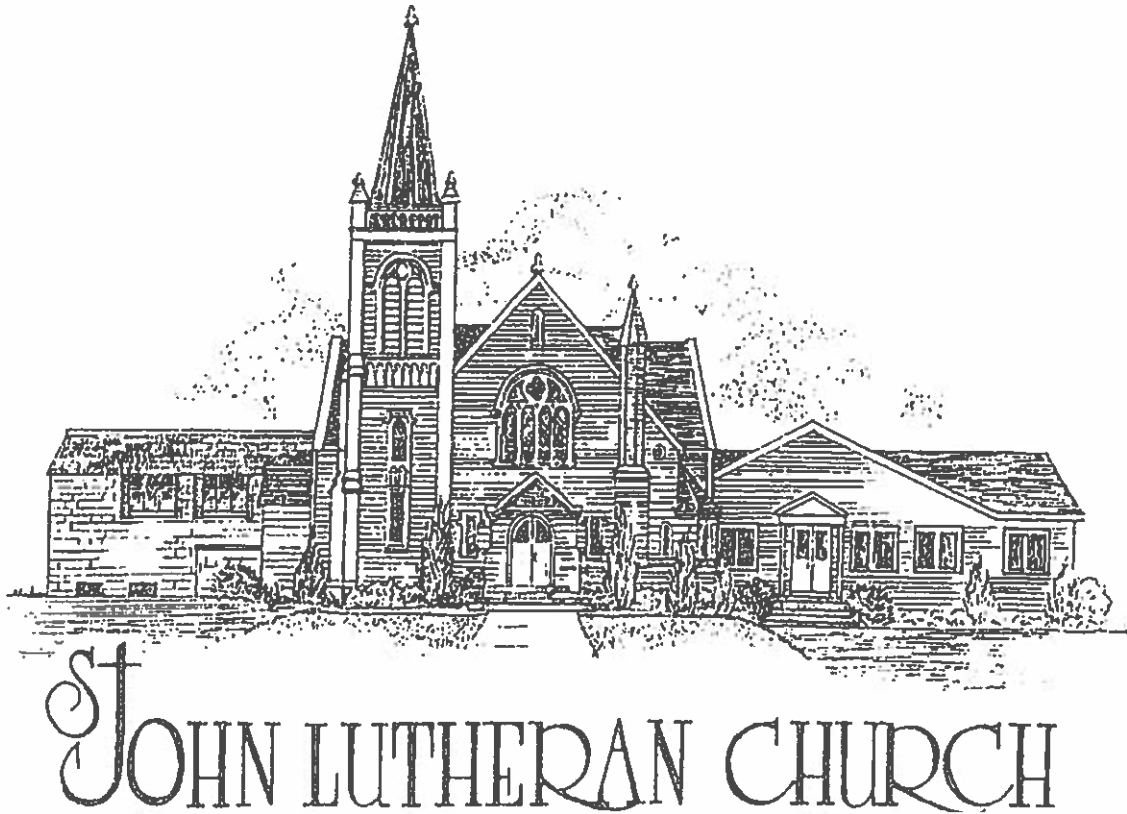


October 25, 2026



St JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

1107 Lake Road, West Fork
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Our Mission Statement:

"TO KNOW CHRIST and TO MAKE HIM KNOWN"

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and confidence that the Lord here offers to us His body and blood together with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His word and promise, repent of all sin, and seek to follow Him in godly living. The Lord's Supper is a public statement of our unity and agreement in the Christian faith. If you hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and yet desire to receive the sacrament, we ask that you first speak with the Pastor. For those who wish to prepare for attending the Lord's Supper, you will find some questions and answers from Luther's Small Catechism in the hymnal on page 329. If you would like communion brought to you in the pew, please alert an usher. We also have a gluten free wafer with wine and a wafer with grape juice for communion. Please let Pastor or an Elder know if you prefer one of these options before the service. For families with young children, you are welcome to use our Infant room. It has a speaker (so you can still be a part of the service) there are toys, changing table please help yourself if the need arises. It is located across from the restrooms at the end of the hallway.

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Please include the following in your daily prayers:

Our World, Our Country, Our President and Government Leaders. All our Military Personnel, Police, Firefighters & EMT'S, who are there for us in times of crisis.
Eastern District President Rev. John Pingel

Our Missionaries: Chad & Jami Bader - Guatemala

Our Seminarian: Ryan Philpot

Recent Prayer Requests:**Prayers for healing:**

Garrison Ball, Pat Bode, Johnny Burgess, Ashley Button, Jan Carter, Deb Curtis, Jim Doan, Steve Donato, Christy Fessler, Kathy Foos, Kelly Foos, Jim French, Stan Gregory, Darwin Hale, Beulah Hand, Ashley Hendley, Christine Hoffkins, Sarah Kaufman, Lee Kistner, Laurie Leverenz, MaryLou Leverenz, Linda Luther, Virginia Meller, Bob Miller, Ed Morehouse, Sugar Newman, Michalina Nichols, Stephanie Nichols, Nancy Porcellio, Cherie Rockow, Savy Ritzel, Andy Schock, Debbie Scordo, Logan Sommer, Bruce Sullivan, Sharon Thomas, Debbie Turbeville, Andrew Walch.

ASSISTED LIVING & NURSING HOMES

Tom Elphick, Dale Jennejahn, Larry Koss, Donna Ophardt, Cathy Saar

SERVING US TODAY:

Pastor:	Christian Bode
Elders:	Wes Miller 8:30, Doug Foelsch, Jim MacMaster 11:00
Trustees:	Greg Rose 8:30, Steve Tipton 11:00
Musicians	Lillian Meyer 8:30 Praise Team 11:00
Greeters:	The Barrett Family 8:30, Andy & Cindy Smith 11:00
Altar Guild:	Lori Lessord
Readers:	Gay LaDue 8:30, Dave Scherff 11:00
Finance:	Michelle Bliss, Karen Jones, Darlene Nichols, Marilyn Rowell
Ushers:	Tracy Hainsworth, Greg Rose, Allan Smith 8:30, Larry Hueser, Jim Raymond 11:00

REFORMATION FESTIVAL

"Free Indeed"

October 31, 2026

8:30 AM Service



AS WE GATHER

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✠ PREPARATION ✠

WELCOME - Sharing of God's Peace & Announcements

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" LSB 656

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 119:89–90a; John 8:36; Hebrews 13:8

Pastor: Forever, O LORD, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

People: Your faithfulness endures to all generations.

Pastor: If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

People: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 119:90b; John 8:34; Psalm 119:94a; John 8:31

Pastor: Lord, You have established the earth, and it stands fast.

People: All creation is sustained by Your Word and made to serve Your holy purposes.

Pastor: And yet, we can ignore or defy Your Word and fail to pursue Your purposes.

People: Everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin, and we seek Your freedom.

Pastor: For our sins of thought, word, and deed, for our action and inaction, for our inborn sinfulness and failures of

faith, we beg for mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

People: I am Yours; save me.

Pause for silent reflection

Pastor: Jesus speaks, "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples." The blood of Christ is put forward as our propitiation, that repentant sinners might receive the righteousness of God. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our

Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

PSALM

Psalm 46; antiphon: v. 7

People: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

Pastor: though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

People: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

Pastor: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts.

People: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Pastor: Come, behold the works of the LORD, how He has brought desolations on the earth.

People: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire.

Pastor: “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

People: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6–7

(John shares his vision of an everlasting, all-encompassing Gospel.)

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷ And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 3:19–28

(Paul declares the sinner is justified by grace through faith.)

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it — ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31–36

(Christ announces Himself as the Son who gives freedom to sin's slaves.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?” ³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave^[a] to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Salvation unto Us Has Come” *LSB* 566

SERMON

HYMN “We All Believe in One True God” *LSB* 953

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *Psalms 119:89–90*

Pastor: Forever, O LORD, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

People: Your faithfulness endures to all generations.

Pastor: And so we pray: Almighty and everlasting God, our refuge and strength, teach Your church not to fear but to trust Your unshakable promises, that faithful to Your

Word, she might remain a present help for troubled hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Ever-living Lord, You have sent an eternal Gospel to be proclaimed to every nation and tribe and language and people. Raise up from among us faithful pastors, teachers, and missionaries who will proclaim the crucified and risen Christ as the only hope of sinners. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, our Comforter, when nations rage and kingdoms totter, protect all citizens of the world from danger and disaster and make Your holy people agents of peace who pursue the common good. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, truth incarnate, You ask Your people to abide in Your Word. Make us crave the nourishment of Scripture and build in us healthy habits and disciplines that put Your Holy Word central in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Abiding Savior, You proclaim freedom from sin. Deliver Your servants also from illness, injury, and infirmity. We lift up the sick and suffering among us... Grant them comfort in Your presence and confidence in Your promises. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Faithful Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word, patient in suffering, bold in confession, and joyful in hope, until that day when the everlasting Gospel is heard in its fullness and every tongue confesses that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

People: Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We boast, O Lord our God, in nothing other than the redeeming work of Your Son, Jesus Christ, for the gift of justification that comes purely through His blood. As You gather us around His Table, prepare our hearts to receive that gift, that in partaking of His true body and true blood we might taste freedom from sin, guilt, and shame. In Gospel confidence, make us bold to stand as those who shall not be moved from the foundation of faith we have received through the redemption of Jesus Christ, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and Passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection

from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI *(p. 163 in hymnal)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Salvation unto Us Has Come" LSB 555

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Most glorious Father, we thank You for feeding our faith through this Holy Supper, strengthening us to live as those who know and believe Your truth. Keep us in the true faith, that bound to Your truth we might joyfully declare the One who sets us free — namely, Jesus Christ,

Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SENTENCES

John 8:36; Galatians 5:1; Romans 6:23; Galatians 5:13

Pastor: If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

People: For freedom Christ has set us free.

Pastor: For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: For freedom Christ has set us free.

Pastor: Do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

People: For freedom Christ has set us free.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN "Lord Jesus Christ with Us Abide" LSB 585

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WELCOME - Sharing of God's Peace & Announcements

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

OPENING SONG EVERY PROMISE

From the breaking of the dawn
To the setting of the sun
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
Words of power strong to save
That will never pass away
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
For Your covenant is sure
And on this I am secure
I can stand on ev'ry promise from Your word

When I stumble and I sin
Condemnation pressing in
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
You are faithful to forgive
That in freedom I might live
So I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
Guilt to innocence restored
You remember sins no more
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word

When I'm faced with anguished choice
I will listen for Your voice
And I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
Through this dark and troubled land
You will guide me with Your hand
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
And You've promised to complete

Ev'ry work begun in me
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word

Hope that lifts me from despair
Love that casts out ev'ry fear
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
Not forsaken not alone
For the Comforter has come
And I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
Grace sufficient grace for me
Grace for all who will believe
We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word

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SONG OF PRAISE

FREEDOM

You came to set the captives free
You came to bring us liberty
My sin and my rejection met
Your blood and my acceptance
Now I'm alive to bring You praise

*Chorus : Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom
Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom
Every chain is broken through You Jesus
Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom*

Your blood has covered every sin
Your grace empowers me to win
My pain and my oppression met
Your blood and my acceptance
Now I'm alive to bring You praise

*Bridge: I'm free I'm free I'm free to dance and sing
I'm free I'm free I'm free to shout it out
I'm free I'm free I'm free to dance and sing
I'm free I'm free I'm free to worship You*

I'm gonna worship You

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SERMON

CREED *Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of

the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

YOU HAVE CALLED ME

(Based on Isaiah 49:1)

Lord, light a fire again; I feel new life begin;
I will stand and testify;
Lord, new strength abounds in me, revival set me free;
I am brand new.

You have called me to Your table;
You have called me by name.
You know the hunger within my heart;
I don't want to be the same.

Lord, let Your power grow inside my heart,
I know, I will be changed;
Lord, Your glory will be shown, my life is not my own;
I give it to You.

I will seek You with all I am;
I will find You in that secret place;
Don't hide Your face from me,
when I seek You I will find You.

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PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

+++ THE LORD'S SUPPER +++

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

For God so loved the world
He gave His only Son
To die on Calvary's tree
From sin to set me free
Some day He's coming back
What glory that will be

Wonderful His love to me

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

CHRIST IN ME

In this obsession with
The things this world says make us happy
Can't see the slaves we are
In all this searching all the grasping
Like we deserve much more
Than all these blessings we're holding
So now I'm running free
Into an ocean of mercy unending

*Chorus: So come and empty me
 So that it's You I breathe
 I want my life to be
 Only Christ in me
 So I will fix my eyes
'Cause You're my source of life
 I need the world to see
 That it's Christ in me yeah
 That it's Christ in me yeah*

I'm done with what holds me down
The things I once was chasing after
Throw off these heavy chains
That I have let become my master
Oh so now I'm running free
Into an ocean of mercy unending *Chorus*

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Ending Chorus: **So come and empty me**
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 Only Christ in me
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 Only Christ in me yeah
 Only Christ in me yeah
 Only Christ in me
 Christ in me

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Birthdays Week:

Today – Sandy Baase, Betsy Miller, Jonathan Scherff, Henry Staab, Logan Waliszewski, Miles Waliszewski, Missy Wencek

26th Nancy Porcellio

27th Bruce Armstrong, Elizabeth Sodoma

28th Yvette Alexander, Gerald Bacon, Amy French

29th Ben Doan, Kelly Foos

30th None

31st Kristie Baxter, Linda Wietz

Tithes and Offerings:

Attendance & Offerings: 10/18 – 8:30 AM 93; 11:00 AM 30.

Amount Received: 10/18 \$2791.16

May the Lord bless you for your faithfulness.

Calendar of Events for the Week of 10/25-11/01/2026

SUNDAY	10/25	8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study & SS 11:00 AM Worship / Communion 12:15 PM Packing of the Shoe Boxes
MONDAY	10/26	9:00 AM Finance 5:30 PM Gym Reserved 7:00 PM Worship Committee Mtg.
TUESDAY	10/27	8:30 AM Prayer Group 9:45 AM Bible Study 9:45 AM Hamlin Seniors 5:30 PM Gym Reserved 6:45 PM Hand Bells
WEDNESDAY	10/28	9:00 AM Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Gym Reserved 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study
THURSDAY	10/29	5:30 PM Gym Reserved
FRIDAY	10/30	
SATURDAY	10/31	1:00 PM Mission Outreach in Rochester
SUNDAY	11/01	9:30 AM Worship

Due to Pastor's busy schedule, if you make an appointment with him in passing, please confirm the appointment with MaryAnn in the Office. Thank you!

Just a reminder that there are **hearing devices** in boxes in the back of church that can be used if you are having trouble hearing the service. Batteries are changed and they are ready for your use.

Beginning TODAY until Sunday, November 8th the Altar Guild will be taking orders for Christmas plants. The cost is still \$10. Again, the deadline for ordering is Sunday, November 8th at noon.

"Christmas Child Shoe Boxes" are being packed TODAY at 12:15.

We are looking for hammers, tape measures, 1 - 2 inch screws, and nails for next year. If you would like to help with shipping costs for this year, you can place money in the shoe boxes on the sills in the Church.

Thanksgiving Basket Donations Needed:

Life Solutions will soon be preparing over 200 Thanksgiving food baskets for families in our community who are experiencing food insecurities.

Items needed: instant mashed potatoes, boxed stuffing mix, cornbread mix pie crust mix, 15oz can yams, can cranberries, 15oz pumpkin puree, evaporated milk, cream of mushroom soup, can/jar gravy. ***Donations are needed at Life Solutions by Monday, November 2nd.*** Thank you for your continued support of those in our community.

Worship News for November 1st is All Saints Sunday. There will also be **one service at 9:30 AM** on that Sunday since Pastor will be away. We have two more Sundays after Pentecost on the 8th and 15th. Our Military service is Sunday, November 8th at 7 PM. November 15th is Anniversary Sunday, 152 years. The Last Sunday of the Church Year is on November 22nd. We celebrate Thanksgiving with a service on November 26th at 9:30 AM. November has a fifth Sunday with one service on November 29th at 9:30 AM. It is The First Sunday on Advent.

"Crosses for Christ" update. The team has painted and distributed approximately 75 crosses!! Location emails have slowly trickled in. In order to make this a little simpler, we have posted a sheet on the board in the annex. If you have taken a cross, please take a minute to list your street and town/city/state on the sheet. Hoping to see crosses across the county, state and maybe even the country!!!

Lutheran Hour November 1st "What We Will Be"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

What we will be has not yet appeared. But even now, we are God's adopted children, through faith in Christ. 1 John 3:2 www.lutheranhour.org, or 107.1 FM, Sundays at 8:00 AM, Sirius XM Family Talk 131 Sundays at 10:00 AM

REMINDER:**Church Office Deadlines:**

For the weekly Sunday bulletin Wednesdays @ Noon. (Mondays @ Noon if it is a holiday week) For the Monthly Messenger the deadline is the 15th of every month. For Church Council meetings: the Wednesday before the Sunday meeting date. Email: stjohnhamlin@outlook.com

Thrivent members: The Mission Committee would appreciate your help. If you'd like to write a grant to fund shopping for an upcoming outreach in Rochester, please see Marilyn Rowell (585-278-4993) or any committee member. You have two opportunities per year to write grants and they are easy to do online or by phone! Thanks.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - If you have a friend or relative who is going through a "tough time" and would appreciate a prayer shawl, please call the church office or Cherie Rockow at 964-3179 or Cindy Smith 964-3772. If you would like to join us in this ministry, patterns and yarn are available. Call Cherie or Cindy for information.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE PROTECTING OUR COUNTRY

United States Air Force Contact Person:

Andy Smith - 964-3772 / asmith240@rochester.rr.com

Seth Bolon	Thomas Harley	Joel Hebert	Jacob Knapp
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Michael Lintz	Brett Schickler	Andrew Trelly	Lydia Clark
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Reserves: Kevin Smith

United States Army

Lee Bellows	William Bernreuther	Dan Cappuzzo
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Michael Cappuzzo	Kyle Ketcham	Aaron Kruger
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Raymond Nichols	Riley Robinson	
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United States Army National Guard

Jeremiah Graupman	Wanda Graupman	Nick Hamilton
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Olin Miller	Moirra Rath	
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Owen Begemann	Nate Bill	Malcolm Elder
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Derek D. Wilson

Pastor Chris,

Greetings from Guatemala! I pray that this email finds you well, and that you are ready to enjoy some cooler weather. Things on this end are going very well. We are in good health, and our daughter is now several weeks into classes at UNC-Charlotte for her freshman year. Needless to say it's been a transition for all of us.

It's been an odd summer weather-wise here in Guatemala. Our normal rainy season has been very dry and only recently have we experienced sporadic a few showers here and there. This is a disaster for many as their crops have dried up, and the corn and beans that many depend on through sustenance farming simply isn't available. Of course this will only make matters worse when they go to buy these items and the prices will be higher than normal due to shorter supply and higher demand. It's certainly something you can keep the average Guatemalan in prayer about.

Ministry continues to grow and be productive. Our small church plants are growing in number, and the leaders of those churches continue to grow immensely which is very encouraging. The one church plant has a solid group of 30 members, with teenagers leading the weekly Kids Club, and young adults leading the weekly Youth Group.

I wanted to reach out to you and the Missions Team to share an important document with you, and keep you informed of how we are growing as a ministry. As you know, we serve in two specific areas. We're looking to expand our reach and begin fishing in some new ponds, proverbially speaking. To do so we are looking to expand the size of our team by adding some other laborers alongside us. In addition, we also are looking to build an Education Center in one of our current villages. Lastly, we are looking to buy the land we are using and build a brick structure in place of the existing pavilion at one of our church plants. This is all outlined in the document. The question becomes, "*How can we help?*"

What I am asking from St John's is for you and the missions team to prayerfully and thoughtfully consider helping us raise a portion of the

funds that are needed to meet these goals. This could be a year-end campaign so that folks have time to prayerfully and intentionally give as well. If you feel led to partner with this in this campaign I would encourage you to set a goal that feels realistic but stretches a bit.

As always, I'm available to chat on a phone call, video call, or correspond over email to answer any questions. Additionally, I'd be happy to record a video(s) to assist in keeping the congregation acquainted with who we are, what we're doing, and why this project now.

St Johns' members have been incredible partners of ours for so many years. We are always so encouraged by you all, and pray for you all as a body regularly.

Thanks for taking the time to read!

God's grace,
Chad Bader



VISION MAP to transforming Rural Guatemala

OUR MISSION

We exist to redeem poor, rural communities of Guatemala, spiritually, socially, and economically, for the glory of God.

We go where nobody else is going. There are no forgotten villages, and no forgotten people. We carry light and hope into dark places.

FIVE PILLARS OF MINISTRY



Build Relationships

People don't care what you know until they know that you care. House visits and frequent conversations build trust, which adds meaning to our words and actions.



Meet Physical Needs

House builds, community water systems, stoves, beds, and health care make instant, lasting impact and allow us to point to God's goodness.



Church Planting

We believe that the church is the hope of the world. Healthy, gospel-centered churches are kingdom outposts in tough-to-live places.



Empower Locals

The best ministers to Guatemalans are Guatemalans. Equipping, discipling, & releasing spirit-empowered locals leads to a bountiful harvest.



Invest in Education

From kids to adults, each community is given the building blocks to begin to fish for themselves, so that the poverty cycle begins to break.

GOING FORWARD TOGETHER

Three investments that will multiply our size, reach, and impact across all five pillars.

Laborers for the Harvest **\$105K**

We're looking to increase the salary of our one full-time team member and add 4 others. In addition, adding one more 4x4 pickup and 2 dirt bikes to our fleet so that on-site workers are equipped to get to those in hard-to-reach places.

Permanent Church Home **\$40K**

Create a permanent structure to house our growing church in San Jose Guachipilin. Purchasing land and constructing a building provides that space and enables the church to pour out to the community and minister to neighbors.

Education Center **\$25K**

Children & Teens we serve are at a significant disadvantage when it comes to resources and engaging technology. Creating a space where tutoring, computers, and printers are available and teaching them how to use those things will bridge this gap and provide an extraordinary space for learning, evangelism and discipleship.

ST JOHN ANNUAL MILITARY SERVICE HONORING OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL SERVING OUR COUNTRY



We invite you to join us as we salute and pay tribute to our Men and Women currently serving, our Veterans, and to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Sunday November 08th at 7:00 pm.

St John Lutheran Church, 1107 Lake Road West fork. Hamlin,NY

Pastor Christian Bode will lead us in a service of prayer and praise
Patriotic music theme presented by:

The St John Celebration Ringers

The Women's Choir

The Praise Team

Pastor Bode will play Taps

2026 CHRISTMAS PLANTS ORDER FORM

ALL 6" POTS / PRICE \$10.00 EACH

Deadline Sunday, November 8, 2026

Please choose & indicate how many:

POINSETTIAS

Red _____

White _____

Pink _____

CYCLAMEN

Red _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Please make checks payable to:

"St. John - Altar Guild"

Questions? Contact Linda Marshall, 585-287-1172