



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Called to Fill the Hungry with Good Things

## The Messenger

(Monthly publication)

NOVEMBER 2019



### *An invitation to participate in St. John's future-*

How satisfied are you with what is happening at St. John's overall? We want to hear what you have to contribute. Please mark your calendars and plan to come and share your thoughts with Pr. Erik and members of the Vision 2023 Team at Listening Posts on Wednesdays during November and early December. Come to one or come to many, the conversation is where God's voice can be heard. Meetings will take place at Trinity Lutheran from 5:30 pm to 6:25 pm on Nov. 6, 13, 20 and Dec. 4, 11, and 18. Food is available beginning at 5:15 pm as part of the regular Wednesday programming, but Trinity does ask that you RSVP by the Monday before the Wednesday you plan to eat. You can either call the St. John's Church office or visit the Trinity Website ([www.trinityjamestown.com](http://www.trinityjamestown.com)) to RSVP.

The purpose of the listening posts is the conversation that takes place as we reflect on where we have been as a congregation and more importantly, where we are headed. Our future is here, what do you see? We want to hear from you.

The last time St. John's engaged in this intentional reflection and planning was 2014-15 and the result of that effort was to articulate our calling to Help Fill the Hungry with Good Things. That has been the measure by which we have evaluated ministry opportunities and investment for the past few years. This effort may be affirmed and continue to be lifted up, or we could hear something else that would guide our ministry going forward.

After each meeting you are invited to join in worship at 6:30 pm at Trinity. Come, eat, share, and worship. Through these conversations, we will be listening and clarifying our mission and ministry in Jamestown.

Pr. Erik



### *Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service*

Trinity Lutheran Church will host the Thanksgiving Eve service this year on Wednesday Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Refreshments to follow. Mark your calendar and come give thanks for God's bounty and goodness. A special offering will be received at this service.

Dear friends in Christ,

Early last week I was mowing my lawn and putting out fall flowers. Today I'm blowing snow from my driveway after a record-breaking blizzard. I wasn't prepared for the transition to winter to happen so abruptly. As usual, I was certain that there would be plenty of time to prepare for the change of seasons. Sure, I had started to prepare. I had moved the snowblower from its summer hiding place in my backyard shed to a more accessible spot in my garage. The gas can was filled and I made sure that we had the necessities in groceries. Yet there was so much that needed to be done before winters' arrival. If only I had a little more time to prepare!



In the book of Genesis, we are told the story of Joseph and how, through his preparedness, he saved Egypt from seven years of famine. Those who did not know Joseph fared much worse. Yet, Joseph helped those folks as well, without taking advantage of the situation. Now, we may not have the benefit of the prophecy that inspired Joseph to action, but we do have the technology of modern-day weather forecasting and the wisdom gleaned from many years of historical data. We know, with reasonable certainty, that this will not be the only snowstorm of the season. How we prepare for that certainty is up to us.

I can't help but think about our own economy and how it parallels the story of Joseph. We are in the midst of a time of great abundance, the markets are doing well, employment is at higher levels than its been in years and opportunities abound. However, history shows that at some point we will be heading for more challenging times. History also shows that those who store up provisionally during the boom times aren't really affected by the lean times. Those that didn't have the foresight to store up for the coming famine fare much worse.

St. John's recently began the process of preparing our budget and mission plan for coming year. Although, we traditionally budget for one year at a time. It is imperative that we anticipate and plan for the needs of our congregation seven years, fourteen years, even twenty-one years into the future. We will be entering the new year with our financial larder already low. Now, I don't purport to have the wisdom of Joseph, and I am certainly not the harbinger of doom. But I do implore you to follow the example of Joseph and help St. John's to replenish our store of financial resources so that our mission to God, the church and the community may continue unaffected by whatever the future may bring.

It is my sincere hope that someday in the future the leaders of St. John's won't have to say, "if only we'd had a little more time to prepare".

God's Peace to All,  
Gary Staab  
Congregation President



### New Member Conversation:

Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup>- If you are new to the St. John's community and would like to learn more about how we work together as a congregation in Jamestown, join Pr. Erik and Pr. Lucas on Sunday Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:10 am in the Lounge during Coffee Hour. Your participation in congregational life is worth celebrating and when the time is right, we welcome people who want to enter into deeper conversation about life together at St. John's.

## Reverse Advent Calendars Now Available

We are revamping our reverse Advent Calendars this year to provide for a weekly calendar option with a larger item. Participate by bringing the items to church each week and adding them to the piles. This year we have a Mary's Place/Safe Shelter daily calendar with smaller items and a weekly calendar of hygiene products for local distribution. We have to do this early so that items can be delivered to the people who need them before Christmas. All donations are due by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS – NOVEMBER

For current and update calendar  
<http://www.st-johnslutheran.org/#/calendar>

### Sunday Worship

9:00 am and 10:45 am - worship  
10:00 am Sunday School/coffee and fellowship

### Tuesday

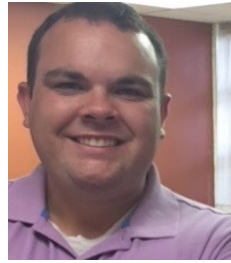
9:30 am Staff Meeting

### Wednesday

4:00 pm 6-8th grade confirmation - St. John's  
5:15-6:15 pm Meal at Trinity  
5:45 pm Adult Ed at Trinity  
6:30 pm Lutheran Worship - Trinity

### November 2019

11/2 10:00 am Eventide Assisted Living Bible Study  
11/3 9 & 10:45 am All Saints Sunday  
11/7 5:30 pm Executive Meeting  
11/11 12:00 pm JAGST  
11/12 5:00 pm Evangelism Meeting  
5:30 pm Council Meeting  
11/14 10:00 am Eventide Communion Service  
11/16 10:00 am Eventide Assisted Living Bible Study  
11/27 6:30 pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve  
Worship  
11/28 and 11/29—**Happy Thanksgiving—Church Offices closed.**



Last month the Faith Formation team was at a UJ volleyball game to give a quilt to one lucky UJ volleyball student (Averi) who had won the quilt drawing from the community block party this past August.

First, I want to say thank you for everyone involved with the making of the quilt; it is truly amazing that you are using the gifts God gave you to be a part of something greater. That lucky student was excited and said thank you over and over again to us. This experience is always a highlight in a pastor's ministry, giving back to our community and making someone else's day a little bit better.

However, this asks the question if we could connect to college students walk with them in their faith life. During the block party, we had 150 college students fill out an information slip, with one of the questions being "are you interested in joining a faith community." Out of 150 respondents 75 of them responded with "yes."

There is couple of things that the Evangelism Team could do with specific college oriented events, however thinking back to what I needed when I was in college, I was looking for authentic community and guidance. I received a sufficient amount of community through living on campus, but I was always looking for guidance through people who lived in the community.

What is hard for first time worshipers is that they go directory out the door of the back of the sanctuary while congregant members walk to the front for coffee hour or to leave in our "secret" front door leading to the parking lot.

While these new college students walk in our sanctuary for the first time, I encourage that we invite them for that cup of coffee and conversation. This will give them a sense of belonging and welcome. Reaching out to them to get to know their names, offer them a place at the table, and discover their interests are all ways in which we can become closer within our community.

We don't have to feel like this invite is resting on our shoulders. God is prompting us to seek out our neighbors and invite them in! Matthew 18:20 says, "For where two or three or gathered in my name, there I am with them." God is helping us to become better with invitation and gathering newcomers within our midst. All we have to do is be willing to extend the invitation.



**Pianist:** Rachel Williams, Connie Wells, and Mark Wolf

**Acolyte:** Maddie Ede, Ty Kapp, Bennett Goehner, Maddie and Chloe Holstad, Braxton Perkins, Anya Bostan and Marissa Moltzen.

**Greeters:** Selmer Bender, Walter and Mary Klundt, Margie Schrenk, Paulette Schumaker.

**Readers:** Jim Ritter, Ann Ede, Terri Bostan, Tonya Perkins, Cindy Wolff, Sandy Franke, Joan Enderle, Shelly Moltzen

**Communion Assistant:** Joan Enderle, Jim and Paulette Ritter, Carl and Sandy Franke, Char Freeberg, Cindy Wolff, Ann Ede

**Ushers:** Bill Ebele, Jolene Baltrusch, Walter and Mary Klundt, Jerry and Darlene Michel, Glenn Johnson, JoAnn Deede, Joyce Wilkinson, Jerry Readell, David Gasal, Gavin and Rhonda Kutz

**Communion Prep:** Altar Guild, John and Cindy Kleven, Cindy Wolff,

**Projector:** Lynn Kruger, Char Perleberg, Connor Ede, Bobby Landscoot,

**Van Drivers:** Dan Dockter, Tom Enderle, John Kleven, Howard Weispenning Jr.

Special thanks to those who decorate the church, insure the children bags have books and activities, Sunday School Teachers, individuals that are always available to lend a hand to shovel the snow, keep the front of the church clean, help with mailing. There are many that quietly go about doing what needs to be done and get it done when no one is watching. Thank you so much to all.



**Radio Broadcast and  
Altar Flowers Sponsorship**

**Radio November**

- November 3 Myron and LaDona Tarno
- November 10 Grant and Donna Schmidt
- November 17 Walter Perleberg Family
- November 24 Gerald and Marjorie Lippert



**Flowers November**

- November 3 Char Freeberg
- November 10 Anonymous
- November 17 Walter Perleberg Family
- November 24 Kathy Burkle



**BAPTISM CLASS  
SUNDAY November 15—11:45 AM**



**CHURCH MINISTRY**

**FUNERALS**

- Roger Block 10/22
- Myron Terno 10/23

**BAPTISM**

- Brynlee Elizabeth Graber 10/20
- Kaden Dallas Krumwiede 10/27





Greetings and God Bless to All!

It has been a busy start to our school year already, not to mention the 17 inches of snow that we just received the other day. Seems a bit too soon to be cooped up inside then spending a day digging out. As we complain about what the snow and how much of a burden it was, it was also a day of peace, rest, and some much-needed family time. I was fortunate enough to hear all the wonderful ways our parents spent their snow day. Some made apple pie with the apples that they harvested off their trees. Others had a day full of rest, while for others it was a day full of play. As we say our prayers for our farmers, and those who may be experiencing some hardships because of the storm. Let's take time to remember the importance of helping each other and those who are in need.

In the past month Child In Our Hands has hit fall mode. We have been enjoying all the fall things. Playing outside in lighter jackets, getting our fall crafts done. Our toddlers have enjoyed painting with apples, making pumpkins with apples, using their feet to paint Frankenstein, and other fall activities. Our Child Care room has made apples out of paper plates, made a squirrel craft as well as acorns to go along with our squirrels. Each room has gotten out their indoor gross motor toys as we are prepared for rain on the daily and we are really enjoying the utility room that just got added down in fellowship hall. We are so grateful everyday for all the areas the church allows us to use to help shape these little minds.

Our infant room once again has gone from all immobile babies to all being mobile in the blink of an eye! They are all running around like crazy, throwing balls, and really hitting all their milestones as they prepare for the toddler world. They most certainly are keeping Ms. Erika and Ms. Tabatha on their toes. They have also been fortunate enough to get to go on walks as the weather has not been too cold or too hot.

Preschool has gotten to enjoy a few field trips since the beginning of school. They got to go to the bank and see all the awesome things that the bank has in their buildings. 5-day also very recently got to go all the way to papa's pumpkin patch in Bismarck. This is an annual field trip we do every year with our 5-day program. This next month all preschool programs will get to go to the fire hall for fire safety month.

As fall turns into winter we will forever remain busy here at Child In Our Hands. We still have a few spots available in all three of our preschool programs that we are looking to fill, Christmas and Christmas break is right around the corner, as well as our annual Sweetheart dinner is on the horizon. As we gear up for these crazy busy times, we remain forever grateful for all these opportunities that we get to have with all of our little ones and thankful for the friendships we form here at Child In Our Hands.

Sincerely,  
Torrey Herrington, Director



## **NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

### **Rock of Ages – Nursing Home**

Beverly Lawler            Member

### **Rosendale – Memory Care**

Lois Knudson            Member

### **Eventide Nursing Home**

June Batsch	Member	Verlyn Benson	Member
Gloria Mueller - memory unit	Member	Jean Nording	Member
Velda Sam	Member	Frieda Wieland	Member

### **Eventide Senior Living**

Edith Coddling	Member	Rinalde Diede	Member
Helen Gushwa	Member	Elmer Klose	Member
Melva Oak	Member	Gertrude Pryor	Member
Erika Schultz	Member	Mary Trautman	Member

### **Ave Maria**

Lila Hennings	Member	Margie Gilbertson	Member
Duane Knudson	Member	Lillian Meyer	Member
Marva Miska	Member	Richard Truax	Member

### **Heritage Center**

Vera Dominick	Member	Lillian Gunsch	Member
Gladys Ley	Member	Grace Walz	Member
Albert Wolf	Member		

### **In their Homes**

LaVerne Hunt	Member	Alice Wolf	Member
Albert and Jeanne Zigelman	Member	Doris Orr	Member
Norman and Catherine Roemmick – Fargo		Members	

### **Ecumen Evergreen Memory Care - Fargo**

Lucille Kennedy – 1405 W. Gateway Circle S, Fargo            Member

### **Eventide at Fairmont (Moorhead)**

801 2nd Ave N, Moorhead, MN 56560

Joy Thede	Member
Avis Halverson	Member

If you know of member that is in the nursing home please contact the church office 252-1198 so we can keep the list up-to-date.



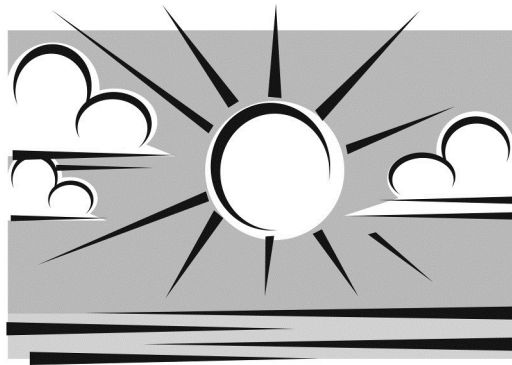
**All Saints Sunday**  
**November 3 both services**

Thanksgiving for Saints of the Congregation. O God of the pilgrim's way, we give thanks for those in generations past. Thanksgiving for Saints of the Congregation. O God of the pilgrim's way, we give thanks for those in generations past, we thank God for others whose names we never knew or have forgotten, who showed us the meaning of life in Christ.

**Sarah Guthmiller**  
**Robert Murphy**  
**Richard Christensen**  
**Glenda Ost**  
**Alice Perleberg**  
**Alvina Schulz**  
**Calvin Schultz**  
**Samuel Williams**  
**Travis Schutt**  
**Lilian Hertel**

**Howard Sukut**  
**Jerin Stroh**  
**James Walters**  
**Kay Deutch**  
**JoAnne Reimers**  
**Raymond Eberhardt**  
**Walter Perleberg**  
**Marcy Ketelson**  
**Ray Fisher**  
**Baby Chadwick**

**Mildred Thompson**  
**Margie Lange**  
**Lorene Wergeland**  
**Vivian Klose**  
**Robert Hertel**  
**Cynthia Willey**  
**Emogene Stoppeworth**  
**Ella Guthmiller**  
**George Williams**



COMMEMORATION  
of the  
**FAITHFUL  
DEPARTED**

  
*Gifts & Memorials*  


**Fit for the Journey**

**FROM**

Bob Baumann  
and Judy Brueske  
Carolyn Lange Hatlestad  
Shirley Unverferth

**FOR**

Marlys Anderson  
Walter Perleberg  
Lillian Hertel



**ATTENDANCE**

**September 2019**

Sunday Sept	29	150
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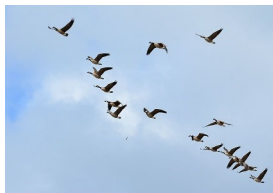
**October 2019**

Sunday Oct	6	191
Sunday Oct	13	116
Sunday Oct	20	164

GENERAL GIVING FOR September \$27,823. Our Monthly Target is \$30,000 of general fund giving.

**Snow Birds**

Please remember to contact the church office with your winter address so we can keep you updated with the church events and send you your news letter.  
Also if you have moved recently, please contact us to updated you address, email, phone numbers, and any changes in your family status. Church office phone # 252-1198. Thank you.



**November Council Recap**

The council reviewed the income and expense reports for the month and year to date. Giving continues to be ahead of last year, but lower than current expenses. The council completed their recommendations of 2020 compensation and benefits for staff as part of the budget process. The council reviewed mission support and how we as a congregation give outside our walls. The recommendation to the Budget Committee will be a fixed amount of mission support for the Synod and monthly offerings to support our other ministry partners. The Council heard about updates to the model constitution recommended by the 2019 Church Wide Assembly. A draft copy of the proposed amendments is available for review in the church office. It will come before the Annual Meeting for a vote. The council is organizing the nominating committee for work ahead of the 2020 Annual meeting. The majority of the time at the meeting was spent with the Ministry Review report from our March review meeting.



**Women of the Church**

The Women of the Church will be holding their annual Thank Offering on November 24th. The primary purpose of this Thank Offering is to encourage an attitude of gratitude in daily life. Yearly Thank Offerings are given by thousands of women, men, and children for global and local, urban, and rural ministries. An envelope is provided in this issue and will be in the November 24th bulletin. This year's offering will go to St John's Fit for the Journey Kitchen fund and Red Willow Bible Camp.

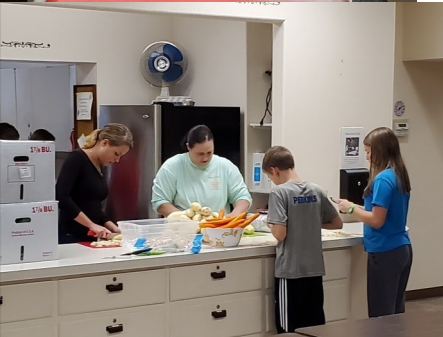






***German  
Supper,  
confirmation,  
fun and  
education***





**BUSY  
MONTH  
German  
Supper  
Block  
Party  
And  
College  
Activities**





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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**Worship Services**

Sundays

9:00 am  
 10:45 am

**Holy Communion**

**All Worship Services**

Church Office 701-252-1198

Preschool/Child Care 701-252-1903

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**Custodian**  
 Frank Perleberg

**Child In Our Hands Director**  
 Torrey Herrington

**Choir Accompanist/Pianist**  
 Rachel Williams  
 Connie Wells

***Mark Your Calendar***



***Thanksgiving Eve Service  
 Trinity Lutheran Church  
 Wednesday Nov. 27th at 6:30 pm.  
 Refreshments to follow.***