



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 5, 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 — Three Verses from the Gloria, *Mass for the Convents* François Couperin

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 532

“Gather Us In”

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

**C 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.

P 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.

C Amen.

*Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

- P** Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

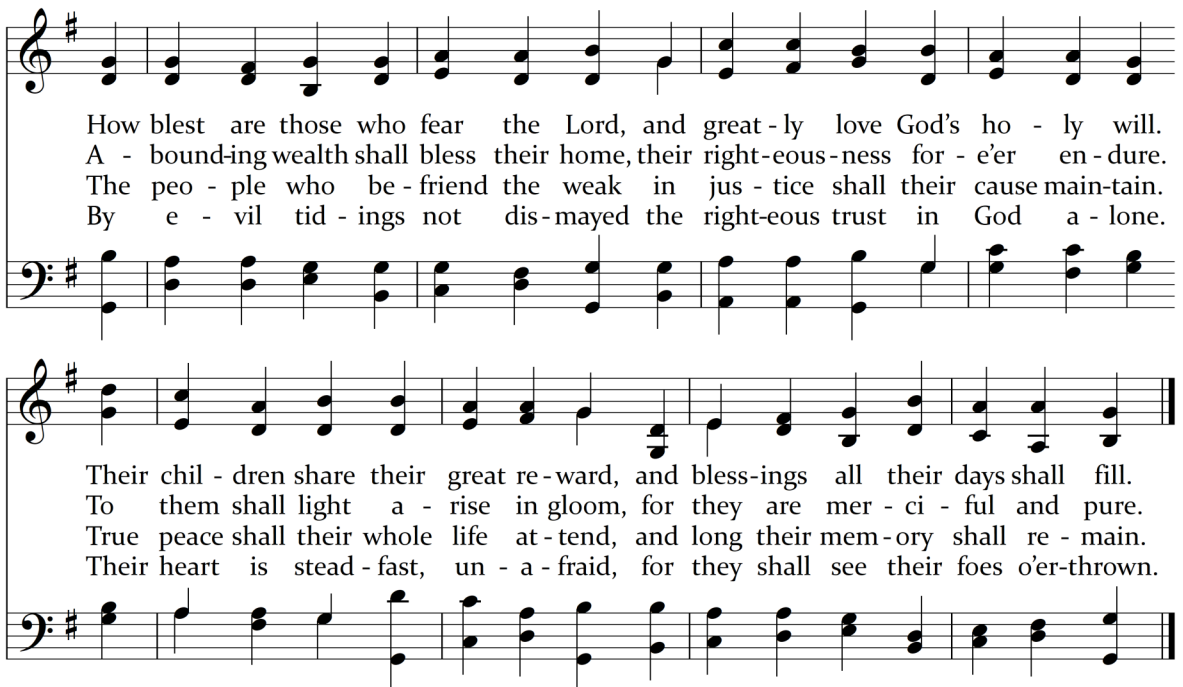
First Reading — Isaiah 58:1-12

Pew Bible, page 600

- L** The word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 112

TALLIS' CANON



How blest are those who fear the Lord, and great - ly love God's ho - ly will.
A - bound-ing wealth shall bless their home, their right-eous-ness for - e'er en - dure.
The peo - ple who be - friend the weak in jus - tice shall their cause main-tain.
By e - vil tid - ings not dis-mayed the right-eous trust in God a - lone.

Their chil - dren share their great re - ward, and bless-ings all their days shall fill.
To them shall light a - rise in gloom, for they are mer - ci - ful and pure.
True peace shall their whole life at - tend, and long their mem - ory shall re - main.
Their heart is stead - fast, un - a - fraid, for they shall see their foes o'er-thrown.

Text: *Psalter*, 1887, rev. *Psalter Hymnal*, 1987 © Faith Alive Christian Resources; Music: Thomas Tallis

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel — Matthew 5:13-20

Spark Story Bible, page 268

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after

lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 715

“Christ, Be Our Light”

*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.

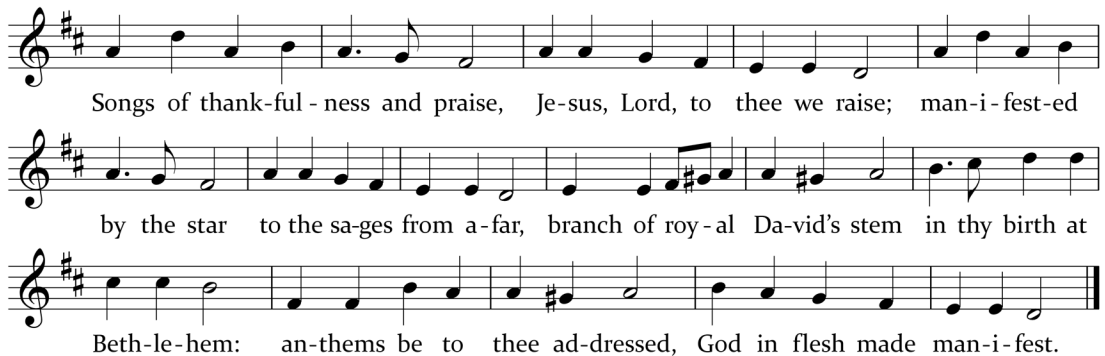
Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering

Improvisation

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

SALZBURG



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.

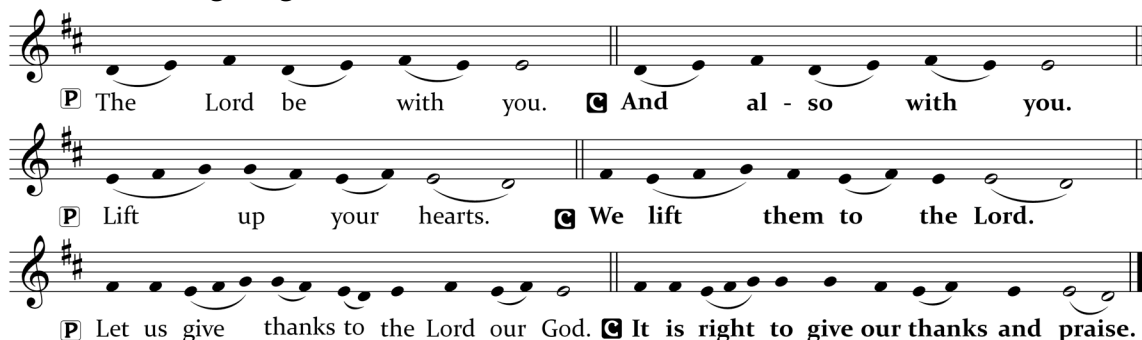
Text: Christopher Wordsworth; Music: Jakob Hintze

*Offering Prayer

- Ⓔ Let us pray.
- ☛ **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 Christ our Savior. Amen.**

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

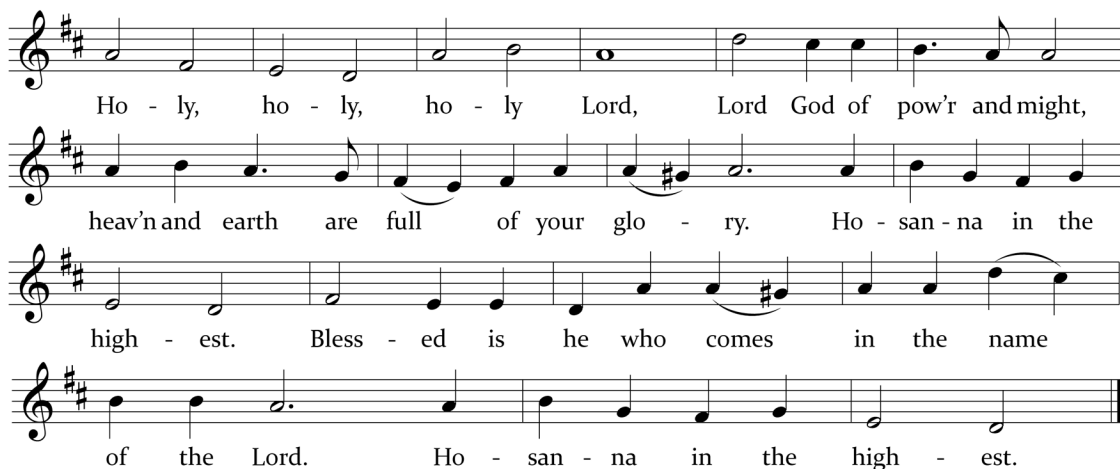


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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.

Hymn — ELW No. 471

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

*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** — ELW No. 665

“Rise, Shine, You People!”

***Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude — Fugue in F Major

Johann Pachelbel



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Sandi Gerdes (10:45) Brian Evenson
Organist	Robert Buckley Farlee
Communion Prep	TBD
Communion Cleanup	TBD
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Coffee / Refreshments	TBD
Counters	David Nitz, Jane Rizzo, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Kent Rommereim, Alison Kavanaugh, Jon Kavanaugh, Christy Hall-Holt, Olaf Hall-Holt

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (February 5)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons
Lenten Book Read Signups, Commons
Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Day Signups, Commons
Toddler Time (9:50–10:30 a.m., Room 14)
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 (February 12)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
Lenten Book Read Signups, 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)

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (February 12):

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 † Psalm 119:1-8 † 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 † Matthew 5:21-37

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 loving memory of Chuck Jacobson by Marilyn Jacobson. 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: February 19 & 26 and March 5, 19 & 26.

St. John's "Volunteer Day" for Habitat for Humanity Home Build Saturday, February 25, 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Twin Lake Court, Faribault

Today between services, Jodi Wagner from Habitat for Humanity will be in the Commons during coffee hour to answer questions about the project and assist with volunteer sign-up.

Accompany Program for Newcomers and Sponsors

Begins February 26, 10:00 a.m.–10:40 a.m. in the Undercroft

We invite newer members of St. John's (those who have joined during the last 2 years), their sponsors, and any interested non-member "newcomers" to participate in Accompany—a program created to nurture connections and friendships with each other while learning more about our church and its variety of opportunities for faith growth, service, and fun! **Accompany meets 7 times on the following dates between services: February 26, March 5, 12, & 19, and April 16, 23, & 30.** If you would like to participate and can attend all or most of these meetings, contact Angie Gehring at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org, or call the church office.

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.

Sunday Suppers Return

Sunday, February 19, 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

The Adult Ministry & Education Board has received many positive comments about the "Summer Suppers" held in July and August. There was a suggestion by one of the hosts that perhaps we should try to bring people together during the dark winter months when we don't seem to take those special moments together. We need to have both hosts and supper attendees sign up by Sunday, February 12. This can be done either by signing up online or in the Commons. We hope to have many St. John's members gathering at different locations throughout Northfield on a Sunday evening and enjoying great food and conversation. For additional information on how the Sunday Suppers work, please check the E-Voice or The Voice.

Announcements (continued)

Lenten Book Read 2023—*Just Mercy*

The Lenten Book Read for 2023 is *Just Mercy, a Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson. This book tells the story of a young lawyer who founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need, the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. Books can be purchased for \$8.00 in the Commons between services and you will have the opportunity to sign up for a discussion time that will fit your schedule. Discussions will begin the week of February 19 and continue for four weeks. Times will be on Sundays between services, Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. (before Wednesday Night Meals), and a Zoom discussion (date and time yet to be determined). Facilitators are needed for these groups as well. A guide will be provided to the facilities to help with the discussions. Stop by the Commons with questions and to purchase your book.

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. 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 February 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.



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, Kathy Shea.

Children and Youth

Valentine's Party

Sunday, February 12, during Sunday School

Our 3rd–5th graders are planning a Valentine's Party for the PreK–2nd graders on February 12 during our regular Sunday school time. Enjoy games, treats, and crafts with a Valentine's theme. Parents are welcome to attend too. Hope you'll be part of the fun!

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

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, Dolores Nelson, Becky Ness, Paul Peterson, John Quam, Scott Quinnell,
Alice Rickert, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

All who are homebound, including

Gloria Porter, Lyla Arneson Paulson, Janice Helgeson

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, February 8:
Polish Casserole

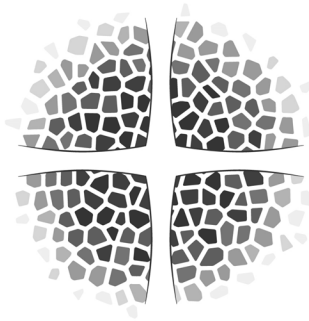
All are welcome!

*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, Feb. 6	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Pub Theology, Location TBD
Tuesday, Feb. 7	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Church Board Meetings / Board Orientation, St. John's Hall
Wednesday, Feb. 8	9:30 a.m. 3:45 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Lydia and Paul Circles, St. John's Library Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's Northfield Grief Support Group, Fireside Room Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room Bible Overview for Grown-Ups, Room 19 Ubuntu Youth Group, St. John's
Thursday, Feb. 9	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilters, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Elizabeth Circle, St. John's Library Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Feb. 10	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Mary Circle, Fireside Room PEEL Project, Fireside Room Girl Scout Cookie Rally, Lower Level NAMI Support Group, St. John's Library
Saturday, Feb. 11	8:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.	PEEL Project, Fireside Room Women's Breakfast Group, St. John's Library
Sunday, Feb. 12	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary <i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 11)</i> Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary PEEL Project, Fireside Room Girl Scout Troop #20065, Undercroft Northfield Girl Scouts Open House, St. John's Hall



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Emmanuel Kaghondi, *Director of Ministry with Youth & Families*

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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.