



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

February 8th, 2026 5th Sunday of Epiphany

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**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are in honor of Fern Schulz's 95th birthday. God's blessings to you today and the coming year, Fern! **FORTRESS OF FAITH** and **RADIO ADS** are in memory of Marian Schmidt by Joyce Brownmiller.

**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** 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 taco in a bag on Wednesday, February 11th.

**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!

**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 every Tuesday through March 3, at 7 pm, 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.

**HEARTS OF FIRE 2** study group will be meeting weekly on Fridays at 2 pm. You are invited to join us.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** St. John's will be holding an Ash Wednesday service on February 18th at 6 pm. There will be Imposition of Ashes for those who desire.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY DRAMA - READERS WANTED**

On Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7pm worship, St. John's will be presenting a Last Supper drama called "The Living Last Supper" by Ruth Elaine Schram. Each of the twelve disciples will sit at the table with Jesus and deliver a short monologue expressing their inner thoughts on that fateful night.

There will be light staging and costumes, but no acting experience is necessary - just being able to read expressively. This would be a great opportunity for adults who enjoy reading for church and students who are involved in speech or drama. We know that today Jesus' disciples are men and women alike, so if any women would like to read the part of a disciple they are also welcome to do so too. We will need twelve readers, so please sign up in the narthex or let Mike know if you are interested.

**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.

### 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.

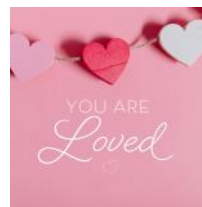
**CAMP COUNSELOR STIPENDS** St. John's will again be offering a \$1000.00 stipend for St. John's members working at Ingham Okoboji Bible Camp this summer. Talk to Pastor or Kim to find out more about this great opportunity.

**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. Serving will be from 4:30 to 6:45 p.m. Carry outs & deliveries are available.

### A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT MARRIAGE RETREAT

Side by Side Ministries and Dr. Don & Renee Worchester are pleased to be offering an amazing opportunity for couples in the Siouxland area. Friday, March 6th and Saturday, March 7th at The Headline Event Space in Le Mars. Click on the QR Code to register and for more info.



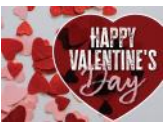
**God's Love in Action** "We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19, NIV). This month, let's share God's love in simple ways — a kind note, a prayer, a helping hand. Look for ways to bless someone around you! Happy Valentines Day!

### Thank you to our worship assistants!

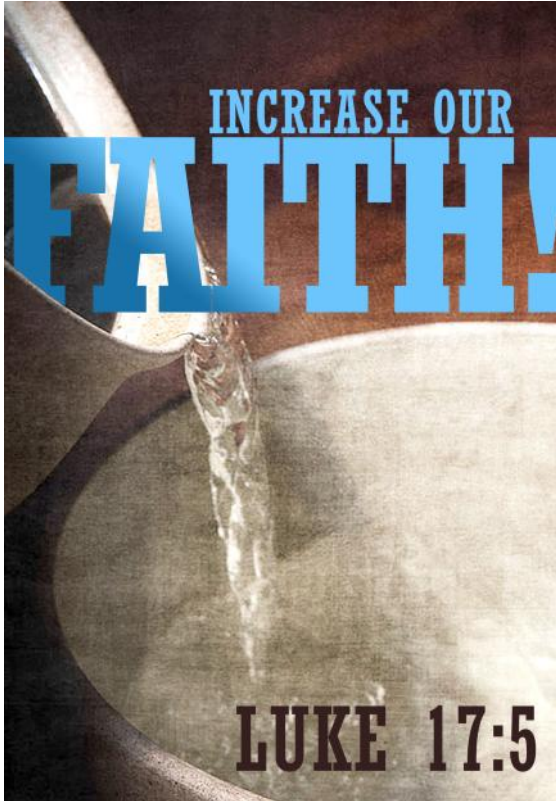
	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Greeter</b>	Rod & Sandy LaBahn	Dave Brennan Family
<b>Lector</b>	Sandy LaBahn	Sophia Brennan
<b>Comm Serv</b>	Iris Hemmingson	Dave Brennan
	Rod LaBahn	Elizabeth Brennan
	Pam Roling	Ethan Rachuy
<b>Crucifer</b>	Avery Bogh	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Kylee DenOuden	Kenzie Harms
	Luke Britt	Riley Harms
<b>ProPresenter</b>	Carter Westphal	Megan Jeneary
<b>Video/Sound</b>	Tim Larson	Jacob Jeneary
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jeannette Davis	Paula Kommes
	Connie Kellen	Carolyn Strub
<b>Coffee Bar</b>	Lynn Breuer	
<b>Ushers</b>	Rod LaBahn, Joel Johnson, Henry Herrig, Mark Kehrberg, Lowell Penning	Gary Borchers, Harold Lee, Jeff Jelken, Levi TeBrink

**Remember These People in Prayer:** Stephen Broers, Tim Lohafer, Jae'cion, Nancy H., Bellamy, Hanna Francksen-Small, Hallie Bunkers, Grace Galles, Brielle Schorg, Nash, Diane K., Phyllis Hamann, and Angie : **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, 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 friends and family of Gene Pageler, who passed away January 30th. His funeral will be Monday, February 9th at Rexwinkel Funeral Home @ 1 pm.

Sun Feb 8	Mon Feb 9	Tues Feb 10	Wed Feb 11	Thurs Feb 12	Fri Feb 13	Sat Feb 14	Sun Feb 15
8 & 10:30 am Worship w/ Comm 9:15 am Study Hour	LifeWise 1 pm Gene Pageler Funeral 7 pm Council Mtg F/H	LifeWise 9 am Do-Day 10 am 40 Day Sugar Fast/Staff Meeting 5:30 pm P.o.P. 7 pm Men's Small Group Y/R	LifeWise Care Facility Chapel Services 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 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 3:30 - 9 pm HS Okoboji Outreach Night

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**First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7** <sup>1</sup>I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. <sup>2</sup>He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. <sup>3</sup>"Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup>What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? <sup>5</sup>Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. <sup>6</sup>I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it." <sup>7</sup>The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

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

**Please join in a responsive reading of Psalm 1**

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,  
<sup>2</sup> **but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.**  
<sup>3</sup> That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither - whatever they do prospers.  
<sup>4</sup> **Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.  
<sup>6</sup> **For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

**Second Reading: James 2:14-17** <sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? <sup>15</sup>Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup>If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? <sup>17</sup>In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

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. Luke the 17th chapter.

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

**Gospel: Luke 17:5-10** <sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup>He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you. <sup>7</sup>"Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? <sup>8</sup>Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup>Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"

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.