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## *Sola Gratia*

Grace Alone

## *Sola Fide*

Faith Alone

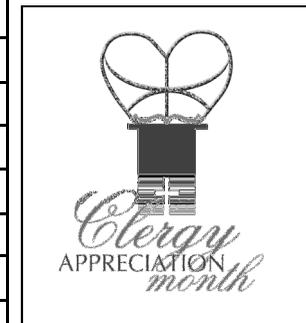
## *Sola Scriptura*

Scripture Alone

October 31st will be the 495th birthday of Lutheranism. On that day in 1517, God began to lead His people back to the truths found in Scripture - we are saved by grace alone through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

Today, God still wants us to be faithful to those three truths and to be bold like Martin Luther and proclaim the truth in a world that often shuns hearing the truth.

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**MONTHLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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**Saturday Services**

**6:00 p.m.**

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*Holy Communion*

*1st and 3rd Weekend*

*of each month*

**Sunday Services**

**9:00 a.m.**

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**Radio Broadcasts...**

9:00 a.m. on 2nd Sunday

of each month

KAYL 101.7FM.

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**Lutheran Hour Ministries**

**KAYL 8:00 a.m.**

**Every Sunday**

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**SUNDAY MORNING— FAITHBUILDERS AND BIBLE CLASSES**

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**Faithbuilders**, for ages 3 years thru 8th grade, and the **High School Bible Class** both meet at 10:15 a.m. on the 2nd Floor.



*Be in the Word*

**Adult Bible Classes** meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room (led by V. Winterhof) and in the Library (led by Pastor Lesemann).

# Message from Pastor Lesemann

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*Because of our Lord Jesus Christ, we live at peace with God (Romans 5:1)*

Are you looking for peace in your life? If so, you are not alone.

In confirmation class, I was reviewing with the 7<sup>th</sup> graders the key points of our doctrine in the Lutheran Church. That review elicited questions from the students dealing with how to have true happiness in life. Their questions reminded me of the similar struggles of our own Dr. Martin Luther.

He struggled to find peace with God. He sought this peace through a monastic life of sacrifice, fasting, prayer and more. Sadly, the more he tried to please God, the more he became aware of his sins.

To help Luther, his advisor in the monastery, Johann von Staupitz, thought it would be best for Luther to devote his self-deprecating energies into academics. This led Martin Luther to earn two bachelor degrees and a doctorate while at the University in Wittenberg.

Because of the required intense study of scripture, Luther discovered how to find true peace with God. In reading God's Word, He came to understand that salvation was a gift of God's grace and can only be received if one has faith and trusts in the forgiveness sins won by Christ's death on the cross. Of course, this was not what the Catholic Church of his time was teaching. So Luther felt led to write the 95 Theses, protesting against the un-Biblical practices of the Catholic Church and the sale of indulgences.

Many others were searching for the same peace that Luther had found, and ultimately the movement we now know as the Reformation was born. The rest of Luther's life was devoted to reforming the church to again teach the true message of Jesus Christ through which we are at peace with God.

Peace is not the elusive thing that people often make it out to be. You don't have to work for it! Peace is knowing Jesus as your Lord and Savior. For no matter what storms, trials and failures may come into your life, your soul is safe in Jesus.

I pray that you have that peace and that God would sustain you through the burdens and struggles of life.

In His grace,

Pastor Bruce H. Lesemann



Executive Director Henry Hardt called the meeting to order.

Pastor Lesemann's devotion expounded on 1 Thessalonians 5:13 - "Watch the [beward of the] 'Payback.'" Sometimes we suffer the evil deeds or words of others. We must not repay them bad for bad but rather with kindness and love. Jesus is our perfect example.

Board of Trustees - Dave Dose

The trustees and the elders approved staying with the last year's health insurance plan for St. John employees.

The trustees chose not to repair or replace the non-working drinking fountain between the main floor women's and men's restrooms. This would have cost from \$260 to \$360.

The trustees had to change out the sump pump in the basement (at no cost since it was still under warranty), but the existing water line is plugged and must be augured out or replaced.

Renaë is back to full-time work, with St. John paying 100% of her salary.

Jerry Johnson helped Dave explain that KAYL can no longer play cassettes of our worship services. The two will work with Pastor and with Harold Redenbaugh to decide how to proceed.

Board of Youth and Board of Education - Jerry Johnson

Faithbuilders this year will combine all kids and be rotated; volunteers will read the Bible story.

Kristin Matasovksy and her African "adventure" will be their mission project.

No youth will attend the district youth gathering; another chaperone is needed for the senior youth at theirs. Emily Johnson and Deanna Ballou will go to the National Youth Gathering next summer. Banana Bunch meets today for the first time this season.

A 16'x9' screen was donated and has been mounted on a wall of the high school Bible class. It will be used for Bible studies and for movies.

Following Rally Sunday on September 30 there will be a congregational potluck. Buck Denver will make a special appearance. (You don't know who he is? Ask a kid!).

Board of Parish Relations - Linda Zabloudil

St. John will celebrate Pastor's birthday during coffee hour on Sunday, October 14; the money donated to it will go to missions.

Board of Lay Ministers - Harlan Matasovsky

Taped music will be played while Suzanne attends Holy Communion.

The board is checking on contribution envelopes for new confirmands.

On October 15 and 16, Pastor will attend a seminar on recovering delinquent members and youth; IDW will pay his expenses.

Pastor Lesemann

There will be a circuit Reformation service, the location of which has not been determined.

A meeting at 2 pm on October 14 will be held to decide which circuit pastor and which of our circuit's lay delegates will be sent to the national LCMS convention.

Jim Schroeder will conduct an estate planning meeting this month.

Pastor will be on leave to the Philippines from Oct. 29 through Nov. 13.

Ten Grace 7th graders are attending Confirmation classes at St. John.

Treasurer's Report - Karen Fletcher

A quarterly report will be out in October.

Executive Director - Henry Hardt

The next voters' meeting will be Sunday, January 6, 2013 at 11:15.

There will be a budget informational meeting on Sunday, December 16 at 11:15. The directors of St. John boards are asked to submit their budgets for 2013 to the treasurer or to the Stewardship board by Sunday, December 2.

Hardt was asked to explain the seeming deficit in the budget between the monies needed and those received, which is printed weekly in the bulletin. The budget calls for \$40,000 to be appropriated for the capital improvement budget account. That money has not yet been spent and will not be spent until the entire amount for the new furnace is raised or until one is needed earlier than planned.

The next parish planning meeting will be Sunday, October 21 at 11:15.

Hardt adjourned the meeting at 12:11 pm. We closed by praying the Lord's Prayer.

**OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH** - For each day in October, you can use the suggestions on the following pages and pray for Pastor and his family. Each day also contains Bible verses to help guide your prayers.

**Day 1** Pray that your pastor will love God with all his heart, soul, mind and strength. Pray that God's Spirit will work in his heart in power and that he will value and follow biblical priorities. (Deut. 6:5; Matt. 6:33)

**Day 2** Pray that your pastor will cultivate strong character and uncompromising integrity. Pray that his testimony will be genuine, and that he will never do anything that he would need to hide from others. (1 Tim. 1:5, 3:7; Eph. 6:10-12)

**Day 3** Pray for his personal walk with God—that his soul and spirit will be nourished and strengthened in his quiet time with God, beyond his sermon preparation. Pray that he will spend more time in the Word of God than reading Christian books and articles. (Mark 1:35; 2 Tim. 2:15-16)

**Day 4** Pray that your pastor will counsel and teach with discernment through the wise use of Scripture and faith in God's power to work. Pray that he will be protected from the effects of sinful or negative attitudes that he encounters as he counsels. (Mal. 2:7; James 1:5-6; John 17:15)

**Day 5** Ask God to protect your pastor's marriage and keep it strong as a model of Christ's relationship with the Church. Pray that your pastor will tenderly cherish and lead his wife, and that she will respect and encourage her husband, submitting to his leadership. (Eph. 5:23-33) (If your pastor is not married, pray for his relationships with loved ones and those who are close to him.)

**Day 6** Pray that God will protect your pastor's wife from bitterness when her husband is criticized. Pray that her prayer and devotional life will be consistent, and that she will guard her mind and heart. (Heb. 12:15; Prov. 4:23)

**Day 7** Pray for your pastor's children, and especially that the pressures of the ministry will not discourage or embitter them. Pray that your pastor will provide godly leadership in the home, not based on fear of what others will think, but according to scriptural truth. (Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:20-21) (If your pastor does not have children, pray that God will give him many "spiritual children" as he shares the Gospel.)

**Day 8** Ask God to protect your pastor from the evil plots of Satan. Pray that he will not be corrupted as he rubs shoulders with the world in the course of ministry. (John 17:15; Is. 54:17; 2 Cor. 2:11; 1 Pet. 3:12; Ps. 9:9-10, 91:9-11)

**Day 9** Pray that God will build a hedge of protection around your pastor's marriage, and that he and his wife will be aware of the potential for any improper relationships. Pray that their family time will be protected. (Ezek. 22:30a; 2 Cor. 10:4-5; Matt. 19:6)

**Day 10** Pray that your pastor will use discernment in use of e-mails, the Internet, and the media. Ask God to guard his heart concerning the use of free time. Pray that he will be morally pure and that he will wear the armor of God so that he will not fall into sexual temptation. (Rom. 13:14; 1 Pet. 1:16; Eph. 6:10-18; 2 Cor. 10:4)

**Day 11** Pray that God will bring godly friends and encouragers to your pastor and his family, to strengthen them for the ministry and provide meaningful fellowship and times of rest. (Phil. 2:19-25)

**Day 12** Pray that your pastor will be humble and authentic in his faith, not given to pride or hypocrisy. Pray that he will have pure motives and give God glory for every gain or victory. (Micah 6:8; Gal. 6:14; John 7:17-18; 1 Cor. 10:13)

**Day 13** Pray that your pastor will make wise lifestyle choices in order to protect his health, especially in the areas of exercise, eating moderately, and getting sufficient rest. Pray for times of relaxation and renewal to balance the stress of ministry. (Rom. 12:1-2; 1 Cor. 9:27, 10:13, 6:19-20; James 3:1-2)

**Day 14** Pray that your pastor will focus on the Word of God and walk in the fear of the Lord—rather than fear of man—as he prepares his messages. Pray that he will seek to please God rather than men, and pursue holiness rather than the praise of men. (Acts 6:4; Prov. 19:23; 2 Tim. 2:15; Heb. 11:6; 2 Tim. 4:1-2)

**Day 15** Praise God for your pastor's leadership and pray that he will make godly decisions. Pray that he will lead with a shepherd's heart, and that he will always speak the truth in love. (1 Kings 3:9; 1 Pet. 5:2; Rom. 12:6-8; Jer. 3:15)

**Day 16** Pray that your pastor will be courageous in the pulpit in proclaiming Christ, and confident in his use of the Word of God. Ask God to help him preach with insight, transparency and humility. (Col. 1:28, 4:3a; Eph. 6:19)

**Day 17** Pray that your pastor will be a "Great Commission man"—committed to personal evangelism and the equipping of the saints to seek the lost. Pray that he will have a heart to develop a thriving missions program in his church. (Rom. 10:15; Matt. 28:19-20; Luke 19:10)

**Day 18** Pray that your pastor will be a man of prayer and worship, and that he will lead by example—teaching the congregation how to walk in a close relationship with the Father. (1 Thess. 5:17; Acts 1:14a; Matt. 4:10; Mark 1:35; Luke 22:46)

**Day 19** Pray that your pastor will use wise time management, and that he will seek God's perspective for his schedule, guarding his time against unnecessary interruptions. (Eph. 5:15-16; Col. 4:5; Ps. 90:12; John 9:4)

**Day 20** Pray for a fresh divine anointing on your pastor's ministry. Pray that God's working will be powerfully evident both in his personal life and the spiritual life of the congregation. (1 Cor. 9:27; 2 Tim. 1:7; Rom. 15:18-19a)

**Day 21** Pray that your pastor will not give in to discouragement, but will deal with inevitable criticism and conflict by committing himself into the hands of God, who judges righteously. (1Pet. 2:23)

**Day 22** Pray that your pastor will practice servant leadership, edifying the congregation with wisdom and serving with God's "agape" love. (Gal. 5:13b; Eph. 6:7; Mark 10:43b-45, 9:23-24; John 13:5-9; Phil. 2:3-4)

**Day 23** Pray for spiritual unity in the church staff and among the spiritual leadership of the church (elders, deacons, etc.). Pray that the enemy will not be allowed to create divisions, strife, or misunderstanding among the church leaders. (Rom. 14:19; 1 Cor. 12:25)

**Day 24** Pray that God will give your pastor a clear, biblical vision of what your church can be and should be for His glory, and that he will communicate that vision clearly and confidently to the church. (Prov. 29:18; John 15:16, 17:17; 2 Tim. 3:5; Mal. 3:11)

**Day 25** Pray that your pastor will seek God for personal revival, and revival in your church and community. (2 Chron. 7:14; Ps. 69:32)

**Day 26** Pray that your pastor will think biblically, with the mind of Christ. (1 Cor. 2:16; Col. 2:6-8; Eph. 4:17)

**Day 27** Pray that he will earnestly seek God's will and be committed to instant and complete obedience—ready for God to work powerfully in and through his ministry. (2 Cor. 10:3-5; Luke 9:23-24)

**Day 28** Pray that he will strive for personal excellence and will believe God for all He wants to do in the congregation. (2 Pet. 1:3; Col. 3:23-24)

**Day 29** Pray that your pastor will be a man of faith and passionate love for God, not giving in to worries, fears, or an uptight and anxious spirit. (1 John 4:18; Prov. 3:5-6)

**Day 30** Ask God to provide for the financial needs of your pastor and his family. Pray that he will be a wise steward of both personal finances and church funds. (Phil. 4:19; Heb. 13:5; 1 Tim. 6:11; Ps. 37:25)

**Day 31** Ask God to heal any hurts that your pastor has suffered in the ministry. Pray that he will serve the Lord with gladness, and encourage the congregation to worship God with a joyful, surrendered spirit. (Isa. 61:3)

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## Ladies Aid

Loretta Rehnstrom reminded us that we are never needy when we have Jesus as our Savior when she led devotions at the Ladies' Aid meeting on September 5th. Twelve members answered roll call recalling a lesson they had learned in a school experience. Suzanne Winterhof reported on the District LWML Convention held in June and related highlights of the business sessions and headline speakers.

Donna Truelsen presided at the business meeting and reminded the group of upcoming September events: the Zone Rally at Zion and the Fall Retreat at Mission Central. A note from Camp Okoboji was read expressing gratitude for the cash gift in lieu of a quilt for the annual auction.

The meeting was closed with prayer for the National Mission project to At-Risk Children in Detroit and praying the Lord's Prayer in unison.

## LWML Sunday Observed October 7th

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) became a national organization 70 years ago. The mission statement of the Iowa West LWML says the purpose is "to assist all women in discovering and using their God-given gifts in thanksgiving and service to the Lord. The Christian woman realizes that she is God's child and wants to use the blessings she has been given to honor God and to serve others."

As an individual, one can make contributions to various causes and assist others, but *when we work together*, we can have a stronger impact. This was revealed at the recent LWML convention where women gathered over 11,000 purses, belts, and undies for Hope Mission in Des Moines; the various collections yielded over \$17,000 for various needs. At the District Convention \$135,000 from mites were ear-marked to support scholarships for church worker students, mission work among Muslims in Texas, the blind, and teens in Iowa—among other things.

On the local scene, women have assisted in the congregation's mission. Since 1906 the nickels and dimes from early service projects helped the congregation financially. Special ministries became more common in the 1960's. Many quilts have been stitched, school bags and health kits assembled, and thousands of dollars of mite money has been gathered.

ALL WOMEN in the congregation are a part of this mission. Women at St. John have organized the Mary and Martha Guild which meets evenings for the convenience of working women. The Ladies' Aid meets on Wednesday afternoons. Not only do these groups give an opportunity to extend the mission of the church, but they provide Bible study and social opportunities.

Expand Your Mission

# Reasons

By: Celeste Cummins

I have been reading *Man's Search for Meaning* by Victor Frankl. Frankl, a psychiatrist, was imprisoned at four of the Nazi death camps between 1942 – 1945. Throughout the book, he refers to a quote from Nietzsche, “He who has a Why to live for can bear almost any How” (p. ix). Although this statement is more based in psychology, how many Christians find themselves asking day after day, “Why is this happening?” We are all searching for a reason behind whatever questions we have.

God does not guarantee us a reason for everything that happens to us. The reason often remains hidden because “‘My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways,’ declares the Lord” (Isaiah 55:8). Those are the times we struggle with when the reasons are not apparent to us and God’s desires are not the same as ours. We struggle with the problem we are faced with. And, we also struggle with our faith in God because we want Him to remove us from the situation and make it all better. Very often, He does not. It may be at these times that we are being refined like silver and tested like gold (Zechariah 13:9) to see where our faith stands.

At other times, the reason may come to light down the road. There could be many examples of this in our lives, but I’d like to point out two that I can see in my life. When Craig got the call to Alta, we were living in Minnesota only 12 miles away from my parents. For me, it was the best situation; I was close to my parents and my kids could grow up near their grandparents as I did. Of course, we moved to Iowa while I was pregnant with Sarah. It was close to a month after Sarah was born that we discovered what I believe to be the reason why we had to move. Sarah’s newborn screening tests had revealed that she may have Cystic Fibrosis (CF). Later tests confirmed this to be true, not only in her, but in Kristine as well. Identification of CF is crucial for effective treatment. The hospitals in MN did not have this specific newborn test in their array; BVRMC had added it only 1 ½ months before Sarah was born. If we had remained in MN, neither of the girls would have been diagnosed and would miss out on treatments to maintain their health (Kristine was already 5 years old at the time and had not been diagnosed).

My second example was just made known to me today. I have been searching to move into a three bedroom place for over a year. Many of my friends knew this and have been on the lookout for one. Betty Ploeger owns two rental houses. Her three bedroom house became available recently. Betty and I talked about it and I knew she would have to fix it up and clean it after the previous renters moved out. She was in the process of doing this. Since housing is tight in Storm Lake, there were other renters interested. She was also toying with the idea of just selling it. Because of all this, she had not been able to give me a definite answer. This morning I

heard about her death. Later, I realized her death was the reason I was not able to move into her house. Now, Betty no longer owns it and it's up to her children to decide what to do with it. What if I had given my notice where I am at, planning to move to Betty's house, and then her children sell it! I would be homeless. As it was, things never progressed in that situation and in time, I now see the reason why. In the meantime, I accepted the opportunity to move into the other half of the duplex where Diane Krueger lives.

As I ponder Betty's sudden death, I look for a reason for it. She was still very active in her life, with her family, in the church, and in the community. We can all think of other friends who are like that, too, but then, for no reason, they die. Perhaps we get angry, upset, and we question God, "Why?! Why did (Betty) die? Why not Joe Blow who's been sitting in the nursing home for 20 years unable to function? What is he able to do anyhow? (Betty) would be much more useful." Again, I am reminded of Isaiah 55:8. In our humanity, *we* want the outcome to be different, but *God* does not. In our minds, we perceive Betty to be more useful than Joe Blow, but *our* perceptions do not matter. God had other plans for Betty. Perhaps, it is summed up in the words of Isaiah 57:1, "The righteous perish, and no one ponders it in his heart; devout men are taken away, and no one understands that the righteous are taken away to be spared of evil."

For those who die suddenly, who still have abilities they can contribute to society or the church, maybe it turned out that way to spare them from some other calamity or from losing their faith later down the road. Our job is to walk by faith, not by sight (2 Cor. 5:7), but that is so hard to do because we, like Thomas, want proof. We want to see for ourselves the reasons why before we can believe it. Yet, faith is not sight. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). We will see clearly and know all the answers when we, like Betty, arrive in Heaven.

*Written in memory of Betty Ploeger  
and all the others who have died while they were still "useful."*

Now faith is the  
substance  
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Hebrews 11:1



**THANKS** - We have received two thank you's from the LCMS Office of Mission Advancement for supporting the work of Joshua Lange with \$100.00 and the future mission work of Kristin Matasovksy with \$2,500.00.

**BLUE SHIRT RECYCLING** – If you or someone in your family has one of our St. John embroidered shirts that no longer fits or is not being worn for some reason, please consider donating it back to the church to be recycled for use by someone else. If a larger (or smaller) size is available, you may exchange the shirt at no cost. Please bring the shirt to the church office and a box will be available for recyclables. Please be sure to remember to wear your shirts the last Sunday of the month and at any special church function.

**CELEBRATE** – On October 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating Pastor Lesemann's birthday and Pastor Appreciation Day during Coffee Hour. Parish Relations group will be serving Coffee Hour and all proceeds will go to Mission Central for Kristin Matasovsky.

**CARDS AND ENCOURAGEMENT** can be addressed to Leonard Hartje, St. Elizabeth Hospital, 555 South 70<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, NE 68510. You may follow his progress at [www.caringbridge.org](http://www.caringbridge.org). "LeonardHartje" is the site name (no space between the names).

**BENEFIT DINNER** – A benefit for the Jason Brock family, nephew of Donna Dose and grandson of Esther Lamb, of Linn Grove, is being held Saturday, October 13 from 4:30 – 7:30 pm at Our Savior's Fellowship Hall in Rembrandt. Jason has been diagnosed with colon cancer which has spread throughout his body. He is currently undergoing treatments. The benefit will be serving pork burgers, chips, beans, bars, and a drink. It will be a free-will offering. There will also be a Bake Sale. If you wish to donate items for the bake sale, please bring them to Our Savior's by 4:00 pm, packaged and priced appropriately for sale. Supplemental funds have been applied for through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

*\*\* more notes on the next page \*\**

**FRIENDS IN CHRIST**, my heart is filled for joy because of the support I have already received from you. Thank you for your gift of money that will go towards my time in South Africa. May you continue to share the Gospel and love of Christ to those in Storm Lake! Kristin — We received this thank you from Kristin Matasovsky. It is hanging on the bulletin board at church. Come take a look at it because the opposite side of the postcard has a beautiful picture of Kristin on it.

**HELPERS NEEDED** - Celeste will be moving on Saturday, October 27th and will need people to help carry boxes and furniture. I plan to pack the boxes lightly so they will be easy to carry. If anyone has a pickup that can be used, I would appreciate that, too. Thank you for all your help!

# Know Your Church Family

**Jerry and Delores Holliday** are this week's Know Your Church Family.

Delores was born in Storm Lake and has attended St. John all her life. She was Baptized, Confirmed, and married in our church, so has seen the many changes, watching the old church torn down and the new one being built. My Mom and Dad faithfully attended church and had my one sister, Evelyn, and I attend Church and Sunday School every Sunday and Confirmation class every Saturday morning. Delores worked for B.V. Stationery for 26 years in the Wedding and Gift Department. I like photography, taking pictures, and scrapbooking. I like to capture the special events of family.

Jerry was born in Promise City, IA and later lived in California. He has one sister living in Fort Dodge. He came to Storm Lake in 1945. He worked for Thompson and Laird Moving Company and then was drafted into the Army for 2 years. Following that, he worked for Jack Spooner in the Ben Franklin Store for 32 years.

We were married on January 14, 1951 and just celebrated our 61<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary. We were blessed with three children, one son and 2 daughters: Dennis and Helen Holliday of Storm Lake, Loren and Sue Ripke of Mt. Vernon, IA, and Mike and Patty Jones of Storm Lake. We have 10 of the very best grandkids and 15 great grandkids and another little girl to be born in November.

In earlier years, we both enjoyed the outdoors, camping for many years, fishing, and hiking.

## Know Your Church Family - continues

This week we will get to know **Ron and Linda Falck**.

Linda was born & raised in Storm Lake and graduated from Storm Lake High School. She and a cousin were baptized on a farm near Albert City. Linda was confirmed in the Methodist faith and later attended adult confirmation at St. John Lutheran Church.

Ron was born and baptized in Cresco. His family moved to Waterloo where he was confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church. He later moved to a farm near Alta and graduated from Alta High School. Ron served his county in the Armed Forces at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. After his discharge from the Army, he met Linda. They were married at Grace Lutheran Church, as the new St. John Lutheran Church was being built. God truly had a hand in bringing these two together. I asked them where they met and their answer was, "We just met!" They have been married 45 years and have two boys and three grandchildren. Mark and Joyce's children are Lauren 13 and Conrad 11 and Chad's son Holton is 3 years old.

Ron worked for Ernie's Feed and Iowa Feeders. He is presently involved in wood working as a hobby. He has a fabulous work shop and has made some beautiful furniture for Linda and their home. He has also made furniture for other people upon request.

Ron and Linda Falck are great volunteer helpers at St. John Lutheran Church. You will see them ushering, serving coffee, greeting, cleaning, making repairs in the kitchen and elsewhere around the church. Linda is on the Parish Relations board. We are so blessed to have wonderful volunteers in Linda and Ron Falck. God bless you both.



**John Jr. and Joann (Hansen) Oatman** were married at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Albert City on October 26, 1959. This Wednesday, they will be married 53 years (congratulations)! They have 3 daughters. Their twins are Ann and Sue and their other daughter is Carrie. Ann lives in Texas and works in the wholesale food industry. Sue is a professional musician living in Minnesota. Carrie also lives in Minnesota and is an occupational therapist. John and Joann have one grandson and five granddaughters.

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John was born in Storm Lake. When he was two years old, his family moved to the farm south of Storm Lake, where he and Jo retired from before moving into Storm Lake. He graduated from Sulphur Springs. John served as a clerk in the Army during WWII at Ft. Lewis, WA. John attended Iowa State, received his Bachelor of Science degree from Buena Vista College, and his Masters degree from the University of North Dakota. After his discharge from the Army, John started farming and also taught science for 25 years in several area schools. He has been a member of St. John Lutheran Church for 85 years, having been Baptized and Confirmed here. John has served on many boards and organizations within the church and is presently singing in the choir. Governors Branstad and and Vilsack honored him for his volunteer work with Northwest Aging.

Joann was born in Storm Lake, but she grew up on a farm near Albert City, where she also graduated from. She was Baptized and Confirmed at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Albert City. Jo's great grandfather was a charter member of that church. She received her two year teaching certificate from Iowa State Teacher's College, now known as UNI,

and later received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Buena Vista College. Joann taught school for 30 years. She has served in many church offices, volunteered in many areas within the church, presently sings in the choir, and is a member of Ladies Aid.

We appreciate the help and volunteering John and Joann have given to St John through the years. They have set a wonderful example of serving our Lord. God bless you both.



**Our Church Family**



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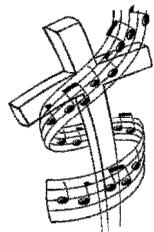
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### Special Music

You are invited to share your musical talents in our worship services here at St. John.

The choir rehearses each Wednesday at 8:00 pm. Please join us!



### October Worship Assistants

**Altar Guild:** Phyllis Southwick and Linda Zabloudil

**Greeters:** **Saturday**  
Still available

**Sunday**  
Marilyn Mittelstadt

**Bell Ringers:** **Saturday, 6:00 p.m.**

Renae Norwood  
**Sunday, 9:00 a.m.**

Dave Stille

**Acolytes:** **Saturday, 6:00 p.m.**

Grace Jesse

**Sunday, 9:00 a.m.**

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The KAYL Broadcast for this month is sponsored by Richard and Tounh Zwemke in memory of Walter & Adeline Zwemke.

### Altar Flowers

7th - In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Phillips, Sr, parents of Bill & Dee Phillips.

14th - Hardts in memory of Lynn's dad, C.M. Updegraff.

21st - Zabloudil's

28th - In honor of Dan & Laurie Gaffney's anniversary.

WE WELCOME YOU TO  
JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!