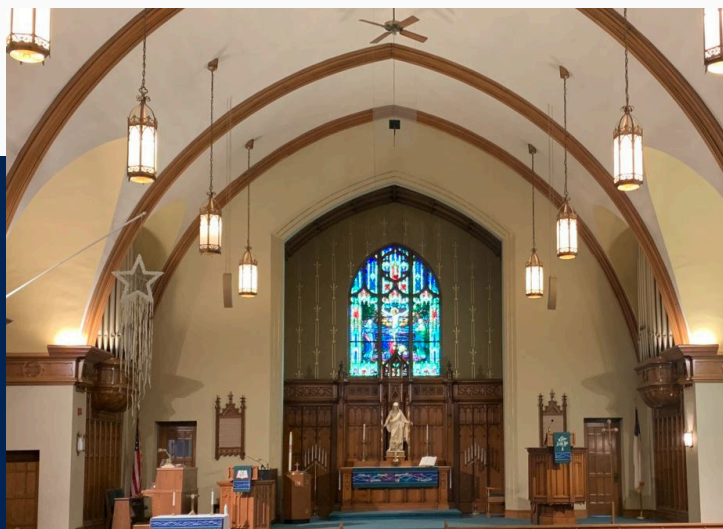


OCTOBER 19, 2025

THE WEEKLY WORD

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



MEDITATION

Genesis 32:22-30

Our text comes at the end of a unit in Genesis which deals with Jacob and Esau (25:19-33:17). After all the ups and downs and twists and turns of Jacob's story, it finally comes to a head at the Jabbok River. After twenty years on the run, Jacob will finally have to face his brother, Esau. But before he does, he will have to wrestle with God.

It is interesting to note that sometime during this grappling match, Jacob realizes he is wrestling the Lord. What was he doing? There was no chance he would prevail against the Creator! God is allowing Jacob to fight on and does not need Jacob to stop grappling with Him (32:26). Instead, God wants Jacob to continue to grapple, to wrestle, to hold on to Him. So, Jacob persistently cries out, "I will not let You go unless You bless me" (32:26).

Wrestling with God is something with which we can all identify. The times when we are alone, facing life's most challenging times, are the very moments when we wrestle with God. Struggling to find answers because of past sins, only to have God touch us in a way we never thought possible. Like Jacob, we hold on to Christ as He blesses us with the promises He died to bring.

PRAYER

Father God, we thank You for the opportunity to wrestle with You. In our struggle against sin and our sinful flesh, we are able to work out our anxious thoughts and immature ways. It is a great blessing that You hold on to us when we don't have the strength to hold on to You. Bless us again today and give us Your peace. Amen.

Pastor Snow

THIS WEEK

Monday - October 20

Men's Bible Study 6:30am

Monday Night Meal 5:15pm

AA 7:00pm

Wednesday - October 22

Moms in the Word 9:30am

Confirmation (Public School) 6:00pm

Youth Board Meeting 6:00pm

MOP Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

Thursday - October 23

Women's LifeLight Bible Study 9:30am

Friday - October 24

All For One Event at Hazeltine 6:00pm

AA 6:30pm

Saturday - October 25

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

Trunk or Treat 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Reformation Sunday - October 26

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

Education Hour 9:30am



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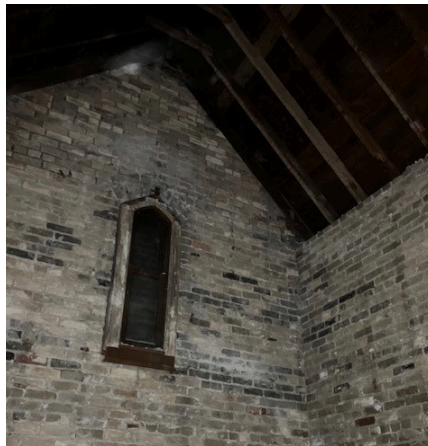
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Construction Update



The closet in the northwest corner of the Fellowship Hall is being expanded to house a rack for the electronic equipment for the Sanctuary A/V system. There will be a smaller, accessible rack near the southeast corner of the Fellowship Hall for the A/V equipment for that room.



The hardboard and crumbling plaster have been removed from the organ chamber. The walls and roof will get insulated and new gypsum board installed, to better reflect sound into the sanctuary.



Installation of the new windows is complete in the Nursery, and is underway in Rooms 101 and 102. Finishing of the jambs and sills will be done at a later date, after the windows have been installed in all of the classrooms.

Meet Maria Mayberry: Our New Church Ministry Assistant!

Hi! My name is Maria Mayberry, and I'm so blessed to be the new Church Ministry Assistant at St. John's. I'm married to a wonderful man named Joe, and together we have four kids (one girl and three boys, ages 6 to 15). For the past eight years, I've worked as an HR Admin and Recruiter within the Printing and Water Technology space.

I've lived in Chaska most of my life, and my family and I currently attend a church in Bloomington. I enjoy long car rides, peaceful walks, cooking/trying new foods, and spending time with family.

I'm truly excited to serve, connect, and grow alongside so many wonderful people here at St. John's. My heart's desire is to be the Salt and Light in all that I do.

I look forward to meeting and serving you, and this wonderful church community in any way I can!



Job Opening - Receptionist/Staff Assistant (Non-Exempt)

The receptionist/staff assistant is responsible for the prompt and courteous answering of incoming calls, greeting and directing visitors, managing the master facility scheduling system and operation of the door security system. The position will also provide administrative support to staff. Hours are typically Monday - Friday from 8:30 - 3:30 pm and could be job shared. Benefits, including a generous tuition discount may be offered based on the number of hours worked. For more information and to apply, contact Gordon Thomas (gordon.thomas@stjohns-chaska.org).

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.

All Saints' Day Cross Signing

As is our tradition in preparation for St. John's All Saints' Day celebration, you will have the opportunity to sign a cross with the name of a loved one who died in the faith in this past year. On **Sunday, October 19th and 26th**, tables will be set up both in the Lower Commons and at the back of the Gym with crosses to sign.

Join the Men's Choir for All Saints' Sunday

All men are invited to join the Men's Choir for **rehearsals on 10/22 and 10/29 at 7:00pm**. The Men's Choir will sing for worship on **All Saints' Sunday, 11/2**. For more information, contact Katie Rolf, kathryn.rolf@stjohns-chaska.org.

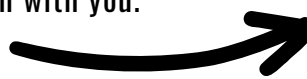
Trunk or Treat Candy and Volunteers Needed!

St. John's is preparing for the annual Trunk or Treat event on **October 25th from 2-5pm**. This event is an opportunity for St. John's to introduce or reintroduce ourselves to a community that is growing and changing, connecting them to who we are in the love of Jesus. We need your help! Please consider donating candy by picking up an extra bag while shopping. To volunteer, please contact Pastor Barry at pastor.barry@stjohns-chaska.org.

Veterans Day Breakfast & Chapel

We invite all veterans to join us at St. John's for a special breakfast and Chapel on **Thursday, November 6th, 2025**, from **8:15am - 10:30am** in your honor. We're grateful for your service and look forward to sharing this time of appreciation with you.

Please scan the QR code to let us know if you can attend!



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.

Chapel Offering Partnership

As part of our school chapel offering partnership, we're collecting items to support St. John's Monday Night Meal:

- **Oct 23:** Stove Top Stuffing Mix
- **Oct 30:** Canned Fruit (any kind)

Drop items in the box outside the school office

Questions? Please contact Amy Feek or Ashleigh Hegseth.



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

10/19

Michael Burfield
Keirah Beach
Emersyn Fick
10/20
Helen Anderson
Kurt Krenz
Beth Sefkar
Blake Larson
Wallace Otto

10/22

Kay Molnau
Steve Zupke
Carrie Meyer
10/23
Sara Feltmann
Karen Poppler
Jessica Saba
Zoey Lewis

10/24

Judy Fuller
Lynda Gentz
Julie Rasmussen
10/25
Carter Steinert
Brynn Wille

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

Westlee Koepsell
Lisa Neitzel
Bernie Gnan
Marilyn Lenzen

John Gates
Jolene Berg
Angeline Rannow

Doris Rossow
Joann Mueller
Gary Anderson
Jack Boman



EXPECTANT MOMS

Nicole Stockey
Kourtney Vipond
Jessica Lewis
Nicole Thuente
Katelyn Olson
Amy Peterson

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The birth of a son, Hollis Craig Jeurissen,
to Darren and Anna Jeurissen

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

10/19 Wade and Dana Mesenbring
10/21 Wade and Amy Kranz
10/22 Lyle and Susan Hilk
10/23 Scott and Sara Feltmann
10/25 Todd and Lynnae Degler

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
Hilde Grev
Eugene Henke

Carol Jones
Len Kallsen
Gretchen Laubach
Melinda Meuwissen
Gina Niesche
Steve Pond
Austin Rannow

Val Schlefsky
Cliff Waller
Ruth Ziegler
Merlin Bentz - brother of Linda Knox
Ruth Harms - sister-in-law of Marilyn Lenzen