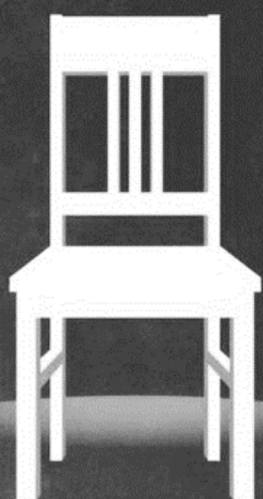


St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

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But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you,

Friend, move up higher.

Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you.


Luke 14:10

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Channel 14 - Comcast: Mondays at 6 pm, Tuesdays at 1 pm & Thursdays at 10 am

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Prayer before worship: Dear Jesus, forgive us for our sinful pride and shameless self-promotion. We know that there is no room for pride before you. But in your mercy, you humble us by your law and lead us to repent of our sin. In your grace you lift us up with the forgiveness you won for us on Calvary's cross. And you promise that we who humble ourselves in repentance will be exalted eternally in heaven! Now move us to humbly serve you and others in thanksgiving for all you have done and promised. Amen.

Pre-service Music: at the Saturday and the 8 am services will be based on hymn 266, a setting of the Kyrie (Lord, have mercy). The three sections of this hymn reference the persons of our Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each section will be presented three ways:

1. Chanted melody and text
2. A correlating composition from Johann Sebastian Bach's *Klavierübung III*. This collection was published 280 years ago, likely around late September, and contains organ pieces based on hymns of the liturgy and Catechism.
3. The corresponding Bach chorale

Cantors: Jon Hermanson and Carl Boeder

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OPENING HYMN

In You, O Lord, I Put My Trust

CW448

ANTHEM

O Church, Arise

Russell Mauldin

11 am

*O Church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies,
an army bold, whose battle cry is "Love!" reaching out to those in darkness.*

*Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor.
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure.
and Christ will have the prize for which He died an inheritance of nations.
O Church, arise! O Church, arise!*

*Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken.
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave,
this vict'ry march continues till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see Hm!*

*So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry burdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,
we hear their calls and hunger for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glory.
O Church, arise!*

FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 25:6-7

Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence, and do not claim a place among great men; it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here," than for him to humiliate you before a nobleman. What you have seen with your eyes do not bring hastily to court, for what will you do in the end if your neighbor puts you to shame?

PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 119a

6:30 pm, 8 & 9:30 am: CW p. 109

11 am Choir sings first refrain; Congregation sings all subsequent refrains



Blessed are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they who observe his decrees, who seek him with all their heart.

You have commanded, that your precepts be diligently kept.

Oh, that I might be firm, in the ways of keeping your statutes!

Refrain

Be good to your servant, that I may live and keep your words.

Open my eyes, that I may consider the wonders of your law.

Instruct me, O Lord, in the way of your statutes, that I may exactly observe them.

Give me discernment, that I may observe your law, and keep it with all my heart. Gloria Patri

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

James 2:1-13

My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my dear brothers: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? But you have insulted the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? Are they not the ones who are slandering the noble name of him to whom you belong? If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker. Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment!

GENERAL VERSE

6:30 pm, 8 and 9:30 am p. 40

11 am sung by choir

Alleluia! Your Word became a joy to me and the delight of my heart! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will

come and say to you, 'Give this man your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." Then Jesus said to his

host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

HYMN of the DAY

O Fount of Good, for All Your Love

CW 524

SERMON

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Be Humble or Be Humbled

1. Lifted Up in Pride
2. Humbled in Repentance
3. Lifted Up in Forgiveness
4. To Serve in Humble Thanks

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OFFERING

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

8 and 9:30 am

PRAYERS and LORD'S PRAYER

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HYMN

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

CW 433

CLOSING HYMN

Evening and Morning

CW 430

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PREACHER

Pastor Rob Guenther

PRESIDING MINISTER

Pastor Jeff Bovee

ORGANISTS

Wayne Wagner / Rachel Feld

MIXED CHOIR

Bethel Boeder

MLC LECTORS

Throughout the year, St. John's asks men who are studying for the pastoral ministry to read for a service. We are in a privileged position to see our Lord's answer to our prayers for future called workers.

6:30 pm

Jed Lyneis

Morning Star, Jackson, WI

8 am

Joshua Schroeder

St. Peter, Modesto, CA

9:30 am

Mark Burger

Shepherd of the Hills, Lansing, MI

11 am

Jacob Donald Bitter

St. John's, Milwaukee, WI

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: A Simple Way to Pray
	2 pm	Youth Group at MLC
Mon	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Tue	6 pm	CTCF (Charting the Congregations Future) Meeting
Wed	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Thu	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: 2 Kings
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: Colossians
Fri	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God Part 2"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Ecclesiastes
	10 am	Sunset Apt. Service

† Upcoming Services †

Saturday: 6:30 pm
Sunday: 8, 9:30 & 11 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 29	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: A Simple Way to Pray
	11 am	Grades 1-4 sing
	3 pm	MLC Wind Symphony Concert
	7 pm	MVL Special Delegate Meeting
Sep 30	7 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Oct 1	6 pm	Women of St. John's Meeting, Turner Hall, 102 S. State St.
Oct 2	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Oct 3	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: 2 Kings
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: Colossians
Oct 4	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God Part 2"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Ecclesiastes
Oct 5	8 am	MLC Auxiliary Day at MLC
Oct 6	9 am	MVL Belgian Waffle Meal
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: A Simple Way to Pray
	11 am	Jr. Choir sings
Oct 7	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Oct 8	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	6 pm	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
Oct 9	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Oct 10	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: 2 Kings
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: Colossians
Oct 11	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God Part 2"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Ecclesiastes
Oct 13	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: A Simple Way to Pray

ST. JOHN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 713 with 565 attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given:

\$10,282	Home Operations ~ <i>\$14,806 is our weekly need</i>		
\$774	MVL ~ <i>\$1,140 is our weekly need</i>	\$136	Ministerial Student Scholarship Fund
\$1,665	Missions ~ <i>\$1,681 is our weekly need</i>	\$90	LWMS
\$1,845	Building Fund ~ <i>\$1,603 is our weekly need</i>	\$50	St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$35	MLC Ladies' Auxiliary	\$25	MVL Tuition Assistance
\$28	Food & Fellowship		

Welcome, New Members! ~ We welcome into our St. John's family:

8 am Chris and Jennie Gorr; Madison, Hailey, Tate, Zach, Sarah, Keenan from Grace, Kenai, AK
Ted and Kirstie Klug; Anastasia, Elliana from Faith Lutheran, Tacoma, WA
Tim and Tammy Koestler from Good Shepherd Lutheran, Burnsville, MN
Ross and Val Martin; Kayla, Emma, Ella (Confirmants)

9:30 am Phil and Danielle Scriver; Rogan, Weston, Everett, Whitely from Christ Our Redeemer,
Aurora, CO

Update Email Addresses ~ In an effort to reach all our members please fill out the Email Address card which can be found in your bulletin box. Feel free to use the back side for additional family members, if needed. Please give to an usher or put in the box in the narthex.

St. John's Youth Group ~ Area Teens are Invited to Celebrate Missions at a teen retreat which is held at Martin Luther College this Sunday, September 22 from 2 - 5:30 pm. The teens will be hosted by your area Kingdom Workers Regional Mission Team. Students will: complete a service project- "Healthy Living Kits" for infants to teens in need; meet new teens and enjoy current friendships; share and hear mission trip experiences; have some entertainment and fun; learn about Martin Luther College; and enjoy supper in the MLC Cafeteria. Register online at bit.ly/CelebrateMissions2019. Contact Karen Grunwald with questions at kmgrunwald@comcast.net. Items that could be donated for the Healthy Living Kits include infant or child shampoo, bars of soap, small packages of Wet Ones, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand sanitizer, First Aid to Go packs, lip balm, washcloths, small packages of tissues, hand lotion, dental floss, combs, or deodorant. Please, consider unscented items.

Women of St. John's Meeting ~ The October Women of St. John's "Ladies Night Out" will take place on Tuesday, October 1st at The Rathskeller of Turner Hall. There are 3 entre choices, and the cost of the meal is \$15.90, payable in advance. Please see the signup sheet in the new narthex for details and to sign up. Signup and payment are due by September 29th. All women of the congregation are invited.

Cards of Caring ~ Fall is coming and school is beginning, so it is time again for St. John's "Cards of Caring" volunteers to meet for fellowship and to make cards for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and birthdays for our "Homebound" and "Thinking of You" members. We will meet on the following Saturdays: October 19, and November 16. You are welcome to join us any time between 9 am and noon as your schedule permits. We will again meet at 403 N. Minnesota St. (front door is on 4th North St.). We welcome MLC students and members ages 12 and older. There are activities for everyone to do. No "card making skills" are required. For information, contact Lois Willems at 507-676-1230.

St. John's Member Gifts to St. Paul's Building Project ~ To better keep track of our member's support to the St. Paul's Lutheran School Building Project, you may write checks to St. John's Church and identify in the memo that it is for the SPL Building Fund. These gifts can be placed in the weekly offering basket or taken to the church office. Should you wish to send a gift directly to St. Paul's Church or school, please place the words: "**St. John's Member**" in the memo of those checks. Thank you for your support!

St. John's Wish List ~ St. John's maintains a wish list of items that are not funded through the church budget, but which could still benefit our ministry. The current list of items and cost estimates that follows has received approval through the Church Council:

- Organ registration memory upgrade (~\$16,000) – This upgrade will help to accommodate our multiple organists in storing registration presets in a digital memory system.
- Handbells, Handchimes, and Accessories (~\$13,000) – This equipment is essential for establishing a handbell choir.
- Timpani (~\$8,000) – Three timpani (also called kettledrums) will eliminate the need to borrow and transport these instruments when needed.

The Stewardship Board encourages members to continue with their regular, proportionate, and joyful support of our ministry plan. We maintain and promote this wish list to provide direction for those who desire to make a special contribution beyond their planned offerings, and to provide suggestions for designation of memorial funds. Anyone who would like to propose an addition to the wish list can obtain a submission form at the church office.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall MUMS ~ are popping up everywhere around town including St. Paul's church basement! Moms Understanding Moms in view of the Savior (MUMS) is a group of Christian moms from St. Paul's and St. John's churches that meet on Tuesdays at 9:15 am to encourage one another in God's Word and prayer. Our first meeting will be this Tuesday, September 10th at Washington Park and then the church basement after that. If you have any questions, please contact Hannah Scharf via Facebook.

MVL Announcements ~ *Special MVLHS Association Meeting* The MVL Board of Directors has called a special meeting of the MVL delegates to request that the position of Director of Technology be added to the faculty for 2020-21. Time will also be allotted to discuss the proposal from the Building Committee. The meeting will be held at MVL on Sunday, September 29, at 7 pm. If an MVL delegate did not receive the email from MVL on these two proposals, contact Kristin Matzke at kmatzke@mvlhs.org. *Dad's Belgian Waffles at MVL* Come to MVL for brunch on Sunday, October 6 for all-you-can-eat Dad's Belgian Waffles, hosted by the MVL Booster Club! Waffles, sausages, and beverages will be served from 9 am - 1 pm in the MVL commons. Advance tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for ages 6-12, and free for children under 5. Tickets will also be sold at the door for \$8 and \$6. Contact the school office for more information, 507-354-6851. *MVL Golf Extravaganza* All MVL alumni and friends are invited to the third annual Golf Extravaganza at Minneopa Golf Club on Saturday, October 5. The \$25 entry includes dinner, a drink ticket, and nine holes of glow-in-the-dark night golf. Limited to 28 spots. Contact Kristin Matzke, 507-233-8662 or kmatzke@mvlhs.org, to register.

MLC Wind Symphony Concert ~ Please join the MLC Wind Symphony as we kick off our concert season with “Wind Band Classics!” Featured music on the program includes Howard Hanson’s *Chorale and Alleluia*, Sousa’s *The Fairest of the Fair*, and Holst’s *Second Suite in F for Military Band*. The MLC Wind Symphony is a traditional symphonic band comprised of students from every major and track on campus. Its mission is to study and perform representative repertoire for the wind band. Unique to the ensemble is a concerted effort to study sacred music. This concert features a transcription of a setting of the *Sanctus* by Ola Gjeilo. Please join us Sunday, September 29, at 3 pm in the WCC Auditorium.

MLC Ladies’ Auxiliary Day ~ On Saturday October 5, the national meeting of the Auxiliary will be held at Martin Luther College. In addition to our annual auxiliary day, interesting workshops will be offered, entertainment will be provided by the students, morning devotions will be held in the Chapel of the Christ, and lunch will be served in the cafeteria for a nominal fee. Babysitting is also provided. Any questions can be emailed to mlcauxiliary@mlc-wels.edu.

Free Fun for All at MLC Homecoming ~ On Saturday, October 12, the MLC Alumni Association invites you to campus for Homecoming. The events begin with the Sprinter Fun Run/Walk at 9 am. This 1-mile course meanders through the main campus. You are able to take strollers on the whole route! While this event is FREE and you are able to just come and participate, you must register **by October 10th to be eligible for one of many community-sponsored door prizes**. Learn more and sign up at bit.ly/MLCFunRun. After the Fun Run/Walk, enjoy more FREE fun that includes Bumper Soccer, QB Challenge, a photo booth, balloon launchers, kettle corn and more! Later that day you’ll be able to watch the football game at 12 pm and the volleyball game play at 4 pm. Alumni are invited to finish the day off with an evening reception (5-8 pm – free) at the Kegel Klub. If you need childcare during the evening reception, contact Sarah Zahrt at zahrtse@gmail.com. Check out www.mlc-wels.edu/events/homecoming for the full slate of events and come see what is new at your college of ministry!

Men of His Word 2019 ~ Over the past 4 years, the *Men of His Word* Conference in Rochester has seen continual growth in the number of men participating in the event. So much so, that we reached the capacity limit of our former venue. This October, the *Men of His Word* Conference will be moving to a new venue at the Rochester Civic Center to accommodate more men gathering for worship, Bible study, discussion, and fellowship. Our keynote speaker will talk about how we can withstand the storms of life making sure that our foundation is *Built on the Rock* of Jesus. Other speakers will present on topics such as: Seeking Self-Worth as a Young Christian Man, Depression and Suicide, Godly Leadership, Gender Identity, Being a Christian Husband, etc. This conference is designed to serve Christian men of all ages. If you want more details, please go to www.menofhisword.org.

Volunteer Opportunity ~ Treasure Haus is looking for more volunteers. We are in need of people who are willing to help sort, price, fill shelves and run the register. Please consider donating your time and talents. If you have any questions please talk to one of our managers: Darci, Jennifer, Donna or Laura at 507-354-6108.

About the Cover ~ The life of faith is one of true humility. But this humility comes from faith in God’s warning that those who exalt themselves on earth will be humbled for eternity and from his gracious promise that those who humble themselves in genuine repentance will be exalted forever in glory! We pray that God would always humble us in repentance, lift us up in forgiveness, and keep us humbly serving him in thanks for that glory that awaits us in Christ!