

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 22, 2023 † 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 — on HYFRYDOL

J. Bert Carlson

Welcome and Announcements

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

HYFRYDOL

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

made, with the light of Christ for - ev - er for the u - ni -
be, called to serve, be - loved and no - ble, splen - did in com -
Star, light our days, and shine out from us in - to shad - ed

verse ar - rayed: not a - lone, your life's cre - a - tion,
mu - ni - ty: man - y are the gifts of bless - ing,
fields a - far. Let the saints sing joy in glo - ry,

not a - lone, your dai - ly arc, but as one fair
man - y are the wards of night, may each life in
let God's beau - ty glo - rious rise, for the morn - ing

con - stel - la - tion shin - ing bright - ness in the dark.
Christ a - bid - ing be a beam of ho - ly light.
stars in cho - rus shall fore - shad - ow par - a - dise.

Text: Susan Palo Chervien, © 2003 admin. Augsburg Fortress; Music: Rowland H. Prichard

Confession and Forgiveness

- ☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever. ☑ Amen.

- ☐ Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

- ☑ **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

- ☐ Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ✠ Christ our Savior.

- ☑ **Amen.**

***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**

- ☐ Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

- ☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Isaiah 9:1-4

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you

have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

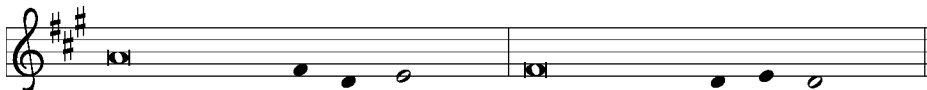
📖 The word of the Lord.

🎵 Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 27:1, 4-8

Antiphon: Ronald Nelson

Antiphon: The LORD is my light and my salvation.



¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one | thing I seek;**

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze
upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God | in the temple.**

⁵For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- | on a rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies | who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will
sing and make music | to the LORD.**

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, | when I call;

have mercy on me and | answer me.

⁸**My heart speaks your message— | “Seek my face.”**

Your face, O LORD, | I will seek. *Antiphon*

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel — Matthew 4:12-23**

Spark Story Bible, page 258

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 4th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 520

“Dearest Jesus, at Your Word”

*Apostles' Creed

Front of ELW hymnal, page 127

*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

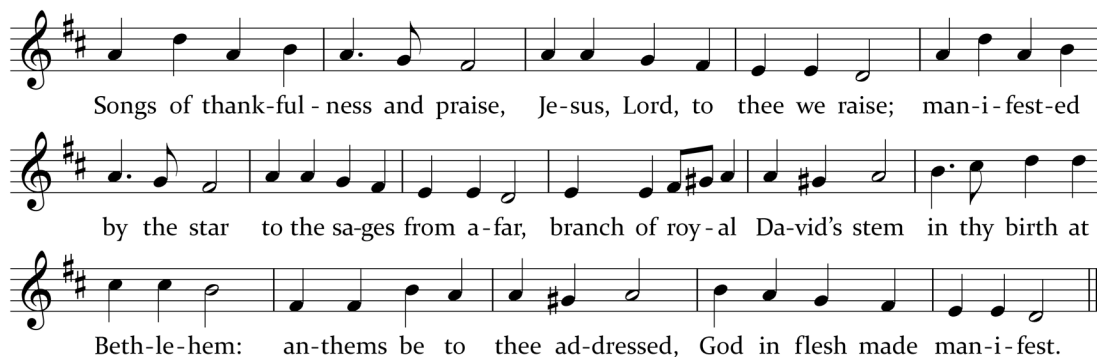
Music at the Offering

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!”

David Bednall

*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.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth; Music: Jakob Hintze

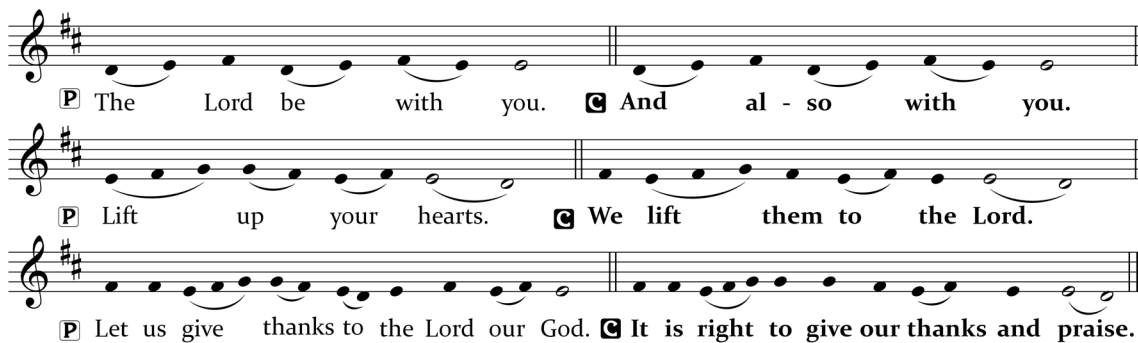
*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

C Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

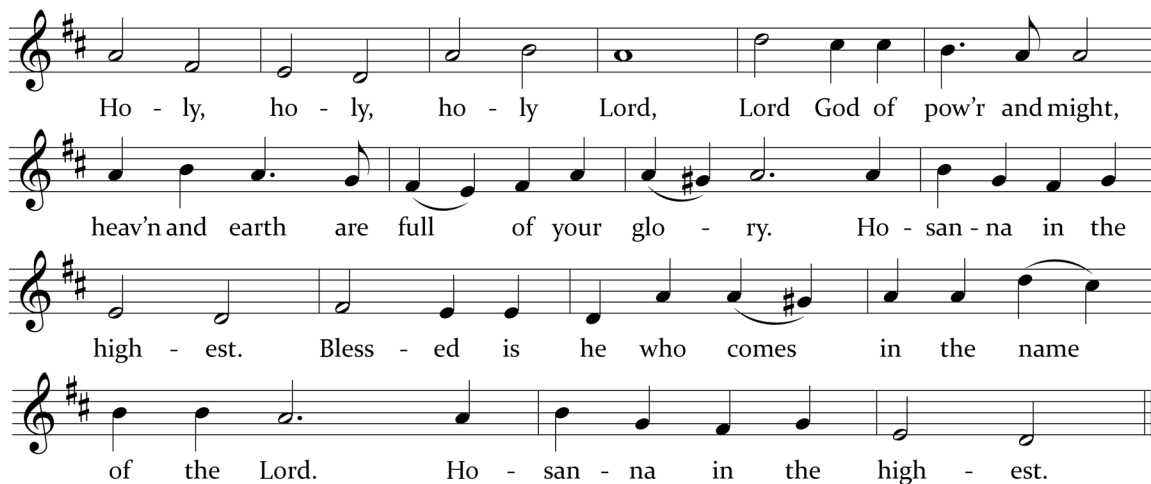


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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.***

On the fourth Sunday of the month during communion, we offer the practice of anointing your brow with oil and receiving a blessing. If you want, you may ask for a specific prayer blessing from the anointer.

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. 767

"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

- ☞ 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.

***Blessing**

Response:

- ☞ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ACS No. 1000

“God’s Work, Our Hands”

***Dismissal**

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

Postlude — “Processional in A-flat”

David N. Johnson



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Kristin Partlo
Assisting Minister	Rod Christensen
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Healing Prayers	(8:30) Rod Christensen, Jennifer Edwins (10:45) Dennis and Jane Rinehart
Communion Service	David and Debby Nitz
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Marie Benson, Gerri Licke (10:45) TBD
Coffee / Refreshments	Ted and Tricia Peterson
Counters	Sue Brockman, Jim Loe, Bob Tabery
Ushers	(8:30) Barry Becker, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:45) Mark Rydberg, Todd Menssen, Robert Nyvall, Eric Sponheim

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (January 22):

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)
Annual Meeting Preview (9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)

Next Week (January 29)

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)
Piano Recital by Dina Dautova, (10:00–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (January 29):

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8 † Psalm 15 † 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 † Matthew 5:1-12

Announcements

*Additional announcements can be found in the weekly E-Voice.
Printed copies of the E-Voice are available at the Welcome Desk and by Door #1.*

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Jim Bierman by family and friends. 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 or 507-645-4429. Available Dates: January 29 and February 5, 19 & 26.

St. John's Annual Meeting

Next Sunday, January 29, 12:30 p.m., St. John's Hall and via Zoom

The agenda will include the election of 2023 Board and Council members, along with the approval of the 2023 congregational budget. The Hearing Loop in the Hall will be operational for those who need hearing assistance. A hybrid Zoom option will be available for those who wish to listen and vote remotely.

Thank You Coffee Hour

Next Sunday, January 29, Between Service in St. John's Hall

So many people, making such a difference in our life at St. John's, in a very good way! We will be celebrating the people who leave their mark on our church home with cake and coffee between services. New this year: paper banners on the wall in St. John's Hall for you to give a shout out/thank you to the people or groups that have made you smile, made you laugh, made you think over the last years. This annual event took a break in 2021 and 2022, and it's back this year, because you all kept doing the amazing things that we appreciate. Let's begin a new tradition of recognizing the things (big or small) that make St. John's our church home!

Update on the St. John's Hall Acoustic Improvement Project

St. John's is bringing to a conclusion the Acoustic Improvement Project for St. John's Hall. Many members have expressed interest in making a contribution to the project, which is part of the church's overall ministry and commitment to those with hearing loss. Members may make a donation to the project between now and the end of February. If you are interested in knowing more about the project and possibly making a contribution to this initiative, please contact Pastor Pam or congregation president, Rod Christensen.

Courageous Conversations: Entertaining Angels Unawares

Thursday, February 2, 7:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

Northfield resident Gina Washburn—retired lawyer and Chair of First UCC's Immigrant Welcoming Ministry—traveled this October to the US/Mexico border with fellow UCC members to “bear witness to the conditions at our border.” Gina will share stories of people and organizations from whom she obtained first-hand knowledge, as well as provide facts about migration at the border and will offer recommendations about how we can contribute to helping our neighbors.

Announcements (continued)

The Evening Gathering: An Ecumenical Worship on Sunday Evenings Sundays, 6:00 p.m., First UCC (300 Union St., Northfield)

A new ecumenical worship service is created and carried out by laypeople from local churches. You are invited to join on Sunday evenings at First UCC for a time of singing, candle lighting, contemplation, and communion. Come for a time of connection, community, and quiet grounding to prepare us for the week.

PEEL Project—Openings Available

PEEL Project is where 10–12 people gather together for a weekend to learn about photography, poetry, and each other. St. John's did one PEEL event last spring. It was a deepening and eye-opening experience to slow down and intentionally connect with another person we didn't know well before. This winter and spring we are trying an experiment at St. John's to explore what happens to a community like ours if a bunch of people have this kind of experience. Between January and April, we will host six separate PEEL events. Would you like to participate? All it takes is the time (Friday evening, much of Saturday, and Sunday afternoon) and the openness and curiosity to get to know another person and yourself as you learn about photography and poetry. No special experience or talent needed. PEEL weekends will be January 27–29, February 3–5, 10–12, 17–19, March 24–26, and April 21–23. If one of these weekends works for you, sign up in the Commons or scan the QR code or contact Kristin Partlo or one of the pastors.



Oral History Update

You can listen to a 20-minute interview with Bobbie Maakestad about the decades-long experience that she and her husband, John, shared as members, especially in the arts. Click on the “About” tab on the main page of the website, and then scroll down to “Oral Histories.”

Children and Youth

The 3rd Grade CAT Retreat

Saturday, January 28, 9:00–11:00 a.m., St. John's Hall

Third graders, along with their parent(s), are invited to a retreat on the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are unable to attend, please contact Julie Brehmer.

Middle School and High School Youth 2023 Summer Mission Trips

Looking forward to the Mission trip next year? Both our HS and MS youth are going to **Nashville, Tennessee from June 24–July 1**. We are working with CSM mission partner, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, and First UCC to plan for two mission experiences in Nashville. The trip cost is \$400 per participant. Contact Emmanuel for additional information and to sign up.

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

Brad Kmoch, Joann Rodland, Don Sahling, Doris Ellingboe (mother of Karen Schuette),
Aarin Morse (son of Roberta Morse), Melisa Simonet (daughter of Julian Trangsrud)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Scott Barvir, Jo Chambers, Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Donna James,
Carolyn Jennings, Delores Nelson, Becky Ness, Paul Peterson, John Quam,
Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom,
Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

All who are homebound, including

Carol Johnson, Richard Olson, Elouise Quinnell

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.

Wednesday Night



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

Menu for Wednesday, January 25:
*Chicken Pot Pie and Veggie Pot Pie
with Veggie Tray and Desserts*

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. 23	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Out'n About, St. John's Hall Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, Jan. 24	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
Wednesday, Jan. 25	10:45 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 3:45 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's Northfield Grief Support Group, Fireside Room Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room J-Term Confirmation (Grades 6-8) Bible Overview for Grown-Ups, Room 19
Thursday, Jan. 26	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilters, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Book Buddies, St. John's Library
Friday, Jan. 27	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Jan. 28	9:00 a.m.	Third Grade CAT Retreat, St. John's Hall
Sunday, Jan. 29	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary <i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 11)</i> Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary Annual Meeting, St. John's Hall



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Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*

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