

OCTOBER 5, 2025

THE WEEKLY WORD

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



MEDITATION

Luke 17:1-10

With only a short glance at the world we live in, we quickly identify that we live in a world filled with sin. Sin comes in various shapes and sizes that infest our entire lives. There's no stopping the infestation because "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23). Jesus reminds us through the words of St. Luke to "watch ourselves" because there is no one else to blame. Jesus takes it a step further when He reminds us that we are to be careful so that our sin doesn't spread into the lives of others. It can be deadly, "like a millstone that is thrown into the heart of the sea." (Luke 17:2)

Repentance and forgiveness in Jesus' name take faith that comes from belief. "If we have faith as small as a mustard seed" we can do big things. Faith does not preclude Christians from adversity and persecution. Temptations will come; believing saints will sin; yet repentant sinners will be forgiven. Satan will surely seek to undermine our faith, yet Christ Jesus, in unrelenting mercy and forgiveness, will guard us until the day of salvation. Faith arms believers with Christlike tenacity, equipping us to persevere in prayer and joy, continually confessing Jesus as the source of life and immortality.

PRAYER

Lord, we come with the weight of sin placed upon our shoulders. It's a burden that only You can carry. We ask You boldly for forgiveness. Increase our faith so that, in Your name, we might move mountains for Your glory. Amen.

Pastor Snow

THIS WEEK

Monday - October 6

Men's Bible Study 6:30am

Monday Night Meal 5:15pm

AA 7:00pm

Tuesday - October 7

Trustees Meeting 6:30pm

Wednesday - October 8

Moms in the Word 9:30am

Confirmation (Public School) 6:00pm

MOP Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

Thursday - October 9

Women's LifeLight Bible Study 9:30am

Friday - October 10

AA 6:30pm

Saturday - October 11

Colson Fellows Cohort Meeting 8:30am

Sunday - October 12

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

Blood Pressure Screening 9:30am

New Member Sunday 9:30am

Education Hour 9:30am



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Construction Update



The exterior A/C units for the six 1961 addition classrooms have been installed on the roof, four are shown here. Each classroom has its own unit, with cool air distributed through the room's unit ventilators.



Piping for the hot water heating system is being installed in the Boiler Room. Shown here are the motors and pumps to circulate the hot water throughout the project.



Mechanical, electrical, and soffit framing work continues above the Fellowship Hall ceiling. One HVAC unit will serve the church, the other the Hall, with ductwork for both above this ceiling.

On September 21, 2025, our 3rd Graders received Bibles from Ladies Aid and Catechisms from the Mary Martha Guild.



Celebrating LWML Sunday at St. John's

Today we are celebrating Lutheran Women Missionary League (LWML) Sunday. LWML is an auxiliary Ministry of the LCMS. LWML provides women with opportunities to grow in their relationship with the Lord through studying His Word, serving together and supporting missions. MITES are collected to support Mission Grants at the District and National level. At St. John's we have the Mary Martha Guild and Ladies Aid. If you are interested in learning more about LWML, contact Helen Anderson, Mary Martha Guild at 612-308-1209, or Karen Stephen, Ladies Aid at 630-728-2685.

Trunk or Treat Candy and Volunteers Needed!

St. John's is getting ready 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. And we need your help. Starting next week we will be collecting candy for the event. Please consider picking up an extra bag when you are shopping. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Pastor Barry at pastor.barry@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 for more information.

Chapel Offering Partnership

This month, our chapel offerings support St. John's Monday Night Meal, which provides 300 meals weekly to those in need. We invite the congregation to join us by donating the following items:

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.

Questions? Contact Amy Feek or Ashleigh Hegseth. Thank you for partnering with us to make a difference!

LovelNC Winterwear Clothing Drive

St. John's is again participating in the LovelNC 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.



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

10/6
Cameron Paulson
Patti Hedges
10/7
Ruth Lenzen
Spencer Roxas
Keagan Degler
Justin Bergo

10/8
Caroline Beise
Logan Dartt
Joe Oliver
10/9
Stephanie Griep

10/10
Anna Jeurissen
10/11
Lois Degler
Allison Raether
Robert Roepke
David Mundahl



EXPECTANT MOMS

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

IN SYMPATHY

The family of Pearl Gray, upon her passing.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

For the birth of a son, Hudson, to Adam and Hailey Busker.

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

10/5 Daniel and Sweetlin Richard	10/8 Marcus and Brenda Simpson
10/5 Jack and Abby Hendrickson	10/8 Jason and Sheri Scheidt
10/6 Randy and Beth Sefkar	10/9 Ron and Tamara Dial
10/7 Jason and Tracy Eickhoff	10/11 Linee and David Moldenhauer
10/8 Bob and Tammy Panning	

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

Bernie Gnan	Angeline Rannow
Marilyn Lenzen	Doris Rossow
Tim Hansberger	Joann Mueller
Chris Ries	Gary Anderson
John Gates	Jack Boman
Jolene Berg	

ONGOING PRAYERS

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