

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

THE WEEKLY WORD

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



MEDITATION

Deuteronomy 30:11-20

Moses had many defining moments in his life, some of which include: being placed in a basket and floating along the banks of the Nile River, tending sheep on the top of Mount Horeb and seeing a burning bush, and parting the waters of the Red Sea. Another defining moment occurs near the end of Moses' ministry as he stands on a mountain overlooking the Promised Land. It is here that he delivered some parting words to those who he led out of the bondage of slavery. His words are clear, direct, and to the point when he says, "the choice is yours, either you live in the new land that God is giving you or die in sin and the evil idols you choose to cling to."

The choice is really not a choice. In love God gives us His commandments and the path to eternal life. God's word is sure and certain, and does not change like the shifting shadows. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob sets before us today, "life and good, death and evil". The message is the same as it has always been throughout the generations and it encourages us when the scriptures call out to us saying, "Choose Life". Our life is in Christ and His ultimate sacrifice for the forgiveness of all our sins. We hold fast to His promise and the Life He died to bring.

PRAYER

Lord, like Peter we come to You speaking in faith, "to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life!" You are above all things and we worship You alone. You set before us "life and good, death and evil". While evil surrounds us on our daily journey, strengthen us in faith so that we might choose the life You died to bring. We are only able to choose You because You chose us first. Bless us as we live for You. Amen

Pastor Snow

THIS WEEK

Sunday - September 7

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

Meet the Pastors Event 9:00am

Monday - September 8

Men's Bible Study 6:30am

Monday Night Meal 5:15pm

AA 7:00pm

Tuesday - September 9

Mary Martha Guild Meeting 6:30pm

Elders Meeting 6:30pm

Wednesday - September 10

Confirmation (Public School) 6:00pm

Washington DC Meeting 6:30pm

MOP Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

Thursday - September 11

Women's Lifelight Bible Study 9:00am

Friday - September 12

AA 6:30pm

Saturday - September 13

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

Sunday - September 14

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

Education Hour 9:30am

Blood Pressure Screening 9:30am



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Construction Update

Building Security During Construction

Since the beginning of the project, all workers on the site must submit to background checks, which we review. In addition, all workers must wear name badges bearing their name and Langer Construction's logo. Since the beginning of school, exterior doors are closed and locked, with a limited number of door fobs given to crew foremen.



The opening in the basement wall where the coal bin was previously has been infilled with concrete, waterproofed and insulated. There is a drainage tile along the footing which will be connected to a new sump and pump. The gray pipes are electrical conduits for new electrical service to the exterior HVAC units and for the new electrical panels in the Boiler Room. The concrete column is for one of the posts for the screen wall around those HVAC units.



The small projection for the new south vestibule has been framed and sheathed; ready for brick. Due to limited space, about one third of the vestibule will be in this projection while the remaining two thirds will be inside the building. The vestibule will have wider doors which will allow access for individuals in wheelchairs.



Iron workers are installing the structure for the new stairway up to the Balcony. The structure for the stair is steel, but all exposed portions of it will be white oak, in the style to match the original stair. The new stair will have safe treads instead of having dangerous winder treads, which the original stair had.

Mary Martha Guild Meeting September 9th

This coming Tuesday, September 9, 2025, Mary Martha Guild will have their meeting after having the summer off. Refreshments and fellowship will be at 6:30pm with a devotion at 7:00pm followed by a meeting. It will be held in room B02 in the basement of the church.

If you would like to know more about Mary Martha Guild, come and join us on Tuesday evening!

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

Join the Choir: Messengers of Praise, St. John's SATB choir, has started rehearsing and it's not too late to join! Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the Music Room. Contact Katie Rolf, kathryn.rolf@stjohns-chaska.org, for more info.

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 7 "Dying, We Live" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God's love finds His people in the wilderness, the place where God gives bread from heaven, water from a rock, and streams in the desert. (Numbers 14:19-20)

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

9/7

Madison Tucker
James Zangl
Carol McCarty

9/8

Carol Adams
Pat Haack
Sherri Krueger
Christian Wachter
Nicole Thuente

9/9

Jenny Erdmann
Roslyn Wiegert
Paula Mosley
Brock Hubley

9/10

Leanne Backlund
Ashley Eastlund
Bev Hendrickson
Julie Hesse
Nick Atkinson

9/11

Allen Giernett
Liz Kulzer
Dan Trost
Lillian Swanson
Alyssa Larson

9/12

Morgan Baker
Kaye Wikstrom
9/13
Morgan Lewis

EXPECTANT MOMS

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



CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

9/7 Jeff and Deana Stillman

9/7 Ben and Kadi Peterson

9/7 Darren and Anna Jeurissen

9/8 Steven and Joanne Latzke

9/9 Thomas and Morgan Stanley

9/11 Steven and Sandra Beulke

9/12 Timothy and Rio Schaeckel

FOR HEALING AND COMFORT

Ruth Ziegler
Angeline Rannow
Tyler Trost
Orma Kraai

Doris Rossow
Joann Mueller
Gary Anderson
Jack Boman

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
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