



THE VINE

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School Newsletter
November 2019

“Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ, His followers, and His world.”

WORSHIP SERIES THANKSGIVING LIVING

What are you thankful for? What are you thanking God for today?

This is the theme of our worship series for the month of November. For four Sundays in November, we will be focusing on gratitude to the Lord for His gifts. Think of this series as “advent” for Thanksgiving.

Each Sunday, we will focus on a different biblical character who is a model of thankfulness. We will see in that person’s story a call to be thankful to God in our own lives.

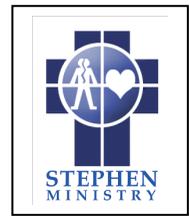
November 3	Thankful for Salvation	The woman who anointed Jesus
November 10	Thankful for Provision	The healed leper
November 17	Thankful in all Circumstances	Jehoshaphat
November 24	Thankful for People	Paul
Thanksgiving (November 28)	Thankful for Prayers Answered	Hannah

But this is more than just our theme on Sunday. This series also includes:

- Growth Group resources for groups that are meeting during November. There will be discussions guides based on the Sunday themes.
- The Thanksgiving Challenge: We will follow up the Red Letter Challenge with a simple challenge to make record of something unique each day for which you give thanks to God.
- Abide Devotional: The Abide devotional will restart, each day with a devotional thought regarding what I am thankful for that day, following the themes for the Sundays.

May God bless us with thankful hearts, giving praise to Him for His gracious gifts.

Stephen Ministry - Receptivity to Care



Most people are much more open to giving care than to receiving it. When a person is giving care, he or she is in a position of strength, stability, and authority. When a person is receiving care, he or she is acknowledging weakness, insecurity, and vulnerability.

As a result, there are countless people today who, though they really could benefit from a Christian friend who would listen and care for them, instead tough it out on their own. They remain the strong silent type, or wear a smile across a face that is holding back a flood of tears. Society encourages this (particularly for men). To ask for help is to admit weakness. To show weakness is to admit inferiority.

But God did not create us to be independent. We were created to be interdependent. God's Word is clear on this all the way back to Genesis: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him" (Genesis 2:18). The New Testament underscores this theme with more than 50 verses that contain the words "one another." These verses include admonitions such as "love one another," encourage one another," build up one another," and "pray for one another."

What these verses don't say is that we alone are to love, encourage, build up, and pray for other people. The "one another" wording gives them a reciprocal meaning. It also tells us that we are to allow other people to love, encourage, build up, and pray for us!

It is most difficult for people to ask for help. Whether it is because of guilt, shame, inadequacy, or fear of rejection, many would much prefer to suffer alone than ask for help.

But suffering alone is not God's intent for us. Jesus promises, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). We can receive this promised rest when we turn to one another for comfort and help.

Our Stephen Ministers know all about receiving care. Many of them have been on the receiving end of care at an earlier point in their lives – something that has motivated them to give care now. They know how difficult it is to ask for help, but they also know the great personal and spiritual growth and healing that follow. They know how to respond in a loving, caring, and nonjudgmental manner. They are equipped, ready, and waiting to provide the comfort and care God very much desires you to have.

If you find yourself now or in the future facing difficulties in life, don't succumb to society's norm of remaining strong and suffering alone. Take the courageous step of seeking help. Open your heart to receiving God's love and grace through another person. Our Stephen Ministry offers the opportunity for a very confidential relationship with someone who will listen to you and provide you with the care and encouragement you need, while Christ works inside to bring rest to your weary, burdened heart.

To request the caring ministry of a Stephen Minister contact Pastor Mark
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OFFERING UPDATE

Actual Offering Income for Sep:

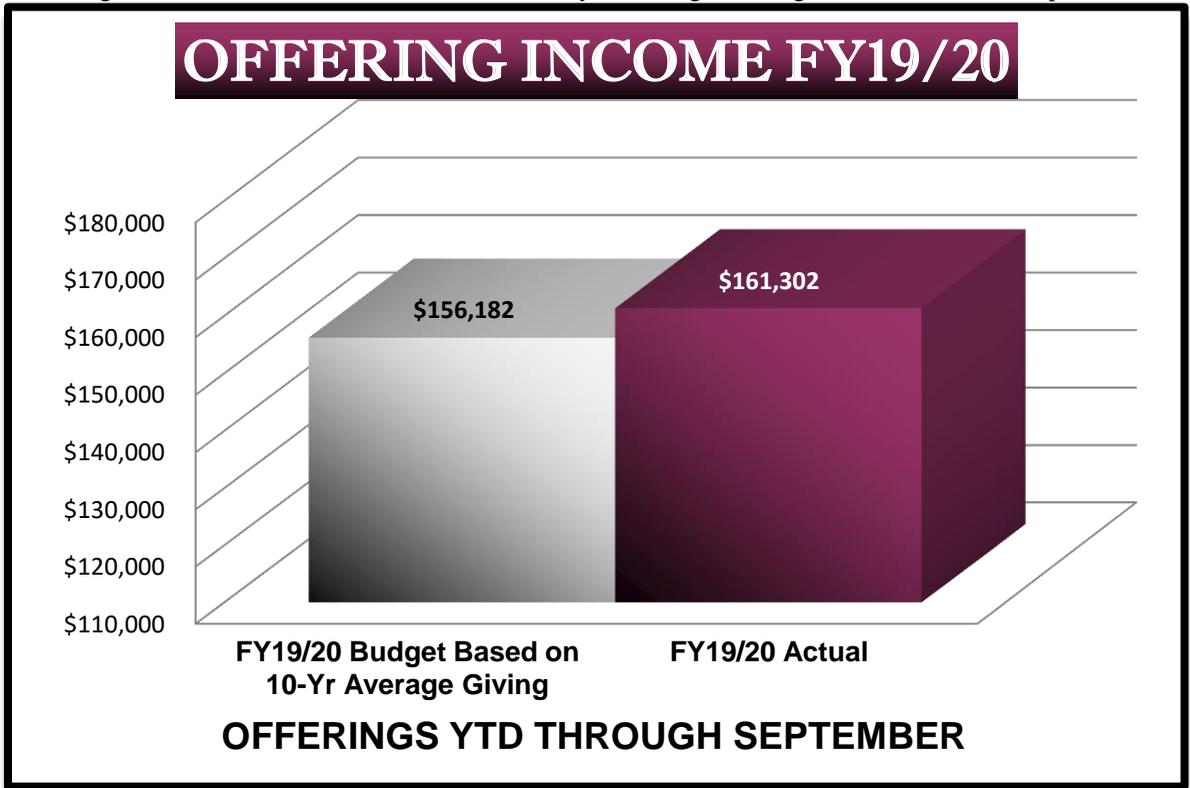
\$59,581.

Total Offerings for FY19/20 (as of 30 Sep 19):

\$161,302 which is **3.28%** or **\$5,120** above our budgeted offering income.

Total expenses remain in line with our budget and we have paid all bills received thus far.

*The budget amount shown below is based on the ten-year average offering received for that time period.



Meditation:

“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.” (Isaiah 55:9) (ESV)

God’s Faithfulness

Throughout the Genesis account of the life of Joseph, one sentence keeps recurring: *“The Lord was with Joseph.”* Joseph enjoyed many times of success and happiness and

endured years of being forgotten and unjustly punished. In all these circumstances, God was with him, and Joseph knew it.

Another Biblical character whose life consisted of ups and downs was David. One moment his brothers are making fun of him and the next he's their hero and everyone else's as he slays the giant Goliath. One minute he's King Saul's favorite servant and the next he's being hunted down by the same man. Like Joseph, David knew God was with him. In his psalms, David pours out his heart to God. He holds nothing back as he tells God he is set upon on all sides by his enemies and feels deserted by God, but he always ends on a note of faith, thanking God for His presence and His eventual deliverance.

God is faithful, even when we are not. His ways are so far above ours that we cannot comprehend them. We cannot imagine what He has in store for us, but we can be sure it is all for our good (Genesis 50:20).

Discussion Thoughts:

1. Have you ever been unjustly accused as both of these heroes of faith were? How? Did you give thanks for your ordeal?
2. Have you had opportunity to be a "Jonathan" to someone else enduring difficult times? (See 1 Samuel 20.)
3. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 and act on it.

Prayer: My faithful God, You are the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. You are ever faithful. There is nothing in all of creation that can separate me from Your love in Christ Jesus. Help me to give You thanks in all circumstances and to remain faithful to You. Use me to encourage others to give thanks and to remain faithful as well. Through Christ I pray. Amen.

Adapted from "*12 Months of Congregational Stewardship*" by Ronald J. and Phyllis J. Chewning, Stewardship Advisors, Inc., 2007.

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Did you Know that St. John's is on Social Media?

St. John's and its ministries stay in contact with the community in many ways, including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and our own websites. It takes a lot of effort to keep the websites up to date and to keep the communication current and flowing on social media. The social media team is all volunteer and we could use a few more tech-savvy people to help us out. If you are a fan of social media and would like to help us communicate to our members, parents, students, and community, we could use your help.

Contact us by email: sjlsocialmedia@gmail.com

Also, if you have something you'd like to see us talk about or promote on social media, please use the same contact info.



Preschool Staff Person Needed - The St. John's Lutheran Preschool has an opening for a part-time teacher aide. Contact Janis King if you or someone you know might be interested.



Please Note:

Any adult coming on campus during school hours **must sign in** either at the school office or the church office and **wear an ID badge while on campus**. This is part of security upgrades we are making to make our campus safe and more secure. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school children safe!

LCC K-9 COMFORT DOG MINISTRY UPDATE

“Walking Together / Serving as One”

To God be the Glory!

My humans and I have had many opportunities to work on teamwork, both locally and regionally, as we joined other comfort dog teams on mission this past month. Since their arrival on the west coast, Reuben and I have been blessed to partner with Micah and Marie at several events and it has been exciting to watch as God continues to grow the ministry.



On Saturday, October 5th, 2019, Reuben, Micah and I were invited by Nursing Program Director, Dr. Sonja Sheppard, to attend a special event in Sacramento. Reuben and I had comforted the staff and students earlier in their nursing school journey when their original nursing school at Brightwood College, Sacramento, closed unexpectedly.

It was difficult for the students and staff during that time of transition, not knowing if and where they would complete their program. Thankfully, God answered their prayers and the Unitek College Nursing Department welcomed the students and staff to join their program. The LCC K9 Comfort Dog teams were honored to receive the invitation to attend their “pinning ceremony” and a well-deserved celebration. Aaron, Reuben, and Micah were presented with awards and their own special nursing program pins. Congratulations to these hard working students!

Later in the month, Micah and I traveled to Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Clovis, CA for a presentation on LCC Comfort Dogs to the congregation. We are so excited that they are considering becoming an LCC Comfort Dog affiliate. As more dogs are placed in the region, we are able to extend our “reach,” sharing the love and compassion of Christ with more people.

Our teamwork training culminated with our regional meeting in Las Vegas. There, our team, Team Reuben, Team Micah, and “expecting” affiliates joined Team Lois to brush up on our skills and grow closer as a regional team. As my fellow comfort dogs and I know, teamwork isn’t just about working together: Lois, Reuben, Micah, and I also had a wonderful time playing together.

Speaking of teamwork: are you interested in joining us in ministry? While we await the arrival of our second dog, now is the time to get involved and learn more. Each week there are many opportunities to accompany me. Please call Christy in the church office to schedule a time to “shadow” us on one of our visits.

It’s hard to believe that Thanksgiving is just around the corner! Will this be the year that my family FINALLY offers me a piece of that beautiful turkey that smells so wonderful? A dog can always dream....

Thanks for your support and prayers! Please check out Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and my website for all the latest news. napavalleycomfortdogs.org

Aaron Comfort Dog



Daily Bible Readings for November

	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
1	Psalm 119:129-136	Ezekiel 38:7-39:13	2 Peter 1:1-11
2	Psalm 119:137-144	Ezekiel 39:14-40:16	2 Peter 1:12-21
3	Psalm 32:1-7	Isaiah 1:10-18	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10
4	Psalm 119:145-152	Ezekiel 40:17-49	2 Peter 2:1-10
5	Psalm 119:153-160	Ezekiel 41:1-42:9	2 Peter 2:11-22
6	Psalm 119:161-168	Ezekiel 42:10-43:21	2 Peter 3:1-13
7	Psalm 119:169-176	Ezekiel 43:22-44:27	2 Peter 3:14-1 John 1:4
8	Psalm 120	Ezekiel 44:28-45:25	1 John 1:5-2:11
9	Psalm 121	Ezekiel 46:1-47:12	1 John 2:12-17
10	Psalm 17:1-9	Job 19:23-27a	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38
11	Psalm 122	Ezekiel 47:13-48:22	1 John 2:18-29
12	Psalm 123	Ezekiel 48:23-Daniel 1:21	1 John 3:1-10
13	Psalm 124	Daniel 2:1-33	1 John 3:11-24
14	Psalm 125	Daniel 2:34-3:18	1 John 4:1-16:a
15	Psalm 126	Daniel 3:19-4:18	1 John 4:16b-5:5
16	Psalm 127	Daniel 4:19-5:16	1 John 5:6-21
17	Psalm 98	Malachi 4:1-2a	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19
18	Psalm 128	Daniel 5:17-6:18	2 John
19	Psalm 129	Daniel 6:19-7:22	3 John
20	Psalm 130	Daniel 7:23-8:27	Jude 1:1-10
21	Psalm 131	Daniel 9:1-10:7	Jude 1:11-25
22	Psalm 132	Daniel 10:8-11:19	Revelation 1:1-8
23	Psalm 133	Daniel 11:20-12:7	Revelation 1:9-20
24	Psalm 46	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Col. 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43
25	Psalm 134	Daniel 12:8-Hosea 2:15	Revelation 2:1-11
26	Psalm 135:1-12	Hosea 2:16-4:19	Revelation 2:12-23
27	Psalm 135:13-21	Hosea 5, 6, 7	Revelation 2:24-3:6
28	Psalm 136	Hosea 8, 9	Revelation 3:7-18
29	Psalm 137	Hosea 10, 11, 12	Revelation 3:19-4:8
30	Psalm 138:1-5	Hosea 13, 14	Revelation 4:9-5:10

So what's new at the Farm?



Submitted by Ted Zimmerman
"Farmer Ted, how does your garden grow?"

You have probably noticed that the Farm is starting to look neat and clean again, now that the volunteers have pulled dying plants and vines whose season of fruit-bearing is ended. This makes room for the cool weather crops, some of which have been planted, some of which are being planted now. Cool weather crops include beets, broccoli, Brussel sprouts, cabbages, carrots, garlic, radishes, and onions for spring harvest.

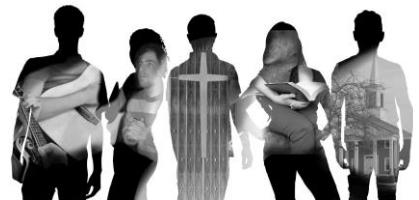
Now, an update on the poundage of produce that has been harvested thus far in 2019 and sent to the Napa Valley Food Bank– 10,720 lbs.!

You might wonder why black plastic sheets have been laid on the ground in the area between where green beans and tomatoes had been planted. We are trying to bake out some noxious weeds that got introduced to our field, source uncertain! Bummer! As the weather cools, we will pick up the plastic and seed winter cover crop to crowd out any surviving weed seeds. While there is a different pace at the Farm in the cool weather months, volunteers are still needed, especially on Saturday mornings. There is weeding to do, wood chips employed for weed control to rake. OK, so I'm no Tom Sawyer who knows how to make routine work sound like "fun"! However, it is work done for a godly purpose ("feeding the hungry in Jesus' name") and the seasoned volunteers are a fun group of people to work with and learn from.



Surge will meet on November 5th & 12th from 6-7:30pm at SJL. Come on out and join the Surge!

CREW 34 will deviate from its typical schedule and have an event earlier in the month. We will meet on November 7th from 6-7:30pm in the pre-school. Come check out the Crew and see where you fit in!



YOUTH NEWS

Serving in Worship November 2019

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SOUND TECHS</u>	<u>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
Nov. 3 All Saints Day	8:30 AM HC	Jack Carey	Mike Newton Bill Clark	The Wayne Miller Family
	Traditional		Bob Klein Ron Johnson	
	10:15 AM HC	Grant Menzel	<i>Team Leader: Joel Wahlers</i> Natalie & Samantha Yoder	The Bouchet Family
	Blended		Bob & Kari Perna	
Nov. 10 Pentecost 22	8:30 AM Traditional	Kaleb Anderson		The Ehlen Family
	10:15 AM HC	Flynn Irwin	<i>Team Leader: Andy Schweiger</i> Pam Barker Anne Heine	Carl & Linda Hammond
	Blended		Paula & Megan Schweiger	The De Young Family
Nov. 17 Pentecost 23	8:30 AM HC	Kyle Ebeling	Tim Kramer Gary Virkus	Sharon Mitchell
	Traditional		Gerry Schneider Ben Wilson	
	10:15 AM	Chris Newman		The Meissenhalter Family
	Blended			
Nov. 24 Christ the King	8:30 AM HC	Bill Clark	Bill Clark, Tim Kramer, Mike Newton, Gerry Schneider	Nancy Gressinger
	10:15 AM HC	Whitney Powers	<i>Team Leader: Tim Huss</i> Dove Bain Anne Heine	The Kampton Family
	Blended		Natalie & Samantha Yoder	
Nov. 28 Thanksgiving	9:30 AM HC Traditional	Kyle Ebeling	Mike Newton, Gary Virkus Ron Johnson, Joel Wahlers	The Bresee Family



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Serving in Worship November 2019

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>LAY READERS</u>	<u>ACOLYTES</u>
Nov. 3 All Saints Day	8:30 AM HC Traditional	Curtis Schoenfeld, The Ehlen Family	Susan Clark	Gary Virkus
	10:15 AM Blended	The Hammond & DeYoung Families	Kristi Carey	Tyler Koen Patrick Yoder
Nov. 10 Pentecost 22	8:30 AM Traditional	Bev & Clint Holdsworth	Lois Johnson	Tim Kramer
	10:15 AM HC Blended	Missy Loban, Tyler Koen, Ron Irwin	Samantha Yoder	Grayson Cushing Grant Menzel
Nov. 17 Pentecost 23	8:30 AM HC Traditional	George Fleischmann, Gary & Marlen Virkus	Gail Valeskie	Mike Newton
	10:15 AM Blended	The Cremen & Perna Families	Gabi Richardson	Tyler Koen Soren De Young
Nov. 24 Christ the King	8:30 AM HC	Bob Klein, Gerry Schneider, Bill Clark, Ben & Amy Wilson	Gail Vandeburgt	Sam Schneider
	10:15 AM HC Blended	Missy Loban, Tyler Koen, Ron Irwin	Ella Powers	Eva Winkler Samantha Carey
Nov. 28 Thanksgiving	9:30 AM HC Traditional	George Fleischmann, Gary & Marlen Virkus	Ruth Peterson	



THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

What are you thankful for this year? Let's gather as the people of God to give God our thanks for His gifts to us. We will have a Communion worship service on Thanksgiving Day, November 22nd, at 9:30 AM. Please bring non-perishable food items for the Napa Food Bank.

SCHOOL NEWS

By Joel Wahlers

Thanks to the support of so many people, our annual APT “Get On Track” jogathon fundraiser was a huge success. We raised \$40,000 in pledges and almost \$10,000 in sponsorships. This will help support APT’s effort for provide enrichment activities and materials for our students. It will also help provide resources for all of the charities that were chosen by our classes. Twenty-five percent of the money raised will go to the charities.



We are currently enrolling students for the 2020-21 school year. If you know of someone who is interested in our school, please tell them to contact us soon. We have a couple of Kindergarten Information Nights on November 4 and November 13, both at 7:00 p.m. in the Kindergarten room. If you or anyone is interested in these information nights, please contact the school office for more information and to RSVP to attend.

We will once again have a special Veterans Day Chapel on November 6. We will be inviting any veterans or active duty military to come to chapel, so that we can honor you for your service. The chapel will begin at 8:40 a.m. Also in November, we will present our production of the musical “Oklahoma”. More information will be coming out soon on how to get tickets to one of the productions. It will run November 20-24.

As always, please keep St. John’s Lutheran School in your prayers! For ongoing information on what is happening at St. John’s, please pick up our weekly newsletter in the narthex or visit our website at www.stjohnsnapa.org.



VETERANS DAY CHAPEL

The public is invited to attend Chapel on Wednesday, November 6, at 8:30 a.m., as St. John’s Lutheran School honors and recognizes all veterans. A coffee reception will take place immediately following Chapel. Please share this information with anyone who may be interested in attending.

For children who attend St. John’s Lutheran and have family members who are veterans, we ask that you invite them to our Chapel Service too!

If you are a veteran, we would be honored to have you attend this very special Chapel Service. If you know a veteran, please pass along this invitation.

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT AT ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Monday, November 4 or
Wednesday, November 13
6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

in the SJL Kindergarten Classroom

Meet the Kindergarten teacher and learn more about:

- Kindergarten curriculum
- benefits of an SJL K-8 education
- what makes SJL a special place for families

All interested families are invited to attend, and will receive
\$25 OFF the Kindergarten Enrollment Fee
after attending the meeting!

This event is for adults only, but free childcare will be provided.
Please share this information with anyone who might be interested.

RSVP required to: Kristin Goller, Admissions Counselor
226-7970, Ext. 125; kgoller@stjohnsnapa.org. Thank you!

SHOPPING ON AMAZON?

Please consider using “Amazon Smile” when you place your orders, designating St. John’s Lutheran Church fund. (There is no additional cost to you!) Just go directly to: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-6001864>



Second Sunday Potluck
November 10th
11:30 AM in Room 10



Second Sunday Potlucks in November and December are canceled. We will resume potlucks in January.

DATE	COUPLE	YEARS
1	Mike & Judy Biggs	33
2	Rudy & Lori Gutierrez	28
5	David & Jill Reimler	18
6	Andrew & Jennifer Schluter	9
9	Kennith & Linda Reed	45
9	James & Nancy Henry	61
10	Brad & Anna Seiter	35
18	William & Colette Hjerpe	30
18	Cal & Pamela Watkins	40
30	Steven & Judith Rock	45
30	Thomas & Kristi Carey	23
30	Paul & Vicky Bartelt	28



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with trunk or treat! It takes many hands to set-up, clean-up, take photographs, run the snack bar, run all the fun games, tell the Gospel story, and hand out treats to all the kids from your decorated vehicles!

A special thank you to everyone who stepped in to serve this year!

You all were letting your Gospel light shine!!!

WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS!

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”

Colossians 3:23-24



Disability Ministry: Feeling Comfortable With People Who Have Disabilities

Submitted by Pastor Ted Zimmerman

Through the prophet Micah God speaks about His plan for the “Messianic Age”: *“I will gather the lame (the disabled), I will assemble the exiles (the outcast), and those I have brought to grief (those whose joy of living has been diminished for whatever reason.” (Micah 4:6)* Is it not interesting that he especially reaches out to gather those for the fellowship of the redeemed who are often wittingly, or unwittingly, ignored by society?

The beginning of the fulfillment of this vision of God’s began with Jesus’ ministry. Recall how much of His ministry was directed toward the lame, people with disease and disabilities of all sorts (*Matthew 4:23-24*). His apostles would continue to carry on God’s and Jesus’ vision for gathering for His Church those most often cut off, exiled as it were, by society (*Acts 3:1-10; 5:12-16*).

St. John’s is uniquely positioned to build on God’s vision by a number of assets it has. Our ministry facilities are stair-free and easily accessed by those using wheel chairs or walkers. The flexible seating arrangement makes it easy for people in wheel chairs to sit with their families and friends, not on the fringes. The restrooms are now ADA compliant. We offer a Bible Class for adults with mild developmental disability. Above all, we are a congregation that is truly “mission minded”. Just think of all the mission activity going on: Mission de Jesus, Day School, K9 Comfort Dog Ministry, Large Print Ministry, India Literacy and Bible Club teachers, Stephen Ministry, Women’s Ministry linked with LWML, Lutheran Hour Ministry, Mission Farm, and more.

It is estimated that one in every five Americans has a disability of some sort or another that makes social intercourse challenging. The population of Napa is approximately 77,000. That means that there are 15,400 people in our community that God also wants included in the fellowship of his Church. Yet a very high percentage of these people are “unchurched” on account of physical, social, and emotional barriers. Look around at your neighborhood and the Napa community. Take note of people with disabilities. Envision God wanting to embrace them. Look at our congregation. Does the makeup of our fellowship reflect the makeup of the community? How intentional is our invitation to them to come? How do we extend hospitality when they do come? How do we enfold them into our fellowship? What should we be doing? What should I be doing? Look . . . evaluate . . . pray . . . plan . . . act . . . enlist others to share your vision of what could be done to build upon God’s vision of His Messianic community.

November Birthdays

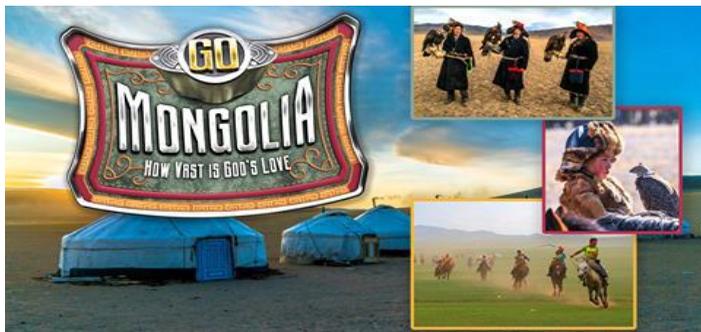
- 1 Theresa Schoenfeld
- 2 Wanda Miller
- 3 Rosella Newton, Kyle McAhren, David Hudgins
- 4 Leonard Lamb, Gerry Schneider, Whitney Powers
- 5 Cameron Vaziri, John Tortolani, Bruce Mooers
- 7 Karen Zachry, Marie Skillings
- 9 Christi Jeffery, Katie Zachry, Dustin Jones, Brooks Albrecht
- 10 Richard Dalen
- 11 Rhys Irwin, Alex Sneed
- 13 Lauren Huss
- 14 Bailey Wilson
- 15 Nicholas Manning, Ed Kaufmann
- 17 Clay Thompson, Betty Rawlins
- 18 Edel Van Houten, Zachary Diviak, Florencia Palmaz
- 19 Michele Arnold, Renee Lloyd
- 20 Marilyn Lemin
- 21 Melanie Wilson, Kelsey Uffmann
- 23 Timothy Bouchet, Kike Newton, Stella Squibb
- 24 Anna Seiter, Chelsey Squibb, Wyatt Irwin
- 25 Sarah Knutson, Geroganne Schneider
- 26 Amelia Wedding, Carolyn Hintze
- 27 Autumn Zimmerman
- 28 Mark Morgenlaender
- 29 Carri Mello, James Regan
- 30 Benjamin Franklin, Mike Biggs, Erin Nicholson



GIVE+

New mobile phone application makes supporting ministry even more convenient.

Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for “GivePlus Church” to download for free. Then enter St. John’s Lutheran Church or tap “Find Churches Near Me” to start your search. Enter your desired contribution amount, card or bank information, review and select “Complete Donation.” It’s that easy! Please call the church office if you have questions.



Each spring, Lutheran Hour Ministries has an online “mission trip” for school children where the participants learn about the people and cultures of countries where we have ministry outreach.

We are soaring into a new year of Gospel Adventures as we take the adventure to Mongolia in 2020! Join our Gospel Adventures Facebook Group to see the possible names we have revealed for the Golden Eagle. [facebook.com/groups/gospeladventures/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/gospeladventures/) Once each name has been revealed, participating schools will be asked to vote for their favorite!

For more information about these “mission Trips”, go to <https://www.lhm.org/newsroom/enewsstory.asp?ArticleID=33348>

The Lutheran Hour airs on nearly 1,800 stations throughout North America and reaches more than one million listeners each week. The Lutheran Hour, can be heard locally on KCBC, AM 770, at 7:30 pm on Saturday, 7:30 am and 4:30 pm on Sunday or 3:00 am on Monday. It is also available KAWZ, FM 88.1 at 7:00 am on Sunday or on the internet anytime at www.lutheranhour.org. Upcoming topics are:

- November 3 **"Stranger Danger"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
The different ways we relate to strangers reveal the contradiction of being human. (Genesis 18)
- November 10 **"For Such a Downer"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler (Genesis 21)
- November 17 **"The Dawn Wall"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler (Genesis 22)
- November 24 **"God Is Love"** Guest Speaker: Pastor Jeff Cloeter (1 John 4:7-12)

REQUESTING AN AARON COMFORT DOG VISIT

Remember, it is LCC's and our policy to only go where invited. So if you would like Aaron to visit, please contact Tim or Christy Kramer at the church office. We would be happy to schedule a visit! 707.255.0119



“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” *Galatians 6:9-10*

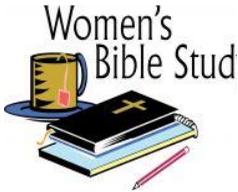
Come join us! No matter what our situation or season in life, we all need discipleship, fellowship, encouragement, and opportunities to serve. St. John’s has many options in all of those areas, and we are always open to new ideas!

“The mission of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.”

The big blue wooden LWML box is in the Narthex (church entryway) for you to drop in your loose change (or checks designated “Mites”).

Goal: Help fund LWML projects in the U.S. and around the world.

Info: www.lwml.org.



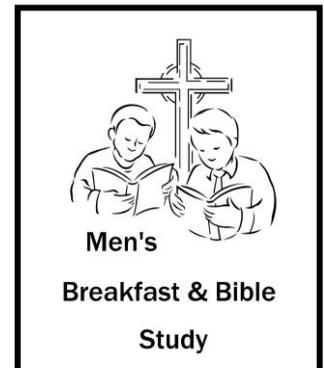
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Thursday afternoon Bible Study meets in the Sanctuary on Thursdays at

1:00 PM. Looking forward to seeing you all!

Contact [Womensministry@stjohnslutheran.net!](mailto:Womensministry@stjohnslutheran.net)

MEN, JOIN US EVERY SATURDAY MORNING FOR FELLOWSHIP AT 7:30 AM AND BIBLE STUDY AT 8:00 - 9:00 AM IN ROOM 10. CALL RON JOHNSON FOR INFORMATION.



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