



January 18th, 2026 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

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FORTRESS OF FAITH and **RADIO ADS** are in memory of Marge Adler by Paula Kommes.

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!

MISSION TRIP CHICAGO 2026 – KWIK STAR CAR WASH CARDS FUNDRAISER If you ordered a car wash card, be sure to stop at the table to pick up your order. Thanks for your support of the Mission Trip 2026!

HIGH SCHOOL EVENT The HS youth will be traveling to Northwestern College today for a Dinner/Praise/Worship night. Even when youth leave home for the first time, there are many opportunities for worship at colleges. We will leave at 6:30 and return by 10 pm.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES Please pick up your 2026 Offering Envelopes from the lobby. If you would like a set of envelopes, please let Kim know. 546-8855. If you no longer require a set, also let Kim know. Thank you.

ANNUAL REPORTS are available in the lobby.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING St. John’s will be holding their Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, January 25, 2026 in the Sanctuary @ 1:00 pm. All confirmed members who have fulfilled the voting requirements are encouraged to attend. A catered luncheon will be served before the annual meeting, beginning at 11:45 am.

GROW MEAL will be Mac & Cheese on Wednesday, Jan. 21st.

HOME COMMUNION If you or someone you know is homebound and would like visits and communion from Pastor Broers and our Visitation Team, please contact the office and let us know. Our phone number is 712-546-8855. Thanks!

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!

NOISY OFFERING will be collected next weekend. Don’t forget your loose change or bills. All proceeds will help fund the mission work in Chicago this Summer.

HS OKOBOJI OUTREACH NIGHT High School students are invited to join us for the Okoboji Outreach Night next Sunday. It will be a “Glow in the Dark Party!” We will leave at 3:30 and return at 9 pm.

THANKS Clark, Franklin, and Kluckhohn were all very appreciative of the donations we dropped off in December. “This is fantastic,” “We are so appreciative,” “I feel like we just won a million dollars,” are just some of the thank you’s.

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 so we can plan a good date to start. We will plan to meet for two to three weeks based on everyone’s availability. Thanks!

HOLY HORMONES A faith-based women’s workshop. At this special event, you’ll get practical and biblical training on how hormones impact every stage of life. January 19th from 5 - 8 pm, at the Headline Event Space, Le Mars.

GUIDING STAR SIOUXLAND invites you to join us for our Annual Gala Fundraiser on Friday, March 6. To learn more or to register, visit guidingstarsiouxland.org and click “Gala.”

THANK YOU We would like to thank St. John's for allowing us to set up a LifeWise tree in your hallway. A special thank you to those who took time to select a tag and donated in some way. We truly appreciate your support, donations, and prayers! Sincerely, LifeWise Le Mars Team

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!

Greeter Lector Comm Serv	8:00 AM Roma Lancaster Jane Arnold	10:30 AM Nicole Jarvis Hope Majeres
	Roma Lancaster Jane Arnold Dean Borchers	Hope Majeres Lisa Erdmann Anne Jeneary
	Bentley Hightree	
Crucifer Acolytes	Owen Fintel Aiden Fintel	Kenna Grage Harper Grause
	Becky DeRuyter Tim Larson	Megan Brennan Micah Broers Carter Westphal
Altar Guild	Jane Arnold Jany Schroeeder	Cindy Kamies Jany Schroeeder
	Chris Knapp	
Coffee Bar Ushers	Ken F., Keith W., Brady W., Mike H., Glenn K.	Adam S., Simon K., Dan A., Doug C., Karen C.

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; Holy Spirit Retirement Home - Alma Willer; Prime Living - Wade & Betty Thompson; Vintage Hills of Indianola - Jane Schultz

Sympathies to the family and friends of Warren Oetken, who passed away January 11th.

Sympathies to the family and friends of Sue Maack, who passed away January 13th. St. John’s family includes Dawn Otto, and Travis and Serena Hansen family. Her funeral will be held Monday, the 19th at Rexwinkel Funeral Home in Le Mars.

Sun Jan 18	Mon Jan 19	Tues Jan 20	Wed Jan 21	Thurs Jan 22	Fri Jan 23	Sat Jan 24	Sun Jan 25
8 & 10:30 am Worship w/ Comm 9:15 am Study Hour 6:30 – 10 pm HS Praise Worship Night @ NW College	LifeWise 1:30 pm Anna Circle L/L 5:30 pm Lay Visitors Team Mtg L/L	LifeWise 9:30 am Hannah Circle L/L 10 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm P.o.P.	Chapel Services LifeWise 1:30 pm Dorcas Circle 5 pm Bells/Grow Meal 6 pm Worship 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			Noisy Offering 8 & 10:30 am Worship w/Comm 9:15 am Study Hour 11:45 am Volunteer/ Staff Luncheon 1 pm Annual Meeting 3 pm HS Okoboji Outreach Night

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The holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 2nd chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 2:23-27 ²³ One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵ He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? ²⁶ In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions." ²⁷ Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."

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

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 ¹⁵ See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. ¹⁶ For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, ¹⁸ I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰ and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

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

Second Reading: Philippians 2:12-13 ¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed - not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence - continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

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Third Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 ²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. ²⁶ Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. ²⁷ No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

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

Please rise for the reading of the holy Gospel.

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.