

**Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am– Worship  
10:15am– Bible Study/Sunday School

**Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

1:30pm– Activities Room– dominoes  
6:00pm- Cherub Chimers rehearsal  
6:30pm- Heavenly Ringers rehearsal

**Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am- Women’s Bible study  
1:30pm– Activities room-dominoes

**Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

11:30am- Ladies Luncheon  
1:00pm- LWML meeting

**Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am- Men’s Bible study  
9:00am- Choir Rehearsal  
3:00pm- Catechism Instruction  
5:00pm– Worship w/Communion

**Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am– Worship w/Communion  
10:15am– Bible study/Sunday School/  
5/6<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation class  
2:00pm- Trunk or Treat

***Serving the Lord this Week:***

**Organist:** Christine Engbrecht  
**Ushers: (Sat.)** Greg Burke, Bill Johnson, Todd Miller  
& Larry Ripka  
**(Sun.)** Rod Hopkins, George Aukee, & Penny  
Schreck  
**Altar Guild (Oct.):**Diana Lackey & Margie Schaefer

**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?***

Meet in the Yellow room in the Education wing; each week we will discuss 3 common misconceptions about Christianity in today's society. From false rumors to biblical teachings that are heavily distorted from their subject matter, there's no lack of myths to find. Do you know how to respond to them? More importantly, do you know the truth backed up by God's Word and teachings?

**Wednesdays, 10am- Women’s Bible study**

We are studying the book of Romans.

**Saturdays, 8am- Men’s Bible study.**

We are studying 1 Corinthians.

**BIBLES, BRATS, AND BEVERAGES** Our next BBB men’s fellowship evening is scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. If the weather cooperates, we plan on being outdoors in the new courtyard around the new firepit. Please sign-up or call Annie in the office to let us know if you will be attending so we can purchase adequate food.



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## ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CARD

October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

*Please remember the following in your prayers this week...*

### **Members**

Jim, Carrie, Adam &  
Aaron Homann

Rod & Noreen Hopkins

Lori Hopkins

Dennis Hurley

### **Anniversaries**

Evan & Dawn Antolik(28)

Craig & Annie  
Churchill(19)

### **Military Deployment**

Elijah Medina- Iran

### **Ill and Hospitalized**

Marsha Boarts

Susan Bowman-surgery

Bev Brokaw- hospice

Dale Bundy- Cancer (Ken  
Weidenbach's friend)

Cindy Hart

Marce McAnally (Kevin's  
dad)

### **Missionaries Serving**

Sean & Hanna McHugh-  
Romania

### **Sister Congregation**

Rev. Michael Stoerger

Peace Lutheran  
Fisher, IL

### **Prolonged Illness & Special Needs**

Joan Britton

Chuck Brokaw

Steve Fors

Duane Gosa

Nancy Gosa

Bill Green

Jerry Hill

Dale Johnson

Melinda Loete

Merle Loete

Reid McDonald

RaeJean Murphy

Tom Nielsen

Robin Passman

Brenda Roggendorf

Earl Schaefer

Karen Schmidt

Kathleen Schmidt

David Sountris

Ken Weidenbach

Cora Whipple

### **Homebound Members**

Nancy Bonow

Ann Bowman

Don, Wanda, & Jason  
Cass

Darlene Dopson

MaryAnn Eckert

Rick & Sylvia Fauser

Angie, Hailey, & Jordan  
Fischer

Peg Heitzman

Chris Higgins

Ingrid Hodshire

Lori Hopkins

Mary McGee

Terry Tipsword

Barbara Veskauf



### Antiphon



**L** Glorious is God with His an - gels and saints.



**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

### Psalm

**P** The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**C** He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

### Readings

**P** The Old Testament reading is from Isaiah, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation." (Is. 25:6-9)

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Epistle reading is from Philippians, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious

about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. (Phil. 4:4-13)

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**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen." (Matt. 22:1-14)

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**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 from Evan & Dawn Antolik, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar is from Nancy Williams.

**BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES** Friday, October 16 is “National Boss’s Day”, which reminds us of a biblical truth that applies every day of the year: God calls us to honor those in authority. Children learn this not only from what we teach but from what they hear us say about employers, teachers, leaders, and others in authority. Consider how your words do (or don’t) model respect and gratitude for the children in your household.  
[www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org) **Lutheran Family Service**

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS** *Matthew 22:5 – “But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business.”* The invitation to join God in His feast and in His work is easily ignored. The rest of life seems so much more pressing, and we always think that there will be another time when we can catch back up with God. But what joys are we missing when we set aside God’s invitation to join Him in His plans and purposes? What inheritance are we trading for the world’s bowl of pottage?

**PASTORAL CALL** On Sunday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, the Voter’s of St. John’s called Rev. Lucas Booher of Zion Lutheran in Storm Lake, IA. Please pray for Rev. Booher, his family, and the congregation of Zion as he deliberates this call.

**TRUNK OR TREAT** The Board of Youth and Family is planning its annual Trunk or Treat! Please decorate a trunk and join the fun on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm. Trunk set up begins at 1...please sign up!

**MOLINE MEMORY CAFÉ** Build a support system with others who understand cognitive changes in loved ones- Moline Memory Café offers a relaxing environment for socialization, educational opportunities, and stimulating activities. Join in on the Second Thursday of the Month at 10am at the Moline Public Library. No registration required.

**OKTOBERFEST CIRCUIT EVENT** Faith Lutheran in Kewanee is hosting a fundraiser on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30pm. They are serving brats, German hot potato salad, ‘kraut, desserts and drinks, all for just \$12! Proceeds benefit Concordia Seminary and HELP (aids families with babies).

**PASTOR APPRECIATION-** October is church worker appreciation month. If you would like to give a card to Pastor Batchelor, there will be a basket set out in the office, and Annie will get them to him.

**DOLLARS FOR MISSIONS** Your "A Dollar for Missions" (DFM) donations are currently funding \$7,000 for deaf ministry technology and instruction resources for Central IL Deaf Outreach. *Please continue to donate \$1 each week above and beyond your weekly giving.*

**GIFT A SHUT-IN** Help make the holidays special for a St. John’s shut-in member by providing them with a Mary Kay gift! For every papering gift bundle purchased, Jill will donate one also. (She will not be taking any profit on this). Her goal is 16 gift bundles.

**SHOE COLLECTION FUNDRAISER** Feeling the urge to purge? St. Andrews in Park Ridge, (where Kay Iwen’s daughter attends) is accepting donations of gently used shoes to benefit Myra the Comfort Dog. All benefits will go towards her food, veterinary, and training costs so that she can continue to bring comfort to schools, nursing homes, and other programs that provide comfort assistance. Donations must be in the box in the hallway by Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>.

**LADIES LUNCHEON** All the ladies of St. John’s are invited to a luncheon at the Deerfield Family Restaurant on Thursday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am. The more the merrier!

**LWML** The next meeting is Thursday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. We will be making cards for the shut-ins. Hope to see you there!

**The Antolik and Pritchard families** request the honor of your presence at the wedding of Allison and Ethan. The ceremony is on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. *“And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony” Col. 3:14*

***Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
Order of Matins***

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