



St. John's Newsletter

Committed to Jesus Christ and the spiritual growth of all God's children.

Blest with Special Days

October/November 2017

Reformation Sunday

This year marks the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation of the Church, and the beginning of the Lutheran movement within the church. The significance of the reformation was that the Word of God and that the understanding that we are saved by the

grace of God in Jesus and we cannot save ourselves became central to the life of the church. Join us as we celebrate the reformation on Sunday, October 29, at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM.

Thanksgiving Service

Give thanks to God on Thanksgiving Day.

Unlike many in our community who speak about a general feeling of thankfulness, we specifically give thanks to God. In our understanding of the first article of the creed in the catechism, we read "all this [God] does out of fatherly, divine goodness without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

So, join us on Thanksgiving Day at 10:00 AM in the church. If you play or have played a musical instrument, bring it at 9:00 AM and join our band.



Coming Holidays

Reformation Sunday

Sunday, October 29, at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM.

Thanksgiving Day Service

9:00 AM Music practice for service
10:00 AM Thanksgiving Service

Steeple Fund

As the first phase of the steeple repair is being completed, the church needs to pay for that first phase. The goal was to raise \$80,000. While \$30,000 was already in the bank, around \$23,000 has been donated to date with more coming in, a remaining question is whether or not we can use the building fund money to help pay for the steeple repair. If anyone who has donated money toward the building fund has any objections to this, they need to contact the church office as soon as possible.

Golf Outing

The annual golf outing's purpose is to bring more financial support to St. John's School. In



order for our school to maintain and grow, we need support from the community. The golf outing is one way of seeking support from the community. The golf outing this year is on **Saturday, October 7.**

Blessing of the Animals

Bring your pets! Dogs and cats need to be leashed. The blessing will take place outside on the church lawn

on **Saturday, October 7th at 3 PM.** This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to come to an event at the church. We will talk about God's blessings to us through the gifts of creation.

Welcome to PiYO LIVE!

Over the next few weeks, PiYO LIVE, a pilates/yoga/cardio/strength-training/low-impact workout, will become your focus at seeking out a healthier you and maybe even some lifestyle changes. Class dates are as follows on **Wednesdays from 6-7 PM: October 4th, 18th, and 25th, November 1st, 8th, 15th, 29th, and December 6th.** Cost for the classes is \$5/class or \$40/10 classes for St. John's Members and School Families; and

\$10/class or \$80/10 classes for the general public. Seniors age 65 and over are FREE. Children must be 13 years old and you must sign a liability waiver to participate in class. Bring a yoga mat, towel, and WATER and get ready to SWEAT! Payments can be made through PayPal and the first day of class. Contact Vania Perry [708.910.4767](tel:708.910.4767) or vania.thatlady@outlook.com for more information.

Please come and join us!

Cemetery

The new flag in the cemetery is dedicated to Norm Meyer for his many years of faithful service to St. John's Lutheran Church and Cemetery.

Thank You

... to Summit Hill School District 161 for their generous gift of 30 laptops to St. John's School. The students appreciate having the opportunity to enhance their technology skills; ... to President Sandra Coleman of VFW Auxiliary 4241 of Tinley Park for their generous gift to our Steeple Fund; ... to Dorothy Sulzberger for her generous gift to our Steeple Fund in loving memory of Ann Sulzberger (Bob Sulzberger's cousin); ... to Mrs. L.J. Stemmons for her generous gift to St. John's Church who appreciated the wonderful display of American flags put out on the school lawn for Memorial Day. Her son, Michael, a Vietnam Vet, recently passed away and she was truly touched. ... to Melvin Griffin, Elliot Lyte, Richard Taylor, and Al Spek for their work in installing the SmartBoards in the school.

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posted.

Also on the church website is a link to our church

directory. This is also password protected and in order to access it your own email address must be listed. This double requirement increases the security of the site. Members can access a directory with basic information of other members, plus they can also access and change their own personal information.

Spring FAB! 2018

This church fund raiser, scheduled for April 14, 2018 features a fashion show, auction and beef dinner, plus this year we are adding a talent show! Talent Show auditions are in March 2018, so get your creative juices going and start planning your acts now!

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Website Blogs

The church/school website (sjcch.com) has two blogs that might be of interest to church members.

A **Prayer Blog** is on the website as a place to list prayer requests and a place to pray for one another. The blog is password protected so that the public cannot access it. To get the password phone the church office.

A **Pastor's Blog** is also on the website. It will include coming sermon ideas and other thoughts from the pastor. There is a way for you to respond to these thoughts.

Both of the blogs will require approval before comments or prayer requests are posted. This is to protect the blogs from hackers. An alumni blog for the school has already had junk comments submitted which are then deleted before they can be

Bible Classes

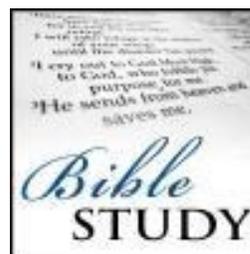
40 Days in the Word

Love the Word. Learn the Word. Do the Word. Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45-10:45 as we learn to make God's Word a part of our everyday life.

Many people complain that they do not read the Bible because they do not know where to begin. Come to this class and learn where to begin getting into the Word of God.

Confirmation Class

Youth in grade 7 and up are encouraged to attend the Confirmation Class—Head to the Heart. We meet in the church basement on alternate Sundays. We have lunch together and then learn what it means to be part of the church, the family of God. If you have any questions, please speak with Pr. Dorn.



Adult Information Class

Learn (or relearn) the basics of the Christian faith. The Adult Information Class, called "Discover the Faith," is an introduction to the teachings of the Christian faith. It also explores some of the differences between Lutherans and other Christian groups. The next class of five sessions begins on Sunday, October 22, at 4:00 – 5:30 PM in the Parish House and continues to November 19. For more information, please speak with Pr. Dorn.

Membership Class

Those who have been a member of a Lutheran Church or have attended the Adult Information Class ("Discover the Faith") are invited to attend a membership class. The class discusses discipleship. If you are interested in becoming a member of St. John's, please speak with Pr. Dorn.

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Securing Each Child's Future Jeremiah 29:11

Calendar

October 3, Tuesday	6:30 PM	Basketball Parent meeting (gym)
October 4, Wednesday	5:00 PM	Girls Volleyball (St. John, Lansing)
October 6, Friday		No school—Teachers' Conference
	6:30 PM	Girls Volleyball (gym)
October 7, Saturday	12:00 PM	Golf Outing to support the school (Glenwoodie)
	3:00 PM	Blessing of the Animals (church yard)
October 9, Monday		No school—Columbus Day
October 10, Tuesday	5:00 PM	Girls Volleyball
October 11, Wednesday		All School Photos (gym)
October 12, Thursday	8:30 AM	Pastor Appreciation Day
October 16-21		A Team Volleyball Tournament
October 22, Sunday	4:00 PM	Adult Information Class begins (Parish House)
October 27, Friday		1 st Quarter ends
October 28 Saturday	3:00 PM—7:00PM	Fall Festival in school gym
November 2, Thursday		Parent/Teacher conferences (Dismissal 11:30 AM)
November 3, Friday		No School—Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 9, Thursday	5:00 PM	Boys Basketball (St Paul, Munster)
November 17, Friday	6:30 PM	Boys Basketball (gym)
November 18, Saturday	11:00 AM	Boys Basketball (gym)
November 21, Tuesday	10:00 AM	Thanksgiving Chapel (church)
	5:00 PM	Boys Basketball (St Paul, Oak Lawn)
November 22-24		No School—Thanksgiving Recess
November 23, Thursday	10:00 AM	Thanksgiving Day service (band practice @ 9AM)



From the Principal

We are delighted about the new school year. The students have been learning new routines and getting acclimated to new teachers and classmates. The halls are once again filled with the voices and laughter of our students.

We celebrated a new beginning with our opening chapel that highlighted the school theme "It's Still All about Jesus." Every week we have learned what God is to us from the Word, to the Light, and to the Bread and will continue to learn what God means to us throughout our weekly

chapels. This year St. John's is privileged to have guest speakers coming to share God's message to our students.

Wishing all our families a wonderful year!
Working Together in Christ,
Mr. Kamien, Principal

Parent Involvement

The parent support and involvement that has been shown so far is amazing. Thank you to everyone who is attending PTL meetings, coaching sports, man-

aging the concession stand, and chaperoning field trips. A big thank you to the volunteers that helped get one of the four smartboards installed. We can't wait for the other three to go up soon! Thank you to one of our church members, Tamara Miller, for her work donating 30 laptops to our school! This donation goes a long way in providing a more interactive learning environment for our students while teaching them 21st century technology skills.

2017-18 PTL Officers

President—Felicia Whitsett
Co-Secretaries—Tamiya Dangerfield, Teena Dorn and Amber Gusman-Douglas
Treasurer—Felicia Upshaw



Volleyball

Volleyball season is underway. The team is showing great sportsmanship each and every game. If you haven't had a chance to come out and watch, please do so. The players are doing a great job! Besides athletics, there are many other events that will be coming up over the next two months that we will like to see everyone involved with. Keep an eye on that calendar so you don't miss out!

Golf Outing

The Golf Outing, supporting the school is on **October 7**. It is important to get involved in these activities to support the school.

Parent Conferences

The first quarter comes to an end on **Friday, October 27**. Parent conferences with the teachers are on **November 2 and 3**. There will be a 11:30 AM dismissal on November 2nd and the conferences begin after lunch.

Pastor Appreciation Day

St. John's School will show its appreciation for pastors on **Thursday, October 12**. The pastors will be shown around the school and be our special guests at a chapel service that day. Invite your pastors to join us for the day so they can see our school.

PTL Fall Fund Raiser

PTL's Fall Fundraiser is Krispy Kreme Doughnuts. Parents asked for a simple and easy to sell item. All that is required is for parents to have friends, family and/or co-workers sign up to purchase a dozen plain doughnuts (\$10/dozen). Have forms turned into the PTL (box is in the school office) by 10/13/17. Delivery is 10/20/17 from 7 to 8 AM. Parents picking up their orders receive a free cup of coffee and a free Thrivent T-shirt while supplies last. Fall Fundraising Chair is Teena Dorn (708-957-4491).

Fall Fest

Save the date-Saturday, October 28 from 3 to 7 PM.

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also includes making the abused account for every penny spent, and taking their money. Many of the elderly are financially abused when their children take over their finances.

Psychological abuse causes fear by intimidation, threatening physical harm to self, partner, children, or partner's family or friends, pets, or property. A typical abusive pattern occurs that includes: the abuser threatens violence, he strikes, he apologizes, promises to change and

Cycle of Violence



brings gifts, and the cycle repeats. The longer the person being abused stays in that relationship, the greater the emotional and physical toll. The abused become depressed and anxious, doubt themselves, become confused and think the abuse is their fault. Therefore, they will not seek help.

Leaving an abuser can be dangerous. The first and most im-

portant step to take to get help is to recognize that you are being abused. Pack an emergency bag for you and your children that includes clothing and keys and put it in a safe place where it will not be found. Also, keep important papers, money, and medicine handy so you can grab them as you leave. Call a women's shelter, DV hotline, or 911 from a safe phone. Know exactly where you'll go and how you'll get there. Your doctor or nurse or emergency department will also be able to help you and get you to safety. The abuser can use technology to monitor telephone and online communications and track your location. Use computers and phones cautiously, remove GPS devices from your vehicle, and frequently change your passwords.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline number is: **800-799-7233**. Call them for help!

Until next month, *"Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you..."* III John 1:2.

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All are welcome to services

Summer Schedule

June 7-September 6

Sunday Worship 9:00 AM

Sunday Bible Classes 10:00 AM

Wednesday Worship 7:00 PM

Sept—May Schedule

(2nd Sunday in Sept to 1st Sunday in June)

2 services Sundays 8:30am and 11am

Bible Study & Sunday School from

9:45—10:45am

Nurse Notes

By **Pat Couch,**

RN, BSN,

Parish Nurse

Faith

Community Nurse

This month, we discuss domestic abuse or intimate partner violence. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, there are 20 people physically abused by intimate partners every minute. Domestic violence (DV) hotlines across the nation receive approximately 20,800 calls per day. The presence of a gun in a DV scenario, increases the risk of homicide by 500%. The most commonly abused are women between the ages of 18-24, however, DV happens to all ages, ethnic backgrounds, and economic or education levels. Women are more

frequently abused, but men are also. Abuse occurs in heterosexual relationships or same-sex relationships.

DV occurs to gain and maintain control over the person being abused. Physical, emotional, and verbal abuse can occur as can sexual, economic and psychological abuse.

Physical abuse includes hitting, slapping, shoving, grabbing, pinching, biting, and hair pulling. It includes not allowing the abused to have medical care or forcing alcohol or drugs on the abused.

Sexual abuse includes coercing any sexual behavior or contact without consent.

Emotional abuse undermines the sense of self-worth and self-esteem by using criticism, name-calling, and diminishing one's abilities. Also not allowing visits from family or friends.

Economic abuse is attempting to make a person financially dependent and keeping total control over finances, withholding access to money, or not allowing attendance at school or employment. It

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