

AUGUST 10, 2025

# THE WEEKLY WORD

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



## MEDITATION

Many people over the years have taken an interest in genealogy whether through online sites that bring together millions of records in one place or even sought to discover more about their identity through taking at home DNA tests. Behind all these things is a desire to learn more about the people who came before us and who make up our family tree. Many have been able to piece together remarkable stories of courage, heartbreak, bold moves to new places or even countries. Many have looked at those people from their past and found inspiration in what they did long ago. Along with that, there is also an appreciation for what they did in the past, how these actions have in their own way brought us to where we are today.

In Sunday's reading we look into our collective past at those we would call heroes of the faith. These people lived in different times and had very different lives. But what tied them together were a few important things. They were all chosen and called by God to serve Him in a special way, even though they were far from perfect people. What we also see in all of them is a hopefulness for things not yet seen. They did not see fully the things that were promised in their lifetime, but looked to them from afar with faith filled hope.

As we are surrounded by this great cloud of witnesses today, we look at our own journey of faith, our own calling through baptism, and the hopeful longing we have in our own callings and vocations. And as we do so, we see that the same God who was at work in the lives of these great heroes, is at work with us today.

## PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you that through baptism you have called us to be your own children. We thank you for those who have gone before us, who have lived and shared the faith. We ask that as we live our lives today, we would run with the endurance that is only possible through you. Let us always be looking to Jesus along life's way for hope, forgiveness, and the strength to carry on. May what we do today in faith, impact generations to come for you. Amen.

Pastor Barry

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, 8/10

Worship	8:30 and 10:00am
Parents in the Word Bible Study	9:30am
Monday Night meal prep	1:00pm

### Monday, 8/11

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

### Tuesday, 8/12

Elders Meeting	6:30
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### Wednesday, 8/13

Family Faith Night	5:30pm
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### Thursday, 8/14

Popsicles in the Park	4:00pm
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### Friday, 8/15

AA	6:30pm
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### Saturday, 8/16

Bible and Bacon Men's Bible Study	6:30am
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### Sunday, 8/17

Worship with Communion	8:30 and 10:00am
Parents in the Word Bible Study	9:30am
Monday night meal prep	1:00pm



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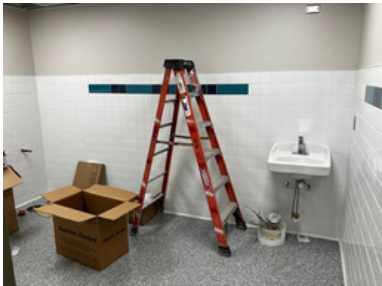
The weather finally cooperated this week and workers were able to pour concrete for the footings and foundation walls for the new Vestibule at the south entrance to the 1961 addition to the school.



Workers have the framing for the new raised Chancel floor and steps nearly complete. The steps and raised floor will have maple flooring to match the pew area when finished.



Olson Cabinets, who is making all of the cabinets for the project, has started installing cabinets on the second level of the 2000 addition. Since they were constructed 25 years ago, these classrooms never had cabinets or sinks.



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Wall painting is nearly complete in the classrooms on the second level of the 1961 addition. Each room will have an accent color on one wall of the room. The colors match those in the 2000 classrooms.



## National Youth Gathering

The 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering was a vibrant, Scripture-rooted five-day event, bringing together thousands of high school age youth and adult leaders for worship, Bible study, service projects, learning, and fellowship; all grounded in the call to Endure in faith together (focusing on Hebrews 12:1-3). The purpose is to strengthen young people's faith in Jesus Christ, deepen their Lutheran identity, and equip them for lifelong discipleship and service. Our St. John's youth were able to participate in mass worship events, small breakout sessions, Bible studies, pack meals for the Orphan Grain Train, and many other community-building activities—all centered on God's Word and Sacraments.

**Front row:** Andy Tesch, Evan Tesch, Leif Johnshoy, Keegan Kelly, Addie Gilmore, Addie Sutherland, Kaylee Koepsell, Mallory Kulzer  
**Back row:** Caleb Reisner, Wyatt Fischer, Markus Rennerfeldt, Kendra Gilmore, Lilah Johnshoy, Tracey Koepsell, Madelyn Tesch

## 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.

## Upcoming Special Services August 24, 8:30 and 10:00am

Dedication of our school teachers as well as the installation of our new Kindergarden teacher Grace Ortloff and DCE Justin Weber.

## Journey in the Footsteps of Paul Study Tour - April 10-19, 2026

Join Connie and Pastor Snow as they follow the footsteps of the Apostle Paul. Paul's second missionary journey as recorded in Acts 15-18 which will take us to places like Philippi where Paul suffered great persecution on account of the gospel, as well as Corinth where Paul lived and worked as a tentmaker and shared the important word of hope in Christ. We follow Paul's footsteps to Rome as recorded in Acts 27-28. We'll travel to Athens, Greece and visit Mars Hill where Paul proclaimed Christ as the God of all creation to the men of the Areopagus. We'll visit Trevi Fountain, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica and the Coliseum. Trip is all inclusive and includes round trip flights, first class accommodations, biblical itinerary, licensed guide, and much more. Complete informational packets are available for complete details. Contact Pastor Snow for further information.



Church and School Offices will be closed on Tuesday, August 12 due to a Mandatory Water Shut-Off during construction.

### 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](http://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](mailto:churchoffice@stjohns-chaska.org) or by phone 952-448-2433

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

8/10	8/12	8/14	8/16
Michael Bushard	Jim Abraham	Anne Dutcher	Jackson Doucet
Jerry Hanson	Laura Holasek	Eddie Olson	Chad Ische
David Hedberg	Charlie Leary	John Pierson	Adelyn Reinke
Val Schlefsky	Paul Trahms		Parker Siegle
8/11	8/13	8/15	8/17
Samuel Schlueter	Taylor Anderson	Summer Otto	Carson Simpson
	Al Dutcher	Jason Scheidt	Maggie Smith



### EXPECTANT MOMS

Rachel Hubley  
Anna Jeurissen  
Hailey Busker  
Jessica Lewis  
Nicole Thuente  
Katelyn Olson

## FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

Angel Benes	Kim Bergo	Jack Boman
Julie Carver	Norm Glock	Bernie Gnan
Suzanne Honebrink	Joel Landskroener	Marilyn Lenzen
Joann Mueller	Carol Severson	Stella Oelfke
Doris Rossow	Gary Anderson	Wally Matthis

## CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

8/11 Ten and Caroline Beise  
8/15 Bruce and Kim Bergo  
8/15 Justin and Maria Bergo  
8/15 Steve and Mary Hartwig  
8/16 Jeremy and Katie Zabel  
8/17 Drew and Melanie Pandolfo

## ONGOING PRAYERS

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