# Messenger



#### COMMUNION

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#### **LIVESTREAM**

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St John Lutheran, Athol

Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray."

Proverbs 22:6

"Dear Members of St. John,

On September 7th, we will begin our Education Program for 2025-2026, with our Sunday School Kickoff! Children will receive a free Arch Book and eat CAKE! And do a service project for Sunporch!

Thank you to our Christian Education committee who met over the summer to develp the Building Blocks of our education program. They are featured in this newsletter. From birth through adulthood, there is something for everyone! Cradle Roll, Sunday School, Bible Camps, Confirmation, Youth Group and five adult opportunities for Bible study!

Our Sunday School curriculum will study the gospel text introduced during the Children's sermon. The children's bulletin will be utilized in SS. The Arch Books Bible story series will be used to discuss the gospel text more deeply. It is our hope with this tie in to church, children will retain each story and apply it to their own lives. Parents will be encouraged to discuss their learning at home using their bulletins. Your prayers for our program are welcome!

"We Shall go to Heaven" book study continues to prepare for Pastor Siimon's visit on October 19th. Feel free to purchase a book. Share it with others who may be interested in this mission!

May the Fall season bless you with God's beauty!

Pastor ann

# Prayer Concerns

Brad Cole
Duane Engelke
Blondina Kuhlmann
Virginia Engelke
Darlene Haun
Jenny Kramer

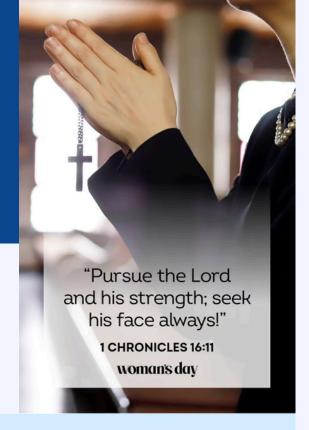
Irish Kussmann
Dorothy Seems
Bob and Dorothy Wire
Katherine Lehmann
Evelyn Wilson
Gary Frieling

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





Hear about "The 12!"
Be a blessing to Sunporch!
Receive a free Arch Book!
Let Them Eat Cake!



"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

### A Prayer Teachers

Lord

I pray that teachers everywhere will make a lasting impact on our students, families, and communities.

You have given us stewardship over your amazing world, and teachers have the wonderful opportunity to teach the next generation not only about the world we live in, but how to function in their world in ways that bless others.

May the lasting impact of teachers greatly improve this world, for your honor and glory.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



# St. John Lutheran Church Education Program Building Blocks

## **BIRTH**

Pastor visits parents.
Schedules Baptism.
New Parent Devotions

## **BAPTISM**

Cradle Roll
Baptism Booklets & Cards
Sponsors Baptism Book
My Bible Storybook
My Book About Church
My Family Devotional

# **Sunday School**

Begin after 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday
Age 3 - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
10:30-11:30 after Church
Children's Bulletins
Arch Bible Story Books
Children's Sermon Connect

# 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>Bible Camps

Three Wednesdays in October
4:30-6:00 PM - 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr.
Parents attend 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting
Reformation Sunday
Bible Giving
Three Wednesdays in January
Bible Study Practice
4:30-6:00 PM 3<sup>rd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Confirmation

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades
Wednesdays
6:00-7:30 PM
5<sup>th</sup> Gr. First Communion
Maundy Thursday
6th Gr. Confirmation
After Easter in April

## Youth Group

Grades 7-12
Third Wednesdays
6:30-8:30 PM
Bible Studies
Mission & Service Work
Group Activities

# **Adult Education Programs**

Third Monday: 2:00-3:30 PM Women's Afternoon Circle

First Tuesday: 6:30 AM - Men's Prayer Breakfast

**Every Tuesday: 7:00-8:30 PM - Bible Study with Pastor Ann** 

Every Wednesday: 9:00-11:30 AM - Women's Morning Circle

**Every Thursday: 1:30 PM - Bible Study at Sunporch** 

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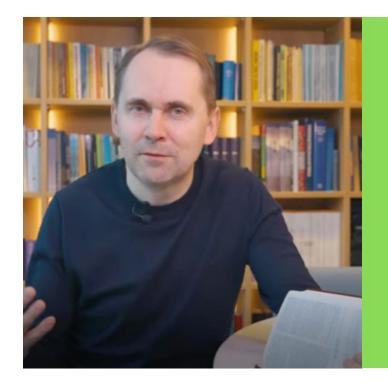
Youth Group Leader:

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**Bible Study at Sunporch** 

**Bob & Marj Caspers (785)282-6508** 

\*Christian Education Committee



Mission Festival - October 19th

Pastor Silmon Haamer from Tartu Academy (Seminary) and Home of Hope will be our speaker! He is the grandson of Pastor Haari Haamer. He is coming to us from Tartu, Estonia. He will preach and give a presention after lunch.

You are the salt of the earth....
Mathew 5:15



# THE SALT COMPANY: A GROWING MOVEMENT REACHING COLLEGE STUDENTS FOR CHRIST

The SALT Company is probably the biggest campus ministry you've never heard of. What began in the late 1980s with a small Baptist church near the University of Iowa has grown into a nationwide movement. Nearly 40 years later, SALT is present on 40 campuses across 16 states, reaching more than 12,000 college students each year.

They do many of the things you'd expect—large praise-and-worship gatherings, small-group Bible studies, and summer mission trips. But they're also known for something more unexpected: a deep commitment to the local church. If SALT can't find a church partner near a campus, they plant one.

That's exactly what brought Tayln and Caleb Meyer to Kearney, Nebraska this summer. They've joined a new church plant—Citylight Church—through the Salt Network. Caleb serves as a SALT resident with Citylight while also studying at Midwestern Baptist Seminary.

The SALT staff and student leaders at the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) have already hit the ground running—meeting students, sharing their testimonies, and inviting them into gospel-centered community. This week, SALT UNK held its fall kickoff with over 300 students in attendance.

College isn't just full of students running away from God—many are searching for Him. And the truth is: God is pursuing them. He sees them. He loves them. And He is using ministries like Salt to draw them closer to Himself.

Please join the SALT Company in praying over this ministry at 10:02 each day. This is their prayer: Luke 10:2 "He told them, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

September 1 @ 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

September 3 @ 10:30 am SunPorch Communion Service

September 7 @ 10:30 am Sunday School Kickoff!

September 14 @ 9:30 am Levee Frieling Baptism

September 15 @ 2:00 pm Afternoon Circle

September 24 @ 6:00 pm Confirmation Begins

@ 7:30 pm Council Meeting

September 27 - WOW Women's Heartland Conference First St. Paul's Lutheran, Hastings, NE

SEPTEMBER FOOD
PANTRY NEEDS: "We can use whatever you give.
Thank you so much." May we be the example of Jesus to feed the hungry with good things.

