

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

THE WEEKLY WORD

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



MEDITATION

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

What do you do? It is often a question we ask of a new acquaintance as we are getting to know them. We ask this question because what we do for work is so tied up in who we are. But we are far more than just the sum total of the things we do during the work day. This is where Luther's teaching on vocation becomes so helpful for us, and really helps us understand the world in which we live. For Luther our jobs were not limited to the work we do to earn money. Instead, Luther taught that we have all been given jobs by God, sacred callings that cross over into many areas of life.

Some examples of these vocations include being a mother or a father, a son or a daughter, a neighbor, or a community member. We have been placed into these vocations by God to do real, important work which serves God even as it serves those around us.

This also changes how we work, no matter where it is or what it is. We see all that we do ultimately as an expression of worship in that we are doing what God has called us to do. For some this may mean serving God as a christian mother, for others it is working long hours in the trades, and still for others it is caring for grandchildren and volunteering in our church or in the community.

We sometimes see our jobs as separate from the rest of our life and for that matter we can see the work we may do in church as separate from everything else we do. But really work, vocation, jobs, these are all tied up in our identity as christians.

PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you for all that you have given us in our lives. Make us faithful in the work we are called to do, laboring not just to complete the task at hand, but to bring glory and honor to You even as we serve others. Give us strength when we are weary, and let us find joy in what You have given us to do. Amen.

Pastor Barry

THIS WEEK

Monday - November 17

Men's Bible Study 6:30am

Monday Night Meal 5:15pm

AA 7:00pm

Tuesday - November 18

Executive Council Meeting 6:30pm

Wednesday - November 19

Moms in the Word 9:30am

Operation Christmas Child Packing 5:30pm

Advent Choral Vespers Rehearsal 7:00pm

Thursday - November 20

CAP Food Distribution (offsite) 12:00pm

Trail Life Troop Meeting 6:30pm

Saturday - November 22

Trail Life Wreath Pick Up 8:00am – 1:00pm

Advent Choral Vespers Rehearsal 9:00am

Thanksgiving Meal Prep:

8:00am – 11:00 & 1:00 pm – 5:00pm

Sunday - November 23

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

Education Hour 9:30am

Book Fair (between services)

Thanksgiving Meal Prep 1:00pm – 5:00pm



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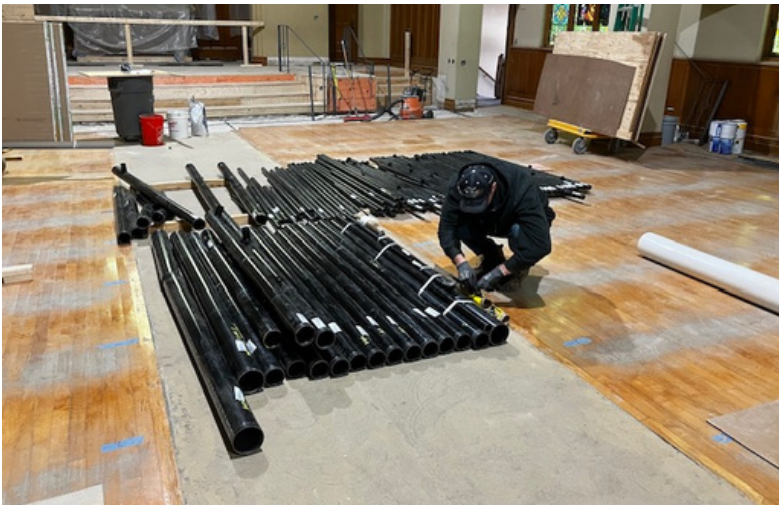
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Construction Update



The contractor took advantage of the last few weeks of fall weather to do some site work before winter arrives. Here they installed rock mulch around the HVAC units, sod around the equipment screen and wood chip mulch next to the school south entrance.



The fire sprinkler contractor came back this week to begin the sprinkler work in the Church, Fellowship Hall and all of the surrounding spaces. They are preparing this pipe to be carried up to the church attic.



HVAC system controls and other work is happening in the Storage Room outside of the Boiler Room. The drywall contractor has installed wallboard here and in the other storage rooms and restrooms nearby.

Join Us for Thanksgiving Worship

Thanksgiving Eve Service with Communion – Wednesday, November 26th at 7:00pm
Thanksgiving Day Service with Communion – Thursday, November 27th at 9:30am



Volunteer for Thanksgiving Meal Prep!

Help us prepare a warm Thanksgiving meal for our community! We're looking for volunteers to help prepare and cook Thanksgiving dishes on Saturday, November 22 and Sunday, November 23, 2025.

Saturday, Nov 22: 8–11 AM (Prep & Cook Turkeys) | 1–5 PM (Debone Turkeys)

Sunday, Nov 23: 1–5 PM (Make Stuffing & Green Bean Casserole)



Scan the QR code
to sign up!

Operation Christmas Child

The Operation Christmas Child Box Packing Party will be held on **Wednesday, November 19**, during the confirmation class timeframe. Because of renovations, the gym isn't available on Sunday, but we're excited to gather midweek to pack boxes filled with love and hope!

You can help by...

- donating small items (school supplies, toys, toothbrushes, washcloths, or other child-friendly gifts)
- packing your own box to bring to St. John's
- contributing funds for postage (checks payable to St. John's with "postage" in the memo).
- joininig in on the packing fun! We'd to surpass the 300 boxes that we packed last year!

Questions? Reach out to Luanne Anderson

Thanksgiving, Advent & Christmas Worship Volunteer Opportunities

We are looking for volunteers to help support our upcoming services.

Please consider signing up to help with one or more of the worship dates below.

Scan the QR code to sign up



Thanksgiving Services with Communion

- Wednesday, November 26, 7:00pm
- Thursday, November 27, 9:30am

Advent Services

- Wednesday, December 3, 4:15 & 6:30pm
- Sunday, December 7, 6:30pm
 - (Advent Choral Vespers)
- Wednesday, December 10, 4:15 & 6:30pm
- Wednesday, December 17, 4:15 & 6:30pm

New Year's Eve Service with Communion

- Wednesday, December 31, 5:00pm

Lutheran Hour Broadcast On KDUZ Radio

Hear the Good News of the Gospel on the Lutheran Hour each Sunday morning during 2025 at 9:00 am on KDUZ 1260 AM Radio. Next Sunday you will hear the following program on the 9:00 am broadcast:

Nov. 23 "An Unlikely King" with Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies. Christ is the King of an unlikely kingdom. Dr. Chad Lakies describes that kingdom's seemingly upside-down, illogical logic. (Philippians 2:5-11)

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

Want to receive the Weekly Word and church communications by email?

Contact churchoffice@stjohns-chaska.org or
call the church office.



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

11/16

Fred Krueger
Kayla Messer
Noah Wercinski
Alaina Hilk

11/17

Gary Shay
Sarah Tesch

11/18

Jim Backlund
Sue Wolf
Travis Woltmann
Silas Roxas

11/19

Mary Hartwig
Ashley Schuelke

11/20

Ben Lindberg
Ethan Schmidt

11/21

Nathan Kulish

11/22

Tim Peterson
Shannon Voigt

IN SYMPATHY

Pastor Perry and family upon the passing
of his mother, Mary Lynn Perry.

Brian Riner and family upon the passing of
his father, George Riner.

Dante Langmade and family upon the
passing of his father, Andrew Clover.

Penny Eastlund and family upon the
passing of her cousin, Angel Benes.

EXPECTANT MOMS

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



FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

Donna Kloos
Norm Glock
Jen Angell
Marilyn Lenzen

Jolene Berg
Joann Mueller
Gary Anderson
Jack Boman

ONGOING PRAYERS

Carol Affeldt
John Barney
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