



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

FEBRUARY 15, 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.



*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 PRAISE, MY SOUL

Rick Deasley

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 318

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

G Amen.

P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,

G you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

P The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in + Jesus' name.

G 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.

G And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

P O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading — Exodus 24:12-18

Pew Bible, page 62

After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 99, “God Reigns, Enthroned on High”

YIGDAL

God reigns, en - throned on high; let all the earth pro - claim
Un - to the priests of old who called up - on God's name,

with trem-bling lips the awe - some might of God's great name!
the law was spo - ken from the clouds, and wrought in flame!

A ho - ly Lord, whose rule is marked with eq - ui - ty;
To God's com - mands give heed; in faith, en - dure al - ways;

whose right-eous - ness to us is bound all time to be.
let Zi - on's walls for - ev - er ring with songs of praise!

Psalm paraphrase: Michael Morgan © 1999 Witherspoon Press; Music: Jewish melody; arr. Meyer Lyon

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L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel — Matthew 17:1-9**

Spark Story Bible, page 358

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 17th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Kristin Partlo

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 838

“Beautiful Savior”

*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.

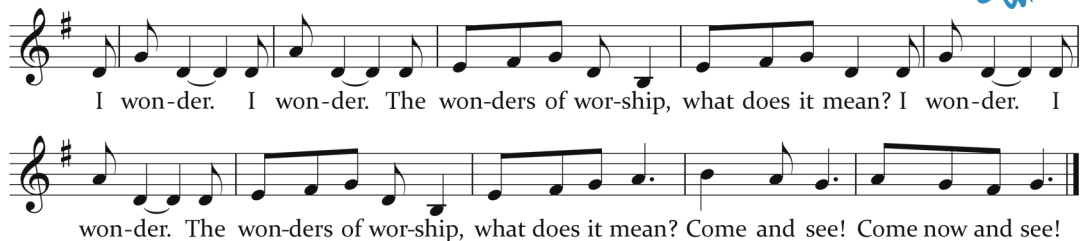
*Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

- ☐ Lord, in your mercy,
- ☑ hear our prayer.

Children's Message

“Wonders of Worship”



Text and Music: Anne Krentz Organ



*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) "Christus Paradox"

arr. Alfred V. Fedak

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave. You, peacemaker and sword-bringer of the way you took and gave. You the everlasting instant; you, whom we both scorn and crave. Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross, shining in eternal glory, beggared by a soldier's toss, you the everlasting instant; you, who are both gift and cost. You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side. You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide. You the everlasting instant; you, who are our pilgrim guide. Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ! Worthy your defeat and victory. Worthy still your peace and strife. You the everlasting instant; you, who are our death and life. Alleluia! — Sylvia Dunstan

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

Robert Buckley Farlee

*Offering Hymn — "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy One" stanza 4 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing: "Alleluia! Alleluia!"
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

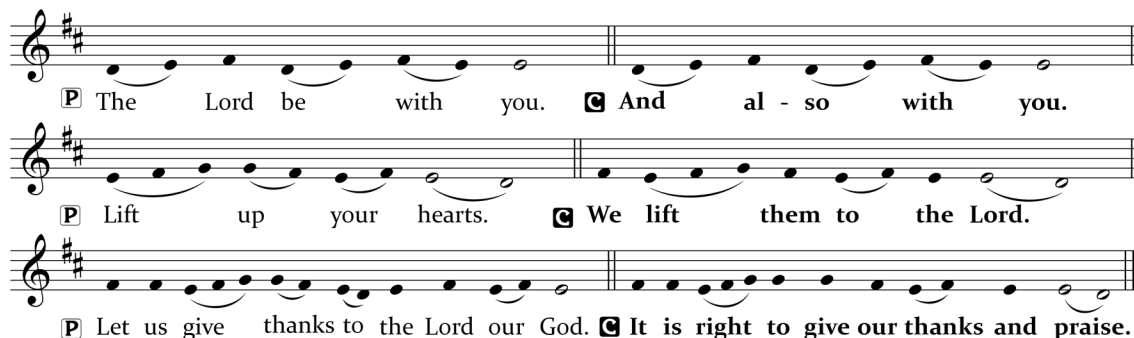
*Offering Prayer

☐ Let us pray.

☑ **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

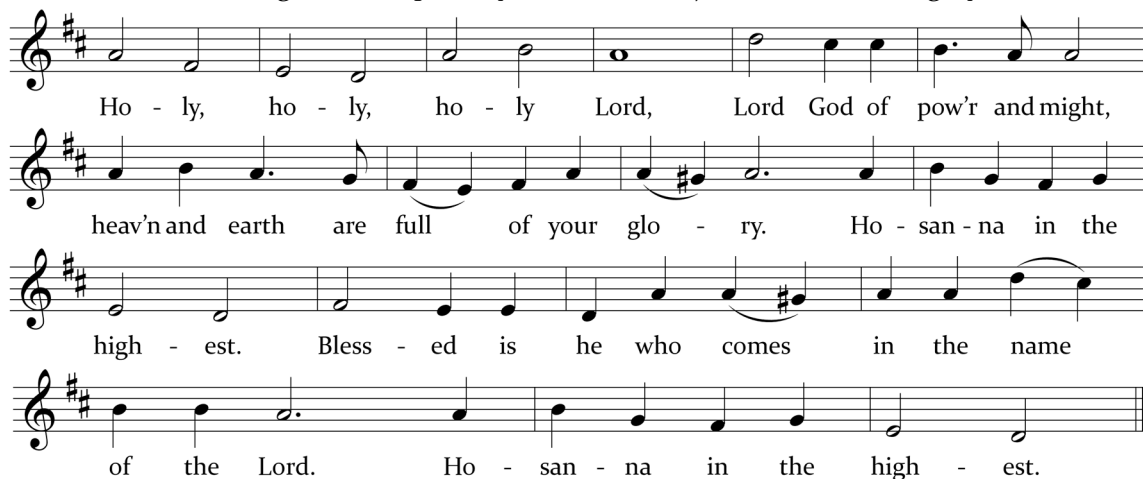


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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

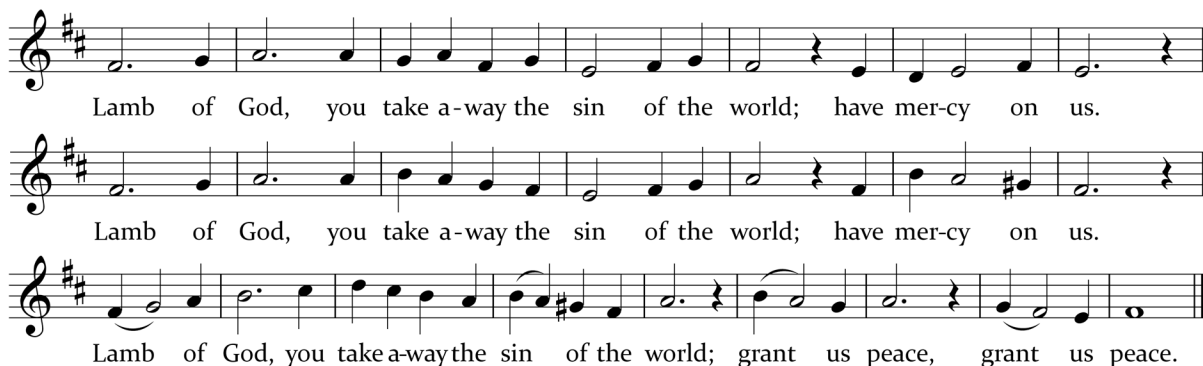
*The Lord's Prayer

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.

(8:30) Anthem — “Fairest Lord Jesus”

arr. Charles Forsberg

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nations, O thou of God and man the Son; thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing! Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight and all the twinkling starry host: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.

– German text, 1850

Hymn — ELW No. 315

“How Good, Lord, to Be Here!”

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Sending of Communion to the Sick and Homebound

***Prayer after Communion**

- ☞ Everlasting God, we bless you that you have brought us to the mountaintop and fed us with the life and light of your Son.
Send us from this place to bring light, healing, and nourishment to every hungry heart, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☞ **Amen.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

Blessing of Lutheran World Relief Quilts

***Blessing**

Response: ☞ **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 316

“Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair”

Stanza 1 — all

Stanza 2 — bass voices

Stanza 3 — treble voices

Stanzas 4 & 5 — all

***Dismissal**

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

Postlude — “Festival Voluntary”

Flor Peeters



Lectionary Readings for Next Week (February 22):

First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 † Psalm 32 † Romans 5:12-19 † Matthew 4:1-11

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Kristin Partlo
Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher and Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Eric Sponheim (10:45) Susan Canon
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Piano	(8:30) Charles Forsberg
Livestream	Mark Gleason
Communion Prep	Angie Gehring
Communion Cleanup	TBD
Greeters	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	TBD
Treats	Deb Christensen, Rhonda Reece, Liz Rowley
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Judd Lohmann, David Nitz
Ushers	(8:30) Larry Enfield, Olaf and Christy Hall-Holt, John Ophaug (10:45) Mike Bull, Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel, Scott Nesbit

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Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in 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), contact the church office at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. Next available dates: March 29 and April 5, 19 & 26.

Today is Quilt Sunday

The pews are draped with quilts that are ready to be shipped to Lutheran World Relief, Global Health Ministries, or given to local places of need. LWR has expanded its quilt and kit ministry to disaster areas in the United States. Last year LWR shipped 114,000 quilts to 12 states impacted by floods, hurricanes, and wildfires, in addition to 200,000 quilts shipped internationally. In 2025, St. John's donated 245 quilts. Each quilt costs about \$10, in addition to the many donated supplies. Your donations of cash or checks on quilt Sunday will help cover these expenses. Write checks to St. John's with quilts on the memo line. Thank you! **A silent auction for the quilt of your choice will be held in the Commons between worship services. The auction will end at 10:45 a.m. Two quilts will be auctioned. The winners may choose a quilt from the pews and take it home after the second service.**

St. John's Forums in February

9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall

- **Today: *Epiphany-Seeing and Serving with Olaf & Christy Hall-Holt***

Olaf and Christy will be sharing their discoveries from recent trips to the country of Ghana in West Africa where Olaf used a sabbatical to teach computer science and Christy did some chaplaincy-related work.


- **February 22: *Introduction to the Prophets***

Who are the prophets of Scripture and how do we read them? Too often prophets are seen as those who predict the future. The prophets of Scripture, however, are those called by God to give a word of warning or a word of comfort to the people of God. In preparation for our Lenten book read on the prophets, Pastors Pam and Jonathan will introduce us to the prophets of Scripture and how we might need their voice and their wisdom during a time of violence and despair.

Manna and Mercy Retreat with Rev. Alan Storey, April 24–25

South African pastor Alan Storey is returning to St. John's to lead a *Manna and Mercy Retreat*. Alan is an ordained elder of the United Methodist Church of South Africa. Using Daniel Erlander's book *Manna and Mercy*, Alan Storey will take us on a journey from Genesis to Revelation over the course of two days, with sensitivity to the contexts in which the scriptures were written and of our present day. The cost for the weekend is on a sliding scale of \$50–100. We are asking people to pay what they can. There are scholarships available and the cost for students is \$25. Scan the QR Code to register or go to www.alanstoreyinminnesota.org.



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Announcements (continued)

Lenten Book Read: *The Tears of Things*

Our selection for this year's Lenten Book Read is Richard Rohr's *The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage* (2024). Reading the biblical prophetic books through the lens of his experience as a counselor and spiritual guide, Rohr pays close attention to the pattern of moving from anger through grief and lamentation toward hope in the prophetic books. Between services, we will be selling books and signing people up for discussion groups, and continue through February 22. Two small discussion groups will meet at different times during the week—on Sundays between the services (March 1, 8, 15 & 22), and on Wednesday afternoons from 4:15–5:15 p.m. before dinner (February 25, March 4, 11, 18 & 25).

ISAIAH MN will gather at the State Capitol on Ash Wednesday, February 18, for a rally and march from 1:00–4:00 p.m. We will ask our state legislators to work for the end of the ICE surge in Minnesota, and to create economic justice for the Minnesotans whose lives and businesses have been so badly damaged. Please read your ISAIAH emails for details, and join us.

Children and Youth

Let's Go Bowling!

Tomorrow, is a NO SCHOOL DAY so we're heading to the bowling alley!

Who: Grades 2–5, Friends are always welcome!

When: 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Where: Meet at Flaherty's Northfield Lanes

Cost: \$11.00 (Games+Shoes+Snacks) Scholarships available. Please pay with cash, or if by check, make it payable to Flaherty's Northfield Lanes. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Commons or downstairs by the Nursery. Parents: Please drop off and pick up your child at the bowling alley. If they need a ride or financial assistance to participate contact Julie Brehmer at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Parent or high school chaperones needed.

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (February 15)

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)

St. John's Forum (9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall)

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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

Duane Engstrom, Fred Huemoeller, Judy Swanson, Ingrid Alberding,
Maralee Sisson (mother of Tamara Jackman)

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Don Starkweather

Those with ongoing health concerns

David Halsor, Greta Matzner-Gore, Dagfinn Moe, Dolores Nelson, David Norman,
Alice Rickert, Ruth Smestad Anglin, 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, February 18:
Pizza Soup / Wild Rice Soup

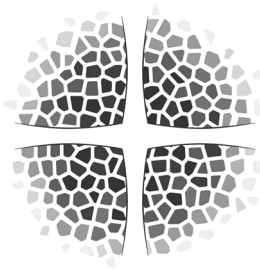
All are welcome!

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. 16	9:00 a.m.	Monday Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, Feb. 17	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 Library
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	4:00 p.m.	ESG Meeting, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	H.S. Nordic Ski Team Potluck, St. John's Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room
		Wellspring Circle, St. John's Library
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room
Wednesday, Feb. 18	12:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship, Sanctuary
	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's
	5:15 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper, St. John's Hall
	5:45 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
	6:15 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship, Sanctuary
Thursday, Feb. 19	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall
	1:30 p.m.	Executive Committee via Zoom
	4:00 p.m.	Suzuki Kids, Fellowship Hall / Room 19
	5:30 p.m.	Thursday Night Big Book Group (AA Meeting), Youth Room
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers Rehearsal, Sanctuary
		Open Door Preschool Book Club, Fireside Room
Friday, Feb. 20	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Laura Baker Services Assoc. - Dinner Theater, St. John's Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Feb. 21		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Feb. 22	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
		<i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 13.)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary



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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.*