



- 1st Owen Propson
- 2nd Allen Johns
- 5th Jaelyn Abel
- 6th Trenton Rosenbaum
Ervin Zittlow
- 10th Sara Schmidt
- 11th Liberty Cisler
Dennis Jandrey
Andrew Roberts
- 12th Heather Bohrtz
Barbara Verbeten
- 14th Adam Bunn
- 15th Kenneth Lemke
Ethan Propson
- 17th Lois Baumgartener
Payton Smith
- 18th Trystin Kluess
- 21st Andrew DeMerritt
- 25th David Just
Ken Maass
Scott Schroeder
Jared Theunis
- 26th Trever Golden
- 27th Michael Breister
- 29th Ruth Berens
Brett Reschke
Jesse Schmidt



- 20th David & Sue Rosenbaum
- 22nd Charles & Tracy Golden
- 26th Kevin & Jennifer Laabs
- 27th Kevin & Sara Schmidt
Jeremy & Ginny Uecker
- 30th Mike & Karen Geiger
Wesley & Jean Laabs

Ushers and Greeters

	7:45 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
September 4 Greeters	Janet Wierschke Betty Schmidt Carroll Treptow	Mary Fritsch Barb Verbeten Rozanne Bohrtz
September 4 Ushers	Don Treptow Dave Treptow Monty Reynolds Steve Wierschke	Josh Bohrtz Ralph Bohrtz Ed Maass Kenny Lemke Chris Lemke

September 11 Greeters	Janet Wierschke Betty Schmidt Carroll Treptow	Mary Fritsch Barb Verbeten Rozanne Bohrtz
September 11 Ushers	Don Treptow Dave Treptow Monty Reynolds Steve Wierschke	Josh Bohrtz Ralph Bohrtz Ed Maass Kenny Lemke Chris Lemke

September 18 Greeters	Pat Vickman Bea Ambrosius Brenda Pohlman	Faye Patoka Joan Zahn Carol Just
September 18 Ushers	Kevin Vande Hey Chad Schmidt Jesse Schmidt Andy Vickman Bernie Vickman	Lloyd Patoka Terry Sieker Richard Patton Les Schmidt Bart Reschke

September 25 Greeters	Pat Vickman Bea Ambrosius Brenda Pohlman	Faye Patoka Joan Zahn Carol Just
September 25 Ushers	Kevin Vande Hey Chad Schmidt Jesse Schmidt Andy Vickman Bernie Vickman	Lloyd Patoka Terry Sieker Richard Patton Les Schmidt Bart Reschke

September	Altar Guild: Mary Fritsch & Lou Ann Beard	



Newsletter

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Gather Grow & Go with the Gospel



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Bible Classes
9 am Sundays
7 am on 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Sunday Worship
7:45 am & 10:15 am

One down, two to go! FVLHS started classes this morning and summer vacation is officially over for child #1. In my opinion, the next 2 weeks can't go fast enough until the girls head on down the sidewalk to St. John LES for their first day of the new school year. Please understand... I love my children dearly, but like it is for many parents, I'm ready for summer to wrap things up and head off into the rear view mirror. It's time to get back into a regular routine. (For working parents, of course, things don't change all that much – except someone else now has the responsibility of keeping an eye on your kids for 8 or so hours during the day.)

Our kids don't always share our sentiments, though, do they? Summer was a break from lessons, and assignments, and projects, and tests for grades on report cards. Summer vacation was a time for staying up late(r), sleeping in (if you're lucky!), fishing and camping, family excursions, sports camps, goofing around in the neighborhood with friends, and an uptick in video game time. And it's not always easy to break that routine.

Caught in a rut – do you ever feel like you're right there? We hear people say things like "same job, different day" or "same ol' same ol'." Maybe we hear those words coming out of our own mouths. One day flows into the next – punch in, punch out, parent, cook and clean and do laundry, sleep, repeat – and we long for a change.

The change that occurred that most greatly affected our outlook on life, of course, was the fall into sin. Adam and Eve were placed into a perfect world and they were given the charge to take care of the rest of God's expansive creation. They were given the opportunity to work. And in a world uncorrupted by sin, work was a gift and blessing from God.

It still is! But God's loving discipline for the sin of Adam and Eve was that work would now be toilsome and stressful. The sinful nature that they now had, and the sinful nature that we've inherited from them, don't see work as much of a blessing. The rut that sin put us in is so deep that we can't steer ourselves free from it. And it's a rut that leads to a horrible outcome apart from God.

But God's freed us from that rut through the atoning death of his Son! He lifted us up and out of the crowd of unbelief when he caused faith to spring to life in our hearts by the working of his Spirit through the gospel. Along with our new status as his dearly loved children, he created in us a new outlook on life and a new viewpoint toward service. As narrow as the path to eternal life is, it's a delightful path to walk! We don't plod along monotonously in showing love to God and neighbor, but run in the freedom of his commands.

And yet, the reason our work-ethic is so often half-hearted is because our heart is divided between an old nature and a new one. So how do we get ourselves back to that joy of service? We take ourselves back to the cross. It's there that we see our Savior giving himself fully for us and for our salvation. It's there, in that delightful gospel, where we're refreshed and empowered to live our lives to the full – in service to him, our families, our fellow believers, and our neighbors. When life pulls you back into the rut, when things start to become "routine," remember the joy of serving the Savior who served you so faithfully.

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (1 Co 15:58)
In Christ's Service and Yours!
Pastor Mike Gehl

Dear Members of St. John,

After many weeks of effort, the Cemetery Guidelines Committee and the Church Council are extending the final draft of the cemetery guidelines for review by the membership of St. John. We have included the pages for review inside this newsletter.

Please note the final page, "Schedule of Fees" is only a suggestion by the committee. The final fees will be established by the voters at the October Quarterly Meeting. Also, the fee schedule is a separate attachment so rates may be changed by future voters' assemblies; without changing the guidelines document, as future needs arise. If anyone wishes to see the presently adopted guidelines document from 1999, contact Dierdra for an emailed copy.

Thanks for your input,

Terry Sieker
President Church Council

Time and Talent Sheets In Entryway

For the last month or so, we have had Time & Talent Sheets on the table in the entryway for you to fill out. This list showcases all the service opportunities here at St. John. It is important to fill this form out, so when the need arises, we can be there for our brothers and sisters here at St. John.

Please remember to pick up your copy of the time and talent sheet. Fill it out. Turn it into the office, give to Pastor, or put in the box.



Bible Study Survey

Pastor has placed a small survey on the table in the entryway. It is for anyone and everyone to suggest topics for Bible Classes.

Please take a few moments to fill it out and return to Pastor. We would love to hear from you.



Please check your records...

Some of your church leaders are hoping to compile a list of all the "position descriptions and duties" into a single printed resource. If any member has such a document that they can share, that would be very helpful so we don't have to reinvent the wheel. We're talking about any and every service position in or around the church, whether volunteer or paid - anything that outlines what a person is expected to do to carry out his or her role. Examples: church secretary, ushers, greeters, altar guild, choir director, organist, council officers and committee chairmen, janitorial staff, landscaping, bell troller for deaths/funerals, kitchen policies, endowment, ladies' aid, school board, cemetery sexton, Sunday school staff, etc. Please submit copies of these types of documents to the church office. Thanks!

What do you get when you mix chicken and potato chips?



This amazing casserole!

From: Bea Ambrosius

Chicken Casserole

- 4 cups cooked chicken, cut up
- 2 Tbl. lemon juice
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 2 Tbl. chopped onion
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1/2 tsp. garlic salt

The topping

- 2/3 cup slivered almonds
- 3 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 cups crushed potato chips

Directions:

Mix all ingredients together and put in a 9x13 pan.

Top with 2/3 cup slivered almonds and 3 cups shredded cheddar cheese. Then put on 2 cups crushed potato chips.

Bake 30-35 minutes at 350 degrees F until bubbly and slightly browned on top.

Both Good and Bad



Hello Crossword Lovers! What did you think of "Both Good and Bad?" I liked it. September's puzzle is called "Caught." I hope it does not catch you, like it did me. Enjoy!



Just a reminder that Sunday School begins on:

**September 11th, 2016
9 am**

Let us all have a wonderful year learning about God!



Choir & Handbell Practices

We are looking for YOU to join us for some fun!

Choir Practices: Choir will start practicing on October 5th from 7 to 8 pm here at St. John. Everyone from 6th grade to 99 years old is invited to add your voice to the music of St. John.

Handbell Practices: Handbells will be practicing at Trinity, Kaukauna starting September 13th at 6:30 p.m. Everyone from 4th grade to 99 years is invited to lend your musical talents to this choir. (For the younger grades, we ask that they can have the ability to read music or have some music background. Thank you.)