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Sunday Services in October

October 4: LWML Sunday, Pentecost 19

October 11: Mission Festival Sunday, Pentecost 20

October 18: Pentecost 21

October 25: Reformation Day (Observed)



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

Our Sunday class is wrapping up our study of the book of Job. We

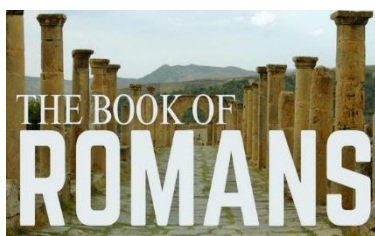
meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome. Bring your Bible.

October 4: Job 38: Then the Lord Answered

October 11: Job 39: The Witness of God's Creatures

October 18: Job 40: Job's First Repentance

October 25: Job 41: Behemoth and Leviathan



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. Notice the schedule is different this month. We have two class options at 9:30 am or 7:00 pm.

October 13: Prepared for Glory?: Romans 9:14-29

October 20: Prepared for Glory: Romans 9:30-10:13



Friday Prayer Services

Each Friday, we are meeting for prayer in our new Little Chapel. I hope you will join us. Morning Prayer (LSB 245) is at 7:00 am. We pray the Litany (LSB 288) at 12:00 pm. These services are brief, just 10-15 minutes. They include prayer and short readings from the Scriptures, the Church Fathers, the Reformers, and the Book of Concord.

For Morning Prayer, we have been using Responsive Prayer 2 (LSB 285). But we are beginning to learn the Morning Prayer Service. Some singing is involved. You can find this service on the Synod website, lcms.org. Just type Morning Prayer into their search engine. Look for the Liturgy Audio Collection. It is very easy to find.

Martin Luther once said, "To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing." If you struggle with your prayer life, these prayer services will help you grow.

If you are homebound and unable to make it to Sunday Services, we invite your attendance at our Prayer Services on Fridays. The chairs are comfortable, and the room is accessible. I am available to serve Holy Communion after either service.

Pastor

Pastor Gone

Pastor will be out of the office on Monday, October 5 and Tuesday, October 6. He will be attending the Iowa District East Fall Pastors' Conference.

Come Join Our Reformation Choir

There is a wonderful opportunity for you to sing praises to God on Reformation Sunday, October 25. We invite all St. Joh members to come sing in this special choir. If you are interested in being part of St. John's Reformation Choir, please join us for rehearsals on Wednesday, October 14 & 21 from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Our Family Night group has already been practicing the hymn "Lift High the Cross" which is the hymn we will be singing for both services on Reformation Sunday.

LWML Sunday, October 4

This year's theme continues a four-year cycle focusing on the LWML Mission Statement — *As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving*

others. For Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday 2026, we focus on **Supporting Missions**. As believers today, we are eager to follow the example of Christ and aid those in need. The Spirit of God places that eagerness to serve upon our hearts. We can't be everywhere to aid the missions, firsthand, that are set before us. The Lord does allow us to support those efforts that go forth in His name. May the Lord grant to us supportive hearts. Please put a donation in the large Mites box at the back of the church today, and continue to remember LWML throughout the year in your prayers and by contributing to their Mites collection.



Lutheran Women
in Mission

Sunday



Muffins for Mites Sunday, October 4

This year in celebration of LWML Sunday, October 4, the Mary Martha ladies are providing Muffins in the fellowship hall before and after early and late services. Stop by and pick up

one Muffin, or a half a dozen. A good will Mite offering will be appreciated. Your donation will help charities supported by LWML Mites, such as Lutheran Family Services, Pastoral Education, International Missions, Suicide Prevention and many others. Thank you for supporting LWML.

Mary Martha

Mary Martha will meet on Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30 p.m. Hostesses are Deanna Petersen and Debby Gosnell.

LWML Fall Rally

The LWML Fall Rally will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Clinton on Saturday, October 17, 2026. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. School kits will be packed for the Orphan Grain Train. All ladies are invited.

Grace Lutheran Church OctoberFeast

Please join us on Sunday, October 11 from 3:30 – 7:00 p.m. for our annual OctoberFeast. Advance tickets are available at Grace church, 415 10th St. DeWitt and are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-10. Questions? See the flyer on the bulletin board or contact Kerry at 563-659-9153 or kgood@gracedewitt.org.

Mission Festival Sunday October 11



This year for our Mission Festival, the Church is supporting Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, with our gifts designated for Donovan Sirna's tuition and support. Donovan will make a special presentation in October in Pastor's Bible class. We are excited about the excellent education and preparation that Concordia Seminary provides. An

envelope is provided in your box for this special gift, above and beyond your usual giving. We appreciate your generosity.

Sunday School Mission Project For October

In October, our Sunday School offerings will continue to go to help support the Sirna family as Donovan is completing his Seminary studies at Concordia in St. Louis. Please send your kids to Sunday school each week and make sure they bring an offering for this very important mission project.

Oktoberfest Potluck

Sunday, October 25

St. John will have an Oktoberfest Potluck on Sunday, October 25 after late service. The Board of Evangelism is sponsoring this and will provide Brats and hot dogs, drinks, and table service.

We encourage you to bring a favorite German dish or two to share. You are also welcome to bring regular potluck dishes such as salads, vegetables, potatoes, and desserts. Please join us for friends, food and fellowship.





Help Wanted For Family Night Meals on Wednesdays

Can you help out with Family Night Meals on Wednesday evenings? You can sign up to help just once—or you're welcome to pick multiple dates. Debby Gosnell will coordinate the meals and help with various tasks but would like a break from a weekly Wednesday evening commitment during the fall/winter months. Lisa Hagen has agreed to continue to serve the food and clean up afterwards, although she welcomes assistance if you can stay.

Ways to help:

1. **Prepare an entrée for a Wednesday meal (We plan for 12-14 adults and 9-10 children)**
2. **Drop off requested food items needed for upcoming meals.**
3. **Help with set-up and clean-up for a Wed. meal (5 - 6:30)**

Check the display in the Fellowship Hall for specific information on how to help and indicate which Wednesday you'll be assisting us. Thanks!!

Operation Christmas Child

We have empty boxes ready to go and would like to encourage every family to take home at least one box to fill this year. Boxes and instructions are in the fellowship hall. **Each box**



costs \$10 to ship so please either turn your shipping fee into the office with a note that it's for OCC, put your payment in your box, or pay your shipping fee online at samaritanspurse.org. Checks should be made out to St. John. Please also check the appropriate circle on the label so we know your payment is completed. If you don't care to fill a box, you can still make donations to OCC shipping by writing a note on your offering envelope. Thank you!

OCC Box Assembly Workshop October 6 – 1:00 P.M.

Mary Martha will be holding an OCC Box Assembly on Tues., Oct. 6 at 1:00 p.m. Assistance is also needed on Mon., Oct. 5 at 1:00 p.m. to set out supplies in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome to come and help. *Many hands make light work.* Thanks!

Preschool News

We have another great class this year! We are serving 14 children from 12 families. Four of the children are returning 4/5-year-olds. Two children weren't ready last year and are flourishing this year. Four other children are siblings of past students. And finally, four children are from families that are new to our school. We have families taking advantage of all our program options including: 5-day, 3-day, and 2-day. We feel very blessed to get to work with all of these sweet children and their families. We have begun talking about God, His true words in the Bible, and his creation. We will continue to learn about Old Testament Heroes of the Bible including Joshua, Gideon, Samuel, David, and Elijah. We pray daily and give thanks for our many blessings and to ask for God's care of our families by name. Outdoors the children are enjoying the big pile of sand, the mud kitchen, the water pump and the swings. We love seeing them run out to our little hut and grab a book to sit and read. Today they found walnuts to throw into the creek and they have even adventured into the woods to walk our trail on multiple occasions. Indoors the children have been building with blocks, painting, and playing in our home center. We are excited about an upcoming visit from Clinton County Conservation to talk about butterflies, a visit from the Clinton Fire Department and a field trip to Selmi's Pumpkin Patch. Thank you to each of you for your support and prayers.



Preschool T-Shirt Orders

The preschool has t-shirts and sweatshirts for sale with the full color preschool logo on a gray background. The cost for Sm. – XL is \$16 for t-shirts, \$24 for sweatshirts, and \$38 for hoodies. The extended sizes are \$3 more per item. You can find order forms in the fellowship hall and orders are due on Sunday, October 18. This is not a fundraiser but wearing a school shirt is a great way to show your support for our ministry.

Raise Right Fundraiser Due October 4

RaiseRight order are due **Oct. 4**. Completed forms along with payment may be placed in the blue box in the fellowship hall.

Church Membership Directory

There is a rough draft copy of the Membership Directory in the fellowship hall. Please take a look at it and make any changes to your information directly on the rough draft.

Please look at the listings of your grown children and update or remove any incorrect information.

New Directories will be available in January.



St. John Trunk or Treat

The Board of Evangelism is hosting a Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 30 in the St. John East parking lot. It will be held from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. and will happen in conjunction with the Lyon's Trick or Treat event on Main Ave. We would love to have members sign up and participate by decorating their car and handing out candy. The Board of Evangelism will provide supplies to decorate your vehicle, or you may decorate it yourself. We are now accepting donations of candy. Watch for the display in the fellowship hall and sign up soon.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

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Mark your calendar. Beginning Nov. 1, we will be receiving **non-perishable, non-expired**, Thanksgiving food items in the hallway by classroom 1 to give to families connected with our congregation who are in need.

Suggested items to donate are: boxed potatoes, canned vegetables, canned fruits, stuffing mix, mushroom soup, boxed dessert mixes, boxed muffin mixes, gravy mixes, cranberry sauce, pudding or Jello mixes, dessert mixes, etc. Let the office know if you, or someone you know, would like to receive a box. Thanksgiving boxes will be assembled and delivered after late service on Sunday, November 22. Your help is appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS!



October Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Claudia Schenk, who will be 83 on October 3.

Ronald McGauvran, who will be 93 on October 4.

Thomas Judd, who will be 81 on October 10.

Jan Peters, who will be 83 on October 16.

Ann Hansen, who will be 95 on October 25.



October Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to:

Carl & Lisa LeQue,

50th Wedding Anniversary on October 1.

Andrew & Jenny Pladna,

10th Wedding Anniversary on October 8.

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 OCTOBER

Early

Elders: Jim Schnitzmeyer
Dave Reynolds

Ushers: Tom Colschen
Jon & Lewis
Meyermann

Late

Elders: Tom Hardersen
James McHugh

Ushers: Kevin Montgomery
Pete Sirna

Recording

4 Darlene Paysen
11 Darlene Paysen
18 Darlene Paysen
25 Darlene Paysen

Acolyte Schedule

4 Early Elder
4 Late Ben Leslie
11 Early Sophia Ugargh
11 Late Caroline K.
18 Early Elder
18 Late Abel Thomas
25 Early Dylan S.
25 Late Aryanna Hagen

NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 20

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