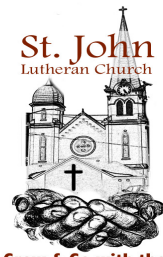


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Gather Grow & Go with the Gospel



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Sunday Worship
 7:45 & 10:15 am

“It’s not polite to stare!” Have you ever been told that by your parents? Perhaps the context of that statement was an encounter with a paraplegic in a wheelchair. Or maybe a mom or dad a few tables over in the restaurant was smack dab in the middle of disciplining their child and drawing the attention of everyone in the room. Or maybe it was a young man on the sidewalk who was covered with multiple tattoos and/or piercings as far as the eye could see. Or maybe you couldn’t take your eyes off of the horrific images on the television screen during a “breaking news” event. Or maybe it was simply staring off into “la la land” when both mind and body were worn out and you couldn’t pay attention any longer. Sometimes we can’t help but stare.

Before he came in the flesh, Jesus prophetically speaks of that concerning himself in Psalm 22: **“For dogs have surrounded me. A band of evil men has encircled me. They have pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me.”** Perhaps a Jewish mom or dad told their little boy: “Benjamin! It’s not polite to stare!” But how difficult it would’ve been for anyone to divert their gaze from the suffering of the Savior! Could we have turned our eyes away?

“Out of sight... Out of mind” they say. Jesus, of course, is out of sight. That’s exactly what happened when he ascended into heaven; a cloud hid him from sight. Although he’s ever-present with us, he’s not *visibly* present, is he? And so we sometimes might be tempted (and perhaps might give in to the temptation) to forget that Jesus is at our side. “Where were you when I needed you, Jesus?!?” is another way of saying the same thing. “Don’t you love me? Am I being punished? Are you taking care of more important matters so as to neglect little ol’ me?” Of course he loves me; the Bible tells me so! Of course he’s not punishing me; he bore the full punishment for all sin; the Bible tells me so! The Lord of the Church is fully capable of managing all things simultaneously; the Bible tells me so!

Our Jesus is always right there for us. We may not see him with the eyes in our heads, but we see him with the eyes of faith. And when those eyes of faith are distracted, how good it is to be reminded to refocus them on Jesus. **“Fix your eyes on Jesus”** is the theme at both FVLHS and St. John Lutheran School this year. Good advice for us all, don’t you think? Focus with me on our Savior!

“Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning it shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. (Hebrews 12:1-3)

In Christ’s Service and Yours,
 Pastor Mike Gehl

2016 Run the Race 2017

FIX YOUR EYES

on

JESUS

Hebrews 12:1-2

Birthdays &



Anniversaries

- 1st Bryce Herlache
- 2nd Lisa Pohlman
- 3rd Raymond Gabriel
- 4th Austin Lazor
Dominic Myers
- 5th Hailey Beimborn
Elijah Lemke
- 6th Bernice Klister
Jason Uitenbroek
- 8th Gabriella Gerhart
Betty Reschke
David Rosenbaum
- 10th Carol Uitenbroek
- 13th Jacob Bruecker
Kurt Laabs
- 14th Arlen Wicks
- 18th Eric Olp
- 19th Kevin Vande Hey
- 20th Jessica Schmidt
- 22nd Robert Maass
- 23rd Michael Pennenberg
- 24th Caleb Ritter
Jordan Schmidt
- 28th Hannah Kraus
Aspen Mollen
Rebecca Pennenberg
- 29th Jennifer Bunn
Leah Cisler
- 31st Amy Leonhard
Judy Price

Anniversaries

- 2nd Gary & Jean Brandt
Lynn & David Zirbel
- 3rd Lori & Hans Van Alem
- 6th Eric & Tammy Olp
- 12th Kim & Tyler Lindsay
Terry & Linda Sieker

Ushers and Greeters

	<u>7:45 a.m.</u>	<u>10:15 a.m.</u>
October 2 Greeters	Jean Brandt Marna Johns Lynn Zirbel	Karen Geiger Judy Wicker
October 2 Ushers	Gary Brandt Jack Zirbel Loree Baumgartener Terry Schaeuble	Mike Geiger Reece Schisel Roy Schisel Perry Schisel Troy Schisel

October 9 Greeters	Jean Brandt Marna Johns Lynn Zirbel	Karen Geiger Judy Wicker
October 9 Ushers	Gary Brandt Jack Zirbel Loree Baumgartener Terry Schaeuble	Mike Geiger Reece Schisel Roy Schisel Perry Schisel Troy Schisel

October 16 & 23 Greeters	Rhoda Schley Lois Baumgartener Tammy Olp	Diane Laabs Sara Schmidt
October 16 & 23 Ushers	Eric Olp Elliot Olp William Olp Carl Uitenbroek Randy Kluess	Dale Laabs Kevin Schmidt Jeremy Uecker Doug Otten Zaine Gehl

October 30 Greeters	Rhoda Schley Lois Baumgartener Tammy Olp	Diane Laabs Sara Schmidt
October 30 Ushers	Eric Olp Elliot Olp William Olp Carl Uitenbroek Randy Kluess	Dale Laabs Kevin Schmidt Jeremy Uecker Doug Otten Zaine Gehl

October Altar Guild: Lou Ann Gutzman, Janet Wierschke, Courtney Schisel, and Kristy Sommers		



*Thank
you!*

