



# NEWSLETTER

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## Jesus is...the Word

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ...  
The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the  
glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.  
(John 1:1, 14)*



“I give you my word,” we sometimes say when making a promise. We say it because we want to be trusted, to have others take what we say as true. “I give you my word; I’ll do more of the housework,” says a concerned husband to his exhausted wife. “I give you my word; I’ll be there for you whenever you need help,” says one friend to another. “I give you my word; I’ll be at your soccer game,” says the young business man to his daughter, who only wants her dad to be proud of her.

But what happens when we hear that phrase without seeing results? It’s emptied of meaning. Ultimately, we need to see someone keep their word before we’ll believe them when they say, “I give you my word.” It’s frustrating when people make promises and fail to keep them. Just ask

that daughter of the young business man who got called in to work and missed her soccer game. Broken promises hurt.

But when God makes a promise, he keeps it. He made a promise to right what we have done wrong. He promised forgiveness for our sins. He promised life rather than death. Then he kept his word by sending his only Son, Jesus Christ. To keep the promise of righting our wrongs, Jesus lived the holy life which we could not. To keep the promise of forgiving our sins, Jesus died the death we deserved. To keep the promise of giving us eternal life, Jesus rose from the dead. It is very fitting, then, that in John 1, Jesus is called **the Word**. He is God’s promises in action. He is the proof that God keeps his word. God said, “I give you my word,” when he made those promises. Then when he sent Jesus, he said, “I give you my Word.” Jesus made those promises reality.

God has made even more promises. He promises to help us when we are helpless, to strengthen us when we are weak and to guide us when we are lost. Such promises are more than just nice thoughts or good intentions. God will keep them. They’re promises from the God who gave his Word, Jesus, and kept his word to save us.

## CHURCH NEWS

**Jesus Cares Bible Class** We are continuing our ministry to people with developmental disabilities. Bible class is scheduled here at church on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30PM. Our lessons this year focus on Special Gifts From Jesus. St John's is privileged to have this ministry for those in our community who are blessed differently. We could use additional help. If you are willing to spend about 2 ½ hours every third Thursday with this special ministry, please speak to Arvid & Judy Schwartz, Joyce Koepf, Mavis Graupmann or Pastor Reichow. There is a guarantee that you will go home feeling better than when you arrived.

**Fun 4 All Fall Festival**--The Congregational Harvest Party will be held Friday, November 7th beginning at 6:30pm here at church. An evening of activities and games has been planned for young and old. This year there will be a "Trunk n Treat" contest. We need individuals to decorate your vehicle trunk. The best dressed trunk wins a prize! All members are encouraged to invite family, friends and neighbors. Flyers with all the information will be available soon for members to use when inviting others. Further details will be posted in the Sunday bulletins and on our St. John's "Happenings" board.

**Labels Collection** The Ladies Aid is sponsoring a collection for food labels and box tops as a parochial school fund raiser. A bulletin board is set up in the meeting room next to the library for the following items: Campbell's UPC labels, Box Tops for Education, Coborn's Food Club labels, Country Hearth Proof of Purchase labels. Do NOT put in the whole label from the Campbell's soups, just the UPC code. The Box Tops for Education are found on the following products: Betty Crocker, General Mills cereals, Pillsbury refrigerated cookies and biscuits, Land O Lakes products, Ziploc bags and Scott and Kleenex tissues and toilet tissues. We will be donating our label collections to St. Paul's Lutheran School, Arlington. If you have any questions, contact Carolyn Lange.

**Music in the Air**--On Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> St. John's will be having our Fall Mission Festival. We will have the privilege to hear Pastor Jeremy Glowicki (MN District Mission Board Chairman) as our guest preacher. We will also have the Martin

Luther College Choir join our morning 9:00am service and delight us with their beautiful voices. We will be having a *congregational potluck* beginning approx. 11:15am. At that time, you will be able to visit with our guest preacher and the MLC choir members. So, mark your calendar, October 26<sup>th</sup>, and join in the festival event for the Sunday.

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## LADIES AID

The Ladies Aid will meet on Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. All ladies are encouraged to be present, as we will be electing new officers. New members are always welcome. See you there!

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## YOUTH GROUP

At the time of this writing, the Youth Group has not yet met to plan events. NOTE: we will generally meet on the third Sunday of the month. Also, be aware that we will be talking about other service opportunities (for example with the Harvest Party and our Jesus Cares Ministry). Watch Sunday bulletins for more information.

### *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

1 <sup>st</sup>	Chloe Daugaard
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Zachary Muchow and Brian Stockman
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sharon Glawe
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dennis and Lonnie Rabe (39 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) Kristina Roush
5 <sup>th</sup>	Earl and Kathy Stuedemann (51 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
8 <sup>th</sup>	Kathy Stuedemann
9 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Raddatz
10 <sup>th</sup>	Dennis Dittmer
11 <sup>th</sup>	David and Vanessa Willmsen (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
14 <sup>th</sup>	Beverly Schuth, David Graupmann and Sam Roush
20 <sup>th</sup>	David Stuedemann
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Michael and Brenda Stockman (31 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) Emma Schmiegl
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Evelyn Michaelis and Ronald Schuth
27 <sup>th</sup>	Alexis Muchow
28 <sup>th</sup>	Earl Schuth
29 <sup>th</sup>	Larry Litzau
30 <sup>th</sup>	Howard and Diane Dittmer (59 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) Jon and Denise Ortloff (21 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)