

General Announcements:

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS. We are glad you have joined us in worshipping our Lord and Savior. We trust you will draw strength, peace, and hope as together we hear God's Word spoken here today. So that we may serve you better, we ask that you fill out an attendance card located on the back of the pew, including your address and noting that you are a visitor.

ETERNAL CANDLE The eternal candle glows to the glory of God in honor of Sloane Churchill's birthday.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar are from Larry and Sharon Ripka.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS *Matthew 13:45-46 - "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it."* Indeed, Jesus redeemed us, purchased us back from sin and death, with all that He had. We belong to Him now. Our generosity ought to imitate the out-sized generosity of Jesus.

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: What percent of people in your congregation are adopted? If you guessed anything less than 100 percent, you're wrong. *"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons."* (Gal. 4:4-5) In today's culture, adoption is often seen as a last resort for infertile couples; a way to find a child for the couple. A Biblical view of adoption is child – not couple – focused. LFS' adoption ministry exists to find loving, Christian married moms and dads who will provide a stable home and life-long relationship of love based on Christ's example for every child who needs one. Is God calling you or someone you know to such a loving plan? Learn more at www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**

UPCOMING OFFICE CONSTRUCTION During the first week of August, the office will be inaccessible as the floors are re-done.

GOD'S MISSION HERE DISTRICT PRESENTATION St. John's Geneseo is hosting a workshop on **Saturday, August 8th** for both congregational leaders and laity in a Bible study about the work of God in accomplishing His mission through the congregation. This will run from 8:30am-3:30pm; lunch is provided. There is a sign-up sheet at the sign-up station; please help them plan for the day.

ATTENTION CIRCUIT MEN The next "Brats, Bibles, & Beverages" will be held on **Sunday, July 26 at 5:00pm**. Each time we meet, the Bible Study will be a different topic, so come when you can. Brats, hot dogs, buns, unsweetened iced tea, and water will be provided (feel free to bring your own beverage). Bring something to share such as chips, salads, casseroles, desserts. Weather permitting this will be an outdoor event, so bring a lawn chair. If it rains we will move indoors. This will be a great opportunity for fellowship with others in the Circuit.

Apologetics Boot Camp is August 16-19 at Concordia University Chicago, 7400 August St., River Forest, IL Have you ever been asked questions—or have your own questions—about faith, the reliability of the Bible, the truth of Jesus' resurrection, or how Christianity connects with society and science? Join Concordia University Chicago for an in-depth exploration of apologetics during its second annual Apologetics Boot Camp. Find strength and confidence as you learn to defend your faith, fortify yourself against personal doubt, and respond to the many and various challenges posed to our faith in recent years. This four-day on-campus event includes an agenda full of presentations from world-class speakers and panel discussions, as well as opportunities for chapel services, film screenings, interactions with others interested in apologetics, and more. Adult lay member registration ranges from \$25 to \$75, with single-session, one-day, and full-conference options. Learn more about the event at <https://www.cuchicago.edu/events/2026/08/apologetics-boot-camp/> If you have any questions, please reach out to Rev. Dr. Kirk Clayton, assistant professor of theology and director of CUC's Pre-Seminary program, at Kirk.Clayton@CUChicago.edu or by calling 708-209-3195. Flyers available at the sign-up station. Registration closes August 2

ST. JOHN'S T-SHIRTS The Board of Outreach ordered some extra t-shirts; if you forgot to order one, or really like how they look and decided you want one, please see Rose Sullivan or Charlie Britton and ask about purchasing one!

COOKIE FAREWELL Everyone is invited to say "farewell and thank you" to Pastor Anderson and his wife Sara, following worship on Sunday, July 26th. We will have a cookie and punch reception in the Janssen rooms to conclude his year of service!

CAKE WELCOME Please join us on Sunday, August 2nd after worship in the Janssen rooms as we welcome Pastor James Batchelor as our next vacancy pastor! We will have cake, punch and an opportunity to say meet him.

July 25th & 26th, 2026 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Divine Service Setting 1	
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The Lord's Week

Sunday, July 26th

9:00am– Worship
10:15am– Cookie Farewell for
Pastor Anderson
5:00pm– Bibles, Brats and Beverages

Monday, July 27th

1:30pm– Activities Room– dominoes

Tuesday, July 28th

10:00am– Food Pantry
6:30pm– Guitar Jam

Wednesday, July 29th

1:30pm– Activities room-dominoes

Saturday, August 1st

5:00pm– Worship w/Communion

Sunday, August 2nd

9:00am– Worship w/Communion
10:15am– Cake welcome reception for new
vacancy pastor, Rev. James Batchelor

Serving the Lord this Week:

Organist: Christine Engebrecht

Greeters: (Sat.)
(Sun.)

Ushers: (Sat.) Greg Burke, Bill Johnson, Todd Miller
& Larry Ripka

(Sun.) Rod Hopkins, George Aukee, and Penny
Schreck

Altar Guild (July): Kathy Ahrens and Rebecca Hinman

Bible Study Opportunities

Sundays, 10:15am

The Lutheran Confessions: Pope vs. Pastor. Paul Timothy McCain the editor of Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions introduces the “Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope” with these words: How do Christians receive pastors? How is the Church organized, structured, and governed? The Roman Catholic answer is that everything depends on the pope, the “vicar of Christ,” the one who is said to be the immediate successor to the Apostle Peter. Through the pope, so it is thought, flows Christ’s authority to His Church on earth. This is not the Bible’s answer. In this document Philip Melanchthon provides the Lutheran view of authority in the Church and the basis on which the Church is founded and continued. In this class, we will learn how the sixteenth century reformation returned the office of the pastor back to its Biblical roots using the “Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope.”

Holy Land Geography, Customs & History

Join Clark Stojan in the Keyl room, as he leads us to explore the world of the Bible along with select events recorded in Scripture.

Coffee with Christ– Myth or Faith? On summer break. We will resume Sunday, September 13th.

Wednesdays, 10am- Women’s Bible study

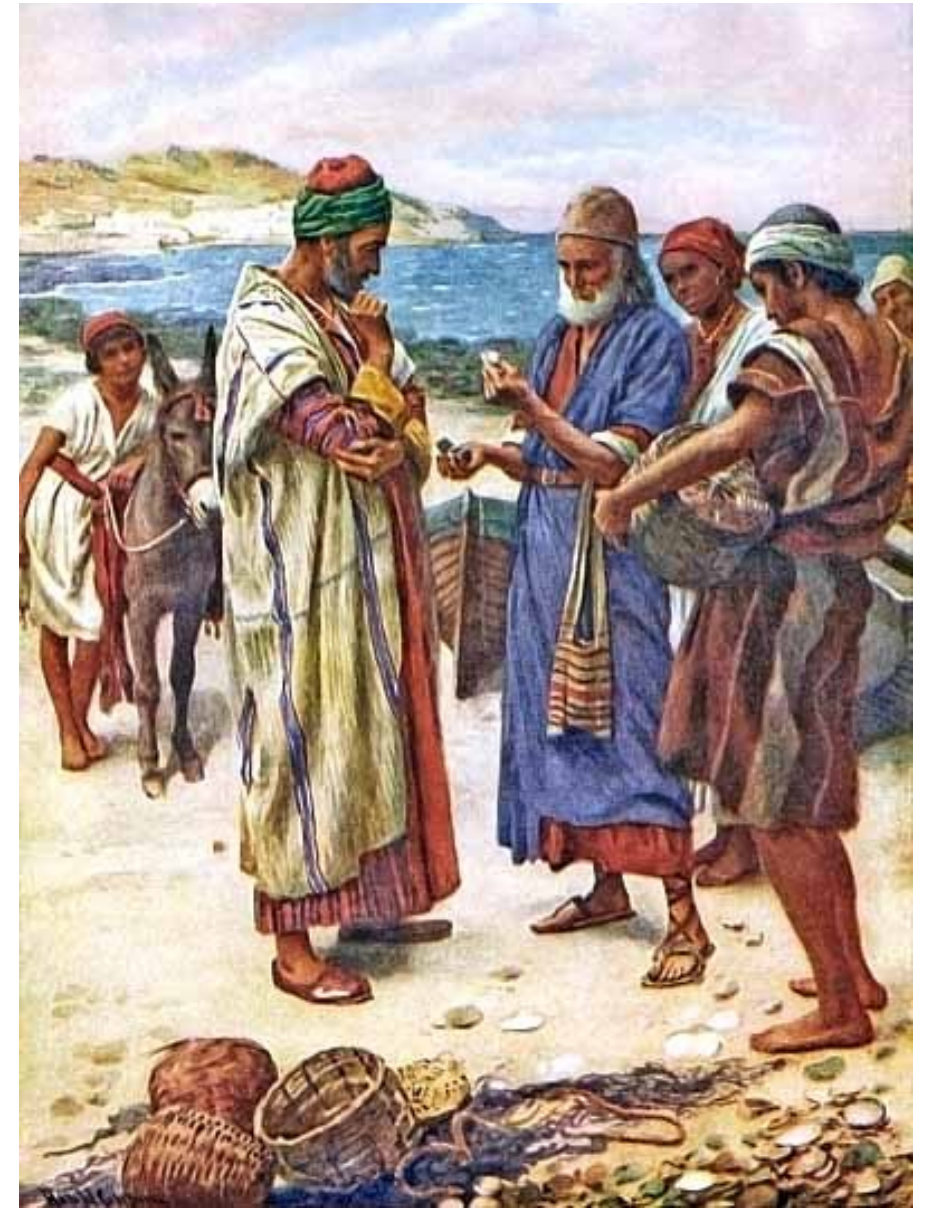
We are on summer break. Class will resume after Labor Day

Saturdays, 8am- Men’s Bible study: On Summer break.
We will resume Saturday, September 12th

Weekly Memory Verse:

Ephesians 4:29

*Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only
such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it
may give grace to those who hear.*



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Introit



P Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name; *
make known his deeds among the | peoples!
G Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him; *
tell of all his | wondrous works!
Glory in his | holy name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!
**Seek the LORD | and his strength; *
seek his presence con- | tinually!**
Remember the wondrous works that | he has done, *
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,
**O offspring of Abraham, his | servant, *
children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!**
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;**
**as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**
Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name; *
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

Readings

P The Old Testament reading is from Deuteronomy, the seventh chapter.
⁶“You are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.” (*Deut. 7:6-9*)
P This is the Word of the Lord.
G Thanks be to God.

P The Epistle reading is from Romans, the eighth chapter.
We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those

whom he justified he also glorified.
³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (*Rom. 8:28-39*)
P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

LSB 156- ♪ Alleluia

P The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.
⁴⁴[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.
⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.” (*Matt. 13:44-52*)

G ♪ Glory to You, O Lord.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G ♪ Praise to You, O Christ.

ST. JOHN’S PRAYER CARD
July 25th and 26th, 2026
Please remember the following in your prayers this week...

Members
George & Marlene Fellows
Nic Fellows
Dustin, Angie, Jordan, &
Hailee Fischer

Anniversaries
Chuck & Bev Brokaw(69)
Dennis & Lois Kelly(53)
Chris & Diana Caldwell(49)

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Bev Brokaw-hospice
Melinda Loete– cancer
diagnosis

Military Deployment
Elijah Medina– Iran

Missionaries Serving
Kaelin Peralta-Kenya

Military Chaplains
MAJ Philip Callahan

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