



January 25th, 2026 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

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**WELCOME** Jacob Weeks, who will be sharing with us this morning, his journey to becoming a Missionary Pilot in Central America.

**FORTRESS OF FAITH** and **RADIO ADS** are in appreciation 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!

**THANK YOU** to our Sunday School youth for sharing their gifts of music with us this morning.

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

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING** St. John’s will be holding their Annual Meeting of the Congregation today, 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.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** are available in the lobby.

**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.

**HIGH SCHOOL OKOBOJI OUTREACH** The HS youth will be traveling to Okoboji this evening. It will be a “Glow in the Dark Party!” We will leave at 3:30 and return at 9 pm.

**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 taverns on Wednesday, Jan. 28th.

**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 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!

**ELDERBERRIES** Please join us on January 28th, at 2 pm in the fellowship hall. We will have speaker, Jade Bunkers from “Modified” in Remsen, to talk about staying healthy.

**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.*

**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.

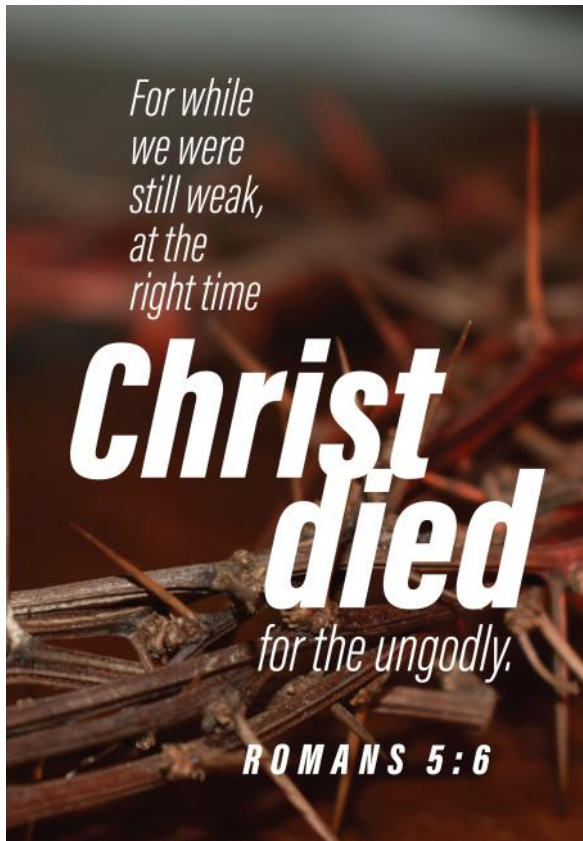
**Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Early Head Start** is currently taking applications for their **FREE family support and resource program**. Early head Start serves expectant families and children up to the age of three. For more information on this free home based program call 800-859-2025

Thank you to our worship assistants!

	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	Janys Schroeder	Mel & Donna Heeren
<b>Lector</b>	Janet Wiener	Lisa Erdmann
<b>Comm Serv</b>	Marylyn Muecke	Lisa Erdmann
	Janys Schroeder	Rex Knapp
	Elvira Nielsen	Chris Knapp
<b>Crucifer</b>	Norah Kellen	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Audrina Schoenrock	Sophia Brennan
	Gavin Rolling	Kaden Brownmiller
<b>ProPresenter</b>	Brenda Haverhals	Megan Jeneary
<b>Video/Sound</b>	Keith Westhoff	Jacob Jeneary
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Janet Kolker	Cindy Kamies
	Roma Lancaster	Sherri Harms
<b>Coffee Bar</b>	Sandy LaBahn	
<b>Ushers</b>	Ken F., Keith W.,	Adam S., Simon K.,
	Brady W., Mike H.,	Dan A., Doug C.,
	Glenn K.	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; Happy Siesta - Eleanor Westhoff **Sympathies** to the family of Dorothy Hoversten, from Algona who passed away January 18th. St. John’s family includes Jane & Kent Westphal, and Brad & Amanda Westphal family.

Sun Jan 25	Mon Jan 26	Tues Jan 27	Wed Jan 28	Thurs Jan 29	Fri Jan 30	Sat Jan 31	Sun Feb 1
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	LifeWise	LifeWise 10 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm P.o.P.	LifeWise 1 pm Hearts of Fire L/L 2 pm Elderberries F/H 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			8 & 10:30 am Worship w/Comm 9:15 am Study Hour



**First Reading: Romans 5:1-11** <sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. <sup>6</sup> You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! <sup>10</sup> For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! <sup>11</sup> Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

### 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.

