

ST JOHN LIFE Together

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 10–11, 2018

ADORING

The Prayer of the Church

Persecuted Christians in:

India Iran Saudi Arabia Yemen

Partner Church:

Lutheran Church–Canada

Birthday:

Sarah Crowe

Thanksgiving for continuing recovery:

Molly Strid

(granddaughter of Martha and Dave Schlesselman)

Comfort, health, recovery:

Dale (friend of Kathleen McDonald Tompkins)

Susan Brown (sister of Judy Wilgenbusch)

Harold Brubaker (cousin of Joan Kaliher)

LaVerne Dexter (mother of Carol Wohlrab)

Cora Dodge (niece of Leah and Anthony Dodge)

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

Kevin Klepper

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.

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

Scott Sump (brother of Judy Wilgenbusch)

Shirley Zeigler

Peace and comfort for the family and friends of:

Helen Rapp (sister of Adella Hohmann)

Dolores Schlesselman (mother of Dave Schlesselman)

Safety and Protection for those in the Armed Forces:

MAJ Mark Axtell, US Army

CPL Dillon, Air National Guard (Afghanistan)

Eric Gatti, National Guard (Fort Polk, Louisiana)

SGT Greg Hedin, US Army Reserves

(deploying to Kuwait)

Pvt Henry Jancik, USMC

AE2 (AW) Tyson Jones, US Navy (Persian Gulf)

PFC Isabella Mullaney, USMC (Miramar, California)

CPL Justin Volker, USMC

LT Sean Wolf, US Army

Safe travel:

LERT Team:

Steven Chester

Martin Johnson

David Schlesselman

Those who need our ongoing prayers:

Jim Carney (cousin of Cliff Fullhart)

Jenny Carroll (relative of the Bruzek family)

Riley Carroll (relative of the Bruzek family)

Sue Dominguez (friend of Beth Rupert)

Brian Eifert (son of Anita Eifert)

Frederick Fellendorf (father of Ann Williams)

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Greg Garcia (friend of Val and Rev. Fred Gaede)
Eldon Geyer (cousin of Joan Kaliher)
Ryan Markel (son-in-law of Karen Crawford)
Marcia Richardson (friend of Leigh Anne Boehme)
Donald Richardt (brother of Dave Richardt)
Edith Rosenwinkel
(granddaughter of Kathy and Jim Rosenwinkel)
John Rossetti (husband of Karen Rossetti)
Lucy Shannon (great-niece of Debbie Wren)
Janyce Thomas (sister of Denyce Wendte)
Brian Weiss (nephew of Pat Fullhart)
Blake Willi (cousin of Jim Williams)
Rhonda Zacharias

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.

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.***

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

- Place: Gym
- Time: 4:00–5:20 p.m.
- Commitment: 80 minutes
- Contact: Gretchen Scheel gscheel@stjohnwheaton.org or Val Gaede 630-668-0701 x436
gaede@stjohnwheaton.org

Children are invited to join our pastors as they help us get to know some of the important saints. All are welcome to bring friends. We'll gather in the gym, and then enjoy snacks in The Study. We will rotate smaller age groupings through Taizé singing, lessons in the sanctuary with Pastor, and fun fellowship activity time.

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

Prayers for Healing, Consolation and Hope Sunday, November 11

- 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 bruzeke@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.

St. John Musicians' Concert Sunday, November 11

- **Place:** St. John
- **Time:** 3:00 p.m.
- **Commitment:** 1-2 hours
- **Contact:** Nathan LeMahieu nlemahieu@stjohnwheaton.org

The celebration of the new M.P. Rathke Opus 5 organ culminates with this concert presented by talented St. John musicians. The program will feature the organ in combination with solo voice, choir, bells, flute, clarinet, cello and others.

Morning Eucharist and Breakfast Club Thursday, November 15

- **Place:** Chapel and The Commons
- **Time:** 7:40 a.m. and following
- **Commitment:** 20+ minutes
- **Contact:** Gretchen Scheel 630-668-0701 x403
gscheel@stjohnwheaton.org

NEW! All are invited to Morning Eucharist followed by a light breakfast in The Commons. Please come to enjoy the Lord's Supper and His Word and stay for the second most important meal of the day and a chance to visit with friends. Gluten free options are available. Breakfast Club is held on the third Thursday of the month during the school year.

St. John Family Night • Friday, November 16

- **Place:** The Study and Gym
- **Time:** 6:30–8:00 p.m.
- **Commitment:** 1 ½ hours
- **Contact:** Gretchen Scheel gscheel@stjohnwheaton.org

What could be better than spending an evening as a family in God's word? How about if we add in a free pizza supper and time with your pastors? Join us for a free family dinner and a chance to learn more as a family about what it means to read God's word together

as a family. Leave the cooking and clean up to us! Just bring your family and a bible and join us for an evening spent in scripture and fellowship.

Church Directory Update

- **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 directories the weekend of November 17–18 (if not sooner) 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.

Order Your Christmas Poinsettias and Greenery from the Afternoon Circle

- **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

Circle members are staffing tables in The Commons the weekends of November 10 and 11 and November 17 and 18. All proceeds this year will go to our **Vicarage Training and Vocation Fund!** Look for the order form on the back page of *LifeTogether*.

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.

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

NEW! 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.*

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

NEW! 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

NEW! 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. The Rev. David Appold is 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

NEW! 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 14 and 28. Contact Sarah for the location or if you have questions.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday • November 11

- 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. Elders meeting (Library)
- 12:15 p.m. Prayer Service (Chapel)
- 3:00 p.m. St. John Musicians' Concert (the Nave)

Monday • November 12

CLOSED

Tuesday • November 13

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

Wednesday • November 14

- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 9:00 a.m. JOY Group (The Study)
- 9:30 a.m. Me & My Shadow (off site)
- 11:30 a.m. JOY Thanksgiving Dinner (203)
- 4:00 p.m. Pastor Chats (Gym)

Thursday • November 15

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study (The Study)
- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
Breakfast Club following (The Commons)
- 7:00 p.m. Kantorei (Balcony)

Friday • November 16

- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Chapel and The Study)
- 6:30 p.m. Family Night (The Study and Gym)

Saturday • November 17

- 8:00 a.m. LWML Executive Board Mtg. (203)
- 8:30 a.m. Catechumenate (The Study)
- 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

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)

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

Daniel 12:1-3

Hebrews 10:11-25

Mark 13:1-13



Christmas Sharing

- **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 the Christmas Sharing shopping cart. No need to sort them; we will take care of that later!

Work begins next 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

Come help—there is much to do. Tasks for all ages. Check the schedule and sign up.

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 _____