

JULY 27, 2025

THE WEEKLY WORD

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

MEDITATION

As we grew up, we saw people doing things that we wanted to learn how to do ourselves. We wanted to learn how to fish like that person who always caught the biggest fish, how to fix something that squeaked, leaked, or creaked, or maybe we just wanted to learn how something works. In those moments we looked for someone to teach us how to do these things. And when we found them they usually started by showing us themselves how it is done. They then watched as we tried it on our own for the first time, helping us along the way. Finally they let us do it all on our own, secure in the knowledge that if we needed help, they would be close by. For generations this has been how knowledge has been passed down whether at home or at work.

Today the disciples were with Jesus as He prayed. They were incredibly curious about how He prayed and after He had finished they asked Him to teach them how to pray, just as John the Baptist had for his disciples. In response, Jesus showed them how to pray using words we repeat still to this day. It is a beautiful prayer that does so much to encapsulate not only who God is, but how we can connect with Him.

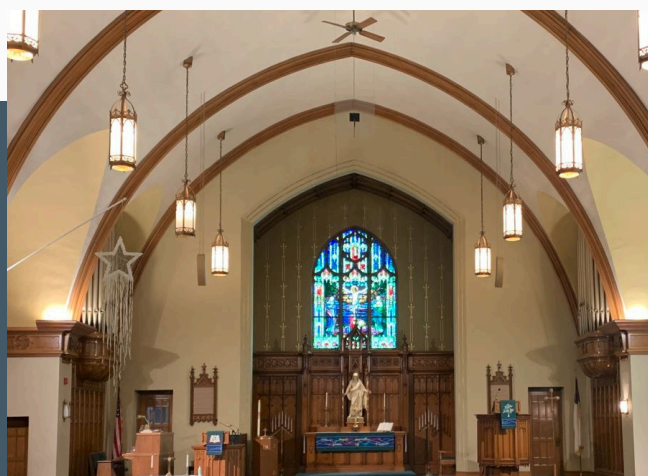
If you are reading this, chances are you find yourself on the other side of this mentoring relationship, not so much being shown, but now being the one who shows others. This relationship is called many things, mentoring, coaching, etc. But especially when it comes to faith there is another, more accurate word to describe it, discipling. Just as Jesus invested in these men who He had called to Himself, God calls us to disciple those He has brought to our side. It starts with them seeing what we do, how we live out the faith. It continues with us seeing their curiosity and inviting them to see things closer, and in so doing get closer to Jesus. It ends with them taking this knowledge to then disciple others, growing themselves as they disciple.

We look today at the willingness of Jesus to teach, the beauty of the words which we repeat even today, and our constant call to share with others what we have first received ourselves.

PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank You for all those You have sent into our lives to share with us the good news of the Gospel. Help us to always be learning and growing in our faith as disciples and help us to be eager to disciple those You have placed in our lives, always pointing them to You and the hope that is theirs in Jesus. Amen.

Pastor Barry



THIS WEEK

Sunday - 27

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

Monday - 28

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

Friday - 1

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Sunday - 3

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

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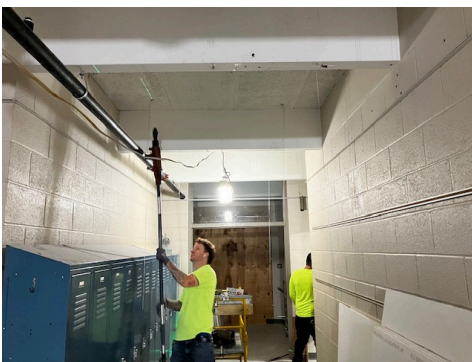
The concrete in the floor of the Music Room has been sawn, trenches dug and sewer pipe being installed for the sinks in the six classrooms in the 1961 Addition of the School.



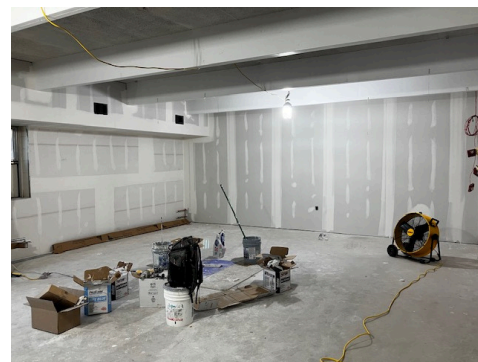
The new sewer pipe for the classroom sinks continues down to the Corridor outside the Fellowship Hall Kitchen where it ties into the existing sewer main.



Installation of the fire sprinklers is nearly complete in much of the 2 nd Level of the 2000 Addition of the School.



The suspension grid for the lay-in ceiling is starting to be installed in the 2nd Level Hallway of the 1961 Addition.



Drywall on the 2 nd Level of the 1961 Addition is nearly complete and crews are well along with taping and mudding the joints.

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.

River City Days Parade - Sunday, July 27th

Join us on the St. John's float! Line up at the Courthouse between 1:00 and 1:30 pm. Parade begins at 2:00 pm. Wear your St. John's shirts. (A small number of adult sized shirts will be available for those who sign up.)

Upcoming Special Services

August 24 8/10:30 Dedication of Teachers/Installation of Kindergarden Teacher and DCE.

Lutheran Hour Broadcast On KDUZ Radio

A Message of Hope on The Lutheran Hour. Hear the Good News of the Gospel on the Lutheran Hour each Sunday at 9:00 am on KDUZ 1260 AM Radio. This month, during August, you will hear program topics from the Lutheran Hour Archives on the 9:00 am broadcast:

Aug 3 "Proclaim His Glory" with Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. Of course, we should search the Scriptures, but we search them for Jesus, the One to Whom the Scriptures point. (John 5:30-47)

Back to School Supplies

St. John's is very blessed to have an amazing school and a very dedicated staff! To show our appreciation, Ladies Aid is sponsoring a Back-to-School Supply Drive for staff.

If you would like to contribute to this effort, following are items that would be very much appreciated:

- Papermate Flair Pens
- Masking tape (Scotch brand)
- Scotch tape
- Double-sided tape
- Sharpies (Black, colorful and metallic)
- Dry Erase Markers.

A drop box is located outside the school office on the gym level. Thank you in advance for considering supporting this effort.



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

7/27	7/29	7/31
Brian Mosley	Madeline Bushard	William Nelson
Malcolm McCormick	Sophia Guth	Brynnlee Crawley-Reid
7/28	Landen Degler	8/1
Steven Hakel	Adam Busker	Kayla Eastlund
Easton Lenz	7/30	Cole Hagen
	Jacqueline Zupke	Michaela Rasmussen
	Tanner Paulson	Benjamin Tjaden
	William Mundahl	Ava Weber



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Ethan and Courtney Messenger on the birth of their son, Bode Samuel.

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

Suzanne Honebrink	Julie Carver	Angel Bennes
Eugene Henke	Jack Boman	Kim Bergo
Carol Affeldt	Joel Landskroener	Joann Mueller
Loretta Folkerts		
Carol Severson (Cousin of Penny Eastlund)		

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

7/27 George and Karen Canfield
 7/27 Joshua and Kendra Gilmore
 7/29 Kurt and Nameeta Krenz
 7/30 Vernon and Joanne Morschen
 7/30 Bryan and Ashleigh Hegseth
 7/31 Doug and Mary Mierow
 8/1 David and Karna Hagen
 8/1 Kevin and Colleen Moldenhauer
 8/2 Joel and Shirlee Landskroener
 8/2 Ryan and Sara Reinke

ONGOING PRAYERS

Carol Affeldt	Anita Doss	Len Kallsen	Val Schlefsky
John Barney	Sid & Merna Fjelstad	Melinda Meuwissen	Larry Smith
Jimann Campbell	Dennis Gaarder	Gina Niesche	Cliff Waller
Julie Carver	Bernie Gnan	Carol Ott	Lisa Neitzel - mother of Ashley Lenz
Marguerite Craighead	Pearl Gray	Steve Pond	Deb Wold - mother of Misty Reisner
Sunnie Deis	Hilde Grev	Austin Rannow	Merlin Bentz - brother of Linda Knox
Bob DeMaris	Carol Jones	JoAnn Schesso	Ruth Harms - sister-in-law of Marilyn Lenzen