

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH- MISSOURI SYNOD

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 6, 2026

WELCOME!

We are so glad you have joined us for worship today! It is our prayer that you will be blessed, encouraged, and spiritually strengthened through our time of worship and fellowship together.

If you do not have a church home, we invite you to consider this your church family. You are warmly welcomed here, and we would be delighted to worship and fellowship with you.

WORSHIP LIFE LAST WEEK: 102

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.

A CALL TO SERVE

As we prepare for our upcoming church elections in October, we encourage everyone, of all ages, to prayerfully consider serving in a leadership role. Our church needs willing hearts and helping hands. Positions include **President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Secretary, Trustees (2), and Deacons (2)**.

You don't need to have all the answers. Serving is an opportunity to use your gifts, grow in faith, and help strengthen our church family.

Please pray about where God may be calling you to serve. If you have questions about any of the positions, please talk with Pastor or Luke Hamdorf, our current President.

Could God be calling you to serve?

APPOINTMENTS WITH GOD – WE SERVE IN LOVE

Sunday, September 6	9:00 am	Worship
		Coffee & Fellowship
	10:30 am	Centennial Committee Meeting
Monday, September 7		Labor Day – Office Closed
Wednesday, September 9	5:00 pm	ACT
	6:00 pm	Choir Practice for Centennial
Thursday, September 10	6:00 pm	Leadership Meeting
Sunday, September 13	9:00 am	Worship / Rally Day
	10:30 am	Fellowship and Sunday School
		Activities outside
	12:00 pm	Centennial Lunch
	2:00 pm	Special Centennial Service
		Cake to follow



WE PRAY FOR...

Those battling cancer – Lisa Baty, Ruth Ferguson, Darlene Horvath, Shirley Klitzke, Fritzie Lamke, Marcus Marsh, Gary Miller, Jeff Moe, John Pearson, 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.



THANK YOU!

Our family has now been blessed to call Aitkin and the St. John's parsonage home for a year. Both before our arrival and throughout this past year, so many of you have generously given your time, talents, and resources to renovate and improve the parsonage.

Most recently, we have been blessed by the wonderful updates to the exterior of our home. We are truly grateful for all the hard work, generosity, and care that went into making these improvements possible.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the parsonage over this past year. Your kindness and generosity toward our family are deeply appreciated, and we are thankful to call St. John's and Aitkin our home.

Sincerely,

Pastor Ben, Amber, Addison, Eden, Teddy, Auggie, and Eloise Hollingsead

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 2026

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: #844 – *“Lord of All Nations: Grant Me Grace”*

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CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION – page 203

PSALM: 32:1-7 (read responsively)

KYRIE – page 204

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – page 204

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY: O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 33:7-9

SECOND LESSON: Romans 13:1-10

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:1-20

APOSTLES’ CREED – page 207

CHILDREN’S LESSON

HYMN OF THE DAY: #820 – *“My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker”*

SERMON: Stumbling with the World, or Steadily in Step with Jesus

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT – page 208

LORD’S PRAYER – page 209

PAX DOMINI AND AGNUS DEI – page 209

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: #608 – *“Lord, to You I Make Confession”*

#851 – *“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”*

#847 – *“Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing”*

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CLOSING HYMN: #846 – *“Your Hands, O Lord, In Days of Old”*



100 YEARS of Casting the Net

The background image shows a serene sunset over a calm lake. A small white church with a steeple is on the right shore, its reflection in the water. A large cross is visible on the horizon. In the foreground, fishing nets are draped over the side of a boat, with the number "100" formed by the net's mesh. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue.

We invite you to celebrate the
100th Anniversary
of
St. John's Lutheran Church
on Sunday, September 13 LCMS

9:00am - Worship • 10:30am - Fellowship / Games
12:00pm - Lunch • 2:00pm - Special Service / Cake

Come for the day or any part of it!

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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

ACT INVITES YOU!

GLOSS • GOSPEL • GAMES



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

ACT youth invite *the adults of our congregation*
to join us for a special evening of faith, fun & fellowship!



GLOSS

Choose your favorite polish
and let our ACT youth
give your nails
a fresh coat!



GOSPEL

Join our youth for
a short devotion and
time together in
God's Word.



GAMES

Cards, board games,
laughter & a little
friendly competition!



GLOSS • GOSPEL • GAMES

to follow

*Come for dinner.
Come for the games.
Come for the Gospel.
Come for fellowship.
We'd love to
have you!*



THIS EVENING IS FOR
OUR ACT YOUTH (GRADES 7-12)
AND ADULT MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION.

PLEASE SIGN UP BY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
so we can plan for dinner and activities.



*We can't wait to
spend this evening
with you!*



HOSTED BY **ACT** – ACTIVE CHRISTIAN TEENS

We invite all men to

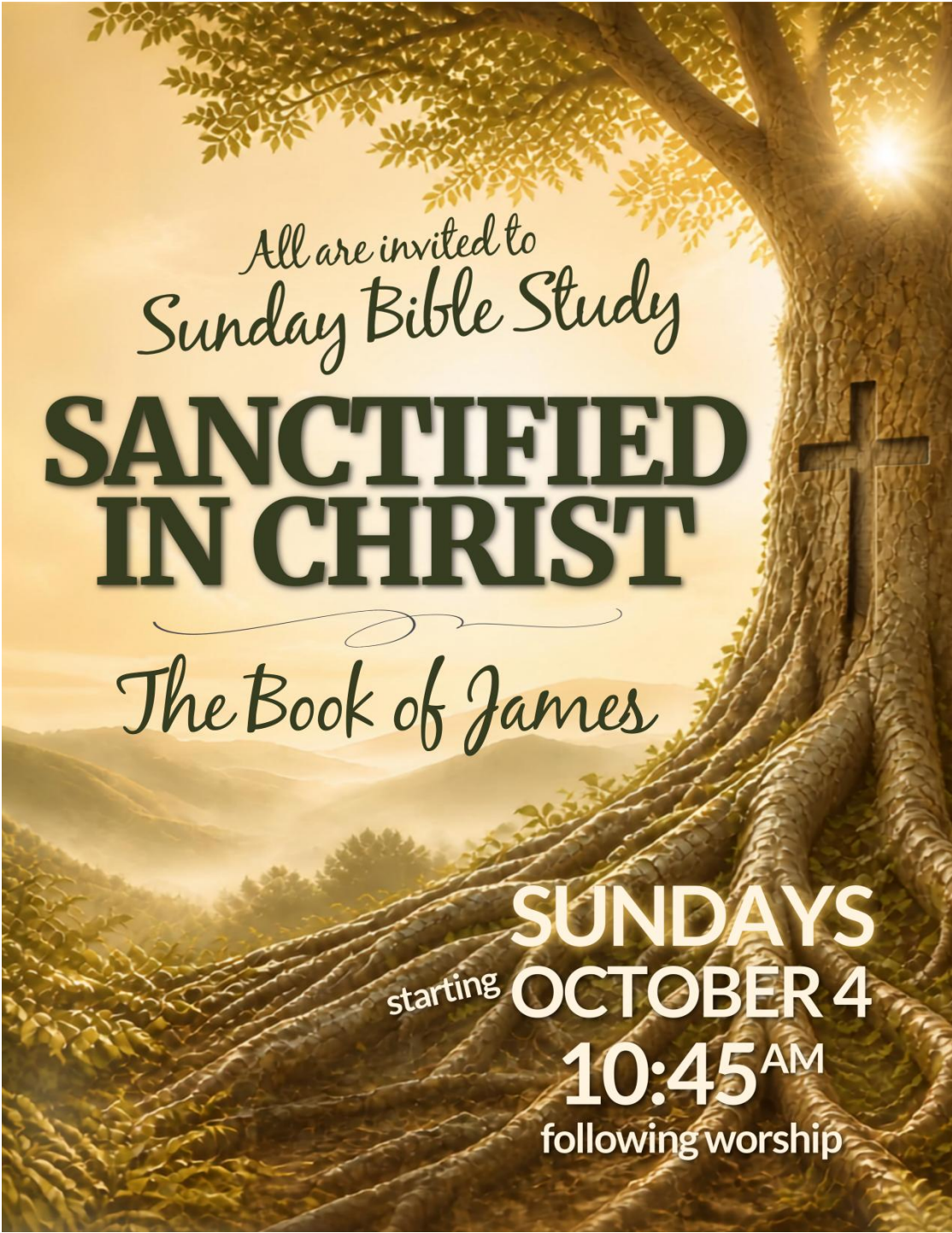
DIG DEEPER



The
BOOK OF CONCORD

For men who want to know what they believe.

WEDNESDAYS
starting
September 16
9:00 AM

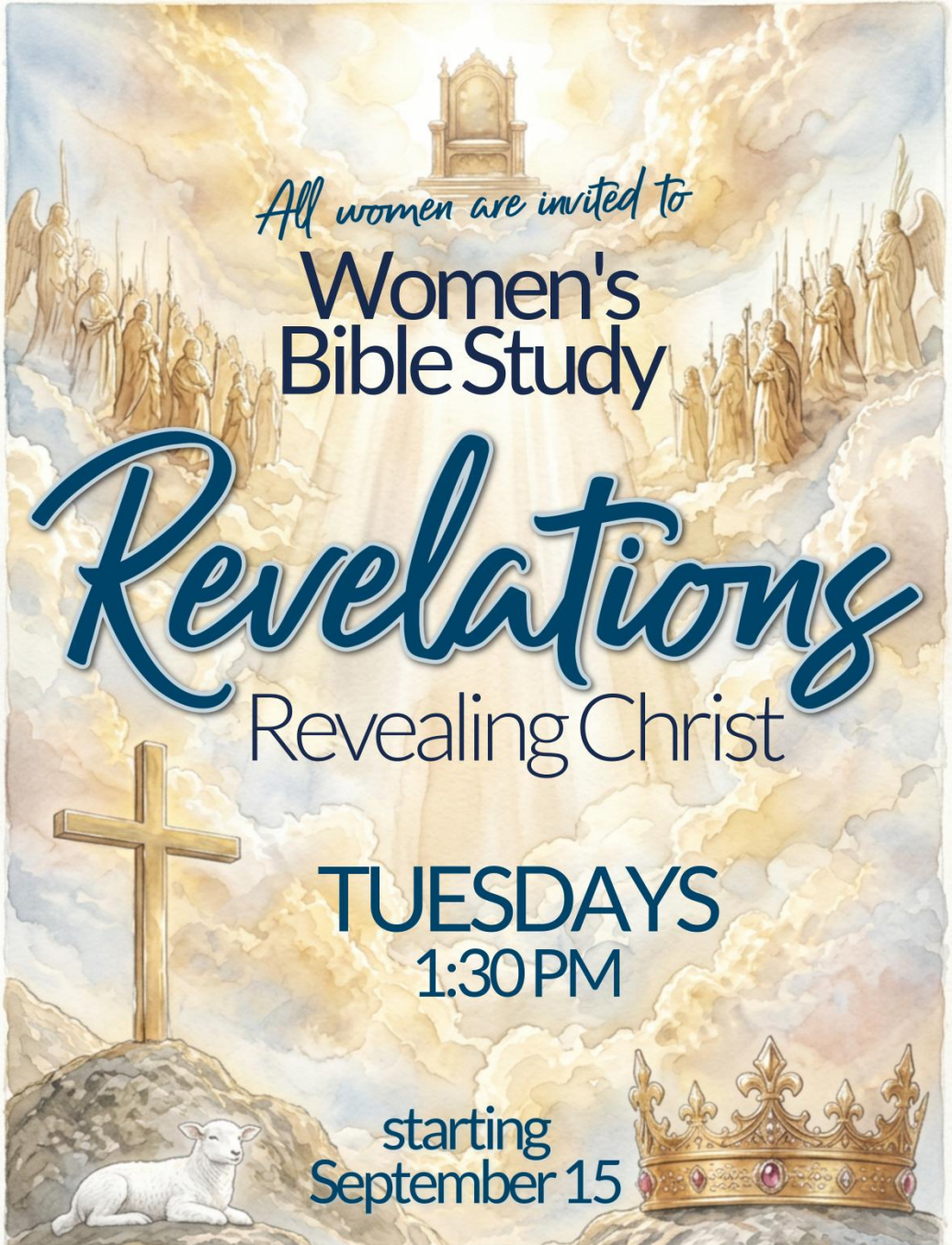


*All are invited to
Sunday Bible Study*

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



CENTENNIAL HISTORY BOOK ORDER FORM

\$11 each

if pre-ordered by Sep 6
\$12 each at Celebration

Cast Your Nets Into the Past

For 100 years, St. John's Lutheran Church has been a place where faith has been shared, lives have been celebrated, and generations have gathered.

Our **100th Centennial History Book** captures that journey.

Inside its pages are treasured photographs, stories from our church's history, and memories of the people and events that have shaped St. John's. You'll find baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and those we have lovingly remembered in death, along with the everyday moments that tell the story of who we are as a church family.

Order your copy today and take home a piece of St. John's history.

Whether you have been part of St. John's for generations or joined us more recently, there is something in these pages that will make you smile, remember, and give thanks.

Don't let these memories get away. Cast your net and reserve your 100th Anniversary Book today! Pre-orders (ordered by September 6) are \$11 each. Books will be distributed upon receipt from printer.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

NUMBER OF BOOKS ORDERED _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

(\$11 x Number ordered)

Money due at time of order. Checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church