

MESSENGER NEWSLETTER
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

"The small church with a BIG heart: Ordinary people
With an extra ordinary message!

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

BABBTOWN
Sunday Worship
8:00 A.M. Divine Service with the Sacrament of the Altar
Bible Study and Sunday School 9:10 A.M.

SCHUBERT
Sunday Worship
Sunday school
9:15 A.M.
Bible Study 9:30 A.M.
10:00 A.M. Divine Service with the Sacrament of the Altar
Also Streaming on Vimeo and Facebook

OCTOBER AT A GLANCE

Oct 5 Babbtown Study 9am
Men's Study 6pm
Oct 7 Wkday/Confirmation 6pm
Church Council, 7:30pm
Oct 11 Babbtown Friendship 10am
Schubert Voter's Mtg. 1pm
Amend. 3 Pres. 5:30pm
Prayer Service 7pm
Oct 12 Individual Confession 5pm
Open Bible Study 6pm
Oct 14 Wkday/Confirmation 6pm
Oct 18 Schubert Friendship 10am
Oct 19 Women's Study 9:30am
Oct 20-23 Pastor Gone for Conf.
Oct 21 Wkday/Confirmation 6pm
Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
Oct 25 Reformation (Choir Sings)
Oct 26 Individual Confession 5pm
Open Bible Study 6pm
Oct 28 Wkday/Confirmation 6pm

Dear Saints,

Here I am including a portion of a letter written by our District President, Lee Hagan, regarding the upcoming election and the vote on Amendment 3:

"The church's confession of God's design for the family is closely connected to the sanctity of human life and our responsibility to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. The Synod and its congregations have consistently spoken about the sanctity of human life: 'For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb' (Ps. 139:13 ESV). We are also reminded to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves (Prov. 31:8–9). . .

I also want to address Amendment 3, a proposed amendment to the Missouri constitution that will appear on the November 2026 ballot. Because the 2026 Amendment 3 is substantially different from the Amendment 3 approved by Missouri voters in 2024, it is important to understand what the current amendment would change.

A "yes" vote would repeal Article I, Section 36, of the Missouri Constitution. It would allow legislation to regulate abortion providers and facilities, require informed and voluntary consent including parental or judicial consent for minors, allow abortion to be restricted to medical emergencies, rape, or incest under 12 weeks' gestation, and fetal anomalies, and prohibit gender transition procedures for minors, with specified exceptions.

A "no" vote would leave Article I, Section 36 in place. This would leave abortion access from conception through fetal viability and would allow gender transition procedures for minors.

Pray for our elections, for those who serve in positions of authority, and for Christians to faithfully exercise their calling as citizens. Our hope is that members of Missouri District congregations, and all Missouri voters, will be informed and exercise their rights as citizens to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, and as we do so, to speak the truth in love. We also pray that the church would demonstrate Christ's love and mercy to our neighbors in need, especially in caring for children and their mothers both before and after birth."

SPEAKING FOR LIFE:

"Today God continues to defend and aid His people, those who trust in His Son as their Savior. God is ever with us. He preserves His Word and Church despite the constant attack of the devil, the unbelieving world, and false teachers. God provides for all our needs of body and soul, even in times of great need and conflict. God is our refuge. His Word endures forever. His grace and power never fail. From "Meditations on Favorite Scriptures: Devotions for a Year" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Be sure to check out the "Faith and the Home" table in the narthex for resources to assist you in teaching the faith to your children and those in your home!

Evangelism Report:

Care kits are available in the side entrance. Please feel free to take one and give it to someone in need.

Prayer chain requests, please text Molly Boeckmann at 573-338-4309



NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY IN THE WORKS!

It's time to update the Church Directory. Be sure to plan on coming to the church for updated photos on either **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH**

or

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH!

More details will be coming soon.

Do you know of a student at State Tech? Would they be interested in joining a Bible Study? Let Pastor Groh know! We are exploring getting a Bible Study started for students and are looking for those who would be interested in joining.

OCTOBER 2026

Usher Schedule

Oct 4 Jerry Bartel
Andy Beach
Oct 11 Jerry Bartel
John Hanes
Oct 18 Jerry Bartel
Skyler Haslag
Oct 25 Jerry Bartel
Matt Belcher

Communion Assistants

Oct 4 Russ Mueller
Allan Forbis
Oct 11 Gene Walkenhorst
Jim Forbis
Oct 18 Gene Walkenhorst
Allan Forbis
Oct 25 Russ Mueller
Allan Forbis

Greeters

Oct 4 Lynn Lofton, front
Susan Nienhueser, side

Oct 11 Mary Kuhlmann, front
Mary Vida, side

Oct 18 Linda Brenner, front
Jennifer Hanes, side

Oct 25 Lynn Lofton, front
Susan Nienhueser, side

Sunday School Offering

Oct 4 Ariana Skelly

Oct 11 Kennady Grothoff

Oct 18 Kaelynn Haslag

Oct 25 Presley Haslag

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

(Schubert)

OCTOBER

7 Hunter Smasal
9 Graham Boeckmann
Ryan Bohl
14 William Householder
17 Paul Hanes
20 Wade Stroup
22 Bethany Marble
23 Brendan Larkins
24 Adam Mueller
28 Kevin Fichter

(Babbtown)

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25 Art Mueller
26 Arnold Mueller

NOVEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER Items are due OCTOBER 19, 2026

Newsletter items may be placed in Pastor's mailbox.

Or they may be e-mailed to groh.stjohns@gmail.com

Any announcement: Weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, personal notes, pictures or church related business are welcome.

OCTOBER 2026 CHURCH CLEANING
John Hanes
Linda Brenner
ALTAR GUILD
Lynn Lofton
Linda Brenner

NOVEMBER 2026 CHURCH CLEANING
Pastor and Paula Scheperle
ALTAR GUILD
Ronda Williams
Sheila Larkins