



February 1st, 2026 4th Sunday of Epiphany

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FORTRESS OF FAITH and **RADIO ADS** are in honor of Richard Rieken's birthday by Mary Rieken.

RADIO AD AND FORTRESS OF FAITH sponsors are needed for this year. Please contact Kim if you would like to honor/ memorialize someone. Radio Ads are \$10 a week and Fortress of Faith spots are \$25.00. Thank you!

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING for Blake Erdmann's safe return home from deployment.

MISSION TRIP CHICAGO 2026 – KWIK STAR CAR

WASH CARDS FUNDRAISER We have extra cards for sale! See Kim in the office if you would like to purchase a couple. \$36 Thanks for your support of the Mission Trip 2026!

GROW MEAL will be pizza on Wednesday, February 4th.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PIZZA & GAMES will be happening this Wednesday, Feb. 4th, in the youth room. Grab some pizza from Fellowship Hall and join us.

THURSDAYS IN THE WORD Looking to join a small group? Look no further! There is one starting a study, "It's All Under Control," from RightNow Media, on Thursdays at 5:30 pm, in the church library. No sign up, just come join us. We will be saving you a seat!

NEW MEMBER SMALL GROUP Pastor Broers will be leading a small group for people who are interested in learning more about St. John's and about the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective. This is a wonderful group to come to if you are interested in joining as a new member! Please contact Pastor Broers at 641-745-7648 or text if you are interested in being a part of this small group. We will plan to meet for two to three weeks based on everyone's availability. Thanks!

MEN'S GROUP BIBLE STUDY All men are invited to attend the new men's study "Every Thought Captive" by Kyle Idleman, found on RightNow Media. We will be meeting from February 3 - March 3, at 7 pm, on Tuesday evenings in the church library or youth room. Join us as we learn how to take control of our thoughts and align them with God's truth. Sign up on the bulletin board.

READING THE BIBLE HELP Have you seen the list of scriptures on the table in the lobby? Pick one up and use this as a guide to help you read through the Bible in a year.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS for 2025 should be directed by March 31st. Please consider choosing St. John's as a recipient of your Thrivent Choice Dollars. This is a gift that helps our ministries throughout the year. Thank you.

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.

REMSEN ST. MARY'S FISH SUPPER Come join us at the annual St. Mary's Activity Club Fish Supper on Friday, February 20th at St. Mary's High School Cafeteria in Remsen. The menu includes those wonderful homemade salads and desserts, as well as fried and baked fish, corn, and cheesy potatoes. Serving will be from 4:30 to 6:45 p.m. Carry outs & deliveries are available.

NEW SMALL GROUP: MESSENGERS OF THE GOSPEL

Pastor Broers will be leading a five week small group focused on learning how to share your faith with others. We will watch a twenty minute video each week and discuss how to become disciples who make new disciples. Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30pm at St. John's starting February 24th. Here is the description of the series: *The Good News of Jesus is the message that everyone needs to hear. Disciple-making isn't just for pastors and church leaders. Helping others know and follow Jesus is something all of us are called to do. The Messengers of the Gospel series, featuring scenes from the hit TV show The Chosen, will equip you to share the Good News of Jesus with confidence. The 5-week series includes compelling biblical teachings, beautiful scenes from The Chosen, and amazing real-life testimonies of men and women who have taken the challenge to live as Messengers of the Gospel.*

CAMPERSHIPS Check the table in the lobby for details on how to get your child signed up for camp and receive a campership from St. John's.

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.

MID-SIOUX OPPORTUNITY If you have a child between the ages of 3 & 4 years old you may qualify for the **FREE Head Start or Child Development Program** through Mid-Sioux Opportunity. For more information on this free preschool program contact 800-859-2025. **Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Early Head Start** is currently taking applications for their **FREE family support and resource program**. Early head Start serves expectant families and children up to the age of three. For more information on this free home based program call 800-859-2025.

Thank you to our worship assistants!

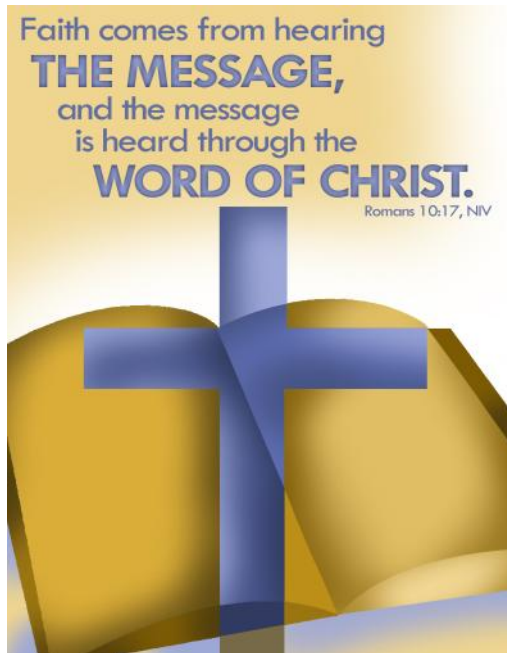
	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Greeter	Arlene Wiener	Cindy Kamies
Lector	Todd Zinnel	Kayla Foelske
Comm Serv	Arlene Wiener	Cindy Kamies
	Mark Kehrberg	Journey Keleher
	Aleigha Bohlken	Cheryl Peyton
Crucifer	Autumn Jelken	
Acolytes	Bentley Hightree	Keyanna Miller
	Saylix Farmer	Ethan Rachuy
ProPresenter	Becky DeRuyter	Megan Brennan
Video/Sound	Brenda Haverhals	Micah Broers
Altar Guild	Jeannette Davis	Paula Kommes
	Connie Kellen	Carolyn Strub
Coffee Bar	Amy Kruse	
Ushers	Rod LaBahn, Joel Johnson, Henry Herrig, Mark Kehrberg, Lowell Penning	Gary Borchers, Harold Lee, Jeff Jelken, Levi TeBrink

Remember These People in Prayer: Tim Lohafer, Jae'cion, Nancy H., Bellamy, Hanna Francksen-Small, Hallie Bunkers, Grace Galles, Brielle Schorg, Nash, Diane K. Jackson Majeres, and Phyllis Hamann : **Ongoing Prayers:** Mason Sitzmann, Missy Rarrat, Alex Hines, Taelynn Ortmann, Kendra, Norm Nielsen, Sherry Jo Wittkop, Shirley, Kathryn, Jen, and Kathy; **Deployed:** Jaime Koopman, Kylie Britt, Blake Erdmann, Brent Jarvis, Mitch Lang, Dale Crabtree; **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; Prime Living - Wade & Betty Thompson; Vintage Hills of Indianola - Jane Schultz; Happy Siesta - Eleanor Westhoff

Sympathies to the family of Alma Willer, who passed away January 28th. St. John's family includes Judy Schulz, Violet Weaver and Jason Peters families.

Sun Feb 1	Mon Feb 2	Tues Feb 3	Wed Feb 4	Thurs Feb 5	Fri Feb 6	Sat Feb 7	Sun Feb 8
8 & 10:30 am Worship w/ Comm 9:15 am Study Hour	LifeWise 6 pm Outreach Team Mtg L/L	LifeWise 10 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm P.o.P. 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Team L/L 7 pm Men's Small Group Y/R	LifeWise 5 pm Bells/Grow Meal/ MS Pizza & Game Night 6 pm Worship/Comm 6:30 pm Catechism/ Grow 6:45 pm Sr. Choir 8:15 pm HS Youth Grp	9 am Prayer Time 2 pm 40 Day Fast Small Grp L/L 5:30 pm Thursday in the Word Small Group L/L			8 & 10:30 am Worship w/Comm 9:15 am Study Hour

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First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-11 ⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. ⁷ Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. ⁸ "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. ⁹ "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

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

Please join in a responsive reading of Psalm 19:7-14

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.
The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

⁸ The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.
The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

⁹ The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.
The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

¹⁰ They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

¹¹ By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
¹² **But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.**

¹³ Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me.
Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Second Reading: Romans 10:9-17 ⁹ If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, "Anyone who

believes in him will never be put to shame." ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile - the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" ¹⁶ But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" ¹⁷ Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

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. John the 3rd chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 3:3-15 ³ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." ⁴ "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." ⁹ "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. ¹⁰ "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven - the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

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

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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.