



17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
OCTOBER 5, 2025 † 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.  
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

# *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

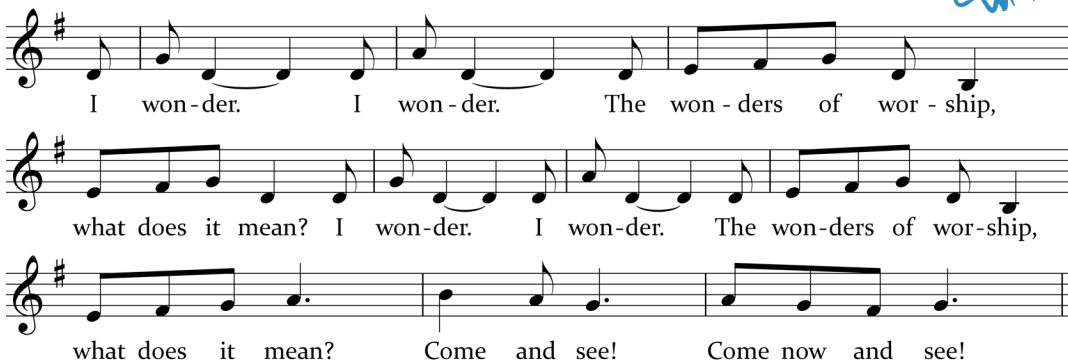
**Prelude** — “Declamation on ‘For the Beauty of the Earth’ ”

Craig Phillips

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Children's Message**

“Wonders of Worship”



Text and Music: Anne Krentz Organ

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 879

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

*Stanza 3 may be sung in harmony.*

**\*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**

- ☐ Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ Amen.

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## First Reading — Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

<sup>1</sup> The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup> O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup> Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup> So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

<sup>2:1</sup> I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint. <sup>2</sup> Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. <sup>3</sup> For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. <sup>4</sup> Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalmody — Psalm 37:1-9

Antiphon: Dolly Parton, arr. Craig Hella Johnson

*Antiphon: I can see the light: brand-new day.*



<sup>1</sup> Do not be provoked by | evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.

<sup>2</sup> **For they shall soon wither | like the grass,**  
**and like the green grass | fade away.**

<sup>3</sup> Put your trust in the LORD | and do good;  
dwell in the land and | find safe pasture.

<sup>4</sup> **Take delight | in the LORD,**  
**who shall give you your | heart's desire.** *Antiphon*

<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust | in the LORD,  
and see what | God will do.

<sup>6</sup> **The LORD will make your vindication as clear | as the light**  
**and the justice of your case like the | noonday sun.**

<sup>7</sup>Be still before the LORD and wait | patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers,  
the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.

<sup>8</sup>**Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;  
do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil.**

<sup>9</sup>For evildoers shall | be cut off,  
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- | sess the land. *Antiphon*

### \*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 — Luke 17:5-10

Spark Story Bible, page 394

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>“Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the servant for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless servants; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

**L** 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. 1063

“God of the Fertile Fields”

## \*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

(8:30) "Blessed Be!"

Melanie DeMore

*Blessed Be! Blessed Be the Living Tree. Blessed Be the Tree of Life that grows within you and me. Steady and true, rooted in love. Shelter and peace below and above. Sing to the sky, rise from the earth. Seasons come round again. Death to rebirth. Blessed Be the Tree of Life that grows within you and me.* – Melanie DeMore

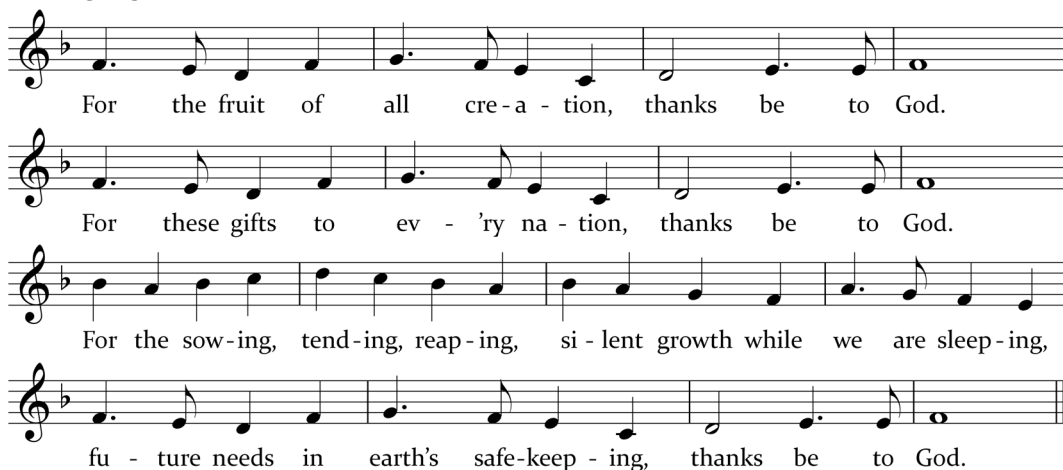
### St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Nancy Raabe

### \*Offering Hymn — "For the Fruit of All Creation" stanza 1

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For the fruit of all cre-a - tion, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.

For the sow-ing, tend-ing, reap-ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep-ing,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep - ing, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green © 1970 Hope Publishing Company; Music: Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

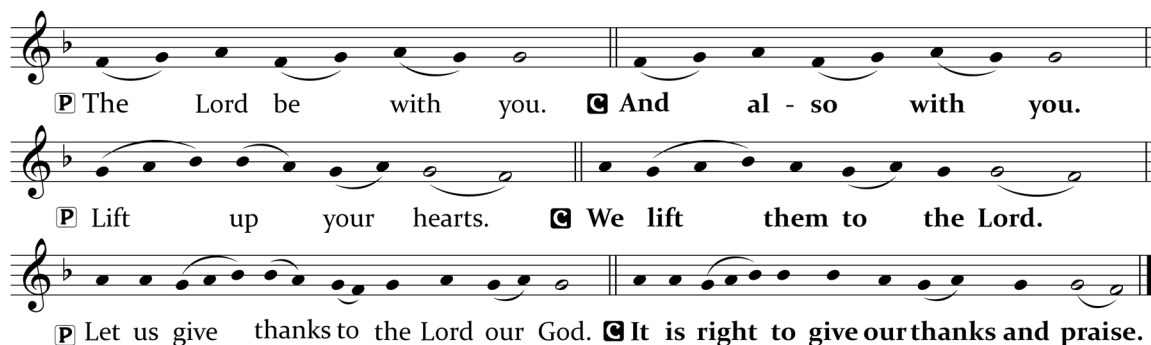
### \*Offering Prayer

☐ Let us pray.

☑ Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

## \*Great Thanksgiving

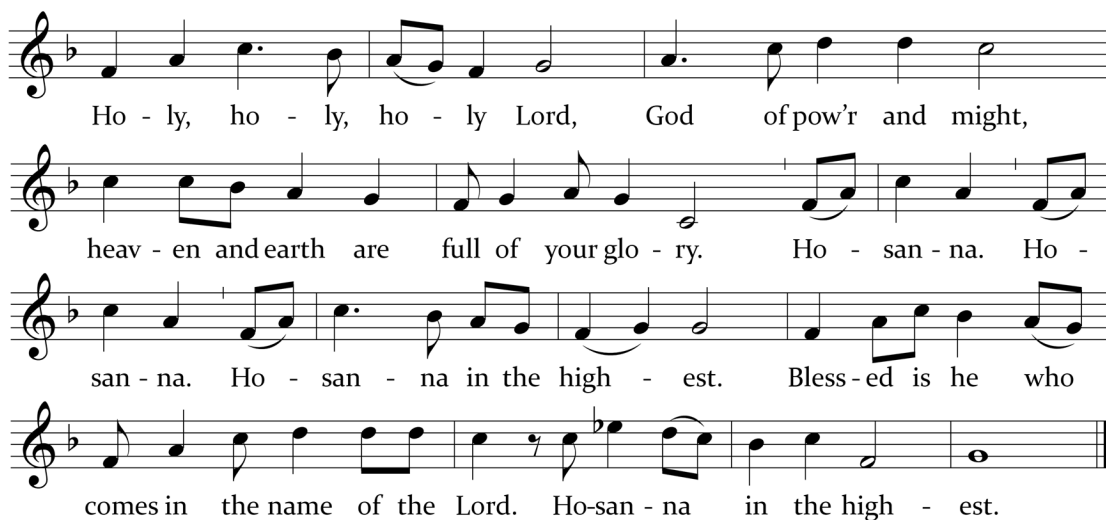


**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**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, consisting of eighth and quarter 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 continues the melody and ends with a 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. 690

"We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord"

Hymn — ELW No. 462

"Now We Join in Celebration"

## \*Post-Communion Blessing

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

**\*Prayer after Communion**

- ℒ O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.
- ☞ Amen.

## DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

**\*Blessing**

*Response:*

☞ Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 547

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

**\*Dismissal**

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

**Postlude** — Prelude and Fugue in G Major

J. S. Bach



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## **SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:**

Preaching and Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Beth and Charlotte Cox (10:45) Jenny Wright
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Piano	(10:45) David Sims
Communion Prep	Angie Gehring
Communion Cleanup	Craig Schultz
Greeters	(8:30) Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Mary Ellen North; (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	Ted Peterson
Refreshments	Gerri Licke, Bob and Pat Tabery
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Merilyn Calcutt, Judd Lohmann
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Chuck Cannon, Jon and Alison Kavanaugh, Gordon Moore

## **Learning and Fellowship Between Services**

### ***This Week (October 5)***

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall  
Sunday School: Preschool–Grade 5 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Lower Level)  
Sunday Youth Gathering: Grades 6–12 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Youth Room)  
St. John's Forum (9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall)

### ***Next Week (October 12)***

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall  
Sunday School: Preschool–Grade 5 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Lower Level)  
Sunday Youth Gathering: Grades 6–12 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Youth Room)

## **VOICES OF ST. JOHN'S**

### ***On Giving & Receiving***



Since joining St. John's, we have become involved with stewardship, fundraising, ushering, Bible studies, assisting with communion, assistant ministry, and library work. All of these activities have introduced us to other neighborly church members which helped us transition to a new town where we didn't know a soul. St. John's remains a place of comfort and reflection, and we always come away feeling blessed.



*- Dean and Deb Schoeb*

# **Announcements**

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

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given by friends of St. John's. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM/95.1FM at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), contact Leah Garlie at [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or 507-645-4429. Next available dates: October 26 and November 2.

## **St. John's Forum: *Courage, Conversion, Care: Responding Faithfully to Climate Change***

**Today, 9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall**

Dr. Kathleen L. Shea describes the ongoing project of restoring the Natural Lands at St. Olaf College in her talk, "*Why Care for the Natural Lands at St. Olaf College?*" Her talk will review the history of the Natural Lands, highlight ongoing projects, and examine how restoration informs land management. To help us see the importance of these lands, Kathy will also be leading a walk through the Natural Lands today from 4:00–5:00 p.m. She invites all ages and asks us to meet her by the Art Barn at St. Olaf College. The walk will be cancelled if it is raining.

**ISAIAH MN** is an interfaith organization working for racial, economic, and climate justice in Minnesota. Stop by the table in the Commons between services to learn more about ISAIAH and how you can participate in upcoming events.

## **Courageous Conversations: "*In Pursuit of Affordable and Fair Housing*"**

**Thursday, October 9, 7:00 p.m.**

Northfield's MN Representative, Kristi Pursell, and ISAIAH's Organizer, George Zuccolotto, will share their ongoing work with Manufactured Home Parks legislation, community organizing, and its implications for Viking Terrace and our local housing needs. Moderated by Gina Washburn.

## **Accompany Program Invitation for Newcomers this Fall**

**Sundays, October 19–November 23, 9:45–10:40 a.m. in the Undercroft**

Accompany is our approach to welcoming those new to St. John's and for those possibly considering membership. The program consists of six gatherings that meet on Sundays between the worship services in which learning more about our church, making connections with others, and spiritual reflection are the focus. If you are interested in participating, please contact Angie Gehring at [sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org). We look forward to having you join us!

## **Messages from the Benevolence & Social Concerns Board:**

- Thank you to our St. John's members who delivered Meals on Wheels this past month. Covering the month of September for this meaningful service is an annual opportunity for our church. We are grateful to all who helped us fill this commitment to our community.
- T-shirts! If you are a volunteer or participate in any St. John's group, we have a St. John's t-shirt for you. If you have not had a chance to get your shirt at church and would like one, please email Andrea Hoff at [andrea.hoff37@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.hoff37@gmail.com).

# Announcements (continued)

## Online Giving Goes to a New Platform

We have moved our online giving from the previous Vanco platform to Pushpay. Members who have been enrolled in automatic online giving through Vanco should have received an email from Pushpay to move their giving to the new platform. The church staff are available to help if you want assistance navigating the new system.

## Fall Book Read: *Laudato Si'* ("Praise Be to You")

Want to delve more deeply into questions raised by this fall's forum series? Join us as we read *Laudato Si'*, the message Pope Francis wrote "to every person living on this planet," about how we can and should be caring for our common home. Our discussion leaders are Christine Engstrom, a member of St. John's, and Dr. Colleen Carpenter, who will be speaking on *Laudato Si'* on November 16. Even if you're not able to join the book read, please come to the Forum on November 16, when Dr. Carpenter will be speaking on *Laudato Si'*, and plan to stay for a lunchtime conversation that same day. A generous grant from the St. John's Foundation has made it possible for us to provide these opportunities.

- **Meetings:** Thursdays, online, October 16, 30, and November 13, 4:00–5:30 p.m.
- **Sign up:** Between the services on Sundays, October 5 and 12. You can also contact Chris Engstrom by text message (507-403-3623) or email ([revchristea@me.com](mailto:revchristea@me.com)).

## Trunk or Treat, October 26, during Sunday School at St. John's

Last year's Trunk or Treat was so much fun, we're doing it again this year. Kids are invited to dress in costume and trick or treat at a variety of decorated car trunks! Games and activities too! Email Julie Brehmer at [Children@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:Children@StJohnsNorthfield.org) if you are willing to decorate your car trunk or help with games and activities.



**YOU'RE INVITED!**

St. John's Women are celebrating their 150th year with a

**Birthday Bash**  
and  
**Hotdish Hoedown**

Featuring  
"The Looney Lutherans"

\$15 with Registration  
- OR -  
\$20 at the door

**Saturday, October 11, 2025**  
**11:00 am - 1:30 pm**  
**St. John's Hall**

# 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*

Cindy Clauson, Irene Dorantes Perez, Fred Huemoeller, Michelle Kramer-Prevost,  
Patrice Nordstrand, Glen Norgaard (father of Brett Norgaard)

*Those celebrating the marriage of*

Ella Garry and Grant Sawyer

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

David Halsor, Greta Matzner-Gore, Dolores Nelson, Mary Ellen North,  
Alice Rickert, Kathy Vang, Ruth Smestad Anglin, Ingrid Alberding,  
Kathy Applebee, Darlene Schloeder (mother of April Fitzloff)

*All who are homebound, including*

Bob Flaten, 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](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.



**Served from 5:15–6:15 p.m.  
in St. John's Hall**

Menu for Wednesday, October 8:  
*Chicken Pot Pie*

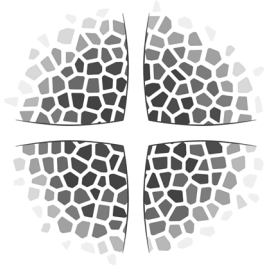
**All are welcome!**

*Wednesday Meals are made and served completely by people donating their time and talents.  
Dessert contributions are always welcome and needed!*

# **This Week At-a-Glance**

*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed  
on our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

<b>Monday, Oct. 6</b>	9:00 a.m.	Monday Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	WELCA Executive Board Meeting, Undercroft
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Flaherty's Northfield Lanes
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Foundation, Fireside Room
		Girl Scouts Leader Meeting, Undercroft
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 7</b>	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	6:30 p.m.	Wellspring Circle, St. John's Library
	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Minister Training, Fireside Room
		NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 8</b>	9:30 a.m.	Lydia and Paul Circles, St. John's Hall
	11:15 a.m.	Personnel Committee, Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee, Fireside Room
	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall
		9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Mentor Training, Fireside Room
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	6:30 p.m.	Politics & Faith Discussion Group, St. John's Library
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
<b>Thursday, Oct. 9</b>	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library
	1:30 p.m.	Elizabeth Circle, St. John's Library
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers Rehearsal, Balcony
	7:00 p.m.	Courageous Conversations, St. John's Hall
<b>Friday, Oct. 10</b>	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Mary Circle, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, Oct. 11</b>	11:00 a.m.	St. John's Women's 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bday Bash, St. John's Hall
<b>Sunday, Oct. 12</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
		<i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 11.)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary



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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.*