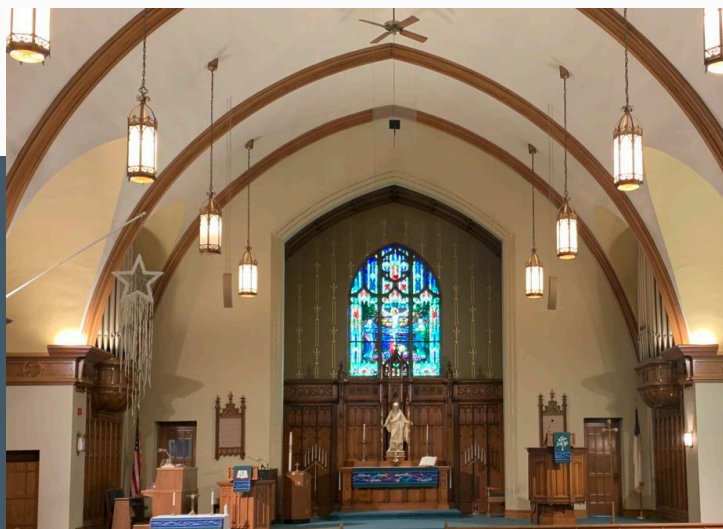


AUGUST 17, 2025

THE WEEKLY WORD

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



MEDITATION

"Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see" (Hebrews 11:1). The Bible comes alive through ordinary people living their lives in faith. Abel, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are more familiar while names like Enoch, Rahab, Gideon, Barak and Jephthah are not. Known or unknown, they all lived a life of faith which was anchored in the promise of God, encouraged and guided by the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Living by faith means that we trust our Heavenly Father's promise so completely that we surrender our need for control and pray that His will be done in our lives and in the lives of others. Faith can not be acquired by skill or taken by force but instead is graciously given from the hands of God to the hearts of those who believe the promise of those things not yet seen. Our anchor of faith is secure in Christ and is linked to us by the faith filled men and women who have gone before us. May God find us faithful as we join with future generations, proclaiming Christ and Him crucified.

PRAYER

Lord God, You alone are the Author and Perfector of our Faith. Your Son endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of Your throne. We give thanks and praise for the gift of faith which is so generously given to those who believe. Allow us to trust in Your anchoring promises of life, strength and forgiveness. In the mighty name of Jesus. Amen.

Pastor Snow

THIS WEEK

Sunday - 17

Worship 8:30/10am

Parents in the Word Bible Study 9:30am

Monday - 18

Men's Bble Study 6:30am

Monday Night Meal 5:15pm

AA 7:00pm

Tuesday - 19

Executive Council 6:30pm

Wednesday - 20

Funeral for Kim Bergo 11am with
visitation from 10-11am

Thursday - 21

CAP Food Distribution (offsite)

Friday - 22

AA 6:30pm

Sunday - 24

Worship 8:30/10am

Parents in the Word Bible Study 9:30am

Initial Confirmation Meeting 11:15am



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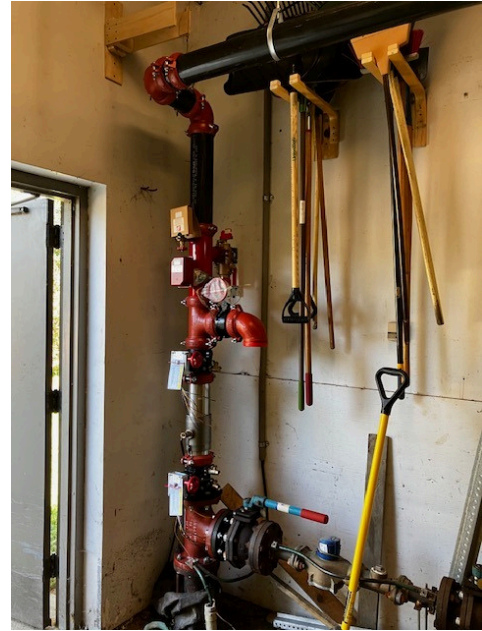
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Construction Pictures



The interiors of the Second Level classrooms in the 1961 are nearing completion. The vinyl composition floor tile has been installed, walls painted, ceilings and the new lighting installed. Installation of the new cabinets is moving well along. Interior finishes in the First Level of the 1961 Addition are following about a week behind those in the Second Level.



Our water was shut off this past Tuesday so that the new fire sprinkler riser could be added to our existing water service in the Yard Storage Room (far SE corner of the school). The fire sprinklers in the school will be served by this fire riser while the fire sprinklers in the church and surrounding spaces will be served from our existing fire service in the room next to the church Boiler Room.



The concrete foundations were backfilled this week. The South Entrance door and window frame is being removed so that the new vestibule addition can be built.



Installation of the cabinets in the 5 classrooms in the 2000 Addition getting new cabinets is nearly complete, except for the countertops.

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 Kindergarten teacher Grace Ortloff and DCE Justin Weber.

Choir at St. John's

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!" - Psalm 100:1-2

Messengers of Praise (MOP), St. John's SATB choir, rehearses Wednesdays at 7:00pm, beginning Wednesday, September 3. All are welcome to join, including youth grades 6 and up. MOP sings 1-2 Sundays per month plus occasional festival/holiday services.

Men's Choir sings twice per year with rehearsals the 3 Wednesdays prior. This fall the Men's Choir will sing on October 19 (rehearsals begin October 1), and this winter the Men's Choir will sing on February 1, 2026 (rehearsals begin January 14).

Women's Choir sings throughout the year beginning on November 2 and rehearses on Wednesdays after MOP.

Festival Choir sings for festival or holiday services and involves a shorter commitment than MOP. The Festival Choir will join with MOP and 6th-8th Grade School Choir to present Advent Choral Vespers on December 7 at 6:30pm. Rehearsals begin Wed., November 5, with an additional rehearsal Sat., Nov. 22 at 9:00am.

Please contact Katie Rolf, kathryn.rolf@stjohns-chaska.org, to join or with any questions.

Sunday School Registration is Open

Sunday School is starting on September 14th for ages one to sixth grade. Be sure to register your children so we can share all the exciting things that are coming up for the year. Use the QR code below to sign up. If you have any questions, contact Amy Peterson at sundayschool@stjohns-chaska.org or call the church office.



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

8/17
Carson Simpson
Maggie Smith

8/18
Paul Beussman
Lane Bode
Joshua Peterson
Ben Kuznia
Dan Brooks
Millie Smith

8/19
Neil Willmsen
Marcella Leao
Karsyn Kohls

8/20
Ellen Degler
Kaitlyn Wercinski
Wyatt Wercinski
Brian Honebrink
Bexley Dahms

8/21
Andrew Hofer
Dante Langmade
Hannah Melin

8/22
Susan Hilk
Troy Boysen

8/23
Henley Mosley
Deb Lenz

FOR HEALING AND COMFORT

Gary Anderson
Jack Boman
Orma Kraai
Joel Landskroener
Marilyn Lenzen

Wally Matthis
Joann Mueller
Doris Rossow
Carol Severson

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

8/17 Drew and Melanie Pandolfo
8/20 Pete and Heidi Sturfels
8/21 Gayle and Lois Degler
8/21 Greg and Jonica Marshall
8/21 Joe and Stephanie Griep

8/22 Kreg and DeDe Schmidt
8/22 Tom and Rachel Leier
8/23 Philip and Paula Mosley
8/23 Lowell and Deb Lenz
8/23 Tim and Kyia Hildebrandt



EXPECTANT MOMS

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

SYMPATHY

Prayer for Bruce Bergo upon the death of his wife, Kim Bergo

ONGOING PRAYERS

Carol Affeldt
John Barney
Angel Benes
Jimann Campbell
Julie Carver
Marguerite Craighead
Sunny Deis
Bob DeMaris
Anita Doss

Sid & Merna Fjelstad
Dennis Gaarder
Bernie Gnan
Pearl Gray
Hilde Grev
Eugene Henke
Suzanne Honebrink
Carol Jones

Len Kallsen
Gretchen Laubach
Jeanette Lieske
Melinda Meuwissen
Gina Niesche
Carol Ott
Steve Pond
Austin Rannow

JoAnn Schesso
Val Schlefsky
Larry Smith
Cliff Waller
Lisa Neitzel - mother of Ashley Lenz
Deb Wold - mother of Misty Reisner
Merlin Bentz - brother of Linda Knox
Ruth Harms - sister-in-law of Marilyn Lenzen