

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
KIM KYLLO AND NATHAN LYKE, PASTORS
REFORMATION, OCTOBER 18, 2026**

PRELUDE: *"Rite of Fellowship"* Sharon J. Willis (20th c. American)
From the *Exodus Suite*, this suite is a tribute to Harriet Tubman

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Because we share Jesus' baptism,
we know that nothing —
not even sin and death—
can separate us from God's love.
Trusting in God's love,
let us confess our sin.

**C: Holy God, you have called us to love you
with heart, mind, soul, and strength,
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.
But, if we are honest, we know
that sometimes we hurt each other
and fail to keep our promises to you.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Teach us, day by day,
to turn away from what is wrong
and turn to you in faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

P: Hear the good news:
We are dead to sin and evil
and alive to God in Jesus.
Now we can walk in new life!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: "God is Here!" ELW 526



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991

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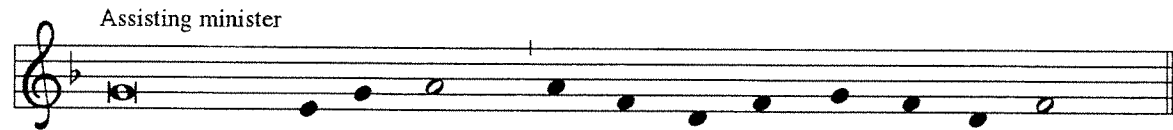
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GREETING:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

SONG OF PRAISE: "Glory to God" ELW p. 139



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



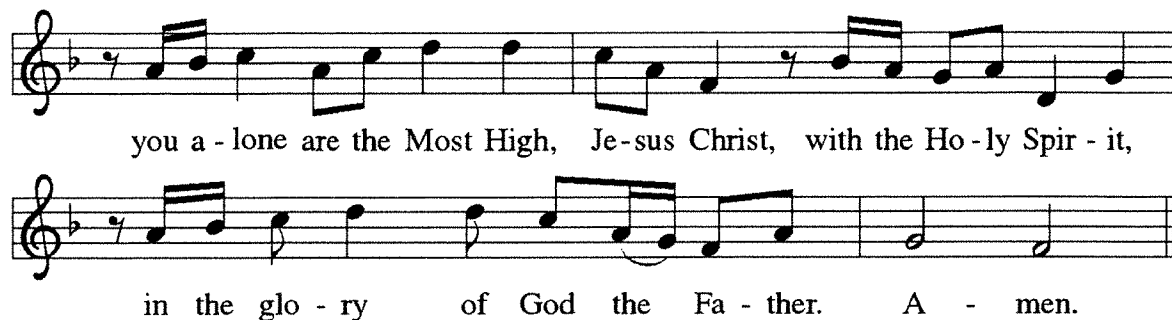
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together:

C: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK Scott Vial

FIRST READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

L: A Reading from First Thessalonians

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

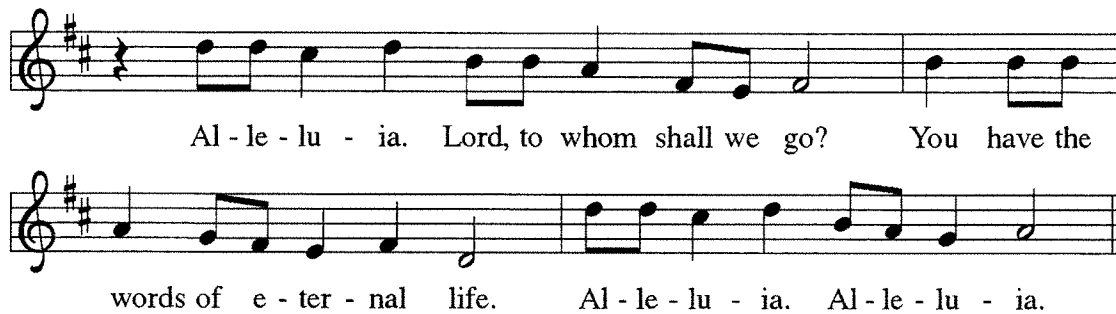
² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S SERMON.....Amanda Boe

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:.....ELW p.142



GOSPEL READING Matthew 21:15-22

P: A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

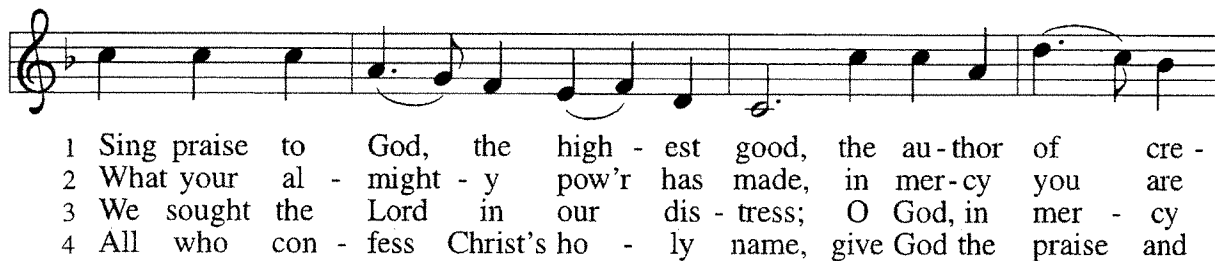
¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

P: The Word of the Lord

C: **Praise to You, O Christ**

SERMON Pastor Nathan Lyke

HYMN OF THE DAY: "*Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good*".....ELW 871





a - tion! O God of love, you un - der - stood our need for
keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade, your eye is
hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness and came with
glo - ry! Let all God's sav - ing pow'r pro - claim; give God the



your sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our souls you fill;
nev - er sleep - ing; in the do - min - ion of your might
peace to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord,
praise and glo - ry! Cast ev - 'ry i - dol from its throne;



all our la - ment with peace you still.
all things are just and good and right. To God all praise and glo - ry!
who is by one and all a - dored.
God is the Lord, and God a - lone:

Text: Johann J. Schütz, 1640–1690; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–1897, adapt.
Music: LOBT GOTT DEN HERREN, IHR, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

(10:30) SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

(8:30) APOSTLES CREED ELW p.105

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate.
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING MUSIC: *"Chronicles" from the Exodus Suite* Sharon J. Willis

GIVE WITH YOUR MOBILE DEVICE please scan this QR code
or text "give" to 218-210-7853 and click the link



Pink Envelope Partner for October: For October our Pink Envelope Partner is Armful of Love. 360 Communities Armful of Love has delivered holiday joy to thousands of families over the decades. Armful of Love supports families in need with gift cards to purchase gifts and groceries during the holiday season. The support of our generous donors helps reduce financial stress for families in Dakota County. Any donations collected via pink envelopes in October will support Armful of Love's 2026 Holiday Campaign.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PETITION RESPONSE:

L: Hear us O God

C: Your Mercy is Great

(8:30) WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER..... ELW p.145

**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.**

(8:30) INVITATION TO THE TABLE

P: Come to this table: you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have come here often, and you who are here for the very first time. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. This is Christ's table, and it is Christ who invites us here. These gifts of God are for the people of God. All are welcome.

(8:30) DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Note about the new communion wafers. These wafers are prepared with certified gluten-free ingredients using dedicated equipment and ingredients to minimize the risk of gluten cross-contact. While we take steps to reduce the risk of cross-contact with other allergens, some ingredients are manufactured in facilities that also process other allergens. Because of this, we cannot guarantee the complete absence of trace allergens. If you or a family member has a food allergy or other dietary concern, please contact the church office so we can discuss your individual needs.

(8:30) DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Lamb of God” ELW p. 146

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

(8:30) DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal".....ELW 464



1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.
2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.
3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—
4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.



Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.
Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.
for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.
Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943; Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: JESUS, FEED US, Ray Makeever

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(8:30) COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

P: May God bless you and keep you safe.

May God smile on you with grace.

May God watch over you always

and give you peace. Amen.

Like shoes for your feet

put on whatever will make you ready

to go and tell everyone

the good news of God's peace.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "God of Grace and God of Glory".....ELW 705



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

DISMISSAL

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always

C: **And also with you**

P. We now encourage you to share the Peace of God with others as you leave.

POSTLUDE: *"Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"*... Keith Kolander (b.1955, Amer.)



Baptized today at the 10:30 service is:

Remi Florence Schoen

Daughter of Tazha Vanzant and Andy Schoen

Remi's sponsors are:

Jacklyn Terry and Matt Weiss

Welcome, Remi to the family of God

ALL ARE WELCOME TO
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION!

TRUNK & TREAT

OCTOBER 25
3:00PM-5:00PM

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

TRUNK AND TREATING
HOT DOGS, CHIPS
HAY BALE MAZE
CARNIVAL GAMES
FREE PUMPKINS
WINTER COAT DRIVE



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Sign up to host a trunk:
We need your help to
make this event a
success!



Burst the Barn 2026:

Sustain St. John's Expanding, Creative Ministry

It's a good time to be St. John's. We have lots of opportunities for connection, involvement, and community. Whether it's our vibrant Wednesday nights—when all generations gather for a delicious community meal, children and adults make music in choirs, and youth and adults come together in Sunday School Highlights, Ablaze, Affirm and Youth Group—or our Sunday mornings, when the sanctuary fills with long-time members and new visitors eager to hear the Good News of Jesus and put God's love into action, ministry thrives at St. John's.



In the coming year we will invest in two tremendous resources to help sustain our thriving ministry.

First, our marvelous staff. Pastors Kim and Nathan, together with Amanda, Roxanne, Elisa, Malynda, Candy, Tyra and Butch work together with a joyful, collaborative spirit to uplift one another's giftedness and the abundance of our church community. This staff is always up to something new in ministry, imagining together possibilities of what else God might be calling us to do, and inviting YOU to be part of it!

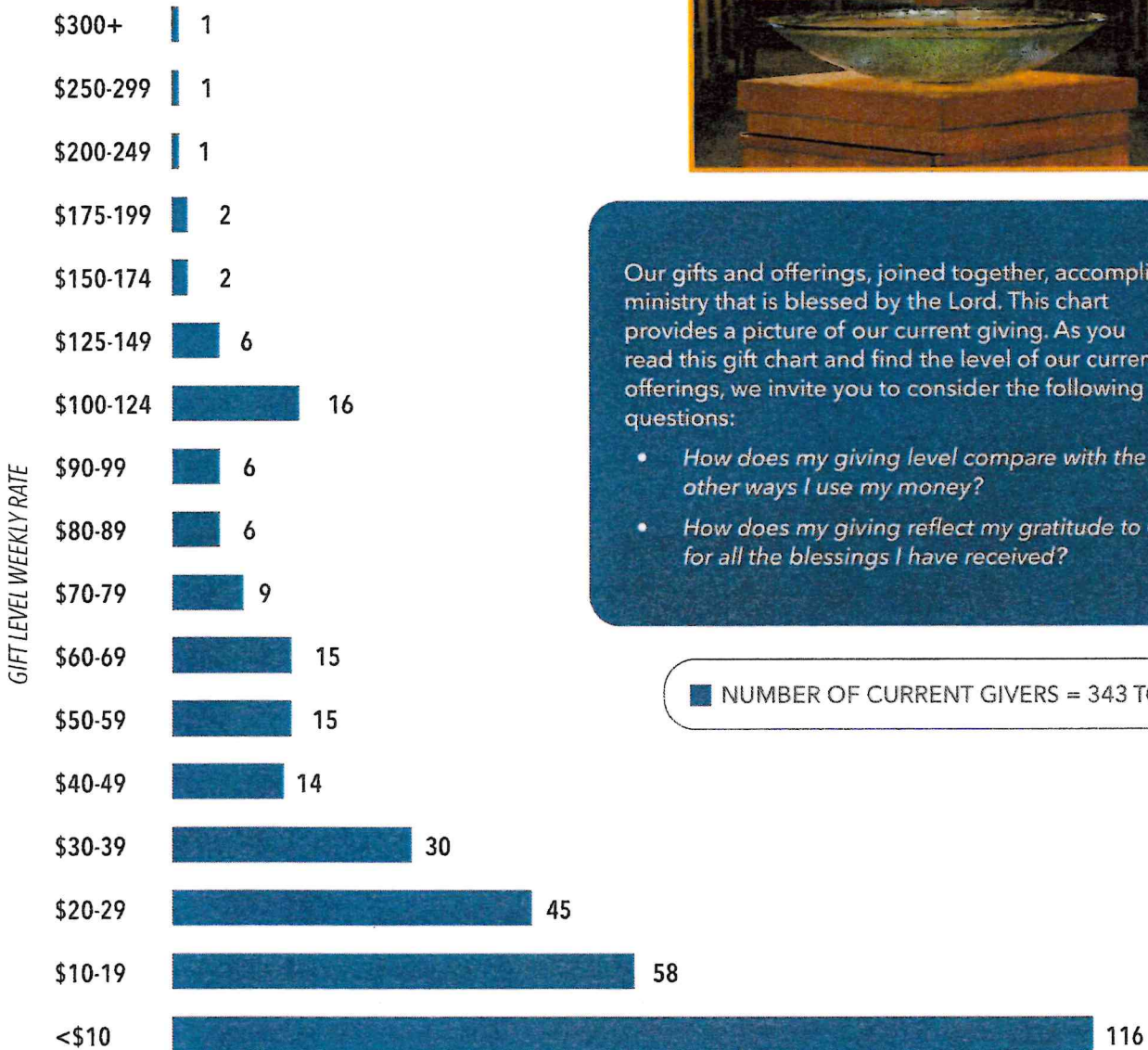
Second, our building. It's astounding how many activities take place within our church walls each week. This building serves as an incredible resource where members and visitors alike are equipped and emboldened for ministry by our staff. Nearly every area of our ministry has increased expense, and yet we know how vital each aspect of this ministry is.

In the coming year increased giving will sustain the excellence of our staff as well as to keep our building functioning at peak performance. Our "Burst the Barn" 2026 Stewardship Appeal has a goal of increasing offerings by \$62,500. Some of these offerings will be used to support our hard-working staff and allow our General Operations to keep making an impact in and around our community.

Be sure to read the letter that will arrive in your mailbox soon. Review the Stewardship brochure that will be enclosed. Pray for a generous response to this appeal. Consider prayerfully how you will respond to the invitation to increase (or simply, begin) your offering. We pray that God will continue to bless our offerings as they are used to advance the love, joy, and peace of God's kingdom everywhere!



RANGE OF GIFTS GIVEN



Our gifts and offerings, joined together, accomplish ministry that is blessed by the Lord. This chart provides a picture of our current giving. As you read this gift chart and find the level of our current offerings, we invite you to consider the following questions:

- How does my giving level compare with the other ways I use my money?
- How does my giving reflect my gratitude to God for all the blessings I have received?

■ NUMBER OF CURRENT GIVERS = 343 TOTAL

LUKE 6:38: "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Announcements:

1. Altar flowers are giving today by Peter and Pam Haukoos.
2. **Restorative Worship - Wednesdays at 6:30 pm**
Join us for Restorative Worship for a time of community, peace, pause, and joy on Wednesdays. This is a 30-minute worship has an intentional, casual feel, providing an alternate option for worship. The abbreviated format, often with tactile elements and a tag-team sermon between our pastors, has become a great opportunity for connection for youth and families participating in Wednesday night ministries, as well as for Sunday morning worshippers looking for a mid-week boost!
3. **Thursday Morning Small Groups:**
Paper Crafters Small Group - 1st Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm
Quilters Small Group - 2nd & 3rd Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm
Stitchers Small Group - 4th Thursdays, 9-11 am
4. **Mary Breakfast Bunch Small Group**
Facilitator: Jackie Knauff
Meets: 1st Tuesday of every month at 8:30 am; **Meets November 3**
Where: Cracker Barrel, Lakeville
5. **Hannah Women's Study Small Group**
Facilitator: Ruth Weber
Meets next November 4. Contact Ruth for details.
Where: St. John's
Topic: A bible study and discussion of the book of Romans led by Pastor Kim, with fellowship and treats. The study group is open to women of all ages and backgrounds.
6. **Dementia Caregivers Support Group**
If you are a family member or caregiver to someone experiencing Alzheimer's disease, join us for this small group, where you'll find an open environment for sharing feelings, thoughts, and experiences to better cope with and manage the shared problems of dementia.
Facilitators: Pastor Kim Kylo & Colleen Dupree (of Highview Hills)
Meets: Once/month, 10:00am on the 2nd Thursday of the month we **meet next on November 12**
Where: Highview Hills
7. Please review these **sign up links** for worship helpers which have lots of openings for you to choose from. Please review them and sign up for any that work for you. If you have any questions about any of these roles, please contact the church office.

	Readers	Worship Coordinators	Clickers
			
8. More Than Just Lunch will be traveling back in time to the **sinking of the Titanic**. There will be over 300 artifacts along with recreation of rooms and an Immersive Voyage. This

exhibit has recently arrived in Minneapolis for a stay of approximately four months. Our date is **October 21st** at 10:00. The cost is **\$24.53** which will need to be **paid by the 4th of October**. After our tour we will have lunch at the Uptown Diner. We will meet at the church at 9:15.

9. **MomCo – You'll Be in Good Company**

Are you a mom (with kids of *any* age) looking for real community? MomCo is a place with no perfect moms, no pressure, no pretending — just connection, encouragement, and genuine friendship. Whether you're navigating toddlers, teens, or simply need a place to breathe, we've saved you a seat.

All moms are welcome to enjoy fellowship and good company.

Meets the second and fourth Sunday of each month from 3–5 PM.

Questions? Email stjohnsmomco1@gmail.com.

Join us — you'll be in Good Company.



10. **Messiah Community Food Shelf** asks you to share the warmth this winter with their **WINTER COAT DRIVE**. We are collecting new and gently used winter coats, boots, snow pants, hats, scarves and gloves. Donations can be collected from now until October 31. You can drop them off here at church in the bin near the food shelf box.



11. **Grief Support Events:** In October and November, St. John's will be hosting two grief support events. Scan the QR code (s) to register for each event individually. These are open to anyone; feel free to invite family members or friends to participate along with you.

Loss of Spouse Event - Tuesday, October 20th, 6:30-8 pm

The loss of a spouse turns your world upside down. You have begun a journey you did not want. Our desire is to help you process your grief and think about what life after the loss of your spouse might look like. Life will never be the same, but we pray the Loss of a Spouse seminar can enable you to face the future with a measure of hope.



Surviving the Holidays Event - Monday, November 23rd, 6:30-8 pm

The holidays can be an especially tender time in grief. Join us to help prepare for a holiday season without your loved one, learn some strategies for navigating the holiday time with grief, and be in community with others who get it. We hope you find support, understanding, and feel less alone.



12. The annual Scouts BSA Wreath Fundraiser is here! St. John's charts two Scouts BSA Troops - **Troop 9111 for boys and Troop 7111 for girls**. The fundraiser has wreaths, door poinsettias, porch pots and Gertens gift cards. The Gertens website closes on October 26th at 10 pm and some items could sell out so don't delay! To make a purchase, go to: <http://www.gertensfundraising.com> and enter Store ID code 372 and

click the red button to continue. Then select St. John's in the Seller Name field. This will indicate that the sale is for a member of the congregation. Items will be available for pick up on Sunday, November 22nd in the narthex and orders will be labeled. The Scouts thank you for your support!

13. **Muhanga Student Scholarship Giving Opportunities**

As you may be aware, St. John's congregation provides a significant number of student scholarships for our companion congregation in Muhanga Tanzania. With this assistance, many eager children are able to continue their education. These scholarships are vital to the adolescents of Muhanga in helping them reach their full educational potential. If you are interested in providing scholarship assistance, please contact any member of the Church Staff or Global Missions Committee, or simply place your donation in the offering plate in an envelope with both your check & the envelope clearly marked MUHANGA SCHOLARSHIP. A single scholarship for 2027 is \$400 and provides for a full year of education. However, any fractional amount is perfectly acceptable and very much appreciated.

Financial Information as of August 2026

General Fund Results	Month	Year to date
Budget	\$44,773	\$406,415
Revenue	\$52,406	\$418,849
Expenses	<u>\$51,758</u>	<u>\$425,799</u>
Net Income (loss)	\$648	\$ (6,950)

Mortgage Fund is on track for the year

Butter Braids. Please support our summer programs by buying a Butter Braid! They will be delivered right before the holiday season! Your support of our youth mission trips and camps is very much appreciated! Thank you!

Start Date: Oct. 4
End Date: Oct. 25
Delivery: Nov. 11, 2027



Congregation
Order Link

Those Serving Today:

Organist..... Karen Olson
Lector Marvin Larson (8:30), Jennifer Milbradt (10:30)
Cantor Grant Johannessen
Usher Team Leaders Paul Johnson (8:30), Andy & Kari Schultz (10:30)
Communion Set Up & Clean Up Dave & Kathy Comer
Communion Servers Jim Buckley, Susan Van Thomme, Kathy Comer (8:30)
..... N/A Baptism (10:30)
Sound Tech..... Katie Henning (8:30), Thomas Milbradt (10:30)
Clicker Team..... (8:30), (10:30)
Livestream Team Randy Franzen
Worship Coordinator Paul Johnson (8:30), Pam Haukoos (10:30)
Coffee Servers Judy Borchardt & Cindy Gunnerson

Those Serving Next Week:

Organist..... Priscilla Thoreen
Lector (8:30), Scott Vial (10:30)
Usher Team Leader Don Knauff (8:30) Wright Family (10:30)
Acolyte..... Louis Mann (8:30), (10:30)
Crucifer..... Elijah Mann (8:30), (10:30)
Communion Set Up & Clean Up Jeanne Hartwig
Communion Servers..... Jeanne Hartwig, John Hartwig, Barry Fick (8:30)
..... Pam Haukoos, Jennifer Milbradt, Ron Keith (10:30)
Sound Tech..... Danny Barth (8:30), Ryan Wright (10:30)
Clicker Team (8:30), Kay Halvorson (10:30)
Livestream Team..... Francine Capasso
Worship Coordinator (8:30), (10:30)
Coffee Servers Jeff & Kim Larson

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