

— September 2025 —

Messenger



COMMUNION

September 7
September 21

LIVESTREAM

YouTube
St John Lutheran, Athol

FACEBOOK

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 develop 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	Irish Kussmann
Duane Engelke	Dorothy Seems
Blondina Kuhlmann	Bob and Dorothy Wire
Virginia Engelke	Katherine Lehmann
Darlene Haun	Evelyn Wilson
Jenny Kramer	Gary Frieling

Please let Penny know if anyone needs added.
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Sunday School Kickoff! Sept. 7th 10:30-11:30 AM



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



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

1 CHRONICLES 16:11
woman's day

**"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 for 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 3rd Birthday
Age 3 - 6th Grade
10:30-11:30 after Church
Children's Bulletins
Arch Bible Story Books
Children's Sermon Connect

3rd-4th Bible Camps

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

Confirmation

5th and 6th Grades
Wednesdays
6:00-7:30 PM
5th 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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Bible Study at Sunporch

Bob & Marj Caspers (785)282-6508

***Christian Education Committee**



Mission Festival - October 19th

Pastor Siimon 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 presentation 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.

