



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 17, 2019 † 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 pew hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship),
page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section,
and hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn 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.

Large print bulletins 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 THAXTED”

Tom Trenney

Theme
Menuet
Berceuse

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 710

“Let Streams of Living Justice”

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates us and forms us,
who redeems us and calls us,
who unites us and sends us.

C Amen.

P Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Mighty and loving God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ.

In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us.

**Let the words of our mouths, and the thoughts of our hearts,
and everything we do be filled with faith, hope, and love.**

Amen.

P Hear the voice of Jesus:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.”

In the name of † Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you
that your sins are forgiven and you are released.

The joy of the Lord is your strength,
and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

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** Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Jeremiah 17:5-10

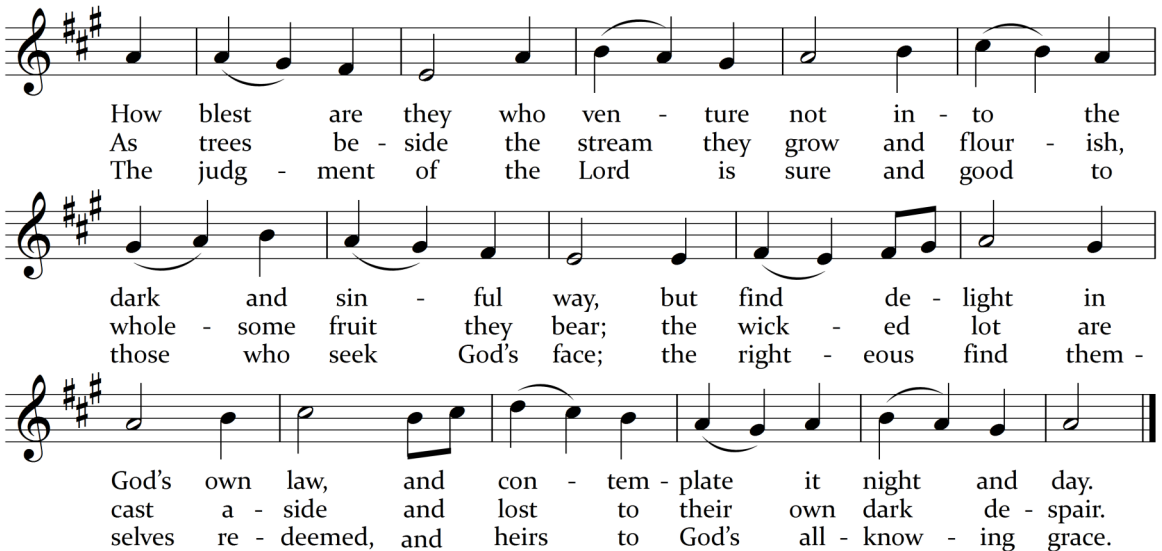
Pew Bible, page 628

After the reading:

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

Psalmody — Psalm 1

Paraphrase Michael Morgan, WAREHAM



How blest are they who ven - ture not in - to the
As trees be - side the stream they grow and flour - ish,
The judg - ment of the Lord is sure and good to
dark and sin - ful way, but find de - light in
whole - some fruit they bear; the wick - ed lot are
those who seek God's face; the right - eous find them -
God's own law, and con - tem - plate it night and day.
cast a - side and lost to their own dark de - spair.
selves re - deemed, and heirs to God's all - know - ing grace.

After the reading:

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Hymn** — “Prepare the Royal Highway” *stanza 1* BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!

Let ev’ry hill and valley a level road appear!

Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:

Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God’s word!

***Gospel** — Luke 6:17-26

Spark Story Bible, page 264; Pew Bible, page 838

Before the reading:

📖 The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 6th chapter.

🙏 Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🙏 Praise to you, O Christ.

***Gospel Hymn** — “Prepare the Royal Highway” *stanza 4* BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heav’n above.

His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth, and love.

So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding:

Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God’s word!

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 256

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

***The Apostles' Creed** — *Front of the hymnal, page 127*

***Prayers of Intercession**

After each petition:

- L** Lord, in your mercy,
G hear our prayer.

***Peace**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

G And also with you.

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering:

"Exultation"

Matthew Compton

Rejoice Ringers

***Offering Hymn** — "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" *stanza 4*

SALZBURG

**Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.**

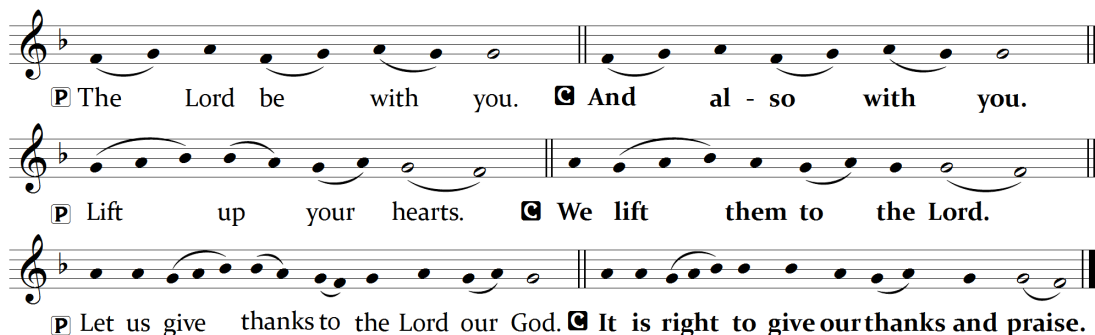
***Offering Prayer**

L Let us pray together.

All God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world
signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

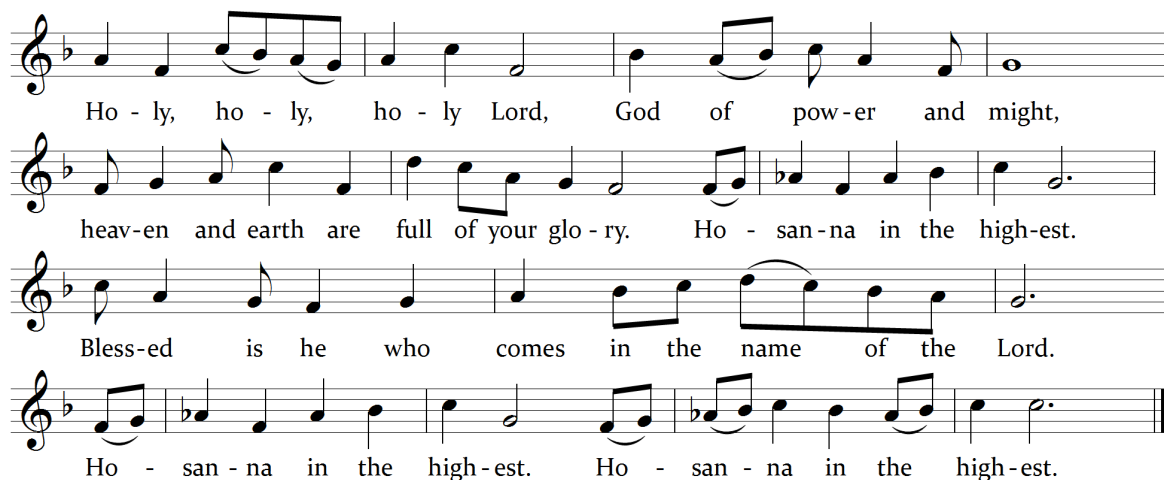


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en 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. 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.**

*All God's children are welcome at the table. Communion will be received standing at the front of the sanctuary; ushers will direct you forward. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the middle. 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"



The musical notation for "Lamb of God" is presented in three parts, each on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of a series of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below each staff.

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.

Anthem — "I Will Lift Mine Eyes Unto the Hills" (Psalm 21) Cathy Moklebust

Hymn — No. 479 "We Come to the Hungry Feast"

Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

L Let us pray.

A **We thank you, O God, that you have fed us with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us.**

**Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

***Blessing of the Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilts**

***Blessing**

Response:

C Amen.

***Sending Hymn — No. 449**

“We Know That Christ Is Raised”

***Dismissal**

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

A **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude — “Allegretto” from Op. 101

Charles V. Stanford



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

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| Presiding | Pastor Jonathan Davis |
| Preaching | Pastor Pam Fickenscher |
| Assisting Minister | Ruthie Neuger |
| Organist | Nathan Proctor |
| Choir | Rejoice Ringers, Zachery Pelletier, director |
| Acolytes | (8:30) Natalie DeGrego, Bailey Strese (10:45) Mari Hanson, Thea Hanson |
| Communion Preparers | Kristin Partlo, Clara Nelson |
| Communion Server | Dave Neuger |
| Communion Cleanup | Anna Moltchanova, Eva Posfay |
| Greeters / Welcome Desk | (8:30) Jo Dahlin (10:45) Jane Gelle, Anna Moltchanova, Eva Posfay |
| Coffee and Refreshments | Irene Dorantes, Rich and Gretchen Falck, Bill and Jane Rizzo, Judy Smith |
| Nursery | Erica Anderson |
| Counters | Gene and Lois Bakko, Marilyn Calcutt, David Norman |
| Ushers | (8:30) Mark Anderson, Jim Bierman, Jerry Bothun, Dave Hagen, Sue Hagen, Nicholas Gonnerman, Patsy Ophaug, John Ophaug (10:45) Bonnie Jean Flom, Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel, Greg Norman, Doug O'Leary, Wally Wegner |

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Lectionary Readings for Next Week (February 24):

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Genesis 43:3-11, 15 † Psalm 37:1-11 † 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 † Luke 6:27-38

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (February 17):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)

Middle School Youth Group: Grades 6-8 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)

St. John's Forum: TedxStJohns - with Katherine Norrie (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)

Next Week (February 24):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

St. John's Library "Book Giveaway", Commons

Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)

Middle School Youth Group: Grades 6-8 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)

St. John's Forum: Anniversary Benevolence Project - Northfield Free Clinic (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)

Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45 a.m., Undercroft)

Children and Youth Ministries

Middle School Youth Group

Sundays, 9:45-10:30 a.m., Youth Room

"Ed's Story" Continues - The inspirational story of a man faced with a disease allowing him only 2-5 years left to live, and the choices he made with how to spend his remaining days. We will begin with highs and lows and an activity. And enjoy cookies or doughnuts, along with hot chocolate and marshmallows!

Summer Camp is Coming! Watch for more info soon!

- VBS is June 10-13 at St. John's with the theme "To Mars and Beyond"
(Age 3-Grade 2 completed)
- Settlers Camp is June 26-28 at Good Earth Village in Spring Valley, MN (Grades 2-4)
- Pathfinders Camp is June 23-28 at Good Earth Village in Spring Valley, MN (Grades 3-5)

Registration is open now for Settlers and Pathfinders. Visit the Good Earth Village website at www.goodearthvillage.org. VBS registration is coming in March.

The 3rd and 4th grade Sunday School Class are collecting new toys, books, and games for the Minneapolis Children's Hospital. The students are learning about sharing God's love by serving others. A collection box is located in the Commons until Sunday, March 3. Monetary donations will also be accepted and can be put in Julie Brehmer's mailbox in the Church Office. Donation ideas: infant rattles (Sassy or Bright Star brand), infant Baby Einstein Toys, play sets for toddlers, Play Doh, board games, Legos, seek & find books, story books, markers, and crayons. Thanks!

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in honor of LaVerne Reitz's 90th birthday by her husband Otto. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact the church office. Dates available: February 24 and March 3. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television – cable channel 180 (please note change of channel number), Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Today is St. John's Annual Quilt Sunday

Today is the day our congregation will worship amongst our homegrown quilts. Under the able leadership of Sue Sharrow, a dedicated bunch of 15-20 people (men and women) not only make quilts for Lutheran World Relief but also for "Operation Joy" at Christmas. LWR quilts are sent all over the world. St. John's completes well over a hundred quilts each year! For more information see the article in this month's Voice.

St. John's Forum

Today, 9:45-10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall

Topic: *TedxStJohns: Katherine Norrie*

In a new forum series we are calling "TEDxStJohns," a St. John's member will give a TED Talk style presentation on ideas or stories that are worth sharing. In this first one, St. John's member Katherine Norrie will share her remarkable adoption story that she just discovered this past summer.

Lenten Book Read - *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*

This year's Lenten Book Read selection is *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*, by Father Greg Boyle, a Jesuit Priest working with gang members in Los Angeles. For twenty years, Greg Boyle has run Homeboy Industries, a gang-intervention program located in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles, the gang capital of the world. In this book, he turns stories of his experience working in the ghetto into a breathtaking series of parables inspired by faith. Look for signs up in the Commons. Books are now available for \$10.

St. John's Library "Book Giveaway"

Next Sunday, February 24

Although the word "love" gets batted about too easily, we are going to join the February parade and ask you to LOVE OUR LIBRARY at St. John's. After some months of moving and building new shelving and re-shelving books, we are discarding some books that may still be useful to others. Next Sunday, we will have a "book giveaway" during the coffee hour. In return, we ask for a money donation (cash or check) which will go toward a computer and a digital card cataloging system. Such a system will make it much easier for volunteers to be good stewards of the library and much easier for you to find the books you want to read.

Announcements (continued)

Prayer Buddies During Lent

During the Lenten season, 4th and 5th grade Catechism kids are paired with an adult member from our congregation to be their “Prayer Buddy.” This program is in its 4th year helping to build faith-based, cross-generational relationships between children and adult members in the congregation. Prayer Buddies pray for their buddy during the Lenten season, beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 6, until Easter Sunday, April 21. If you are interested in being a buddy for a child, please email Julie Brehmer at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org or call 507-645-4429.

Hand in Hand in Mission

This is the time of year that St. John’s makes donations to support our ELCA Companion Synods and Global Missions. The synod has printed a Hand-in-Hand brochure that lists 6 projects with our companion synods in Colombia and Tanzania, and a new outreach to ELCA churches in Texas and New Mexico that assist recent immigrants. Brochures are available in the Narthex and Commons. If you have questions, contact Jane Rinehart at janesrinehart@gmail.com.

Open Door Preschool Registration for 2019-2020

Open Door Preschool will hold an open house/registration for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year in February. Please bring your child(ren) and come see our 4 star Parent Aware Program that encourages learning, fun, and growth in a best practices program. Options for our Open House include:

- Thursday, February 21 from 5:00-6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, February 23 from 9:30-11 a.m.

We look forward to meeting you and your child!

St. John’s Website

Please check out our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org. Our website contains additional information regarding events and programs, along with a link to our online church directory, Church Community Builder (CCB), in the top right hand corner. You can also access the church calendar.



Have you picked up your 2019 anniversary calendar?
The calendar is full of beautiful photos and important dates to
remember during this special year.
Find your copy in Commons or in the Church Office!

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

AJ DeGrego, Lois Houge, Gene Nelson

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Fred Huemoeller, Mary Ingbritsen, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Betty Schuette, Eulalie Smestad, Joanne Sommers, Jim Thompson, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Elizabeth Trangsrud, Linda Beckman, Maggie Lindell

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; Randy Stubbs & Family,
ELCA missionaries in Tanzania; Curtis and Katie Kline, ELCA missionaries in Colombia

Members of St. John's studying at seminary, including

Henry Burt, Hayden Kvamme

Refugees from Ethiopia being sponsored by St. John's

Paul, Ariat, and their family

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**

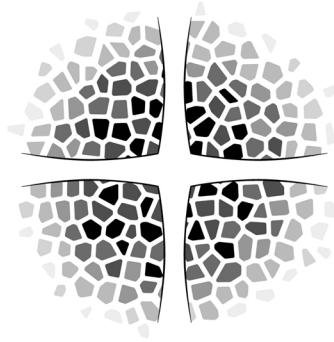
Wednesday, February 20
Enchilada Casserole

All are welcome!

This Week At-a-Glance

**The calendar below contains only St. John's events.
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

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| Mon., Feb. 18 | 8:30 a.m. | Quilting, Fellowship Hall |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Manna and Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Pub Theology, Location TBD |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Peace & Justice Group, Fireside Room |
| Tue., Feb. 19 | 8:45 a.m. | SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Staff Meeting, Fireside Room |
| | 6:00 p.m. | 150 th Anniversary Steering Committee, Undercroft |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room |
| | 6:45 p.m. | Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall |
| Wed., Feb. 20 | 3:45 p.m. | Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5) |
| | 4:15 p.m. | Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205 |
| | 4:45 p.m. | Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209 |
| | 5:15 p.m. | Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall |
| | | Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205 |
| | 5:45 p.m. | Courageous Conversations Book Study, Fireside Room |
| | 6:15 p.m. | Confirmation (Grades 6), Undercroft |
| | | Confirmation (Grades 7-8), Fellowship Hall |
| | | High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room |
| | 7:00 p.m. | St. John's Chorale, Room 209 |
| Thursday, Feb. 21 | 8:30 a.m. | Quilting, Fellowship Hall |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Courageous Conversations Book Study, Fireside Room |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Rejoice Ringers, Balcony |
| Friday, Feb. 22 | 8:45 a.m. | SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall |
| Saturday, Feb. 23 | | No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed |
| Sunday, Feb. 24 | 8:30 a.m. | Worship / Nursery (For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11) |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Worship / Nursery |



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Arielle Loy, *Director of Alleluia Choir*

Zachery Pelletier, *Director of Rejoice Ringers*

Jaida Gehring / Marvin Perez, *Security and Custodial Assistants*

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

Bernie Renander, *Financial Manager*

Call the Church Office, or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.