

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church
627 South Washington, New Ulm, Minnesota



I thank my God
every time
I remember you.
♥•♥•♥ **Philippians 1:3** ♥•♥•♥



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Today's service is televised locally

Channel 14 - Comcast: Mondays at 6 pm, Tuesdays at 1 pm & Thursdays at 10 am
Channel 3 - Nuvera: Mondays at 6 pm, Tuesdays at 1 pm & Thursdays at 10 am

Prayer before worship: God, we praise and thank you for the privilege of partnering with others to share the message of the gospel around the globe! Help us to continue to eagerly support the work of sharing the gospel until the day that Christ returns or calls us home, all in thanks for the grace and peace that we have in him! We ask it in his name. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN ***On Galilee's High Mountain*** **CW742**

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FIRST LESSON **1 Kings 8:54–61**

⁵⁴When Solomon had finished all these prayers and supplications to the LORD, he rose from before the altar of the LORD, where he had been kneeling with his hands spread out toward heaven. ⁵⁵He stood and blessed the whole assembly of Israel in a loud voice, saying:

⁵⁶“Praise be to the LORD, who has given rest to his people Israel just as he promised. Not one word has failed of all the good promises he gave through his servant Moses. ⁵⁷May the LORD our God be with us as he was with our ancestors; may he never leave us nor forsake us. ⁵⁸May he turn our hearts to him, to walk in obedience to him and keep the commands, decrees and laws he gave our ancestors. ⁵⁹And may these words of mine, which I have prayed before the LORD, be near to the LORD our God day and night, that he may uphold the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel according to each day's need, ⁶⁰so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God and that there is no other. ⁶¹And may your hearts be fully committed to the LORD our God, to live by his decrees and obey his commands, as at this time.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM of the DAY ***Psalm 67***

SECOND LESSON **Acts 16:11–15**

¹¹From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. ¹²From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

¹³On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. ¹⁵When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL

John 17:20–23

²⁰“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN of the DAY

Oh, How Good It Is

CW731

SERMON

Philippians 1:1-6

¹Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons: ²Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

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OFFERING

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HYMN

The Son of God, Our Christ

CW738

PRAYERS (*Contemporary*) and BLESSING

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CLOSING HYMN

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

CW745

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PREACHER

Pastor Luke Wolfgramm

PRESIDING MINISTER

Pastor Rob Guenther

ORGAN

Adrian Smith

Welcome, Visitors!

Please scan the QR code to
sign our Guest Register.



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	1:30 pm	MVL Opening Service
Tue	8:15 am	St. Paul's School Opening Service
Wed	10 am	Catechism
Fri	2 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Sat	3 pm	Brase Wedding Reaffirmation
	6:30 pm	Worship

† Upcoming Services †

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 3	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
Sep 4		Labor Day: Church office closed
Sep 5	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	6 pm	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
	7 pm	Women of St. John's Meeting
Sep 6	10 am	Catechism
	1 pm	Stewardship Meeting
	6 pm	Handbells
	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
	7 pm	Choir
Sep 7	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: Hard Sayings of Jesus
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: The I AM Statements of Jesus
Sep 8	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: The I AM Statements of Jesus
Sep 9	8 am	Trustees Meeting
	5 pm	Summer Send-Off at St. Paul's School
	6:30 pm	Worship
Sep 10	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	8 am	Sunday School Teacher Installation
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Heart in Focus
	3 pm	75th Anniversary Organ Recital
Sep 11	11:30 am	OWLS Meeting
Sep 13	10 am	Catechism
	6 pm	Handbells
	7 pm	Choir

Go to www.stjohnsnewulm.com/calendar for more events

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 566 with 466 attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given:

\$10,990	Home Operations ~ \$19,371 is our weekly need	\$100	St. Paul's School
\$1,002	MVL ~ \$1,278 is our weekly need	\$80	LWMS
\$1,727	Missions ~ \$1,818 is our weekly need	\$50	K-12 Education Assistance
\$287	Building Fund	\$50	St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$1,060	75th Ann. Sanctuary Renovation	\$50	Kitchen Fund
\$50	75th Ann. Ministerial Education Endowment	\$20	MLC Ladies' Auxiliary

New Office Hours ~ will be 7 am - 12 pm beginning Tuesday, August 29.

Feel free to contact the church at office@stjohnsnewulm.com or 507-354-6744 to make an appointment with one of the pastors.



Volunteer Opportunities ~ The St. John's Board of Evangelism is looking for volunteers who are willing and able to help in a few roles in our Fellowship and Outreach efforts. If you are interested in any of the opportunities to serve or have questions about any of them, please reach out to Jesse Zahrt: evangelism@stjohnsnewulm.com

Fellowship Activities. This could be one or more people depending upon the volunteer(s) comfort level and schedule availability. The three areas we're looking for help with are:

Fellowship Coordinator: Leads the Fellowship Committee and coordinates our fellowship activities and events - which include the two other roles below.

Bible class coffee and treats: The main tasks are coordinating volunteers to make coffee each week, managing the sign-up for volunteers to bring treats, and placing an order once a month when St. John's hosts the treats.

Fellowship events: The main tasks for this are reserving locations, coordinating food as needed, and being the liaison with non-St. John's parties. These events include things like the annual church picnic, church campout, swimming event, and Flandrau fellowship.

Audio Visual Team. This team assists with the streaming St. John's worship on YouTube and handle about one service per month in the 8am Sunday service. The work involves arriving about fifteen minutes early and wrapping up briefly after the morning's final hymn. Some folks prefer to work with a partner, others choose to fly solo. The current staff is generous about swapping and substituting for one another when there are schedule conflicts.

Women of St. John's ~ Calling all avid readers! Our September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5th at 7 pm in the church basement. Please bring a book or two that you would recommend to others (or at least title and author). We will also have a brief meeting.

Organ Recital ~ On Sunday, September 10, the organists from St. John's will present an organ recital as part of our 75th anniversary celebrations. The recital will begin at 3 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Cards of Caring ~ As our fall schedules resume, it is time to think about making cards for our homebound and thinking-of-you members. We also include our three LWMS Befriend a Mission families. We will focus on making Thanksgiving and Christmas cards. All supplies are furnished. If you can't create cards, we have other simple tasks you can do. We welcome those from seventh grade and older, including MLC students. Our first date is Saturday, September 16, 2023. We meet from 9 am until noon. Come as your schedule allows. See you at 403 N. Minnesota St. (across from the Glockenspiel). This is an opportunity for fellowship and service to the Lord. Contact Lois Willems at 507-676-1230 with questions.

Offering Announcement ~ Visitors, there is no obligation or expectation that you should give to support our ministry at St. John's. This is our members' way of expressing their thanks to God and supporting the work that we do to share the Gospel in New Ulm and around the world. Members, you are invited to give your gifts of gratitude and thanks to God for all he's done for you in Christ by leaving your offerings in the drop box in the narthex. Or you can bring your offerings to the church during regular office hours: Mondays through Fridays, 8 am - 1 pm. You might also consider taking advantage of your bank's online bill pay service and have your offering automatically sent to the church on a one time or recurring basis.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Organ Recital ~ On Sunday, August 27 at 3 pm, Professors Craig Hirschmann and Jacob Behnken will be presenting an organ recital at the MLC Chapel of the Christ. Works will include pieces by Walther, Pachelbel, Rheinberger, Alain, Bach, Mendelssohn, and Duruflé. All are welcome!

Summer Send-Off at St. Paul's School ~ Join us for Summer Send-off on Saturday, September 9th from 5 - 7 pm! John and Paul Ministries will say goodbye to summer with complimentary food, bounce houses, games, outdoor worship, and the best seats on the school grounds for the HermannFest fireworks! See you then and bring a friend! Many helpful hands and friendly faces are needed to run an outreach event! Please sign up at johnandpaulministries.com to volunteer! Questions? Contact Beth Scharf at scharfbm@mlc-wels.edu.

St. Paul's School ~ During the 2022-2023 school year, St. Paul's School received \$654.25 from reward and label programs that we participate in. The money gets deposited in our School Reserve Fund. We currently collect Hy-Vee UPC labels, Country Hearth, Village Hearth, Artisan Hearth Bread labels, and Fiber Up product labels. We encourage families to save the labels and bring them to school or to church. Deposit the labels in the appropriately marked receptacles. We also participate in online programs for BoxTops, Cash Wise Rewards, and Casey's Rewards. Just log onto their websites, sign up, and start saving for St. Paul's School!

Job Openings ~ Assistant head cook needed at St Paul's Lutheran School. Job duties include but are not limited to preparing & serving lunch and clean up. If interested please pick up an application at St Paul's school or church office. If you have questions please feel free to contact me at cook@splnewulm.org.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is in need of bus drivers. If you are interested in becoming a bus driver for the 2023-2024 school year, contact Ray Vulcan at rayv@palmerbusservice.com.