



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 7, 2024 † 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

# *Welcome to worship at St. John's!*

*We especially welcome all who are visiting this morning!*

*All are invited to **sign the welcome sheets** in the black folders at the end of the pews.*

*Please pass them to the center and then back  
so you can greet those worshipping around you.*

*Ushers will gather these following worship.*

*In the red hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship), or purple hymnal  
(All Creation Sings), hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn section,  
and page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section.*

*An asterisk (\*) invites you to stand as you are able.*

**P** Pastor, **L** Leader (Assisting Minister), **C** Congregation

**Children are welcome** to participate throughout our  
worship service, including at Holy Communion.

*Parents, please assist children when they come forward for communion  
to extend their hands if they are to receive the bread and wine.*

## **Children's Bibles and activity bags**

*are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary  
and scribble cards are available in the pews.*

*Hearing assistance devices are available outside the Sanctuary or from an usher.*

*For those with hearing aids, the Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop.*

*Large print bulletins and hymns are available for worship services.*



*St. John's Lutheran Church is a community grounded in the promise of God's grace  
and called to extend Christ's welcome to all people. Every day, Christ meets us all just as  
we are, extending love to people of every age, race or ethnicity, physical appearance,  
sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, marital or  
relationship status, economic circumstance, educational achievement,  
political affiliation, or religious background.*

*While we do not always agree, we choose to walk and grow in faith together,  
believing that God creates diversity, and loves and welcomes us.*

*We warmly welcome you here.*

# GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

**Prelude** — Three on “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

Michael Costello  
Michael Burkhardt  
Robert Buckley Farlee

## Welcome and Announcements

### Sustaining Grace Temple Talk

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 363

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

## \*Greeting

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

## \*Prayer of the Day

- ☐ Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ☑ **Amen.**

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Children's Message

**First Reading** — Isaiah 65:17-25

<sup>17</sup>For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. <sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. <sup>19</sup>I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,

or the cry of distress. <sup>20</sup>No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

<sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

<sup>22</sup>They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup>They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. <sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Ⓛ The word of the Lord.

ⓐ **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody — Psalm 3

Antiphon: John Bell

*Antiphon: Don't be afraid. My love is stronger than your fear.*

*Don't be afraid. My love is stronger and I have promised to be always near.*



<sup>1</sup>LORD, how many | are my foes!

How many there are who rise | up against me!

<sup>2</sup>**How many there are who | say to me,**

**“Your God | cannot help.”**

<sup>3</sup>But you, O LORD, are a | shield about me;

you are my glory, the one who lifts | up my head.

<sup>4</sup>**I call aloud to | you, O LORD,**

**and you answer me from your | holy hill;**

<sup>5</sup>I lie down and | go to sleep;

I wake again, because | you sustain me.

<sup>6</sup>**I do not fear the multi- | tudes of people**

**who set themselves against me | all around.**

<sup>7</sup>Rise up, O LORD; set me free, | O my God;

surely, you will strike all my enemies across the face,

you will break the teeth | of the wicked.

<sup>8</sup>**Deliverance belongs | to the LORD.**

**Your blessing be up- | on your people! *Antiphon***

## Second Reading — 1 John 1:1—2:2

<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with Jesus Christ, the Son. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from Jesus Christ and proclaim to you, that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with God while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make God a liar, and God's word is not in us.

<sup>21</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>who is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### \*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

### \*Gospel — John 20:19-31

Spark Story Bible, page 492; Pew Bible, page 882

*Before the reading:*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

*After the reading:*

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 938

“Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers”

### \*The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is  
seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### \*Prayers of Intercession

*After each petition:*

**℣** Lord, in your mercy,

**☩** hear our prayer.

## \*Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.*

## Offering of Our Gifts

*Music at the Offering*

"Carol" from *Five Bagatelles*

Gerald Finzi, arr. Robert Gower

## \*Offering Hymn — "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed  
sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther, and our  
Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly God, all the glo - ry, nev - er  
end - ing! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

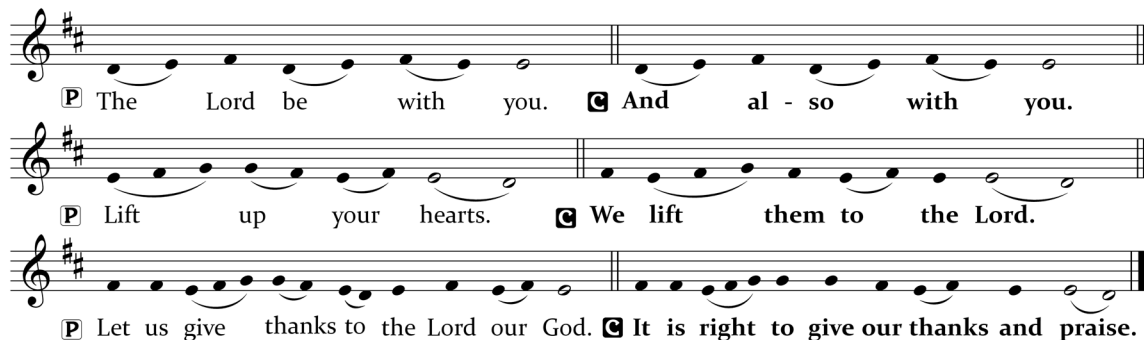
## \*Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.  
May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your  
abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the  
world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

# SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

## \*Great Thanksgiving

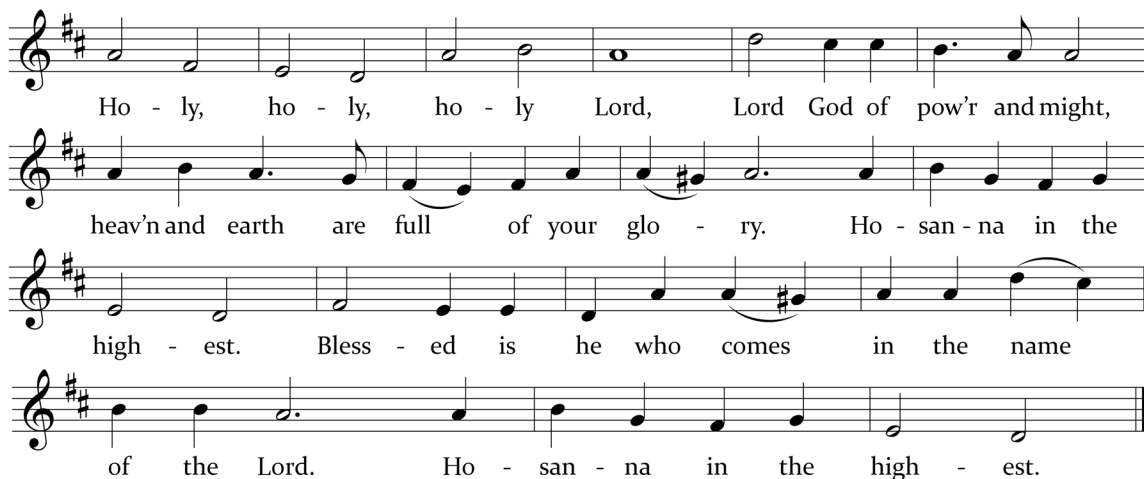


**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*Words of Institution



## \*The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

*Communion will be received standing at stations in the front of sanctuary; ushers will direct you forward. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the center. After you have been served the bread you will be offered wine or grape juice. The grape juice is white and is located in the center of the tray. **If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know, and communion will be brought to you.***

## Music during Communion

“Lamb of God”

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymn — ELW No. 390

“The Risen Christ”

Hymn — ELW No. 464

“Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal”

## \*Post-Communion Blessing

### \*Prayer after Communion

- ℒ Shepherd God,  
you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share  
the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.
- ☩ Amen.

## DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

### \*Blessing

*Response:*

- ☩ Amen.

\*Sending Hymn — ELW No. 375 “Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen”  
*The Refrain may be sung in English or Spanish.*

### \*Dismissal

- ℒ Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- ☩ Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!
- ℒ Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection.
- ☩ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — on SANTO DOMINGO

James Biery



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## **SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:**

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Scott Swanson (10:45) Hassanally Family
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Communion Prep	Georgene Johnson, Judy Smith
Communion Cleanup	Angie Gehring, Kristin Partlo
Greeters	(8:30) Leif Knecht (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	TBD
Refreshments	Rhonda Reece
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Jane Rizzo, Bob Tabery
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Alison Kavanaugh, Jon Kavanaugh, Christy Hall-Holt, Olaf Hall-Holt

### **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (April 14):**

#### *Third Sunday of Easter*

Isaiah 6:1-9a † Psalm 40:1-5 † 1 John 3:1-7 † Luke 24:36b-48

### **Learning and Fellowship Between Services**

#### ***This Week (April 7)***

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall  
Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons  
Sunday School: Preschool–Grade 5 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Lower Level)  
Sunday Youth Gathering: Grades 6–12 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Youth Room)  
St. John's Forum: The Moon, the Sun, and the Son (9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)  
Accompany (9:45–10:30 a.m., Undercroft)

#### ***Next Week (April 14)***

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall  
Sunday School: Preschool–Grade 5 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Lower Level)  
Sunday Youth Gathering: Grades 6–12 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Youth Room)  
Toddler Time (9:45–10:30 a.m., Room 14)  
St. John's Forum: Finding Our Way (9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)  
Accompany (9:45–10:30 a.m., Undercroft)

# Announcements

*Additional announcements can be found in the weekly E-Voice.*

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in memory of Gert Brosz by Wil Brosz. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or 645-4429. Available Dates: April 21 and May 5 & 26.

## **St. John's Forum**

**Today, 9:45–10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary**

***The Moon, the Sun, and the Son: Why Easter moves around and how we get the calendar we do.***

Pastor Pam will offer a forum on the liturgical calendar and how it evolved. Ever wonder why some holy days change, and others don't? Join us for the fascinating, complicated story of our worship calendar.

## **Special Seminar on Sunday, April 14, and Pub Theology on Monday, April 15**

***Finding Our Way: Jews and Christians Thinking through Scripture***

St. John's will be hosting a Jewish-Christian dialogue on ethics as part of our year-long series on reading Scripture with interfaith sensitivity. Dr. Anthony Bateza and Dr. Jonathan Zasloff will lead us in conversation starting with our Sunday morning adult forum, continuing into the afternoon, and finishing with a Pub Theology Q & A on Monday.

- **Session #1**

**Adult Forum, Sunday, April 14, 9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary**

***"Finding Our Way: Jews and Christians Thinking through Scripture"***

Our guests will look together at two texts key to our traditions: the Sermon on the Mount, and the Pirkei Avot. How does our interpretation of these texts shape our everyday living?

- **Session #2**

**Sunday, April 14, 12:00–2:30 p.m., St. John's Hall**

***"Finding Our Way: Jews and Christians Thinking about Virtue"***

Our presenters will lead us in dialogue with each other. Lunch will be provided. PLEASE RSVP to the afternoon lunch and session by today by scanning the QR Code. Lunch will be provided with a suggested donation of \$5.

- **Session #3**

**Pub Theology, Monday, April 15, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Flaherty's Northfield Lanes**

***"What Keeps Us Up at Night: Relating to 'the Other' in Jewish and Christian Ethics"***

Join us for Q & A time with our presenters over a cold beverage.

Jonathan Zasloff is a professor of law at the UCLA School of Law, and Anthony Bateza is an associate professor of religion and department chair of race, ethnic, gender and sexuality studies at St. Olaf College.



# **Announcements (continued)**

## **St. John's is Committing to Sustainability**

We are pleased to announce the launch of the Sustaining Grace Campaign. This campaign will include solar panels, benevolence giving, and other safety and facility improvements. Watch your mail for how you can participate. Join us and help St. John's thrive into the future.

## **Minnesota Foodshare March Campaign**

Thank you to all who contributed to the campaign. We raised \$9,769 to send to the CAC.

## **Sacred Sites Tour**

There will be a Sacred Sites Tour of the Twin Cities area sponsored by the Minnesota Council of Churches.

- Tour: Saturday, June 1, from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- **Cost: \$30/person paid by April 14.** Make checks payable to St. John's.
- Sites visited: Fort Snelling State Park, Dakota Internment camp, Pilot Knob Hill

## **Mission Morning**

### **Saturday, April 20, 9:00 a.m.–Noon, Meet in St. John's Hall**

Calling all women! Have a fun morning of kit packing, quilt tying, bandage rolling, fellowship, making new friends, and changing the world for the better...one kit at a time. To contribute items for the kits, pick up a list under the Women's bulletin board in the Commons, or go to this link: <https://stjohnsnorthfield.org/files/List2024.jpg> Please bring in donated items by April 14. Cash is also welcome. Make checks payable to St. John's WELCA, Mission Morning on the memo line.

## **Bishops' Statement**

On March 7<sup>th</sup> of this year, the ELCA Conference of Bishops joined a growing list of faith leaders calling for a permanent bilateral ceasefire in Gaza. The statement reads in part: *"We are compelled to advocate, pray, and act by the social teachings of our denomination and by our belief-rooted in Scripture—that all people are made in the image of God. We mourn the loss of 1,200 precious lives in Israel on October 7<sup>th</sup> by the actions of Hamas and the trauma for those 250 others who were taken hostage. We mourn the loss of over 30,000 precious lives in Gaza—including tens of thousands of women and children—who have died in Israel's military action since then and the trauma that ripples outward from this loss. We grieve the deaths of more than 400 Palestinians in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and in Israel since October 7<sup>th</sup> as the circle of violence expands and makes casualties of yet more civilians. Too many have suffered. Too many lives have been lost. Strong U.S. leadership is needed to help bring a comprehensive permanent cease-fire and lasting peace..."*

In response, Bishop Dr. Sani Ibrahim Azar, Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, thanked the Conference of Bishops for "follow[ing] your Christian calling to be peacemakers by coming together in agreement that the violence in Gaza and in this land we call holy must end, so that all people can live in safety and peace."

## Prayer Requests

*We are called to remember one another in prayer. The church office has been made aware of the following persons for whom we pray today. This list is also for your use this week.*

### **Healing and Support**

*Those in the hospital or in need of healing*

Ruth Smestad Anglin, Janice Kasa, Paul Klinefelter, Roberta Morse, Elouise Quinnell

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Georgia Braulick, Jo Chambers, Jo Dahlin, Billi Faillettaz, John Ferguson, Bob Flaten, Greta Matzner-Gore, Donna James, Carolyn Jennings, Dolores Nelson, Becky Ness, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Laila Burns Hedstrom, George Schneider (father of Betsy Gasior)

*All who are homebound, including*

David and Pat Halsor

*Involved in the mission of the church who have ties to St. John's*

The Savior (El Salvador) Lutheran Church in El Cocuy, Colombia;  
Iambi Lutheran Church in Iambi, Tanzania; Katie Larson, ELCA missionary in Colombia

### **Prayer Requests / Stephen Ministry Requests**

*Stephen Ministry Requests*

Whether you are lonely or overwhelmed with life's stresses, another perspective might reveal new options. If you or someone you know would benefit from some time with a Stephen Minister, contact one of the pastors at 507-645-4429.

*Prayer Chain Requests*

Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or [macisar@gmail.com](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

# Wednesday Night



**Served from 5:15-6:15 p.m.  
in St. John's Hall**

Menu for Wednesday, April 10:  
*Totchos*

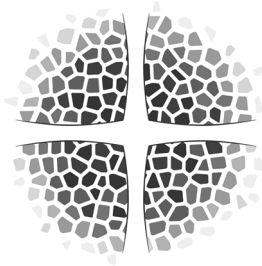
**All are welcome!**

*Wednesday Meals are made and served completely by people donating their time and talents.  
Dessert contributions are always welcome and needed!*

# **This Week At-a-Glance**

*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed  
on our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

<b>Monday, Apr. 8</b>	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	6:30 p.m.	Wellspring Circle, St. John's Library
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Foundation, Fireside Room
<b>Tuesday, Apr. 9</b>	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
<b>Wednesday, Apr. 10</b>	9:30 a.m.	Lydia and Paul Circles, St. John's Library
	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
<b>Thursday, Apr. 11</b>	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall
		Spotlight Bible Study, Offsite
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library
	1:30 p.m.	Elizabeth Circle, St. John's Library
	4:00 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
<b>Friday, Apr. 12</b>	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Mary Circle, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, Apr. 13</b>	9:00 a.m.	Carleton Choir Retreat
		Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
	10:00 a.m.	Library Committee, St. John's Library
<b>Sunday, Apr. 14</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary <i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 11.)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	12:00 p.m.	Finding Our Way, St. John's Hall



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Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*  
David Sims and Will Fecko, *Directors of Rejoice Ringers*

Call the church office or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.

*St. John's Lutheran Church stands on the  
ancestral homelands of the Wahpekute band of the Dakota nation.  
We respect and are grateful for the generations of native people who have cared for this land.*