



St. John's Lutheran Church

Called to Fill the Hungry with Good Things

The Messenger

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Dear friends in Christ,

**God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.**

I am sure that you have all read or heard this prayer, or some translation of it. It is commonly known as the "Serenity Prayer". It was penned by American theologian Reinhold Niebuhr in 1932-33. In his original version Niebuhr asked for courage but the intent is clear.

**"Father, give us courage to change what must be altered,
serenity to accept what cannot be helped,
and the insight to know the one from the other."**

To me, this prayer reminds us to understand the limits of our knowledge, to apply our talents to change what we can, and put our trust in God to provide us with the tools and guidance for what we lack.

I tend to consider myself a reasonably intelligent person and I have always strived to know the limits of my knowledge and abilities. God has created mankind with varied skills and abilities, doctors, builders, artists, scientists, and others. Just as God provided the fruits of the land to sustain us, God has provided us with the gifts of others to augment our own shortcomings. At the same time, I believe God has endowed us with the wisdom to know our own limits and when to seek the aid of others.

With that in mind, I find it perplexing that so many people are willing to accept as fact information that they find on the internet and social media platforms posted by those unable or unwilling to provide credentials to support their purported knowledge. Personally, I choose to get my medical advice from someone with an M.D., scientific information from those with Ph.D.'s, and spiritual advice from my Pastor.

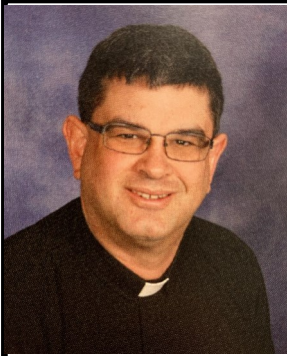
"Real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance."

Confucius

In 1900 it was estimated that Knowledge was doubling every 100 years. By 1945 the rate was every 25 years. Most recent estimates are that knowledge is doubling every 13 months and very soon may be every 12 hours. A consequence of this vast increase in knowledge is that we have become aware of the harm that we are doing to this planet that sustains us. God has provided the tools as well as the wisdom to use those tools for the betterment of mankind and to be better stewards of his creation.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to know what is true and what is fabricated. With so much knowledge being presented every day, I urge you to pay attention to the wisdom that God has provided you. Listen to God and you will know in your heart when the right choice has been made.

God's Peace to All,
Gary Staab, Congregation President



“I never said most of the things I said,” Yogi Berra once explained. We have all heard some Yogi-isms in our lives. Things that got attributed to the baseball legend, and have stuck, even if he didn’t actually say them. They stick because they sound like he could have said them.

Attributing authorship of simple, pithy sayings to famous individuals is nothing new. I was starting to reflect on such things after the recent planting of the memorial tree outside St. John’s a few weeks ago and I wanted to find Martin Luther’s famous quote, “Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree.” What I found instead were plenty of examples of that quote, but no citation of where it comes from. In the end, alas, I discovered that there is no known source in Martin Luther’s writings or record of conversations where this is noted. Instead, the earliest recorded instance of this being attributed to Martin Luther was from 1944. Germany in 1944 was deep in the grip of the National Socialist Party and some theologians in Germany, including Dietrich Bonhoeffer, were dissenting from the power and rule of the Nazis. Bonhoeffer died in a concentration camp in 1945. It is not hard to imagine at that time and in that place that people searched for some message of hope in a world gone to pieces. Even though there is no evidence that Luther actually said that if he knew that the world would end tomorrow, he would plant an apple tree, it conveys the sentiment that it is always proper to do the things that are needed, even if you are unlikely to see the future benefit of those actions. So, I guess Martin Luther never said some of the things that he said.

We planted a tree on October 4th. We had planned to plant it during the Meal of Remembrance a few weeks earlier, but couldn't get things lined up in time. The tree is a living symbol of hope and promise in a world that continues to be full of loss. It is a reminder that future generations will tell stories about our experiences right now, until they too fade from memory.

We begin November with the celebration of All Saint’s Sunday. We remember what God has done for us and for those we love. The saints, both living and dead, serve as examples for us in our lives of faith. As we gather and light a candle in memory of loved ones who have died, as we pour water into the font to remember those who have been welcomed into the family of faith, we put our faith into action. We remember. We praise. We remain rooted in God’s promise to be with us always.

Even as things continue to change around us, we release to God’s care another living thing. We know that it will be years before that Crimson Spire Oak reaches maturity, but as it grows, day by day, year by year, we can see the ongoing nature of God’s creative work among us. Thanks be to God.

Pr. Erik





Pianist: Rachel Williams, and Connie Wells

Readers: Jim Ritter, Gavin Kutz, Sandy Franke, Pauline Roeske, Tonya Perkins, Ann Ede, Tara Kapp, Ken and Shar Gumke

Ushers: Bill Ebele, Lloyd Landscoot, Walter Klundt, and John Mayer.

Communion: Altar Guild, Pauline Roeske, Jim Ritter, Char Freeberg, Gavin Kutz, Sandy Franke, Tonya Perkins

Projector/Streaming: Lynn Krueger, Char Perleberg, John, Cindy, and Aaron Kleven, Camden Kutz.

Cleaning: Dan Dockter, Tom Enderle, Glenn Johnson, Lloyd Landscoot, Lynn Krueger, Cindy Kleven, and Denise Walton.

Messenger: Tom Enderle and Walter Klundt

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.



Sponsorships

Radio November

- November 7 Grant and Dona Schmidt
- November 14 Walter Perleberg Family
- November 21 LaDona Tarno
- November 28 Gerald and Marjorie Lippert



Flowers October

- November 7 Kathy and Paul Wiest
- November 14 Walter Perleberg Family
- November 21 Burkle Family
- November 28 Charles and Connie Wells



CHURCH MINISTRY

**No Baptisms
No Weddings**

Funerals
Doris Greenstein - d 9/23





Fit for the Journey

FROM	FOR
Margie Schrenk	Floyd Curtis
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Bitterman	Doris Greenstein
Grace Walz	Doris Greenstein
LaDona Tarno	Doris Greenstein (Streaming)

ATTENDANCE

	<i>In person</i>	<i>YouTube Live</i>	<i>YouTube recorded</i>
September 19	94	48	67
September 26	85	22	53
October 3	81	28	93
October 10	75	25	93
October 17	87	18	135
October 24	78	27	58

Income for September: \$22,208
Expenses for September \$25,535

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS – November

For most up to date calendar visit St. John’s website

Sunday Worship

9:00 am Worship in person and Online

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting
 5:00 pm Come to the Table meal

Wednesday

4:00 pm Confirmation

November 2021

- 11/4 5:30 pm Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- 11/7 9:00 am All Saints Sunday - 1 Service
- 11/4 7:00 pm Executive Meeting
- 11/9 6:30 pm Council Meeting
- 11/21 Women of the Church Thank Offering at worship
- 11/25 Thanksgiving Day
- 11/25-11/26 Church Offices Closed
- Sunday November 21 and 28, Women of the Church will be setting their display in the Lounge for Christmas shopping.**

Council Recap

We received Pr. Lucas Holsten’s formal letter of resignation. The council reviewed the reality of being a one pastor congregation for the foreseeable future. Ministry team transitions and expectations were shared.

The transition to TaxForward for payroll services is beginning in October including direct deposit for all employees. Sara Lynch’s last day in the finance office was September 30th.

The council authorized the replacement of 5 exterior doors (2 west side doors, and the NE Office door among them) The drinking fountain outside the church office is also being replaced.

St. John’s is exploring joining a 6 month long process led by a consultant who will work with 9 area congregations on visions for vital ministry. The working relationship between St. John’s, English Lutheran and

(council recap continued)...

Trinity are part of that conversation.

St. John’s is engaging Culinex to provide cost estimates and design drawing/scope of project information for the ongoing kitchen project.

In addition, the council received a report of known deferred maintenance, an updated Van Fund Appeal summary (we received @\$2,500 more than we spent and the excess is being designated for major repairs), and a description of how St. John’s is sub-contracting secretarial services for bulletin production from English Lutheran to free up hours for Gem to spend on her new responsibilities of member giving recording and preparing regular payables.

The Nominating Committee’s work is ongoing for 2022 The Budget Committee is being organized.



Confirmation Sunday

October 31st

We welcome 10 young adults as they Affirm their Baptism during worship at 9 am on Sunday October 31st.

This faith milestone is a time of congregational rejoicing.

Confirmation

- St. John's 6th graders received their confirmation bibles as classes began on Sept. 22nd.
- Pr. Kristi leads a session on the 1st Article of the Apostles' Creed at the Sept. area congregations retreat day.
- Games including blanket volleyball and a cooperative cup stacking game challenged and taught the youth.



Come to the Table Volunteers

Free hot meals continue to be prepared by community volunteers and served each Tuesday from 5 pm to 6:15 pm.



A new memorial tree was planted at the SE corner of the Church. Beautiful October weather made playing in the dirt with the city forester fun! A dedication will be held in the spring.

Sunday School Begins

Sunday School meets at 10 am on Sunday mornings. Children and families are encouraged to worship together at 9 am and then the children head downstairs to the fellowship hall for bible, music, crafts, and fun. Look for additional information about the mini-lock in for youth on November 13th. And save the date for the Christmas program on Dec. 19th.



***Employment Opportunity
CIOH Director***

Child In Our Hands is currently seeking applications for a full time Center Director. Responsible for overall, day to day operation of three room child care and pre-school. Train and manage staff, set instructional objectives, create and maintain a positive work environment and develop a nurturing culture for children, staff and families. Qualifications must include one of the following: A bachelor's degree in the field of early childhood education or child development; A bachelor's degree with at least six months of experience in a child care center or similar setting; An associate's degree in the field of early childhood education or child development with at least six months of experience in a child care center or similar setting; An associate's degree with at least one year of experience in a child care center or similar setting; A current certification as a child development associate or successful completion of a department-approved diploma program with emphasis in early childhood or child care, with at least one year of experience in a child care center or similar setting. Send resumes to: Child in Our Hands Attn: CIOH Board 424 1st Ave S Jamestown ND 58401
ciohboard@st-johnspreschool.org

Volunteers Needed

In order to keep the church office open
On Fridays, we need one person
To cover from 8 am to noon.
It is important to keep the doors open
For those who come to pick up food,
welcome Triumph volunteers,
and put the Altar Flowers.
If you can spare one Friday a month,

Please call the church office,
or sign on the calendar outside the Gem's
Office



Women of the Church

Christmas is coming and the Women of the Church would like to help you with your shopping. On November 28, December 5, 12, and 19 we will have our items set up in the lounge for you to purchase. We have some new things to sell along with some baked goods. Stop by and see us.

Our Annual Thank Offering will be held on Christ the King Sunday November 21st. The offering will go to Hospice of the Jamestown Regional Medical Center and to Come to the Table Tuesday Night Meal.

Shirley Unverferth
WOTC Treasurer





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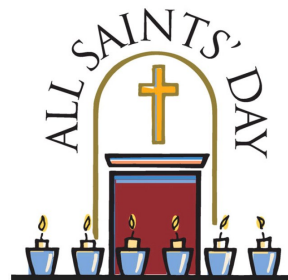
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 Gem Saied

Custodian
 Frank Perleberg

Child In Our Hands Interim Director
 Val Ford

Choir Accompanist/Pianist
 Rachel Williams
 Connie Wells



All Saint Sunday

November 7

9:00 am

Celebration of Saints



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:00 AM Confirmation Sunday 9:30 AM Worship - St. John's 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Pr. Erik English Lutheran - Medina	1 9:00 AM Chapel	2 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:30 PM Chapel 5:00 PM Come to the Table Meal	3 4:00 PM Confirmation 6:30 PM Confirmation English Lutheran	4 5:30 PM Volunteer Appreciation Banquet 7:00 PM Executive Meeting	5	6
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Reverse Advent Calendar

State Hospital Resident Edition

**** all gifts must be new and unopened **do not wrap**

Nov. 5 th One Toothbrush	Nov. 6 th One Bar Soap	Nov. 7 th One Tube Tooth-paste	Nov. 8 th One Chapstick	Nov. 9 th One Hairbrush
Nov. 10 th One Shampoo	Nov. 11 th One Deodorant	Nov. 12 th Women's Socks (1pkg)	Nov. 13 th Womens Pajamas	Nov. 14 th Women's Panties
Nov. 15 th Mens Socks (1 pkg)	Nov. 16 th Mens Boxer Briefs	Nov. 17 th Mens Sweatpants	Nov. 18 th 1 Winter Hat	Nov. 19 th 1 pair gloves
Nov. 20 th 1 deck of cards	Nov. 21 st 2 coloring books	Nov. 22 nd 2 packs crayons/colored pencils	Nov. 23 rd 2017 Wall Calendar	Nov. 24 th Colored Markers
Nov. 25 th 1 box all occasion greeting cards	Nov. 26 th 5 postage stamps	Nov. 27 th 1 jigsaw puzzle	Nov. 28 th 1 board game	By Dec. 6 th Return all items to St. John's

All gifts are appreciated. If you are unable to gather every item, bring in what you do collect.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Salvation Army

**** all gifts must be new and unopened **do not wrap**

Nov. 5 th One Toothbrush	Nov. 6 th One Bar Soap	Nov. 7 th One Tube Tooth-paste	Nov. 8 th One Chapstick	Nov. 9 th 2 rolls of toilet paper
Nov. 10 th One Shampoo	Nov. 11 th One Deodorant	Nov. 12 th 1 package feminine products	Nov. 13 th 1 can of soup	Nov. 14 th 1 bag of pasta
Nov. 15 th 1 peanut butter	Nov. 16 th 1 jar jelly	Nov. 17 th 1 pasta sauce	Nov. 18 th 1 Winter Hat	Nov. 19 th 1 pair gloves
Nov. 20 th 1 can of tuna	Nov. 21 st 1 can vegetables	Nov. 22 nd 1 can fruit	Nov. 23 rd 1 box cereal	Nov. 24 th 1 box jello/pudding
Nov. 25 th 2 garbage bags	Nov. 26 th 5 used/recycled grocery bags	Nov. 27 th 1 dish soap	Nov. 28 th 1 laundry detergent	By Dec. 3 rd Return all items to St. John's

Items must be delivered to St. John's by December 6th