



January 4th, 2026 2nd Sunday of Christmas

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FORTRESS OF FAITH is sponsored by a friend of St. John's.

RADIO AD AND FORTRESS OF FAITH sponsors are needed for next 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!

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. These should not be used until after the 1st of the year. Thank you.

GROW MEAL will be Pizza on Wednesday, January 7th.

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!

CONGREGATION CHRISTMAS CARD Help us fund the St. John's Welfare Fund. Donations to the St. John's Welfare Fund can be left in the box attached to the bulletin board. Thank you Karol Holton, for designing this years bulletin board.

LIFEWISE GIVING TREE Please stop by the LifeWise Giving Tree and pick a tag from the tree. Any and all donation are appreciated. The tree is located at the north end of the lobby, near the Resource Room. Thank you for your help.

HEARTS OF FIRE 2 BOOK STUDY You are invited to join this study after the new year. Books will be \$5. Start date is Wed. January 14 at 2 pm in the Library.

MEALS ON WHEELS Thank you to the St. John's members who helped deliver Meals on Wheels in December. Those helping included Mike and Brenda Haverhals, Lowell and Pat Penning, Steve Justice, Ron Schultz, Ron & Twila Borchers, Dianne Baack, Loren Pageler, Steve & Melissa Utesch, Monte & Ellen Russell, Jay & Vicki Dunn, Bette Miller, Jan Kolker, and Jill Young. Our subs were Kate Braband, Iris Hemmingson and Janice Milne. And a big thank you to Denny Plueger for organizing this project. You are all the hands and feet of Jesus touching lives in our community! Thanks again!

WINTER CRAFTING RETREAT at Okoboji Bible Camp, January 23 - 25. Come to camp for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and accomplishment! There will be plenty of space for you to spread your project out and let your ideas takeover. Attendees must be 13+ years old. Register online at www.okoboji.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN JANUARY

January 12 -	Council Mtg	7 pm
January 13 -	Do-Day	9 am
	Missions Mtg	4:30 pm
January 18 -	HS Praise/Worship at NW College	5:30 pm
January 19 -	Lay Visitors Mtg	5:30 pm
January 25 -	Volunteer Luncheon	11:30 am
	Annual Meeting	1 pm
	HS IO Outreach Night	3:30 pm
January 28 -	Elderberries	2 pm

Thank you to our worship assistants!

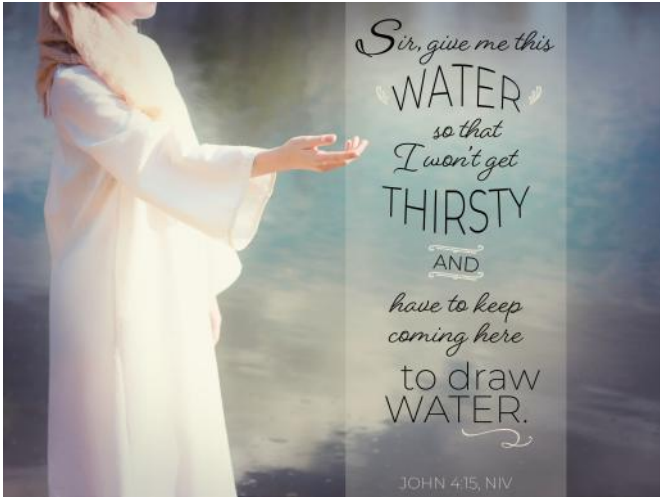
	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Greeter	Dianne Baack	Dan & Julie Albert
Lector	Dianne Baack	Ian DeRuyter
Comm Serv	Steve Breuer	Dan Albert
	Lynn Breuer	Julie Albert
	Pam Roling	Kyleigh Bohlken
Crucifer	Kasen Niehus	
Acolytes	Hadley Klein	Zoey Junck
	Tim Larson	Emma Ryan
ProPresenter	Brenda Haverhals	Sophia Brennan
Video/Sound	Keith Westhoff	Micah Broers
Altar Guild	Sandy LaBahn	Tammy Lee
	Rod LaBahn	Janys Schroeder
Coffee Bar	Sheri Oetken	
Ushers	Ken F., Keith W., Brady W., Mike H., Glenn Kellen	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, Kent W. and Diane K.: **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, Warren Oetken; 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

Sun Jan 4	Mon Jan 5	Tues Jan 6	Wed Jan 7	Thurs Jan 8	Fri Jan 9	Sat Jan 10	Sun Jan 11
8 & 10:30 am Worship w/ Comm 9:15 am Study Hour	LifeWise 5:00 pm Spiritual Growth Mtg L/L 6 pm Outreach Mtg Y/R	LifeWise 10 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm P.o.P.	LifeWise 5 pm Bells/Grow Meal/ MS Pizza & Games 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 Holton Small Grp L/L 5:30 pm Jarvis Small Grp L/L			8 & 10:30 am Worship w/Comm 9:15 am Study Hour 10:30 am Koerselman Baptism

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First Reading: Genesis 12:1-3 ¹ The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you." ² "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing." ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

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

Please join in a responsive reading of Psalm 67

- ¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us -
² **so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.**
- ³ May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.
⁴ **May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.**
- ⁵ May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.
⁶ **The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.**
- ⁷ May God bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 ¹⁹ Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰ To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. ²¹ To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

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 4th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 4:1-15 ¹ Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John - ² although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. ³ So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee. ⁴ Now he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given

to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. ⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

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.