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September 2025

Saturdays: 4pm Divine Service

Sundays: 9:30am Divine Service

Wednesdays: 6pm Worship Service (Divine Service w/communion every 1st & 3rd

Wednesday)

Monday Bible Study in September

September 18 Coffee with Friends

September 25 Lutheran Women in Mission

September 2025

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

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



Fall Harvest and Bake Sale



Saturday, October 25, 2025

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**St. John Lutheran Church
Kellner**

Corner of 80th Street South and South Park Road
(The Stone Church on the corner by South Wood County Park)

Bar-B-Que Luncheon Served

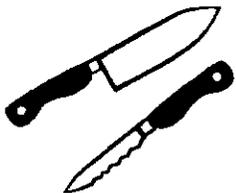
“Theme Basket” Raffle



**Some Items Include:
Quality Homegrown Produce
Canned Fruits and Vegetables
Used Book Sale
Decorations and Crafts**

Kitchen Knives and Accessories.

**Our famous Baked Goods
and much, much more!**



**Help make the
Fall Harvest & Bake Sale
on October 25th
a success!**

This event is for the benefit of the entire congregation!

Help by donating any of the following items:

Fresh Farm Produce

Canned Goods

Baked Goods

***Handcrafts of all kinds—**

Soft goods and Hard goods

***Child and Baby items *Toys**

***Woodcrafts *Bird Feeders *Bird Houses**

***Paintings *Drawings *Sculptures**

Fall & Holiday Decorations

Or any item(s) you would like to contribute

All donations are appreciated

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

September 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 September 25th at 1pm.

September Wednesday Evening Following Meals. Please join us between 5 & 6 for a meal, followed by church from 6 to 6:30 and weekday school following the service.

Mark Your Calendars!!! Dellwood Sand County Players are presenting... St John members friends are invited to attend **Friday, November 7th or Sunday, November 9th** cost of the beautiful Buffet Dinner and the play has not been determined, more info to come as it is available.

September 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 ORGANIZATIONS 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!

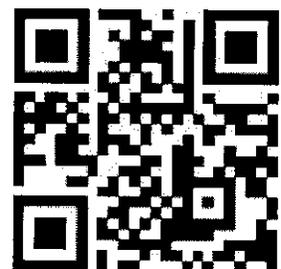
Thank You again to ALL who have made Organ Fund donations!

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



Strategic Planning Update

We took a break in July and August from our Strategic Planning, but now in September we jump back in. We are entering the home stretch of this planning process. This month we begin session 7 of 9: Creating a Vision Statement.

Before explaining what that entails, I would like to review what we have accomplished so far.

We have created a 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.

We have created a Mission Statement:

Our mission is to proclaim Christ crucified and worship the Holy Trinity.

These two statements were build off of our identification of our active and aspirational core values, namely, Christ Centered Worship, Lutheran Doctrine, Christian Growth (Catechesis), Youth Ministry & Education, Outreach, and Evangelism. Our purpose statement helps us to focus on our “Why” as a congregation. Why do we exist? Why do we do what we do? Our mission statement tells the world “What” we are focused on as a congregation.

Now we come to a very fun portion of the planning process: Crafting Vision Statements. A Vision Statement is what a description of a mission statement will look like when it is put into practice. It is a “preferred future under God’s blessing.” Many vision statements will be created for each area of ministry.

Here a couple of words of admonishment are in order. First, we are not in any way claiming to know the mind of God. These “Vision Statements” are hopes and aspirations of what a possible future may look like. Second, we must recognize that God may have a different future in mind for us. We may paint a picture of what ministry down the road might look like only for God to direct us down another path. Therefore, we must have a certain humility in our work in this section of our planning process.

With that said, this can be one of the most fun portions of planning. It can be encouraging to hear from others the possibilities that they can imagine.

In order for this to be a success, we would like to have as many people as possible attend this session. We will be holding it at 10 AM on September 13.

I hope to see you there

- 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.

September 2025

September 7th

"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)

September 14th

"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)

September 21st

"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)

September 28th

"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)

Notice: The Council Minutes printed below are for communication purposes only.
St. John Council members have not approved these minutes.

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

A Member Congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Matthew D. Lorfeld, Pastor
8020 South Park Road
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Council Meeting **Thursday, August 21, 2025**

Call to Order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Craig Timm with 18 members present.

Call for additional Agenda Items: Weekday Meal Monies-Kaitlyn Federwitz.
Old Organ Bench- Donna Weber.

Opening Devotions led by Pastor Lorfeld based on Matthew 18 v 15.

Minutes from June 19, 2025 were reviewed. Motion made to accept the printed Minutes by Chuck Peters, seconded by R.D. Manke. Motion carried.

Treasurers Reports from June 1-30 and July 1-31/25 were presented. Motion by Chuck Peters, seconded by R.D. Manke to approve. Motion carried.

2026 Budget information must be submitted by September 30. Presentation to Council, for review, in October and Council to approve in November and then presented to the Congregation at the January Annual Meeting.

Pastor's Report: Pastor stated there have been no membership changes. A secretaries training is scheduled in Wausau and Gerilynn will be asked to attend. Pastor's Conference, October 19-21 is a mandatory attendance by all pastors. Strategic Planning Committee will meet on Saturday, September 13 at 10 a.m. to work on the Vision Statement.

Old Business:

Investment Group, Craig Timm noted that the issue is being worked on.

Officers & Board Update: Chuck Bossingham noted the roster is complete. Any changes, please contact him. Thank You to all who have served and continue to serve.

Trustee Report: Jerry Swen reported that Barry bought the blower motor from the old organ for \$500.00. The amount will be subtracted from the final bill. The Bell Tower rope and mechanisms need attention.

Scrip Report: Chuck Bossingham stated that Chris Doers and Cindy Lau have taken the position of overseeing the account. Statement needs to be available for WoodTrust Bank. Should read as follows: St. John Lutheran Church, 8020 South Park Road, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494 to change signatures of the Scrip account to add Chris Doers and Cynthia Lau to the account as signatories, and Sharon Coley be removed from the account.

Youth Account: St. John Lutheran Church, 8020 South Park Road, Wisconsin Rapids, WI. 54494 to change signature of the Youth account to add Kaitlyn Federwitz as account signatory, and Brenda Prange be removed from the account.
Motion made by Chuck Bossingham, seconded by Chuck Peters to approve the changes. Motion carried.

Mr. Bossingham noted that inventory of some Scrip Card businesses will be reduced. Special orders are accepted. Turn-around time for special orders is 1-2 weeks.

New Business:

Weekday Meals: Kaitlyn Federwitz stated that there is \$529 on hand. She will retain \$229 in Petty Cash. The remaining \$300 will be divided between the Kitchen Supply Closet and the Organ Fund.
Meals will begin on Wednesday, September 3rd.

Chimes from old organ: Donna Weber stated that Bailey (organ set-up) noted that St. Paul, Wisconsin Rapids may be interested in purchasing the chimes. Motion made by Chuck Bossingham, seconded by Doug Ross to follow through with the offer. Motion carried.

Old Organ Bench: Donna Weber suggested that the old bench be refinished and re-purposed for use in the church. Information is being gathered. Motion made by Darlene Swen, seconded by Donna Weber to re-do the bench. Motion carried.

Treasurer Replacement: Craig Timm noted that the project continues.

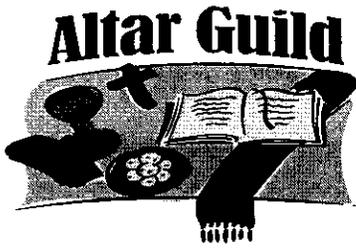
Organ Fund Raising projects: Pastor noted that a concert series is in the planning stages and guest organists will be invited to participate. Suggests were made to coordinate with the Bible School theme of "Make a Joyful Noise", Penny War by students and a "Loose Change" collection.

Memorial Committee Report: The Video Cabinet has been installed (8/21/25) by Haas Builders and Design.

Weekday School Parent Orientation will be on **Wednesday, September 3rd.**
Weekday School Classes begin on **September 10th.**

Adjournment and closing prayer at 8:10 p.m. followed by the **Benediction.**

Respectfully submitted,
Judith A. Shepard
Congregational Secretary



September 2025

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Office Phone: 715-423-7788

Head Elder: Jeff Zimmerman

715-325-5270

Altar Guild: Darlene & Kylie Swen

715-213-5636

Birthdays		Elder Schedule
1 st Laura Neinfeldt	25 th Micah Lorfeld	Wed 3 rd Lew Porter
2 nd Emily Saeger	25 th Liyah Lawson	Sat.6 th R.D. Manke
3 rd Star Anacher	25 th Bailey Twinn	Sun.7 th Chuck Peters
3 rd Grayson Zimmerman	25 th Sharon Dix	Wed.10 th Scott Federwitz
4 th Kaitlyn Federwitz	26 th Aleda Peters	Sat.13 th Chuck Bossingham
4 th Anissa Rosenthal	27 th Laurel Twinn	Sun.14 th Jeff Zimmerman
5 th Charlotte Goldberg	28 th Shirley Zimmerman	Wed.17 th Doug Ross
6 th Cynthia Lau	29 th Jerry Bubolz	Sat.20 th Jim Schoenick
7 th Paige Dobratz	30 th Jean Zeman	Sun.21 st Bill Coley
8 th Khloe Maleport	30 th Dylan Rosenthal	Wed.24 th Justin Jinsky
10 th Kaydence Adams		Sat.27 th Jeff Gellerman
11 th Roland Ashbeck		Sun.28 th Doug Ross
12 th Viktor Federwitz	Anniversaries	
14 th Jeff Gellerman	3 rd Lynn & Sharon Dix	
15 th Scott Federwitz	6 th John & Kaylee Hall	
16 th Sandra Mueller	19 th Randy & Beth Krey	
16 th Aubrie Anderson	25 th Scott & Kaitlyn Federwitz	
19 th Bonnie Hansen	27 th John & Vicki Alft	
19 th James Kiedrowski		
20 th Tara Bonilla		
21 st Lester Heindl		
21 st Sharon Goldberg		
22 nd Cody Kiedrowski		
22 nd Keith Gussel		