

# St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

## May 2025

**Mission Statement:** We are called by God to be the light of the world. We are to go forth and show Jesus' love and forgiveness through loving care for all God's creation.

**Newsletter Deadline**

The June newsletter deadline is Wednesday, May 22nd. Thank you!

**Scrip Corner**

Thank you everyone that has been purchasing scrip. We have had some great sales recently. Please keep up the good work to help St John Lutheran Church.

**Assistive Listening Devices** are available in the Narthex on the south wall.

**Altar Guild**

If anyone would like to help Altar Guild, we need one to two people for July. Please contact the office if you are interested in helping.

**Flower and Bulletin Donations**

If you would like to donate flowers or towards the bulletins, there is a sign up sheet in the East entryway on the corkboard.

# Strategic Planning Update

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, we will have a congregation wide Strategic Planning Session to form a **Purpose Statement**. The Purpose Statement is a robust description of our congregation's reason for existing – our understanding of God's purpose for placing us in this place, at this time, and with these people. The Core Planning Team will work to create a draft before this meeting that the congregation is invited to refine this statement. A purpose statement serves as a filter to help us to determine what is important and what is not. It also serves to identify boundaries to keep us focused on what we are here to do.

In our previous meetings we worked to identify St. John Lutheran Church's Core Values. We learned that some of our values were **Active Core Values**, meaning that we were currently engaging in activities that demonstrated those particular core values. We also identified ways in which we could strengthen our Active Core Values by adding or improving certain activities. We then identified **Aspirational Core Values**, which are values that we strive to embody, but may not yet fully reflection through our current actions or culture. As we considered these Aspirational Core Values, we discussed what actions we could take to make our Aspirational Values, Active Values.

Our next steps, following our purpose statement, will be to put together a mission statement, vision statement, and finally, create SMART (Specific, Measurable Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound) Goals. I invite you to be part of this process as we look forward to the continuing ministry of the Gospel here at St. John Lutheran.

In Christ,

Pastor Lorfeld.

# Lutheran Hour Broadcast

The Lutheran Hour can be heard on the following radio stations on Sunday Morning:  
WAXX 104.5 FM at 6:30 a.m.; WDLB 1450 AM at 8 a.m.; WDUX 92.7 FM at 8 a.m.;  
WSAU 99.9 FM at 8:30 a.m.; and WRVM 91.3 FM, 94.3 FM or 101.3 FM at 10 a.m.

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### May 4

#### **"An Old Place, A New Beginning"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola

God is the Searcher Who will not stop looking for us. In our lonely hiding place, He says, "I knew I would find you here."

(John 21:1-19)

### May 11

#### **"How to Be Happy"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Lasting happiness is found in surrender, rather than control.

(John 15:11)

### May 18

#### **"Truth That Takes Us In"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus is the Truth Who will take you in to live like He lives, planted in God His Father's love.

(John 15:9)

### May 25

#### **"What's Your Story?"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Gregory Manning

Our difficulties often become the backdrop against which God reveals His faithfulness. Each challenge is an opportunity for Him to display His power.

(John 9:1-11)