

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

# THE WEEKLY WORD

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



## MEDITATION

Luke 16:1-15

Parables are earthly stories with a heavenly meaning. Some of the most remembered parables that Jesus spoke might include: The Parable of the Sower, The Parable of the Prodigal Son, and the Parable of the Lost Sheep, just to name a few. These parables seem to make sense as we see ourselves in the light of what Jesus was saying to those who were truly listening.

When we come to The Parable of the Shrewd Manager it takes many of us by surprise because the pieces just don't seem to fit. It's difficult for us to understand why The Lord of the Harvest would commend a manager who lied, cheated, schemed, and stole what didn't belong to him in order to make his life easier after being fired from the job. We find the answer to our questions in light of the mercy of the Master.

Mercy is getting what we don't deserve. To the manager...mercy. To those whose debts are paid...mercy. To those of us whose debts could never be repaid this side of heaven...mercy. The Master commended the shrewd manager because he used what was available to him to prepare for the days ahead. Likewise, we are to take every opportunity to take what we have been given to prepare for the eternity that awaits us in Christ Jesus.

## PRAYER

Blessed Lord, Your word is truth. You have given us all that is needful this side of heaven. Forgive us when we waste the opportunities we have been given. Enable us to use every opportunity to prepare ourselves and those around us to spend eternity with You. Thank you for sending Jesus as payment for the debt of sin that we could never repay. Lord in Your mercy. Amen

**Pastor Snow**

## THIS WEEK

Monday - September 22

Men's Bible Study 6:30am

Monday Night Meal 5:15pm

AA 7:00pm

Tuesday - September 23

Care Team Meeting 10:30am

Wednesday - September 24

Moms in the Word 9:30am

Confirmation (Public School) 6:00pm

Walk Through the Bible - 3rd Grade 6:30pm

MOP Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

Thursday - September 25

Women's LifeLight Bible Study 9:30am

Pre-K Bible Story Night 5:30pm

Friday - September 26

AA 6:30pm

Sunday - September 28

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

Education Hour 9:30am

Discovery Class 9:30am

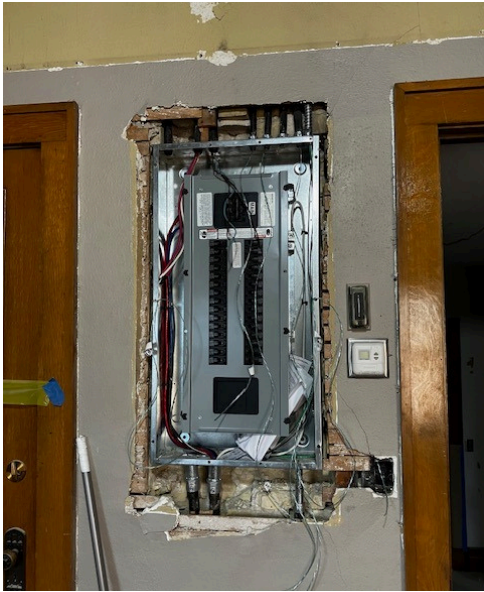


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## Construction Update



The old (possibly original) electrical panel in the Vestry has been removed and is being replaced. All panels, wiring, and devices in the renovated areas are being updated with new ones.



Brick has been installed on the South Entrance Vestibule projection. Until new doors are installed and the interior is finished, use these doors for emergency egress only.



The classroom unit ventilators have arrived, and the first is being installed. These units provide heating, cooling, and ventilation to the six classrooms in the 1961 Addition, with energy recovery wheels to temper incoming fresh air using exhaust air.



The original plaster and later tile ceilings in the Vestry and Sacristy have been removed to allow for insulation. New gypsum board ceilings will match the original vaulted design.

## 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 21 "Someone Worth Having" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. We lost God's name along the way, but God found us and gave us the Name by which we can know Him: Jesus--"God saves." (Numbers 6:27)

## Celebrating the Life of Orma Kraai – July 25, 2026

The family of Orma Kraai would like to thank family and friends for their love and condolences. They would also like to invite you to please join them for a Celebration of Life on Saturday, July 25, 2026, here at St. John's. Visitation and lunch to follow.

## 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.

## Seeking a Leader for 3rd & 4th Grade Sunday School

We are seeking a faith filled person who loves sharing Jesus with kids to help lead the 3rd and 4th grade Sunday School class. If you are interested in learning more please contact Amy Peterson at [sundayschool@stjohns-chaska.org](mailto:sundayschool@stjohns-chaska.org) or speak to one of the pastors.

## We had a wonderful first day of Sunday School!

As shown in the pictures, our littlest ones gathered with their parents while the rest of the Sunday School kids were in their own classrooms learning and growing in their love for Jesus! We have Sunday School for ages 1 through 6th grade and we welcome you to join us! If you missed this first week of Sunday School, it's not too late to attend.

  
**Register for  
Sunday School  
here!**



## 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](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

9/21

Nicole Lainhart  
Vernon Morschen  
Jeff Angell  
9/22  
Heidi Moe  
Miles Voehl  
Kimberly Vosika  
Lynnae Degler  
Bill Groboski  
9/23  
Michael Kloos  
Kristal McCollam  
Liam O'Borsky

9/24

Kristina Baseman  
Norma Thompson  
Jeff Wachter  
Teliah Beach  
Evelyn Milbrandt  
Arlys Evans  
Matthew Swanson  
9/25  
Shaun Baseman  
Cami Mesenbring  
Stella Oelfke

9/25

Rosalie Porisch  
Jon Schuelke  
Myles Messenger  
Randy Peek  
9/26  
Pastor Greg Snow  
Brooke Paulsrud  
Annie Kloos  
9/27  
Ashleigh Hegseth  
Locryn Dahms  
Travis Siegle

## FOR HEALING AND COMFORT

Chris Ries  
John Gates  
Pete Siedelman  
Jolene Berg  
Ruth Ziegler  
Angeline Rannow  
Doris Rossow  
Joann Mueller  
Gary Anderson  
Jack Boman

## CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

9/21 Jacob and Christy Garner  
9/21 Adam and Hailey Busker  
9/22 Tanya Dahlke and Chris Coder  
9/22 Nicolas and Ami Fuller  
9/24 Jon and Jamie DeBoer  
9/24 Joshua and Beth Kloos  
9/24 Jon and Jackie Schuelke  
9/25 Mitch and Becky Kirchoff  
9/26 Jeffrey and Andrea Eggert  
9/27 Carissa and Derek O'Borsky

## EXPECTANT MOMS



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

## IN SYMPATHY

The family and friends of Orma Kraai upon her passing.  
Misty Reisner and family upon the death of Misty's mother, Deb Wold.  
The family and friends of Jeanette Lieske upon her passing.

## 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  
Melinda Meuwissen  
Gina Niesche  
Steve Pond  
Austin Rannow  
Val Schlefsky  
Cliff Waller  
Lisa Neitzel - mother of Ashley Lenz  
Merlin Bentz - brother of Linda Knox  
Ruth Harms - sister-in-law of Marilyn Lenzen