

NEWS FROM ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN

SEPTEMBER 2025

FROM THE PASTOR

Please check out the information from the latest Bugenhagen Conference found at the end of this newsletter!! This year's conference was a huge success. Thank you for your support!

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Our Ladies' Bible Class will begin Thursday, September 4. We will be studying the book of Ecclesiastes. The class meets from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in the church basement. Please enter through the school doors. All ladies are welcome.

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Just a reminder that we will go back to our regular worship schedule on Sunday, September 7 and will return to two services on Sunday at 7:45 and 10:15am. Bible study and Sunday School will be held in between the services. The midweek Divine Service will return to the shorter communion service on Wednesdays at 6pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL begins on September 7. We meet from 9:00-10:00. Bring your children and grandchildren to hear the stories of God's love. What greater gift can you give them? Our classes meet in the following locations:

3, 4, & 5 year olds — Pre-K 4 classroom in the basement
1st & 2nd grades — Chapel by the Erie Street door
3rd, 4th, & 5th grades — library on the second floor
6th, 7th, & 8th grades — faculty room near the N Wisconsin Street door
high school students — 7th grade room on the second floor

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN TRIP

Please join the Stewardship Board on Saturday, September 13th, for a fall field trip to Feed My Starving Children, a Christian organization in Libertyville, Illinois that utilizes volunteers to pack meals for children in need around the world.

Last April, we packed 122 boxes of food for Uganda, which will feed 193 children for an entire year. That is 70,727 meals...and we are hoping to see those numbers grow this fall!!

Our packing time is from **2:00 pm - 3:45 pm**. We plan to meet at the Park and Ride on Highway 20 and leave at 12:45 pm to caravan down to Libertyville.

This is a wonderful opportunity to give back - we hope that you and your family will be able to join us. *Please Note: For safety reasons, Feed My Starving Children does require that anyone participating is at least 5 years old.*

Please sign up at <http://www.fmssc.org/join-group?joincode=EKBB7K>

FELLOWSHIP FRIDAY

Join us on Friday, September 19 from 5:30-7:30pm for our Fellowship Friday get together. Pizza will be served as the main meal. Everyone connected to St. John's is invited to attend this event. Please come as individuals or families, and if you do, please bring a side, dessert, or drink to share. If you are coming as a family with younger children, please consider bringing a game of some kind to perhaps play with others. The gym will also be open for part of the evening. If you plan to attend, email Kimberly (chapman@stjohnsracine.org) or Sharon (adel@stjohnsracine.org).

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Our next New Member Class will begin on Sunday, September 21 at 9:00 am. We will meet in the Fifth Grade Classroom (upstairs in the school building). The class will conclude on December 22. If you or someone you know would like to become a member at St. John's, please enroll in this class through the church office at 637-7011 or by email at chapman@stjohnsracine.org).

The material used for the class will be provided during our first morning together. The class is also open to any current members of St. John's who would like a refresher on what we believe and why!

"BIBLE AND BREW" MEN'S STUDY

Our September Bible and Brew Men's Study will take place on Wednesday, September 24 at 8:30pm. This month's study will be held at Pastor DeYoung's house, 1106 Hialeah.

VOTERS' MEETING

Our next quarterly voters' meeting will be held on Sunday, September 28 in between the services at 9am in the sanctuary.

CRADLE ROLL PLAYDATE

Please keep an eye out in upcoming bulletins, the church/school calendar, and church emails for new Cradle Roll playdates. These playdates are intended for the youngest among us (newborn to those who haven't started school yet). We look forward to having you join us for our next activity.

LWML ZONE 21 FALL RALLY

Come travel with us to Guatemala by only traveling to Burlington, Wisconsin! Join the women of Lutheran Women in Mission Zone 21 on Saturday, October 11 from 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM at Our Savior, Burlington; 417 S. Kane Street. We will travel through God's Word in Bible study with Rev. Chris Lockie followed by our journey to Guatemala missions with Rev. Paul Muther. Join us in helping a local mission, Lutheran Mission Attic Workshop, by donating feminine pads, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, combs, band-aids, antibiotic ointment, gauze pads and medical tape. We look forward to seeing you!

COLLEGE STUDENT MAILING LIST

Do you have a college student who would enjoy receiving mail from St. John's throughout the year? We'd love to stay in touch with them! Please update their current mailing address by filling out a form—available on the table at the back of the sanctuary—or by emailing the church office. Thank you for helping us keep our students connected and encouraged! Our first mailing will go out early in the fall!

CALL FOR ACOLYTES

We are looking for boys (Ages 10-16) who are members of St. John's and who are interested in serving as acolytes. This would be a commitment to learning the role and duties of an acolyte and serving regularly during our worship services in various ways, but especially the lighting/extinguishing of candles and occasionally taking part in processions for feast days.

This opportunity provides a way for boys to learn responsibility and duty, to see first-hand how services are conducted, to take an active role in reverent worship, and give them a glimpse of what it is like to be a pastor. We pray that this can foster a love and appreciation for the importance and beauty of Lutheran liturgy for a lifetime of active membership.

We will have an acolyte orientation during the Bible Study hour on Sunday, September 7th. Parents are encouraged to attend with their sons.

If this day does not work for you, it can also be scheduled by appointment with Pastor DeYoung— call: (262) 900-7448 or email: deyoung@stjohnsracine.org.

USHERS NEEDED

The Board of Elders is in need of individuals interested in ushering during worship services. ***We currently only have ten ushers on our team and would love to have more!*** Thank you for your prayerful consideration in helping out as an usher. If you would be interested in ushering or have questions, please contact an elder or Kimberly in the church office at chapman@stjohnsracine.org; (262) 637-7011.

TACKLING TOUGH TOPICS

We have a new online educational opportunity for you! It is called "Tackling Tough Topics" and will be focused primarily on addressing issues related to the Christian morality, parenting, and marriage from a scriptural perspective. You can find my new page on Substack and on YouTube by searching "Tackling Tough Topics" and following the link or scanning the QR code on the flyer attached to the email. (The flyer can also be picked up at the back of the sanctuary.) I encourage anyone who is interested to subscribe. If you have any suggestions on topics that you would like to be tackled, please reach out to Pastor DeYoung. This is different way to address relevant topics that I pray will be a blessing to St. John's and the wider church.

FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

September 2025 Church Newsletter

September 2, 2025 Senior Choir and Handbell Choir will begin the season with a Masterclass Music Workshop led by Director of Music, Dr. Steve Wentz. Choir rehearsals prepare us, shape us and build our hearts and voices. Our ministry begins here each week. Join us!

Weekly Rehearsals - Tuesdays: Handbells at 6:00 pm and Senior Choir 7:00 pm.

Save the Dates:

Sunday, October 5, 2025 - 1:00 pm – ***Festival of Hymns***

Sunday, October 26, 2025 – ***Reformation Services – morning and afternoon***

Sunday, December 14, 2025 – ***Christmas Concert – 6:00 pm***

The Joy of Music

Psalm 92:1 says, "It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High."

I found this verse to be true anywhere – at church, at home, on a road trip. It's always good to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to His name. And it's always good to bring the family along.

SCHOOL NEWS CORNER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As much as we hate to say goodbye to summer, it is always a blessing for St. John's to have our halls filled with the excitement and enthusiasm of our students! We kicked off our 2025-2026 school year on August 18th. It is certainly my privilege to work with our incredible teachers and staff members, and we welcome to our faculty this year Mrs. Joy Neideffer, Mrs. Krista Hansing, Ms. Jackie Kellner, and Mrs. Kristine Borgardt, as well as several new aides and support staff- Lauren Reff, Lynn Janke, and Vicky Johnson! In athletics, our volleyball, soccer, and cross-country teams have already been practicing, and start games as early as next week. As we head into September, we want to invite you to join us each Wednesday morning at 9 am for our chapel services for grades 1-8. The pastors are focusing on a different hymn each week to go with our school theme: Make a Joyful Noise. We hope to see you there. We are thankful for the continued support of our congregation members!

DINING OUT NIGHT

Join us for our first Dining Out Night of the school year at Noodles and Company, 5720 Washington Avenue, on Thursday, September 18 from 4-8pm. 25% of qualifying sales will directly benefit programs sponsored by the St. John's PTL.

POLICY REVIEW

Each year the Board of Christian Day School reviews a section of the school policies or any new policies that are written. The policies were advanced by the Board of Christian Day School at their Aug. 13 meeting. There is a copy of the policies in the church office if you would like to view them. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Heins before the September board meeting. At the September board meeting, the policies will be officially approved.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

St. John's is always looking for substitute teachers to add to our substitute contact list. If you are interested in helping in this way, please contact Ms. Heins at heins@stjohnsracine.org. The only requirements are a college degree in any field and a love (and patience!) for children.

CHURCH ROOF FUNDRAISERS

LEAF FUNDRAISER

Help us “leaf out” our tree branches this spring by purchasing a leaf for our tree. If you wish to purchase a leaf, the money raised will be put towards the new church roof. If we fill all the branches with all the new leaves, we can raise nearly **\$60,000** towards the roof!

There are 3 different levels to choose from: Gold for \$300, silver for \$200, and bronze for \$100. There are order forms available in the back of the sanctuary, in the church office and attached to emails that Kimberly sends out.

Listed below are all the leaves that have been purchased for this project.

In Honor of Grandma Constance Cochran – In Memory of
Grandpa Gary Cochran – In Memory of Mother, Lorie Cochran
In Memory of Grandpa Clarence and Grandma Abbie Bouwma

Married October 17, 2020 – Aaron and Kayla Douglas

God is our Refuge & Strength – PS 46 – Glassen Family

Pray Continually & Rejoice Always – Roy & Julie Hagen

In Loving Memory of Kathy Karpinsky – First Grade Teacher

I am the vine you are the branches – Ruppel Family

Scott & Krista Hansing – Joined St. John's 5-22-13

Elliott Hansing – Rite of Confirmation 3-20-16

Amelia Hansing – Rite of Confirmation 3-25-18

Eliza Hansing – Rite of Confirmation 7-19-20

Evan Hansing – Rite of Confirmation 3-28-21

In Loving Memory of Marlene Roepke 12-20-1934 – 8-9-2024

In Loving Memory of Otto & Emma Hahn Hannemann

Together Always – LeRoy & Mildred Hannemann Sorenson

God's Angel – Donald LeRoy Sorenson 10-31-2-41

Roger & Gail Sorenson Gotch – United July 16, 1960

Douglas Roger Gotch – Loved Son and Brother – 1962-2022

Dean LeRoy Gotch – Loved Son & Brother – 1964-2022

In Memory of Marlene Roepke – Faithful Servant

In Memory of Kathy Karpinsky – Faithful Servant

In Memory of Art Preuss, Sr. – Faithful Servant

Glory to God! – Tim & Sandy Naegeli

In Loving Memory of Glenn S. Lewin – 1955-2018

Cheryl Witek – Kindergarten Teacher – In Thanksgiving for 36
Years

Robert and Arliss Albrecht – Psalm 122:1

Melanie Knoell – Lyndsay, Alex, Hilary, & Max

ROOF PLEDGE CARDS

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” (Hebrews 13:16)

In 2012, a significant amount of planning and work went into the renovation of our sanctuary to mark the 150th anniversary of our congregation. It required time, sacrifice, and money! We continue to appreciate and put to good use this space and our thanks go to those behind that renovation.

Today we find ourselves in need of a new roof, as has been discussed at a number of voters' meetings. Just like with a home, a new roof is an expensive venture! God's house is no different, although here at St. John's is a bit higher and larger. The drone footage used in two recent promotional videos on our YouTube channel offer a closer look at it.

Please consider making a sacrificial donation to help with these costs. Our congregation has always valued our building, and what takes place in our sanctuary readies us for our eternal home. In addition, our congregation has also valued the comfortable position of paying down large debts quickly. You can play a part in this as we go into this new roof, knowing that there will always be a place for you under it.

Thank you for your continued prayer, support, and for being those who receive God's good gifts of forgiveness and strengthened faith here week after week at St. John's!

ONLINE GIVING CARDS

Giving a tithe or offering online has been available here at St. John's for a number of years. If you participate in this and would like to place something in the offering as it is passed during the service, please pick up one of the laminated cards in the back as you walk in. This is a simple way of showing, especially to children who are watching and learning, the importance of giving to the work of the Lord here at St. John's!

VANCO MOBILE AND ONLINE GIVING

Giving is easier than ever through St. John's Vanco online or the Vanco Faith mobile app. You can access **Vanco online giving** by going to the St. John's Church and School website; stjohnsracine.org.

Under the church heading, click online giving. This page allows you to give to different church funds. You can choose a one-time contribution or set up recurring contributions through this site. Giving is also available through the **Vanco mobile app**. Vanco, our eGiving provider, has launched an updated mobile app called Vanco Mobile Faith. Downloading the new Vanco Mobile is easy! Head over to the App Store or Google Play to download Vanco Mobile for free.

To use Vanco Mobile, follow these easy steps:

1. Search for our church by entering St Johns Lutheran. Do not use any punctuation, and it is case sensitive
2. Create a new account or login
3. Select your gift amount, fund, and frequency
4. Enter your payment method and click submit to complete your donation.

Please contact Kimberly in the church office if you have any questions about or need assistance with the Vanco online or mobile app giving. chapman@stjohnsracine.org or (262) 637-7011

You can also scan the QR code below to set up electronic giving or make a one-time gift through our church/school website giving page.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER – SEPTEMBER 2025

September 7 – Trinity 12

Romans 10:15a – “And how are they to preach unless they are sent?” Each week in the Lord's House, the Word goes out to us. Indeed, every day and all around the world, the Word goes out wherever it is preached and read. This brings us great joy, but even more joy is derived from realizing that God has blessed us with being part of this

sending of the Word. From the blessings God gives us, we return a portion to Him in the church for His work. And thus we are doubly blessed. We receive the Word, and we get to send it forth to others.

September 14 – Trinity 13

Luke 10:25 – “And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, ‘Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?’” Talk about the wrong question! You can't do anything to inherit something. It's either yours by birth, or you are not in the family and there's nothing you can do to inherit it. We are part of the family through Baptism. We don't have to buy our way into the kingdom. We are brought in by the precious Blood of Christ. Our good works are not the purchase price of the kingdom. They are simply what the children of the Father want to do in thanksgiving to Him.

September 21 – Trinity 14

Luke 17:19 – “And He said to him, ‘Rise, and go your way; your faith has made you well.’” Only one of the 10 lepers who had been cleansed returns to give thanks to Jesus. Why is that? Surely the rest were indeed thankful to be freed from such a terrible disease. But only the Samaritan leper had faith, and his faith turned into action – as all true faith does. Our generosity to God's work in the Church is likewise our faith in action.

September 28 – Trinity 15

Matthew 6:25a – “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life.” God is in charge. God is our loving Father. Put those two statements together, and they spell the end of worry and anxiety. Yes, we will have crosses to bear. Yes, we will have difficulties. But, through it all, our loving heavenly Father is in charge, and He will carry us through. It is that simple faith, the faith of a child, that frees us from worry. And in the absence of worry, faith can step forward in bold action and into the kind of generosity that can only operate in an atmosphere of trust.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1-Sept	Eliza Hansing	18-Sept	Chris Barber
2-Sept	Mason Klees	18-Sept	Annette Matera
3-Sept	Nick Gasau	19-Sept	Hannah Messersmith
4-Sept	Chris Petkus	20-Sept	Bonnie Beversdorf
5-Sept	Lyndee Anzalone	20-Sept	Carla Hammermann
5-Sept	Adeline Gasau	20-Sept	Asher Howard
5-Sept	Sandy Kolbow	20-Sept	Iris Howard
5-Sept	Tanner Naegeli	20-Sept	Sofie Kading
7-Sept	Dean Bartel	20-Sept	Kristine Metz
7-Sept	Reed Bowe	20-Sept	Laura Terselic
7-Sept	Carissa Naegeli	21-Sept	Leslie Lofquist
8-Sept	Brennan King	21-Sept	Marlene Perkins
8-Sept	Janet Pesch	21-Sept	Heather Summerford
8-Sept	Thomas Sollman	21-Sept	Logan Widmar
9-Sept	Jack Lofquist	22-Sept	Kayla Schulz
10-Sept	Barry Anderson	22-Sept	Cameron Yohn
10-Sept	Savannah Fernandez	23-Sept	Samuel Albright
11-Sept	Darius Davis	23-Sept	Diane Andersen
12-Sept	Mindy Schalinske	25-Sept	Jason Block
13-Sept	Sharon Adel	25-Sept	Catherine Clark
13-Sept	Rich Radtke	25-Sept	Debbie Lovdahl
14-Sept	Avery Wasik	25-Sept	Andrew Schuler
16-Sept	Dannilyn Griner	27-Sept	Kris Phillips
16-Sept	August Jacquet	28-Sept	Klara Peterson
16-Sept	Christian Pallamolla	29-Sept	Eli Al-Jehani
16-Sept	Daniel Pallamolla	29-Sept	Jaxson Fisa
16-Sept	Kathleen Smith	29-Sept	David Rossman
17-Sept	Ravi Velasquez	30-Sept	Shannon Porcaro



We apologize if we have forgotten anyone.
Please contact the church office at 637-7011 to correct.
Thank You!

LIFE THOUGHTS FOR LUTHERANS – SEPTEMBER 2025

September 7 – Trinity XII – The Scripture clearly declares every child as the direct work of the Heavenly Father’s own hands (Isaiah 29:22-23). We need never regard a single one with any shame. The Incarnate Savior Jesus authenticates Almighty God’s care even though impairments burden the human body (Mark 7:32-35). May the Lord grant our confidence (2 Corinthians 3:4) to overflow in extending this hope to neighbors facing life issues.

September 14 – Holy Cross – Abortion and assisted suicide lead many astray after lies (Psalm 40:4). They promise deliverance but only provide destruction. The crucifixion of Jesus provides the only death necessary for salvation (John 12:23-24, 32), and this truth prevails in surprise pregnancies and terminal diagnoses, too. The sanctity of life may seem like foolishness, but we rejoice (1 Corinthians 1:18) to proclaim it (Psalm 40:10)!

September 21 – St. Matthew – Abortion and euthanasia require twisting words and redefining terms with craftiness and deceit (Ephesians 4:14). Yet our God and Father would have even the most despised human life called into His kingdom (Matthew 9:9-11). Jesus on earth and in the flesh confirms this sanctity already and not just eventually. Let us bring not the hard language of using death as a solution but the sweet words of the sanctity of life (Ezekiel 3:3-5).

September 28 – Trinity XV – The God who abides among us in both incarnate body and Holy Spirit knows our material needs. He remembers how we cannot provide for ourselves, much less for each other or anyone else. So He who sends mouths also sends meat. Whether surprise pregnancy, terminal diagnosis, or any other circumstance, He will surround with jars that do not run empty and jugs we cannot exhaust (1 Kings 17:16).

The Bugenhagen Conference 2025



Note: Videos are available on YouTube by searching for “Bugenhagen Conference 2025”



The 2025 Bugenhagen Conference went very well and included four worship services, three keynote addresses, and 47 workshops. 207 pastors registered to attend and 180-190 were in attendance over the course of the conference. These are the highest numbers we have seen since the start in 2018. Our building was put to good use!

Above: Group photo taken after Vespers on July 29.

Left: Rev. Heath Curtis, President of the Southern Illinois District, preaches Matins on July 29.

Below: Rev. Karl Hess (Emmaus – Redmond, OR) gives his keynote address in the gym on July 29.



Thank you to all of the congregation for supporting this conference again!

A special thanks to Curt, Jean, Rod, and Sharon Adel, Kimberly Chapman, Jim Day, Sharon Bartel, Tim Busarow, Ninette DeYoung,

Diane, Peter, and Kelly Glassen, Kevin and Josiah Hasseldahl, Melanie Knoell, Jim McCluskey, Joani Miller, Matt Patzke, Scott Schweitzer, Cindy Seils, Dave Sjostrom, Kris and Dan Reisdorf, and Steven Riegelman, as well as all those who donated food and who helped get the building ready on July 26. If you find that your name should have been included on this list, please be sure to shame Pastor Gilbert the next time you see him for leaving you out!

Below are some of the thank you notes from the attendees of the 2025 Bugenhagen Conference:

Thank you so much for generously making the Bugenhagen Conference possible. Every year I'm encouraged to continue as a faithful pastor as a result of this conference and therefore as a result of your hospitality. Thank you again!

Pastor Timothy Sheridan (St. Luke Lutheran Church – Harrison, MI)

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This was my first Bugenhagen Conference, and I can tell that no expense was spared on the hospitality! Lunch on Tuesday in particular, suitable for a number of men with large appetites... there was plenty. I found lots to take home to my congregation in the workshops. Thank you for hosting!

Pastor Jefferson Arnold (Christ the King Lutheran Church – Mooresville, IN)

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Thank you for hosting the Bugenhagen Conference for us again. It is a great opportunity for me to grow as a pastor in my ability to serve my congregation and family. This year in particular I learned much about the liturgy that I didn't know before. It also gave my wife and kids more time with grandparents who live in Wisconsin.

Pastor Steve Andrews (St. Matthew Lutheran Church – Lees Summit, MO)

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Thank you so very much for your generosity and hospitality. After a few years, this has become my favorite conference in all of Synod.

Pastor Jacob Deal (Saints Peter and Paul Lutheran Church – Sharon, PA)

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Thank you sincerely for sponsoring the Bugenhagen Conference. I found it very encouraging and profitable as a pastor who has only served for one year. The wisdom gained from this conference will be a blessing to my congregations, and I plan on attending every year. Thank you.

Pastor Joseph Greenmyer (Faith & St. Peter's Lutheran Churches – Parkston & Emery, SD)

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Thank you so much for your kindness in supporting this great conference. It is a blessing.

Pastor Koh Yamamoto (Christ Lutheran Church – Paris, TN)

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Thank you for putting on these conferences every year! It is the best conference in the Synod! Very practical and useful. Also the free meals, snacks, coffee, etc. are all amazing. Thank you so much and God bless you. Your contributions to this conference is improving our Synod in a very significant way.

Pastor Brian Thorson (Bethlehem Lutheran Church – Annandale, MN)

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Beloved saints, I give thanks to God for your outstanding generosity in hosting and providing for the Bugenhagen Conference. I always look forward to being inspired for faithfulness, lifted up and strengthened from being weary in battling against our sinful flesh. I look forward to returning to my congregation to implement a planning meeting so that our congregation may be assisted not only in confession, which is most important, but also desire and effort. God bless you all, and thank you!

Pastor Aaron Hambleton (St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church – Eldora, IA)

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Thank you for all you do to make the Bugenhagen Conference possible. I appreciate all the sessions, time with brother pastors, and worship. Blessings to you all.

Pastor Jordan DeBoer (First English Lutheran Church – Park Rapids, MN)

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I'm from Idaho and never travel. In fact, I hate to travel. However, it was a great pleasure to travel in order to come to such an excellent conference as the Bugenhagen Conference is, as I now know first-hand. So, thanks be to God for St. John's for hosting, as well as the other sponsoring congregations. I was edified by all aspects of the conference. Thank you!

Pastor Marcus Williams (Blessed Sacrament Lutheran Church – Hayden, ID)

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Thank you so much for your generosity, hospitality, and care. The Bugenhagen Conference is a yearly highlight and a great blessing and edification for me personally and pastorally. Thanks be to God!

Pastor Michael Scheurmann (University Lutheran Church – Champaign, IL)

Thank you for putting on the best pastors' conference in the Lutheran Church! This event is one of my favorites each year. I give thanks to you for encouraging and supporting the efforts to hold the Bugenhagen Conference each year. Thank you for your financial support and your prayers for all the pastors gathered together. May our Lord keep you steadfast in the faith and in doing this good work for pastors!

Pastor Jacob Hercamp (Christ Lutheran Church – Noblesville, IN)

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I thank you for your continued support not only of the pastors who serve you, but also of the pastors throughout our Synod by hosting the Bugenhagen Conference. This conference is the best pastors' conference—it fires me up for the good fight of the faith. Thank you for your love and service to all of us.

Pastor Joshua Willadsen (Bethel & Trinity Lutheran Churches – Fort Smith, AR & Salisaw, OK)

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I have said this before but I will say it again: this is the best conference of the year; a highlight of edification, encouragement, fellowship, and growth that is so needed and appreciated! Thank you for making this conference possible and affordable.

Pastor Greg Truwe (Trinity Lutheran Church – Cole Camp, MO)

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Thank you! It is a highlight of my year. The study, the worship, the food, the camaraderie, it is all very helpful. God bless you.

Pastor David Petersen (Redeemer Lutheran Church – Fort Wayne, IN)

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Thank you. This was my first time attending this conference and it lived up to the hype, surpassing my high expectations. As someone new to the LCMS, the content of the keynote speakers and workshop presenters was refreshing—the kind of content I longed for when serving the ELCA. The pace of the conference was perfect: lots of practical, solid advice and sharing, with plenty of time to visit with brothers and meet new ones. The food was delicious! I appreciated the quality of your coffee. I look forward to returning.

The sanctuary at St. John's is beautiful. I shared photos with a member of the congregation I serve whose husband grew up here. She was delighted and impressed. "What a gorgeous church!" was her response.

Pastor Michael Hughes (St. Matthew Lutheran Church – Spring Lake, MI)

FALL IS FOR GETTING BACK TO ROUTINE!

Can our Shut-Ins be a part of yours?

“As was His custom, He (Jesus) went to the synagogue on the Sabbath Day and stood up to read.” Luke 4:1. So Jesus attended the weekly meetings, “... as was His custom.”

One does not ask oneself daily whether you should go to work, and whether you should brush your teeth. They are just good habits! Can you include a new habit into your life as you begin the new routine that we all get back to in the fall?

Can you write some letters the first week of fall?

Can you make a few phone calls the second week of month?

Can you send a bouquet of flowers the third week of month?

Can you stop at someone's residence to say “hi”, at any time of the month?

Can you include even just one of these things into your month?

Please pray about how you might include the shut-ins of our congregation into your daily, weekly, or monthly routine. Please feel free to email or call me to help you on your way to a “new routine” of serving these precious members of our church family.

May God bless you!

Julie

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SHUT INS

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