



150
YEARS OF
GRACE
OVERFLOWING

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 13, 2019 — 8:30 AND 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!

We are grateful to share this time of worship with you!

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

Please pass them down to the center and then back so you can greet those worshipping around you. Ushers will gather these following worship.

*An * invites you to stand as you are able.*

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

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

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.

For our youngest worshippers,

nursery care is available on the lower level for children under 5.

You may choose to take them there after the Children's Message and return with them for Holy Communion.

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.

Grace Overflows!

Today we enter into our anniversary year of thanksgiving for 150 years of ministry and mission of St. John's Lutheran Church. In the waters of baptism, we are declared God's beloved, freed to praise God and serve our neighbors. As we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord today, we particularly give thanks for the ways that songs of praise have overflowed from this congregation. We welcome the St. Olaf Choir and its director, Dr. Anton Armstrong, and remember the Choir's roots in this congregation's worship. We welcome you, whatever your connection to St. John's or to this musical tradition, as we praise our beautiful savior together.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Blessing the Threshold

This blessing
has been waiting for you
for a long time.

While you have been
making your way here
this blessing has been
gathering itself
making ready
biding its time
praying.

This blessing has been
polishing the door
oiling the hinges
sweeping the steps
lighting candles
in the windows.

This blessing has been
setting the table
as it hums a tune
from an old song
it knows,
something about
a spiraling road
and bread
and grace.

All this time
it has kept an eye
on the horizon,
watching,
keeping vigil,
hardly aware of how
it was leaning itself
in your direction.

And now that
you are here
this blessing
can hardly believe
its good fortune
that you have finally arrived,
that it can drop everything
at last
to fling its arms wide
to you, crying
welcome
welcome
welcome.

-Jan Richardson

Prelude — “Marche Triomphale”

F. Melius Christiansen

Organist and choir director at St. John's from 1903-1945

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

- P** For these waters of grace,
- C** we give you thanks, O God.

Please turn and face the entrance.

***Processional Hymn** — No. 308

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!”

Stanzas 1 – 5

Stanza 1 — all

Stanza 2 — all

Stanza 3 — treble voices

Stanza 4 — bass voices

Stanza 5 — all

***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, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit
and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water
and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called
children of God, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☑ **Amen.**

Anthem — “My Heart is Longing to Praise My Savior”

arr. Leland B. Sateren

Sung in loving memory of Margaret Hayford O’Leary

Sung in Norwegian and English

*Oh how I wish I could praise my Jesus,
as in my heart I would like to do,
because he wanted for me such grace
as to offer me his heavenly kingdom.*

*I thank you, Jesus, for your pain on the cross,
for your death and your many wounds,
through which I have peace in my unworthy heart,
and my winter has turned into a glorious spring.*

*What blessed joy overflows my spirit,
because Thy wondrous grace was granted me.
Thy work complete, that I may inherit
at last eternal life in heaven with thee!*

—Lars Oftedal, translation by Reidar Dittmann

St. Olaf Choir

HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading — Isaiah 43:1-7

Pew Bible, page 585

After the reading:

- ☐ The word of the Lord.
- ☒ **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem — “For God Commanded Angels”

Felix Mendelssohn/ed. Kenneth Jennings

For God commanded angels to watch over you, that they shall protect you, in all your living keep you; for God commanded angels to watch over you, for their hands will uphold and guide you, lest you dash your foot against a stone, stumbling; for God commanded angels to watch over you; for their hands will uphold and guide you, for they shall protect you, in all your living keep you. —Psalm 91:11-12

Second Reading — Acts 8:14-17

Pew Bible, page 892

After the reading:

- ☐ The word of the Lord.
- ☒ **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

*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** — Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Spark Story Bible, page 242; Pew Bible, page 834

Before the reading:

- ☐ The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 3rd chapter.
- ☒ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading:

- ☐ The Gospel of the Lord.
- ☒ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 306

“Come, Beloved of the Maker”

*The 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.

*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.

Welcome and Announcements

Offering of Our Gifts

Anthem at the Offering:

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

arr. F. Melius Christiansen

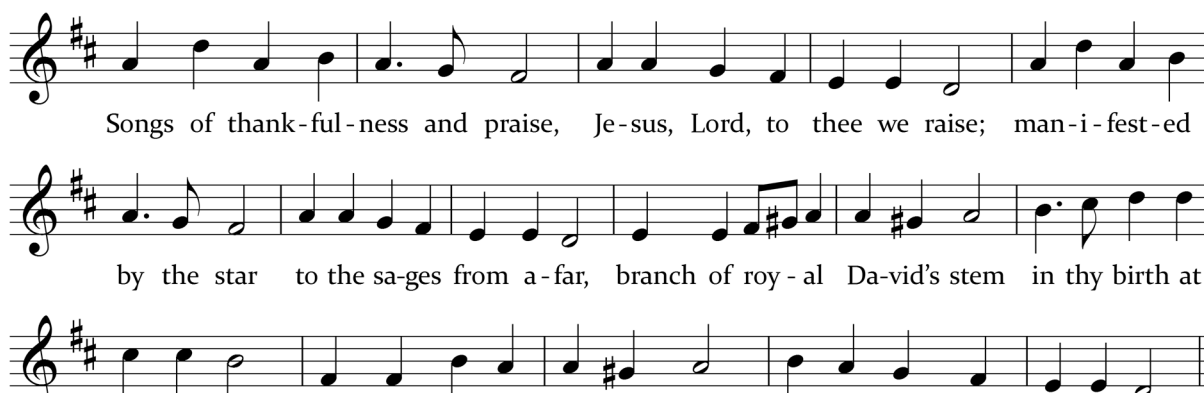
*Wake, awake for night is flying!
The watchmen on the heights are crying,
awake, Jerusalem, arise!
Midnight's solemn hour is tolling.
His chariot wheels are nearer rolling;
He comes; prepare, ye virgins wise.
Rise up with willing feet.
Go forth, the Bridegroom meet,
Hallelujah!
Bear through the night your well-trimmed light,
speed forth to join the marriage rite.*

*Hear Thy praise, O Lord, ascending
from earth and heavenly voices, blending
with harps and lute and psaltery.
At the pearly gates in wonder
we stand and swell the voice of thunder,
in burst of choral melody;
No vision ever brought,
no ear hath ever caught
such bliss and joy:
We raise the song, we swell the throng
to praise Thee ages all along.*

—Philipp Nicolai

*Offering Hymn — “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” stanza 1

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Songs of thank-ful-ness and praise, Je-sus, Lord, to thee we raise; man-i-fest-ed
by the star to the sa-ges from a-far, branch of roy-al Da-vid's stem in thy birth at
Beth-le-hem: an-thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man-i-fest.

*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray together.

All God with us: you came as a baby to a manger.

You slept on straw and greeted shepherds.

You come again in bread and wine.

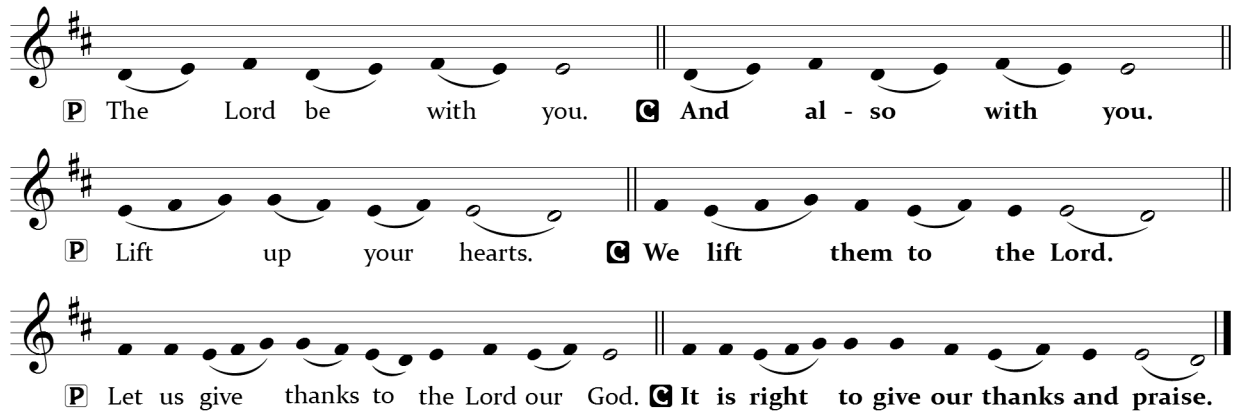
Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things.

And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others
in the strength of your holy name.

Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving



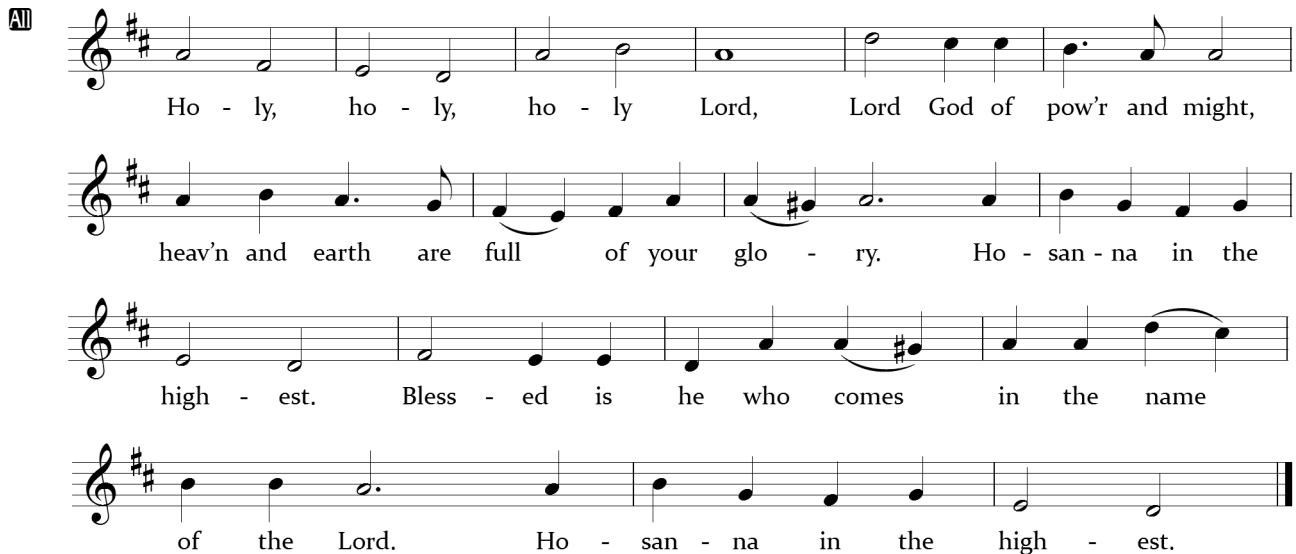
Three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains two phrases: 'P The Lord be with you.' and 'C And al - so with you.' The second staff contains two phrases: 'P Lift up your hearts.' and 'C We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff contains two phrases: 'P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' and 'C It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

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, our duty, and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Four staves of musical notation in G major. The lyrics are: '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.'

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.

*Word of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer

A 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.

Lutherans believe that Christ, the Incarnate Word of God, is truly present in the Lord's Supper, and that in this meal our Lord gives forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. All who seek the mercy and grace of God in this Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus are welcome to the Lord's Table.

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"



Anthem — "O Crux"

Mark Jennings

Sung in Latin.

*O cross, more radiant than the stars, celebrated throughout
the earth, beloved of the people, holier than all things,
which alone was found worthy to bear the light of the world.*

*Blessed tree, blessed nails, blest the weight you bore.
Save the flock which today is gathered to praise you.*

—Venantius Fortunatus

Hymn — No. 561

"Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory"

Hymn — No. 815

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

- ℣ Let us pray.
- ℣ O Morning Star, fair and bright,
you have refreshed again with heavenly food.
You are our dearest treasure.
Go with us now—
today, tomorrow, and every day—
that we tell the story of your never-ending love
and sing your praise both now and forever.
Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*Litany for the New Year

- ℣ At the dawn of a new year,
with thanksgiving for all who have gone before us,
give us faith to celebrate our past
℣ **with memories of grace overflowing.**
- ℣ As melodies ring in the rafters,
and our hearts hold the songs of our faith,
give us joy as we sing praises yet unknown
℣ **with songs of grace overflowing.**
- ℣ As we stand on the faithful promises of God's beloved
that taught us of love and of beauty,
give us arms that reach wide in welcome
℣ **with new hopes of grace overflowing.**
- ℣ As we pause, stepping through the next doorway,
leading to ventures unknown,
give us spirits expectant and joyful
℣ **to join in God's grace overflowing.**

*Blessing

Response:

- ℣ Amen.

*Sending Hymn — No. 845

"Voices Raised to You"

Stanzas 1, 2, and 5

*Dismissal

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

🎵 Thanks be to God.

The congregation may be seated.

Choral Benediction — “Beautiful Savior”

arr. F. Melius Christiansen



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	Rev. Bruce and Carol Benson
Organist	Nathan Proctor, Director of Worship, Music, and Arts
Choir	The St. Olaf Choir Dr. Anton Armstrong, conductor
Acolytes	(8:30) Lillian Almen, Gavin Moore (10:45) Aiden Mandsager, Johann Schroeer
Communion Prep	Rodney and Deb Christensen
Communion Servers	Rev. Bruce and Carol Benson
Communion Cleanup	Amy McBroom
Greeters/Welcome Desk	(8:30) Gordon Jorgenson, Dagfinn and Lydia Moe (10:45) Jennifer Edwins, Judy Karlson
Coffee/Refreshments	Rusty and Nancy Kluver, Amy McBroom, Kristin Partlo Gordeen Gorder, Marie Benson, Pat Tabery, Deb Christiansen, Joan Koester, Peggy Dell, Amber and Jeff Damm, Debby Nitz, Sharon Bastian, Grit Youngquist, Kristy Harms, Darci Boyum, Howard and Julie Thorsheim, Barb Eaves
Nursery	Erica Anderson, Mari Hanson
Counters	Jerry Kipp, Brent Mueller, Bill and Jane Rizzo
Ushers	(8:30) Dan Franklin, Jim Enestvedt, Bob Johnson, Jon McBroom, Cindy McBroom, Brent Mueller, Don Sahling, Dick Werdahl (10:45) Jonathan Norrie, Alex Dell, Terry Dell, Trevor Dell, David Halsor, Dick Kleber, Steve Williams

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Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in honor of Nathan Proctor, St. Olaf alumnus, on his 35th birthday weekend, by Mark & Erin Goettsch, Nathan, Anneliese, and Charlotte. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact the church office. Dates available: January 20 & 27. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television – cable channel 180 (please note change of channel number), Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Middle School Youth Group

Sundays, 9:45-10:30 a.m., Youth Room

Come to the Youth Room for highs and lows, and an introduction to meditation. And enjoy cookies or doughnuts, along with hot chocolate and marshmallows!

Accompany Welcome Back Supper

Today, 5:30 p.m., Fireside Room

The Accompany Welcome Back Supper will be held this evening and will include a Rite of Welcome “walk-through” in the Sanctuary following the supper. There will not be a gathering between services today in order to celebrate the 150th Anniversary Kickoff and the St. Olaf Choir Reception.

Manna and Mercy Text Study

Mondays, 12:00-1:00 p.m., Fireside Room

The Manna and Mercy group that gathers on Mondays has now become a weekly text study for the upcoming Scripture readings in worship. This is a great opportunity to read through and discuss the Bible texts before they are read and preached on Sunday morning. It is also a great opportunity to meet other people and grow in faith.

St. John's Forum

Sunday, January 20, 9:45-10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Topic: *St. John's Anniversary Benevolence Project: Affordable Housing and the Community Action Center*

In honor of our 150th anniversary, St. John's has given a benevolence grant to the Community Action Center (CAC) as a lead gift for new affordable housing in Northfield. During this forum, Scott Wopata, director of the CAC, will share with us the new and exciting developments with this project.

Monday, January 21 - Events for Children and Youth

- Grades 2-8 are invited to Jesse James Lanes for a St. John's Bowling Event from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sign up in the Commons
- High School Youth: High School Youth are invited to a “Trip to an Escape Room”. We will carpool from St. John's at 11:00 a.m. and begin the day at Augsburg College to listen to a speaker talk about Martin Luther King, Jr., have lunch in the college cafeteria, then head over to Trapped in St. Paul. Sign up in the Commons, outside the Youth Room, or contact Angie Gehring at youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429.

Courageous Conversations Book Study: “Waking Up White” Continues

Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., January 24, February 7 & 21, March 7 & 21, Fireside Room

Courageous Conversations is hosting a second discussion of Debbie Irving's “Waking Up White.” Everyone is welcome. This event is sponsored by St. John's Women of the ELCA.

St. John's Website

Please check out our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org. Our website contains additional information regarding events and programs, along with a link to our online directory, Church Community Builder (CCB), in the top right hand corner. You can also access the church calendar.



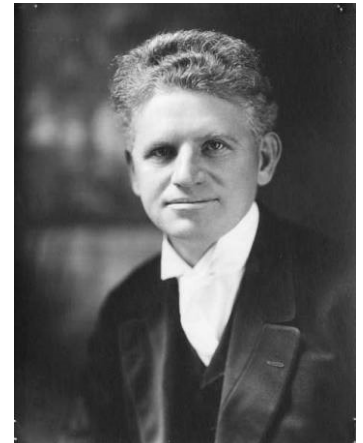
St John's Choir , 1875



St. Olaf Choir at St. John's in 1922



St. Olaf Choir, 1912



F. Melius Christiansen

Today we celebrate the historic connection between St. John's and the St. Olaf Choir.

- Enjoy fellowship time in St. John's Hall with homemade treats
- Hardanger fiddle music provided by Annika Reister
- A brief program begins at 10:00 in St. John's Hall
 - A welcome from Pastor Pam and remarks by Joseph Shaw
 - All alumni of the St. Olaf Choir are invited to sing "Beautiful Savior" with the current choir to end the program.
- Try on one of the "famous" purple velvet St. Olaf Choir robes and pose for a picture with a director.

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

Rose Berthelsen, Herb Fick, Joann Jorgensen, Jane Koskovich, Chuck Muckey

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Fred Huemoeller, Mary Ingbritsen, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Betty Schuette, Eulalie Smestad, Joanne Sommers, Jim Thompson, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Elaine Feroe, Lois Pearson, Gloria Porter

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; Randy Stubbs & Family,
ELCA missionaries in Tanzania; Curtis and Katie Kline, ELCA missionaries in Colombia

Members of St. John's studying at seminary, including

Henry Burt, Hayden Kvamme

Refugees from Ethiopia being sponsored by St. John's

Paul, Ariat, and their family

Prayer Requests / Stephen Ministry Requests

Stephen Ministry Requests

Call Joan Halvorson at 507-645-8445 or one of the pastors at 507-645-4429.

Prayer Chain Requests

Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or macisar@gmail.com, or contact a pastor.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (January 20):

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5 † Psalm 36:5-10 † 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 † John 2:1-11

Wednesday Night



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

Wednesday, January 16
Hot Dogs with Mac 'n Cheese

All are welcome!

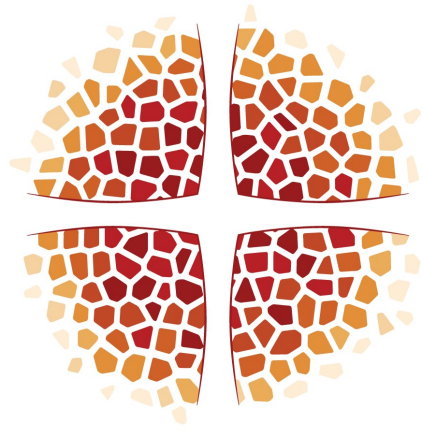
This Week At-a-Glance

Mon., Jan. 14	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall Manna and Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room Boy Scouts, Kitchen St. John's Foundation, Fireside Room
Tue., Jan. 15	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Sons of Norway Executive Committee, Fireside Room Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room
Wed., Jan. 16	3:45 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5) CAT (Grades 4-5), Grade 4 - Undercroft / Grade 5 - Room 20 Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205 Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209 Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205 Confirmation (Grades 6), Undercroft Confirmation (Grades 7-8), Fellowship Hall High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Jan. 17	8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Jan. 18	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Jan. 19		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Jan. 20	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Worship / Nursery Coffee and Fellowship, Commons Sunday School (Preschool - Grade 5), Lower Level Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8), Youth Room St. John's Forum: Anniversary Benevolence Project, Sanctuary Worship / Nursery Potluck and Annual Meeting, St. John's Hall

Annual Meeting / Potluck Next Sunday, January 20

The annual meeting of St. John's will take place next Sunday, January 20, at noon in St. John's Hall. Following a potluck lunch we will meet to hear reports, elect council and board members for 2019, and approve the 2019 budget. The St. John's Foundation meeting will take place just before the congregational meeting.

Can you help with set up or clean up? Can you bring a dish to share? If you can help with any of these items, please sign up in the Commons. You may also sign up by contacting the church at 507-645-4429 or sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org or sign up [online thru CCB](#).



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Tim Byers, *Facility Manager*

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Call the Church Office, or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.