

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

THE WEEKLY WORD

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



MEDITATION

Malachi 3:13-18

We've all heard the common phrase, "Looks can be deceiving". What you see is not always what you get. A person, place, or object may be very different from how they initially appear at first glance. The saying emphasizes the importance of looking beyond superficial appearances to understand the true nature or quality of something or someone.

This Sunday is the Last Sunday of the Church Year before we enter the Season of Advent. It sounds so final yet looks can be deceiving. The readings give us glimpses of what at first glance looks unfair, but it turns out that our God is a Just God and His Will is always being done no matter how it may first appear.

The Prophet Malachi calls us the Lord's "treasured possession". We matter to Him, and Christ has paid the price for those who believe. St. Paul proclaims, "He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son." The Gospel of Luke reminds us of the price paid for our sinfulness as Jesus hangs on the cross. His crucifixion looks as horrible as it was, but we have life eternal because He willingly died so that we might have Life in His name. While looks may be deceiving, there is "nothing that can separate us from the love of Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:39)

PRAYER

Lord You are the Giver of all good things. We give thanks to You for our lives and all You provide. Forgive us for the times we see the things of this world with deserving eyes instead of being grateful to You. While we might experience troubles and injustices in our lives, help us to remember that You are in control. You alone know what is best for us. Strengthen our faith to believe when we pray, "Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Amen.

Pastor Snow

THIS WEEK

Monday - November 24

Men's Bible Study 6:30am

Monday Night Meal 5:15pm

AA 7:00pm

Tuesday - November 25

School Grandparents Day

Wednesday - November 26

No School - Thanksgiving Break

Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7:00pm

Thursday - November 27

No School - Thanksgiving Break

Thanksgiving Day Worship 9:30am

Friday - November 28

No School - Thanksgiving Break

AA 6:30pm

Sunday - November 30

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

Education Hour 9:30am



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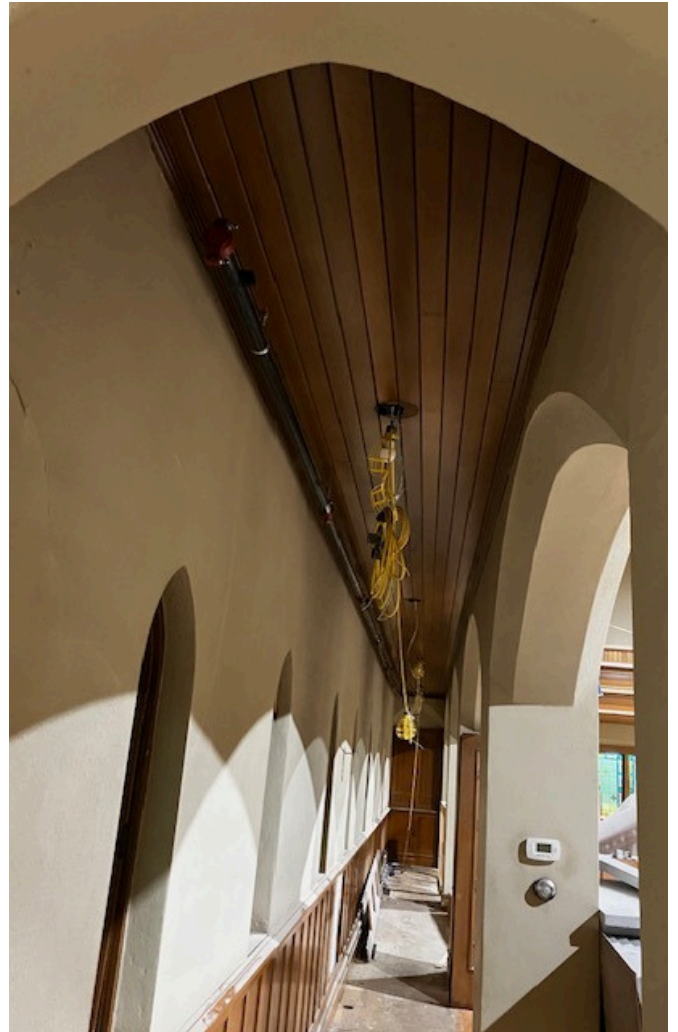
Construction Update



Gypsum wallboard is being installed in the Fellowship Hall and surrounding spaces. The hallway in this photo leads to the new Men's and Women's Restrooms. A long-needed drinking fountain will be installed in the alcove to the left.



The two exterior HVAC units have been placed on their bases. The ductwork still needs to be installed and other connections made.



Sprinkler piping for the two side aisles needs to be installed below the wood ceilings. Wood soffits that will match the ceiling boards will be built to enclose the pipes.

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



Join Us for Christmas Worship at St. John's

Christmas Eve - Wednesday, December 24

- Worship with Communion at 2:00pm, 4:00pm, & 10:00pm (candlelight service)

Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25

- Worship with Communion at 9:30am

Christmas Poinsettias

Help us celebrate Christ's birth by donating the cost of a poinsettia (\$15) to help decorate our Christmas services. Envelopes to purchase the plants can be found at the information center. The deadline to purchase is December 14th. The poinsettias may be taken home for your personal enjoyment after the late service on Sunday, January 4th.



Sunday School & Day School Christmas Services & Programs

Sunday School Christmas Services:

Kindergarten & Younger - Sunday, December 7 at the 10:45am service

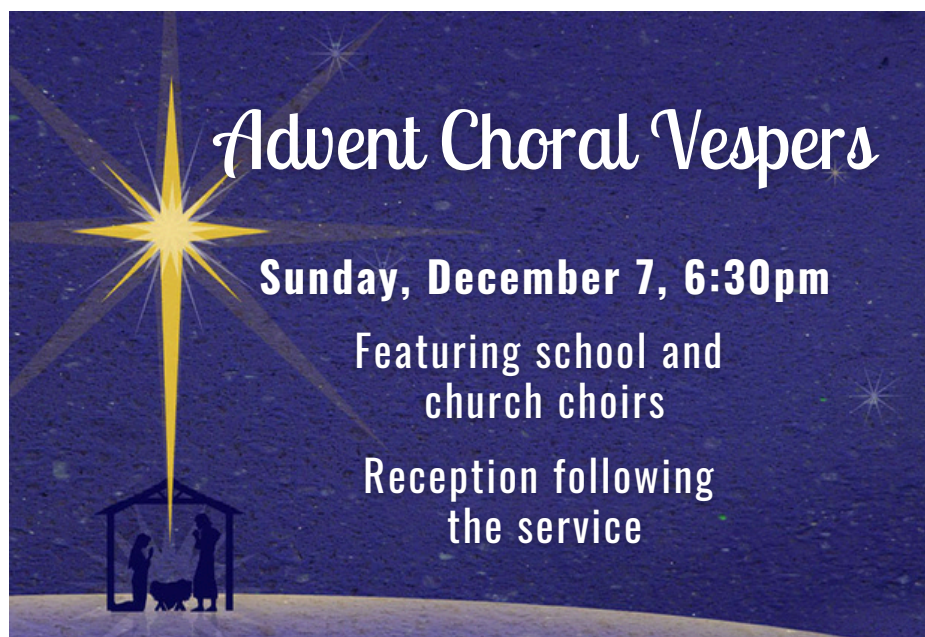
1st - 6th Grade - Sunday, December 14 at the 11:00am service

Day School Christmas Services/Programs:

Time to Grow Christmas Program - Thursday, December 11 at 6:30pm

K - 8th Grade Christmas Service - Thursday, December 18 at 6:30pm

No Sunday School on Sunday, December 21 or Sunday, December 28



Join Us for Advent Worship!

Sundays in Advent:

November 30, December 7, 14, & 21
8:00am, 9:30am, & 10:45am

Advent Choral Vespers:

December 7 at 6:30pm

Midweek Advent Worship:

December 3, 10, & 17
4:15pm & 6:30pm

No Advent Meals
due to renovation



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

11/24

Nicole Lenzen
11/26
Karen Duff
Orville Folkerts
Kara McCormick
Daniel Vosika
Malachi Syrette
Noella Scheidt
Izzy Hildebrandt

11/27

Kelly Otto
Lily Griffin
11/28
Logan DeBoer
Paul DeRocher
Mitch Kirchoff
Wendy Schlueter
Matt Geuther
Tim Hildebrandt

11/29

Christine Dysterheft
Joel Landskroener
Hadley Schmitz
Brian Tucker
Christina Krueger
Karen Stephan
Chloe Garner

IN SYMPATHY

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

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

Cathie DeMaris and family upon the passing of her husband, Bob DeMaris.

EXPECTANT MOMS

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

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

11/23 Nyles and Tracy Schwardt
11/26 Taras and Jessica Medvedev
11/27 Paul and Delores Beussman
11/28 Pastor Greg and Connie Snow
11/29 Catherine Guth Gray and Jeff Gray
11/29 Dallas and Karen Schmidt

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

Bernie Gnan	Donna Kloos	Jolene Berg
Holly Walters	Norm Glock	Joann Mueller
Maddy Bushard	Jen Angell	Gary Anderson
Bill Noll	Marilyn Lenzen	Jack Boman

ONGOING PRAYERS

Carol Affeldt
John Barney
Jimann Campbell
Julie Carver
Marguerite Craighead
Sunnie Deis

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