November 2026

St John Messenger



CONTACT INFO

Pastor Ann Auten
20012 J RD
Athol, Kansas, 66967
(402)469-2191
auten64@gmail.com

COMMUNION

November 8, 2026
November 22, 2026

LIVESTREAM

YouTube
St John Lutheran, Athol

FACEBOOK

St John Lutheran, Athol

WEBSITE

stjohnlutheranathol.com

Dear Members of St. John,

"Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods..." Psalm 95

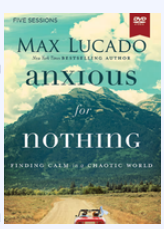
With Thanksgiving quickly approaching and Advent following, it is time to do two things. Give thanks for our blessings and get ready for the best blessing of all, the Christ Child. To do this, I would like to give you a few Right Now Media suggestions to enrich your days of preparation. If you have not signed up, you can Text "SJLCKS" to 49775 or give Pastor Ann your email addresses. If you need help, find me after our church service during coffee hour! Enjoy your devotion time!



The only appropriate response to the faithfulness and goodness of God is GRATITUDE. In this study, Pastor Jason Turner will convey a biblical understanding of the necessity for authentic gratitude in the life of a faithful follower of Jesus.



If you want to slow down during the holiday season, savor each precious moment, and finally open the presents you have always longed for, then Red Letter Advent is for you. Red Letter Advent is a 25-day experience of unboxing the four gifts Jesus wants you to receive and give away: hope, peace, joy and love.

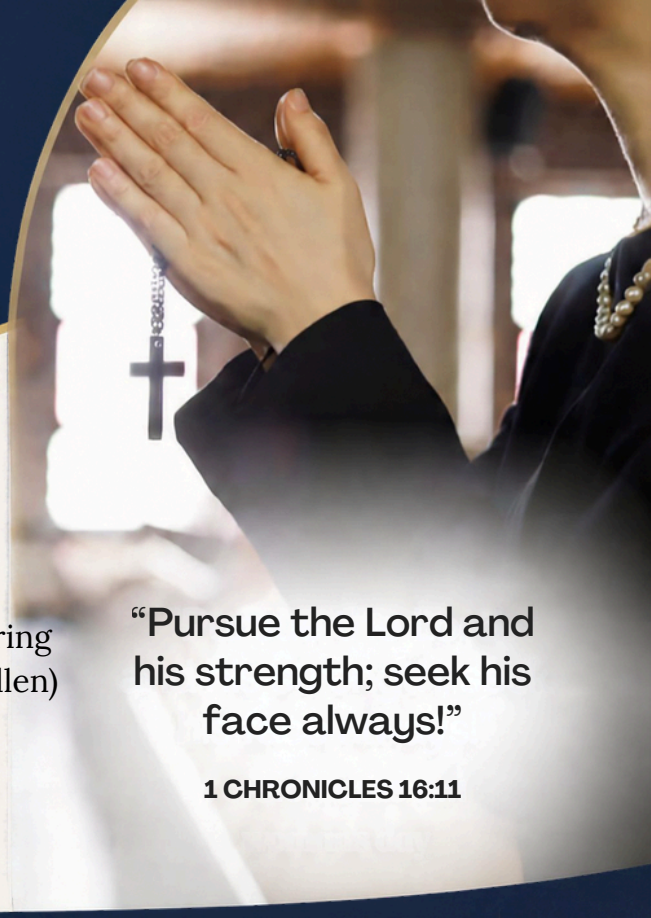


Max Lucado explores God's promise in Philippians 4:4–8 and shows that while anxiety is part of life, it doesn't have to dominate life. As you follow God's prescription for worry – celebrate his goodness, ask for help, leave your concerns with him, meditate on good things – you will experience his peace. You can stop letting anxiety rule your day and find true calm and contentment in Christ.

Blessings during your study,

Pastor Ann

Prayer Concerns



Blondina Kuhlmann
Virginia Engelke
Roy Dean Bell
Betty Kirchhoff
Irish Kussmann
Dorothy Seems
Dorothy & Bob Wire
Ginger Pletcher
Kaelyn Jones
Joel Brewer & Friend
Connie Francis
Family of Ernie Luehring
(Brother of Marsha Allen)
Zack Warren

Please let Penny know if anyone needs added.
penny.mckenzie@yahoo.com

"Pursue the Lord and his strength; seek his face always!"

1 CHRONICLES 16:11

A Prayer for All Saints Sunday

Holy God, we give you thanks for all your saints, known and unknown, whose faithful lives have witnessed to your love, Hold close those who grieve, strengthen those who serve, and help us follow the light of Christ with courage and compassion. Unite us with all your people across every time and place, and guide us toward your kingdom of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Remember Your Baptism



Baptism is not simply an event from our past—it is a gift from God that we are called to remember and celebrate throughout our lives. In baptism, God claims us as His own, washes us with His grace, and welcomes us into His family.

Martin Luther encouraged Christians to remember their baptism daily. Each morning, we can remind ourselves: I am baptized. I belong to Christ. That simple truth can bring comfort when life feels uncertain, encouragement when we struggle, and hope when we are reminded of our sin and need for forgiveness.

Celebrating our baptism does not mean focusing only on the day water was placed on our heads. It means living each day in the promises God gave us there. We are forgiven. We are loved. We are His.

As a church family, we also have the privilege of celebrating baptisms together. When someone is baptized, we are reminded of our own baptism and of the beautiful promise that God continues to work through His Word and Sacraments from one generation to the next.

So whether your baptism was last month or many decades ago, continue to celebrate it. Remember God's promises, give thanks for His grace, and live each day knowing that you have been marked as a child of God.

"We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that... we too may live a new life." — Romans 6:4

MEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAY

4 - Virginia Engelke
5 - Stan Horning
7 - Ann Auten
9 - Cory Frieling
9- Kingston Montgomery
15 - Harley Lehmann
17 - Dorothy Seems
18 - Jett Vigil
19 - Jessica Lehmann
19 - Art Kuhlmann
29 - Quade Frieling
30 - Brandon Engelke

BAPTISM

27 - Kingston Montgomery
28 - Kacie Timmons

ANNIVERSARY

4 - Mr & Mrs Mike Kirchhoff
14 - Mr & Mrs Wyatt Oliver
24 - Mr & Mrs Dallas Lehmann
30 - Mr & Mrs Glenn Timmons

November Calendar

1st - All Saints Sunday
3rd - Men's Prayer Breakfast @ 6:30 AM
4th - Sunporch Communion @ 10:30 AM
4th - BFC Movie Night @ 6:30 PM
11th & 18th - Advent Choir Practice 6:30 PM
15th & 22nd - Advent Choir Practice after Church
25th - Thanksgiving Eve Service @ 7:00 PM
29th - Advent Season Begins

Weekly Meetings
Tuesdays, Daniel Bible Study @ 6:30 PM
Wednesdays, Women's Bible Study @ 9:00 AM
Confirmation @ 4:45-6:15 PM (except 1st Wed.)
B4C Youth, First Wednesday of the month
Thursdays, Bible Study Sunporch @ 1:30 PM





Thanksgiving Eve Service
November 25th
7:00 PM
"Come and Be Thankful!"



Advent Services - 7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 2nd
Wednesday, December 9th
Wednesday, December 16th

Join our Advent Choir! Practice begins Nov. 11th!
See calendar for schedule!

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30AM Worship (First Communion) 10:30AM Sunday School 10:30AM Women's Annual Meeting	2	3 6:30AM Men's Discipleship Breakfast 6:30PM Adult Bible Study	4 9:00AM Morning Circle 10:30AM Sunporch Communion 12:00PM Bulletin Deadline 6:30PM Youth Group	5 1:30PM Bible Study at Sun Porch	6	7
8 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Sunday School	9	10 6:30PM Adult Bible Study	11 9:00AM Morning Circle 9:00AM Pastor's Office Hours 12:00PM Bulletin Deadline 4:45PM Confirmation 6:30PM Choir Practice	12 1:30PM Bible Study at Sun Porch	13	14
15 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Sunday School 10:45AM Choir Practice	16	17 6:30PM Adult Bible Study	18 9:00AM Morning Circle 9:00AM Pastor's Office Hours 12:00PM Bulletin Deadline 4:45PM Confirmation 6:30PM Choir Practice	19 1:30PM Bible Study at Sun Porch	20	21
22 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Sunday School 10:45AM Choir Practice	23	24 6:30PM Adult Bible Study	25 9:00AM Morning Circle 9:00AM Pastor's Office Hours 12:00PM Bulletin/Nweslletter Deadline 4:45PM Confirmation 7:00PM Thanksgiving Eve Service	26 1:30PM Bible Study at Sun Porch	27	28
29 9:30AM 1st Sunday in Advent Worship 10:30AM Sunday School	30	1 6:30AM Men's Discipleship Breakfast 6:30PM Adult Bible Study	2 9:00AM Morning Circle 9:00AM Pastor's Office Hours 12:00PM Bulletin Deadline 7:00PM Youth Group	3 1:30PM Bible Study at Sun Porch	4	5