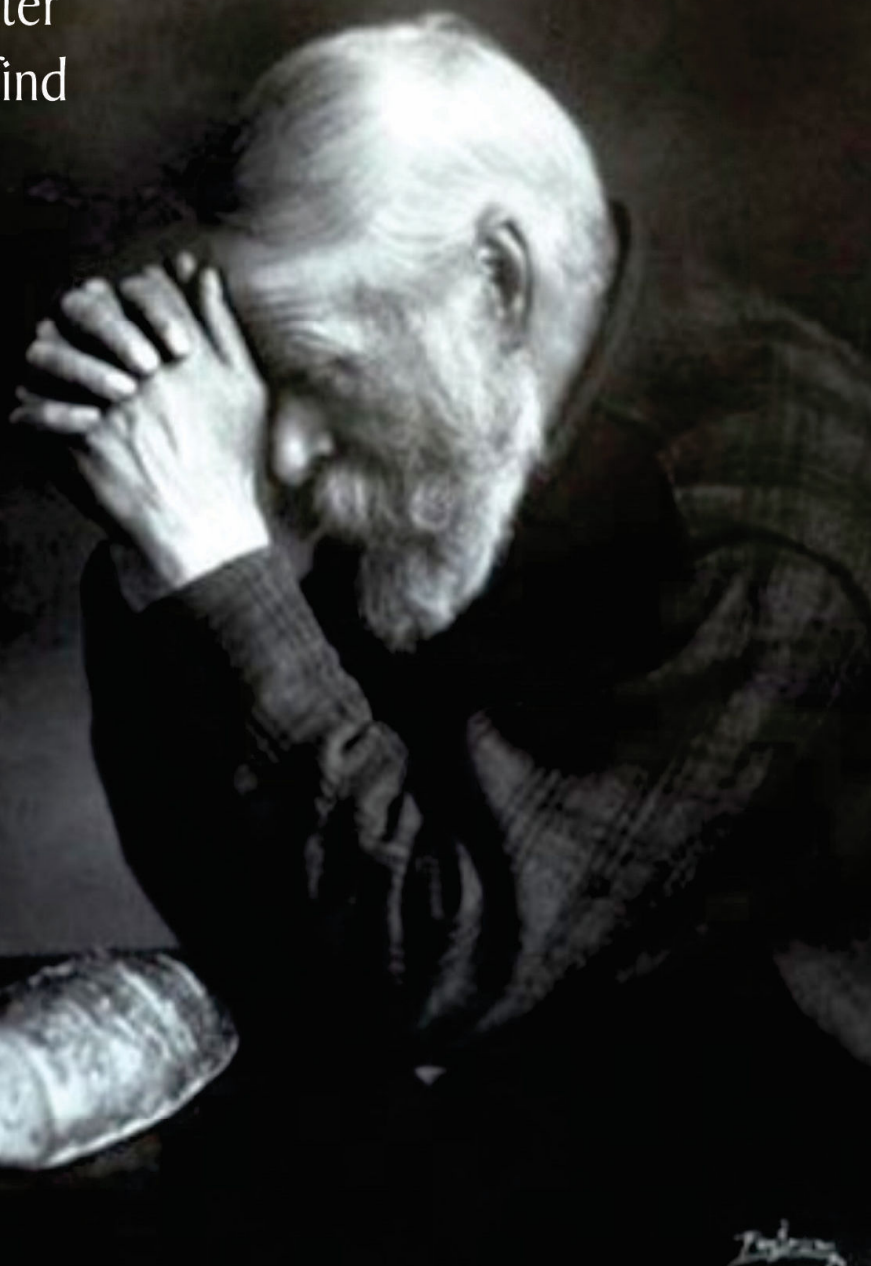


A man can do nothing better
than to eat and drink and find
satisfaction in his work.

This too, I see,
is from the hand of God,
for without him,
who can eat or find
enjoyment? Ecclesiastes 2:24-25



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Channel 14 - Comcast: Monday at 6:00 p.m. & Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. & Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
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SECOND LESSON**Colossians 3:1-11**

¹Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM - 8 & 9:30am *My Heart is Filled With Thankfulness*

CW626**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Your words are my joy and my heart's delight.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL**Luke 12:13-21**

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

¹⁴Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" ¹⁵Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

¹⁶And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

¹⁸"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

²⁰"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

²¹"This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN of the DAY

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

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SERMON

Ecclesiastes 1:1-2, 12-14; 2:18-26

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF LIFE?

- 1. WITHOUT GOD**
- 2. WITH GOD**

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OFFERING

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HYMN

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

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PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER (*Contemporary*)

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CLOSING HYMN

What Is the World to Me

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Welcome, Visitors!

Please scan the code to sign
our Guest Register.



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	9 am	Basement Reserved
	11 am	Bible Class: Gospel of Mark
	5:45 pm	Softball at Harman Park
Mon	4 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Thu	3 pm	Registration Day at St. Paul's School
Fri	9 am	Summer Devotions at North Park
		Wedding Rehearsal
Sat	8:30 am	Trustees Meeting
		Taylor / Uecker Wedding
	6:30 pm	Worship

† **Upcoming Services** †

Saturday: 6:30 pm

Sunday: 8 & 9:30 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

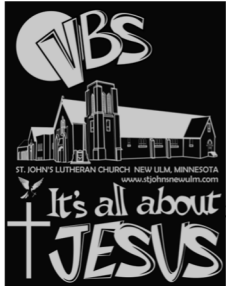
Aug 7	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: Gospel of Mark
	5:45 & 7 pm	Softball at Harman Park
Aug 8	4 pm	OWLS Meeting at 1415 N. Minnesota St.
	6 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Education Meeting
Aug 9	9 am	Art Camp
	9:30 am	Frog Pool Day for children under 8 and parent/guardian
	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Aug 10	9 am	Art Camp
Aug 11	9 am	Art Camp
Aug 12	9 am	Summer Devotions at Harman Park
Aug 13	6:30 pm	Worship
Aug 14	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: Gospel of Mark
Aug 15	9 am	Vacation Bible School (VBS)
	10:30 am	Stewardship Meeting
Aug 16	9 am	VBS
	7 pm	Council Meeting
Aug 17	9 am	VBS
	6 pm	Confirmation Meeting
Aug 19	9 am	Summer Devotions at Highland Park
Aug 20	6:30 pm	Worship
Aug 21	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship (Fall Schedule Begins)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 307.

Made a Child of God Through Holy Baptism ~ during the 8 am service, is Lailah Joy Schaefer, daughter of Jon and Carrie Schaefer. May God keep Lailah in the baptismal promise of God's grace in Christ until she is with him in glory.

Art Camp and VBS ~ There will be two separate events for Vacation Bible School (VBS) and Art



Camp due to limited space in the church. Art Camp will be for students 3rd - 8th grade on Tuesday, August 9 - Thursday, August 11 and will include painting, drawing, and pottery. The cost is \$25.

Vacation Bible School will be Monday, August 15 - Wednesday, August 17 for ages PreK4 - 2nd grade. The theme of this year's Vacation Bible School will be "Raindrops to Rainbows," and will include lessons based on storms and putting our faith in Jesus even in the midst of them. Please note that registration is for children 4

years and older by August 15. The cost is \$5. Registration is available online for both events.

Summer Devotions ~ The Friday morning women's Bible study group invites all parents and their children to join them during the summer months for Christian fellowship in the park. This Friday, meet at 9 am at North Park for free play and a picnic lunch (optional). Feel free to bring a friend! If you have any questions, please contact Erika Grundmeier (989) 529-8729.

St. John's App ~ Go to your App Store on your Phone and type in St Johns New Ulm. You can



watch our streamed services live or recorded, listen to an archive of digital audio files of songs that have been sung in church, see the calendar of upcoming events, or even use an online contribution feature.

New Hymnals to Purchase ~ The new hymnals which will be required for St. Paul's School students in the 2022-23 school year are available while supplies last to purchase for \$27 in the church office. Please pay by check (made out to St. John's Lutheran Church) or with exact change.

Church Directory ~ Now that our directory is about six months old, it's time to start thinking about getting ready for the 2023 Edition which will be printing in January. Summer is a good time to think about updating your pictures as many have a chance to get together with family or are involved in activities that may be great for a new picture. If you haven't tried the online Instant Church Directory App, try it on your phone or computer. It is secure and only available to our members and pictures or other information can be updated easily. You can also email your photo to sm.dretske@stjohnsnewulm.com and I will update it for you. If you have a changed address, phone numbers, or have children now in college or military, please fill out and update information on sheets available in the new narthex. Save time by including names and only new information.

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

OWLS Meeting ~ Our local MN Valley Chapter 13 OWLS (Organization of Wels Lutheran Seniors) will meet on Monday, August 8. This will be our annual picnic, held at the home and backyard of Gary and Geri Steffen, 1415 N Minnesota Street. Geri will be preparing the standard picnic meal. All expenses for the picnic will be covered with the Thrivent Action Team Funds. Picnickers may arrive any time after 4 pm, with supper served at about 5 pm. Bring your own lawn chair. Contact Myron Fluegge by Tuesday, August 2 at flueggemtj@hotmail.com or call 359-2424, if you plan to attend.

Job Openings ~ Jesus Loves Me Learning Center in North Mankato is taking applications for Toddler and Preschool Assistant Teachers. Part-time and full-time positions are available. Teaching experience is encouraged but not required. We look for applicants with friendly dispositions, reliability, and flexibility. For information, contact LaShawn Smith at (507) 508-2041 or directorjlm@stpaulsnorthmankato.com.

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