

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

THE WEEKLY WORD

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



MEDITATION

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Most of us have worked hard to save up for something. When you were a kid, maybe you saved up for a certain toy that you had to have. As we got older, maybe you saved up to buy your first car, you know, the one that barely ran, that had oh so many endearing mechanical and cosmetic issues, but it was yours, at least for a while. As you grew up, maybe you saved up for college, books, and eventually for a house of your own. Over many years, we so easily accumulate piles and piles of things, but always seem to want more.

In large part, this is because there is a whole industry whose sole purpose is to have us want more, buy more, and get more of whatever they are selling. But this cycle of saving and buying begins to ring hollow after a while. It does this because these things, although they may give us momentary joy, do not fill our greatest needs of heart and soul. We find this fulfillment and hope only in Jesus and life with Him. And far from being two different things, money and faith, Paul brings them together, telling us that all we have, but especially our finances, are to be formed by our faith. And more than that, money is not something to be shunned, but rather used for the glory of God.

So how do we look at money? We flee from the seductive siren's call of loving money above all else. We use our money to fight for the faith, not with weapons of war, but we use our money to share the Gospel and connect others to it. This looks like new and revitalized churches, expanding schools, and new technology; these are things that help grow the Kingdom of God and are investments for the future of others.

PRAYER

Almighty God, we give thanks that you have given us all that we need in this life and so much more. Fill us with faith, our greatest treasure, and make all other worldly treasures that we have serve you every day as we flee from the temptation of wealth and instead go to a greater and deeper life with you. Amen.

Pastor Barry

THIS WEEK

Monday - September 29

Men's Bible Study 6:30am
Monday Night Meal 5:15pm
AA 7:00pm

Tuesday - September 30

Jeanette Lieske Funeral 11:00am
(with visitation at 10:00am)
Parent Education Night 6:00pm

Wednesday - October 1

Moms in the Word 9:30am
MOP Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

Thursday - October 2

Women's LifeLight Bible Study 9:30am
Ladies Aid Meeting 1:30pm
Trail Life Troop Meeting 6:30pm

Friday - October 3

AA 6:30pm

Saturday - October 4

Trail Life Leader's Meeting 9:00am

Sunday - October 5

Worship 8:00/9:30/10:45am
Education Hour 9:30am
Discovery Class 9:30am



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Construction Update



Now that the new balcony stair has been framed, scaffolding has been erected on top of it to access the church attic. The existing contaminated attic insulation will be removed and replaced with new insulation and fire sprinklers will be installed in the attic to protect the Sanctuary.



The steel portions of the new raised Chancel railings have been installed. Hardwood caps will be added to the tops. The space under the raised floor will be filled with insulation to reduce walking noise.



The area at the removed coal bin has been backfilled. Because the structural capacity of the original basement wall is unknown, the engineer required that the void be backfilled with lightweight lean concrete fill, so no lateral pressure is applied to the wall.

Thank You from Amy Feek

"The words thank you just don't seem enough for all the friendship, prayers, love, encouragement, and support throughout my 30 years of teaching ministry at St. John's. Your support means more than I could ever show or convey! I am so thankful that this is where God placed me all those years ago and that He continues to reaffirm that calling. Thanksgiving and praise to God for His wisdom, faithfulness, mercy, blessings, and grace each day! It truly is a privilege and joy to work alongside you all! Soli Deo Gloria -- to God alone be the glory! On to year 31!!"

-Amy Feek

Moms in the Word Childcare Help Needed!

The Moms in the Word Bible study group is seeking help with childcare during their Wednesday morning study at St. John's. Anyone interested should contact Pastor Barry at pastor.barry@stjohns-chaska.org for more information.

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 28 "On the Way, Already Home" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.
God made us to move--toward Him in faith and toward our neighbor in love. (Numbers 9:18)

Chapel Offering Partnership

For our school chapel offerings for the month of October, we would like to invite the congregation to partner with us as we bring in items in support of St. John's Monday night meal. This vital outreach prepares 300 meals each week for those in need, and is powered entirely by donations and volunteer support.

Here are our weekly focus items for chapel services:

- Thursday, October 9 – Spaghetti Noodles or Elbow Macaroni
- Thursday, October 23 – Stove Top Stuffing Mix
- Thursday, October 30 – Canned Fruit (any kind)

There will be a box outside the school office on your way to the gym where you can leave the items you bring.

The Meal is also in need of Target-sized plastic bags to package meals. Monetary donations are welcome as well. Prayers for this ministry are also so important! Contact Amy Feek or Ashleigh Hegseth if you have any questions. Together, with God's help, we can do SO MUCH!

LoveINC Winterwear Clothing Drive

St. John's is again participating in the LoveINC Winterwear Clothing Drive. They are requesting new and gently used winter coats, snow pants, warm boots, hats, and waterproof mittens and gloves for adults and children. You may drop off your donations in the box outside the church office until October 31st. Thank you for your generosity.



St. John's
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Invites You To Join Us For The 12th Annual

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH
\$95 PER PERSON
HAZELTINE NATIONAL GOLF CLUB

Schedule
Social Hour & Silent Auction - 6:00 PM
Dinner Served - 7:00 PM
Live Auction - 8:00 PM

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ST JOHN'S SCHOOL DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

SCAN ME

Register Now

<https://sjschaska.ejoinme.org/allforone2025>

Questions: allforone@stjohns-chaska.org

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

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| 9/28
Scott Marella | 9/30
Jeff Rasmussen | 10/3
Victoria Meyer |
| 9/29
Evan Hagen | Bruce Wolf | 10/4
Jimann Sears-Campbell |
| John Schneider | 10/1
Nate Leon | Kathleen Wachter |
| Carter Puza | Aidan Dart | Tyler Schneider |
| Chase Puza | 10/2
Kaitlyn Anderson | Christina Oliver |
| Chris Krampitz | | Nick Marella |
| | | Cody Frederiksen |



EXPECTANT MOMS

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

FOR HEALING AND COMFORT

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| Pearl Gray | Angeline Rannow |
| Tim Hansberger | Doris Rossow |
| Chris Ries | Joann Mueller |
| John Gates | Gary Anderson |
| Jolene Berg | Jack Boman |

IN SYMPATHY

Jason Quast, upon the death of his father, Merlin.
Jeanette Lieske's family, upon her death.

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

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| 9/28 Ryan and Maggie Smith | 10/1 Brad and Heidi Moe |
| 9/29 Julie and Bill Crocker | 10/2 Craig and Roxanne Pauling |
| 9/29 Kelly and Colton Otto | 10/3 Brian and Myckenzie Kloos |
| 9/29 Tim and Gretchen Laubach | 10/3 Madison and Jordan Sutherland |
| 9/30 Chad and Allison Clemens | 10/4 Jeff and Kathleen Wachter |
| 10/1 Christopher and Stacy Hammons | 10/4 Dan and Kendra Stewart |

ONGOING PRAYERS

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