



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 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 — “Rondo Campana”

Malcolm C. Wilson

Rejoice Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

Sustaining Grace Temple Talk

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 391

“This Joyful Eastertide”

***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**

- ☐ O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☑ **Amen.**

(10:45) **Anthem** — “Jesus Christ Is Risen”

Michael Morris

Jesus Christ is risen indeed; bless my soul, I am redeemed. Jesus Christ defeated the grave; bless my soul, I know I'm saved. Jesus Christ is risen! All praise to the Son! I have been forgiven by what he has done. Jesus Christ has conquered the cross, I'll be found if I get lost. Jesus Christ has cleansed me from sin, let eternal life begin. Jesus Christ is leading the way, onward to the holy day. When Jesus Christ will dry every tear, in his love I have no fear.

Jubilate Choir

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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 10:11-18

Spark Story Bible, page 436

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scat-

ters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 954

“You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd”

(8:30) *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.

(10:45) **Affirmation of Baptism**

Front of ELW hymnal, pages 234-236

Presentation

*Marina, Soren, and Leo Edlund
Scott and Elise Helland
Marv and Rose Kormann
Marshall and Diane Melbye
Ben, Debra, Harper, and Theo Miller
Margie O'Loughlin
Steve and Rhonda Reece
Beth Wessen*

***Profession of Faith** — *Front of ELW hymnal, page 235*

Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

- People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?
- We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Welcome

Hymn — “God Welcomes All” (ACS No. 978)

AMEN THEMBA

Sung twice.

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;
God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "God's love is strong and it nev - er ends." The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (eighth pair), C5 (quarter), D5 (half) for the first line; and G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (eighth pair), C5 (quarter), D5 (half) for the second line.

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***Prayers of Intercession**

After each petition:

- ℒ Lord, in your mercy,
- ☩ **hear our prayer.**

***Peace**

- ℒ 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

(8:30) "The Lord's My Shepherd"

arr. Michael Mazzatenta

(10:45) "The Lord's My Shepherd"

Dale Wood

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

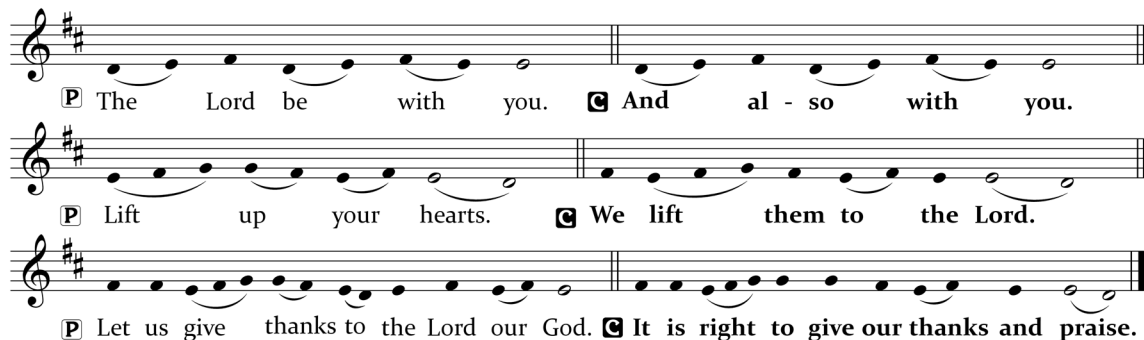
**Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God, all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

***Offering Prayer**

- ℒ 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

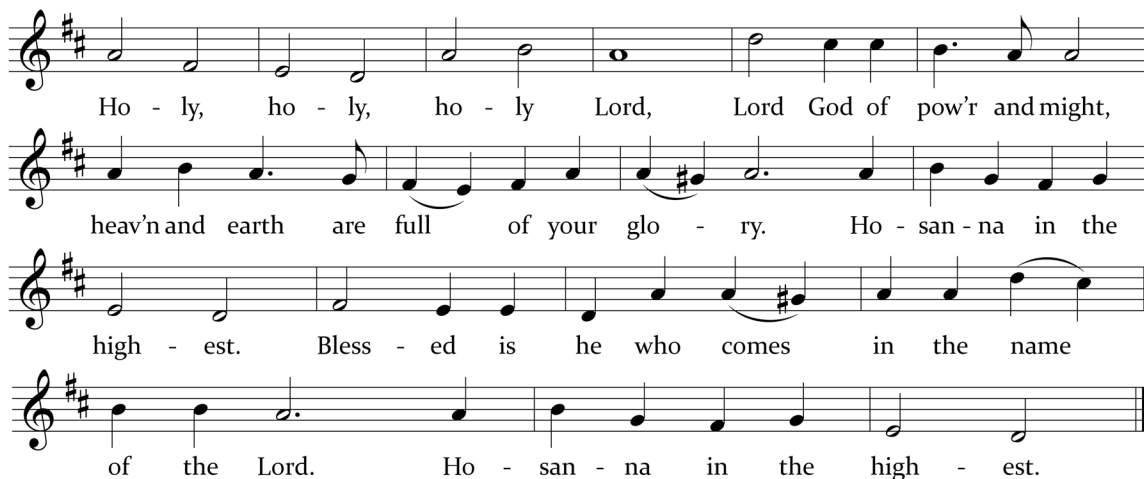


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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. 778

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

Hymn — ELW No. 484

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

*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. 502

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

***Dismissal**

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

Postlude — “Finale” from *Das Holsteinische Orgelbüchlein* Hans Friedrich Micheelsen



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Dick Jorgensen (10:45) Pellinen Family
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choirs	Rejoice Ringers; David Sims, director (10:45) Jubilate Choir; Green Bouzard, director
Communion Prep	Georgene Johnson, Judy Smith
Communion Cleanup	Jill Enestvedt
Greeters	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	Christy Hall-Holt
Refreshments	Reed Hagberg
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Janell Martin, David Nitz, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) John Ophaug, Cindy Clauson, Dave and Ruthie Neuger (10:45) Doug O'Leary, Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel, Leif Knecht

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (April 28):

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Exodus 19:1-6 † Psalm 118:19-25 † 1 John 4:7-21 † John 15:1-8

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (April 21)

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)
St. John's Forum: Sustaining Grace Information Session (9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall)
Accompany (9:45–10:30 a.m., Undercroft)

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St. John's Forum: Valley Grove Tapestries—Meet the Artist (9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall)

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by a friend of St. John's in celebration of Earth Day tomorrow. 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 507-645-4429 or office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Available dates: May 5 & 26 and June 16, 23 & 30.

Sustaining Grace is St. John's capital appeal to improve our environmental footprint, safety, and community outreach for years to come. **You are invited to an informational meeting today between services in St. John's Hall.** Together we can share God's grace for years to come!

Annual Spring Church Yard Cleanup

Saturday, April 27, 8:00 a.m.—Noon

The Property & Grounds Board requests your assistance. All are welcome to attend, as many hands make less work! Please bring your own brooms, gloves, rakes, wheel barrows for spreading mulch, shovels, leaf blowers, tarps, leaf bags, clippers, and dandelion diggers. Garden trailers and/or trucks are needed. Thank you!

St. John's Forum: Valley Grove Tapestries—Meet the Artist

Next Sunday, April 28, 9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall

During the month of April, you might have noticed the new art exhibit of four tapestries hanging in St. John's Hall created for Valley Grove Church in Nerstrand, MN. This morning we welcome the artist, Minneapolis weaver Robbie LaFleur, and Margit Johnson, a member of the Valley Grove Preservation Society. They will share about the process of creating these tapestries and then we will explore all the fun details and history included in each piece.

Lutheranism 101 Class

Next Sunday, April 28, 12:15–1:45 p.m., Fireside Room

Are you new to Lutheranism and wondering why we do some things in a certain way or why we talk so much about grace? Maybe you have some language or phrase that feels like “insider Lutheran speak” and you're wondering what that all means. Or maybe you've been a Lutheran your whole life but still have some questions about how we read the bible or what it means to be a saint and a sinner (at the same time!). Pastors Pam and Jonathan would like to invite any and all people who are curious about what it means to be a Lutheran to their **Lutheranism 101** class on Sunday, April 28, after the second service. We will meet in the Fireside Room and spend time learning and asking questions together. All are welcome!

Spotlight Bible Study

Thursdays, 9:00 a.m., Home of Julie Zdenek

A study of Jesus through the book of Mark. For the schedule and lesson materials go to www.StJohnsNorthfield.org/womens-small-groups or scan the QR Code.



Announcements (continued)

Out'n About: Conversations with Minnesotans features St. Olaf Speakers

Tomorrow, Monday, April 22, 9:00 a.m., St. John's Hall

You can still sign up to attend. Out'n About speakers will be St. Olaf College President Susan Singer and St. Olaf Choir Director Anton Armstrong. Morning programming begins with registration and coffee. Pre-register by calling 507-301-9094 or emailing outnabouto22@gmail.com with name(s) and contact info. Out'n About is sponsored by St. John's Adult Ministry & Education Board and Northfield Retired Educators.

St. John's Volunteer Day for Habitat for Humanity

Saturday, May 18, located at 501 Ford St., Northfield

***Please note the date change from the April Voice.**

Homes are being built for partner families in Northfield this year. St. John's is aiming to get 10–12 people to help on May 18 with construction. No prior experience or fancy skills are needed. To sign up to help with construction (must be 18 or older), go to [Habitat for Humanity Construction Volunteer Sign-Up](#). Or, you can contact jodihabitat@gmail.com or call 507-403-7868. If you'd like to check out the website to learn more, go to habitatricecounty.org/volunteer. Thank you!

Coming This Summer! Camp Firelight! (VBS)

When: June 10–13, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Who: Kids entering Kindergarten–Grade 3 (2024–2025 school year)

Where: St. John's Lutheran Church

Cost: \$15/Child, Max of \$30/Family (Please let [Julie](#) know if you need help with the cost.)

Contact Julie Brehmer for the link to the online registration form.

Attention All St. John's Women!

You are invited to attend the Cannon River Conference Women's Spring Event

Saturday, May 11, 8:00 a.m.

Registration table, treats, and display tables open from 8:00–9:00 a.m., program starts at 9:00 a.m. with lunch at 11:45 a.m. Our keynote speaker is Dr. Jacqueline Bussie, PhD, keynote speaker at the 2023 WELCA triennial and author of *Love Without Limits* and *Outlaw Christian*. Registration forms can be found at the WELCA bulletin board. Registration closes May 1 so sign up today!

Volunteers Needed on Friday and Saturday, May 10 & 11 to help St John's WELCA in hosting the Cannon River Conference Women's Spring Event on Saturday, May 11, 2024. We host this event once every 8–10 years. Please consider helping make this event a success by signing up to bring muffins, cookies, set tables, etc. Sign up online at https://stjohnsnorthfield.ccbchurch.com/need_detail.php?need_id=2251. The planning committee thanks you in advance for your help!

Reminder of Deadlines

- Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Due by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.
- *The Voice* (May 2024 Edition): Due by April 15

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, Will McLaughlin, Audrey Moe, Roberta Morse

Those with ongoing health concerns

Georgia Braulick, Jo Chambers, Jo Dahlin, Billi Faillettaz, John Ferguson, Bob Flaten, Paul Klinefelter, 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

VaLois Mandsager, Richard Olson, Carol Johnson

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

Everyone needs a loving listener they can rely on. If you or someone you know would benefit from some time with a Stephen Minister, contact one of the pastors at 645-4429.

Prayer Chain Requests

Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or 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 24:
Enchilada Casserole

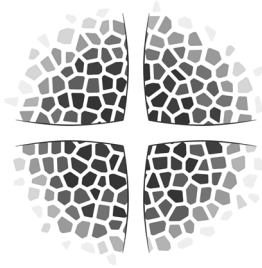
All are welcome!

*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.

Monday, Apr. 22	9:00 a.m.	Out n' About, St. John's Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, Apr. 23	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
	5:00 p.m.	Laura Baker Services Association, St. John's Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council, Undercroft
Wednesday, Apr. 24	10:45 a.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite
	11:30 a.m.	Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite
	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
Thursday, Apr. 25	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.	Book Buddies, St. John's Library
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Apr. 26	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	12:00 p.m.	American Red Cross Blood Drive, St. John's Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Apr. 27	8:00 a.m.	Spring Cleanup Day, St. John's
Sunday, Apr. 28	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary <i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 11.)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m.	Lutheranism 101 Class, Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	CVEC Annual Meeting, St. John's Hall



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Kristin Partlo, *Director of Ministry with Youth & Families*
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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.*