



September, 2023 NEWS

Pastor's Message: Gratitude

But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you. 1 Samuel 12:24

As many of you have heard, this is a big year for my family. On August 7th Tricia and I celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary. On September 2nd Tricia will celebrate her 50th birthday. On August 31st I will recognize the 15th anniversary of my ordination. On September 25th Dietrich will celebrate his 18th birthday. If you add some previous milestones, on April 27th Dustin turned 16; and on June 6th Martha 'officially' became a teenager (13). This is a very big year for my family.

That's not to say that there haven't been challenges along the way. Over the last few years we have had our fair share of disappointments and tears; but the Lord has graciously seen us through it all. And in addition to knowing the Lord's continuous love and forgiveness, His grace was manifested through you as you shared our joy and celebrations, our sadness and tears. I can honestly say that I never imagined a year like this when we were married in 1993; but I am exceedingly grateful for where we are and everything the Lord has done for us.

As we begin another school year and another Fall/Winter/Spring of ministry, **Thank You** for your continued love and support of St. John. **Thank You** for our shared ministry and all you do to keep our church moving forward; and **Thank You** for the love and encouragement of our family.

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

Psalm 107:1

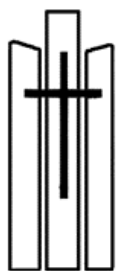
Your Fellow Servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Dan".

Pastor Dan



The Kletkes in December, 2021, celebrating Pastor Dan's 10 years at St. John. Dale (Pastor Dan's father), Tricia, Dustin, Dietrich, Pastor Dan, & Martha.



ST. JOHN 2023 Retreat

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Congregational Retreat

After a 5 year hiatus, we are re-starting our Congregational Planning Retreat. On Saturday, September 9th, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall to help forge the direction of our church.

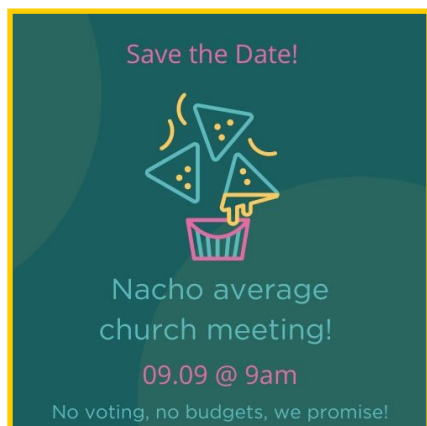
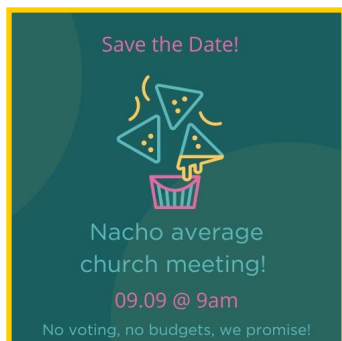
If you have not been to one of our planning retreats before, this is your opportunity to give feedback on what we have done, what we are currently doing, and help make plans for the direction and efforts of St. John in the future.

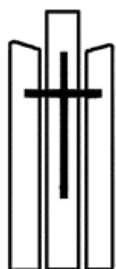
Please make every effort to attend. With your participation, the Holy Spirit will lead our congregation into the next year and beyond.

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YOU MIGHT WANT MORE FOR
OTHER PLACES:





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Church Attendance

July 23	75
July 30	72
Aug. 6	80
Aug. 13	91
Aug. 20	89

Car Show: The 9th annual St. John Benefit Car Show will be on Saturday, September 23rd. St. John members Bri and Justin Jones, and Kevin Wright and sons Elliott and Alexander will fill the atmosphere with outstanding home-grown musical entertainment. They will show the community some of the wonderful talent we have at St. John. Anyone who may have a speaker system and oldies music that we could borrow would be appreciated. This will give the bands a break for lunch and allow the entertainment to continue!

Please contact Carol Skoda, (719) 320-9812, if you are interested in volunteering. Thank you.

Ride to Church: If you or another member who you know needs transportation to church on Sundays, please call Ken Davidson at 719-429-4919.

Church Nursery: Parents may use the nursery in back of the church. Our monitor with remote control has now been installed to watch the service. Changing tables are available in three of our restrooms.

Announcements: Please e-mail any announcements for the Sunday bulletins and monthly newsletters to Office@StJohnCanonCity.org. Sarah does the bulletins and Gail does the newsletter. Thank You.

Altar Flowers: A sign-up chart is near the mailboxes. Envelopes are there for a donation of \$50 for two arrangements. Please note "altar flowers" on your check. Fill out and place envelope in offering plate.

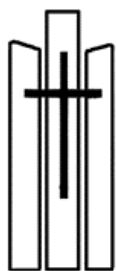
Special Prayers: Please contact Pastor Dan prior to the Sunday service for special prayers.

Schedules Resume after Summer Break: Most of the programs at St. John will get up and running in September. Here are a few dates to remember:

Youth Group	9/06 at 6:00p
Quilters	9/21 at 9:00a
Canon City Children's Chorale	9/11 at 4:00p
Confirmation	9/11 at 6:30p
Wednesday Bible Study	9/13 at 10:00a



We celebrated Anita's 90 birthday with cake on Sunday, July 23rd.



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Things to Do

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Every Member is Needed! There's something for you at St. John!

Acolyte - Altar candle-lighting duty for pre-teen and teen boys and girls at worship services. See Pastor Dan.

Adult Bible Class - Age 18 and older meet on Sunday mornings at 10:30am after our time of fellowship.

Adult Choir - Join your voice with others on special festivals, directed by Liv Booth, (314) 973-6930..

Altar Guild - Prepare communion, vestments, candles, banners, etc. for worship. Mary R., (719) 269-1426.

Book Club - Meet to discuss books at 6:30 pm about once per month in member homes or at church.

Car Show - An annual fundraiser on the church grounds that needs many helpers. Carol S., (719) 320-9812.

Childrens' Choir - Community group that meets at St. John on Mondays at 4:00 pm. Liv Booth, (314) 973-6930.

Christmas Program - Help prepare or take a part in the Sunday School program. Nathan P., (952) 738-1424.

Church Council - Serve on one of the church boards, or as President, Vice President, or Council Secretary.

Communications - Administer the website, produce the newsletter, publish events in The Daily Record, etc.

Confirmation - Teens meet at church on most Mondays at 6:30pm - 7:30pm with Pastor for instruction.

Elders - Men age 21+ who assist the Pastor with the spiritual life of the congregation. See Pastor Dan.

Evangelism - Carry out & publish evangelism programs in the church and community. Gail K. (720) 201-8743.

Fellowship - Serve refreshments after worship, and during special events. Carol Skoda, (719) 320-9812.

Garage Sale - An annual fundraiser at St. John that needs many helpers. Richard Mowers, (719) 458-1618.

Greeter - Welcome members and visitors entering church and hand them a worship bulletin. See Pastor Dan.

LWML - Women's Auxiliary of the LCMS supports synod missions. Contact Angela Bellantoni, (719) 429-8950.

Men's Breakfast - Men of St. John have breakfast at church about twice a month at 7:00 am on Thursdays.

Missions - Direct monetary resources for the missionaries and missions we support. Julie B., (714) 431-1169.

Morning Prayer - Almost every weekday at 7:30am in the sanctuary. Come start your day with prayer!

Nursery - Volunteers to assist parents who take their children to the nursery or might need help with children.

Quilters - Group constructs dozens of quilts annually for charities and individuals. Sue Willard, (231) 714-1562.

Sunday School - Classes for kids at 10:30am after worship and refreshments. Nathan Pegors, (952) 738-1424.

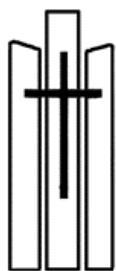
Teach - Help children learn about their Savior, Preschool through High School. Call Nathan P., (952) 738-1424.

Trustees - Oversee maintenance, repair, cleaning of buildings and grounds. Contact Bob K. (720) 201-8104.

Vacation Bible School - A short-term educational activity that needs children and volunteers every summer.

Wednesday Bible Class - At 10:00am with Pastor Dan. We're resuming a study of reconciliation in September.

Youth Group - Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. For St. John Youth but friends are welcome.



ST. JOHN Outreach & Quilters

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Outreach: Making Disciples for Life

There is an LCMS organization called, "**Making Disciples for Life**" (makingdisciples.lcms.org). Their definition of Evangelistic Outreach is:

"Our congregation's efforts to make disciples by engaging non-churched people in our community through our ministries and activities to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with them."

We want to reach out to those who are lost or non-churched, to share the Gospel, and make them Christ's disciples. How can St. John collectively do this? Are any outreach programs effective?

Please come to the Congregational Retreat and provide your input, for Outreach and for any other area of church activity that interests you. Together, we DO make a difference for Jesus at St. John.

St. John Quilters

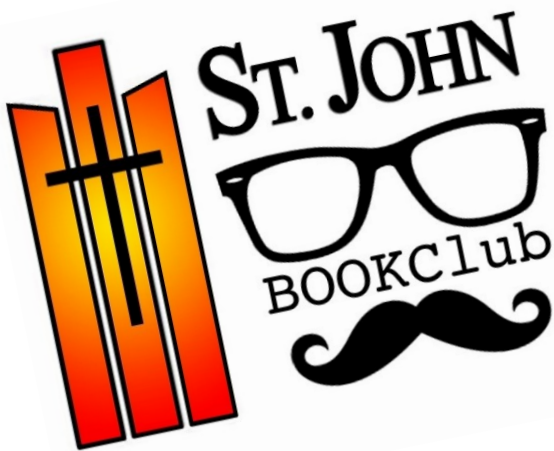


The Quilting Ladies are going to resume making quilts on Thursday, September 21st at 9am. If you are interested in being part of this group, just show up and we will be glad to get you started! We make quilts by layering a sheet, batting, and fabric, then tying it together with crochet thread. The edges are sewn with a sewing machine. Some of the ladies help by threading needles - that is a great help! We meet most Thursdays from 9am to 11am in the Fellowship Hall. We meet from September to May. So if you can tie a knot or thread a needle, you are all set to join us!

I would like to report that we made and donated 79 quilts from September of 2022 to May of 2023. We give them to our Confirmands and all those who are baptized at St John. We also donate them to many local charities such as the Pregnancy Center, Loaves and Fishes, Kindred Kids, Sangre de Christo and 15th Street Hospices. We also give one to the Cañon City Library for their annual auction fundraiser.

I would like to thank all the faithful ladies who help make the quilts: Dawn Atkinson, Took Blanchard, Donna Heldt, Sandra Kohler, Nancy Mowers, Sue Poehlein, Mary Richardson, Pat Schuch, Susan Smiley and June VerSluys (a member of Shephard of the Hills who sews bindings at home). I also would like to fondly remember Jan Wilman (deceased) who spent many, many hours making quilt tops and being our quilting leader. We still have several tops she made, waiting to be made into quilts!

We can use donations of clean, flat sheets, any size, any color. Please give them to Sue Willard or Sue Poehlein. If you have any questions, please see Sue Willard or call at 719-285-8211.



August & September 2023

Here is what is happening at the BOOKClub:

The next book on our list is **You are What You Love** (ISBN 978-1587433801) by James K. A. Smith. This book was recommended by a speaker Lyle and I heard this past spring. The description reads:

You are what you love. But you might not love what you think.

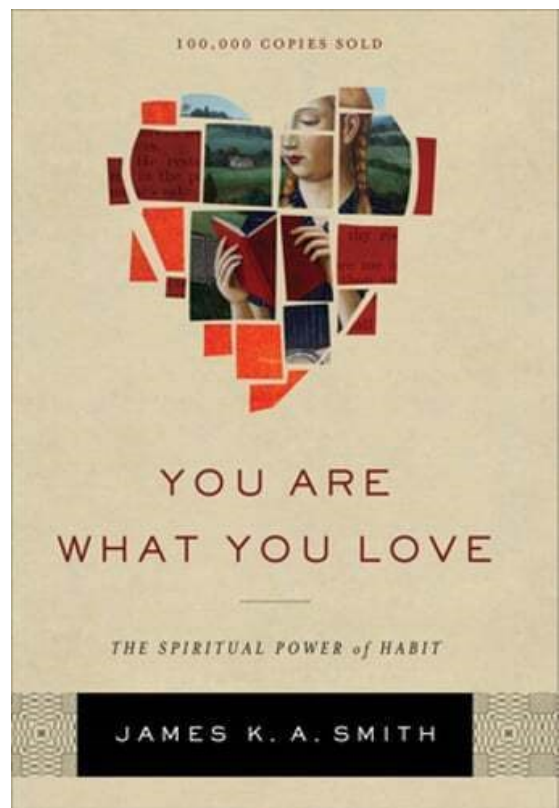
In this book, award-winning author James K. A. Smith shows that who and what we worship fundamentally shape our hearts. And while we desire to shape culture, we are not often aware of how culture shapes us. We might not realize the ways our hearts are being taught to love rival gods instead of the One for whom we were made. Smith helps readers recognize the formative power of culture and the transformative possibilities of Christian practices. He explains that worship is the "imagination station" that incubates our loves and longings so that our cultural endeavors are indexed toward God and his kingdom. This is why the church and worshipping in a local community of believers should be the hub and heart of Christian formation and discipleship.

The author creatively uses film, literature, and music illustrations to engage readers and includes material on marriage, family, youth ministry, and faith and work. He also suggests individual and communal practices for shaping the Christian life.

3 copies have been ordered for the church. Used copies are available on Amazon for \$9, and a Kindle edition for \$14, and an Audible audiobook for \$7. If you have any problems finding a copy, please call Pastor Dan.

The date for discussing this book is Wednesday September 20th, 6:30pm.

Pick up a book & join us at the BOOKClub!





9th Annual Benefit Car Show

Saturday, September 23rd, 2023

790 Greydene Ave., Cañon City, CO 719-275-0111

Display Cars Park on Grass
9:00am to 2:00pm

Food & Drink Available
One Free Lunch for Car Owners

Dash Plaques for Registered Cars
Registration / Donation--\$20.00/Car
Optional additional donation of \$5/car for drawing
to have your car on the 2024 Dash Plaque

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____

All Makes and Models Welcome!

Vehicle Year: _____ **Make:** _____ **Model:** _____

Mail pre-registrations to Carol Skoda / 1112 Field Ave. / Cañon City, CO / 81212
For more information call Carol Skoda @ 719-320-9812 or Gene Foster @ 719-315-2232

All Proceeds to benefit the St. John's Mission Teams & Youth Group
Spectators Free: Come One – Come All



celeste

Age: 16
Grade: 11
What she loves most about Cambodia: her school community.
What she loves most about USA: reconnecting with family.
Hobbies: soccer, cooking.
Favorite Cambodian food: mee cha (stir-fried egg noodles).
Greatest excitement about the school year: junior/senior banquet.
Favorite Scripture verse: [Jeremiah 29:11](#).



BELLA

Age: 14 (on Aug. 26)
Grade: 9
What she loves most about Cambodia: traveling to different parts of the country (like [Koh Rong](#)).
What she loves most about the USA: Chick-fil-A and Target.
Hobbies: taking care of guinea pigs.
Favorite Cambodian food: Bubble tea.
Greatest excitement about the school year: joining Model United Nations.
Favorite Scripture verse: [Proverbs 31:25](#).



ISAAC

Age: 6
Grade: 1
What he loves most about Cambodia: riding motorbikes.
What he loves most about USA: seeing cousins and good hiking trails.
Hobbies: legos and hiking.
Favorite Cambodian food: [kuy teav](#) (noodle soup).
Greatest excitement about the school year: new students joining first grade.
Favorite Scripture verse: [Numbers 6:24-26](#).

IN OTHER NEWS

- We arrived back to Cambodia on August 6. It feels GREAT to be back!
- It's hot here.
- It has been a busy start of settling back into home and reconnecting with [youth](#), [church](#), partners, and friends.
- The kids had their [first day](#) of school at [Logos International School](#).

PRAY WITH US

- for the kids as they settle into a new school year.
- for Bella's 14th birthday on Aug. 26.
- for moving forward with our local partners on the spring's [strategic planning](#), itself the culmination of a year-long [visitation project](#).
- for the upcoming start of two new [Small Catechism](#) cohorts in rural areas.
- for university planning for Celeste. We feel overwhelmed!
- for progress on J.P.'s dissertation proposal.


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 THE CIMA FAMILY NEWSLETTER
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WANNA HELP US IMPACT THE PEOPLE OF CAMBODIA? Give online [here](#) or mail a check to 1) P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861 (payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod), OR 2) 40718 Highway E-16, Mapleton, IA 51034 (payable to Mission Central). For ALL checks, in the memo line write "Cima family-Cambodia."

SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>10 15TH SUNDAY AFT. PENTECOST</p> <p>9:00 Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 11:30 Council Meeting</p>	<p>11 7:30a Morning Prayer</p> <p>4:00p Canon City Youth Choirs 6:30p Confirmation</p>	<p>12 7:30a Morning Prayer</p>	<p>13 7:30a Morning Prayer</p> <p>10:00a Bible Study 6:00p Youth Group</p>	<p>14 7:30a Morning Prayer</p>	<p>15 7:30a Morning Prayer</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pastor Out of the Office- Prison Ministry</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00a Car Show Planning Meeting</p>
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