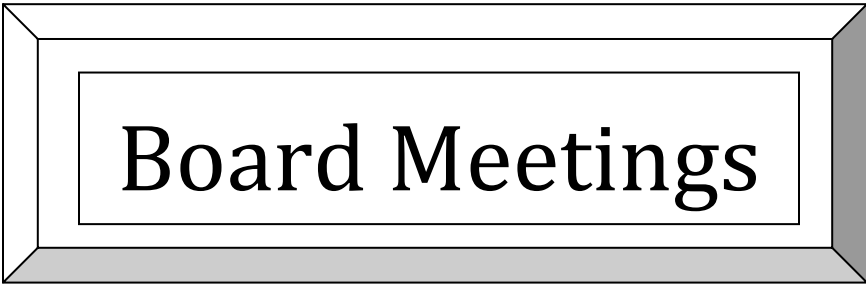

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Board Meetings

Board of Elders

The Bd. of Elders will meet on Mon., Sept. 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees

The Bd. of Trustees will meet on Mon., Sept. 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Evangelism

The Bd. of Evangelism will meet on Tues., Sept. 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Stewardship

The Bd. of Stewardship will meet on Mon., Sept. 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Education

The Bd. of Education will meet on Mon., Sept. 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Voters' Assembly

Our Voters' Assembly will meet on Monday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to the Voters' Assembly.

Please note that the church office will be closed on
Monday September 7 for Labor Day.

Our regular office hours are
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Reminder: Pastor's day off is Thursday.

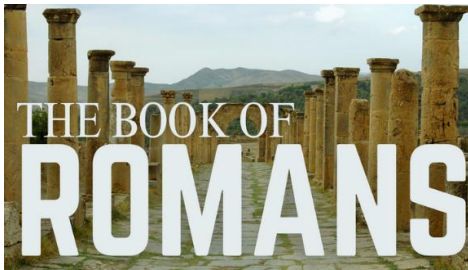


Pastor Pool's Sunday Bible Study The Gospel According to Job

Our Sunday class continues our study of the book of Job. But we

will take a two-week break for a special All-Church discussion of Stewardship. We encourage your attendance at these two important sessions. We meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome. Bring your Bible.

- September 6: Stewardship, Part 1
- September 13: Stewardship, Part 2
- September 20: Job 36: Elihu and God's Greatness
- September 27: Job 37: Elihu and God's Majesty



Tuesday Bible Study with Pastor The Book of Romans

Our Tuesday Bible Study is working through Paul's Epistle to the Romans. Now is a great time to join us! There is no cost. Bring

your Bible and your questions. We normally meet on the first and third Tuesdays. We have two class options at 9:30 am or 7:00 pm.

- September 1: More than Conquerors: Romans 8:31-39
- September 15: Are the Israelites God's People?: Romans 9:1-13

Prayer Services In The Chapel

Beginning Friday, September 4, we will be setting aside Fridays for prayer in the Little Chapel. Pastor will be leading Morning Prayer at 7:00 a.m. and The Litany at 12:00 p.m. The services will be brief, no more than 15 minutes. Join us before work or on your lunch hour.



St. John and the Stewardship of the Gospel

“For this reason, I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made

known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly.” -

Ephesians 3:1–3

There is that word: stewardship. It is a word that so many Christian people balk at. In fact, it isn’t really a joke that when the word “stewardship” is mentioned in Church, men guard their wallets and women clutch their purses. And most likely, the Church has earned this response.

Over the generations, the Church has allowed the word stewardship to become equated with the financial resources necessary to compensate staff and pay bills. But notice in Ephesians 3, Paul isn’t talking about money.

What Paul is talking about is real stewardship—the stewardship of God’s grace. That is the Gospel of Jesus Christ! The greatest gift that our Lord has given us to steward is His Gospel. This is the nature of the task given to the Church. And how we use our other resources tells a great deal about what we think of the Gospel.

This perspective is helpful. It also causes us some grief. None of us are always faithful in our stewardship. What Paul calls us to in these words is clarity and repentance. Today we ask the Lord to work in and through our personal and corporate stewardship for the purposes of the Gospel.

On the first two weeks of September, we will be discussing stewardship in my Sunday Morning Bible Study. We hope to have a fruitful conversation and lively discussion. I am asking the whole congregation to join us for this study.

Pastor

Sunday School

Weekly Sunday school classes begin on September 6. We meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Come and join us!



Sunday School Mission Project

The Fall Mission Project for this year's Sunday School offerings will go toward helping to support the Donivan Sirna family as Donivan prepares for his pastoral ministry at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis.

Parents With Young Kids Class – Room 5

This class meets at 9:00 a.m. in classrooms 5 and 6 (nursery) every Sunday and is designed for parents who have young children, preschoolers, or even kids on the way. Young adults without children are also invited to attend.

Kurt's Adult Bible Study – Room 1

Class meets at 9:00 a.m. each week as we go over the three readings in the lectionary for that Sunday; Old Testament, Epistle, and Holy Gospel. Our class is very informal and encourages questions. We have a fun time. Come and join us!

Confirmation Class



Class begins on Wednesday, September 2 at 7:00 p.m. Parents should accompany the students at the first class. The cost for materials is \$15 and can be paid on the first night. Checks should be made out to St. John. Class will meet each Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. September – April, except when the public school has vacation or closes school because of bad weather. Please talk to Pastor or call the office with any questions.

College Students

Parents of college students are asked to give a note to Camil Dell or to call the church office, 242-5588, with their student's college address. Students will be added to our mailing list and will receive the monthly newsletter.



Mary Martha

Mary Martha is having a Salad/ Sandwich/ Dessert Supper on Tuesday, September 8 at 6:00 p.m. Hostesses for the Supper are:

Salads: Patti Christiansen, Lisa Hagen

Sandwiches: Carol Hill, Marianne Wenzel

Desserts: Christine Frett, Janice Wheelock



Operation Christmas Child



In September we are collecting Toiletries: Combs, Brushes, Toothbrushes, Hair Ties, Mirrors, Nail Clippers, etc. (Please NO toothpaste, Ivory bar soap or liquid items)

OCC Boxes Are Ready to Take Home

We have the empty boxes ready to go and encourage every family to pick up a box, take it home, and fill it. Instructions are in the fellowship hall. It costs \$10 to ship each box. Please turn your shipping fee into the office with a note saying it's for OCC. Checks should be made out to St. John. You may also make financial donations toward OCC shipping by writing a note on your offering envelope throughout the year. Thank you!

OCC Fishing Kits

Help is needed to assemble fishing kits for our OCC boxes. This is something that would be done at your home. All the supplies and directions will be provided. Men are especially encouraged to get involved in OCC. Please contact Janice Wheelock if you are interested in getting started. Thanks!

National Back to Church Sunday

Sunday, September 20 is National Back to Church Sunday. If we haven't seen you for a while, we invite you to join us for this special Sunday. If you are a regular, invite a friend or family member. We receive the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation in the Divine Service. We need those gifts now and for eternity. Join us and receive all that God has for you.





St. John Blood Drive: Friday, October 2

Come to give on October 2, 2026, and we'll say thank you with a \$15 e-gift card to the merchant of your choice. Go to redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment, or sign-

up in the fellowship hall. Walk-ins are also welcome. Please sign up soon. Thanks for helping to save lives by donating blood.

Preschool News

St. John Preschool will open its doors on Tuesday, September 8 for the preschool's 55th year of operation. Please remember our staff, Cindy Sperry and Gina Andresen, and the children of St. John Preschool in your prayers as they begin another school year with Jesus at the center of all they do and learn. Thank you!



Raise Right Fundraiser

Our next RaiseRight order is due **September 6**. Please pick up an order form in the fellowship hall. Order forms, along with payment, may be placed in the blue box. Checks should be payable to St. John. Cards will be in your box on **September 13**. Thank you for supporting our Preschool!

Family Night

Family Night continues to meet each Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. throughout the year. Please watch your bulletins for schedule changes or cancelations. This weekly get-together is for families with young children up to the 5th grade. We share a meal, sing a hymn, teach the catechism, and enjoy some devotional time together. Help is needed with food and clean-up. Please see the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.



Special Giving Opportunities

This fall we continue preparing to replace the roof of our Education Building. Your gifts above your regular giving will greatly help us with this project. Consider



supporting Donovan Sirna as he prepares for the pastoral ministry at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. The local church has an important financial role in preparing future pastors. You may mark your offering envelopes for these special giving opportunities.

News From The Donovan Sirna Family

We're starting something new! With our move to St. Louis and this new season of life, we've decided to start sending a monthly family newsletter! Each issue will include updates on our family like what we've been up to, life at the seminary, photos, and even a theological tidbit from Donovan. If you'd like to receive it each month, please see the display in the fellowship hall and add your email address to the list.

Our Church is raising funds to help with Donovan's Seminary tuition. If you would like to support the Sirna family personally, you can send gifts directly. Their address is: 7 Founders Way Unit D, St. Louis, MO 63105.



Save The Date Higher Things 2027

Please plan to send your confirmed youth (8th grade through college age) to next year's Higher Things Youth Conference on June 22-25 at our own

Concordia University, Wisconsin. Registration is due by November 10. This one will sell out quickly, so please do not procrastinate!



September Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Sharon Gillette, who will be 84
on September 8.

September Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to:

Loren & Peggy Andresen, 50th Wedding
Anniversary on September 3.

Jay & Margie Mueller, 25th Wedding
Anniversary on September 8.

Marty & Brianna Bovis, 20th Wedding Anniversary on Sept. 9.

Dale & Lynn Schroeder, 25th Wedding Anniversary on Sept. 22.

We list birthdays 80 and above and anniversaries for year one and every five years thereafter unless we receive a request not to do so.



Holy Communion at Home

If you are at home and would like a visit from Pastor, please call the office to set up an appointment. He is glad to come and bring you God's Word and the Sacrament. Pastor also does a monthly service at the Alverno on the second Sunday of each month at 1:30. Visitors are generally welcome.



THOSE WHO SERVE IN SEPTEMBER

Early

Elders: Rick Eizenga
Kurt Flathers

Ushers: Bill Schemers
Daniel Schemers
Darrin Schemers

Late

Elders: Troy Bialas
Dave Becker

Ushers: Bryce Petersen
Randy Housenga
Ryan Dell
Kevin Dell

Recording

6 Darlene Paysen
13 Darlene Paysen
20 Darlene Paysen
27 Darlene Paysen

Acolyte Schedule

6 Early Elder
6 Late Elder
13 Early Elder
13 Late Ben Leslie
20 Early Elder
20 Late Elder
27 Early Elder
27 Late Aryanna Hagen

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: SEPT. 20

If you would like to put any information in the newsletter,
contact Camil Dell, and get her the information
by September 20.

