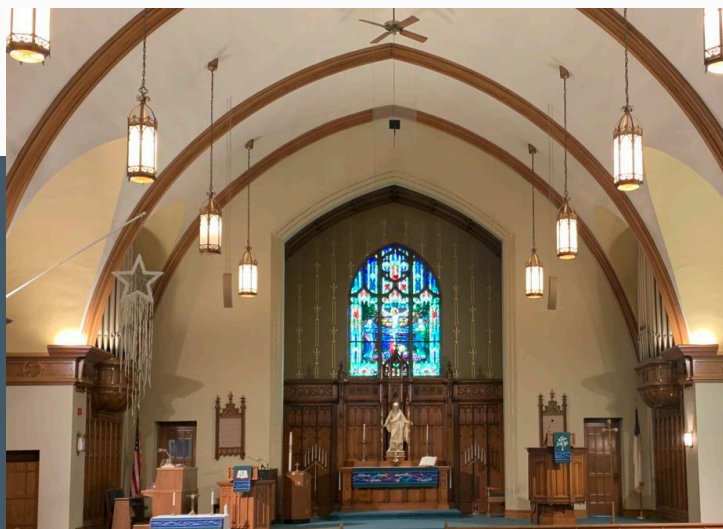


AUGUST 31, 2025

THE WEEKLY WORD

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



MEDITATION

If you could have dinner with any three people, dead or alive, who would they be, and why? Many of us have asked this question over dinner or when gathering with others. The answers of those there provide an insight into who and what is important to that person. Some would choose relatives who have passed away, others historical figures, and still others contemporary celebrities like movie stars or singers. If we could host a dream dinner party most of us would choose those close to us like family members or friends, and if we could get them, celebrities or other important public figures.

But as Jesus attends a dinner party at the home of a Pharisee, we hear who would be on His list. They include the disabled, the humble, and the poor. In sharing this list, Jesus shows us what life with Him looks like, where the humble are given the greatest places of honor, where the poor are lifted up, and where the sick and disabled are healed and given new life. In other words, Jesus comes to the humble and elevates them through His love. The ultimate example of this is what Jesus did on the cross for us, where He, King of King and Lord of Lords humbled Himself unto death so that we, who are poor and broken in our sins may be lifted up to new life. And through His work, we are given places of honor in the presence of God forever.

As we prepare to gather on Sunday morning for worship, we see the hundreds of gathered guests all around us. People who are called and gathered through the power of the Holy Spirit to come and worship and celebrate life with Jesus. And as we look at how we have been chosen, blessed, and given a place in the Kingdom, we ask how can this be for others, how can our list look more like that of Jesus who looks with love and transformation at those so easily overlooked by those around us.

PRAYER

Almighty God, we give you thanks that in Your great mercy You have called us to be Your own and showered on us Your love and grace through Jesus. Help us to remember the poor, the sick, and the outcast, especially as we gather in Your presence as Your guests. Amen.

Pastor Barry

THIS WEEK

Sunday - August 31

Worship 8:30/10:00am

Parents in the Word Bible Study 9:30am

Monday - September 1

NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

No Monday Night Meal

Men's Bible Study 6:30am

AA 7:00pm

Tuesday - September 2

Trustees Meeting 6:30pm

Wednesday - September 3

MOP Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

Thursday - September 4

Ladies Aid Meeting 1:30pm

Welcome Team Monthly Meeting 6:30pm

Trail Life Troop Meeting 6:30pm

Friday - September 5

AA 6:30pm

Saturday - September 6

Trail Life Leader's Meeting 9:00am

Sunday - September 7

Worship 8:00/9:30/10:45am

Meet the Pastors Event 9:00am



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Construction Update



Our teachers and other staff went above and beyond the call of duty to make this school start possible. Besides putting up with all of the inconvenience of being displaced over the summer months, they put in a lot of extra work unpacking and organizing all of their books, supplies and other teaching materials so that their students would feel comfortable and be ready to start learning the first day of school. Thank you teachers and staff!



Our Facilities Manager Brian Johnson and Custodian Brian Riner with help from volunteers worked very hard these last two weeks cleaning, waxing floors and moving all of the desks, furniture, books and other supplies and equipment from the storage containers back into the school so that we could open school on time. Thank you Brians and volunteers!



St. John's School opens on schedule! – Our general contractor along with their subcontractors (including the EPS Electric/Kloos Electric partnership and Olson Cabinets) did an incredible job over the summer months and were able to get the school building ready to open on schedule this past Tuesday. Praise God!



Upcoming Ladies Aid Meeting September 4th

You Are Invited... All women of St. John's are invited to come and enjoy dessert and fellowship at the Ladies Aid meeting at 1:30 pm this coming Thursday, September 4th in Conference Room B02 by the Fellowship Hall kitchen.

We are actively seeking members to participate in activities such as providing a "Thank You" lunch for the St. John's staff, Easter baskets for St. John's homebound members and serving at funeral luncheons just to name a few. We pray you will join us NEXT Thursday!

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.

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 SCHEDULE

Sundays at 8:30/10:00am in the Gymnasium

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 7TH:

Sundays at 8:00/9:30/10:45am in the Gymnasium
(Livestream at the 8:00am Service)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

FALL OFFICE HOURS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 2ND:

Monday - Friday 8:00am-4:30pm



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

8/31

Sandra Hakel
Roland Olson
Hope Vosika

9/1

Pete Siedelman
Josh Miller

9/2

Heather Sandvig
Mary Huge
Elizabeth Hennen

9/2

Sophie Quist
Avery Herelle

9/3

Emily Bauer
Henry Feltmann
Elizabeth Fredrickson
Kathy Hedberg
Ethan McCarty
Nancy Rasmussen
Randy Sefkar

9/4

Brad Willmsen

9/5

Patti Werning

9/6

Katelyn Olson
Cole Kirchoff
Reese Dubbe
Anna Barry
Jerry Griffin

EXPECTANT MOMS

Jessica Lewis
Nicole Thuente
Anna Jeurissen
Hailey Busker
Katelyn Olson
Amy Peterson

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

For the birth of a daughter, Zoe Jane, to
Rachel and Mike Hubley

SYMPATHY

Pastor Toby Schmidt and family
upon the death of their son, Rueben.

FOR HEALING AND COMFORT

Joann Mueller Gary Anderson
Doris Rossow Jack Boman
Tyler Trost Orma Kraai

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

9/2 Sean and Stephanie Henderson	8/31 Steven and Kristi Moser
9/3 Michael and Lacey Sand	8/31 Amanda and Angelo Katasse
9/3 Andrew and Erin Wendorf	8/31 Dan and Evy Trost
9/3 Sid and Merna Fjelstad	8/31 Luis Alberto Sanchez and Kelsey Fuhrman
9/3 Alan and Christine Bates	9/1 Lloyd and Pat Haack
9/4 Brandon and Sonya Butorac	9/2 Jill and Seth Larson
9/6 Steve and Mindi Baker	9/2 Amanda and Kevin Milbrandt
9/6 Jim and Jessica Sutherland	

ONGOING PRAYERS

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