

# November Newsletter

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## “...THE DEVIL ROAMS ABOUT...”

Christmas is coming, shopping for that perfect gift. Beware of the wolves in sheep's clothing, the Bible speaks to us in Matthew 7:15 and John 10:13.

The devil never tires of weakening our souls, our sense of judgment. Disguising sin with using God's name in vain “conversation with God” and “Conversations with God for Teens” written by Neale D. Walsch are two good examples, distributed by scholastic book club. Even getting promoted by the New York Times and Oprah Winfrey these innocuous works sweat of sin and degradation.

It seems the devil even likes religious and educational books. Do not allow a foothold in your communities. Review materials that you read, or your children read.

Take a look at our Congress, elected or selected, they forgot who they are working for. Devouring every sheep in their sight. School boards, planning and zoning commission, state government are not exempt.



We are all tenants in God's Kingdom and are entrusted with its care. Let's not let Him down.

*“Be sober and vigilant about teaching your children about God, guard them exposure to world mediums, the devil roams about as a roaring lion seeking someone he may devour” 1 Peter 5:8.*

We know the lions usually hunt the slowest, weakest, and youngest of its prey.

Pastor Roger Godfredsen  
St Johns Lutheran Church

*Pastor Roger lives in Milford, Iowa with his wife, Vickie. They have 5 daughters and 2 sons. They also have 24 grandchildren.*



### INCLEMENT WEATHER & CANCELLATIONS

Re: Church activities and office hours. If Springfield schools are canceled or dismissed early all activities and the church office will be closed. Church service cancellations will be made as soon as possible then posted on Facebook, and broadcast on KNUJ (AM 860/ 97.3 FM New Ulm) Radio and KLGR (1490 AM Redwood Falls) radio stations. **\*\*When in doubt, or you fear driving because of road conditions - please stay safe at home.**

# November Church Calendar

## Wednesday, November 1

5:15 - 6:45 PM Table Ministry  
6:00 PM Confirmation  
7:00 PM Choir

## Thursday November 2

9:00 AM Bible Study  
10:15 AM Prayer Time

## Sunday, November 5 - Help Your Neighbor

9:00 AM Worship Service  
10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship  
No Sunday School

## Tuesday, November 7

9:00 AM Quilting  
3-5:00PM Pro Kinship

## Wednesday, November 8

5:15 - 6:45 PM Table Ministry  
6:00 PM Confirmation  
7:00 PM Choir  
7:30 PM Council Meeting

## Thursday, November 9

9:00 AM Bible Study  
10:15 AM Prayer Time

## Sunday, November 12

9:00 AM Worship Service  
10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship  
10:15 AM Sunday School

## Tuesday, November 14

9:00 AM Quilting

## Wednesday, November 15

5:15 - 6:45 PM Table Ministry  
6:00 PM Confirmation  
7:00 PM Choir

## Thursday, November 16 - Newsletter Deadline

9:00 AM Bible Study  
10:15 AM Prayer Time  
6:30 PM WOW

## Friday, November 17

2:00 PM BINGO @ St John's Home

## Sunday, November 19

9:00 AM Worship Service  
10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship  
10:15 AM Sunday School/Program Practice

## Tuesday, November 21

9:00 AM Quilting  
3-5:00PM Pro Kinship

## Wednesday, November 22

5 - 6:30 PM Fall Potluck  
7:00 PM Worship

## Thursday, November 23

Happy Thanksgiving!

## Sunday, November 26

9:00 AM Worship Service  
10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship  
10:15 AM Sunday School/Program Practice

## Tuesday, November 28

9:00 AM Quilting

## Wednesday, November 29

5:15 - 6:45 PM Table Ministry  
6:00 PM Confirmation  
7:00 PM Choir

## Thursday, November 30

9:00 AM Bible Study  
10:15 AM Prayer Time



# November Worship Helpers

## November 5 (Holy Communion)

Lay Readers..... Sandy Hesse  
Com Asst..... Isaac Jensen & Easton Jensen  
Acolytes ..... Logan Shoen & Preston Anderson  
Birthday Reader ..... Isaac Jensen

## November 12

Lay Reader ..... Sue Anderson  
Acolytes ..... Jalyn Louwagie & Paxton Runck  
Birthday Reader ..... Jalyn Louwagie

## November 19 (Holy Communion)

Lay Reader ..... TJ Smith  
Com Asst..... Thomas Beers & Cameron Halvorson  
Acolytes ..... Russell Beers & Taya Beyer  
Birthday Reader ..... Russell Beers

## November 26

Lay Reader ..... Katie Thram  
Acolytes ..... Alayna Beyer & Liam Eberhard  
Birthday Reader ..... Taya Beyer

**LAY READERS ARE NEEDED  
FOR DECEMBER!  
PLEASE HELP OUT IF YOU CAN!**

## NOVEMBER USHERS

🍁 Ben Luense  
🍁 Bowen Eberhard  
🍁 Butch Gohlke  
🍁 Grant Lade  
🍁 Curt Saffert





# Happy Birthday!



**November 2**  
Jennifer Cook  
Brexten Anderson

**November 3**  
Nancy Anderson

**November 5**  
Kylie Martin

**November 6**  
Christopher Thram  
Dustin Lendt

**November 7**  
Morgan Scholtz

**November 8**  
Steele Meraz

**November 9**  
Shelly Anderson

**November 10**  
Mikayla Opatz  
Marc Kettner  
Paul Tews

**November 11**  
Theodore Anderson Jr.

**November 13**  
Jenny Kettner

**November 17**  
Stefan Mark

**November 18**  
Dianne Lipetzky  
Ray Milbrath

**November 19**  
Jeff Ellefson

**November 20**  
Kayla Moe  
Maria Schultz  
Brenda Krieger

**November 22**  
Hadley Jo Meine  
Liam Smith

**November 23**  
Kent Moe  
Eric Thorston

**November 24**  
Matt Mude

**November 27**  
Brody Dauer

**November 28**  
Janice Anderson

**November 29**  
Doug Brown

**November 30**  
Tim Dalsgaard  
Janet Groff  
Gary Mattson



**May God  
bless you all  
with good  
health, good  
fortune and  
lots of love  
on your  
special day!**



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subject line: "I want to have my newsletter emailed to me" and we will subscribe you to receive the newsletter digitally or you can also sign up at the website.



# Happy Anniversary!



**November 2**  
Tom & Sandy Honl

**November 5**  
Jesse & Terri Smith

**November 10**  
Leonard & Janet Groff

**November 11**  
David & Deb Wahl  
Adam & Maggie Meyer

**November 13**  
Wayne & Chelsea Wenisch

**November 14**  
Gilbert & Linda Anderson  
Corey & Crystal Augustin

**November 16**  
Curt & Diane Thram

**November 25**  
Ben & VerJean Luense

**November 29**  
Rob & Lynn Hansen



**thank you**

Thank you, Lori Milbrath for providing our birthday and anniversary lists. Your help is very appreciated.



## Join us at St. Johns for food & fellowship!

We invite ALL to a Fall Potluck supper (prior to the 7 p.m. Thanksgiving Worship service ) Wednesday, November 22 from 5 – 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish to pass, as you are able. Beverages, plates, & silverware will be provided. Feel free to bring friends or any family members who are going to be in town for the holiday weekend!

# St. John's Lutheran Church

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

In attendance: Andrew Hauger, Rod Smith(10/11 meeting with no quorum), Sue Anderson, Tracie Berg(10/11 meeting with no quorum), Brenda Krieger, Brenda Anderson(10/11 meeting with no quorum), Todd Wells, Pastor Roger Godfredsen, Chris Petersen, Chad Thram, Brian Meier(10/11 meeting with no quorum), David Milbrath(10/11 meeting with no quorum and Adam Beers

Absent: None

Called to order by Andrew Hauger at 10:25 am. Pastor Godfredsen opened the meeting with a prayer.

Secretary's Report:

1. No additions or corrections. m/s/c Sue Anderson/Chris Petersen

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Andrew Hauger

1. Bank accounts as of September 30, 2023: General account \$68,045.81; Dedicated account \$105,710.98.

Board of Education Report: Presented by Andrew Hauger via Brenda Anderson and April Beyer

1. 10/29/23 is the First communion service. m/s/c Chad Thram/Chris Petersen
2. 11/5/23 is Help your Neighbor Sunday.
3. Christmas program is currently being planned and will on 12/10/23.
4. Summary of what is being done in addition to the current curriculum is that the Lord's prayer is being taught at the end of every lesson. All ages are learning the 10 commandments. Additional content, such as, baptism, communion, and confession will be introduced.

Board of Trustees' Report: Presented by Andrew Hauger

1. Reviewed monthly financial statements and disbursements.
2. SAW Works Construction (Nick Seidl) provided a quote for snow removal for \$90/hour for skid loader/ dump truck work and \$70/hour for shoveling work.
3. Basement windows are still on backorder.

Board of Deacons' Report: Presented by Sue Anderson

1. Communion assignments for November are:
  - a. 10/29(First communion)- Sue Anderson set-up, Todd Wells & Adam Beers to assist
  - b. 11/5- Adam Beers set-up, Todd Wells & Rod Smith to assist
  - c. 11/19- Todd Wells set-up, Brend Krieger & Rod Smith to assist
2. Regarding membership changes for the month of September:
  - a. Baptisms - 0
  - b. Transfers in - 1 Jim Anderson
  - c. Transfers out - 0
  - d. Funerals(visitation) - 0
  - e. Inactive list - 0
  - f. Removal- by request - 0
  - g. Requested membership - 0

Pastor's Report: Presented by Pastor Godfredsen

1. 7:00 pm will be the start time for the Thanksgiving Eve service.
2. All church group meetings(time and place) should be communicated to the church office ahead of time.
3. Pastor readdressed his desire to have some additional topics addressed earlier in our students Sunday School years such as baptism, ten commandments, and the creeds.
4. Beyond the River is an on-line program to get certified and recognized by LCMC and Pastor suggested we look at trying to recruit current congregation members to consider becoming pastors.

Discussions:

1. Stewardship & Evangelism: Help Your Neighbor Sunday is 11/5/23 and Michelle Anderson is serving lunch afterwards.
2. Worship and Music: No reports provided.
3. Children, Youth, and Families: Trunk or Treat is on 10/31/23 at St. John's parking lot from 4:00- 7:00 pm.

Old Business:

1. Call Committee- Only one applicant has applied for the position.
2. New Hope and St. Paul's Church Discussion: There has been feedback to council members that there is a need for further discussion about sharing a pastor or other services was discussed.
3. Purchase another Wall Photo Rack- Purchase of a rack took place and it will be delivered soon.

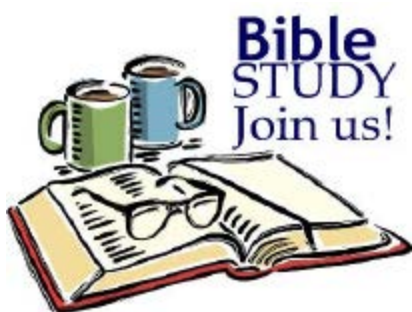
New Business:

1. None

Closing Prayer: Everyone.

Adjourn: m/s/c All

Next meeting: November 8th @ 7:30 pm. Secretary, Adam Beers



Bible study Thursday mornings is now available via Zoom. Contact the church office, and we will need your email address to get you linked in.



## DEADLINE

The November Newsletter Deadline is November 16. Submissions after the deadline are not guaranteed inclusion into the newsletter. **Please submit all articles and information to the church office, thank you so much in advance!**



**Nursing Home Bingo is the 3rd Friday of every month.**

**Volunteers can sign up on the lists by the offices.**



St. Johns church offers free access to RIGHT NOW MEDIA for all our members. Call or email for a link to start exploring the amazing resource library. Sign up today and grow in faith and knowledge in your walk with God.

Church email: [sjlcspringfieldmn@gmail.com](mailto:sjlcspringfieldmn@gmail.com)



The Southwest Minnesota Men's Choir will be performing on December 4, 2023 at 7pm at St Paul's Lutheran Church. More details to come in the next few weeks.



**There are many announcements on the bulletin boards so please take a look!**





**November 5, 2023.**

Sign-up sheets are in the fellowship hall.

*"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."* - Luke 6:28:



## Community Card Games

Do you play or want to learn how to play 500, Sheep Head or Pinochle? Every Thursday at the Community Center they have senior cards from 1:00 -3:30 PM.



## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

St. Johns Sunday school students will present their Christmas program on Sunday Dec. 10th at 10 a.m. followed by refreshments. (also cookie & lefse sale day) This will take the place of our regular worship service. Practices will begin on Sunday, November 19th during our Sunday school hours. Helpers for each grade are appreciated. Please contact April Beyer if you have questions or to volunteer to assist with the program.

## STEWARDSHIP

A copy of the Stewardship and Board of Education minutes can be found on all 3 bulletin boards.

Stewardship is so much more than money management! It involves caring for everything that God has given to us in our day to day lives and also sharing the gifts he has given us, whatever that may be.

The Stewardship Committee has met & prepared 2024 pledge packets. Please plan to pick up your packets on November 3 from the fellowship hall and return the completed item by November 26, 2023.



The Springfield Nativity Pageant is on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM and the Bake sale is on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

The cast members needed for Townspeople are Mary, Elizabeth, a Slave, Shepard's, and Angels. Practices are on Dec 3 at 1:00 PM, Dec 4 at 6:30 PM, and dress rehearsal on Dec 7 at 5:30 PM.

Choir practice on Nov 24 and Dec 3 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 6:30 PM. Contact Marian Thorston for any questions.

## First Communion Class for 2023



**Kaidree Guhlke** – Daughter of Butch & Andrea Guhlke

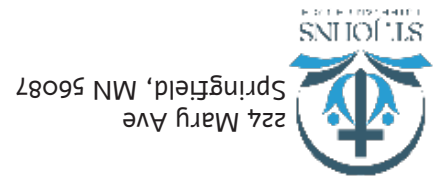
**Sawyer Hesse** – daughter of Adam & Samantha Hesse

**Jaxon Hornick** – son of Nicole Van Dekieft & Steve Hornick

**Tyson Hornick** – son of Nicole Van Dekieft & Steve Hornick

**Harper Korkemeier** – daughter of Joe & Roxanne Korkemeier

**Lily Kottke** – daughter of Keith & Chiloe Kottke



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## Come & Go Food Shelf Open House

The Springfield Area Food Shelf will be hosting an Come & Go open house for all to see what Super Shelf is all about. We will become certified as a Super Shelf on Monday October 30th, 2023. The open house will begin at 9AM-12:30PM and 4PM-7PM. The Food Shelf is located at 625 North Jackson, Suite F on the backside of the Allina Medical Clinic in the lower parking lot. Follow the Red Signs to the left. The Food Shelf sign is on the door.

Super Shelf is a program that promotes more nutritional foods in our program. Some of the most important areas that we look at our fresh produce, proteins, dairy, grains, breads, baking and cooking supplies, condiments, spices, and snacks.

The food shelf is arranged in a manner that promotes the most important nutritional food groups first. Bright colorful signage has been put up in different food sections, double door glass coolers and freezers.

Feel free to call Shari Koll 507-227-0386, if you have any questions about the open house for the Springfield Area Food Shelf. You may also call the food shelf phone number and leave a message (507-723-3663) and we will call you back.

