

# ST JOHN L I F E Together

TENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 12-13, 2017

## ADORING The Prayer of the Church

*Persecuted Christians in:*

**India**  
**Maldives**  
**North Korea**  
**Saudi Arabia**  
**Uzbekistan**

*Partner Church:*

**India Evangelical Lutheran Church**

*Anniversary of marriage:*

**Beverly and Thomas Hecht** (55 years)  
**Martha and David Schlesselman**  
**Rachel and Aaron Zoeller** (15 years)

*Birthday:*

**Philip Zoeller** (8 years)

*Thanksgiving for safe travel:*

**Rachel Chester**

*Comfort, health, recovery:*

**Dale** (friend of Kathleen McDonald Tompkins)  
**Sue** (friend of Kathleen McDonald Tompkins)  
**Susan Anderson** (sister of Pat Braun)  
**Sophya Barry**  
**Tina Bempah** (friend of Martha and Dave Schlesselman)

**Mary Crowe** (mother of John Crowe)

**Candice Garcia** (niece of Kathy and Rick Deist)

**Alex Gieske** (great-nephew of Jan Gerzevske)

**Charles Oliver Herbert**

(grandson of Martha and Dave Schlesselman)

**Elizabeth Hunt** (friend of Debbie Feyerabend)

**Evelyn Lathrop** (godmother of Jodie Chester)

**Karen Musa**

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

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

**Ellen Rosenwinkel**

**Marvin Sneller** (friend of Jeffrey Glaser)

*Those who need our ongoing prayers:*

**John Byrd**

**Mildred Constien**

**Karen Crawford**

**Eldon Geyer** (cousin of Joan Kaliher)

**Nora (Pat) Gohlke**

**Daniel Hartmann** (brother of Marianne King)

**Jeremy Kadletz** (relative of Joan Kaliher)

**Rev. Aden Loest** (father of Tim Loest)

**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.

## FRIDAYS

**Friday Morning Women's Bible Study**  
***Love as Strong as Death: the Song of Songs***  
begins 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.

## Confirmation Kickoff • Saturday, August 19

- **Place:** St. John and Lincoln Marsh
- **Time:** 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
- **Commitment:** 7 hours
- **Contact:** Pastor Marcus Nelson  
mnelson@stjohnwheaton.org 630-668-0701 x427

All returning and new Confirmation students should plan to attend this retreat. We will meet at St. John for breakfast and then head to Lincoln Marsh followed by lunch and an afternoon of getting to know each other and learning about the upcoming confirmation year. Details and waiver forms for the offsite activities were mailed to each family. Weekly Confirmation Class begins Sunday, September 10.

### 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.*

# EMBODYING

## Prayers for Healing, Consolation and Hope Sunday, August 13

- **Place:** The Chapel
- **Time:** 12:15 p.m.
- **Commitment:** 30 minutes
- **Contact:** Ted Kahn 630-338-2390 or Sandi Kahn 630-310-6388; Pastor Bruzek [bruzek@stjohnwheaton.org](mailto:bruzek@stjohnwheaton.org)

Come join us in the Chapel immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Eucharist for prayers to heal our broken hearts, bodies and minds. Though we suffer, we know that we cannot be crushed because Jesus loves us and stands by us. If you need prayers, please come. If you know anyone who needs a healing touch—family, neighbors, friends, and especially those without Christ and Church—bring them. If you want to support those in need, come pray. Our time together will be hope in the midst of our struggles. We gather for this encouragement and blessing on the second Sunday of each month.

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.stjohnwheaton.org/20s30s). See you then!

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:thecht@illinoisalumni.org)

**NEW!** 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.

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto:jgerz30017@comcast.net)

**NEW!** 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](http://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.

## Manna Fund Donations

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

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. Put donations in one of the beige “Manna” envelopes included in your box, or use an envelope from the pew. Make checks payable to St. John. For cash donations please include your name in order to receive tax credit.

## 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

August .....New socks

September .....Laundry detergent, toilet paper and paper towels

October .....New toys and teen gifts

November .....Food 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](mailto: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.

<b>Most needed food items:</b>	<b>Household items:</b>
bagged rice/beans	baby wipes
boxed pastas and noodles	bar soap
canned pasta and soups	cleaning supplies
canned fruits/vegetables	diapers
canned tuna/chicken	dish soap
cereal	laundry detergent
coffee/tea/juice	paper towels
flour/sugar	tissues
pasta sauce	tooth brushes/tooth paste
peanut butter and jelly	toilet paper

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## Sunday • August 13

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
No Education Hour
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 12:15 p.m. Prayer Service (Chapel)
- 12:15 p.m. Elders Meeting (Library)

## Monday • August 14

CLOSED

## Tuesday • August 15

- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

## Wednesday • August 16

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

## Thursday • August 17

- 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 18

- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

## Saturday • August 19

- 8:00 a.m. Confirmation Kick-off  
(St. John and off site)
- 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

## 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)

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

*Isaiah 56:1, 6-8*

*Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32*

*Matthew 15:21-28*