

# News In Pews – October 8, 2017

St. John Lutheran Church: 1301 Lincoln Ave. SE, Owatonna, MN 55060  
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## WELCOME TO ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

We're glad to have you worship with us.

Visitors, please take time to fill in the Welcome Pad  
with your name, address, and phone number.

May this worship experience inspire and encourage you!

## The Mission of St. John Lutheran Church

“We are disciples of Christ, gathered to celebrate, and sent into the  
world to proclaim God’s Good News.”

### Weekly Worship Services:

Thursday 5:00 p.m. Vespers Worship with Holy Communion  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion  
Sunday 10:30 a.m. Blended Worship with Holy Communion

*Service is broadcast over KRFO AM 1390 KCS each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.*

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**Office Hours:** Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## 18th Sunday after Pentecost

### Texts for this week:

First Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm: Psalm 80:7-15

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

### Texts for next week:

First Lesson: Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalm: Psalm 23

Second Lesson: Philippians 4:1-9

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

## Ministering This Sunday, October 8, 2017

	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
Usher Captains:	Brad Bloomenrader	Bob Bishop
Communion Captains:	Sharon Stark	Gene Peterson
Radio Announcer:	Russ Karlen	
Greeters:	Robert and Kim Dub	Pat Giesler, Clarice Richardson
Acolytes:	Kya Dixon, Leah Welker	Maria Mollenhauer, Olivia Shaw
Children's Message:	Melynda Schultz	Melynda Schultz
Lectors:	Jessi Karlen	Coleen Harris
Vault Duty:	Jessica Rau	Jim Hoffman

## Ministering Next Sunday, October 15, 2017

	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
Usher Captains:	Ed Dinse	Rich Dresser
Communion Captains:	Darlene Jensen	Jackie Getting
Radio Announcer:	Ron Marschel	
Greeters:	Ruth Vizina, Berniece Schroht	Gary Liedtke
Acolytes:	Leah Welker, Olivia Shaw	Katlyn Schubert, Brianne Hinchley
Children's Message:	Jackie Getting	Jackie Getting
Lectors:	Sharon Stark	Rich Dresser
Vault Duty:	Corey Ihrke	Julie Wuger

**St. John Worship Attendance - the Week of September 25 — October 1: 279**

### Radio Broadcast Sponsorship

The Sunday radio broadcast is sponsored by the members of St. John.

### Weekend Pantry Sponsorship

The Weekend Pantry for this week is sponsored by the family of Beckham Joseph Elton in honor of his baptism today.

### Baptisms

**Evelyn Martha Steinberg**, daughter of Adam and Amanda Steinberg, will be baptized on Sunday, October 8, 2017. Evelyn's sponsors are Melissa Johnson, Emily Kenny, Elizabeth Newman, and Leah Petrie. Evelyn was born on June 26, 2017 in Austin, MN.

**Lucy Jo Kasper**, daughter of Tony and Betsy Kasper, will be baptized on Sunday, October 8, 2017. Lucy's sponsors are Caitlin Keck and Kelsey Morinville. Lucy was born on August 2, 2017 in Owatonna, MN.

**Beckham Joseph Elton**, son of Jeffrey Elton and Ashley Mork, will be baptized on Sunday, October 8, 2017. Beckham's sponsors are Michelle Sorensen and Jeremyas Schultz. Beckham was born on April 12, 2016 in Owatonna, MN.

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Amanda Honsey** on her selection as 2017 Medford Homecoming Queen.

### Light Lutheran Lunch

The next Light Lutheran Lunch will be **Wednesday, October 25**. The menu is going to be: Beef Stew, Baking Powder Biscuits, Lettuce Salad, Pumpkin Bars, and beverages. The October program will be Val Rose and the Robotics team from Owatonna High School.

## Prayer Requests

Please keep the office and the pastor informed when you or a family member are hospitalized or in need of pastoral care. To have a name listed in *News In Pews*, or included in the prayers at all worship services, please call the church office, 451-7293.

Please pray for **Connie and Craig Minowa and family, Alan Cox, Pastor Dick Steffen, Mary Stoneking, John Slama, Lorraine Nikoley, JoAnn Nelson, Pat Bedney, Vern Wilson, Gina Ford, Donna Schuster, Joan Johnson, Myrna Manti, MaryAnn Welker, Elizabeth Becker, Matt Ratzloff, June Freiheit, Joan Byrne, June Hanson, Tom Russell, Roberta Eiseman, and Jeff Bergman.**

Please pray for our **Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton** of our ELCA.

Please pray for **Bishop Steve Delzer**, of our Southeastern Minnesota Synod.

Please pray for **our college students** as they are away at school.

Please pray for our public servants who God raises up to protect us:

Law Enforcement: **Lon Thiele, Keith Hiller, Christian Berg, Mike Earl, Jason Matejcek, Tom Munns, Eric Rethemeier, Gene Fisher, Jeff Mundale, Jeff Ratzloff, Shawn Jore, Chris Behne, and Josh Sorensen;** Firefighters: **Mike Johnson, Dave Beaver, Kelly Hanson, Todd Ulrich, and First Responders.**

Please pray for **Pastor Wal Reat**, our South Sudanese brother in the faith who is over in South Sudan and Ethiopia establishing the new South Sudan Evangelical Lutheran Church (SSEL).

Please pray for **Iambi Lutheran Hospital in Tanzania**, our mission partner. Also pray for missionaries **Dr. Steve and Bethany Friberg**, ELCA medical missionaries also in that country.

Please pray for the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in Colombia, Bishop Atahualpa Hernandez and staff.** (IELCO, pronounced "ee-el-co")

Please pray for the deployed: **Dillon Ost.**

### Pastor Jacie's Installation

The installation of Pastor Jacie Richmond as pastor at St. John Lutheran Church will take place at both services, 8 am and 10:30 am, on Sunday, October 15. Pastor Susan Miller from the SE MN Synod office will be here to assist in the installation. A reception for Pastor Jacie will be held between church services during the Adult Forum/ Sunday School Hour.

### "Over and Above" Gift Opportunities

God has blessed St. John with a wonderful community of members and many ministries which provide benefits not only within the walls of St. John but outside our walls as well. If you would like to contribute financially to help maintain these ministries, you may make your check payable to **St. John Lutheran Church** and designate one of the funds listed below in the memo line. If you have automatic payments sent to the church, please make certain the appropriate fund is designated. We are required to put the funds as specified by the contributor. Thank you for your generosity and support.

**Weekend Pantry Fund**

**Gardens and Landscaping Fund**

**Furnace and A/C Fund**

**Radio Fund**

**Building Fund**

**St. John Foundation**

**Seminarian Fund**

**Education/Library Fund**

**Worship and Music Fund**

### West Parsonage Fireplace Gas Insert Fund

A new giving opportunity has been established by your Church Council for the express purpose of installing a new fireplace gas insert in the west parsonage. You may give your gifts designated to that fund and when we have enough money to completely pay for the project it will be installed. Thank you, in advance, for your gifts for this project.

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**POLKA WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30 A.M.**

featuring Irv Arndt on the concertina

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FROM 9 A.M. TO 10:15 A.M.**

**BOOTHS RE-OPEN  
FROM 11:30 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.**



**DINNER SERVED BEGINNING AT 11:30 A.M.**

Roasted Pork Loin and Ol' Fashioned Hot Dog Dinners

Served with

Homemade Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, Mashed Potatoes,  
cooked Red Cabbage, Carrots, Dessert, and Beverage

## **BAKED GOODS**

Lots of homemade goodies  
Pies, Breads and Cookies

## **CRAFTS**

Knitted and crocheted items  
Seasonal and holiday items

## **FARMER'S MARKET**

Garden produce and canned goods  
Mums, Plants and Fall Decorations

## **RAFFLE**

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# CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY NEWS

## DATES TO REMEMBER

RE—7th and 8th Grade Confirmation	October 10	7:15 am
RE—7th and 8th Grade Confirmation	October 11	6:00 pm
9th Grade Confirmation	October 11	6:00 pm
Bible Presentations	October 14	5:00 pm
	October 15	8:00 am & 10:30 am
Sunday School Children Sing	October 15	10:30 am
“34-56”	October 22	9:15 am
3 yr. old– 2nd grade Halloween Party	October 29	4:00 pm



### Change to the R.E. Schedule

The decision has been made to offer R.E. for 7th and 8th graders both on **TUESDAY mornings from 7:15 to 7:50 am** and **WEDNESDAY evenings from 6:00 – 7:27 p.m. in the Social Hall**. However, since there will be no bus service provided on Tuesday mornings, parents will need to provide rides back to the Owatonna Middle School. Pastor Dave will transport the Medford students, as he has done in previous years.

As for “Are We Losing R.E. ??” – the answer to that is NO. We as the church will always have R.E. (Religious Education) “always have, always will.” It’s part of what it means to be the church.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we have been trying to work this all out.

### Community Events

The **Grandparents for Education** and **OJHS Student Council Members** will be hosting a **Pancake Breakfast** at the Eagles Club on Sunday, October 15 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Everyone who purchases a ticket has a chance to win an electric pressure washer.

The **Medford Fire Department** is sponsoring a **Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, October 15 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Medford Public School cafeteria, 750 2nd Avenue SE, Medford. There will be a free-will offering with proceeds used to support the association and the fire department of Medford.

**First Lutheran of Hope MN** is having a **Swedish Meatball Supper** on Sunday, October 15 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. Menu includes: Hand rolled meatballs with gravy, Real mashed potatoes, Corn, Coleslaw, Pickles, Rolls, Dessert, and Beverage. Proceeds from the event will go to local area food shelves and the First Lutheran steeple project. First Lutheran is located at 8952 SW 37th Avenue, Hope MN.

### Healthy Seniors Fall Clean-up

Healthy Seniors of Steele County is organizing help with fall leaf clean-up for senior citizens in need. Clean-up will be on November 4 starting at 9:00 am.

Volunteers are needed to help with the raking and bagging of leaves. Consider forming a team with family or friends. If you can’t form a team, we will find a team for you to join. Volunteers will be responsible for bringing their own rakes and work gloves.

To volunteer, please call Anel at 507-774-7648 or you can email [anel@healthyseniorsmn.org](mailto:anel@healthyseniorsmn.org).

## **Missional Ministries Corner**

***Caring Cupboard:*** During the month of October, we will be collecting winter clothing items, such as hats, mittens, scarves, gloves, sweaters, coats, and jackets for the **Steele County Clothesline**.

***Hospitality House:*** St. John is providing meals on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month for the men at the Hospitality House. **PLEASE consider signing up now!!**

Options for providing a meal include:

1. Preparing a meal and delivering it to the Hospitality House at 250 E. Main St. by 4:00 p.m.
2. Taking a recipe plus the ingredients to the Hospitality House by 4:00 p.m.; or
3. Ordering pizza and having it delivered to the Hospitality House.

If you are not able to deliver a meal by 4:00 but have the time to prepare it, ask a friend to deliver it for you or call Arlene Dammel at 612-991-2340 and she will make sure it is delivered on time.

The sign up sheet is in the narthex at the table where scrip is sold. Thank you in advance for your help. The residents of Hospitality House really appreciate these meals.

***Greeting Cards:*** The Greeting Card Ministry meets the first Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm.

***Fair Trade Products:*** Fair Trade coffee, fruit and nut bars, baking cocoa and olive oil are available in the narthex.

***Weekend Pantry:*** We are once again working with other churches and schools in the community to help alleviate hunger through the Weekend Pantry. Please consider **"Sponsoring a Weekend"** to help support this program. To sponsor your weekend, call the church office at 451-7293.

## **Quilting Group**

If you are interested in helping, the quilting group meets every Tuesday at 9:00 am. These ladies would welcome anyone interested in sewing and socializing. A mid-morning coffee break with snacks is included. Try it out!

## **Women's Bible Study**

The Women's Bible Study group will meet Wednesday, October 11, at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room. The discussion will continue on the topic of the Apostles' Creed. All women are welcome!

## **Feed My Starving Children Event**

Mark your calendars!! The **Feed My Starving Children—Owatonna Pack** will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church on October 13 and 14. the goal for 2017 is 175,000 meals. For more information go to: <https://give.fmssc.org/owatonna/events>.

## **St. John Scrip Program**

THANK YOU to everyone who uses Scrip cards. Your support really does make a difference. SCRIP is great for your regular household purchases and for gifts throughout the year. Stop by the SCRIP table on Sundays between services or at the church office during the week to purchase SCRIP. For any questions, contact the church office at 451-7293 or Gloria Zimmermann at 455-2346.

**As of August 31, our 2017 YTD profit earned is \$1,335.82.** Thank you to all who support our SCRIP program through your purchases. It is greatly appreciated!

## **The "Growing in Giving Challenge" Continued!**

In an effort to continue to steward the Don Tuerk estate gift so that it is the *"gift that keeps on giving,"* the Church Council has elected to renew the **"Growing in Giving Challenge"** through the end of 2017. All gifts designated to the challenge will once again be matched dollar for dollar up to \$60,000. Should we reach this goal we will have enough funds not only to pay off the Furnace, AC, and Parking Lot loan but also the three street assessments we have from the past few summers. As of September 30 we have reached \$28,977.88 toward our goal. Thank you for any and all gifts you may give to this **"Growing in Giving Challenge!"**

## **A LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Monday, October 9</b>	6:00 pm	Girl Scout Leader Meeting
<b>Tuesday, October 10</b>	7:15 am	RE—7th and 8th Grade Confirmation
	9:00 am	Quilting
	5:30 pm	TOPS (Rm #39)
	7:00 pm	Cub Scouts
<b>Wednesday, October 11</b>	8:30 am	Staff Meeting
	9:30 am	Women’s Bible Study
	11:45 am	Men’s Bible Study @ Pizza Ranch
	1:00 pm	Greeting Card Ministry
	5:15 pm	Handbell Choir Practice
	6:00 pm	9th Grade Confirmation
	6:00 pm	RE—7th and 8th Grade Confirmation
	6:15 pm	Choir Practice
<b>Thursday, October 12</b>	8:30 am	Woman’s Club Board Meeting
	5:00 pm	Vespers Worship Service with Holy Communion
<b>Friday, October 13</b>		<b>NEWSLETTER INFO DUE IN OFFICE</b>
<b>Saturday, October 14</b>	5:00 pm	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion’ Bible Presentation
<b>Sunday, October 15</b>		<b>PASTOR JACIE’S INSTALLATION</b>
	8:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion, Bible Presentation
	9:15 am	Sunday School / Reception for Pastor Jacie
	10:30 am	Blended Worship with Holy Communion, Bible Presentation, Sunday School Children Sing
	11:30 am	Blended Practice

Pastor Dave Klawiter  
Organist/Pianist: Shirley Erickson  
Choir Director: Jim Hoffman

Pastor Jacie Richmond  
Pianist: Joan Hoffman  
Handbell Choir Director: Marilyn Pedersen