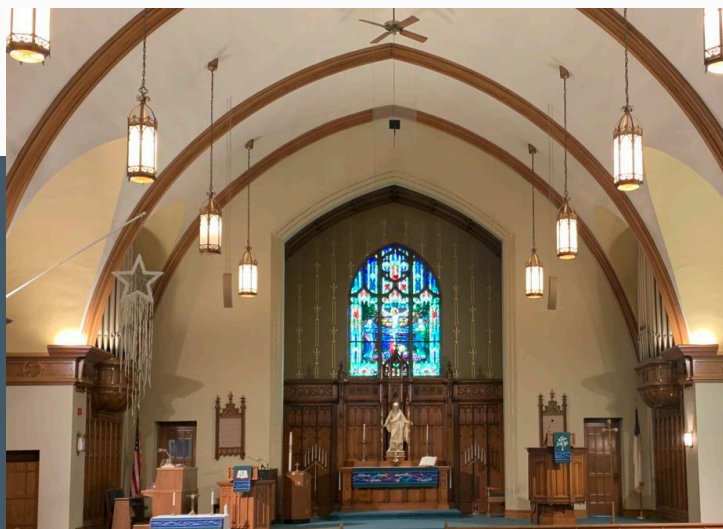


AUGUST 24, 2025

# THE WEEKLY WORD

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



## MEDITATION

Names must be important because everybody has one. Names give us a sense of identity, who we are as an individual and the family we belong to. Names connect us to the people around us and are one of the building blocks that unite us in community. Names give us access to the lives of others, give us the ability to deepen relationships, and provide avenues for unique privileges as we live and work together. While our names unite us they also separate us from someone else in the crowd. Our names make us different, unique, and special.

When Moses traveled up to the top of Mount Sinai, God called him by name from within a burning bush. As the relationship was developing and trust being established, Moses asked a simple question, "What's Your name again?". God answered simply, clearly, and authoritatively, "I Am who I Am."

The Great I Am invites us into a new relationship with Him. God places His name on us and welcomes us into His family in the waters of Holy Baptism. He calls us by name and we are forever blessed. We have direct access to the Father through His Son, Jesus. By the power of the Holy Spirit we believe that because God loves us completely, we are equipped for service, joyful in all circumstances, and will never walk alone.

## PRAYER

O God, our God, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have created us beautifully and wonderfully because we are made in Your image. Though we do not deserve to be called Your children, You call us by name. We are forgiven through the blood of Your Son and because of His ultimate sacrifice, we are found worthy in Your site. Give us the strength to follow You all the days of our life. Allow Your Holy Spirit to guide us and give us joy. In the mighty name of Jesus, the Great I Am. Amen

Pastor Snow

## THIS WEEK

Sunday - 24

Worship 8:30/10am

Parents in the Word Bible Study 9:30am

Initial Confirmation Meeting 11:15am

Monday - 25

Men's Bble Study 6:30am

Monday Night Meal 5:15pm

School Open House 3:30 – 5:30pm

7th Grade Parent Meeting 5:30pm

8th Grade Parent Meeting 5:30pm

AA 7:00pm

Tuesday - 26

First day of School

Sunday School Meeting 6pm

Thursday - 28

Trail Life Kick Off Troop Meeting 6:30pm

Friday - 29

AA 6:30pm

Sunday - 31

Worship 8:30/10am

Parents in the Word Bible Study 9:30am



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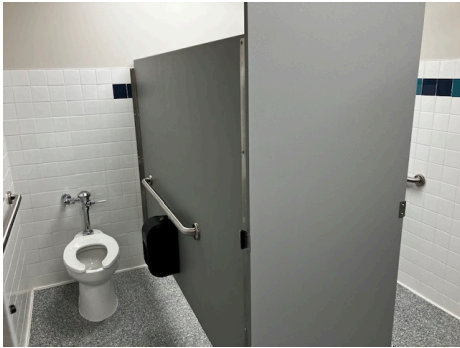
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## Construction Update

There are a number of areas of work in the school that will not be completed when classes begin. The new windows will not be installed, nor will the new HVAC unit ventilators. Both of those are being custom made for St. John's. The contractor will provide temporary air conditioning to be used until the new ventilators are functional.

These outstanding items will be completed in the next several weeks. Work will generally be done outside of school hours.

The new vestibule at the south entrance will not be complete, but a temporary door will be installed. We will not be able to use it as an entrance during that time, but it will function as a safe means of egress in case of an emergency.



The new toilets at the east end of the second level of the school are complete. These new multi-stall toilets will help reduce students needing to line up to use them at busy times. The previous toilets were single person occupancy.



With much of the work being completed in the school portion of the project, work is picking up again in the Fellowship Hall. The main trunk ductwork has been installed and the soffits around them are being framed. Under slab plumbing for the new Fellowship Hall Toilets is also underway.



The cabinets and interior finishes in the classrooms are complete. The finishes in the Music Room will be done about a week later due to unforeseen conditions with under slab plumbing.

## Monday Night Meal Receives Donation from Carver Lions

A huge thank you to The Carver Lion's Club for their continued support of the Monday night complimentary community meal! Donations, such as theirs, help make it possible to keep providing meals to over 350 guests in need each week.

We appreciate you Carver Lion's!



## 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.

## Meet the Pastors Event on September 7th

Are you interested in learning more about St. John's or about how to become a member. Join the pastors on September 7th from 9-9:30 in room 103. To register or for more information email Pastor Barry at [pastor.barry@stjohns-chaska.org](mailto:pastor.barry@stjohns-chaska.org).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:sundayschool@stjohns-chaska.org) or call the church office.



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### 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

8/24  
Teresa Hammers  
Jessica Medvedev  
Amy Feek  
Mary Goltz

8/26  
Tracie Ryan  
Jordan Dahlke  
Nameeta Krenz

8/25  
Mark Asmus  
Kristin Johnson  
Jeremy Rolf  
Lloyd Haack

8/27  
Jim Vipond  
Ruth Vance

8/28  
Jack Pallas  
Megan Beulke  
Tanya Dahlke  
  
8/29  
Derek Schneider  
Mark Beussman

8/30  
Jim Hofer  
Carl Marshall  
Jonah Beulke  
Ian O'Borsky



### EXPECTANT MOMS

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

### FOR HEALING AND COMFORT

Gary Anderson	Wally Matthis
Jack Boman	Joann Mueller
Orma Kraai	Doris Rossow
Marilyn Lenzen	Carol Severson

### CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

8/27 Shawn and Kate Swanson  
8/28 Martin and Meity Sihombing  
8/29 Keith and Wendy Roberts  
8/29 Larry and Carol Quanrud

### SYMPATHY

Ben Wiegert and family upon the passing of his mother, Linda Wiegert

Dan Trost and family at the sudden death of his mother, Janice Rudloff

### ONGOING PRAYERS

Carol Affeldt  
John Barney  
Angel Benes  
Jimann Campbell  
Julie Carver  
Marguerite Craighead  
Sunnie 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