

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH- MISSOURI SYNOD

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 13, 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: 81

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 13	9:00 am	Worship / Rally Day
	10:30 am	Fellowship and Activities outside
	12:00 pm	Centennial Lunch
	2:00 pm	Special Centennial Service
		Cake to follow
Monday, September 14	10:00 am	Circle Meeting
Tuesday, September 15	1:30 pm	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, September 16	9:00 am	Men's Bible Study
	5:00 pm	ACT
	6:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday, September 20	9:00 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Fellowship
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Confirmation Meeting



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 Shoemocker, Clyde Swanson, Chuck Virginia, Adah Williams, and Connor Wood.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of **John and Betty Soderquist**, faithful members of St. John's Lutheran Church since their wedding in 1959.

COMMEMORATE OUR CENTENNIAL!

Celebrate 100 years of God's faithfulness and take a piece of our centennial celebration home! A limited selection of history books (\$12), cookbooks (\$20), and commemorative ornaments (\$10 suggested donation) are available for purchase.

These special items make wonderful keepsakes and gifts while helping us remember the people, stories, and traditions that have shaped our church over the past century.

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September 13, 2026

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: #797 – *“Praise the Almighty”*

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service Setting Three, page 184

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION – page 184

PSALM: 103:1-12 (read responsively)

KYRIE – page 186

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – page 187

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY: O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 50:15-21

SECOND LESSON: Romans 14:1-12

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

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CHILDREN’S LESSON

HYMN OF THE DAY: #842 – *“Son of God, Eternal Savior”*

SERMON: Fill Us with Your Love and Pity

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT – page 194

LORD’S PRAYER – page 196

PAX DOMINI AND AGNUS DEI – page 197

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: #739 – *“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”*
#609 – *“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”*
#623 – *“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”*

NUNC DIMITTIS - page 199

BENEDICTION - page 202

CLOSING HYMN: #662 – *“Onward Christian Soldiers”*



100 YEARS of Casting the Net



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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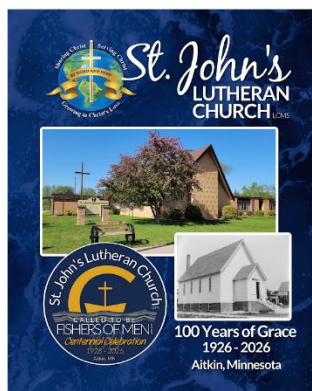
Pick up your Centennial memorabilia and help us celebrate our history!



Centennial Ornaments

Suggested Donation Price: **\$10**

For sale before/after church & September 13



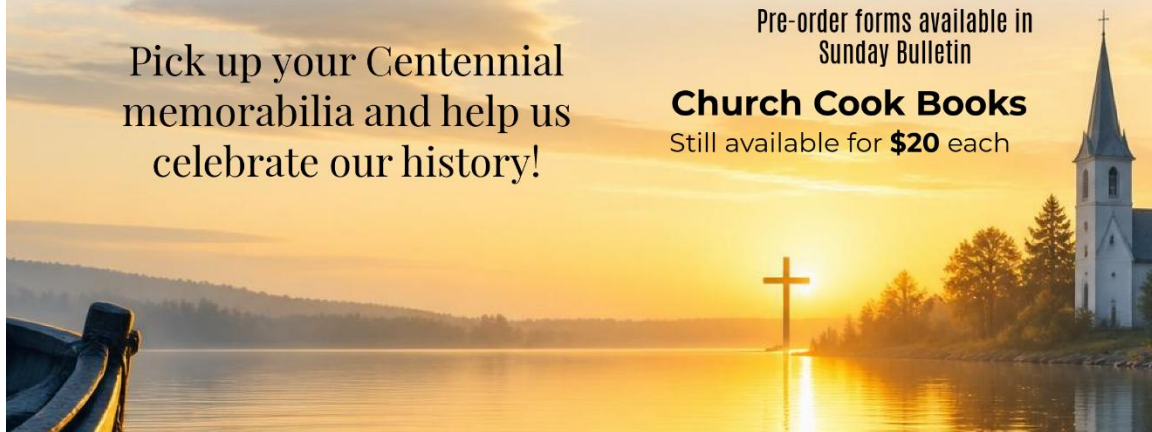
History Book

\$12

Pre-order forms available in
Sunday Bulletin

Church Cook Books

Still available for **\$20** each



We invite kids to

SUNDAY SCHOOL

DREAM BIG

the story of Joseph

starts

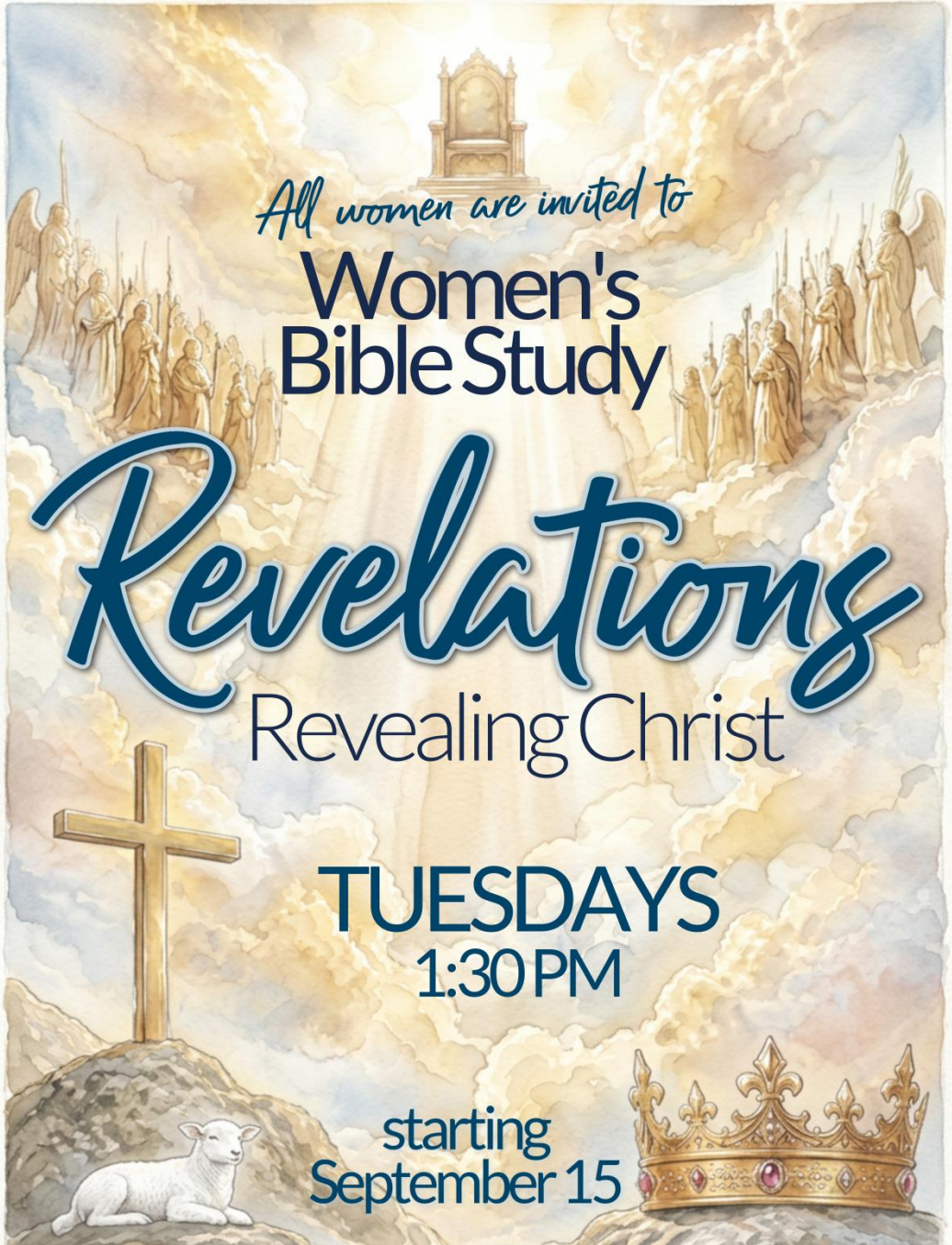
SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 20

10:45^{AM}

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





All women are invited to

**Women's
Bible Study**

Revelations

Revealing Christ

TUESDAYS
1:30 PM

starting
September 15

We invite all men to

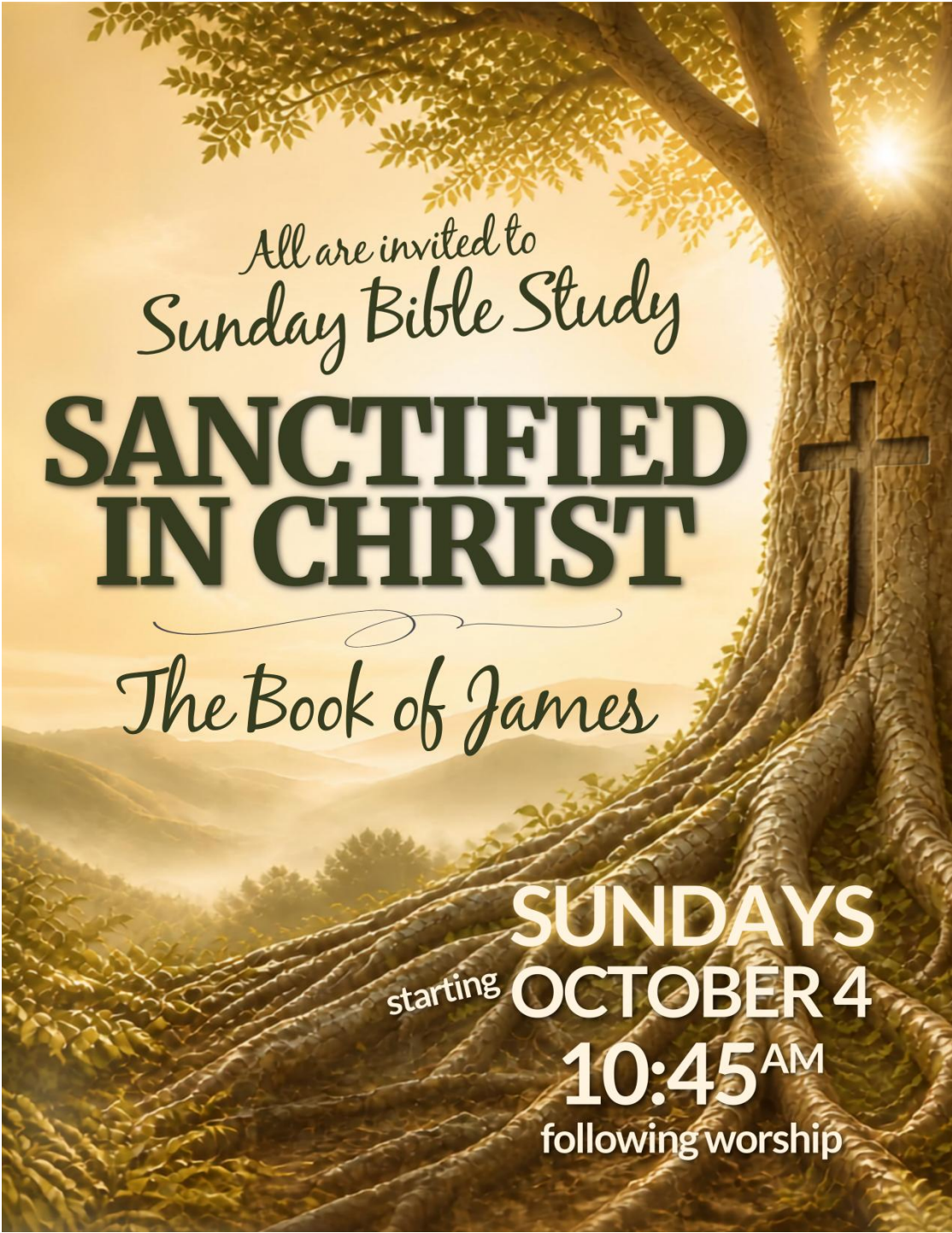
DIG DEEPER



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

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