



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 30, 2026 † 9:30 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

Welcome to worship at St. John's!

We especially welcome all who are visiting this morning!

*All are invited to **sign the welcome sheets** in the black folders at the end of the pews.*

*Please pass them to the center and then back
so you can greet those worshipping around you.
Ushers will gather these following worship.*

*In the red hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship), or purple hymnal
(All Creation Sings), hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn section,
and page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section.*

An asterisk () invites you to stand as you are able.*

P Pastor, **L** Leader (Assisting Minister), **C** Congregation

Children are welcome to participate throughout our
worship service, including at Holy Communion.

*Parents, please assist children when they come forward for communion
to extend their hands if they are to receive the bread and wine.*

Children's Bibles and activity bags
*are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary
and scribble cards are available in the pews.*

*Hearing assistance devices are available outside the Sanctuary or from an usher.
For those with hearing aids, the Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop.*

Large print bulletins and hymns are available for worship services.



*St. John's Lutheran Church is a community grounded in the promise of God's grace
and called to extend Christ's welcome to all people. Every day, Christ meets us all just as
we are, extending love to people of every age, race or ethnicity, physical appearance,
sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, marital or
relationship status, economic circumstance, educational achievement,
political affiliation, or religious background.*

*While we do not always agree, we choose to walk and grow in faith together,
believing that God creates diversity, and loves and welcomes us.*

We warmly welcome you here.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — Trumpet Tune in C Major

David N. Johnson

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 660

“Lift High the Cross”

*Greeting

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

- ☐ O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for
the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of
obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. ¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 26, “Be Now My Judge, O Lord, My God”

O WALY WALY

Be now my judge, O Lord my God, for I have
Test me, O Lord, be - fore your sight; the se - crets
I flee from emp - ty boasts of pride, and shun the
O God, I love your ho - ly house, where jus - tice

walked a - mong the just; with con - fi - dence, I shall not
of my heart re - veal; and for the wrongs which mar my
dis - mal haunts of woe; their e - vil threats, my path would
clothed in love re - sides; the lure of earth can - not cor -

fall, for al - ways you have been my trust.
cause, to your great mer - cy, I ap - peal.
spurn; your truth, my light, wher - e'er I go.
rupt the soul which in your grace a - bides.

Psalm paraphrase: Michael Morgan © 2010 Witherspoon Press; Music: English traditional

Second Reading — Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.”

²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Gospel — Matthew 16:21-28

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised.

²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 1043

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

***Apostles’ Creed**

**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.**

*Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

- Ⓐ Lord, in your mercy,
- Ⓑ hear our prayer.

*Peace

- Ⓐ The peace of Christ be with you always.
- Ⓑ And also with you.

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

Marianne Kim

*Offering Hymn — "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing.

Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the

bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -

nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

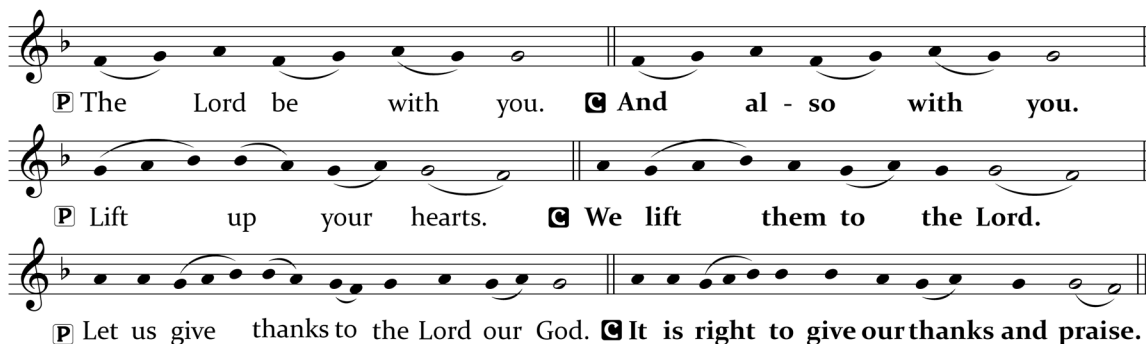
*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

C Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

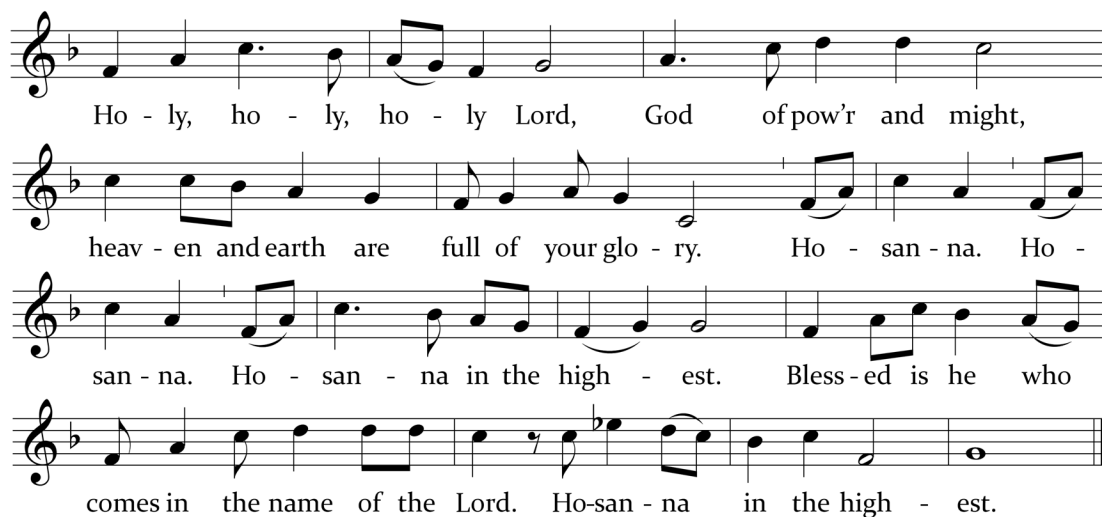


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*Words of Institution

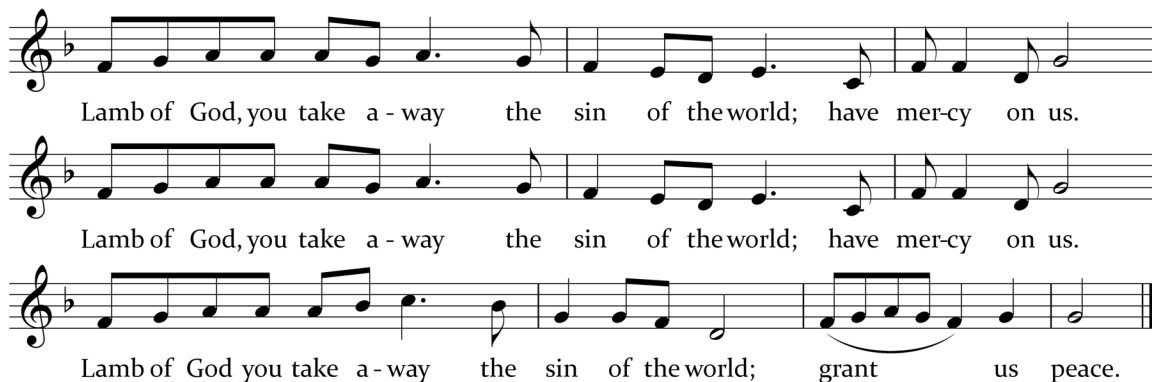
*The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

*Communion will be received standing at stations in the front of sanctuary; ushers will direct you forward. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the center. After you have been served the bread you will be offered wine or grape juice. The grape juice is white and is located in the center of the tray. **If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know, and communion will be brought to you.***

Music during Communion

"Lamb of God"



The musical notation for "Lamb of God" is presented in three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words aligned under specific notes and others under rests. The first two staves end with a double bar line, while the third staff ends with a final double bar line.

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.

Hymn — ELW No. 656

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Hymn — ELW No. 477

"I Received the Living God"

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Sending of Communion to the Sick and Homebound**

***Prayer after Communion**

- 📖 Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us and are making
all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our
enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,
📖 Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

- 📖 Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 867

“In Thee Is Gladness”

***Dismissal**

- 📖 Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
📖 Thanks be to God!

Postlude — “Danserye”

Tielman Susato



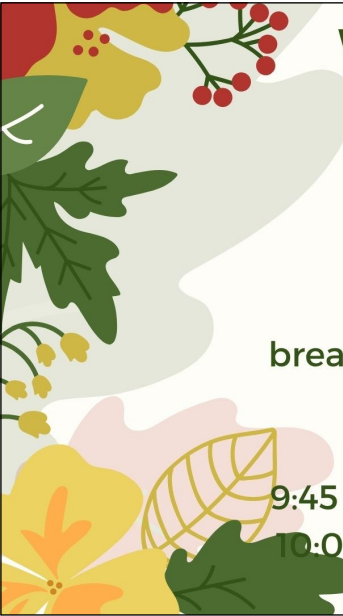
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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Presiding	Pastor Katie Fick
Assisting Ministers	Christy Hall-Holt
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Livestream	Dave Zdenek
Communion Service	Angie Gehring
Greeters	Julie Cannon, Sandra Nyvall
Coffee Service	Angie Gehring, Karl Hella
Refreshments	Rhonda Reece
Counters	Dave Becker, Brenda Bultman, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	Charles Cannon, Rob Nutt, Andrew Tacheny, Chris Tacheny



WelcomeFest

Sunday, September 20

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Everyone is invited to St. John's Hall for
breakfast, serving pancakes, sausage, and fruit.

(Hosted by St. John's Youth)

Grades PreK-5

9:45 am: Sunday School Open House lower level

10:00 am: Children's Activities in St. John's Hall

Announcements

Additional announcements can be found in the weekly E-Voice.

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Donna Paulsen in memory of Burt Paulsen. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), contact the church office at 507-645-4429. Next available dates: October 11, 18 & 25 and November 22.

Registration for 2026–2027

Registration is open for St. John's children and youth programming next year. Check out St. John's website for more information and to register.



Wellspring Circle “Bagged Suppers” and Discussion Time

1st Tuesdays of the Month (beginning September 1), 5:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Wellspring Circle invites women of generations X and Millennials (birth years ranging from 1965 ish–1996 ish) to meet every first Tuesday of the month for a “bagged supper” social time. This is like bringing your own “sack lunch” to eat, except it’s at dinnertime, while enjoying time to visit with others. The Fireside Room has a large table for eating and is conveniently located next to the small kitchen. Then, **from 6:30–8:00 p.m., we’ll have a faith discussion**, usually based on an article.

Courageous Conversations 2026–2027: The Time is Now!

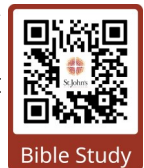
Thursday, September 3, 7:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

Topic: *Bring Change to Mind (BC2M) - Improving Mental Health Awareness at Northfield High School*
BC2M, led by Northfield High School art teacher Karna Hauck, is a program that empowers youth to end discrimination surrounding mental health issues and to thrive in a stigma-free world. Along with student officers, Karna and Rocky Casillas (ROKATURAS art studio founder) will share their stories, their authentic approaches, and their innovative collaborative work.

New Bible Study: Come and See! A Look at the Gospel of Mark

Wednesdays (beginning Sep. 9), Noon–1:00 p.m. or 5:45–6:45 p.m., Fireside Room (15 sessions)

Please sign up at the Welcome Desk in the Commons or sign up and get more information on the [website under Congregational life/Adults/Come and see](#) or use this QR code. This curriculum is developed and led by St. John's seminary student Julie Zdenek for her master's program capstone project.



Public Discipleship Formation Opportunity

Tuesdays, August 25, September 1 & 8, 6:30–8:30 p.m., Bethel Lutheran Church

You are invited to attend a series of three sessions which will explore the question: “What does it mean to truly follow Jesus . . . today?” Using materials designed by ISAIAH MN, members of Bethel Lutheran Church will lead a group experience where participants may discern how to live out their faith and spiritual values in everyday public life, work, and community spheres. All are welcome. For more information or to register, contact Mary Loven at mary.e.loven@gmail.com.

Announcements (continued)

School Supply Donations Requested for Lutheran World Relief School Kits

Purchased supplies can be left in the cardboard School Bus in the Commons through Sept. 7. A list of needed items is at the School Bus. Cash donations are also welcome, and the WELCA team will make the purchases for you. Make checks to St. John's WELCA and write school kits on the memo line. Checks may be left in the church office or the offering plate on Sundays. Our goal is to pack at least 250 kits, so many supplies are needed (for example, 800 notebooks to put four in each bag). These kits make a huge difference to the children in developing countries who receive them. St. John's children in grades K-5 will pack the bags. Thank you for your support!

Meals on Wheels—Drivers Needed for Four Routes

Drivers are still needed to deliver meals on September 7 (two routes), 11 & 18. Sign up today in the Commons. Sign-ups are also available in CCB at: [Meals on Wheels Driver Sign-Up](#). Meals on Wheels is a Northfield Hospital-supported, volunteer organization dedicated to meeting the nutritional needs of the community through volunteer drivers. Delivering meals only takes a few minutes or under an hour. Thank you for being a part of this important service.

Habitat for Humanity Poplar Street House Volunteer Needs in September

The home at 315 Poplar St. S. still needs helpers to bring it to completion. If you can donate a morning/afternoon of your time (8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.) on one or more of the following Tuesdays and/or Thursdays, it would be so greatly appreciated: Sept. 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29. If you can help, sign up at www.habitatricecounty.org. Questions? Contact jodihabitat@gmail.com.

Northfield History Center is in Need of Volunteers

Do you love history? The Northfield History Center has reached out to St. John's in search of possible volunteers. Currently there are opportunities to work at the store, assist with collections work, and aid in events, along with other possibilities. The center also says it can "customize potential volunteers' roles to reflect their interests and skills." If this sounds like something you may want to participate in, contact Angie Gehring at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org for more information.

Supporting St. John's

Giving to St. John's supports regular worship services, enhances the spiritual lives of our members, and helps to improve the lives of neighbors in our local and global communities. Your meaningful support will make an impact, strengthen congregational life at St. John's, and help us serve our mission.



Reminder of Deadlines

Please send all submissions electronically to Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

- Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Due by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.
- *The Voice* (October 2026 Edition): Due by September 15

Prayer Requests

We are called to remember one another in prayer. The church office has been made aware of the following persons for whom we pray today. This list is also for your use this week.

Healing and Support

Those in the hospital or in need of healing

Barbara Dettle, Fred Huemoeller, Barbara Johnson, Joan Kark,
Joanie Lee, Bruce Moe, George Pinc

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Linda Fjosne (daughter of Helen Larson)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Ruth Smestad Anglin, Mary Cisar, Greta Matzner-Gore, Lowell Johnson,
Dagfinn Moe, Dolores Nelson, David Norman, Mary Ellen North, Rachel Peterson,
Alice Rickert, Ingrid Alberding, Glen Norgaard (father of Brett Norgaard)

All who are homebound, including

Laila Burns Hedstrom, Janice Helgeson, Carolyn Jennings

Involved in the mission of the church who have ties to St. John's

The Savior (El Salvador) Lutheran Church in El Cocuy, Colombia;
Iambi Lutheran Church in Iambi, Tanzania; Katie Larson, ELCA missionary in Colombia

Prayer Requests / Stephen Ministry Requests

Stephen Ministry Requests

Contact one of the pastors at 507-645-4429.

Prayer Chain Requests

Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or macisar@gmail.com, or contact a pastor.

Registration is now open for Children and Youth Programs, 2026-2027!

Check out St. John's website at:
stjohnsnorthfield.org/congregational-life/.
Click on "Children" or "Youth" to find out more
about the programs available.
Register your children/youth by using the
QR code or by visiting our website!



SCAN ME

This Week At-a-Glance

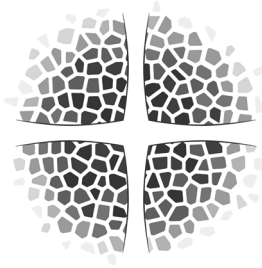
*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Monday, Aug. 31	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Monday Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Pub Theology, Flaherty's Northfield Lanes
Tuesday, Sept. 1	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Wellspring Circle Bagged Supper Social, Fireside Room Wellspring Circle Discussion Time, Fireside Room NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room
Wednesday, Sept. 2	2:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee, Fireside Room
Thursday, Sept. 3	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall Communion at Millstream Commons, Offsite Communion at Benedictine Living Community, Offsite Thursday Night Big Book Group (AA Meeting), Youth Room St. John's Courageous Conversations, St. John's Hall
Friday, Sept. 4	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Sept. 5		<i>No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed</i>
Sunday, Sept. 6	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (September 6):

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 33:7-11 + Psalm 119:33-40 + Romans 13:8-14 + Matthew 18:15-20



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Angie Gehring, Shared Ministry Coordinator

Nick Gilbert, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families

Sally Lindell, Faith Community Nurse

Arielle Loy, Alleluia Choir Director and Early Childhood Specialist

Nathan Proctor, Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts

Arturo Rosas, Custodial Associate

David Sims, Director of Rejoice Ringers

Call the church office or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.

*St. John's Lutheran Church stands on the
ancestral homelands of the Wahpekute band of the Dakota nation.
We respect and are grateful for the generations of native people who have cared for this land.*