

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 18, 2026 † 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.



GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!"

Mark Sedio
based on J. S. Bach, BWV 1

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn — “Field of Stars Awash in Splendor”**

HYFRYDOL

Stanza 2 may be sung in harmony.



Field of stars a - wash in splen - dor, stars of light, for glo - ry made,
Gath - ered light of God's own peo - ple, more than each a - lone could be,
Christ, O Light sur - pass - ing bright - ness, Christ, the ris - ing Morn - ing Star,



with the light of Christ for - ev - er for the u - ni - verse ar - rayed:
called to serve, be - loved and no - ble, splen - did in com - mu - ni - ty:
light our days and shine out from us in - to shad - ed fields a - far.



not a - lone, your life's cre - a - tion, not a - lone, your dai - ly arc,
man - y are the gifts of bless - ing, man - y are the wards of night,
Let the saints sing joy in glo - ry, let God's beau - ty glo - rious rise,



but as one fair con - stel - la - tion shin - ing bright - ness in the dark.
may each life in Christ a - bid - ing be a beam of ho - ly light.
for the morn - ing stars in cho - rus shall fore - shad - ow par - a - dise.

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***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**

☐ Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever,
that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you,
follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

Choral Introit — “Light Everlasting”

Olaf C. Christiansen

*O Light everlasting, O Love never failing,
illumine our darkness, and draw us to thee;
may we from thy Spirit receive inspiration
as children together thy wisdom may see.
Make know to all nations thy peace and salvation,
and help us, Creator, thy temple to be.*

– Rev. John T. Troutbeck

St. Olaf Choir

HEARING GOD’S WORD

First Reading — Isaiah 49:1-7

Pew Bible, page 592

After the reading:

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn — ELW No. 737

“He Comes to Us as One Unknown”

arr. John Ferguson

Stanza 1 — all

Stanzas 2-4 — choir

Stanza 5 — all

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

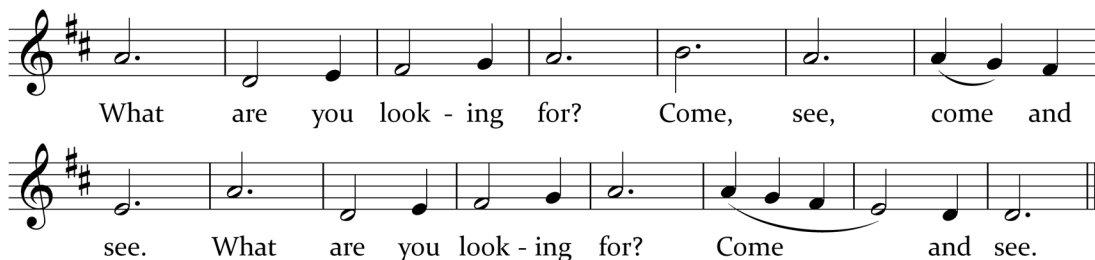
¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you ⁷so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation — “Come and See”

COME AND SEE



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*Gospel — John 1:29-42

Spark Story Bible, page 246

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he

said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 314

“Arise, Your Light Has Come!”

*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

- P** The peace of Christ be with you always. **C** **And also with you.**
You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering

“Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying” Philipp Nicolai, arr. F. Melius Christiansen

Wake, awake, for night is flying! The watchers 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 bursts 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 — “As with Gladness Men of Old” stanza 3

DIX

As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.

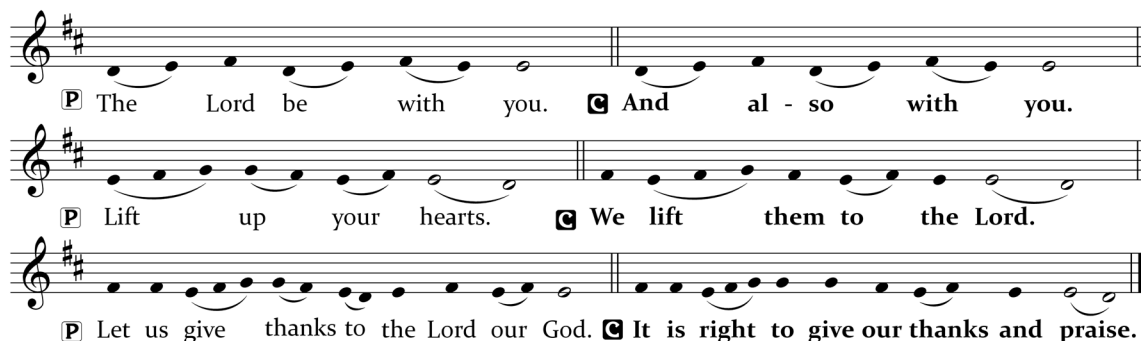
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*Offering Prayer

- L** Let us pray.
- C** **Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

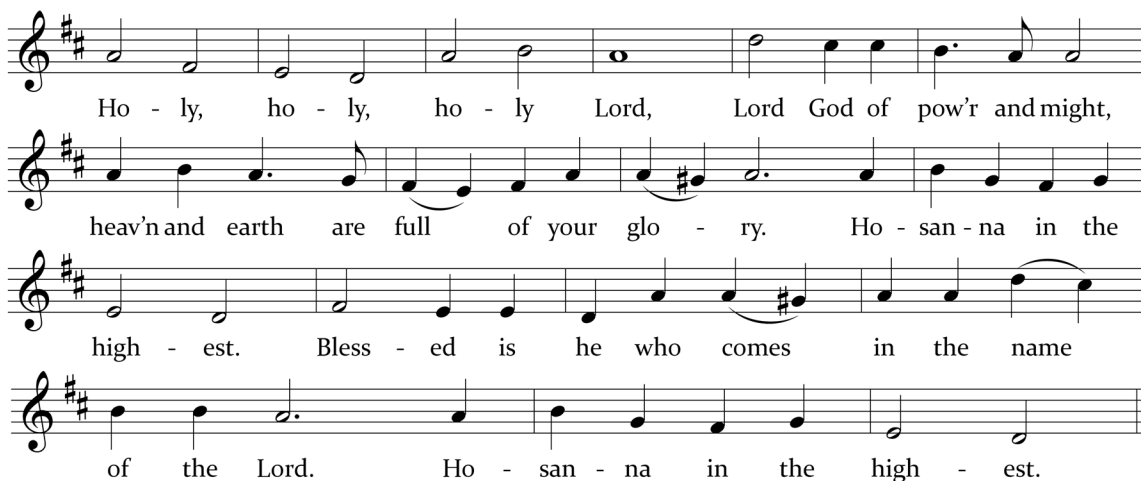


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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.

Anthem — “Agnus Dei”

Sir Edward Elgar, arr. Kenneth Jennings

Sung in Latin.

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Hear our prayer. You who sit at the right hand of the Father. Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Grant us peace.*

– Ordinary of the Mass

Hymn — ELW No. 470

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

Hymn — ELW No. 546

“To Be Your Presence”

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Sending of Communion to the Sick and Homebound

***Prayer after Communion**

- ℣ God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table
with gifts of grace, truth, and life.
As you have gathered us in joy,
send us forth as messengers of your peace.
Make us shine with the good news of your glory,
born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☞ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

- ☞ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 308

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!”

Stanzas 1–5

Stanzas 1 & 2 — all singing

Stanza 3 — treble voices

Stanza 4 — bass voices

Stanza 5 — all

***Dismissal**

- ℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- ☞ Thanks be to God!

The congregation may be seated.

Postlude — “Beautiful Savior”

arr. F. Melius Christiansen



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenschner
Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Nathan Goettsch
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	The St. Olaf Choir Dr. Anton Armstrong, conductor
Livestream	Jon Kavanaugh, Rob Nutt
Communion Service	David and Debby Nitz
Greeters	(8:30) Bruce and Carol Benson (10:45) Susan Canon, Judy Karlson, Dimi Rose
Coffee Service	Rob Quanbeck, Craig Schultz, Karen Schuette
Treats	Marie Benson, Mary Hoff, Nancy Ordahl Kmoch, Gerri Licke, Rhonda Reece, Cora Scholz
Counters	Sue Brockman, Marilyn Calcutt, Dan Franklin
Ushers	(8:30) Dan Franklin, Larry Enfield, Doug Johnson, John Ophaug (10:45) Cheryl Buck, Mike Bull, Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (January 18)

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)

Next Week (January 25)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Elouise Quinnell by the Quinnell family. 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), contact the church office at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. Next available dates: February 1 and March 1 & 8.

Today we welcome the St. Olaf Choir and its director, Dr. Anton Armstrong, to worship services. This is a long-standing and deeply beloved tradition at St. John's as we welcome the choir back to the place of its birth and are blessed by their wonderful leadership and music. A reception in honor of the choir will be held between services in St. John's Hall.

The Northfield Human Rights Commission is hosting the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration on Monday, January 19, at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium and lower cafeteria at Northfield High School. The event will feature music and a keynote address from Dr. Quennel Cooper, a distinguished educational leader. The event will also announce the recipient of the Human Rights Award.

A COMMUNITY SING will be held Tuesday, January 20, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Music that Makes Community, a national organization that teaches paperless music for the purposes of prayer, community, and connection, will be with us to stock our spiritual toolkit for community events and vigils in this time. You are welcome to come for part or all of the evening. No singing expertise required! Some of these songs are likely to shape ISAIAH's Palm Sunday statewide action event on March 29.

**Out'n About: Conversations with Minnesotans
Monday, January 26, St. John's Hall**

For the month of January, Out'n About is bringing two great speakers that we are sure you will find interesting. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m., speakers from 9:30–11:30 a.m., and at 11:30 a.m. a lunch from the Hideaway Vault.

- Donna Dickinson, a speaker from AARP, will lead us through the six pillars of brain health and activities that support brain health. We will also hear about the latest research on brain health, lifestyle suggestions, and resources to learn more.
- Have you seen the Lake of the Isle Pencil in Minneapolis or the SKOL Drum at US Bank Stadium? Curtis Ingvaldstad, a Nerstrand resident, is the Chainsaw Artist who created those pieces. He will be talking about how he went from an aspiring mechanical engineer to a professional artist and share with us his journey over the 25 years he has spent pursuing painting and sculpting wood.

Register for this event by emailing outnabouto22@gmail.com or calling 507-301-9094. Cost is \$15 for speakers and refreshments or \$20 for speakers, refreshments, and lunch. This is payable the day of the event (cash or check only).

Announcements (continued)

St. John's Annual Meeting

Next Sunday, January 25, 12:30 p.m., St. John's Hall

The agenda will include the election of 2026 Board and Council members, along with the approval of the 2026 congregational budget. The Hearing Loop in the Hall will be operational for those who need hearing assistance.

ISAIAH in Action Now

ISAIAH MN, an interfaith organization working for racial, economic, and climate justice, as well as a strong democracy, is organizing many responses to federal attacks on our neighbors. Details are developing, but you can plan to join us for these events:

- Caucus and other activity training at St. John's Hall on January 20 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. Learn how to help get delegates elected at your caucus to advance ISAIAH's agenda and about several other upcoming opportunities. Register here: <https://secure.ngpvan.com/QxTOMXh-NoaZWbXYBjRaaQ2>
- Save Friday, January 23, on your calendar for a statewide Day of Prayer and Fasting for Truth and Freedom. More to come on these plans.

Now is the time to put our faith into action, however we can. Please consider these opportunities with ISAIAH.

Sunday Evening Gatherings

5:00–5:30 p.m., First UCC

Please join us on Sunday evenings for a time of singing, candle lighting, contemplation, and Communion. The Evening Gathering is facilitated by lay people in Northfield. Come for a time of connection, community, and quiet grounding to prepare for the coming week. Questions can be emailed to theeveninggathering@gmail.com.

Children and Youth

No Sunday School or Sunday Youth Group next Sunday, January 25.

Prayer Buddies for Grades 4 and 5 during the Lenten Season

Starting on Ash Wednesday, February 18, and continuing through the Lenten season, our 4th and 5th grade Catechism kids are paired with an adult member from our congregation to be their "Prayer Buddy." We ask Prayer Buddies to pray for their child during the Lenten season. With this program, we hope to create spiritual and caring connections with children and adults in our church community. If you would like your child to have a Prayer Buddy, contact Julie Brehmer at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Thank you!

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

Fred Huemoeller, Ingrid Alberding

Those with ongoing health concerns

David Halsor, Greta Matzner-Gore, Dagfinn Moe, Dolores Nelson,
David Norman, Alice Rickert, Ruth Smestad Anglin, Lori Skoglund,
Darlene Schloeder (mother of April Fitzloff), Glen Norgaard (father of Brett Norgaard)

All who are homebound, including

Carolyn Jennings, Laila Burns Hedstrom

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

Call 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.



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

Menu for Wednesday, January 21:
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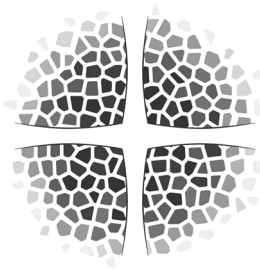
All are welcome!

*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, Jan. 19	9:00 a.m.	Monday Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, Jan. 20	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
	10:30 a.m.	Inspired Pens Writing Group, St. John's Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	4:00 p.m.	ESG Meeting, Fireside Room
	6:30 p.m.	ISAIAH, St. John's Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room
Wednesday, Jan. 21	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall
	5:30 p.m.	Wellspring Craft & Conversation, Fireside Room
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation J-Term (Grades 6-8)
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	6:30 p.m.	Faith & Politics Discussion Group, St. John's Library
Thursday, Jan. 22	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, Youth Room
	4:00 p.m.	Suzuki Kids, Fellowship Hall / Room 19
	5:30 p.m.	Thursday Night Big Book Group (AA Meeting), Youth Room
Friday, Jan. 23	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Jan. 24		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Jan. 25	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary (For the schedule between services, please see page 11.)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	12:30 p.m.	St. John's Annual Meeting, St. John's Hall



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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.*