

News and Notes

- From the week of September 8 –

God + Me Course - Monday's 6:30pm Beginning Sept. 16

This class explores the basic truths of the Bible and briefly compares some differences between religions and various Christian denominations. Most importantly, it answers the questions every person needs to know in life...who am I?... what's my purpose in life?... how can I get to heaven?... how can I be certain I am loved and forgiven?... how does the Bible apply to me? This class can serve as a membership class or simply a good spiritual refresher and a further step to understanding God and self. To learn more or to register, please go to: www.stjohnslutheran.com/god-and-me/

Grow Groups – New Opportunity

Check out these great opportunities called "Grow Groups" where you not only grow in your faith but get connected to your St. John's friends and fellow Christians. The groups study is based off the previous week's sermon and readings. Some of our groups meet continually each week and are flexible for you to jump in and out based on your schedule. Other groups will run for short four weeks and then take a break. But all the groups are fun, laid back, and encouraging. All are welcome!

Currently, we have two groups that meet weekly: Wednesdays at 6:30am @ Dunn Brothers Coffee in Hastings & Wednesdays at 1:00 @ rotating restaurants in Hastings (see News and Notes for weekly schedule).

A new group is starting, Thursday, September 26. This group will meet every other Thursday evening through Nov. 7th at 6:30pm. The make-up of this group is largely families with children still living at home. They will meet in the fellowship hall to allow the kids to be able to play in the gym. If you want more information or are interested in attending, please contact Pastor Zimpelmann at 651-829-4574 or email him at jon.zimpelmann@gmail.com

Hobby Fair - October 6, 1-3:00 PM

Come share your skills, interests and passions at our hobby fair! To reserve the space you need to display your hobby, please call Karen Carlson 651-470-9177 to provide your information. A table will be set up for you in advance, if needed. Hobbyists can set up their displays on Saturday, October 5 at 10:30 - 11:30 am or on Sunday October 6 before 1:00 pm. Everyone is invited to come enjoy the fun and fellowship!

Teen Night Sept 22 - Youth Group Photo Scavenger Hunt

The teens from Salem, St. John's and Christ the Lord are getting together on Sunday, September 22nd for a photo scavenger hunt! All 7th-12th graders are invited to join us. We'll meet at Christ the Lord in Cottage Grove at 4:00pm for a brief Bible study and then head out in groups for the scavenger hunt. We'll meet back at CtL by 6:00 for food, photos and prizes. Invite your friends to join us! We will also need a couple of adults to volunteer as drivers. Hope to see you on the 22nd!

Living Nativity: December 7, 2024

Planning is underway for our 2024 Living Nativity! The Live Nativity Event will be held on Saturday Dec. 7th from 5pm – 7pm. Performances will be held on a continuous basis, every 20 minutes beginning at 5pm. The last performance will be at 6:40pm.

We have had such a wonderful support from the congregation in the past! Think about where you can help! A full list of opportunities are posted in the fellowship hall as well as available online – just scan the QR code or look for the link in the weekly eMessenger!



St. Paul's Lutheran – 150th Anniversary Celebration

The members of St. Paul's invite friends and former members of St. Paul's to join them in their 150th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, Oct. 20. Schedule as follows: 9am Coffee Hour, 10:30am Celebration Service; 12:00pm Dinner at Ptacek's Event Center. Please RSVP by Oct. 1st at www.spprescott.org or by calling 715-262-5645.

Men of His Word Conference – October 26, 2024 at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, MN

Come... Join hundreds of your brothers in Christ as we share in Word and song and fellowship. This year's theme: "Built to Serve". For more info and registration visit: www.menofhisword.org

Immeasurably More Women's Retreat in Shakopee, Minnesota

The congregation of Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran Church would like to invite the women of your congregation to the Immeasurable More Women's Retreat on Saturday, November 16th at our campus in Shakopee, MN. Scan the QR Code or go to bllh.org web site and at the top click Connect to get a drop down menu with Immeasurable More Women's Retreat at the bottom of the list for more information.



Christian Life Resources 2024 Conference "Light in the Darkness"

Seeking hope amidst life's challenges? Enjoy a day of renewal at the Light in the Darkness Conference on September 21st, 9-4pm at Ascension Lutheran Church in Rochester, MN. Topics include: caregiving, loss of a child, empowering youth, and more. Discover practical tools, biblical wisdom, and the unwavering love of God. For more information visit: <https://christianliferesources.com/resources/events/national-convention/>

WELS NIGHT – Minnesota Timberwolves vs. Phoenix Suns, Sunday Nov. 14th @ 2:30pm

See Anthony Edwards and the Minnesota Timberwolves take on the Phoenix Suns on Sunday, November 17th with this special offer for WELS Night. Everyone who purchases through this special offer will have the opportunity to shoot a Free Throw on the court following the game! To Purchase Tickets: WWW.TIMBERWOLVES.COM/GROUPOFFERS USE PROMO CODE: 2425WELS. Order deadline is Oct. 3. Contact Cameron Schwarz with any questions: 612-268-0002

This week at St. John's:

Today:	8:00 AM	Communion Service
	9:15 AM	Family Bible Hour
	10:30 AM	Communion Service
Monday:	6:30 PM	God & Me
Wednesday:	6:30 AM	Grow Group – Dunn Bros.
	1:00 PM	Grow Group – Culver's
	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
	6:30 PM	Gospel Outreach Meeting
Thursday:	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
	1:00 PM	Welcome Home
	4:00 PM	Inreach Committee
	6:30 PM	Ruth Circle
Saturday:	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study @ El Mexican
Next Sunday:	8:00 AM	Worship Service
	9:15 AM	Family Bible Hour
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:45 AM	Finance Committee Meeting
	4:00 PM	Teen Night – at Christ the Lord in Cottage Grove

Upcoming Greeters –

Sept 15: Larry & Julie Rosenow (8am); Tony Johnson and OPEN (10:30am)
Sept 22: Rich & Linda Myklebust (8am); Jeanne Schumann & Shirley Munger (10:30am)
Sept 29: Deb Grenstein & Kristi Murtaugh (8am); Rita Bremer & Charlotte Pierce (10:30am)

Upcoming Ushers –

Sept 15: Larry Rosenow & OPEN (8am); Tony Johnson & Charlotte Pierce (10:30am)
Sept 22: Rich & Linda Myklebust (8am); Jeanne Schumann & Shirley Tammen (10:30am)
Sept 29: Deb Grenstein & Randy Wills (8am); Myron Milbrandt & Carrol Tammen (10:30am)

Upcoming Junior Ushers –

Sept 15: Finn Larson & Lily Herrmann (8am); Riley Klebe (10:30am)
Sept 22: Jason & Tyler Olson (8am); Clara Hochmuth (10:30am)
Sept 29: Cora Schweich & Lyla McClellan (8am); Mya Bauer (10:30am)



Scan the QR code for the full schedule and to sign-up for other serving opportunities!