



**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
 Welcoming Everyone  
 Making Disciples  
 Trusting Jesus  
 Empowering Leaders

**April 5th, 2026 Easter Sunday**

**St. John's Office Hours:** 8-5 Tues.-Fri. **Building Hours:** 8-5 Mon.-Fri.

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**FORTRESS OF FAITH** and **RADIO ADS** are sponsored in memory of Lyle & Shirley Heien by Wayne Heien & Delmer & Kathy Otten family.

**2nd Easter Holiday:** The church building will be closed on April 6th.

**SAVE THE DATE** Adopt-a-Hwy Clean up will be April 12th at 1 pm. Closed toe shoes and gloves will be needed.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** The new devotionals are here. Pick up your copy soon.

**ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS** for 2026 are available on the bulletin board. Students attending higher education, service groups, church groups, or if you know of a special need in the community, fill out an application. Applications are due April 15th.

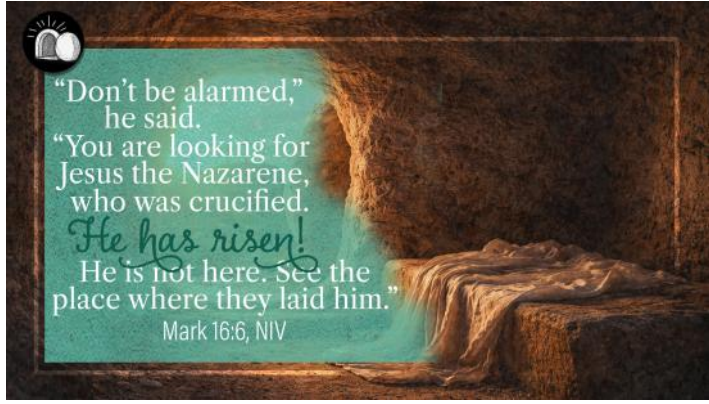
**CAMP COUNSELOR STIPENDS** St. John's will again be offering a \$1000.00 stipend for St. John's members working at Ingham Okoboji Bible Camp this summer. Talk to Pastor or Kim to find out more about this great opportunity.

**Thank you to our worship assistants!**

- 6:00 am Greeter** Chris & Katie Gerloff family
- Lector** Karla Hansen
- Comm Server** Rod & Sandy LaBahn, Marylyn Muecke
- 8:00 am Greeter** Wanda MaComb & Shirley Lang
- Lector** Todd Zinnel
- Comm Server** Beth Larson, Roma Lancaster, Nicole Jarvis
- 10:30 am Greeter** Scott & Paula Kommes
- Lector** Paula Kommes
- Comm Server** Eliese Hoffman, Rex & Chris Knapp
- 6:00 am Acolytes**
- 8:00 am Crucifer**
- Acolytes** Sophia Brennan
- 10:30 am Acolytes** Kenzie & Riley Harms
- 6:00 am PP** Becky DeRuyter
- 8:00 am PP** Megan Brennan
- Video** Tim Larson
- 10:30 am PP** Becky DeRuyter
- Video** Micah Broers
- 6:00 am Altar Guild** Sandy LaBahn
- 8:00 am Altar Guild** Lynn Breuer & Donna Duque
- 10:30 am Altar Guild** Janet Kolker & Sandy LaBahn
- Ushers** Glenn Kellen, Bryce Tingwald, Jeremy Ferguson, Denny Plueger, Milo Duque, Steve Utesch, Ron Schulz, Tony Larson, Neal Oetken, Adam Schmidt, Simon Kern, Dan Albert, Doug & Karen Carlsen

Sun April 5	Mon April 6	Tues April 7	Wed April 8	Thurs April 9	Fri April 10	Sat April 11	Sun April 12
Easter 6, 8 & 10:30 am Worship w/Comm 7 - 10:30 am Easter Breakfast	2nd Easter Building Closed	LifeWise 10 am Staff Meeting 2 pm 40 Day Study L/L 5:30 pm P.o.P. 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Mtg. 7 pm Men's Small Group Study L/L	LifeWise/Chapel Services at Care Fac. 5 pm Bells/Grow Meal/ MS Fun & Games Y/R 6 pm Worship/Comm 6:30 pm Catechism/ Grow 6:45 pm Sr. Choir 8:15 pm HS Youth Grp	9 am Prayer Time 4:30-6 pm LSI Baby Shower F/H 5:30 pm Thursday in the Word Small Group L/L	2 pm Hearts of Fire 2 L/L		8 & 10:30 am Worship w/Comm 9:15 am Study Hour 1 pm Adopt-a-Hwy Ditch Cleaning 3:30-9 pm HS Okoboji Outreach Night

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**First Reading: Acts 10:34-43** <sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup> but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. <sup>36</sup> You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached - <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. <sup>39</sup> "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. <sup>41</sup> He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen - by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Please join in a responsive reading of Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> **Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."**

<sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> **Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"**

<sup>16</sup> The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"

<sup>17</sup> **I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.**

<sup>18</sup> The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

<sup>19</sup> **Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.

<sup>21</sup> **I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup> The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

<sup>23</sup> **the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup> The Lord has done it this very day;  
**let us rejoice today and be glad.**

**Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4** <sup>1</sup> Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup> For you died, and your

life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**  
Please rise for the reading of the holy Gospel.

The holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 28th chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10** <sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. <sup>2</sup> There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. <sup>4</sup> The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." <sup>8</sup> So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the  
scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and  
the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of  
sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

**Remember These People in Prayer:** Karla Hansen, Dave Brennan, Tim Lohafer, Jae'cion, Nancy H., Bellamy, Hanna Francksen-Small, Hallie Bunkers, Grace Galles, Brielle Schorg, Nash, Diane K., Denise, Angie, Nancy & Bob P., Bryan Utesch, Dorothy Luschen;  
**Ongoing Prayers:** Mason Sitzmann, Missy Rarrat, Alex Hines, Taelynn Ortmann, Kendra, Sherry Jo Wittkop, Shirley, Jen, Kathy, and Diane Riediger; **Deployed:** Kylee Britt, Brent Jarvis, Nathan Jester; **Care Facility Residents:** Good Samaritan - Russ Martfeld, Lorraine Luksan, Dennis Asche; Accura Health - Patty Lubben; Stonebridge Suites - Joanne Klohs, Lynne Bogh, Roger Athens, Dorothy Luschen; Floyd Senior Living - Diane Utesch; Heartland Care Center - Le Ann Hurlbut; Happy Siesta - Eleanor Westhoff, Wade & Betty Thompson  
**Sympathies** to the family and friends of Patty Schultz, who passed away March 29th. St. John's family includes Karol Holton and Diane Utesch.