

JUNE 15, 2025

THE WEEKLY WORD

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



MEDITATION

Acts 2: 22-36

As we celebrate Father's Day, there are just some things that are difficult to explain like, "Why is the sky blue?" and "Were there dinosaurs on the ark?" Answers to these questions can hardly be answered with a limited number of words. That is certainly the case when we try to answer complex questions about who God is and what we believe about the Holy Trinity.

We begin with what we know. We are witnesses of Christ's suffering and death, His resurrection and ascension, the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and Christ's promise to return to judge the living and the dead. We worship One God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Three persons in one God and one God in three persons. Each person is distinct from the other, unique in their role, and coeternal together.

As we celebrate the Holy Trinity we believe and confess that Jesus is both God and man. He gives glory to the Father and points to the Holy Spirit in a "divine dance" of sorts. This conjures up more questions that we must accept by faith. Together we echo the final words of the Athanasian Creed, "Whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved." Oh Holy Trinity, we believe in You.

PRAYER

Oh Holy Trinity, You alone are God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Through the many questions in this life we believe in You. You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Deepen our understanding of who You are and the confidence to believe that You died so that we might be one with You in eternity. Enlighten our hearts and give us the desire to hold fast to the faith which we proclaim. Amen

Pastor Snow

THIS WEEK

Sunday - 15

Worship 8:30/10am
Parents in the Word Bible Study 9:30am

Monday - 16

Men's Bible Study 6:30am
Monday Night Meal 5:15pm
Renovation Committee Meeting 6:00pm
AA 7:00pm

Tuesday - 17

Discovery Class 5:30pm

Thursday - 19

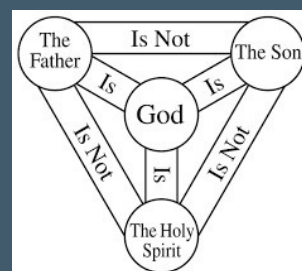
Youth Gathering Meeting 6:00pm

Friday - 20

AA 6:30pm

Sunday - 22

Worship 8:30/10am
Parents in the Word Bible Study 9:30am



Construction Pictures

We moved everything out of the 1961 addition of the school last week, and the contractor immediately started demolition. The cabinets and mechanical units have been removed and the abatement of the vinyl asbestos floor tile is underway.

The concrete floor has been completely removed in the area of the new Fellowship Hall Toilets, so that the underground plumbing can begin.

Demolition of the church balcony stairs began, but was paused due to discovery of concealed asbestos, that needs to be abated first. Additional concealed asbestos had also been encountered in the Fellowship Hall and several adjacent rooms.



Asbestos containment enclosure and decontamination shower for abatement of the floor tile in the 1961 addition classrooms.



Work is underway on the new Toilets at the east end of the Second Level of the 2000 school addition.

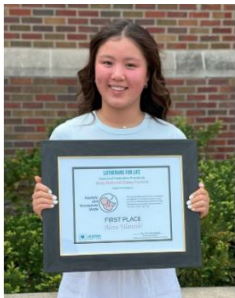


Concrete floor slab removed in the area of the new Fellowship Hall Toilets.

Blanketing of Seniors



LFL National Essay Contest Winner!



Alexa Ulanoski, an eighth-grade student at St. John's Lutheran School in Chaska, Minnesota, who is the national first-place winner in grades 6-8. Alexa wrote her essay titled God's Choice, My Story, in which she wrote about her personal story of being adopted from China.

Installation of Dr. Katie Rolf

We welcomed Dr. Katie Rolf as our St. John's Parish Music Director on Sunday, June 8th.



Pen Pals Meet!

Calvin Pandolfo had the privilege of meeting his Pen Pal Dennis Gaarder. Third graders in Mrs. Siegle's class write letters to members of St. John's Church throughout the school year. After sending letters back and forth it was a blessing to be able to meet in person.



Nursery Available on Sundays

Preschool room 106 will be available during worship services in case you have a child that needs to move around a bit. Please remember to pickup the toys you use so the room is ready for preschool Monday morning!

Annual Voters Meeting - June 29th

Our Annual Voters Meeting will be 11:15am on June 29th in the Gymnasium. Please plan to attend.

Chaska Picnic with Police - Wednesday, June 25th 5-8pm

We are looking for volunteers for the following shifts:

- 3:30 pm — Meet at St. John's to load and take items to the park. We could definitely use a couple larger vehicles. Stay for dinner, help serve, or leave as your schedule permits. Food will be served from 5-7 pm.
- 4:30-7:30 pm — Wrap sandwiches, serve food or help clean up for as long as your schedule permits.

Come serve alongside fellow members of St. Johns as we serve God by serving His people.

If you would like to join us, please contact the church office (952) 448-2433 or Karen Stephan at (630) 728-2685 or kstephan57@gmail.com.

KDUZ Lutheran Hour Topics

- June 15** "Nothing He'd Rather Be Doing" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.
Jesus is a tireless Searcher with an affinity for finding lost people. (Psalm 8:4)
- June 22** "Should I Be Worried About the Devil?" with Guest Speaker: Rev. German Novelli.
The devil is real, but rather than fretting about the evil he can do, we rejoice in all that Christ has done to defeat him. (Luke 8:26-39)



WORSHIP

Sundays 8:30/10:00 in the Gymnasium

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday -Thursday 8am-4:00pm
Friday 8am - noon



PRAYER LIST

Please continue to share your prayer requests by filling out the back of a Connect Card located on the information desks in the upper gathering and main level common areas or by going to www.stjohns-chaska.org and clicking on "How can we pray for you?" You can also contact the church office: email: churchoffice@stjohns-chaska.org or by phone 952-448-2433

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

6/15
Trevor Hilk
Taras Medvedev
6/16
Mary Southwood
Ava Lewis
6/17
Barb Ewing
Marya Hakel

6/18
Andy Erdmann
Joanne Latzke
Ryan Buesgens
6/19
Glen Tasler
Nora Larson

6/20
Jack Johnson
Aaron Schmidt
Evan Tesch
6/21
Lacey Dahlke
Jon DeBoer
Blake Stewart
Julie Norman

EXPECTANT MOMS



Hannah Herelle
Courtney Messenger
Rachel Hubley
Anna Jeurissen
Hailey Busker
Jessica Lewis

FOR HEALING AND COMFORT

Bob DeMaris
Timmy Rawerts
Gene Henke
Kim Narkie
Ingrid Dixon

Julie Carver
Judy Wolff
Gretchen Laubach
Pearl Gray
Jeanette Leiske

Angel Benes
Kim Bergo
Joann Mueller
Jack Boman
Roger Narkie

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

6/15 Randy and Nancy Kemnitz
6/15 Randy and Marcia Litfin
6/16 Eric and Jenna Anderson
6/16 Dan and Julie Paulson
6/18 Trevor and Rachel Hilk
6/18 Jeff and Airin Matzke
6/21 Dennis and Sherri Krueger

ONGOING PRAYERS

Melinda Meuwissen
Dennis Gaarder
Hildegard Grev
Merna & Sid Fjelstad
Jimann Sears Campbell
Marguerite Craighead
John Barney
Steve Pond

Carol Jones
Ingrid Dixon
JoAnn Schesso
Pearl Gray
Bernie Gnan
Gina Niesche

Anita Doss
Eugene Henke
Carol Ott
Val Schlefsky
Cliff Waller
Sunnie Deis
Len Kallsen

Lisa Neitzel - mother of Ashley Lenz
Deb Wold - Misty Reisner's mother
Merlin Bentz - brother of Linda Knox
Ruth Harms - sister in law of Marilyn Lenzen
Larry Smith
Austin Rannow