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**THE VINE &
BRANCHES
23 AUGUST 2020**

“WELCOME!” TO OUR VISITORS

As brothers and sisters in Christ, the members of St. John’s appreciate having you join us for the Divine Service this morning. We offer to you our sincere greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Please, if you have not done so already, take a moment to sign our guest registry located at the back of the sanctuary. We give thanks to God for having this time of worship together this morning and ask that you come back soon and visit us again. God richly bless your time with us today.

ROMANS 15:4

“FOR WHATEVER WAS WRITTEN IN FORMER DAYS WAS WRITTEN FOR OUR INSTRUCTION, THAT THROUGH ENDURANCE AND THROUGH THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE SCRIPTURES WE MIGHT HAVE HOPE.”

HOUSEKEEPING

Please consume coffee, drinks, and food in the fellowship hall— *not in the sanctuary during the Divine Service.* Also, don't use the hymnal racks as trash receptacles. Thank you very much!

COURTESY

As God's people, we are extremely blessed that God calls us through His Word and Sacraments in His Church. *He does not,* however, promise to reach us directly via our cell phones and other electronic devices during the service. Please be so kind as to take time to make sure yours is turned off before the start of the Divine Service.

ISSUES, ETC.

Matthew Bible Study...LCMS Pastor Will Weedon is leading a Bible study on the Book of Matthew. The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15 minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. This week's teachings include: Divorce, Oaths, Retaliation, Loving Your Enemies and Giving to the Needy. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, on your favorite podcast provider and on the LPR mobile app.

ASSISTING THIS MONTH

Head Elder	Dale Johnson
Ushers	Bob McBride Tom Spahn

Acolyte	Tyler Markussen
Alt. Acolyte	Tommy Markussen

Altar Guild	Val Olson Vicki Spahn Cindy Wecker
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Fellowship	Ken & Diana Armknecht
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Greeters	Aug. 2, Sharon Kelly Aug. 9, Josh Struckman Aug. 16, Cory & Tori Holm Aug. 23, Dickmader Family Aug. 30, Tom & Vicki Spahn
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THE LUTHERAN HOUR

The Lutheran Hour may be heard each Sunday morning on KOGA (930 AM) beginning at 8:05 a.m., and every Sunday afternoon on KJLT (970 AM) starting at 2:00 p.m. It's "Archives August." Next Sunday, August 30, In a Lutheran Hour classic, Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus gives the message entitled, "**Fear and Faith**" Are you living in fear or living by faith? (Hebrews 11:1)

MEMBERS IN PRAYER

LeeAnn Hinrichs	Leanne Rowe
Robert Hughes	Jill Markussen
Vareena Kasten	Roy Sparks
Chick Kampfe	
Beeb Kampfe	



LESSONS NEXT SUNDAY

Old Testament Is. 29:17-24
 Epistle..... Rom. 10:9-17
 Holy GospelMk. 7:31-37



PRAYER REQUESTED FOR...

Heather Adams	Jim Lueck
Chantell Bendorf	Sue McGreer
Randy Bendorf	Bob Mercer
Robin Cobaugh	Gayle Mercer
Donnie Dethlefs	Martin Nelson
Julee Dethlefs	Carissa Pedersen
China Dixon	Vicki Pedersen
Kendyl Foshier	Ron Richards
Greg Gifford	Ashley Shinkle
Jessamine Gonzales	Cody Stickley
Lois Hansen	Bonnie Suhr
Rhys Hartman	Winnie Suhr
Gayle Hinrichs	Ed Trausch
Marilyn Holdorf	Micheala Williams
Rev. Kasten	Mike Wyatt
Terry LaFore	David 'Ryan' Zingg
Suzanne Lassiter	The Maseberg & Springer Families

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Aug 23..... 1 Kng 3:1–15
1 Kng 3:16–4:34
 2 Cor 1:1–22

Aug 24..... 1 Kng 5:1–18
1 Kng 6:1–7:50
 2 Cor 1:23–2:17

Aug 25..... 1 Kng 7:51–8:21
 2 Cor 3:1–18

Aug 26..... 1 Kng 8:22–30,
 1 Kng 8:46–63
 2 Cor 4:1–18

Aug 27..... 1 Kng 9:1–9
 1 Kng 10:1–13
 2 Cor 5:1–21

Aug 28..... 1 Kng 11:1–26
 2 Cor 6:1–18

Aug 29..... 1 Kng 11:42—
 1 Kng 12:19
 2 Cor 7:1–16

THE WEEKLY PLANNER

Today.	8:30 a.m.	Divine Service
	9:45 a.m.	Fellowship
M.....	1:00 p.m.	Committal – B. Benjamin (Ohiowa, NE)
Th.....	7:00 a.m.	Devotions
Next Sunday.....	8:30 a.m.	Divine Service
	9:45 a.m.	Fellowship

THE GREEN STEM -- ANNOUNCEMENTS

Just a quick reminder that the Baby Bottle Boom-a-Rang Campaign for the Ogallala Women’s Resource Center is drawing to a close. Please note that bottles will be collected on Sunday, September 6. Together, we can help make this year’s donation a success.

The Live Stream of our Sunday morning services can be found on our website at www.stjohnsbrule.org. Simply click on “MEDIA”, then “VIDEO” and then follow the instructions. If you would like to support this ministry outreach and sponsor a Sunday or multiple Sundays, you may sign up on the sheet posted under the church calendar as you enter the sanctuary from the narthex. \$100 for a one month sponsorship, \$25 for weekly sponsorships.

Contributions to the Big Springs Food Pantry can be placed inside the box located the narthex, under the coat rack.

We give thanks to God that Rev. Tim Oetting accepted the call to serve the congregation of Shepherd of the Hills in Hyannis, NE. Pastor Oetting’s Installation is now scheduled to take place on September 13, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. MT.