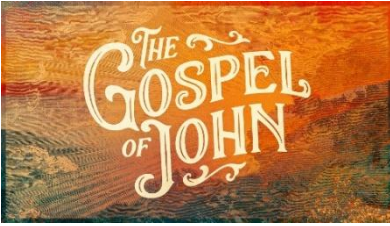


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**Pastor Pool's
Sunday Bible Study
The Gospel of John**

In August we continue our study of the Gospel of John. We are looking at this beautiful Gospel

verse by verse. We meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome. Bring your Bible. *Now is a wonderful time to join us in this study!*

- August 3: John 14:15-31: If You Love Me
- August 10: John 15:1-17: I Am the True Vine
- August 17: John 15:18-27: If the World Hates You
- August 24: John 16:1-15: The Spirit of Truth
- August 31: John 16:16-33; I Have Overcome the World



**Tuesday Bible Study with Pastor
Dreams and Visions in the Bible**

Our Tuesday Bible study continues our look at the dreams and visions of the Bible. God spoke to His ancient people in various ways. We will look at the experiences of the Patriarchs, Prophets, and Pentecost. Our

goal is to understand how and why God gave these revelations. We meet the first and third Tuesdays. Class is at 9:30 am or 7:00 pm.

- August 5: Zechariah's Horsemen and a Golden Lampstand
- August 19: Zechariah and John (New Testament)



Summer Services: The Fruit of the Spirit

The Service of Prayer and
Preaching

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

- August 6: Joy
August 13: Love
August 20: Crucifying the Sinful Nature
August 27: The Fruit of the Spirit Revisited

Children's Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday School will meet on Sunday, August 3, at 9:00 a.m. Kids of all ages are invited to join us. The theme for Summer Sunday School is "Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord all the Earth." Each class will include a lesson and music-centered craft. Our Sunday School offerings continue to go to the St. John Organ Repair Fund.



Mary Martha

The Mary Martha Society will meet on Tuesday, August 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Hostesses are Carol Stuedemann and Lori Eberhart. All ladies are invited to join us.

Youth Catechesis: Mark Your Calendar

Youth Catechesis, for those entering 6th grade or older, begins on Wednesday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. At the first class, Parents and students will meet together from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. The cost for student materials is just \$15 and may be paid at the first class. Please make checks payable to St. John. Youth Catechesis will meet each Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Beginning September 17 – April, except when the public schools schedule a vacation or close school because of bad weather. Watch future bulletins for more information. Letters were sent to eligible students in July. Please call the church office with any questions.





Memorizing the Fruit of the Spirit

I have challenged the congregation to learn the fruit of the Spirit this summer. Yes, I want you to memorize this list. We all did plenty of memorizing in school. But to set God's Word in our heart serves a nobler goal.

We find the list of the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."

Theologian Dallas Willard says it this way, "Bible memorization is absolutely fundamental to spiritual formation. If I had to choose between all the disciplines of the spiritual life, I would choose Bible memorization, because it is a fundamental way of filling our minds with what it needs. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth. That's where you need it! How does it get in your mouth? Memorization."

Martin Luther knew so much of the Bible from memory that when the Lord opened his eyes to see the truth of justification in Romans 1:17, he said, "Thereupon I ran through the Scriptures from memory," in order to confirm what he had found.

God's Word changes us. It renews us. It messes with us. It even helps us in our battle against sin. I like the way the Psalmist says it in Psalm 119:10-11, "With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."

If you haven't come on Wednesday nights, I encourage you to join us. And if you haven't internalized this list of the fruit of the Spirit, let's do it together this month. It breaks down easily and even thematically into three sets of three.

Love, joy, peace—patience, kindness, goodness—faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

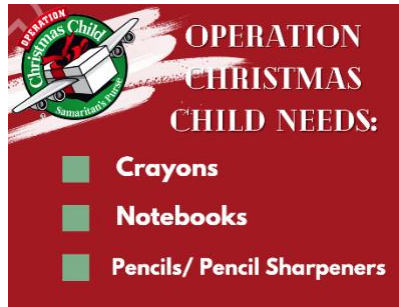
“Heavenly Father, I pray that this day I may live in Your presence and please You more and more. Lord Jesus, I pray that this day I may take up my cross and follow You. Holy Spirit, I pray that this day you will fill me with Yourself and cause Your fruit to ripen in my life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Amen.”

God’s Peace,
Pastor

Operation Christmas Child: August Collection

In August we are collecting school supplies:

- **Pencils**
- **Sharpener**s
- **Crayons**
- **coloring books**
- **paper**
- **pencil bags**
- **glue sticks** (no liquid glue)
- **sling bags**



The ages are 2-14, boys and girls. Please place your **NEW** items in the bin by in the fellowship hall.

Raise Right Fundraiser



Our next order is due **August 3**. Cards will be in your box on **August 10**. Please place your order form and payment in the blue box in the fellowship hall. If you’re looking for a

gift card that isn’t listed on the sheet, you can look online to see if it is offered and then write it in on the order form. Thank you for participating in the Raise Right fundraising program for our preschool.

Save the Date

The St. John Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 24 following late service. Each family is asked to bring two dishes to share; a single person may bring one dish. Please choose from: potatoes, salads, vegetables, or desserts. The meat, rolls, beverage, and table service will be provided. Come for wonderful food and fellowship, indoor and outdoor games, and activities! A great finale to our Summer Sunday School and a kick-off for Fall Sunday School which resumes on Sunday, September 7.



Picnic Volunteers Will Be Needed

A sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall for volunteers to help with various tasks for the Church Picnic on August 24. Help is needed: In the kitchen during late service, cleaning the kitchen after dinner, and cleaning up the building & grounds at the end of the picnic.



Sunday School

Our Fall Sunday School program begins on **Sunday, September 7**. Sunday school meets every Sunday morning from 9 – 10 a.m.

Following is a list of Teachers, Grades, and Classrooms:

9 th – 12 th Grade	Ross Eberhart	Mother's Room
5 th – 8 th Grade	Sallie Pool	Classroom 2
2 nd – 4 th Grade	Janice Wheelock	Classroom 4
Pre K – 1 st Grade	Sarah Flathers	Classroom 5
	Sheryl Jindrich	
PWYK Class	Lucas Krueger	Nursery
	Donivan Sirna	

Mark Your Calendar

The next American Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by St. John Lutheran Church will be held on **Friday, September 19 from 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.** Please think about signing up to donate. You can make an appointment at redcrossblood.org or sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall and Camil will schedule your appointment for you.



Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. So far St. John has hosted 8 blood drives total, and we have collected 179 units of blood. That is an average of 22 units per drive. Thanks for helping to save lives!

Below are the results from our June 13, 2025 Blood Drive:

Donor Goal	35	Donors
Presenting donors:	14	Donors
Blood Units Goal:	21	Units
Whole blood collected:	10	Units
Power reds collected:	6	Units
Total Units Collected:	16	Units



St. John Family Night

Each Wednesday from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., St. John hosts a family night for families with kid's Pre-K through 5th grade.

The night includes a shared meal, devotions, singing, fun, and time with the Small Catechism. Parents will meet together with kids and also with each other for conversation. Help is needed with meals and clean-up. Please sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall if you would like to provide food and/or volunteer. Thanks!

Preschool News

August is an exciting month! While the children are still enjoying the end of summer break, Cindy and Gina will soon be at work setting up the classroom, prepping the playground, meeting our new



students and their families, and welcoming back our returning students. The first day of preschool for the 2025/2026 school year is Tuesday, September 2. We still have openings, so please spread the word about our fabulous Christian, play-based preschool! To begin an application, please go to: stjohn-clinton-ia.org and click on the preschool tab. All paperwork may be filled out online. Please sign up soon.

Preschool Work Day – Saturday, August 9

Preschool begins Tuesday, September 2 and there is plenty to do to prepare our outdoor classroom. Please consider coming on Saturday, August 9 at 9:00 a.m. to help us get ready. Below is a list of some of the projects we will be working on:

Trail Work: picking up glass & trash, clearing areas that have grown over, spreading mulch using shovels and buckets, and trimming small eye-height branches.

Raised Garden Bed: Putting together a corrugated 4x2x1 metal garden bed, filling it with filler and dirt, and then planting a few herbs and flowers. (If you have non-poisonous plants that like shade, I would be happy to take donations) It's for the children to care for, cut, and use in our mud kitchen.

Installing Outdoor Library: digging a post hole and attaching a tiny outdoor library for children's use.

Weeding: pulling weeds from our sand pile and in the mulched area.

Moving Supplies: Carrying boxes from the education wing to the playground.

Unpacking Supplies: unpacking a lot of new smaller items and placing them in the appropriate cabinets.

Toy Assembly: Assembling new as needed.

Pumping Up Balls





August Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Kathleen Schrader, who will be 81 on August 22.

Darlene Detlefsen, who will be 85 on August 25.

James Harper, who will be 85 on August 27.

Marlene Greve, who will be 82 on August 28.

August Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to:

Richard & Theresa Stahl 35th wedding anniversary on August 11.

Wade & Stacey Lamp 10th wedding anniversary on August 15.

Troy & Barb Bialas 30th wedding anniversary on August 20.

Adam & Sarah Barkley 15th wedding anniversary on August 23.



CONGRATULATIONS!

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 AUGUST

Early

Elders: David Reynolds
Bill Ross

Ushers: Jon Meyermann
Craig Miller
Rick Christiansen

Late

Elders: James McHugh
Lucas Krueger

Ushers: Tom McHugh
Jay Mueller
Eli Mueller

Recording

3 – Darlene Paysen
10 – Darlene Paysen
17 – Darlene Paysen
24 – Darlene Paysen
31 – Darlene Paysen

Acolyte Schedule

3 Early Elder
3 Late Elder
10 Early Elder
10 Late Elder
17 Early Elder
17 Late Elder
24 Early Elder
24 Late Elder
31 Early Elder
31 Late Lainey Schroeder

Wednesday Night Elders

6 Kurt Flathers
13 James McHugh
20 Rick Eizenga
27 Rick Eizenga

NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE: AUGUST 20

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

