



Saint John Lutheran Church

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NEWSLETTER

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Greetings, dear friends in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

The Apostle Peter writes: "Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God." We are free people! And no greater expression of freedom exists than our right to vote and choose our elected leaders. I pray all of you who are registered voters will take the opportunity to express your right this coming Tuesday. Having said this, how are we as Christians to live under the authority of our government? To begin with, the Fourth Commandment instructs and commands us to honor not only Father and Mother but all in authority unless they call us to denounce our faith. At the same time it is especially difficult to honor our government at times when they act contrary to our religious convictions, beliefs, and values. It is then our right and obligation to speak out against their actions both in word and action and the most active voice we can express is to be counted through our vote. Please let your vote be counted with the hope we elect a godly and just government, which will uphold religious freedom and wholesome, traditional family values. May God bless you and God bless America!

St. John News

Election Results: President: Royce Oppliger, **Elder:** Art Wagoner, **Treasurer:** Terri Wagoner, **Trustee:** John Buttenhoff, **Board of Education:** Cody Wolting, **Board of Endowment:** Alfred Aufdemberge. We wish to thank all those who have served and those who agreed to have their names placed on the ballots.

The Youth Group will cater the supper for the NC Kansas Thrivent Chapter Elections meeting this evening, November 4th, at 5:00p.m. Thrivent continues to offer excellent investment programs for individuals and families, and continues to donate funds to aid congregations and communities.

We plan to hold a workday at St. John on Saturday, Nov. 17, 8:00am-12:00pm.

Our LWML plans to pack gifts boxes for needy children this Thursday at 10:00am. A salad lunch will then be enjoyed at 12:00 with packing continuing until the start of the business meeting at 1:30. We invite more ladies young and not so young to join our Lutheran Women's Missionary League. They do so much good work to further the gospel and to serve needy people around the country and world. Thank you to all our ladies who serve so willingly and lovingly.

The Early Risers men's mission group will once again host a soup dinner and marriage program next Sunday, November 10, 12:00pm. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring a friend.

Choir practice is set to begin once again this Wednesday, November 7th at 7:00p.m. Sonja does a wonderful job of leading our choir so I hope many will join and sing praises to the Lord throughout the year as part of our worship services.

Pastor and Lana have purchased "Singing Saints" songbooks to supplement our hymnal as part of our worship music. The Singing Saints Songbooks will provide us with some more contemporary music and be accompanied with the electric piano.

Pastor will begin a New Member class beginning Monday, Nov. 12, 7:00pm for anyone interested in learning more about the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and becoming members of St. John Lutheran. Everyone is invited to attend even if just for a refresher.

We will celebrate Thanksgiving later this month. We have much to be thankful for. We have freedom, faith, family, and many other blessing too numerous to count. Let us give thanks for all that God has and continues to do for us. Let us also remember those who have suffered loss and give as we are able for their care and restoration. This is what makes us distinctly American! We have big hearts! We experienced such generosity in the recently held Griffiths family Benefit in Sylvan Grove. Several church, communities, and many generous and loving people around the country came to the aid for the Griffiths family. I want to personally again thank everyone who volunteered, donated time and money, and came out to support Laura and the girls. We continue to pray for healing in their lives and for all who are sick and suffering. **Finally we invite everyone to worship with us: Sunday School Classes, 9:30, Worship 10:30am.**

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, Nov. 4, 5:00 Thrivent Election Meeting/Supper
- Wednesday Nov. 7, 3:40/6:00/7:00/8:00, WDS, Confirmation, Choir, Bible Study
- Thurs. Nov. 8, 10:00/12:00/1:30, LWML gift packing/Salad Dinner/Meeting
- Sunday Nov. 10, 12:00pm. Early Risers Soup Dinner/Marriage Event
- Monday, Nov. 12, 7:00pm. New Member Class
- Tuesday, Nov 13, 6:00am Early Risers
- Wednesday Nov. 14, 3:40/6:00/7:00/7:30/8:00 WDS, Confirmation, Choir, YG Mt, Bible Study
- Saturday, Nov. 17, 8:00-12:00, SJL Workday
- Monday, Nov. 19, 7:00pm. New Member Class
- Thursday, Nov. 22, 10:30 am. Thanksgiving Service
- Tuesday Nov. 27, 6:00am Early Risers
- Wednesday Nov. 28, 3:40/6:00/7:00/8:00 WDS, Confirmation, Choir, Bible Study