

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

THE WEEKLY WORD

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



MEDITATION

Luke 15:1-10

Everyone has lost something in their life. Maybe you misplaced your keys or phone, a wallet or perhaps a certain piece of jewelry. If you have ever done that, chances are you know very well the frenzied rush to find whatever was lost. And of course, it is almost always done in a frenzy because you need it, whatever it is, right now. And after you have searched the "normal places", you begin to look in the unusual places. You look in the places where you put something, "so it is safe", which really means playing hide and seek with the you from yesterday. The more valuable an object is, the harder and longer we will search for it. After all, if something is not important, it is easy to adopt the mindset that it will simply turn up in its own time. But if it is valuable, we will search for hours to find it, and when we do find it, we can't help but share the good news with others.

Today, we hear two parables about the lost being found. These two parables tell us two things about the nature of God. In the first, the shepherd leaves the 99 sheep to find the one that has wandered away. This shows us that God comes to us to save us. God does not wait for us to return to Him in our sinfulness, but comes to us, taking our sin upon Himself to save us. And in the second, we see the value of each person to God in the celebration that surrounds the finding of just one lost coin. What these parables remind us of is that even though we wander away and get lost in sin, God comes for us, saves us, and celebrates each and every person who is brought into the Kingdom. So next time you are searching for something lost, know that you are even more valuable to God than whatever you might be searching for.

PRAYER

Almighty God, in our sin we wander far from you. But in your love You sent Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to come to us while we were sinners to save us by dying on the cross to redeem us. Help us to always find comfort in being a sheep of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming, and always listen to Your voice and be led into life everlasting. Amen.

Pastor Barry

THIS WEEK

Sunday - September 14

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

Education Hour Returns 9:30am

Discovery Class 9:30am

Blood Pressure Screening 9:30am

Monday - September 15

Men's Bible Study 6:30am

Monday Night Meal 5:15pm

AA 7:00pm

Tuesday - September 16

Executive Council 6:30pm

Wednesday - September 17

Moms in the Word 9:30am

Youth Board Meeting 5:45pm

MOP Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

Thursday - September 18

Women's Lifelight Bible Study 9:00am

CAP Food Distribution (offsite) 12:00pm

Parent Classroom Info Night 5:30pm

Trail Life Troop Meeting 6:30pm

Friday - September 19

AA 6:30pm

Saturday - September 20

Bible and Bacon Men's Bible Study 6:30am



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Construction Update



The underground plumbing for the Fellowship Hall Restrooms is complete and the sand base has been installed. The new concrete floor slabs will be poured soon. The Men's Restroom is shown here.



The brick columns south of the sanctuary support a mechanical equipment screen to conceal two new HVAC units. The panels between the posts will be a composite board material, similar to Trex. Plantings are planned outside the screen to further soften its appearance.



We were required to replace the previous fire alarm panel with a new, code-compliant one (shown). In the renovated areas, the system now issues a voice message with specific instructions, such as "Fire. Exit the building immediately", instead of just sounding a horn.



Everything in the previous Boiler Room was removed. The Boiler Room will contain two new boilers, new electrical panels, a sump basin and pumps and a new hot water heater. With this new hot water heater being located immediately next to the new restrooms, hot water will be provided to them quickly.

Moms in the Word Begins September 17th at 9:30am

Moms in the Word is starting up for this school year on September 17th at 9:30am! Moms in the Word is a group open to moms of children of any age that meets weekly to be in God's Word and grow in community with one another. Children are welcome. Join us on the preschool playground to get to know other moms and find out more about our group. Questions? Contact Katie at kbarry678@yahoo.com.

Moms in the Word Childcare Help Needed!

Childcare help needed! Moms in the Word is seeking childcare providers on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11am. By having a few helping hands, moms can have a quieter time to study God's Word. If you would like to help out even a couple of times a month, please contact Katie at kbarry678@yahoo.com.

Youth Bible Study Starts September 14th

Youth Bible study starts September 14th for all high schoolers! We will meet in the youth room where there will be donuts, bible study and fun. No registration required, just come down to the youth room. If any questions, please contact Justin Weber justin.weber@stjohns-chaska.org.

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

Join Pastor Snow and experience the journey of a lifetime! This ten-day journey begins with a flight to Thessalonica, arriving on April 11. Travel to Philippi where Paul met Lydia, the first convert in Europe, and planted the first church. Visit Corinth where Paul lived and worked as a tentmaker with Priscilla and Aquila teaching the Word of God. Visit the ruins of the Parthenon, the House of Parliament, and the Olympic Stadium among other sites. In Rome, we will visit the Spanish Steps, the Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica, as well as the Coliseum and the Mamertine Prison where Paul was executed. If this special journey is something you want to consider, contact Pastor Snow.

Lutheran Hour Broadcast On KDUZ Radio

Hear the Good News of the Gospel on the Lutheran Hour each Sunday at 9:00 am on KDUZ 1260 AM Radio. During the month of September you will hear the following program topics on the 9:00 am broadcast:

Sep 14 "It's All on God; It's All on Us" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.
A paradox doesn't make sense, mathematically. But it can be an accurate description of real-life experience. (Deuteronomy 1:31)

New This Fall: St. John's Church Apparel!

St. John's School's annual apparel store is open, and for the first time ever, it includes items with the church logo! This is a great way to represent our church community with high-quality apparel for adults and kids, including new embroidered options.

The online store closes Sunday, September 21st, so be sure to place your order before then. Orders will be available for pickup at St. John's in late October.



Scan the QR code to
browse the store!



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

9/14

Amanda Katasse
Adeline Hendrickson

9/15

Jason Quast
Julie Paulson

Noel Bode

9/16

Jonathan Glock
Logan Thuente

9/17

Bonnie Schaefer
Patricia Knutson

Brenda Simpson

Nathan Kohls

Warren Groboski

Oskar Olson

9/18

Hannah Herelle

9/19

Timothy Dahlke
Pam Asmus

9/19

Katie Zabel
Caleb Reisner
Hannah Davenport

Sam Weber

9/20

Dianna Latterner

Brian Dahlke

David Duff

Dennis Krueger

Ryan Waldner

JP Paul

EXPECTANT MOMS

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



CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

FOR HEALING AND COMFORT

Jolene Berg
Ruth Ziegler
Angeline Rannow
Tyler Trost
Orma Kraai

Doris Rossow
Joann Mueller
Gary Anderson
Jack Boman

9/14 Bailey and Casey Clemensen

9/14 Scott and Jill McGlothlin

9/15 Stephen and Kimberly Wetzel

9/16 Michael and Rebecca Kloos

9/16 Roland and Donna Olson

9/16 Steven and LeeAnn O'Sell

9/16 Ethan and Courtney Messenger

9/17 Don and Kimberly Wenz

9/18 Dan and Linda Kloos

9/18 Steve and Kathy Zupke

9/18 Alex and Taylor Robb

9/18 Zach and Allison Brooks

9/19 Adam and Jenna Weber

9/20 Brad Hennen and Lacey

Scotthenen

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
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