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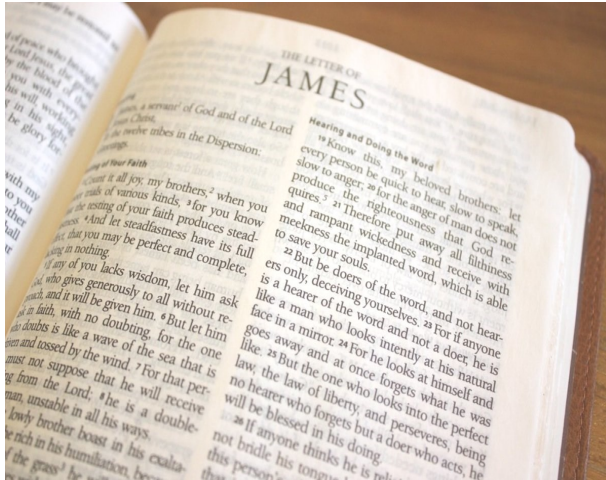
September 2024



St. John Lutheran Church



Nashua, Iowa



The Book of James

September is the month of James, by that I mean we will work our way through the Book of James in our Sunday morning lectionary (see schedule below). Martin Luther wasn't the biggest fan of the Book of James, calling it "The Epistle of Straw."

James includes a lot of Law language, and for someone who stressed grace through faith in Jesus as an important theological ideal, Luther struggled with holding this book on equal ground with many of the other New Testament writings. Yet, it is still in our 3-year lectionary cycle, and it is seen as an important book of the Bible that can help us live a good, faithful, godly life.

So, this month, pay close attention to the readings from James and consider to yourself, "How does this apply to my life today and my faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior?" I look forward to diving into this book with you over the next few weeks.

September 1 = James 1:17-27

September 8 = James 2:1-17

September 15 = James 3:1-12

September 22 = James 3:13—4:3 & 7-8

September 29 = James 5:13-20

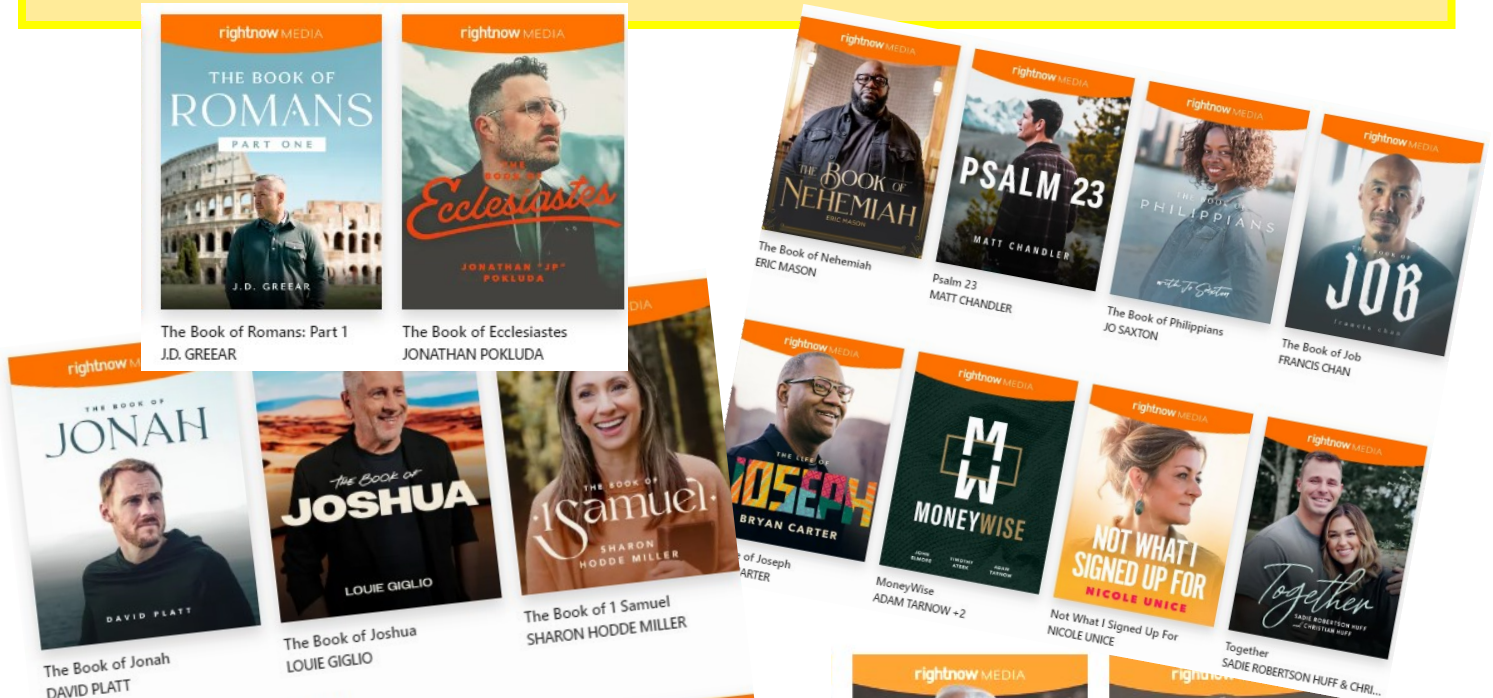
— Pastor Todd —



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Daring Joy by Deacon Jackie

Children and youth are the hope and future of the St. John community. Through our youth groups and activities, we nurture our children in an environment of love and faith, helping them grow into these values throughout their lives.

****Sunday School**** is designed to show kids that church is a fun, safe place where they are loved by God. It's an educational time to study God's Word, hear both Law and Gospel, and deepen their understanding of faith in Jesus through stories and hands-on activities.

****Confirmation****, also known as Affirmation of Baptism, is a time for young people to declare their commitment to the promises made on their behalf during baptism. The years spent in confirmation classes are dedicated to exploring faith, integrating it into everyday life, and understanding the church. These classes help students prepare to affirm their baptismal faith, trusting that God will guide them throughout their lives. During confirmation, we delve into the core beliefs of Christianity, such as The Trinity, the Church, sin and salvation. We also discuss the impact of our actions toward God and others, and study The Ten Commandments, The Apostle's Creed, The Lord's Prayer, and The Sacraments as presented in Luther's Small Catechism.

****Luther League**** is our high school youth group for students in 9th to 12th grade. It offers a space for fellowship, Christian education, and service, where high school youth can safely discuss their faith questions. The group meets regularly throughout the year, engaging in mission projects, planning activities and outings, and sharing devotions and prayers.

****Christian Youth United (CYU)**** is a collaborative Youth Group formed by area churches to provide a safe space for our community youth to grow in their walk with God. We all face challenges to our faith, whether from others or difficult circumstances. That's why it's crucial to have a foundational knowledge of Christianity and a willing heart to obey God. In CYU, we learn what it means to live out God's call to share our lives and faith with friends, colleagues, and neighbors.

"Spread love everywhere you go.

Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier"

Mother Teresa

"LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE IN LOVE"

1 CORINTHIANS 16:14

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Deacon Jackie Schilling

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Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Thursday: 9:00 a.m.— 8:00 p.m.
Sat and Sun: 8:00 a.m. — noon
On call for all confirmation needs.

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. † Monday, Thursday, Friday

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Cedar Vale: **Virginia Kraft**

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Bartels—Linden Place: **Verna Wiebke**

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Joyce McMichael, Shirley Frost

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Linda Haut, Phyllis Kunzman

**KNOW
JESUS
KNOW
PEACE**

- 1- Alexis Hovey
- 2- Alexandra Lane
- 4- Tanner Haut
- 4- Kennedy Bechthold
- 4- Marissa Janssen
- 4- Jacob Poppe
- 5- Karson Chyma
- 6- Richard Pahnisch
- 7- Dan Dietz
- 7- Kylie Huffman
- 7- Cole Berger
- 8- Jill Kalvig
- 8- Daisy Richmann
- 8- Dakota Christiansen
- 8- Jaxson Hovey
- 9- Kael Hannemann
- 9- Phyllis Kunzman
- 9- Kermit Pothast
- 11- Beth Waller
- 11- Dylan Hanson
- 11- Megan Martin
- 13- Stacey Berger
- 13- Olivia Hopper
- 13- Sandra Steinlage
- 14- Kathy Cerwinske
- 14- Samantha Lantz
- 14- Maverick McDonald
- 15- Kristie Hannemann
- 15- Brice Berger

September Birthdays



- 15- Lynne Fundermann
- 15- Miranda Wagner
- 16- Cassie Hanawalt
- 16- Ryder Hoffman
- 17- Genevieve Fonley
- 17- Avinash Lampman
- 18- Jackson Zwanziger
- 19- Emmie Sudol
- 20- Troy Stille
- 21- Karen Manke
- 22- Elijah Cerwinske
- 22- Isabella Dietz
- 22- Jake Greer
- 23- Gwen Johnson
- 23- Jennifer Wegner
- 24- Lewis Mahan
- 26- Alyssa Rose
- 27- Travis Folkerts
- 27- Austin Schuler
- 28- Susan Garbes
- 28- Lorene Hirsch
- 29- Bruce Becker
- 29- Elizabeth Appel
- 29- Addison Garbes
- 29- Norah Poppe
- 30- Charley Sudol
- 30- Jenny Wolf
- 30- Susan Allison
- 30- Peter Watters



Thanks Donors! Everything went well for the Community Blood Drive on August 20th. A total of 26 Units were collected, which can help 78 patients. Other statistics for the day include 3 who couldn't give; 2 no-shows; and 2 walk-ins. Thanks to all concerned who took time for the Drive. Times for the 2025 are scheduled.

In Appreciation,
Nancy Scharnhorst and Myrna Ross

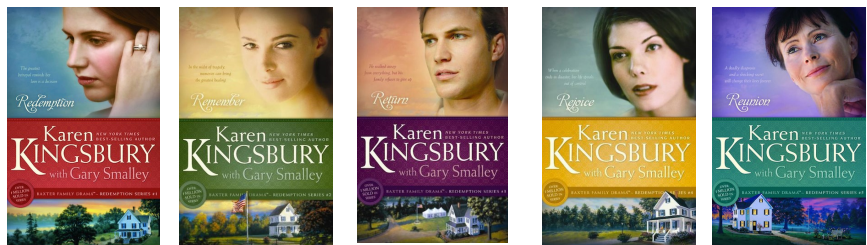


Back to school is a great time to start picking up things to fill your shoeboxes for our annual Operation Christmas Child shoebox drive later on this year.

You can find pencils, pens, markers, notebooks, pencil cases and lots of other school supplies at fantastic prices right now.

If you have any questions, please get a hold of Stacey Berger. Thank you for supporting this ministry for many years!

Back to School! Back to St John Library!! If you watch "The Baxters" on Amazon, or if you're just a fan of the author Karen Kingsbury, you'll like the books waiting for you in the church library which is found in the overflow area of the church. We have the first five books in the series: Redemption, Remember, Return, Rejoice, Reunion. Come and check them out. Susan Garbes



Northeastern Iowa Synod Substance Abuse Network

Text or Call (Please leave a voice message if possible)

- + Pastor Brian Julin-McCleary (319) 888-3814
- + Deacon Jackie Schilling (319) 504-6583
- + Pastor Jane Harris (641) 242-0337
- + Pastor Bob Scheurer (641) 420-4380
- + Pastor Tom Martin (563) 419-3173
- ♥ Pastor Becky Sogge (612) 718-9151
- ♥ Pastor Maureen Howard (319) 512-8819

+ *Experience with own personal addiction/recovery*

♥ *Experience with a loved one dealing with addiction/recovery*

NE Iowa Synod Contact: Pastor Steve Brackett: (319) 352-1414

Join the new Substance Abuse Network December 7, 2022 by Marcia Hahn

Rostered ministers and lay members are invited to join the synod's new Substance Abuse Network, which will encourage and promote ways that the synod, rostered ministers, lay leaders and congregations can bring hope and healing to those affected by substance abuse.

Drug addiction, alcoholism, codependency, and behavioral addictions are among the most prevalent, complex and destructive illnesses in human society. It has long been recognized that addiction contains a spiritual dimension that must be integrated into treatment more than other disorders.

The Substance Abuse Network, which was formed in response to a resolution adopted at the 2022 Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly, will advise how leaders and congregations can collaborate with organizations like Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Al-Anon, the Center of Addiction and Faith, and Fellowship of Recovering Lutheran Clergy, as well as state and local authorities.

JOIN THE NETWORK!

The network meets monthly, and lay and clergy members are invited to be part of this adventure. Anyone interested should email Pastor Tom Martin, network facilitator, or call the synod office, **319-352-1414**.

September Worship Servants

Type Service	Traditional w/Comm	Jubilee No Comm	Traditional No Comm	Jubilee With Comm	Traditional No Comm
Date	Sun, Sept 1, 2024	Sun, Sept 8, 2024	Sun, Sept 15, 2024	Sun, Sept 22, 2024	Sun, Sept 29, 2024
Head Usher	Lori Bruns	Lori Bruns	Lori Bruns	Lori Bruns	Lori Bruns
Lector	Roh Schilling	Tate Demro	Kathy Cerwinske	Judy Rottinghaus	Lisa Acton
Sound	Lynne Wilken Sophie Wilken Hailey Wilken	Jeff Frost	Tom Franzen	Troy Stille	Ken Haut
Computer/ Camera		Kaden & Kami Hannemann	Connor Sullivan	Katelyn Wolf	Trent Rodruck
Communion	Lisa Acton Stacey Berger	N/A	N/A	Matt Hannemann	N/A
Acolyte	Sophie Wilken Hailey Wilken	Kaden & Kami Hannemann	Lyla Burrichter	Jenny Wolf Laura Wolf	Harmony Pederson
Acolyte			Wyatt Burrichter		Landyn Stiles
Greeters/ Offering	Ron Schilling	Demro Family	Sullivan Family	Wolf Family	Greg & Jo Henn
Date	Sept 1st	Sept 8th	Sept 15th	Sept 22nd	Sept 29th

From the Church Office
August 2024 Statistics

Sunday, August 4th

9:00 a.m. Attendance: 46 Giving: \$1,466.00

Sunday, August 11th

9:00 a.m. Attendance: 70 Giving: \$2,505.00

Sunday, August 18th– Outdoor

9:00 a.m. Attendance: 70 Giving: \$1,201.00

Sunday, August 25th

9:00 a.m. Attendance: 44 Giving: \$1,409.00

September Head Usher:
Lori Bruns



**2024 Council Members
& Committee Chairperson:**

Lori Bruns, President

Mark Rodruck, Finance

Evangelism: **Kathy Cerwinske, Vice President**

Education: **Karen Sinnwell, Secretary**

Administration: **Megan Stille**

Building & Grounds: **Bruce Becker**

Social Concerns: **Dan Miller**

Stewardship: **Lisa Acton**

Technology: **Kif Richmann**

Worship & Music: **Rick Drewelow**

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YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8AuycQBC1zUQWr2JfB727g/videos>



Blessing of the Backpacks
During Outdoor Worship
St John Parking Lot
August 18, 2024



7:00 P.M. – Wednesday – September 11th

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It can show in the area churches; and **THAT LOVE CAN SPREAD**

throughout the Community of Nashua! THANK YOU!

2024

September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Traditional with Communion 1	Labor Day Holiday 2	SEW 9-3 3	SEW 9-3 4 WELCA 1:30	SEW 9-3 Bible Study 6-7:30 5		Men's Breakfast 7 AM 7
>Jubilee NoCom 3 Shortened >Sunday School Kickoff Shortened GWOH & PICNIC	Scout Pack Meeting 5:30 p.m. 9	10	LOVE & THE OUTCOME CONCERT 7:00p.m. 11	Book Club 6:30- 8 12	13	14
Traditional No 15 Communion	SEW 9-3 PEO 6:30-9 p.m. Council 7 p.m. 16	SEW 9-3 17	SEW 9-3 18	Bible Study 6-7:30 19	20	21
Jubilee with 22 Communion	SEW 9-3 Scout Pack Recruiting Event 5:30 p.m. 23	SEW 9-3 24	SEW 9-3 25	Bible Study 6-7:30 26	27	Betsinger & Appel Wedding 28
Traditional No 29 Communion Deacon Jackie.....	SEW 9-3 30	Oct 1st SEW 9-3	Oct 2nd SEW 9-3	Bible Study 6-7:30 26	Deacon Jackie.....	

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Love is here with Jesus!

