Ho-ly Lord, ho-ly God, ho-ly One of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth with Your glo-ry, Lord, are filled.

Sing ho-san-na to the One who comes.

Sing ho-san-na to King Da-vid's Son.  
Ho-ly Lord, ho-ly God, ho-ly One of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth with Your glo-ry, Lord, are filled.

## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **3) LAMB OF GOD, JESUS CHRIST** (*Congregational Hymn*)

Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, sent to earth from heav'n above,  
Have mer-cy on us and take a-way our sin.  
Je-sus Christ, Lamb of God, sent to earth from heav'n above,  
Have mer-cy on us and take a-way our sin.  
    You so will-ing-ly came down to save.  
    E-ven dy-ing on the cru-el cross.  
Je-sus Christ, Lamb of God, pre-sent in the bread and wine,  
Grant us Your peace, Lord, grant ev-er-last-ing peace.

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.  
Come, take your place at the feast.

*How we do Communion: The Lutheran Church teaches the "real presence" of Christ in the sacrament of Holy Communion. All who believe that Jesus died for your sins are welcome at the table. The worship leaders will commune first. The ushers will direct the congregation to come forward to receive the Sacrament. The pastor will serve the bread. An assistant will hold the cup for you. Communion will be by intinction, the Eucharistic of partly dipping the consecrated bread, or, into the consecrated wine before consumption by the communicant.*

*If you are unable to come to the front of the church, please inform the usher, and the Sacrament will be served to you in your seat.*

## ♪ COMMUNION HYMNS

### “Praise Medley”

*Text: Ardene Wuthrich*

*Tune: The Happy Wanderer*

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

**Refrain:** He lives, He lives, He lives,  
He lives, Christ Jesus lives today.  
He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today.

2. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise  
The glories of my God and King  
The triumph of His grace. **Refrain**

3. All hail the power of Jesus name,  
Let angels prostrate fall.  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown him Lord of all. **Refrain**

4. In Christ there is no east or west,  
In Him no north or south,  
Just one great fellowship of love,  
Throughout the whole wide world. **Refrain**

### “A Feast of Love”

*Text: Ardene Wuthrich © 2015*

*Tune: “Vstavej Ma Mila” Polka*

1. To Your table, Lord ... We, your family, come.

You bid us ... by your Word ... to this feast of love.  
You bid us ... by your Word ... to this feast of love.

2. All who hunger, come ... Here we will be fed.  
Taste and see ... God is good ... grants us grace today.  
Taste and see ... God is good ... grants us grace today.
3. Sinful tho' we be ... Jesus sets us free.  
He alone ... grants relief ... takes our sin away.  
He alone ... grants relief ... takes our sin away.
4. Jesus, Lamb of God ... for our sins atoned.  
Though we've strayed ... gone our way ... still He bids us "Come."  
Though we've strayed ... gone our way ... still He bids us "Come."
5. The Bread offered here ... Is Your body, Lord.  
Let us eat ... let us live ... to your glory, Lord.  
Let us eat ... let us live ... to your glory, Lord.
6. The Cup offered here ... is Your precious blood.  
Let us drink ... quench our thirst ... like the Saints above.  
Let us drink ... quench our thirst ... like the Saints above.
7. Now we've tasted grace ... Blessings we must share.  
Reaching out ... those in need ... to be cleansed and healed.  
Reaching out ... those in need ... to be cleansed and healed.
8. Then we shall depart ... filled with hope and joy.  
We are one ... life's restored ... Hope for ever more.  
We are one ... life's restored ... Hope for ever more.

#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

God of blessing,

**at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **♪ SENDING HYMN “Go Now and Serve Him”**

*Text: Ardene Wuthrich © 2003    Tune: Beer Barrel Polka*

### **INTRO: with Rhythmic Clapping**

1. Go now and serve Him, Serve Jesus, Savior and King.  
Go tell the story, Of the salvation He brings.  
Let us be faithful, let us go forth with God’s Word,  
For no one should be forgotten, Let God’s message be heard.
2. With varied talents, All useful to our great Lord,  
Go now and serve Him, let every gift be employed.  
We have one purpose, Touch every life that we can,  
Let us plan and work together, So God’s love fills the land.
3. Go tell the story, Of Jesus, Savior and King.  
Go with the Good News, tell how forgiveness He brings.  
Tell how He loves us, Suffered and died in our place.  
Go and tell the joyful story, Of His kindness and grace.

### **TABLE GRACE**

*Tune: Edelweiss*

Bless our friends, bless our food, Come, O Lord, and sit with us.  
May our talk glow with Peace, may your love surround us.  
Friendship and Love, may it bloom and grow. Bloom and grow forever.  
Bless our friends, Bless our food. Bless our dear land forever.

### **DISMISSAL**

#### **“Christ is Risen”**

*Text: Ardene Wuthrich © 2014*

*Tune: Ein Prosit*

#### **Spoken:**

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Sung:**

**ALL: Christ is Risen! Christ is risen!! Alleluia!!!  
Christ is Risen! Christ is risen!! Alleluia!!!**

Go in peace. The Lord is near.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POLKA POSTLUDE**

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**Join us in the TRC Building for a home-cooked German meal (until sold out). Meal Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased at the door. Take-outs are available. Desserts will be sold separately.**

Thank you for attending our  
Annual Polka Worship!

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Special Announcements

ALTAR FLOWERS: Flowers were given in honor of ALL those who worked very hard to make this special day happen. Thank you to everyone.

A SPECIAL THANKS goes to Pastor Ardene Wuthrich for all his hard work.

A special thank you for the talented musicians: PRAHA BROS POLKA BAND

SAVE THE DATE:

November 9th – Our annual ADVENT FAIR

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OUR MISSION:  
TO GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE.  
TO GROW SPIRITUALLY.  
TO GO EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.  
TO SHARE THE GOSPEL AS WE SERVE.

**OFFICIATING & SERVING -Sept 15–Polka Worship**

<i><b>Pastor:</b></i>	Jeremy Ullrich	<i><b>Organist:</b></i> Debra Caldwell
<i><b>Pastor Asst.</b></i>	Amanda Harper	
<i><b>Communion Asst.</b></i>	Ronnie Persky & Weldon Kurtz	
<i><b>Lector:</b></i>	Carol Wilson	
<i><b>Usher Captain:</b></i>	Alan Shepherd	
<i><b>Ushers:</b></i>	Retha Shepherd, Weldon Kurtz, Harold Kurtz	
<i><b>Greeters:</b></i>	Ted & Diane Sager	
<i><b>Altar Care:</b></i>	Debi & Courtney Janke	
<i><b>Teller Captain:</b></i>	Jill Marwitz	
<i><b>Teller:</b></i>	Dorothy Marwitz & Kristi Dague	

**OFFICIATING & SERVING - Sept 22**

<i><b>Pastor:</b></i>	Jeremy Ullrich	<i><b>Organist:</b></i> Debra Caldwell
<i><b>Lector:</b></i>	Garrett Kurtz	
<i><b>Usher Captain:</b></i>	Tim Steglich	
<i><b>Ushers:</b></i>	Justin Young, Michael, Joey & Travis Saverse	
<i><b>Greeters:</b></i>	Duane & Sharon Kurtin	
<i><b>Altar Care:</b></i>	Weldon & Cedalia Kurtz	
<i><b>Teller Captain:</b></i>	Judy Gersbach	
<i><b>Teller:</b></i>	Duane & Sharon Kurtin	



## OFFICIATING & SERVING -Sept 29

**Pastor:** Jeremy Ullrich **Organist:** Debra Caldwell

**Usher Captain:** Tim Steglich

\*\*\* Youth Sunday\*\*\*

**Teller Captain:** Imogene Morris

**Teller:** Mila Wegner & Deborah Martin

## OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

	<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Aug 18	53	\$3,159.00	\$99,982.56
Aug 25	52	\$2,240.00	\$102,222.56
Sept 1	42	\$2,189.00	\$104,411.56
Sept 8	55	\$2,555.00	\$106,966.56

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Garland Wentreck      Stanley Glaser      Clark Lindemann      Walt Saverse  
Pansy Lange      Janell Janke      Risa Steglich      Ruth Janke  
    Gayle Bielss      Margie Lovellette      Eldon and Janie Barron Lange  
James Chapman(Dorothy Marwitz's Brother-in-law)      Mr. Hardy (Erin Steglich's Friend's Dad)  
Victor Marek(Darrell, April Marek & family)      Tammy Rodriguez (sister of Joey Saverse)  
Jimmy Dubose-grandfather of Kendal & Jr Gersbach and Great-grandfather to Cayson & Barrett  
Lancie Garrett (friend of LeeAnn Janke-Shirley's Daughter)

## FUTURE HAPPENINGS

Monday:      Monday in TRC @ 1:00 pm–Pickleball and 2PM Dominoes

Wednesday:      Men's Bible Study each Wednesday in the TRC @ 7:30 am

Thursday:      PieceMakers meet each Thursday in the TRC @ 1:00 pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Piecemakers Request

The PieceMakers have asked for any sewing, crocheting, knitting, and supplies for sewing quilts. This would include sewing machines, scissors, rotary cutters, fabric, thread, pins and needles or anything that pertains to quilting.

### Articles for the Newsletter

Please submit your articles for the monthly newsletter before the 19th of the month, as they are mailed out the following week. Thank you!

### Pastoral Visits

We are encouraging those hospitalized, nursing home residents (or, their family members), and the homebound members and friends who wish to schedule an in-person pastoral visit or phone call to contact Pastor Jeremy Ullrich @ 979-421-3303 or the church office @ 254-527-3341.

**NOTE:** Pastor Ullrich will need to be listed as a "visitor of choice" in hospitals or nursing homes. This will need to be established by a family member.

### **Adult Sunday School**

We will gather in the TRC at 9:15 am for coffee and fellowship. Class will begin at 9:30 am.

### **Men's Bible Study**

The Men's Bible Study will begin September 4 at 7:30am in the TRC.

### **Martha's Circle Bible Study**

Martha's Circle Bible Study will be taking a break until September.

### **Will-O-Bell Nursing Home Worship**

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting the residents of our local nursing home! Through communion and a 30-minute hymn sing-along, please show these residents they are not forgotten by joining us on the first Wednesday of each month at 2pm in Granger and on the third Thursday of each month at 10AM in Bartlett. Please come and make a resident smile.

### **Live Stream Learning**

St. John has purchased a camcorder to help with our live stream. We are looking for tech-inclined volunteers interested in testing out different settings. We will use an apprenticeship model for training, so you will have a mentor helping as long as you wish. For more information, contact the church office (254-527-3341).

### **Flag Donations**

3x5 U.S. Flags with grommets are appreciated for our church. In memory of loved ones, you may donate flags, or make cash donations, at the church office. For further information contact Walt Saverse @ 254-770-8381, or contact the church office @ 254-527-3341.

### **Sisters in Christ Bible Study**

Sisters in Christ meet once a month on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10 to study a biblical based study of the Bible. Anyone of any age is encouraged to come study with us. Our current book is What Happens Next by Max Lucado. We discuss chapters of the Bible relating to the "End of Days", focusing on Revelations. Joey Saverse leads us in devotions, study and prayer. Books are easily available. We are just beginning this new study, so please come join us on a hot Saturday morning, September 21, October 19, November 16, and December 21.

### **Prayer Requests**

When you make a prayer request for a non-member, please provide the church office with contact information so that we can send them a card. Thank you.

### **Sunday Worship**

Starting September 1, 2024 Worship will be back in the Sanctuary @ 10:30am.

### **Dominoes**

Every Monday @ 2PM in the TRC– Domino games (42 and Straight and Moon)

### **Anyone want to PLAY pickleball?**

St. John Lutheran now has a Pickleball court available to use. The court was a vision started by Donna Dawson. Donna and Judy Gersbach joined forces, they measured and taped off the court. The net, paddles and balls were donated by Judy and Leland Gersbach. We have started a group on Monday afternoons in the TRC Gym at 1pm and enjoying it so much. Please come join us. If anyone is interested in another day or time we are open to suggestions.

### **Rose Garden**

If you need exercise and sunshine, please come up to the rose garden and pull weeds. Volunteers of any age are welcome.

### **Worship Service Helpers**

If you are not able to do the job you are assigned, it is your responsibility to get someone to do the job for you. Also, please let the church office know of the change if there is adequate time.

### **Casserole Ministry**

We have casseroles available in the large freezer for distribution to our shut-ins, family members, friends, and neighbors in need of a meal. Please feel free to take them as needed to help support our community.

### **Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits**

We are so thankful for the amazing and dedicated members of our congregation. Your generous donations enabled us to purchase the items needed to assemble 310 personal care kits. We can not thank you enough for assisting us in reaching this goal. Thank you for your continued support in our mission of service to others.

### **Worship Committee Request**

We are in need to fill the vacancies on the worship duty roster. Pastor Assistant, Teller Captain, and Usher duties are needed. All volunteers are welcomed, please contact the church office or Joan Kurtz at 254-657-2432.

### **PieceMakers–Thursday Morning Bible Study-10:30am**

The Thursday morning Bible Study Group has been using The Chosen (by Dallas Jenkins) videos and study guide for season 4. The group has done the first seasons previously. (The videos can be found on YouTube or on The Chosen app.) Some interesting discussion was developed on such topics as our “ME” culture. The scriptures in the lessons depict how the Old Testament prophecies and their fulfillment in the New Testament. There was great discussion on our inheritance in Heaven. (1 Peter 1: 3-4) We meet every Thursday morning in the TRC at 10:30. If interested, come join us!