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## Ask the Pastor

**“We went to a different church when we were in Florida and one of the scripture readings was from the book of Sirach. What is that? Why have I never heard of that before?”**

Sirach is part of what is called the Apocrypha; a group of 14 books often placed between the Old and New Testaments in some bibles (physically and likely by date of authorship as well). Sometimes known as “intertestamental books”, these books were not part of the Hebrew scripture so there is some debate about whether they should be included and what role they should play. For Lutherans, they are considered ‘extra’ books that are not necessarily part of the accepted canon of Scripture. That is to say, they are interesting and perhaps helpful, but they are not authoritative for all Christians. I don’t know if it is theologically correct or not, but I once heard someone call the Apocrypha “biblical fan fiction” and that made me chuckle.

So why did they read it? Lutherans, along with the vast majority of mainline Protestant churches in the US and Canada use a scripture reading calendar called the Revised Common Lectionary; RCL. The RCL is a three-year cycle (labeled years A, B, and C) of three lessons that are prescribed for worship each week. During most of the year, there is a reading each week from the Hebrew Bible, a Psalm, a reading from the Epistles, and a Gospel reading. The RCL sometimes gives the option of selecting a reading from the Apocrypha. However, because some of the churches who use the RCL don’t use the Apocrypha, it is always listed as an option.

For example, February 16 of this year, according to the RCL was the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany, in Year A. The lessons from the Hebrew Bible were Deuteronomy 30:15-20 or Sirach 15:15-20. In Williston, we read from Deuteronomy. The Lutheran church recognizes the Apocrypha (not as authoritative but helpful), but I generally choose not to use it. This is more because of personal preference than being a theological statement. The church you visited in Florida did chose the Apocrypha reading. Maybe it was a personal preference for them too, or perhaps that passage fit better with the pastor’s sermon than the Deuteronomy reading did. There is no right or wrong choice, they are just different options within the Revised Common Lectionary.

*If you would like to submit a question for “Ask the Pastor”, Biblical, theological, church related, anything you have been dying to ask a pastor, you can hand me a note, ask me after church, send an e-mail, or sneak into the church after dark and anonymously slide a sealed envelope under my office door. If I answer your question in print, I will not include your name unless you explicitly ask me to.*



Thank you to everyone at St. John for welcoming me with open arms. I have loved meeting so many new people already. I look forward to my new adventure here at St. John.

Amelia Burkey  
Office Administrator

To My St. John Family,

Thank you for your prayers, love, support, cards, flowers and for all you've done for Ron and me following my recent knee replacement surgery. Recovery continues! God is good! A very special thank you to Pastor O'Brien for his calls and reassuring words of support. Thanks to each of you for the food that was brought in, a warm thank you to those who visited and called. We are indeed blessed with friends who care, who seem to know our needs and respond with love. You are a vital part of our lives and we are grateful every day for you! God's Blessing,  
Diane Gerkenmeyer



*St. John Prayer Chain is there for you....*

*"Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive."*

**Matthew 21:22**

When there is illness, a special need, or a time of thanksgiving in your family, or among friends or neighbors, you may wish to ask for the prayers of your sisters and brothers at St. John. If such a need arises, call Pastor O'Brien (419-972-4003, cell ph 419-378-1112) or the church office (419-836-5514) who will begin the prayer chain. Please keep your message to the minimum to avoid any errors in passing it on. Thank you!



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### **Worship Hours**

**Saturday at 5:00 PM**

**Sunday School 8:30 AM**

**Sunday Worship 9:45 AM**

**Deadline for the**

**December newsletter is**

**Monday, Nov 23rd @ 9AM**

**Please send articles and/or  
information to**

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Jesus Christ, so that we may  
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**pm**

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# *Memorial Gifts to St. John*

## **In Memory of Virgil Roecker**

Phil and Audrey Milbrodt  
Karen & Danny Jefferies & family

## **In Memory of Jean Rollins**

Phil and Audrey Milbrodt  
Karen & Danny Jefferies & family

## **In Memory of Jay Meyer**

Phil and Audrey Milbrodt

## **In Memory of Wilma Smithers**

Phil and Audrey Milbrodt  
Carol Eckerman  
Larry and Nancy Strohscher  
Merle & Shirley Berger  
Karen & Danny Jefferies & family  
James and Mona Vogelbacher  
Craig and Sharon Taylor  
Arline Sabin  
Donna Witt  
Phyllis Deloof and Carol Ackerman

## **In Memory of Vicky Zambrano**

Mr. & Mrs. Marlin Younker  
Lowell & Diane Hartman  
Merle & Shirley Berger  
Karen & Danny Jefferies & family  
Michael and Jane Lentz  
Chris and Jillian Brandt  
Kay Tomsic  
Gary and Darlene Carstensen

## **In Memory of Harry & Betty Younker**

Karen & Danny Jefferies & family

## **In Memory of Michael Sharon Jefferies**

Karen & Danny Jefferies & family

## **In Memory of Neal Gust**

Richard and Shirley Crosskill

## **In Memory of Donald Berger**

Michael and Jane Lentz

## **In Memory of Timothy Berger**

Michael and Jane Lentz

## **In Memory of Irene Berger**

Michael and Jane Lentz

## **In Memory of Bernard Pohlada**

Phil and Audrey Milbrodt



Women <sup>of the</sup> **ELCA** 

**NEWS**

**Esther Circle will resume meetings**

**Tuesday, November 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall**

**Rebekah Circle will resume meetings**

**Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00 PM in the church basement**

**The WELCA Board will meet on Monday, November 16th at  
7 PM at the church.**



All Saints' Day celebration has a long history in the worship life of the Christian Church. It began as a commemoration of the martyrs who had died for the faith, and it has since become a day when we honor and remember those who, in death, have joined the Church Triumphant, as well as the faithful saints of the present who serve Jesus Christ. Martin Luther held that all Christians are simultaneously sinner and saint--a sinner because of our rebellious nature, but a saint because of salvation in Jesus. The family of St. John remembers those who have passed in the last year.

**Timothy Berger**

**Bill Hetrick**

**Harriet Tegtmeier**

**Frederick "Fritz" Lau**

**Virgil Roecker**

**Helen (Jean) Rollins**

**Jay Meyer**

**Bernard Pohlrad**

**Wilma Smithers**


**Vicky Zambrano**

Let us pray... Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**





# Faith Practice #3 Readings

## 1 and 2 Corinthians

Corinth was a large, bustling city (located in southern Greece). Because of its location, goods and people from around the world flowed in and out of its ports. It was a center for art, philosophy and religion. It contained a number of pagan temples including large ones to Apollo and Aphrodite. The city had a reputation for vice, immorality and debauchery. Paul spent 18 months establishing a church in Corinth during his second missionary journey (described in Acts 18).

1 Corinthians (which may actually be the second letter Paul wrote to the Corinthians; the first was lost) was written around 54 AD. It was in response to reports Paul received concerning problems in the church, disputed matters, and competing factions. (The letter written to Paul has not survived.)

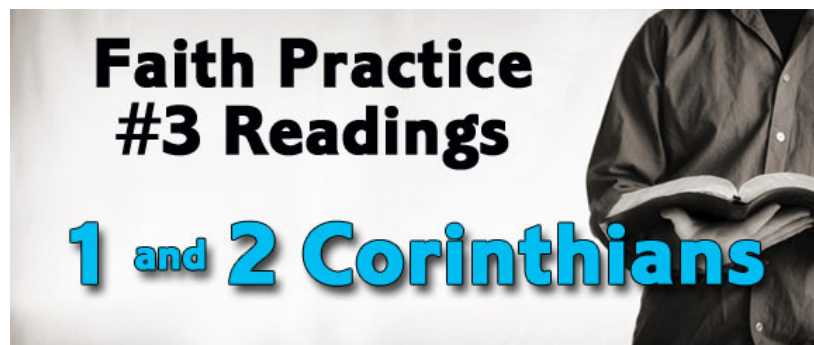
Overall, the letter calls this fractious congregation to unity, Paul reminds them their actions should be informed by love (chapters 8 and 13), and closes with an appeal to let this love be the governing power in the life of the community.

2 Corinthians is perhaps the most difficult to interpret of all Paul's letters. Scholars think it is a combination of several fragments of different letters. This makes it seem disjointed in places. It is certainly a mixed letter, containing different styles and various elements; appeals, exhortations, rebukes, threats, attacks, counterattacks, self-defense, self-praise, and irony.

We will continue with our 'one chapter per week' reading plan as follows: *for the week starting...*

September 7 – 1 Corinthians 1  
 September 14 – 1 Corinthians 2  
 September 21 – 1 Corinthians 3  
 September 28 – 1 Corinthians 4  
 October 5 – 1 Corinthians 5  
 October 12 – 1 Corinthians 6  
 October 19 – 1 Corinthians 7  
 October 26 – 1 Corinthians 8  
 November 2 – 1 Corinthians 9  
 November 9 – 1 Corinthians 10  
 November 16 – 1 Corinthians 11  
 November 23 – 1 Corinthians 12  
 November 30 – 1 Corinthians 13  
 December 7 – 1 Corinthians 14  
 December 14 – 1 Corinthians 15

December 21 – 1 Corinthians 16  
 January 4 – 2 Corinthians 1  
 January 11 – 2 Corinthians 2  
 January 18 – 2 Corinthians 3  
 January 25 – 2 Corinthians 4  
 February 1 – 2 Corinthians 5  
 February 8 – 2 Corinthians 6  
 February 15 – 2 Corinthians 7  
 February 22 – 2 Corinthians 8  
 March 1 – 2 Corinthians 9  
 March 8 – 2 Corinthians 10  
 March 15 – 2 Corinthians 11  
 March 22 – 2 Corinthians 12  
 March 29 – 2 Corinthians 13



### **Week of November 2**

#### **1 Corinthians 9**

Paul has the right to be supported by those he ministers to: an ox treading the grain must not be muzzled (Deuteronomy 25:4). Thus supported, he can preach the gospel without charge. Paul is flexible in his ministry – all things to all people. Paul compares himself to an athlete who competes for an imperishable crown.

### **Week of November 9**

#### **1 Corinthians 10**

Israel was blessed, yet God scattered them in the wilderness. The rock they drank of was Christ. All things are lawful, but not necessarily helpful. Do not ask any questions about meat offered you at market, or an unbeliever's house, but avoid it if you are told it has been offered to idols. Do not seek to give offence to Jews or Greeks, but do all for the glory of God.

### **Week of November 16**

#### **1 Corinthians 11**

Men praying or prophesying should have their heads uncovered; women's heads should be covered. Men and women are interdependent. The Lord's Supper should be eaten together, not with some starting their meal before others. Paul reminds them of the commemorative purpose of the Lord's Supper – inappropriate behavior makes one guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. Wait before you start eating!

### **Week of November 23**

#### **1 Corinthians 12**

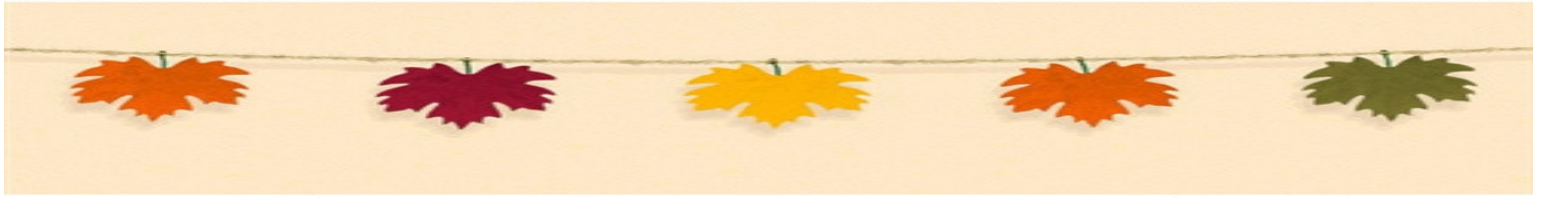
Those who have spiritual gifts glorify Jesus. Gifts are diverse, but the Spirit behind them is the same. Gifts may include wisdom, knowledge, faith, miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, speaking in tongues, and interpreting tongues. Diverse members make up the single body of the church – no member is separate, any more than a body part can be separate.

### **Week of November 30**

#### **1 Corinthians 13**

Without love, all spiritual gifts are meaningless. Love is not envious, proud, arrogant, rude, cliquish, easily provoked, suspicious, nor happy with evil. Unlike spiritual gifts, love can never fail. Spiritual gifts are appropriate for the present time, but not forever – they belong to a spiritual childhood, and to seeing through a glass darkly. In time, however, we will put away childish things and know as we are known. Of faith, hope and love, love is the greatest.

# NOVEMBER STEWARDSHIP PAGE



## **THANKFUL** **STEWARDSHIP**

*“Give thanks in all circumstances.”— 1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV*

We're familiar with the instruction of Scripture that tells us that our attitude in giving is what matters to God: “Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7) This cheerfulness comes as a result of an attitude of thanksgiving. But thanksgiving isn't just a mindset for giving— it's an approach to all areas of stewardship.

Scripture teaches us the important of a pervasive spirit of thanksgiving; here are just a couple examples:

*“Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” Colossians 3:17*

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, Which transcends all understanding,, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus,” Philippians 4:6-7*

**Lord, Thank you for showing us how to give back through stewardship.  
Our hearts and souls are forever grateful.**





## 5 Fun Facts About Thanksgiving

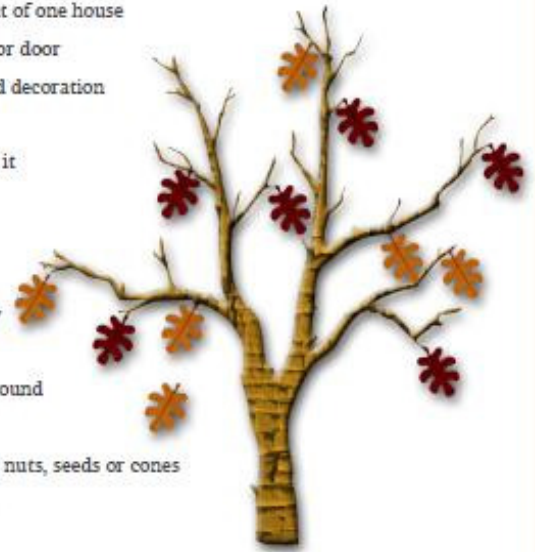
1. Pilgrims ate their first Thanksgiving dinner with only spoons.
2. Thanksgiving became an official holiday in 1863— almost 200 years after the first dinner.
3. An average turkey weighs 15 pounds.
4. The first Thanksgiving celebration lasted three full days.
5. There are at least three American towns named after Thanksgiving dinner main course:

## Thanksgiving Day

### Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt

Walk off all that turkey dinner while finding all of the items on our list:

- ☐ 6 or more cars parked in front of one house
- ☐ A turkey hung on a window or door
- ☐ A Thanksgiving-themed yard decoration
- ☐ A pile of leaves
- ☐ Something with a pilgrim on it
- ☐ Indian Corn
- ☐ A pumpkin or squash
- ☐ A deer
- ☐ Smoke rising from a chimney
- ☐ Someone walking a dog
- ☐ Geese in the sky or on the ground
- ☐ Chrysanthemums
- ☐ An acorn, pine cone, or other nuts, seeds or cones
- ☐ Early Christmas decorations



Add your own items here:

- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

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**JOIN US!**  
**SUNDAYS AT 8:30AM**  
**\*\*BRING A FRIEND\*\***





## Important Notice

# Christmas Eve Service

At the October meeting, the Church Council made the very difficult decision to not have in-person worship on Christmas Eve. As you can imagine, this was a heart-wrenching decision. Nobody *wants* to do this. Christmas Eve worship in the sanctuary is a cherished tradition for many people here at St. John. However, the church council also recognizes that in this time of COVID, not gathering is the most responsible, loving way to keep all members and their families safe.

The primary concern is how we would accommodate everyone we anticipate would want to come. We have been doing very well with wearing masks and physical distancing at our weekend worship, but we tend to have a much larger crowd and more visitors on Christmas Eve. It is not unusual to have 280 to 320 worshipers at the 4:00 service alone. Granted, many will stay home this year because of the virus, but we have been seeing approximately 50% of our pre-COVID attendance on the weekend. That could mean 140 to 160 plus worshipers when we can only seat 75-80 in our physically-distanced sanctuary. With anticipated larger crowds, more visitors than usual, and folks coming from out of town or even out of state, we would need to be especially cautious in how we were seating people. We don't want to be the church that gave everyone coronavirus for Christmas. The church council discussed several alternative options such as adding additional services, seating people in other places around the building, pre-selling tickets, limiting the number of people who could come, and a host of other ideas. But we kept concluding that we would have to turn people away at the door for the safety of the worshipers already inside. At the meeting, someone joked, "We need to hire a bouncer!" That was in jest, of course, but there is a kernel of truth in that.

I was talking to a couple who volunteered to be greeters when their congregation returned to in-person worship for the first time. There were only a limited number of seats available in the sanctuary, so worshipers were supposed to go online and reserve their seats. But some people didn't *know* they were supposed to reserve a seat, others *thought* they had reserved a seat but didn't, one couple didn't think they should *have* to reserve a seat because there was plenty of room inside anyway, so what's the big deal? The couple who volunteered to be "greeters" ended up being more like "bouncers". They had to turn people away and were yelled at for trying to enforce the rules. The couple shared at a different service there was almost a fist-fight over attending church.

While we certainly don't believe anything like that would happen at St. John, the church council would never want to put anyone in the situation of being a "bouncer" on Christmas Eve. That is not loving and kind for the volunteer who has to be the 'enforcer' nor is it loving and kind for the worshipers who got dressed up and brought their family to church only to be told, "Sorry, we're full". So while nobody wants to *not* gather on Christmas Eve, the church council recognizes that in this time of COVID, not gathering is the most responsible, loving option for everyone.

Many thanks to the Worship Life Committee and the Church Council who faithfully wrestled with this very difficult decision.

However, this doesn't mean St. John won't worship on Christmas Eve. The Worship Life Committee is working on putting together a special Christmas Eve worship service that will be premiered/streamed on the evening of the 24th. We will also look into ways to make this available to our homebound members beforehand.

The synod has also been discussing some additional Advent/Christmas ideas that congregations can do virtually or distanced. We will be taking a look at those when they become available. While we will certainly grieve the loss of a beloved tradition this year, perhaps this will be an opportunity to create a new tradition, find a new way to celebrate the Good News of Jesus coming into the world.



# Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



## ***Global Mission***

***“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith.” Colossians 2:6–7a.***

Rooted and built in Jesus! This is the core of our work as the ELCA walks with more than 80 companion churches in other countries to participate in God’s reconciling mission through proclamation and service. Participating in these relationships, ELCA members see how people’s lives are touched by the gospel, how their lives are transformed and renewed, and how their communities live in hope. Our living, daring confidence in God’s grace propels us, along with our companions, to say “yes” to a world searching for renewal and wholeness. As part of a global Lutheran community, we gratefully receive the witness of global brothers and sisters whose faith, hospitality, resilience and zeal energize us and our own congregations. In response, we share our gifts and talents to address the root causes of poverty and [hunger](#) and meeting human needs, build communities that coexist in peace, and prepare women and men to preach the good news of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

Walking and working together, we seek to *accompany* our companions. Accompaniment is defined as *walking together in a solidarity that practices interdependence and mutuality*. The ELCA lives out accompaniment in relationships with global companions, striving to share God’s love and participate in God’s mission together:

- **Mutually:** All of us have gifts to support God’s mission. There is no mission *to*, only mission *with* and *among*.
- **Inclusively:** We seek to build relationships across boundaries that exclude and divide.
- **Vulnerably:** Just as Jesus became vulnerable to us, we open ourselves to others.
- **Empowering:** We seek to identify and correct imbalances of power, which may mean recognizing and letting go of our own.
- **Sustainably:** To ensure local ministries last for a long time, we seek to embed mission in ongoing relationships and communities.

Flourishing, long-term, mutual relationships strengthen the worldwide Lutheran community as they deepen our global mission engagement. The church-to-church relationship between the ELCA and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, for example, includes 20 more relationships between ELCA synods and Tanzanian dioceses. With over 120 such relationships, the ELCA Companion Synods Program connects thousands of Lutherans, who share joys and sorrows, pray together, and collaborate on mutually beneficial ministries — most notably as a member of The Lutheran World Federation, a global communion of 143 member churches in 79 countries worldwide. Because we can do more together than we can as individual congregations, ELCA Global Mission:

- stewards the international web of ELCA relationships
- listens to companion church bodies and responds to their priorities in mission with program grants and personnel
- receives the gifts of Christian witness from the global church in order to build our own capacity for witness
- funds long-term, sustainable development projects and responds to international disasters
- calls and prepares mission personnel for service in response to requests from companions
- provides scholarships for international post-graduate study to global church leaders
- provides tools to equip ELCA members for faithful global engagement.

# Sharing our Many Blessings!



for the Williston community

## The St. John Mini Pantry /Blessing Box is Open!

The St. John Mini Pantry is stocked with ready to eat or easily prepared food items and hygiene items which are available to those in our community who may need a little help. It contains boxes of mac and cheese, soup, spaghetti, canned meals, veggies, fruit, peanut butter, jelly and other items. Volunteers check the box daily and replenish it when needed. We are also accepting donations of travel size personal items like toothpaste, toothbrushes, soaps, travel size tissues and shampoo.

## Worship Helpers...

We did not forget about you! We SO appreciate the help we receive every week from our wonderful worship helpers! Whether you read scripture, serve communion, run the computer and sound, usher or collect the offering...your actions are vital to our worship ministry!

Please watch your email and the upcoming Forerunners for an updated list of worship assignments.

If there are any changes in the way assignments are handled, we will let you know as soon as possible.

We are in need of new worship assistants! If you would like to be added to the rotation, please call the office and we will gladly fill you in on the details!



## Saturday November 21st

St John is in charge of the food pantry Saturday November 21. We will be serving patrons inside and the procedure will be different since we are still dealing with COVID. We ask that everyone helping please wear a mask.

Please call me if you are interested in working.

Cindy Hartman  
419-304-0071

**Christian Community Life is looking for a Volunteer (or 2) to be on the BOARD for the GENOA FOOD PANTRY ! This would involve going to their meetings and be our church's connection to the upcoming events of the Food Pantry. WORKERS ARE NEEDED!**

**It is our turn to work the pantry on Nov. 21st. from 9:00 am to noon.**

**Please call Cindy Hartman 419-304-0071 or Cheryl Berger 419-345-3941 if you are able to help. Please wear a mask. This would be a good time to see our work in progress, if you are interested in becoming a PANTRY BOARD MEMBER!**







# October Highlights

## Council Meeting Minutes Zoom/In Person-

### October 15, 2020

Meeting Opened at 7:02pm by President Rick Buhrow  
**Devotions** were from Calendar of Prayer Psalm 96 , led by Pastor O'Brien

### **Pastor's Report:**

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>
<b>in Person average</b>	19.8	51.8
<b>YTD AVERAGE</b>	67.0	65.3
<b>On-Line average</b>	138	130

**Funerals:** I presided at the funeral of Judy Buhrow on September 28 (St. John, Rocky Ridge)

I presided at the funeral of Frank Dobrosky on October 8 (St. Perter, Martin)

**Wedding:** I presided at the wedding of Paige Neuman and Jon Paulson on October 3

**Christian Community** Life: The Bauman car raffle made \$2,985.00. The winner is currently not known.

Cheryl will let us know soon. November 21 is our day to work at the pantry. Please contact Cindy Hartman if you can help. Please continue to provide canned goods and cereal for our Blessings Box.

**Parish Education:** Kim Sommers reported that a Christmas celebration will be held during the Sunday School hour for Christmas since there will be no Christmas program this year.

**Board of Stewardship Report:** Linda Schlievert will replace Mike Mann as chair until the end of the year.

**Worship Life:** Traci Brown and Deanna Newman extended a huge thank you to Melissa Lammers for leading worship the weekend of October 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup>. Worship Life is recommending to Church Council that we make no further changes to our worship setting for the remainder of 2020. This means we will continue to

record music and readings, partake in contactless communion and Pastor will deliver sermons live. We also wish to remind those who attend service in person to keep social distance while going up for communion. Discussions of Christmas Eve service continued on committee night and Worship Life is recommending that those services be completely virtual. The Longest Night Service will also be virtual. After much discussion at Council, Council thanked Worship Life for their dedication and the difficult decisions they have had to make this COVID year. Christmas Eve services will be virtual with worshipping in our homes with family and friends.

**Property:** John Mazar reported that the committee has been working on heating the Pastor's upstairs and the women's restroom off the basement. The Committee is trying LED lights in the Sanctuary. The two sides are different, please give John your comments on which one is best. Ben Sommers is to repair the urinal in the men's restroom. Diana Pfaff requested an update on the women's restroom remodel.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Nomination committee update: Diana Pfaff reported about half of the slate is done and have meeting since September. The slate of nominations will be presented at the December meeting. Please contact Diana to volunteer to serve.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Diana Pfaff mentioned that the Pantry will need a new chair next year. Cheryl Berger will request a chair.

Annual meeting will be held January 24. Discussion on how that meeting will be held. Information to follow.

**Next Committee Meeting will be November 12 at 7:00 pm**

**Missing Church?  
Not ready yet?  
That's ok!  
We have the answer!  
We are gathering  
together in person for worship but you can also  
worship with St. John ONLINE!**



Until we can all join together comfortably in worship, we will be live streaming our worship services on our Facebook page and on our YouTube channel on Saturdays at **5PM** and will show it again

Sunday mornings at **9:45 AM.**

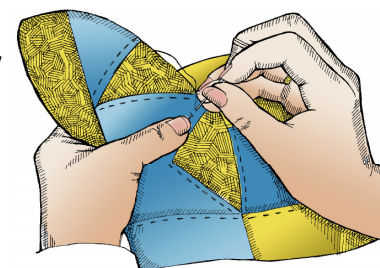
Not online? That's ok. Let the office know and we will send you an Audio CD of the latest worship service.



### **The Blanket Ladies....Still Hard at Work!!**

Everyone is invited to join in and help tie! No experience needed.

**Every Tuesday  
at 9am.  
Everyone is  
welcome!**



**QUILTING GROUP**

### **Email/Text Reminders**

**If you would like to be notified about events, activities, schedule changes, etc. through email or text, join St. John on Remind...**

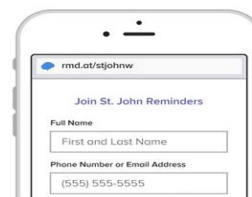
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**Visit [rmd.at/stjohnw](https://rmd.at/stjohnw) to sign up for email notifications.**

**If none of those work, send a message to the church office.**

**We can sign you up.**





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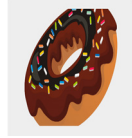





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Address					
City				State	Zip
Email Address				Phone #	
<b>DATE OF FIRST DONATION:</b> ____/____/____		<b>FREQUENCY OF DONATION:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly – DAY ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Monthly – 1 <sup>st</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 1 <sup>st</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 15 <sup>th</sup>		<b>FUNDS:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> General/Operating <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify below) <input type="checkbox"/> Add'l donation to offset fees <div style="text-align: right;"><b>Total</b> \$ _____</div>	
<b>AMOUNTS:</b> \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____					
If you would like to designate your giving to another fund not listed: please state your desire here. Thank You.					
<b>CHECKING / SAVINGS</b>	Please debit my donation from my (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #) <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Account (attach a voided check below)			Routing Number: _____ <b>Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3</b> Account Number: _____ <div style="font-size: small; margin-top: 5px;">                     ⑆ 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 ⑆ 1 2 3 1 2 3 4 5 6 ⑆ 0 0 0 ⑆  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; width: 100%;"> <span>Routing Number</span> <span>Account Number</span> <span>Check Number</span> </div> </div>	
	I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.				
	Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____				
<b>CREDIT / DEBIT CARD</b>	Card Brand (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> American Express <input type="checkbox"/> Discover Card				
	Card Number:			Expiration Date:	
	Name on Card:				
	Billing Address (if different from above):				
	I authorize the above organization to process transactions in accordance with the information above.				
Signature (as it appears on the card): _____ Date: _____					

*If using a checking account, please attach a voided check over the credit/debit card section above.  
 We do urge you to use a checking or savings account as opposed to a credit card to save transaction fees. Thank you.  
 Please allow 2-3 business days for processing. Thank you for being a blessing to St. John Lutheran Church.*



# November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>8:30 AM</b> Sunday School for all ages!  <b>9:45 AM - 10:45 AM</b> Traditional Worship		<b>10:00 AM</b> Blankets  		<b>National Donut Day!</b>  		<b>5:00 PM</b> Contemporary Worship
<b>8:30 AM</b> Sunday School for all ages!  <b>9:45 AM - 10:45 AM</b> Traditional Worship		<b>10:00 AM</b> Blankets		<b>7:00 PM</b> Committee Night	<b>World Kindness Day</b>  	<b>5:00 PM</b> Contemporary Worship
<b>8:30 AM</b> Sunday School for all ages!  <b>9:45 AM - 10:45 AM</b> Traditional Worship		<b>10:00 AM</b> Blankets		<b>7:00 PM</b> Council Meeting  		<b>5:00 PM</b> Contemporary Worship
<b>8:30 AM</b> Sunday School for all ages!  <b>9:45 AM - 10:45 AM</b> Traditional Worship	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>Forerunner deadline!</b>  	<b>10:00 AM</b> Blankets		<b>happy thanks giving</b>		<b>5:00 PM</b> Contemporary Worship
<b>8:30 AM</b> Sunday School for all ages!  <b>9:45 AM - 10:45 AM</b> Traditional Worship		<b>10:00 AM</b> Blankets				<b>5:00 PM</b> Contemporary Worship

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**Worship Hours at St. John**  
**Saturday Contemporary Worship 5:00 PM**  
**Sunday School (in person) 8:45 AM**  
**Sunday Traditional Worship 9:45 AM**

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