



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 12, 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 — Variations on LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN

Johann Gottfried Walther

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 604

“O Christ, Our Hope”

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

☐ O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Pew Bible, page 163

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 119:1-8

Antiphon: Hal Hopson

Antiphon: Happy are they who delight, who delight in the law of God.



¹Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who follow the teaching of the LORD!

²Happy are they who observe your decrees
and seek you with all their hearts,

³who never do any wrong,
but always walk in your ways.

⁴You laid down your commandments,
that we should fully keep them. *Antiphon*

⁵Oh, that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes!

⁶Then I should not be put to shame,
when I regard all your commandments.

⁷I will thank you with [|] a true heart,
 when I have learned your [|] righteous judgments.
⁸I will [|] keep your statutes;
 do not utter- [|] ly forsake me. *Antiphon*

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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 — Matthew 5:21-37

Spark Story Bible, page 272

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,'

you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’

³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. ³³Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenschier

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 768

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

***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

(8:30) "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

David Cherwien

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above. Before our father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our
fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares. We share our
mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear, and often for each other flows the sympa-
thizing tear. From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free; and perfect love
and friendship reign through all eternity.* – John Fawcett

(10:45) "Arietta"

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

***Offering Hymn** — "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" *stanza 1*

SALZBURG

**Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

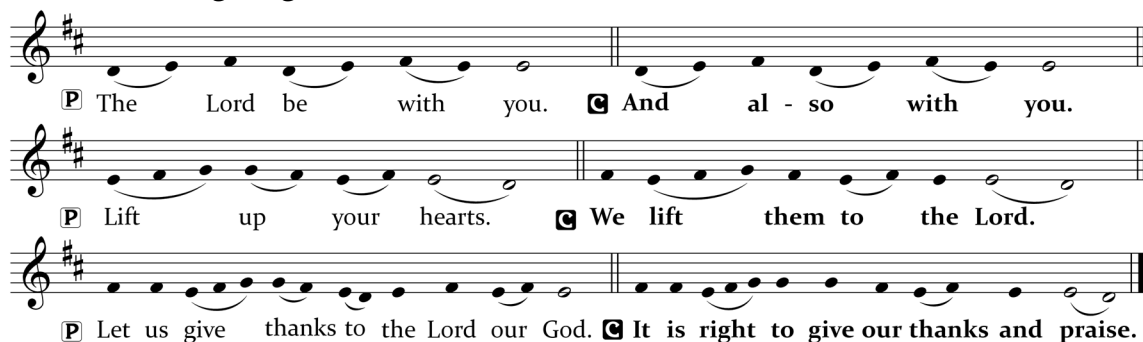
*Offering Prayer

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 Christ our Savior. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

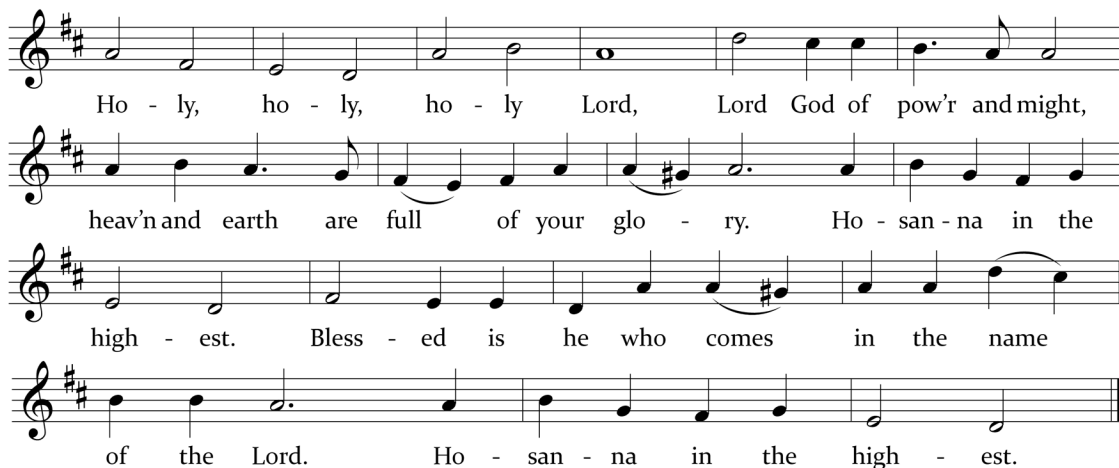


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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. 582

"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

- ℒ 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. 482

“I Come with Joy”

***Dismissal**

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

Postlude — “Finale” from Concerto No. 5

G. F. Handel



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Kristin Partlo
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Cantor	(10:45) Nancy Ordahl-Kmoch
Piano	David Sims
Communion Prep	Georgene Johnson, Judy Smith
Communion Cleanup	TBD
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Cindy Clauson (10:45) TBD
Coffee / Refreshments	Cindy Clauson, Judy Smith
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Dan Franklin, Michelle Kramer-Prevost
Ushers	(8:30) Jon McBroom, Cindy McBroom, Dan Franklin, Dean Schoeb (10:45) Jonathan Norrie, Emmett Norrie, Wyatt Norrie, Keri Peterson, Joran Peterson

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (February 12)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
Lenten Book Read Signups, Commons
Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Day 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)

Next Week (February 19)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
Quilt Sunday Event, 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)
Lenten Book Discussions (9:45–10:45 a.m., Fireside Room)

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (February 19):

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 24:12-18 † Psalm 2 † 2 Peter 1:16-21 † Matthew 17:1-9

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 Karen Swenson by her husband Curt and her 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), please contact Leah Garlie at 507-645-4429 or office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Available Dates: February 26 and March 5, 19 & 26.

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 today. 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.

Oral History Update

You can listen to a 40-minute interview with Dave and Ruth Legvold about their decades-long experience as members of St. John's. Click on the "About" tab on the main page of the website, and then scroll down to "Oral Histories."

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 facilitators to help with the discussions.

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. 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 17–19, March 24–26, and April 21–23. If one of these weekends works for you, sign up by scanning the QR code or contact Kristin Partlo or one of the pastors.



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

There is a need for help with construction (must be at least 18 years old), providing lunch for the volunteers, and for a "site host" who helps welcome and direct volunteers as they arrive. There are paper sign-ups in the Commons, or you can sign up anytime at the Habitat for Humanity website: <https://habitatricecounty.org/>.

Next Sunday, February 19, is Quilt Sunday

Quilts will be displayed on the pews. These quilts will be donated to Lutheran World Relief and to Global Health Ministries, and shipped to hospitals, refugee camps, orphanages, and people in need. The St. John's quilters invite you to join us in St. John's Hall between services for coffee and a special treat. There will also be demonstrations of how to tie and pin a quilt, how to cut quilt squares, and how to sew squares to make a quilt top. A silent auction will be held for one quilt of your choice. We also invite you to make donations to the quilt ministry: clean sheets (no micro fibers), fabrics, and monetary donations to assist with purchasing batting, quilting supplies, and for the LWR shipping fund. Checks can be written to St. John's WELCA. 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

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

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Don Nelson (brother of Joann Bell)
Family of Steve Nelson (son of Shirley Nelson)

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

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.



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

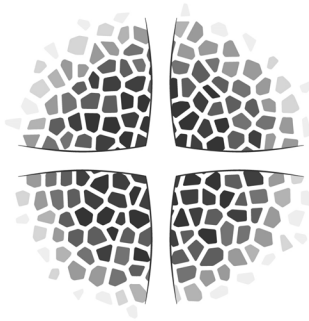
Menu for Wednesday, February 15:
*Bacon Cheeseburger Tater Tot Bake
with Vegetarian Option and Salad*

Wednesday Meals are made and served completely by people donating their time and talents.

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. 13	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Women of St. John's Board Meeting, Undercroft Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, Feb. 14	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, Feb. 15	12:00 p.m. 3:45 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's Northfield Grief Support Group, St. John's Library Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall Prayer Buddy Get Together, Fireside Room Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room Bible Overview for Grown-Ups, Room 19 Where Politics Meets Faith, St. John's Library St. John's Chorale, Sanctuary Ubuntu Youth Group, St. John's
Thursday, Feb. 16	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilters, Fellowship Hall Personnel Committee, Undercroft Faith, Fact & Fiction Book Group, St. John's Library Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Feb. 17	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Laura Baker Service Assoc. Dinner Theater, St. John's Hall NAMI Support Group, St. John's Library
Saturday, Feb. 18	9:30 a.m.	Chancel Guild, Fireside Room
Sunday, Feb. 19	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary <i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 11)</i> Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary



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Angie Gehring, *Shared Ministry Coordinator*

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

Sally Lindell, *Parish Nurse*

Arielle Loy, *Children's Music Director and Early Childhood Specialist*

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

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