



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

March 1st, 2026 2nd Sunday of Lent

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

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THANK YOU to Kent Westphal for leading worship today.

FORTRESS OF FAITH and **RADIO ADS** are sponsored by a friend of St. John's.

HS MISSION TRIP MEETING All those involved with the Summer Mission Trip to Chicago should plan to meet at 11:30 today in the Youth Room.

MOVIE MATINEE TODAY Everyone is invited to come to St. John's today, from 2-4pm for a showing of the movie David in the upstairs auditorium! Snacks will be provided. Please sign-up on the bulletin board so we can get a better idea of how many people might be coming. Invite your friends!

CAMPERSHIPS Now is the time to sign up for summer camp!!! A flyer can be found on the bulletin board in the lobby for details on how to get your child signed up for camp and receive a campership from St. John's. Early bird deadline is TODAY, March 1st.

PIZZA RANCH TIP NIGHTS The St. John's High School Mission Trip team will be holding two tip nights at Pizza Ranch to fundraise for their trip to Chicago this upcoming summer. We will be working **Tuesday night, March 3rd** as well as Tuesday night, March 10th. Remember that Tuesday night is always kids night at Pizza Ranch when they eat for free with one paying adult! Thank you for supporting our youth!

NEW SMALL GROUP: MESSENGERS OF THE GOSPEL Pastor Broers is 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. Next meeting is March 3rd.

LENTEN MEAL will be Lally's chicken, beans, salad and dessert on Wednesday, March 4th. A freewill offering will be collected and has been designated to Then Feed Just One.

MS FUN & GAMES NIGHT All MS students can grab some chicken and gather in the youth room for some games and fellowship before worship Wednesday, March 4th at 5 pm.

THEN FEED JUST ONE EVENT The St. John's catechism youth and High School students will be participating in a Then Feed Just One event on March 25. Other St. John's members are also encouraged to join us. Donations for this project will be collected throughout the month of March and can be left in the offering plate or dropped off at the office. Please notate your gift for "Then Feed Just One." Please sign up on the bulletin board in the lobby if you would like to help. Thank you for your attendance and generosity!

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES have begun. Join us at 6 pm in the sanctuary. This will include the Holden Evening Prayer Service, a traditional setting of evening prayer set to music. These services will continue through March 25th.

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!

SAFE PLACE SPECIAL COLLECTION Some of the church women are supporting the gathering of items to donate to Safe Place. We have received \$250 from Thrivent to kickstart the project and invite you to donate items from the list on p. 22 in the church newsletter. There is a box labeled Safe Place in the church lobby. Please have items at church by March 18 so we can begin to assist people in our area who are victims of domestic violence. Contact Janet Wiener if you have questions.

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!

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.

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.

Thank you to our worship assistants!

	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Greeter	Iris Hemmingson	Karla Hansen
Lector	Iris Hemmingson	Karla Hansen
Comm Serv	Iris Hemmingson Brenda Haverhals Roma Lancaster	Dan Albert Julie Albert Lisa Erdmann
Crucifer	Norah Kellen	
Acolytes	Audrina Schoenrock Mia Petsch	Lauren Forbes Kinley Tingwald
ProPresenter	Becky DeRuyter	Megan Brennan
Video/Sound	Tim Larson	Micah Broers
Altar Guild	Elvira Nielsen Roma Lancaster	Kay Powell Roma Lancaster
Coffee Bar	Sandy LaBahn	
Ushers	Tracy Wingert, Chr., Greg M., Doug S., Rob S., Jay D.	Bryce Tingwald, Chr., Nathan P., Joey P., Jeremy F., Graham F.

Remember These People in Prayer: Alaina, Tim Lohafer, Jae'cion, Nancy H., Bellamy, Hanna Francksen-Small, Hallie Bunkers, Grace Galles, Brielle Schorg, Nash, Diane K., Phyllis Hamann, Denise, Angie, Nancy & Bob P., and Dylan Carlsen; **Ongoing Prayers:** Mason Sitzmann, Missy Rarrat, Alex Hines, Taelynn Ortmann, Kendra, 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; Happy Siesta - Eleanor Westhoff
Sympathies to the family and friends of Jane Schultz, who passed away February 20th. Jane's obituary can be found at Overton Funeral Home, Indianola.

Sun March 1	Mon March 2	Tues March 3	Wed March 4	Thurs March 5	Fri March 6	Sat March 7	Sun Mar 8
8 & 10:30 am Worship w/ Comm 9:15 am Study Hour 11:30 am Mission Trip Meeting Y/R 2-4 pm Movie Showing—"David" in the Auditorium	LifeWise	LifeWise 10 am Staff Meeting 2 pm 40 Day Sugar Fast L/L 5:30 pm P.o.P. 6:30 pm Messengers of the Gospel Study L/L 7 pm Men's Small Group Y/R	LifeWise 5 pm Bells/Lenten Meal/MS Fun & Game Night 6 pm Holden Evening Service/Comm/ Outreach Team Mtg. 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 9:15 am Property Mtg

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**FOR GOD SENT NOT
HIS SON INTO THE WORLD
TO CONDEMN THE WORLD;
BUT THAT THE WORLD
THROUGH HIM
MIGHT BE SAVED.**



First Reading: Ezekiel 33:10-11 ¹⁰“Son of man, say to the Israelites, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?”’ ¹¹Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?’

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

Please join in a responsive reading of Psalm 130

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;

² **Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.**

³ If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

⁴ **But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.**

⁵ I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.

⁶ **I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

⁷ Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

⁸ **He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.**

Second Reading: 1 John 1:5-2:2 ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. ⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us. ^{2:1} My dear children, I

write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

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 3:16-21 ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. ¹⁹This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

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.

\$16.00 per Easter Lily # of Lilies _____

Deadline: **March 20th**

In memory/honor of: _____

By: _____

Drop this this form w/payment in the offering plate OR call the office-546-8855

