



Saved by Grace ~ Led by the Spirit ~ Called to Serve

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Guest Pastor, Rev. David Keeseey-Berg

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 20, 2020

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Outdoor Worship 9:00 a.m. in our North parking lot. Altar area will be set up under the North entrance overhang. The middle parking section will be blocked off so shade can be more easily accessed. Please bring your own communion elements and lawn chairs. For all in-person services, face masks are required. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided for you. We also encourage you to maintain physical distance. ***Other things to consider bringing along:*** water bottles, and an umbrella to provide some shade, or a jacket! Of course, outdoor services are weather dependent, and we will monitor the forecasts. If it appears that we have to cancel, we will send an email. Cancellation notices will also be posted on our website, as well as our Facebook page.



Online Worship is also available. If you don't feel comfortable attending the Outdoor Worship, or in the case of bad weather, please join us for worship online via our YouTube channel at 9:00 a.m. As always, look for the link for the online service in your email!

Readings for Sunday, September 20

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-15

Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16



IN OUR

Prayers

Please keep in your prayers: **Dwayne Linstroth**, Sandi Linstroth's brother-in-law, stage 4 mesothelioma. **Gail Meister** stage 4 bone cancer. **Jeff Rosnow** suffered a spinal cord injury. Jeff will be moving to the Shirley Ryan Rehab, in Chicago, Nancy will be quarantining in Oregon. **Terry Schroeder** (Brother of Dale Schroeder and Carol Wichmann) lung issues, given 4 months to live. **Scott Bourie's uncle** in ICU.

PASTORAL TRANSITION - THANKS to Rev. David Keesey-Berg this morning as he leads us in worship; Rev. Emily Tveite will lead us on September 27, which will be Campus Ministry Sunday. Rev. Keesey-Berg will return to us for October 4 and 11.

We are excited to welcome Interim Pastor Naomi Garber in our midst, beginning Sunday, October 18.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT TEAM UPDATE

The construction work continues to go very well. The roof is now complete and ready for the solar to be added. We are still on track to have that work completed by the end of September. The inside work is well underway, and construction will likely be done by the end of October. In November, we'll be adding the AV equipment, the cross display in the chancel area and the pew chairs. We are hopeful that the sanctuary will be complete by Advent, but we'll share more specific dates as we get closer to that date.

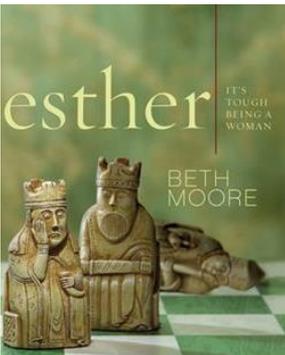
LWR Quilt & Kits Shipping Fund Collection

Help ship Quilts & Kits to families who have lost everything due to a natural disaster or violence. Small items of comfort – a warm quilt, a bar of soap, a set of pencils – let them know someone across the sea cares. LWR Quilts & Kits convey a priceless message of love and commitment to people in desperate need. For every \$1 you give, someone in need receives \$8 worth of essential personal items. A special offering will be collected at St. John's during the Worship service on September 20. You are also welcome to contribute via mail or St. John's online option. Donations by check should be made out to Women of St. John's. Thank you for helping to send comfort, support, and love to where it is needed.

CAMPUS MINISTRY SUNDAY, with special offering SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 Led by Rev. Emily Tveite

New Bible Study starting!

ESTHER: It's Tough Being a Woman



You are invited to come along with Sarah Circle as they follow the story of Esther via the popular Beth Moore videos. The study is a profile in courage and applicable to our lives today. She writes, “If you have ever felt inadequate, threatened or pushed into situations that seemed overpowering, this is the study for you.”

- Nine free, monthly drop-in sessions/videos
- Second Thursday afternoons monthly, at 1:30 p.m.
- Meet in the Friendship Room, socially distanced

Contacts: Barb Christensen (291.0146) and Rosalie Ness (835.8999). Next meeting date is October 8.

Check out St. John's Updated website!

Visit: stjohnsoregonwi.org

Prayer Activity That Will Become Visual Element of Installation Service for Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe

Children & adults are invited to pray for the bishop-elect as she begins her transition to her call as bishop of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA. A way to show our unity in blessing our new bishop is to participate in this activity offered by the planning team. Sunday school children, confirmands, high schoolers and adults ... anyone interested ... are invited to color a downloadable coloring sheet. Please pray for the bishop and the synod as you color these leaves. Think of us as the veins of the leaf, as we offer life to each other, and to the body of Christ. The various textures and patterns represent the varied gifts that God has given us as we are sent into the world as disciples of Christ. Then send or drop off your coloring sheets to the synod office by October 2. These creative representations and prayers offered up will become a visual element of the worship celebration. (There are three styles to choose from for various ages and skills.)

Send your colored sheets, keep flat, by October 2 to:

South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA
6401 Odana Road, Suite 20
Madison, WI 53719

<https://www.scsw-elca.org/bishopinstallation>



U.S. WILDFIRES LUTHERAN DISASTER

RESPONSE Fueled by a heat wave and unfavorable winds, wildfires have erupted across California, Oregon, Washington and other western states. At least 20 people have died, hundreds of thousands of people are under evacuation orders and more than 3.5 million acres have

burned across the three states. Some evacuees face the difficult decision of whether to stay in a shelter during the COVID-19 pandemic. Lutheran Disaster Response is engaging with at least three Lutheran social services agencies and five synods to assess the situation and determine the best ways to respond. We expect immediate needs may include food and other necessities, as well as emotional and spiritual care for those who have been traumatized. Your gifts will support wildfire survivors. Gifts to “U.S. wildfires” will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by wildfires, until the response is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support. Give today to support this response and others like it. If you’d like to help, make your donation check



out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

ELCA Gift Processing Center

P.O. Box 1809

Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Be sure to write “U.S. wildfires” or “Where needed most” on your check’s memo line.

LOOKING FOR CHAPERONES – Several Oregon churches have banded together to create a safe environment for local elementary students while they attend virtual school and their parents are at work. St. John’s will host Mondays and Thursdays. Chaperones are needed for 2-hour shifts, from 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Final details are still being worked out. Masks, physical distancing, and cleaning protocols will be followed as well. Please contact St. John’s office, 608.291.4311, if you’d like to help as a chaperone, or would like more information.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

September 20, Sunday

Newsletter articles due by end of day

Rev. David Keeseey-Berg, Pulpit Supply

8:30 AM Sunday School (weather permitting)

9:00 AM Online Worship Premiere

9:00 AM Outdoor Worship (weather permitting)

LWR Quilt & Kits Fund Collection

6:30 PM 9th Grade Confirmation

September 21, Monday

1:30 PM Ruth Circle, weather permitting (Naomi Rockwell's front yard)

6:30 PM Finance Team Meeting (Gathering Area)

7:30 PM Executive Team Meeting (Gathering Area)

September 22, Tuesday

9:00-11:00AM Oregon Brooklyn Food Pantry

September 23, Wednesday

6:00 PM 7th Grade Confirmation

7:30 PM 8th Grade Confirmation

September 24, Thursday

9:00-11:00AM Oregon Brooklyn Food Pantry

September 25, Friday

Church Office is closed

September 26, Saturday

LWR Box Car Day

September 27, Sunday

Campus Ministry Sunday

Rev. Emily Tveite, Pulpit Supply

8:30 AM Sunday School (weather permitting)

9:00 AM Online Worship Premiere

9:00 AM Outdoor Worship (weather permitting)

Campus Ministry Special Offering

6:30 PM 9th Grade Confirmation

If you have any submissions or questions in regards to the Weekly Announcement Bulletin, please contact the office at 608-291-4311 or email barbd@sjlserve.net by 4PM each Tuesday.

ST. JOHN'S OFFERINGS REMINDER

Your continued financial giving is important to the health of our congregation, our synod, and the church at large – especially now. Your generosity is appreciated as we work together to continue our mission.

There are several easy ways for you to get offerings to St. John's: 1) **Mail** your offerings to the church office. 2) **Automatic Giving** - call the church office and leave a message for Shirley Schiffner. She will return your call and assist you in signing up for auto giving. 3) **Venmo** - www.venmo.com/StJohnsOregonWI
4) It's also easy to **GIVE ONLINE HERE**.

HOW CAN YOU VIEW WORSHIP VIDEOS IF YOU DO NOT HAVE FACEBOOK?

Step 1: Log onto our website at stjohnsoregonwis.org

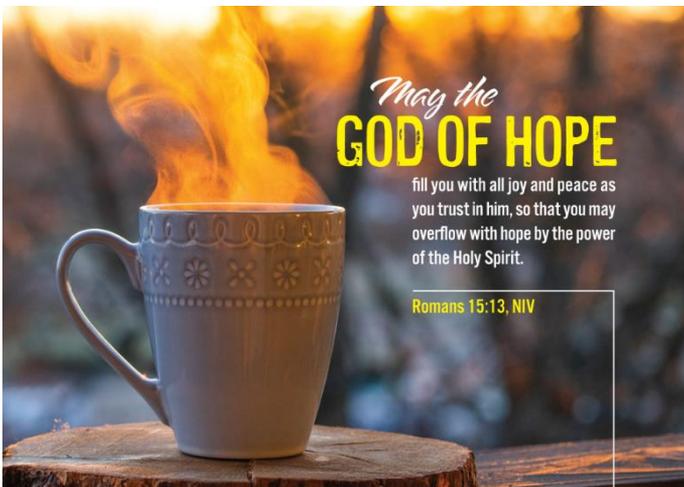
Step 2: Click on the **'Watch Worship Services'** wording, just under the purple St. John's logo

Here you'll find all the latest videos that have been posted.

Double-click on the one you wish to watch. If you are having trouble, please contact the church office for assistance.

You can also go directly to St. John's

YouTube Channel here: [St. John's YouTube Channel](#)



Congregational Leadership & Staff

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Building Custodian: John Vogel, JohnV@sjlserve.net

Church Office Information

Hours: 8AM – 4PM, Monday-Thursday

Office Phone: (608) 291-4311- please leave a message

Emergency Phone: The office voice mail recording provides emergency contact information.

E-mail: Info@sjlserve.net

Church Website: stjohnsoregonwis.org

St. John's Church Council Officers

President: Kevin Oppermann, (414) 659-2676

Vice-President: Bob Lindmeier, (608) 469-6055

Secretary: Catherine Stang, (608) 835-2772

Treasurer: Mark W. Peterson, (608) 455-5011

St. John's Social Media

Website: stjohnsoregonwi.org

Public Facebook Page: facebook.com/stjohnsoregonwi

Facebook Group for the Members of St. John's:

facebook.com/groups/stjohnsoregonwi

YouTube Channel: youtube.com/c/stjohnslutheranchurchoregonwi

Twitter: twitter.com/stjohnsoregonwi

Instagram: instagram.com/stjohnsoregonwi

Questions? Contact Sheryl Lindmeier at sheryllindmeier@gmail.com