# **Upcoming Events & Announcements**

Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 9:45 am Isaiah

**Confirmation** Saturday evenings at 7:00 pm.

**Youth Group –** Grades 6 and up join our youth group Facebook page at St. John's Youth – Warman. Speak to Pastor for details.

**Book Study –** Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm.

Sunday, October 15 - Potluck lunch following the service.

**The Fall Supper** will be held at the Seniors Centre in Warman next Sunday, October 22 at 5:00 pm. Soup, bun, and pie event, beverages, kitchen help, help with set up and take down, ticket takers, etc. See Jason's Saturday, September 16 email for more information.

A reminder that we have an auto-debit option for giving offerings. Please speak to Pastor for more information.

# **Opportunities to Serve**

We are looking for someone more permanent to help with counting offering on a regular basis. Please speak to Meridee if you are interested. Training will be provided.

A signup sheet for church cleaning is posted on the bulletin board near the restrooms.

## **Prayer Thoughts for the Week**

We remember those needing Your hand of healing, especially for Don Penner, Evan Greenwood, Ed Peters, Breanne, Dustin Gasmo, Pastor Ron Mohr, Pastor Rob Grout, Doreen Heide, Judy Haichert, Vicky Vardi, Regina Marcoux, Larry Neufeld, Adin Dereniwski, Joan Spaerman, Linda Peterson, Bill Hayes, Irene Besser, Linda Doell, Jim Patrick, Charmaine Peters, Olinda Fehr, John Hebert, Terry Tamke, Hailey Christensen, Mike Stringer, Alex Gudmundson, Ann Klassen, Dale Besser, Albert Kramer, Nora Spaerman, Michelle Wenc, Karen Decorby, and Ruby Dyck. Give them Your strength and hope for every tomorrow.



## **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Worship Service 11:00 am

Sunday School 9:30 am

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#### Welcome to Our Visitors

Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church!

We believe that it is our mission to *bring the Word* of God to those who do not know Jesus as their Saviour, to *build the faith* of those who do, and to *share the love* of God with our community and the world. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please speak with the Pastor or Elder on duty. You are welcome to join us as often as you would like in lifting our hearts and voices to the Lord in praise, prayer, and song.

God's blessings to you in Christ!



#### Communion at St. John's

Everyone is invited to come forward for a blessing.
As a confirmed member in good standing of a Lutheran
Church -- Canada congregation you are welcome to
receive the Body and Blood of Christ from this altar.
If you are a visitor from another church body, we ask that
you meet with our Pastor or one of our Elders before
receiving the Sacrament here at St. John's.

Any special prayer requests can be directed to the Usher before service begins so Pastor can include them in the Prayer of the Church.

## **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

First Reading Isaiah 58:13-14

"If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Second Reading Psalm 92

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy. How great are your works, O Lord! Your thoughts are very deep!

The stupid man cannot know; the fool cannot understand this: that though the wicked sprout like grass and all evildoers flourish, they are doomed to destruction forever; but you, O Lord, are on high forever.

For behold, your enemies, O Lord, for behold, your enemies shall perish; all evildoers shall be scattered.

But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox; you have poured over me fresh oil.

My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies; my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.

The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.

They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green,

to declare that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Holy Gospel Matthew 12:9-21

He went on from there and entered their synagogue. And a man was there with a withered hand. And they asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"—so that they might accuse him. He said to them, "Which one of you who has a sheep, if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out? Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath." Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And the man stretched it out, and it was restored, healthy like the other. But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him. Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed him, and he healed them all and ordered them not to make him known. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. He will not quarrel or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets; a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory; and in his name the Gentiles will hope."