

“Stick with what you learned and believed, sure of the integrity of your teachers—why, you took in the sacred Scriptures with your mother's milk! There's nothing like the written Word of God for showing you the way to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.”

(2 Tim 3:14b-17 The Message Bible)

It's that time again. The season of autumn is almost upon us and school is starting in many places [albeit in new and strange ways]. It is also that time here at St John when we again offer up opportunities to learn about God's Word and what it means to be a Christian, both for the younger set as well as those of us who are more “experienced”. Last month a schedule of such opportunities were published in the Messenger. Having been on hiatus for the last 6 months we will have a “Rally Day” on Sept 13th so that we may get excited about those opportunities to study.

But what exactly is “study”? One definition might be: “the act or process by which one acquires knowledge of a subject for living”. I think we can all agree that we are always in the process of studying and learning. As youngsters, we study and learn how to do basic motor skills, how to live with other people, what social customs are acceptable, and those that are taboo. As we get older we learn and study basic skills or trades that, matched with our specific gifts and passions, will offer us gainful employment, so that we will become useful members of society. As we move into the advanced years, we learn and study other pursuits, some of which might become lifelong hobbies. To learn and study means that we continue to grow. My dad once said that if you stop studying and learning you might as well be dead.

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**ALL WORSHIP
SERVICES ARE
LIVE STREAMED
ON YOUTUBE!**

**ALL ARE
WELCOME!!**

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As disciples of Jesus [that is, those who are *taught* by Him] we too need to continue to study and learn so that we will become mature in our faith. Now I know that when I hear the phrase “need to...” I become defensive. I don’t think any of us likes to be told what we need or don’t need. But when it comes to the Christian faith, don’t we need to learn exactly what it means to be a follower of Jesus, to study why this is important to our lives? How are we to live with and understand God’s promises for us if we don’t know what they are? How are we to be prepared when there are people who would try to lead us away from His Word? How can we be light and salt if we don’t know what God requires of us?



You might be saying, “But I don’t have the time”, or “I don’t know what or how”, or “I might be embarrassed because I don’t know much”. That’s one of the reasons we’re here for. To help you learn how to study, and to give you ways and means so that you can make it a priority in your life. Not only are there dedicated times here at the church, but there are tools and tips to assist you. Just ask.

I realize that these are hard words. Please accept them in the spirit in which they are intended. As your pastor, as one who values teaching, I believe it’s important that we take the time and effort to be in His word, to know what it means to be a disciple of the One who first gave of His time, of His teaching, of His life. May God bless you as you study, learn, and grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ.

Pr Bob

ACOLYTE/READER/SOUND SCHEDULE

DATE	ACOLYTE	READER	SOUND
Sept 6	Tyce	Tegan	Glenn/Kacie
Sept 13	Nolan	Hayden	Todd/Chris
Sept 20	Hayden	Nolan	John/Amy
Sept 27	Kaine	Saige	Cory/Julie

GOD CAN USE ANYBODY....

The next time you feel like God can't use you, just remember...

- * Noah was a drunk
- * Abraham was too old
- * Isaac was a daydreamer
- * Jacob was a liar
- * Leah was ugly
- * Joseph was abused
- * Moses had a stuttering problem
- * Gideon was afraid
- * Samson had long hair and was a womanizer
- * Rahab was a harlot
- * Jeremiah and Timothy were too young
- * David had an affair and was a murderer
- * Elijah was suicidal
- * Isaiah preached naked
- * Jonah ran from God
- * Naomi was a widow
- * Job went bankrupt
- * Peter denied Christ
- * The Disciples fell asleep while praying
- * Martha worried about everything
- * The Samaritan woman was divorced, more than once
- * Zaccheus was too small
- * Paul had a "thorn in the flesh"
- * Timothy had an ulcer
- * Lazarus was dead

Now! No more excuses! God can use you to your full potential".



A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

“Please join Christians across America in prayer on Wednesday evenings at 8p.

We are asking that God will:

- 1] Guide our nation through this crisis and restore our country
- 2] Prosper our efforts to elect God-fearing leaders on Nov 3
- 3] Answer our prayers for increased religious liberty in America and around the world

4]Protect innocent life from conception to natural death

5]Protect our president and all those the Lord has placed in authority over our nation and communities [Rom 13:1]

6] Heal our nation from the political and cultural chaos dividing us, restoring our unity under God.

Dear Heavenly Father, our country is in your hands. May your children be faithful in voting for biblical values and honoring you with both our lives and ballots. We trust in you, whatever the outcome, and rest in the knowledge you are a sovereign God. Amen”

SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURE READINGS

9/6 14th Sunday after Pentecost

OT – Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalm 32

NT – Romans 13:1-10

Gospel – Matthew 18:1-20

9/20 16th Sunday after Pentecost

OT – Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalm 27:1-9

NT – Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

Gospel –Matthew 20:1-16

9/13 15th Sunday after Pentecost

OT – Genesis 50:15-21

Psalm 101:1-12

NT – Romans 14:1-12

Gospel – Matthew 18:21-35

9/27 17th Sunday after Pentecost

OT – Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalm 25:1-10

NT – Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

Gospel – Matthew 21:23-27

Council Highlights

Council met on Wednesday, Aug 5th.

Items brought for discussion included:

1. Pastor on vacation Sept. 3-9
2. Communion in September will be 2nd & 3rd Sundays
3. Sunday School rally day set for Sept. 13
4. Youth Bible study to begin again Sept. 13 following worship
5. Adult Bible study to begin again Sunday evening, Sept. 13
6. Confirmation class to begin in September
7. Mission Festival set for Oct. 11, with Heart Choices
8. Council will be working on developing a policy book.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 10th at 7:30 pm.

Please call or text prayer requests to Pastor Bob @ 1 (360) 355 2144

PRAYER CONCERNS

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Devin Schockly
Andy Lambert Family
Milton Meyer
Darryl Vohs
Hayden Lehmann
Dale Gemeahlich
Dennis Schmidt
Fern Stinely
Joanne Armann
Ginger Pletcher
Roy Dean Bell
Jeff Bell
Jean Farquarson
Loretta Beckmann
Karson Sasse
Jamie Rippe*

*Ken Neusendorfer
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Larry Gibson
Virgil Henry
Jo Nixon
TyLynn Blank
Myra Kirchhoff
Loren and Mary Jane Zabel
Kelly Burgess
Milford Kirchhoff
Dean and Dorothy Seems
Marlene Wolf
Bob and Dorothy Wire
Sharol Meyer
Blaine Mapes
Dashawn Eller*

BIRTHDAYS

- 1—Wyatt Oliver
- 11—Kacie Timmons
- 17—Marsha Allen
- 20—Vicki Hutchison
- 23—Dalton Oliver
- 24—Gilbert Kirchhoff
- 25—Kale Engelke
- 26—Tony Blickenstaff
- 28—Irish Kussmann
- 29—Gary Kirchhoff
- 30—Garen Kuhlmann

ANNIVERSARIES

- 18— Mr & Mrs Dean Seems
- 27—Mr & Mrs Gary Gerstenkorn

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

- 4—Blayne Mapes
- 5—Lovelie Kirchhoff
- 15—Loretta Beckmann
- 22— Blake Kirchhoff

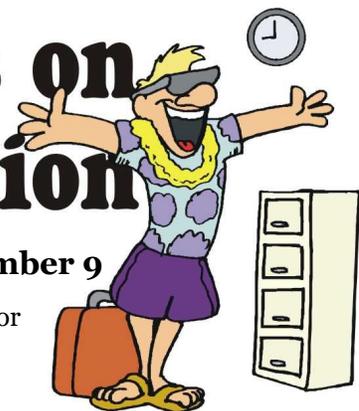
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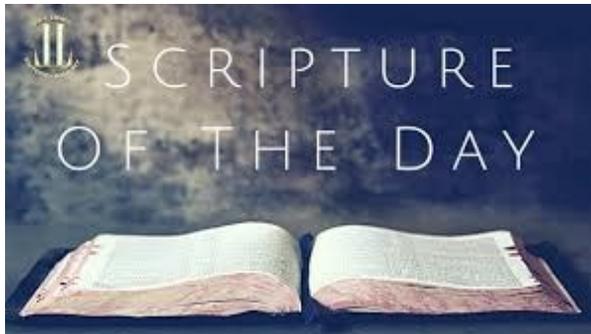
Pastor is on Vacation

September 2– September 9

Pr Jeremy Carr is available for any emergency pastoral care
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Watch www.stjohnlutheranathol.com and Facebook for updates to the schedule of events.



THOUGHTS

Sept 1
2 Chr 8
Ps 58

Sept 9
2 Chr 23-24
Ps 66

Sept 17
Catch-up day
Ps 74

Sept 25
Neh 1-2
Ps 82

Sept 2
2 Chr 9
Ps 59

Sept 10
2 Chr 25-26
Ps 67

Sept 18
Ezra 1-2
Ps 75

Sept 26
Neh 3-4
Ps 83

Sept 3
2 Chr 10-12
Ps 60

Sept 11
2 Chr 27-28
Ps 68

Sept 19
Ezra 3-4
Ps 76

Sept 27
Neh 5-6
Ps 84

Sept 4
2 Chr 13
Ps 61

Sept 12
2 Chr 29-30
Ps 69

Sept 20
Ezra 5-6
Ps 77

Sept 28
Neh 7
Ps 85

Sept 5
2 Chr 14-16
Ps 62

Sept 13
2 Chr 31-32
Ps 70

Sept 21
Ezra 7-8
Ps 78

Sept 29
Neh 8
Ps 86

Sept 6
2 Chr 17-18
Ps 63

Sept 14
2 Chr 33-34
Ps 71

Sept 22
Ezra 9-10
Ps 79

Sept 30
Neh 9
Ps 87

Sept 7
2 Chr 19-20
Ps 64

Sept 15
2 Chr 35-36
Ps 72

Sept 23
Catch-up day
Ps 80

Sept 8
2 Chr 21-22
Ps 65

Sept 16
Catch-up day
Ps 73

Sept 24
Catch-up day
Ps 81



ABOUT HEART CHOICES

St John will celebrate Mission Festival on October 11th. Our speaker will be Rachel Ducote from Heart Choices.

Founded in 2002, Heart Choices is a locally organized and funded outreach. They provide a variety of services and programs to meet client needs. All services are free and confidential.

Services include:

- **Pregnancy tests with immediate results**
- **Accurate Information on Pregnancy Options**
- **Maternity, Baby Clothes and Supplies**
- **Prenatal and Infant Care Education**
- **Referrals to Community Resources and Agencies**
- **Post-Abortion Counseling and Support Groups**
- **Parenting Education**
- **Sexual Risk Avoidance Education for schools and churches**
- **Adoption Information**

Good Neighbor Certificates (AKA Genes Certificates)

What are these crazy certificates and why do we encourage everyone to buy them to help the Women's Group?

Years ago, the Women's group at St. John's Lutheran would cook meals and bake desserts and sell them at auctions to earn money. One day our Randy Allen suggested we buy Good Neighbor Certificates (Gene's Certs) at a discount, sell them for face value and earn money for the Women's Group. Thanks Randy.... what a GREAT idea!!!

Here is how the Good Neighbor Certificates (Gene's Certs) work. If you shop at Gene's grocery store in Smith Center the Women's group buys the certificates at a 5% discount. We still them to anyone at church or in the community that shop at Gene's. They come in \$25 dollar increments and we sell them for face value. The advantage is that the certificates NEVER expire, you do not have to spend the entire amount at one time because the store keeps a running balance on the back of each certificate. They are so simple to use. You do not have to carry your checkbook or credit card...just have the certificates in your wallet for spending.

These are great for kids that need to stop by the store and pick up items on their way home from school, they're great if you buy breakfast or lunch at Genes or for your normal shopping. They also make great gifts.

In November each year, the Women's group meets to see how much money has been earned and decide who we will donate money to in the community. We have given money to the Angel Tree, Ministerial Alliance, Christian Layman and many other organizations or individuals in need. It is our way of giving back to the community.

We encourage everyone that spends any money at Gene's to see Vicki Hutchison and buy as many or as few as you need.

St John Calendar of Events

< > September 2020						
Sun 30	Mon 31	Tue 1	Wed 2	Thu 3	Fri 4	Sat 5
9:30AM WORSHIP with Holy Communion		6:30AM Men's Discipleship Breakfast	12 PM Bulletin Deadline	Pastor Vacation 6:30PM Christianity 101	Pastor Vacation	Pastor Vacation
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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9:30AM WORSHIP	Labor Day		12 PM Bulletin Deadline	7:30 PM Council Meeting		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:30AM WORSHIP with Holy Communion		10AM Morning Circle	12 PM Bulletin Deadline	6:30PM Christianity 101		
10:30 AM Youth Bible Study						
11AM Sunday School Rally Day						
6 PM Adult Bible Study						
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10:30 AM Sunday School						
10:30 AM Youth Bible Study						
6 PM Adult Bible Study						
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
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10:30 AM Sunday School						
10:30 AM Youth Bible Study						
6 PM Adult Bible Study						

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