

Greetings church family!

In our efforts to make communication a bit easier, we are launching an abbreviated newsletter for those members who sometimes miss the announcements in the weekly church bulletin.

We continue to be grateful for Vicar Charles' leadership in worship, in catechism classes, and with the men's Firepit Fellowship!

We are blessed to have visiting pastors who provide us with Holy Communion. Check the calendar for the officiating pastor each Sunday. Pastor Chris Cahill will be bringing us Communion on the first Sunday in November and December.

October 17 is the date for a New Outreach Program "**Pancakes in the Parking Lot**" being held at St John. The purpose is to show our neighbors we care by providing at no charge, making and serving pancakes for them. Stop by for some pancakes if you can! Time is 8:30 – 11:30 am.

November 1 has been designated as **Consecration Sunday**. Since Pastor Cahill will be in the worship service, he has asked that we make some preparations for that day. Please try to attend the intervening worship services or find them at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100068415964429>.

Also, if possible, please watch the these Giving Challenge YouTube videos on each Sunday:

10/4 Giving Eternally-

<https://youtu.be/S2brjnOQ9OE>

10/11 Giving Abundantly-

<https://youtu.be/qE9VpnKo3dA>

10/18 Giving Regularly-

<https://youtu.be/PyIR83dPOZ8>

10/25 Giving Today-

<https://youtu.be/RrDdzUmbYR0>

A Call committee has been formed, and they met with Pastor George Hansell on Sunday September 13.

The Sunday School hour is at 8:45-9:45 am. Mary Kay Pershing leads the children. The adult class is led by Vicar Upole on the topic "The Lutheran Liturgy".

The Adult choir resumed practice on Thursday, September 17. More voices are needed; please consider joining us at 7PM Thursdays.

Our Boy scout troop is selling popcorn. Order forms are available in the Gathering Place. Contact Rick Ott at 234-346-1140.

Prayers during the services have been offered for Jeff Houston, Bonnie Myers, and Maryan McFarren.

The Marthas will be accepting donations of home-baked cookies for sale during the November 3rd election. Cookies can be brought to church on Sunday the 1st.