

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

# *The Crossbeam*

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR ST. JOHN'S PARISH MEMBERS  
AND FRIENDS



*Sunday, November 16, 2025*  
*23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost,*  
*Year C*

THE END IS NEAR. THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. THE WARNINGS ARE DIRE. THE TONE OF TODAY'S TEXTS IS OMINOUS. BUT THE BAPTIZED KNOW HOW TO LIVE IN THE MEANTIME. THE BAPTIZED ARE STRENGTHENED FOR THE LIVING OF THESE DAYS IN WORD AND SACRAMENT. THE BAPTIZED RALLY AROUND THE INVITATION OF THE APOSTLE: "DO NOT BE WEARY IN DOING WHAT IS RIGHT."



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13

6 NOW WE COMMAND YOU, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, TO KEEP AWAY FROM EVERY BROTHER OR SISTER LIVING IRRESPONSIBLY AND NOT ACCORDING TO THE TRADITION THAT THEY RECEIVED FROM US. 7 FOR YOU YOURSELVES KNOW HOW YOU OUGHT TO IMITATE US; WE WERE NOT IRRESPONSIBLE WHEN WE WERE WITH YOU, 8 AND WE DID NOT EAT ANYONE'S BREAD WITHOUT PAYING FOR IT, BUT WITH TOIL AND LABOR WE WORKED NIGHT AND DAY SO THAT WE MIGHT NOT BURDEN ANY OF YOU. 9 THIS WAS NOT BECAUSE WE DO NOT HAVE THAT RIGHT BUT IN ORDER TO GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE TO IMITATE. 10 FOR EVEN WHEN WE WERE WITH YOU, WE GAVE YOU THIS COMMAND: ANYONE UNWILLING TO WORK SHOULD NOT EAT. 11 FOR WE HEAR THAT SOME OF YOU ARE LIVING IRRESPONSIBLY, MERE BUSYBODIES, NOT DOING ANY WORK. 12 NOW SUCH PERSONS WE COMMAND AND EXHORT IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TO DO THEIR WORK QUIETLY AND TO EARN THEIR OWN LIVING. 13 BROTHERS AND SISTERS, DO NOT BE WEARY IN DOING WHAT IS RIGHT.

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SOME THOUGHTS ON LAZINESS:

"PEOPLE ARE NOT LAZY. THEY SIMPLY HAVE IMPOTENT GOALS; THAT IS, GOALS THAT DO NOT INSPIRE THEM."

—ANTHONY ROBBINS.

"I'M LAZY. BUT IT'S THE LAZY PEOPLE WHO INVENTED THE WHEEL AND THE BICYCLE BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T LIKE WALKING OR CARRYING THINGS."

—LECH WALESIA.

"DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE VALUE OF DOING NOTHING."

—WINNIE THE POOH, THE MASCOT OF ALL SLACKERS.

SOMETHING TO PONDER TODAY.

PEACE AND BLESSINGS THIS DAY.

PASTOR V.



### IN-PERSON WORSHIP

THE HOLY SPIRIT GATHERS PEOPLE AROUND THE MEANS OF GRACE—  
THE SAVING WORD OF GOD AND THE SACRAMENTS.

FEATURED THIS WEEK:  
SATURDAY SPOKEN WORD  
5 P.M. - IN-PERSON

THE SUNDAY ASSEMBLY  
9A.M.-IN-PERSON SERVICE W/ SCS  
10:30A.M. - IN-PERSON SERVICE AND LIVESTREAM  
BROADCAST ON OUR [FACEBOOK PAGE](#) AND ON OUR WEBSITE!



[This Weeks Bulletin \(click here\).](#)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**BIBLE STUDY  
NOVEMBER 20TH**

**NOVEMBER 16TH  
YOUTH GROUP EVENT  
APPLE CRISP PICK UP**



## Altar Flowers

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
MARVIN'S HEAVENLY BIRTHDAY-  
NOVEMBER 2ND**

*BY NANCY WEBER*

**IN MEMORY OF  
OUR LOVED ONES**

*BY BOB AND RHONDA DREZEK*

YOU CAN REMEMBER OR HONOR A LOVED ONE OR A SPECIAL OCCASION  
BY ORDERING A FLORAL ARRANGEMENT USING THE ALTAR FLOWER  
CALENDAR LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX.



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15 @ 5P.M.  
VICKY WIENKE- ASSISTING MINISTER

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16 @ 9 A.M.  
TOM & DEB FOX-ASSISTING MINISTER

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16 @ 10:30A.M.  
SAM REILLY- ASSISTING MINISTER



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16 @ 9 A.M.  
LEE DELANEY- USHER

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16 @ 10:30 A.M.  
SHAWN VOIT- USHER

SUNADY NOVEMBER 16 @ 10:30 A.M.  
BROOKE DELANEY- ACOLYTE

ALTAR GUILD FOR NOVEMBER:  
NANCY WEBER  
JUDY KELLY

# **THIS WEEK 11/16 - 11/22**

## **TODAY:**

9A.M. WORSHIP W/SCS  
APPLE CRISP PICK UP  
10:30 A.M. WORSHIP  
YOUTH FRIENDSGIVING  
7 P.M. TRY AGAIN (AA)

## **MONDAY:**

10 A.M. SPROUTS  
1 P.M. ARTHRITIS WALKING GROUP  
6 P.M. KNITTING GROUP  
6 P.M. SPROUTS  
6:45 P.M. ZUMBA  
7:30 P.M. AL-ANON

## **TUESDAY:**

9 A.M. ZUMBA  
12 P.M. TAI-CHI  
6 P.M. ROCK VOICES  
6:30 P.M. SA BUFFALO

## **WEDNESDAY:**

1 P.M. ARTHRITIS EXERCISE GROUP  
6 P.M. PARKINSONS GROUP  
7 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL

## **THURSDAY:**

9 A.M. ZUMBA  
12 P.M. NA  
5 P.M. ZUMBA  
6 P.M. BIBLE STUDY  
7 P.M. NA

## **FRIDAY:**

10 A.M. SPROUTS  
10 A.M. ENJOY LIFE (NA)  
7:30 P.M. GARDENVILLE GROUP (AA)

## **SATURDAY:**

9 A.M. ZUMBA  
5 P.M. WORSHIP

# **UPCOMING AGAPE MEAL DATES: DECEMBER 7**

## **HELP NEEDED**

WE ARE IN NEED OF LITURGICAL READERS  
FOR THE SATURDAY 5PM SERVICE.

HELP IS ALSO NEEDED FOR THE COFFEE HOUR.  
A FEW MINUTES TO HELP SET UP AND CLEAN UP IS ALL THAT'S NEEDED.

## **TURKEY BOXES**

THE SIGN UP SHEETS AND LISTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER.  
WITH EVERYTHING GOING ON WITH INFLATION AND THE GOVERNMENT  
SHUTDOWN ALL OF THE FOOD PANTRIES ARE GOING TO BE A LOT  
BUSIER THAN USUAL. AS WE ENTER THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, THERE IS AN  
INCREASE IN FOOD INSECURITY WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY. IF YOU ARE  
ABLE TO, PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING EXTRA THIS YEAR TO ASSIST DURING  
THIS TIME.

*"DO NOT NEGLECT TO DO GOOD AND TO SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE, FOR  
SUCH SACRIFICES ARE PLEASING TO GOD." HEBREWS 13:16 "*

## **BOOK AND SIGSAW PUZZLE MEETING**

DECEMBER 7TH  
AFTER AGAPE MEAL AND SERVICE  
LOOKING FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH THE SALE.  
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE SEE RENEE THEN.

**ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT  
OCTOBER 2025**

**ATTENDANCE FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER AVERAGED 111**

**ACCOUNTS:**

M&T ADVANCED BUSINESS CHECKING AVAILABLE BALANCE - \$13,208.59  
M&T YOUTH FUND BALANCE \$5,740.15  
M&T PASTOR DISCRETIONARY FUND \$2,245.10  
M&T COMMERCIAL SAVINGS - \$37,798.28  
CITIZENS BUILDING SAVINGS - BUSINESS GREEN CHECKING -1315 - \$100.00  
CITIZENS BUILDING TRANSFER - BUSINESS GREEN CHECKING -4616 - \$100.00  
CITIZENS MIF - CLEARLY BETTER BUSINESS CHECKING -7073 - \$7,442.01  
CITIZENS YOUTH SAVINGS - BUSINESS GREEN CHECKING -7057 - \$465.05

**MISSION INVESTMENT FUNDS**

D CK 2284 / ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH SAVINGS \$11.85  
T F 3YR 6959 / ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ALTAR GUILD \$1,728.19 1.244% 01/24/26  
T F 6YR 7784 / ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH CORNERSTONE \$20,083.91 2.967% 04/25/26  
T F 6YR 7776 / ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH CEMETERY \$33,224.72 2.967% 04/25/26  
T F 4YR 4436 / ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH CORNERSTONE \$5,177.04 4.087% 03/20/26  
T F 7M 2546 / ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH CEMETERY \$31,189.74 2.967% 04/05/28

**OCTOBER 2025 TOTAL EXPENSES \$32,496.80**

**OCTOBER 2025 TOTAL INCOME \$28,034.21**

**MORTGAGE MIF. \$189,472.91 3.875%**

**PRINCIPAL PAYMENT \$4000.00**

**INTEREST PAYMENT. \$688**

**TOTAL MONTHLY PAYMENT. \$4688.00**

**NOTE:**

OUR REVENUE CONTINUES TO BE DOWN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR. WEEKLY ENVELOPES ARE 79% COMPARED TO LAST YEAR AND TITHELY GIVING IS ONLY AT 41% COMPARED TO LAST YEAR. WITH GIVING DOWN ITS IMPERATIVE THAT WE ELIMINATE THE MORTGAGE DEBT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS WILL SAVE \$4,688 A MONTH. MONEY IS BEING GIVEN TOWARDS THIS ALLOWING US TO PAY ON THE PRINCIPAL, BUT THESE ARE DESIGNATED FUNDS, NOT BEING USED FOR EVERY MONTH GENERAL EXPENSES. WITH WINTER COMES INCREASED COSTS. HEATING AND ELECTRIC COSTS HAVE ALL RISEN OVER THE PAST YEAR. WE HAVE HELD THE PLOW CONTRACT THE SAME OVER THE PAST YEARS BUT STORMS ARE PROVING COSTLY AS EXCESSIVE SNOW REMOVAL IS NOT BUDGETED FOR. I EXPECT THE SAME THIS YEAR.

OUR MORTGAGE IS DECREASING AT A GOOD RATE AND THE PUSH IS ON TO COMPLETELY ELIMINATE THIS DEBT. THE MORTGAGE HAS 3 YEARS 10 MONTHS LEFT TO ELIMINATE IT. OUR PUSH IS TO EXTINGUISH IT NOW OR AT LEAST BY SEPTEMBER OF 2026. IF YOU CAN PAY NOW WHAT YOU WOULD IN THE TIME REMAINING OF 3 YRS 10 MONTHS,, WE CAN SAVE OVER \$14,000 IN INTEREST.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR COMMITMENT TO TITHE. TITHELY IS A GREAT CONVENIENT WAY TO GIVE TO THE CHURCH ON A REGULAR BASIS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFO ON IT SEE A COUNCIL MEMBER OR RICK. WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING TO HOLD COSTS IN LINE BUT THIS YEAR IS PROVING DIFFICULT WITH INCREASED COSTS. BE ASSURED YOUR DESIGNATED FUNDS ARE GOING DIRECTLY TO THERE NEEDS. AGAPE CHURCH COSTS HAVE BEEN COVERED BY DONATIONS. IT'S GREAT TO SEE SUCH A GOOD TURNOUT FOR IT. IF YOU ARE A TITHELY MEMBER YOU CAN HELP THROUGH ACTION TEAM GRANTS.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED RICK LIPKA/ TREASURER