

September 2019

Pastor's Message:

Dear Friends in Christ,

Gifted and Grateful! We're going to ponder this theme this fall as we gather for worship, and Christian education, and fellowship, and service.

As people of God, we are *gifted* in many ways, individually and together. We have gifts of faith, compassion, love, service, generosity, leadership, hope, imagination and much more! We have the gifts of young people, and seniors, and youth, and adults, and long-time members and new members. And we have resources of time, talents, possessions, as well as partners in ministry (like our church camps, colleges, neighboring congregations, seminaries.).

We'll keep noting and asking this fall: *How are we gifted?* so that we can also consider *How are we grateful? And how can we, individually and together, live lives of thanksgiving and gratitude?*

As Pete Kutzora notes in the article below, we really do want to include everyone in a wonderful study entitled: *Gifted and Grateful*. You may not know right now how you'll fit that in to your schedule, or what to expect. I'm pretty sure we'll find this brief study to be something for which we are quite grateful! It will bring us closer to God, the Giver of every good gift! And it will draw us closer to each other, as we share our gifts and our gratitude.

Quoting St. Paul echoing, "I am thankful/grateful for your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now!" (Philippians 1:5)

Pastor Paul

St. John's Goes on Retreat in Fall 2019

Over the summer, St. John's Council and Ministry Planning Team, identified "*Gifted and Grateful*" as the worship and ministry theme for the two-month period between Labor Day and Thanksgiving. This congregation-wide theme directly supports our ministry focus this year of being "We are a Church of Stewards". A "*Gifted and Grateful*" resource will be made available to everyone on September 15 (along with other details) and will be our guide as we take St. John's on retreat to reflect on what it means to be good stewards. Pastor Paul will lead us during worship services through the four themes – Attitudes of Scarcity vs Abundance;



Upcoming Events

September 8 – 1st Day of Sunday School

September 11 – Confirmation Class with parents

September 15 – Church Picnic

September 18 – Lunch Bunch

September 21 – God's Work, Our Hands day of service

July 2019 Year to Date

+YTD General Fund

Receipts: \$ 120,383

Expenses: \$ 124,748

+YTD Building Fund:

Receipts: \$ 64,066

Expenses: \$ 67,434

+YTD ELCA Benevolence:

\$ 8,815 Goal for 2019: \$15,000

+YTD Missionary Sponsorship:

\$ 3,911 Goal for 2019: \$6,000

Thank you for your regular attendance and offerings!

Lunch Bunch

Lunch bunch will meet again on Wednesday, September 18. We'll start at 11:00 with a show and tell of Pastor's Grand Canyon trip and the trip to Sky Ranch in Colorado. Then stay for a potluck lunch at noon! Invite a friend!

Gifts of the Creator; Gifts of the Redeemer; and Gifts of the Spirit. Existing small groups, teams, and committees will be asked to have conversations using the “*Gifted and Grateful*” resource. We will also have opportunities for ad-hoc groups to meet and have these “gift” conversations. The hope is that as we take a closer look at God’s vision for our lives – *Gifted and Grateful* – we can develop a better sense of purpose, joy, and gratitude in our lives.

Veterans Group

The St. John’s Veterans Group’s next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10th at 9:00am here at Church. Our meetings are open to both St. John’s Veteran members and non-members so bring a friend. Bring along any old Military items that you might want to share the story about with the group. Coffee and doughnuts will be served. If you have any questions please contact Roy Glocke, (262) 339-6868 (please leave a Voicemail or Text) or E-mail: royglocke@aol.com



Sunday School, Backpack Blessing & Confirmation Class!

Sunday School starts Sept. 8th. The Education team wants **YOU** to consider teaching Sunday school for the 2019-2020 school year! It is a great way to participate in your church and grow your faith, and show our kids how to give back. No teaching experience needed! Talk to Staci Bohling if you’re interested! stacibohling@gmail.com

Backpack Blessing!

Bring your school backpack on September 8th to be blessed for the new school year!

Confirmation Class starts with a cookout at 6:00 for parents of, and 7th and 8th grade students on Wednesday September 11th. If you know a friend or neighbor looking for a church/confirmation class, please invite them! Pastor is also looking for adult and high school guides to lead small groups in class.

Church Picnic

Join us for our church picnic on Sunday, September 15th.

We’ll have **one service at 9:45** followed by the picnic. We’ll supply the hot dogs, burgers, and brats, please sign up to bring a dish to pass.

We’ll have soda ring toss, bucket flush, pie in the face, and more games!

We’ll also have our basket raffle too!



If you’re interested in helping with setup, in the kitchen, or with games see the sign-ups at the Welcome Desk. If you’d like to provide a basket for the raffle please sign up at the Welcome Desk (take a basket information sheet) or email Wendy Wolf at officestjohns@nconnect.net.

This year’s theme is “Gathered and Grateful”. The theme is in line with the *Gifted and Grateful* small groups starting in fall. As we gather on this day we remember that we all have a purpose and are gifted by God in some way. Some of us have the gift of creativeness, the gift of caring, the gift of conversation, the gift of competition, the gift of fun, the gift of cooking, the gift of serving, the gift of their presence, and so much more. We have so many gifts and people to be grateful for, let’s gather this day and celebrate each other!

God's Work, Our Hands

Saturday, September 21 is the day to get involved in this year's *God's Work, Our Hands* day of service. We have an opportunity to take care of God's creation and our neighbors by visiting and delivering flowers to hospice patients and shut-ins, playing bingo at our local nursing home, build with Habitat for Humanity, or maintain hiking trails in Washington/Ozaukee County. If you can't help this day, always look for ways to do God's work in your everyday life.

Please see the enclosed brochure for more information. Complete the last page and return to the box in the Gathering Space, or in the offering plate. If your entire family is helping put the initials of each person next to the item in which you'd like to participate.

We will also help some of our neighbors in need through donations:

All People's Church - We are collecting food for the "All People's Church" food pantry. Here is a list of items you can start bringing now. Canned vegetables, tuna, chunky soup, canned ravioli, hamburger/tuna helper, oatmeal, cereal, pancake mix, box potatoes, mac & cheese, rice, spaghetti, ramen noodles, cream of mushroom soup, canned fruit. Grab a paper bag with an attached list for easy shopping!

Lutheran World Relief Health Kits: Bath Towels, Sturdy Combs, Nail Clippers, Bar Soap

Elevate Inc. of Washington County (based out of Jackson)

Is in need of personal daily care items, in brand new condition, such as toothbrushes, tooth paste, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, combs, brushes.

See the bins and bags near the food pantry shelf. We'll deliver all these items in September. Anything you can donate will help!

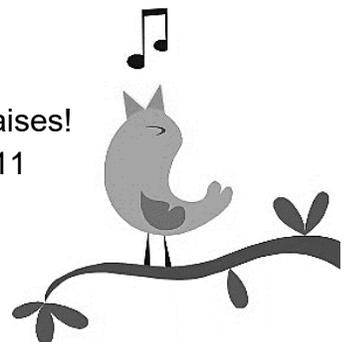
We're Looking for Ringers & Singers!

Our Choir and our Bell Choir are in need of volunteers to sing and ring God's praises!

The adult Choir meets on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm starting on September 11

and our Bell Choir practices on Thursdays at 7:00 pm starting on September 12

No experience necessary – come and give it a try!



Family Promise Help – St. John's to Host in November!

Family Promise helps homeless and low-income families in Washington County achieve sustainable independence. They provide food, shelter, and support services for homeless families through the hands-on work of many volunteers. Area churches take turns hosting families throughout the year, providing meals, and a place to sleep.

St. John's is hosting Family Promise families the week of Sunday, November 17 through Saturday, November 23. We will be providing meals, hosting meals, and staying overnight with families. We also need a set-up and take-down crew on Sunday morning as well. This is a very simple way to share your gifts and to help a family that is homeless! Please sign up to help in the gathering space. Talk to Wendy Wolf if you have questions.

Called to Serve

Readers

(8:00 Service)

9/1 Nicole Seatz
9/8 Paul Stahl
9/15 one service at 9:45
9/22 George Liberatore
9/29 Dave Williams

(9:45 Service)

9/1 Reuben Heidtke
9/8 Susan Heidtke
9/15 Sharon Boldt
9/22 Pam Adams
9/29 Meghan DeChant

Ushers

(8:00 Service)

9/1 Robert Hertzfeld, Joel Heidtke
9/8 George Liberatore, Luke Muller
9/15 one service at 9:45
9/22 Kevin & Mary Bukovic
9/29 Dave Williams, Joel Wolf

(9:45 Service)

9/1 Gary Z., Dave Williams
9/8 Rich & Cindy Uhlig
9/15 Keith H., Judy Henrichs
9/22 Scott Adams, Jim Kurtz
9/29 Gary & Kathy Zirtzloff

Communion Assistants

(8:00 Service)

9/1 Joel & Wendy Wolf
9/8 Carol Cler, Kären Keel
9/15 one service at 9:45
9/22 Joel Wolf, Mary Bukovic
9/29 Laura & Skip Bartelt

(9:45 Service)

9/1 Peter Uhlig, Reuben H.
9/8 Rick & Tracey Corlett
9/15 Scott DeChant, Duane P.
9/22 Amanda R, Amber Cefalu
9/29 Chloe Cauwels
Olivia Micksch

Greeters

(8:00 Service)

9/1 Gretchen Wagner, Evan Seatz
9/8 Pam & Paul Stahl
9/15 one service at 9:45
9/22 Jessica Frank & family
9/29 Staci Bohling & family

(9:45 Service)

9/1 Joel & Wendy Wolf
9/8 Rick & Tracey Corlett
9/15 Gary & Sue Kielisch
9/22 Gale Loehrl, Linda Susnik
9/29 Chloe Cauwels, Olivia M.

September Anniversaries!

Sept 1 Pat & Jenny Micksch – 18 years
Sept 3 Jim & Amy Meyers – 25 years
Sept 6 Kert & Carol Lauterbach – 65 years
Sept 9 Dick & Karen Uhlig – 52 years
Sept 10 Shad & Kristy Young – 14 years
Sept 11 Mike & Keri Kraus – 26 years
Sept 13 Rick & Gale Loehrl – 39 years
Sept 14 Dave & Jean Gardipee – 28 years
Mike & Jenny Starzman – 23 years
Sept 15 Eric & Jennifer Olafsson – 18 years
Sept 16 Roger & Donna Lamberg – 58 years
George & Dianne Liberatore – 47 years
Sept 17 Ken & Kären Keel – 59 years
Paul & Katie Ziemer – 3 years
Sept 19 Rich & Cindy Uhlig – 11 years
Sept 20 Hank & Eileen Dieringer – 61 years
Sept 24 Scott & Pam Adams – 36 years
Charlie & Kristin Jones – 3 years
Sept 27 Dan & Eileen Mack – 22 years
Sept 29 Kyle & Jennifer Binversie – 7 years
Aaron & Tracy Weninger – 7 years
Sept 30 Roy & Mary Glocke – 47 years



September Birthdays!

Sept 2 Judy Durr
Sept 3 Steve Henrichs
Elizabeth Kison
Sept 4 Connie Hornburg
Becky Ziemer
Kaycee Binversie
Sept 5 Paul Mittermaier
Sept 6 Ron Jonas
Angela Pickart
Ashlyn Muller
Sept 7 Dorothy Slatter
Terry Legate
Bruce Beuscher
Amy Reid
Beth DeChant
Jennifer Olafsson
Sept 8 Geri Michalski
Eileen Dieringer
Butch Callum
Rick Guslick
Lisa Brennan
Chris Guslick
Sept 9 Debbie Gramza
Mark Dalton
Alaina Staller
Sept 13 Jack Lippold
Gary Kielisch
Joe Liberatore
Sept 14 Tracey Corlett
Sept 15 Emmaline Guslick
Sept 16 Terry Christopherson
Collin Russ
Sept 18 Parker Schaus
Sept 19 Jeff Warren
Sept 20 Scott Reid
Sept 21 Barb Jonas
Ann Radloff
Sept 22 Ed Holcomb
Joel Heidtke
Kaylee Brice
Sept 23 Deb Schneider
Sept 24 Warren Scheunemann
Scott Anders
Sept 25 Larry Hillyer
Sept 27 Duane Plath
Jackie Dhein
Sept 28 Peter Jackson
Sept 29 Arleen Ziemer
Karen Kraemer
Jessica Frank
Lindsey Stern
Sept 30 Bonnie Puestow
Barb Hillyer

Scott & Beth DeChant – 24 years

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At St. John's we're privileged and challenged to *Welcome, Worship, and Witness* in Christ's name. Thank you for being part of this faith community and for the serving you do to the glory of God!

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Office hours: M-F 9:00am-1:00pm
Worship Services: Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:00 am & 9:45 am
Sunday School 9:00 am
Holy Communion is celebrated every weekend.

