

ST JOHN L I F E

Together

ELEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 19–20, 2017

ADORING

The Prayer of the Church

Persecuted Christians in:

Kenya

North Korea

Qatar

Turkmenistan

Vietnam

Partner Church:

Japan Lutheran Church

Birthday:

Evelyn Scheel (14 years)

Comfort, health, recovery:

Adriana

Dale (friend of Kathleen McDonald Tompkins)

Sue (friend of Kathleen McDonald Tompkins)

Susan Anderson (sister of Pat Braun)

Tina Bempah (friend of Martha and Dave Schlesselman)

Mary Crowe (mother of John Crowe)

Candice Garcia (niece of Kathy and Rick Deist)

Charles Oliver Herbert

(grandson of Martha and Dave Schlesselman)

Evelyn Lathrop (Godmother of Jodie Chester)

Joseph O'Brien (husband of Megan O'Brien)

Marvin Sneller (friend of Jeffrey Glaser)

Peace and comfort for the family and friends of:

Alex Gieske (great-nephew of Jan Gerzevske)

Those who need our ongoing prayers:

John Byrd

Mildred Constien

Eldon Geyer (cousin of Joan Kaliher)

Nora (Pat) Gohlke

Daniel Hartmann (brother of Marianne King)

Elizabeth Hunt (friend of Debbie Feyerabend)

Jeremy Kadletz (relative of Joan Kaliher)

Rev. Aden Loest (father of Tim Loest)

Karen Musa

Paul Ponticell (brother-in-law of Karen Rossetti)

Ellen Rosenwinkel

Catherine Tieman (mother of Carol Heidorn)

Debra Verdico (friend of Karen Crawford)

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

MATURING

SUNDAYS

Adult Bible Study
High School Youth Catechumenate
Confirmation
Sunday School

CLASSES RESUME SEPTEMBER 10

WEDNESDAYS

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

- **Place:** The Study
- **Time:** 9:00–10:30 a.m.
- **Commitment:** 90 minutes
- **Contact:** Vicar Joshua Ralston 630-668-0701 x412
jralston@stjohnwheaton.org

All adults are welcome to join us as we take a look at the book of Psalms. This book contains the prayers used by God's people in the Old Testament, the New Testament, and even today! We will explore and discuss the historical background, the different writers, and the structure of the Psalms. This is a great opportunity to explore a part of the Bible which has connections to our shared liturgical life, as well as our own Christian piety.

THURSDAYS

Men's Bible Study

- **Place:** The Study
- **Time:** 6:30–7:15 a.m.
- **Commitment:** 45 minutes
- **Contact:** Vicar Joshua Ralston 630-668-0701 x412
jralston@stjohnwheaton.org

Men are welcome to come join our Bible study as we continue to dig deep into the book of Acts. Come join us and stay also for the morning Eucharist service at 7:40 a.m.

Trouble Hearing the Sermon?

Bring your own headphones and listen directly through your phone. **Just a few simple steps:**

- 1) Connect to the wi-fi network named **Listen**.
- 2) Download and open the **AudioFetch** App (search for "AudioFetch" in your app store).
- 3) Listen in during the service!

Questions? Ask John Crowe or Pastor Buchs.

FRIDAYS

Friday Morning Women's Bible Study
Love as Strong as Death: the Song of Songs
starting September 22

- **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
or Pastor Nelson mnelson@stjohnwheaton.org

Bernard of Clairvaux wrote of Songs, "It is everywhere love that speaks. If anyone hopes to grasp the sense of what he reads, let him love." At the very same time, if you wish to grasp the sense of your love, read the Song of Songs. Expect to be surprised—love has been co-opted by the world and its meaning taken far afield. But here we find a redemption of desire and longing, a reclaiming of the vocabulary of love.

EMBODYING

20- and 30-Somethings Summer Party
Friday, August 25

- **Place:** N230 Woodvale St., Winfield
- **Time:** 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **Commitment:** 3 hours
- **Contact:** Pastor Buchs 630-668-0701 x408
dbuchs@stjohnwheaton.org

Join us for a summer party! Dinner, conversation, and great company—the perfect way to spend a Friday evening! **RSVP online at:**
www.stjohnwheaton.org/20s30s. See you then!

College Address Updates

- **Place:** www.stjohnwheaton.org
- **Time:** throughout August and September
- **Commitment:** 5 minutes
- **Contact:** Jodie Chester jodiejmc@yahoo.com

NEW! Are you a college student or the parent of a college student? Please take a moment to provide your 2017–18 school year address so that your St. John family can keep in touch. We don't want anyone to miss out on fall care packages! Even if your address is the same as last year or if you commute from home, please submit a form so a current list can be generated.

Visit www.stjohnwheaton.org > Forms > Update Your Info.
Complete the applicable fields and also provide the year (freshman, etc.) and name of the college in "Additional Info" at the bottom.

College Kids Love Care Packages Through September 18

- **Place:** Lower Level Outreach Room
- **Time and Commitment:** At your convenience, before September 18
- **Contact:** Jodie Chester jodiejmc@yahoo.com

NEW! We want St. John college students to know that they are prayed for and loved by their church family, so we are collecting donations to send them care packages. Small, lightweight items that can be mailed are appreciated: toiletries, individually wrapped candy or snacks, school supplies, etc. You may also write notes of encouragement or make a donation to purchase gift cards.

St. John Ringers Tuesdays, starting September 5

- **Place:** Balcony
- **Time:** 6:45 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
- **Commitment:** 75 minutes
- **Contact:** Cheryl Ondratschek, director, 630-668-1886 or condratschek@gmail.com

NEW! If you are high school age or older, can read music, or follow a musical line, and want to have fun with a group of folks who praise the Lord through the gift of music ... come and join the St. John Ringers. Interested? We love new faces and need more hands! For more information contact Cheryl Ondratschek!

LWML Business Meeting Wednesday, September 6

- **Place:** The Study
- **Time:** 11:15–11:50 a.m.
- **Commitment:** 35 minutes
- **Contact:** Jan Gerzevske 630-294-5014 jgerz30017@comcast.net

NEW! There will be a short LWML business meeting with a Mite collection before the gathering with the Afternoon Circle. Please come to the meeting and then stay for the picnic and the program by Vicar Ralston.

Picnic with Afternoon Circle and LWML Wednesday, September 6

- **Place:** Room 203
- **Time:** 12:00 p.m.
- **Commitment:** 2 hours
- **Contact:** Marilyn Hess 630-510-3055 or text 630-414-0845 Marilynhess@Yahoo.com

NEW! The Last Picnic of Summer marks the start of a new season for both the Afternoon Circle and LWML. All women of the congregation are invited to a picnic of chicken, salads and desserts followed by a program featuring our new vicar, Joshua Ralston. He will share his story of the journey that brought him to St. John. The Circle will hold a brief business meeting after the joint activities. Come join us for fellowship and fun. *RSVP to Marilyn.*

Kantorei • Wednesdays, starting September 6

- **Place:** Balcony
- **Time:** 7:00–8:00 p.m. (7:30–8:30 p.m. during Advent and Lent)
- **Commitment:** 1 hour per week
- **Contact:** Nathan LeMahieu nlemahieu@stjohnwheaton.org or Peter Sovitzky psovitzky@stjohnwheaton.org

NEW! The new school year is quickly approaching and that means the Kantorei is back! This group sings about two services per month. Just bring a willing heart to sing in response to God for the gifts He has given us through Christ. That is WHY we do what we do. Childcare is available if needed.

***LifeTogether* Submissions**

To announce a St. John event in *LifeTogether*, submit details to Sandy Crowe, scrowe@stjohnwheaton.org. Please provide the place, time, commitment and contact information along with a brief description (100 words or fewer). Events outside of St. John are included at the discretion of the pastors. *The deadline for each week's issue is Wednesday noon.*

Men's Discussion & Bible Study

Thursday, September 7

- Place: Emmett's Brewing Co., 121 W. Front St., Wheaton
- Time: 8:00–9:30 p.m.
- Commitment: 90 minutes
- Contact: Aaron Zoeller 630-818-5123
or azoeller@scccombustion.com

We have a great group of men at St. John and would like to offer more opportunities to get to know one another. The Steak Fry and the Men's Retreat are excellent, but they only happen once each year. So please join us at Emmett's the first Thursday of each month for a "Man Date!" One or more of our Pastors will be in attendance to facilitate discussion and keep us between the lines. The format will be pretty open; so bring your ideas, questions and insights to share.

JOY Group Chicago Cruise and Lunch

Thursday, September 7

- Place: Meet at St. John
- Time: 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Commitment: 6-7 hours, \$58
- Contact: Tom Hecht 630-871-6491
thecht@illinoisalumni.org

Enjoy the Chicago Architectural Foundation River Cruise with the JOY Group. In 90 minutes, see more than 50 buildings along the river and learn of Chicago's history. Following the 10:00 tour we will enjoy a polish buffet at Red Apple Restaurant in Logan Square. Cost includes the tour, lunch and tips. Cash payment is required for drinks at lunch. The bus departs at 8:00 a.m. from the St. John parking lot.

Man Up! The Quest for Biblical Masculinity

Sunday, September 10

- Place: St. Paul Lutheran Church
4660 West 94th Street, Oak Lawn, IL
- Time: 5:00 p.m.
- Commitment: 2–3 hours
- Contact: Rev. Mark Birkholz 708-424-1059
or pastor@faithoaklawn

NEW! Men of the congregation are invited to join Pastor Jeffrey Hemmer in discussing what the Bible says about being a man as he introduces his new book, *Man Up! The Quest for Biblical Masculinity*. Come for dinner and discussion and please bring a favorite beer to share.
RSVP to Pastor Birkholz.

Women's Book Club • Tuesday, September 12

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

Join us the second Tuesday of each month for an evening of fellowship and book discussion. Our September selection is *Day After Night* by Anita Diamant. Overview: In the summer of 1945, four young Jewish women meet and befriend one another while interned in a British prison camp called Atlit immediately following the end of World War II.

Coming up:

- **October 10**—*The Second Half* by Loraine Snelling
- **November 14**—*Family Tree* by Barbara Delinsky

LERT Training To Help In Times of Disaster

Saturday, September 23

- Place: Vida y Fe (Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Hispanic Ministry location), 1111 Van St., Elgin, IL
- Time: 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- Commitment: 5 hours, \$35
- Contact: Jan Gerzevske 630-294-5014
jgerz30017@comcast.net

Would you like to join the Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) when we are asked to help following a disaster here in the community or elsewhere? Chainsaw work, flood clean up or rebuilding are ways we can respond. Training before entering a disaster area is required by FEMA and other local agencies. This training is provided by Lutheran Church Charities. Anyone teenaged and older may participate, so make it a family event! For registration details, visit lutheranchurchcharities.org > *disaster response*. The registration fee includes a manual and LERT vest. Questions? Ask Jan Gerzevske, Marty Johnson, Byron Heidorn or Steve Chester.

Get Ready for Steak Fry Weekend!

Men—Friday, September 29

Women—Saturday, September 30

- **Place:** Chester Residence 23W616 St. Charles Road, Carol Stream (parking is west of the Chester's at the old Mushroom Farm)
- **Time:** 6:00–10:00 p.m. each night
- **Commitment:** up to 4 hours
- **Contact:** Aaron Zoeller 630-818-5123
azoeller@scccombustion.com
Laura Scheidt 630-853-2064 laurascheidt@sbcglobal.net

Food and Friends, Bonfire and Beverages! These annual events are a relaxing way to reconnect as summer comes to an end, and an ideal opportunity to introduce a friend to St. John. Save the date and watch *Life Together* for more details.

ME and MY Shadow • Every other Tuesday

- **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:** Anne Jackson 312-340-8898 or
ms.anne.jackson@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 August 22, September 5 and 19, October 3, 17 and 31. Rainy day locations will be announced via email. Contact Anne for the location or if you have questions.

Christmas Sharing

- **Place:** Lower Level Outreach Room
- **Time:** Before/after weekend worship
- **Commitment:** a few minutes
- **Contact:** Carol Hoelter 630-682-5663

Yes, it's that time again.

As you shop back-to-school sales this August, please purchase socks in any size for the families who will join us in December for the Christmas Sharing event.

Little by little we collect the items to share with neighbors who are in need of assistance. We appreciate your generous support of Christmas Sharing in the past and look forward to your participation this year. Simply place your donations in the Lower Level outreach room. Interested in serving on the Christmas Sharing Committee? Contact Carol Hoelter.

Christmas Sharing Collection Schedule

AugustNew socks

SeptemberLaundry detergent, toilet paper
and paper towels

OctoberNew toys and teen gifts

NovemberFood and gently used clothes

Food Pantry Donations

- **Place:** Lower Level Outreach Room
- **Time:** Before/after weekend worship
- **Commitment:** 5 minutes
- **Contact:** Ann Williams 630-665-3315
or annwms22@sbcglobal.net

Please help provide for our hungry neighbors in need by filling one or more grocery bags with non-perishable food and household items. Place donations on the shelves in the Lower Level Outreach room and we'll get them to our local food pantries. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Most needed food items:

bagged rice/beans
boxed pastas and noodles
canned pasta and soups
canned fruits/vegetables
canned tuna/chicken
cereal
coffee/tea/juice
flour/sugar
pasta sauce
peanut butter and jelly

Household items:

baby wipes
bar soap
cleaning supplies
diapers
dish soap
laundry detergent
paper towels
tissues
tooth brushes/tooth paste
toilet paper

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday • August 20

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
No Education Hour
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 12:15 p.m. Governing Board (203)

Monday • August 21

CLOSED

Tuesday • August 22

- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 9:30 a.m. Me & My Shadow (off site)
- 6:15 p.m. Maintenance Volunteers

Wednesday • August 23

- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 9:00 a.m. J.O.Y. Group (The Study)

Thursday • August 24

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study (The Study)
- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 9:00 a.m. Garden Club

Friday • August 25

- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 6:30 p.m. 20/30's Party (off site)

Saturday • August 26

- 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday • August 27

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
No Education Hour
- 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Parent Meeting (Lower Level)
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

You can prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:

Isaiah 51:1-6

Romans 11:33-12:8

Matthew 16:13-20