

ST JOHN LIFE Together

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 17-18, 2018

ADORING

The Prayer of the Church

Persecuted Christians in:

Maldives Nigeria Syria Uzbekistan

Partner Church:

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti

Anniversary of marriage:

Christa and Gunter Caspari (50 years)

Baptism:

Brody Matthew Heim

(son of Emily [née Larson] and Michael Heim)

Lukas Michael Raezler

(son of Danielle and Aaron Raezler)

Max Fredrich Schroeder

(son of Kathryn and Michael Schroeder)

Comfort, health, recovery:

Dale (friend of Kathleen McDonald Tompkins)

Harold Brubaker (cousin of Joan Kaliher)

Lee Gamino (friend of Dan Covic, Sr.)

Candice Garcia (niece of Kathy and Rick Deist)

Therese Goettel

Sharon Grant (friend of Ruth Harrison)

Charles Herbert

(grandson of Martha and Dave Schlesselman)

Lauren Hoffman

Carol Jablonsky (friend of Debbie Feyerabend)

Kevin King (friend of Kathleen McDonald Tompkins)

Bruce Klein

Alyce Pink (sister of Adella Hohmann)

Amy Piunti (niece of Jim Williams)

Please submit your prayer requests to the website
or call the church office at 630-668-0701 x400.

Arlene Rezny

Bonnie Roberts (mother of Gretchen Musa)

Anna Scheidt and unborn child

(daughter-in-law of Laura and Mark Scheidt)

Roy Schroeder (father of Joy Mullaney)

Henry Sperling

Annabelle Stellwagen (granddaughter of Penny and Ken Rosenwinkel and Emalee Stellwagen)

Doris Wendte (mother of Dennis Wendte)

Jim Whithead (father of Jenny Lakomecki)

Shirley Zeigler

James Zeigler

Peace and comfort for the family and friends of:

Raymond Barnes (uncle of Glenn Barnes)

Safe travel:

LERT Team:

Steven Chester

Martin Johnson

David Schlesselman

Those who need our ongoing prayers:

Susan Brown (sister of Judy Wilgenbusch)

Jim Carney (cousin of Cliff Fullhart)

Jenny Carroll (relative of the Bruzek family)

Riley Carroll (relative of the Bruzek family)

LaVerne Dexter (mother of Carol Wohrab)

Cora Dodge (niece of Leah and Anthony Dodge)

Sue Dominguez (friend of Beth Rupert)

Brian Eifert (son of Anita Eifert)

Frederick Fellendorf (father of Ann Williams)

Eldon Geyer (cousin of Joan Kaliher)

Kevin Klepper

Ryan Markel (son-in-law of Karen Crawford)

Edith Rosenwinkel

(granddaughter of Kathy and Jim Rosenwinkel)

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John Rossetti (husband of Karen Rossetti)
Lucy Shannon (great-niece of Debbie Wren)
Scott Sump (brother of Judy Wilgenbusch)
Janyce Thomas (sister of Denyce Wendte)
Brian Weiss (nephew of Pat Fullhart)
Blake Willi (cousin of Jim Williams)
Rhonda Zacharias

ADORING

Baptism

We rejoice in the new birth given in Baptism today to:

- **Brody Matthew**, son of **Emily (née Larson)** and **Michael Heim**. Sponsors are Rachel and Matthew Strutzel. Brody was born October 21, 2018.
- **Lukas Michael**, son of **Danielle and Aaron Raezler**. Grandparents are Lee and Don Raezler. Sponsors are Sarah Waitz and Jason Witmer. Lukas was born May 24, 2018.
- **Max Fredrich**, son of **Kathryn and Michael Schroeder**. Sponsor is Elizabeth Schroeder; witnesses are Lisa Cooney and Meghan Streicher. Max was born September 17, 2018.

MATURING

SUNDAYS

Adult Bible Study

Beautiful Work: Prayer as Loving God and Others with All You've Got

- **Place:** The Study
- **Time:** 10:00 a.m.
- **Commitment:** 45 minutes
- **Contact:** Pastor Bruzek bruzek@stjohnwheaton.org

Among the happy last words of Private Absolution are these: "live toward the work and the beauty [Christ] would fulfill in you for Himself and for others." Part of that beautiful work is prayer, but just its mention can unnerve us with feelings from inadequacy (it's so hard for me!) to guilt (I'm so bad at it!). Let's see if we can embrace prayer as a gift of privilege and joy—even though it always remains a cry from the helpless (us!)—because it springs from the invitation, instruction, and energy of our Lord.

High School Youth Catechumenate: ***What's next?***

- **Place:** Lower Level High School Room
- **Time:** 10:00 a.m.
- **Commitment:** 45 minutes
- **Contact:** Pastor Buchs dbuchs@stjohnwheaton.org

Forty-five minutes a week! We have so much to do. Come along as we work together to build on all the things you've learned so far. This class is driven by your interests and participation as you learn to follow Jesus with maturity—as we work to answer the question: what's next?

Confirmation—The Small Catechism

- **Place:** Lower Level—Confirmation Room
- **Time:** 10:00 a.m.
- **Commitment:** 45 minutes
- **Contact:** Pastor Nelson mnelson@stjohnwheaton.org

Confirmation at St. John is a three-year process beginning in 6th grade. The journey continues this year as we explore the Christian faith through the six chief parts of The Small Catechism. From playing with water in Baptism to dining on holy food in the Lord's Supper, from the description of life in the 10 Commandments to the description of forgiveness in Holy Absolution, and from hearing faith in the Creed to speaking faith in the Lord's Prayer, Confirmation will invigorate and extend the children's faith.

Sunday School

- **Place:** Lower Level
- **Time:** 10:00 a.m.
- **Commitment:** 50 minutes
- **Contact:** Gretchen Scheel gscheel@stjohnwheaton.org

Children in preschool 3's through grade 5 are invited to come along for Sunday School each week. This is sure to be a fun year filled with God's word, sacred music, good friends, and lots of Bible adventures! Bring a friend and join us. Parents are asked to sign in and sign out children in preschool through grade 2. Older students will be dismissed at 10:50.

WEDNESDAYS

J.O.Y. Group (Jesus. Others. You.)

- Place: The Study
- Time: 9:00–10:30 a.m.
- Commitment: 90 minutes
- Contact: Vicar Miguel Barcelos 630-668-0701 x412
mbarcelos@stjohnwheaton.org

All are welcome to attend. We will begin a new series of study together. As we turn to the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians, we will discuss the background of this letter and how it captures the entirety of Christian life in a very short manner.

Pastor Chats will resume in January.
Join us on Wednesdays during Advent for dinner and Taizé services.

THURSDAYS

Men's Bible Study

- Place: The Study
- Time: 6:30–7:15 a.m.
- Commitment: 45 minutes
- Contact: Vicar Miguel Barcelos 630-668-0701 x412
mbarcelos@stjohnwheaton.org

All men are welcome to attend as we study of the Book of Isaiah and explore some of the main themes in the first chapters of the book.

FRIDAYS

Friday Morning Women's Bible Study

The beginning of the good news: The Gospel of Mark

- Place: Chapel and The Study
- Time: 9:00 a.m.–10:15 a.m.
- Commitment: 75 minutes (childcare provided)
- Contact: Pastor Buchs dbuchs@stjohnwheaton.org

Join us as we continue to make our way through the Gospel of Mark—a fast-paced, joy-filled, thoroughly hopeful account of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Find out what makes Mark unique in his telling, and hear anew the story of God's mercy and salvation!

SATURDAYS

The Catechumenate: Welcome to St. John!

- Place: The Study
- Time: 8:30–10:00 a.m.
- Commitment: 90 minutes, breakfast and childcare provided!
- Contact: Pastor Buchs 630-668-0701 x408
or dbuchs@stjohnwheaton.org

St. John is a wonderful, happy community of faithful folks, and we'd love to have you be a part of it. Surrounded by the beauty of this sanctuary and intent on living a thankful life of mercy and witness, we are devoted to Christ and rejoice in his Word and Sacraments. Come and see if this is the place for you. If you have any questions at all, or know somebody who might enjoy the class, please contact Pastor Buchs.

EMBODYING

This is the final weekend to order your Christmas Poinsettias and Greenery

- Place: The Commons
- Time: Before/after weekend worship
- Commitment: 5 minutes
- Contact: Carol Toenies, Chairman, home: 630-653-5759
or work: 630-668-0701 x417 toenies@stjohnwheaton.org

NEW! This is the last weekend the Afternoon Circle members will be staffing the tables in The Commons. All orders must be in the hands of the chairman by this Sunday, November 18. Your orders may be picked up at St. John on Monday, November 26 in the afternoon and also on Tuesday and Wednesday in the morning and afternoon. All proceeds this year will go to our *Vicarage Training and Vocation Fund!*

Church Directories are Here!

- Place: The Commons
- Time: Before/after weekend worship
- Commitment: a few minutes
- Contact: Carol Heidorn carol.a.heidorn@gmail.com

We are excited to announce that the church directories have arrived. **We will distribute them on weekends to those who had a photo session or submitted a picture. One per household, please.** There will also be a limited number of extra copies available, while they last, for

those who didn't participate but would like to have one. Thank you to all who had their portraits taken, all who helped with this project, and for your patience in waiting for the finished product.

LWML Meeting: Cookie Packing for Shut-Ins Tuesday, November 27

- **Place:** The Study
- **Time:** 7:00–8:30 p.m.
- **Commitment:** 90 minutes
- **Contact:** Kathie Thorne 630-308-7281
or kjthorne@comcast.net

NEW! Come and join the LWML in packing Christmas cookies for St. John's shut-in members. Bring a batch of cookies (about 3 dozen) to share with the shut-ins and each other. Please remember that the cookies should not be rolled in powdered sugar or contain nuts. A short business meeting will be included.

Advanced LERT Training—Disaster Response Respite Events • Thursday, November 29

- **Place:** Trinity Lutheran Church
1101 Kimberly Way, Lisle
- **Time:** 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
- **Commitment:** 7 hours/\$55, lunch provided.
Payable to Voice of Care on day of training
- **Contact:** Anna Piro 708-525-6620 piro.anna@me.com

Voice of Care is collaborating with Lutheran Church Charities to offer Disaster Response Respite Events in communities affected by disaster. At these events, host churches will provide a quiet, safe place for people with disabilities so that their caregivers may seek needed resources and focus on cleaning up their homes. Trained teams will deploy with everything needed for an event at the host church. The skills learned can also be used to host respite care events in your home area at any time. Prior basic LERT training is necessary. *Registration deadline is Monday, November 26. Contact Deaconess Kris Blackwell: 630-234-1491 or vocexec@voiceofcare.org.*

Confirmation Girls' Gathering Saturday, December 1

- **Place:** The Commons
- **Time:** 6:45 p.m.
- **Commitment:** 75 minutes
- **Contact:** Holly Nelson 630-868-3275

NEW! Confirmation Girls, come join your sponsors for an evening of cookie decorating! Cookies and official decorating supplies will be provided. A portion of the cookies will be made for Christmas Sharing; the other portion will be made for eating with each other! *RSVP to Holly Nelson.*

Cookies for Christmas Sharing Thursday, December 6 and Friday, December 7

- **Place:** St. John Kitchen
- **Time:** 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
- **Commitment:** 10 minutes, plus time to make a few batches of cookies
- **Contact:** Katie Licht call/text 630-433-8465
or katielicht@gmail.com

NEW! Please help us make Christmas Sharing more fun and festive! We offer cookies and hot chocolate to all the families that come to pick up their food and "shop" for gifts and clothes. Drop off your treats in the second floor church kitchen anytime during building hours Thursday or Friday before Christmas Sharing. Make sure to label your container or platter with your name if you would like it back. Please contact Katie Licht if you plan on participating, so we can get an estimate for how many treats we will have. Thanks for sharing the Christmas Spirit!

Garden Club Closes the 2018 Season

Many thanks to the following Garden Club members who maintained the gardens on Thursday mornings: **Bill Cooper, Rose D'Eccliss, Larry Eckert, Tom Hecht, Roy Kaufmann, Kathy Leimbach, Kathleen McDonald Tompkins, Don and Lee Raezler, Bill Schewe, Emalee Stellwagen, John Thorne, Carol Toenies and Marilyn Whetstone.** This year the patio walled garden was landscaped, spreading rose bushes were added to the patio rose garden, the parking lot islands were newly planted and the north side was newly landscaped. Watch *LifeTogether* next year for the opening of a new season. New members are always welcomed!

Be an Usher!

- **Place:** The Nave and Narthex
- **Time:** Saturdays 5:30 p.m.
Sundays 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- **Commitment:** about 1.5 hours, schedules rotate
- **Contact:** David Richardt 630-665-6076
dtr507@sbcglobal.net
or Pastor Buchs 630-668-0701 x408
dbuchs@stjohnwheaton.org

Many hands make light work! Join the crews of ushers, who help keep things running smoothly during the Liturgy. This is a great way for St. John folks to show kindness and love—to give a winsome witness—to everyone who comes through our doors. Men, women, Jr. High and High School youth, and family teams are encouraged to sign up. Training will be provided.

Women's Book Club • Thursday, January 10, 2019

- **Place:** The Commons
- **Time:** 7:00 p.m.
- **Commitment:** 1–2 hours, plus reading time
- **Contact:** Gretchen Scheel gscheel@stjohnwheaton.org

The book club will not meet in December, but plan to join us in the New Year for fellowship and book discussion. Our January selection is *Seeking Allah, finding Jesus: a devout Muslim encounters Christianity*. The author, Dr. Nabeel Qureshi, describes his dramatic journey from Islam to Christianity, and shares how he developed a passion for Islam before discovering, almost against his will, evidence that Jesus rose from the dead and claimed to be God—and of the peace he eventually found in Jesus.

2019 ST. JOHN WOMEN'S RETREAT

Christian Character: Growing up in Christ

Friday, January 18 and/or Saturday, January 19, 2019

- **Place:** Hilton Hotel
3003 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, IL
- **Time:** 5:30 p.m. Friday–12:00 p.m. Saturday
- **Commitment:** 2–16 hours
- **Cost*:** \$50 for double occupancy room/\$100 for single.
Retreat is free for those not staying overnight. Register and pay at www.stjohnwheaton.org/womens-retreat
- **Contact:** Gretchen Scheel 630-668-0701 x403
gscheel@stjohnwheaton.org

You're never done growing up. That's especially true of Christians, who are not just growing older, but growing

in Christ. Along the way, our character is always being shaped, whether we are aware of it or not. We're always developing habits of thought, word, and deed. It's important that we be conscientious about those habits! Come along to learn about Christian character and how it's formed as we grow up in Christ, not just as individuals but also within the life of the Church. This year's retreat will be led by the Rev. David Appold, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Paducah, KY.
* *Scholarships are available. Contact any of the pastors.*

2019 ST. JOHN MEN'S RETREAT

The Christian Art of Suffering:

Wisdom from the Lutheran Reformation

Friday, February 1 and/or Saturday, February 2, 2019

- **Place:** Hilton Hotel
3003 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, IL
- **Time:** 5:30 p.m. Friday–12:00 p.m. Saturday
- **Commitment:** 2–16 hours
- **Cost*:** \$50 for double occupancy room/\$100 for single.
Retreat is free for those not staying overnight. Register and pay at www.stjohnwheaton.org/mens-retreat
- **Contact:** Pastor David Buchs 630-668-0701 x408 or
dbuchs@stjohnwheaton.org

In Romans 5, Paul insists on the perplexing joy of suffering, which leads to endurance, character, and hope. Come along as Dr. Ronald Rittgers helps us to learn from Luther about the rich promises of Jesus in our suffering. He'll then also introduce us to a 17th century Lutheran layman, who shows us the beautiful opportunity we have to encourage and strengthen others in their suffering.

Dr. Ronald Rittgers holds the Erich Markel Chair in German Reformation Studies at Valparaiso University, where he is also Professor of History and Theology. He earned his B.A. from Wheaton College, his M.T.S. from Regent College, and his Ph.D. from Harvard University, and he taught at Yale University for seven years before moving to Valparaiso. He has published widely on the theology and devotion of the German Reformation. Dr. Rittgers is married and has three sons. He enjoys hiking, cycling, soccer, spending time with his family, and watching *Star Trek* re-runs.

* *Scholarships are available. Contact any of the pastors.*

ME and MY Shadow • Every other Wednesday

- **Place:** Hosted in homes or local parks
- **Time:** 9:30–11:00 a.m.
- **Commitment:** 90 minutes or as long as you can stay or play
- **Contact:** Sarah Hopkins 630-362-1897 or sarahdhopkins@gmail.com

Me and My Shadow gives little ones a chance to play and interact socially while moms and dads do the same! Upcoming dates are November 28, December 12 and January 9 & 23. Contact Sarah for the location or if you have questions.

Manna Fund Donations

- **Place:** Offering Pouch
- **Time:** During Worship Services
- **Commitment:** A minute
- **Contact:** Pastor Bruzek bruzek@stjohnwheaton.org; Pastor Nelson mnelson@stjohnwheaton.org or Pastor Buchs dbuchs@stjohnwheaton.org

NEW! The Manna fund at St. John is designed for members to help fellow members and non-members where appropriate, who are struggling during difficult times. By sharing the gifts God has given us we can help our brothers and sisters in time of need. The Pastoral staff will oversee disbursements. Use the designated envelope included in your monthly mailing, or write Manna on an envelope from the pew rack. Make checks payable to St. John. For cash donations please provide your name in order to receive tax credit.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday • November 18

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (The Study)
- 10:00 a.m. High School Catechumenate (Lower Level)
- 10:00 a.m. Confirmation (Lower Level)
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School (Lower Level)
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 12:15 p.m. Governing Board (203)

Monday • November 19

CLOSED
No Preschool this week

Tuesday • November 20

- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 6:45 p.m. St. John Ringers (Balcony)
- 7:30 p.m. Dartball (Lower Level)

See the attached work schedule for all Christmas Sharing events and times.

Wednesday • November 21

- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 9:00 a.m. JOY Group (The Study)
- 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Vespers

Thursday • November 22, Thanksgiving Day

CLOSED
No Morning Eucharist

Friday • November 23

CLOSED
No Morning Eucharist

Saturday • November 24

- 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday • November 25

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
No Education Hour
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

*You can prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:
Isaiah 51:4-6; Jude 20-25; Mark 13:24-37*

Thanksgiving Schedule 2018

- Holy Eucharist, Wednesday, November 21 – 7:40 a.m.
- Thanksgiving Eve Vespers, Wednesday, November 21 – 7:00 p.m.

Closed Thursday November 22 and Friday, November 23—No Morning Eucharist



Christmas Sharing

Work begins this week!

- Monday, November 19 • 7:00–8:30 p.m. • Initial Set up
- Tuesday, November 20 • 7:00–8:30 p.m. • Sorting Food & Clothing

Help transform Sunday School rooms into Christmas Sharing rooms. Check the schedule and sign up.

- **Place:** Lower Level
- **Time & Commitment:** Varies
- **Contact:** Carol Hoelter 630-682-5663

In November we collect food and your very best, gently used clothing. Please place your freshly laundered or dry cleaned clothing in the grocery carts at the bottom of The Commons stairwell. We also collect household items and linens (i.e. sheets, blankets and towels) in very good condition. We continue accepting new socks, laundry detergent, paper products and toys.

Still Looking for LEGOS® These are always a favorite among our guest families. Just bag up what you'd like to donate and place them beside the Christmas Sharing shopping cart. No need to sort them; we will take care of that later!

November/December 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
18	19 Initial set-up 7:00–8:30 p.m.	20 Sort clothing and food 7:00–8:30 p.m.	21 Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00 p.m. bring canned goods	22 Thanksgiving Day	23	24
25	26 Sort clothing and food 9:00–11:30 a.m. 1:00–3:00 p.m. 7:00–8:30 p.m.	27 Sort clothing and food 9:00–11:30 a.m. 1:00–3:00 p.m. 7:00–8:30 p.m.	28 Sort clothing and food 9:00–11:30 a.m. 1:00–3:00 p.m. 7:00–8:30 p.m.	29 Sort clothing and food 9:00–11:30 a.m. 1:00–3:00 p.m. 7:00–8:30 p.m.	30	1
2	3 Sort clothing and food 9:00–11:30 a.m. 1:00–3:00 p.m. 7:00–8:30 p.m.	4 Assist pick up public school donations 9:15–11:00 a.m. Family Service night (meal provided) 5:00–8:30 p.m.	5 Sort clothing and food 9:00–11:30 a.m. 1:00–3:00 p.m.	6 Complete sorting and set-up 9:00–11:30 a.m. 1:00–3:00 p.m. 5:00–8:30 p.m. (meal provided)	7 Final preparations 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Work event itself 6:30–9:30 p.m.	8 Work event itself 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Clean up 12:00–3:00 p.m.

Volunteer one of three ways:

1. Circle Days/Times you want to work & return form to church receptionist
2. Sign up on Outreach bulletin board in main stairwell
3. Call Carol Hoelter at 630-682-5663

Name _____

Phone _____

ST. JOHN AFTERNOON CIRCLE

2018 Poinsettia and Greens Fundraiser

WITH SHADY HILL GARDENS

All proceeds will be given to our vicarage training and vocation fund.

Orders will be taken before and after services on the weekends of November 3–4; 10–11; and 17–18.

All orders **must** be received in the church office by Tuesday, November 20.

Questions—call: Carol Toenies (630) 653-5759 (H) or (630) 668-0701 x417 (W)

	PRICE EACH	QUANTITY	SUBTOTAL
Evergreen Door Swag	\$15		\$
Evergreen Roping, Balsam 25'	\$40		\$
Wreath, Balsam 24" with Christmas Bow	\$20		\$
Wreath, Balsam 48" with Christmas Bow	\$40		\$
Poinsettias Mini (1-2 flowers)	\$5	<i>check box for color/quantity</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Red ___ <input type="checkbox"/> White ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Pink ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Marble ___	\$
Small (2-3 flowers)	\$8	<input type="checkbox"/> Red ___ <input type="checkbox"/> White ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Pink ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Marble ___	\$
Medium (5-7 flowers)	\$16	<input type="checkbox"/> Red ___ <input type="checkbox"/> White ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Pink ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Marble ___	\$
Large (8-12 flowers)	\$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Red ___ <input type="checkbox"/> White ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Pink ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Marble ___	\$
Premium (12-15 flowers)	\$40	<input type="checkbox"/> Red ___ <input type="checkbox"/> White ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Pink ___	\$
TOTAL \$			

Make checks payable to: St. John Lutheran Church

Pick up: Monday, November 26 • 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 27 and Wednesday, November 28

8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Name _____

Telephone Number _____