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## **August 2025**

Saturdays: 4pm Divine Service

Sundays: 9:30am Divine Service

Wednesdays: 6pm Worship Service

(Divine Service w/communion every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)

Monday Bible Study in August

August 21 Coffee with Friends

August 28 Lutheran Women in Mission

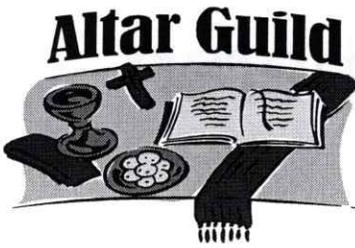
# August 2025

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September 2025						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jul 27	28	29	30	31	Aug 1	2 4:00pm Saturday Worship Service
3 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship	4 1:00pm Adult Bible Study	5	6 6:00pm Midweek Worship Service	7	8	9 4:00pm Saturday Worship Service
10 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship	11 1:00pm Adult Bible Study	12	13 6:00pm Midweek Worship Service	14	15	16 10:00am Trail Life Fundraiser at Corn 4:00pm Saturday Worship Service
17 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship	18 1:00pm Adult Bible Study	19	20 6:00pm Midweek Worship Service	21 9:00am Coffee with Friends (Church) 6:00pm Elders Meeting 7:00pm Council Meeting	22	23 4:00pm Saturday Worship Service
24 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship	25 1:00pm Adult Bible Study	26	27 6:00pm Midweek Worship Service	28 1:00pm Lutheran Women in Mission	29	30 4:00pm Saturday Worship Service
31 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship	Sep 1	2	3	4	5	6

The Lord's Supper is offered every Saturday, Sunday, and on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month.



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Office hours: Mon-Thurs 9am-2pm

Office Phone: 715-423-7788

Head Elder: Doug Ross:

715-570-0814

Altar Guild: Kaitlyn Federwitz: 715-424-0797

Birthdays	Anniversaries	Elder Schedule
3 <sup>rd</sup> Joslyn Miller	8 <sup>th</sup> Toni & Jodi Lomma	Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chuck Bossingham
3 <sup>rd</sup> Eliyjah Obemberger	15 <sup>th</sup> Jerry & Darlene Swen	Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jeff Zimmerman
4 <sup>th</sup> Anthony Lomma	17 <sup>th</sup> Ronald & Laurel Zagel	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Scott Federwitz
6 <sup>th</sup> Kate Piper	26 <sup>th</sup> Robert & Lydia Greening	Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Jim Schoenick
9 <sup>th</sup> Carroll Knutson	31 <sup>st</sup> Richard & Barb Kronenberg	Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Chuck Peters
10 <sup>th</sup> Jordon Ashenberg	h	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Justin Jinsky
11 <sup>th</sup> Ryan Richmond		Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Chuck Peters
11 <sup>th</sup> Ariana Hanneman		Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Jeff Zimmerman
12 <sup>th</sup> Bonnie Timm		Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Jim Schoenick
14 <sup>th</sup> Killian Federwitz		Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> R.D. Manke
18 <sup>th</sup> Bruce Gordon		Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Bill Coley
19 <sup>th</sup> Camila Contreras		Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Lew Porter
23 <sup>rd</sup> Robert Hanneman		Sat.30 <sup>th</sup> Jeff Gellerman
24 <sup>th</sup> Harper Dobratz		Sun.31 <sup>st</sup> Doug Ross
25 <sup>th</sup> Harper Rosenthal		
26 <sup>th</sup> Dixie Richmond		
28 <sup>th</sup> Ashley Richmond		
28 <sup>th</sup> Kendra Ashenberg		
30 <sup>th</sup> Carter Swen		
31 <sup>st</sup> Beth Krey		
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# St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

## August 2025

**Mission Statement:** Our mission is to proclaim Christ crucified and worship the Holy Trinity.

**Purpose Statement:** By the work of the Holy Spirit we are gathered together in Christ to proclaim the good news of Jesus and mercy of God to all people in our community. We do this through historical, biblical, Christ-centered worship and teaching.

### **Lutheran Women In Mission**

The Lutheran Women in Mission meetings will be on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

### **August Organ Fund Update**

Thank You! Thank You! to all who have so generously donated to the Organ Fund. The total received to date is over \$48,000.00 with a balance of approximately \$ 31,000.00.

Donations have been received from MANY individuals along with donations from ORGANITATIONS within St. John Church.

Donations may be made by using the “Organ Fund” envelopes on the Thermometer board, placing your donation in the Offering Plate or you may use your own envelope— (PLEASE note “ORGAN FUND” and your name on the envelope). Donations may also be placed in the Church Office or mailed to

St. John Ev. Lutheran, 8020 South Park Road, Wisconsin Rapids, WI. 54494.

We are getting closer to the goal...we can almost hear the music!

Thank You again to ALL who have made Organ Fund donations!

### **Wednesday School**

We are gearing up for fall and the start of Wednesday School. Student and parent orientation will be on Wednesday, September 3. Now is the time to register your children. You can do so at:

<https://tinyurl.com/ykcrd2k9>

If you are interested in helping, please contact Pastor Lorfeld at [pastor@stjohnkellner.org](mailto:pastor@stjohnkellner.org)



## Remembering

On August 17, the Lutheran Church commemorates Johann Gerhard, one of the most prominent theologians in our history. Gerhard was a teacher and author. Born on October 17, 1582 in Quedlingburg, Germany, he grew up in a time that would come to be known as the Golden Age of Lutheran Orthodoxy. Johann was promoted to Bishop (Overseer) and professor before even becoming a pastor. His duties included visiting and teaching congregations as well as duties as a professor at the University of Jena. He had a methodical and organized mind that led to his writing of a series of books called "Theological Commonplaces." Each book takes up a topic such as, The Church, Sacred Scripture, the Mystery of the Trinity, and the Sacraments (amongst others). Johann lived during the very tumultuous time of the Thirty Years War. On August 17, 1637, Gerhard died from an illness.

This commemoration is one example of a very salutary practice in the Church of remembering those who have gone before us. We remember their contributions to the faith, their lives, and especially that they, like us, endured all sorts of trials and tribulations in their lives, yet by the Grace of God, endured with faith, trusting in Jesus for their salvation.

Johann Gerhard's commemoration is significant to me as it is also the day on which I was baptized in 1980. While I don't remember it, as I was only 6 weeks old, that day was one of the most significant days of my life. It is also the reason for this Pastoral Letter.

Baptism connects us to the Body of Christ. St. Paul writes "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his." - Romans 6:3-5.

Lutherans talk about "remembering your baptism." In a way, it is like remembering historical events or the lives of those who lived long ago. Often, we are not able to literally remember such events. However, "remembering" is something that we do of real events that happened in history that have significance to this day.

Baptism is more than just a human activity. It is God's Work. It still has significance for every day of your life. Paul continues: "We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him." - Romans 6:6-8

So remember your baptism! How? Well, you can celebrate it like a birthday, candle and all. You can also read what Holy Scripture teaches about Baptism in Romans 6, Matthew 28, and 1 Peter 3. The Small Catechism also instructs us: "[Baptism] indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever."

*God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it, gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free, Lasting to eternity!*

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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August 3rd

## **"A Little Light, Reading"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The Book of Job is not light reading, but Christians read it in the Light of Christ.

(Job 1:8)

August 10th

## **"Fearless and Endless Growing"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola

God's Word grows like a perfect garden, bearing fruit in every season.

(Colossians 1:1-14)

August 17th

## **"God's Plan = Jesus"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's plans for us are not me-centered; they are Christ-centered. Dr. Zeigler talks with "Soul Surfer" author, Bethany Hamilton.

(John 16:33)

August 24th

## **"Getting the Talk Started"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's Law-talk prepares us for God's Gospel-talk. Author Tim Carter (The Executioner's Redemption) is featured.

(Luke 11:1)