

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH- MISSOURI SYNOD

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23, 2026

HOLY COMMUNION

- **If you are a member of St. John's**, see page 329 for help in preparing to receive Jesus' body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins.
- **If you are a guest**, welcome! Communion at St. John's is reserved for members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations. Please speak with the Pastor about Communion before participating.
- **Didn't have a chance to talk with Pastor about Communion before church?** If you're a member of an LCMS congregation, you are welcome to Communion, but please let Pastor know where you go to church when you come to the Communion rail.

APPOINTMENTS WITH GOD – WE SERVE IN LOVE

Sunday, August 23	9:00 am	Worship Coffee & Fellowship
	10:30 am	Centennial Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 26	6:00 pm	Choir Practice for Centennial Celebration
Sunday, August 30	9:00 am	Worship
		Coffee & Fellowship

WE PRAY FOR...

Those battling cancer – Lisa Baty, Ruth Ferguson, Darlene Horvath, Shirley Klitzke, Fritzie Lamke, Marcus Marsh, Gary Miller, Jeff Moe, John Pearson, Brian Roettger, Tim Wegner and Ray Williams.

Those dealing with other health issues – Maggie Borseth, Cecil Brown, Pastor Gregg Coop, Yvonne Erdman, Dick Fenner, Rowan Grage, Lori Hawkins, Claire Hill, Linda Hollingsead, Ian Hughes, Rodney Larson Jr., Ardis Lillestol, Jordin Mae, Jake Mehr, Michele Messetler-Mondry, Krista Olson, Ginger Peterson, Mark Rassmussen, Shirley Renstrom, Clark Sadlo, Joseph Schuelke, Pat Scott, Colton Blake Shoemaker, Clyde Swanson, Chuck Virginia, Adah Williams, and Connor Wood.

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WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: #647 – *“Lord Jesus Christ, the Church’s Head”*

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SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY: Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 51: 1-6

SECOND LESSON: Romans 11:33-12:8

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

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CHILDREN’S LESSON

HYMN OF THE DAY: #645 – *“Built on the Rock”*

SERMON: The Church of Christ: Confesses and Forgives

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING: #781, v.1 - *“We Give Thee But Thine Own”*

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: #611 – *“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”*
#539 – *“Christ is the World’s Redeemer”*
#849 – *“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”*

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CLOSING HYMN: #909 – *“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”*

We invite you to join us for the

St. John's LUTHERAN CHURCH

Centennial Celebration

September 13, 2026



The Program

9:00_{AM} Sunday Worship

10:30_{AM} Fellowship outside
Fellowship, treats and drink, games,
memorabilia for sale in Narthex

12:00_{PM} Lunch in Fellowship Hall

2:00_{PM} Special Ceremony Service
Special guest speakers and music

Cake & Ice Cream

Please join us for the whole day or just part of it as we celebrate 100 years together in Christ. From our founding families to today's disciples, each generation has cast Christ's net into the community with faith, service and love. As we celebrate a century of God's faithfulness, we look ahead with confidence, knowing the same Lord who called the first fishermen continues calling us today.



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We invite kids to

SUNDAY SCHOOL

DREAM BIG

the story of Joseph

starts

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 20

10:45^{AM}

PRE-SCHOOL - SIXTH GRADE
Register at www.stjohnaitkin.org



In a world full of temptation

We invite all teens to

STAND FIRM

LIVE BOLD

FOLLOW CHRIST



Join us each week
starting **WEDNESDAY**

SEPTEMBER 9TH

5 PM - 7 PM

Supper, Games,
Devotion Time
(Book of Ephesians)



On SEPTEMBER 9 at 5:00pm
join us for an ACT KICK OFF BBQ!
Grilled Food, Games & meaningful Devotion

**Put on the full
armor of God**

Ephesians 6:10-18

We invite all men to

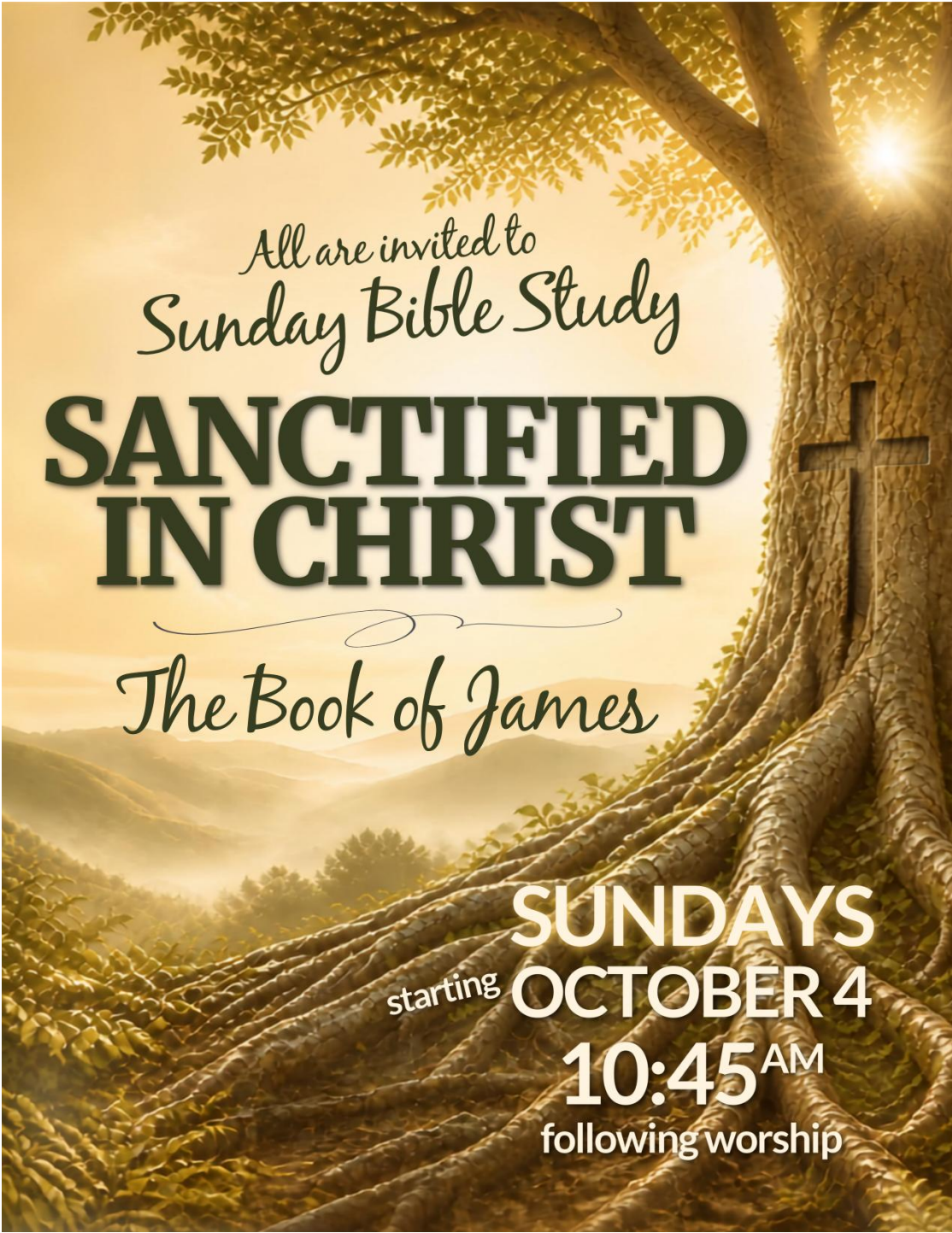
DIG DEEPER



The
BOOK OF CONCORD

For men who want to know what they believe.

WEDNESDAYS
starting
September 16
9:00 AM

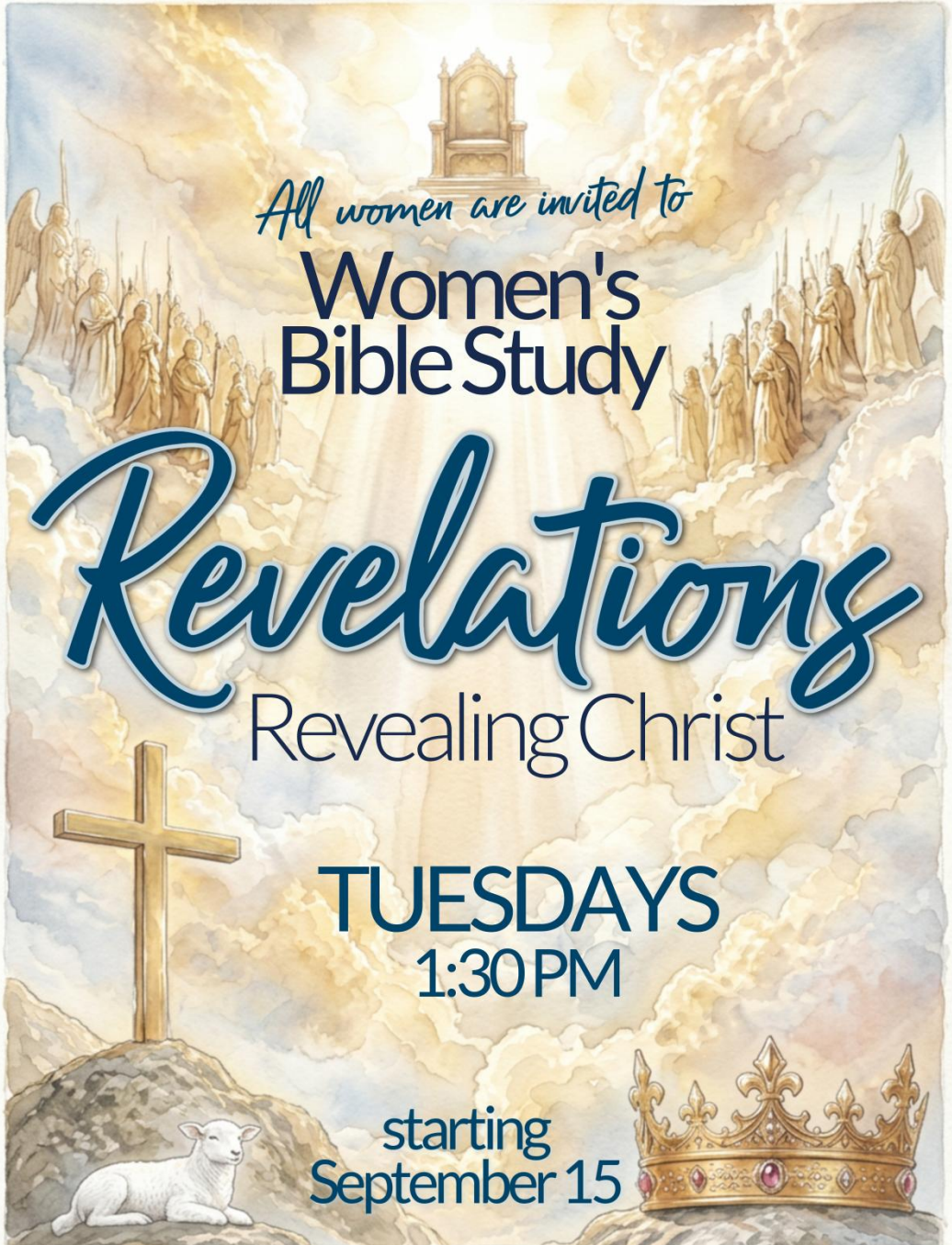


*All are invited to
Sunday Bible Study*

SANCTIFIED IN CHRIST

The Book of James

SUNDAYS
starting **OCTOBER 4**
10:45^{AM}
following worship



All women are invited to

**Women's
Bible Study**

Revelations

Revealing Christ

TUESDAYS
1:30 PM

starting
September 15