



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

FEBRUARY 19, 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 PRAISE, MY SOUL

Rick Deasley

Welcome and Announcements

(10:45) **Anthem** — “Siyahamba”

South African traditional

We are marching in the light of God!

Alleluia Choir

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 318

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

Confession and Forgiveness

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

G Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

**G 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.

G 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

- ☐ 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.
- ☑ Amen.

(10:45) **Anthem** — “Hallelujah! Praises to the Son!”

Michael Morris

Jesus was born for everyone! We are saved by grace! Thank the God of Love! Jesus was born for everyone! Hallelujah! Praises to the Son! Heavenly light has come to earth through the miracle of Our Savior's birth! Hallelujah! Praises to the Son! To the Son! To the Son! He's the King! The prophesied one! The Father's will is being done! Hallelujah! Praises to the Son! The prophecies have come to pass: Now the last is first and the first is last! The prophecies have come to pass! Hallelujah! Praises to the Son!

Jubilate Choir

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Blessing of Lutheran World Relief Quilts

First Reading — Exodus 24:12-18

Pew Bible, page 62

- ☐ The word of the Lord.
- ☑ 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

Second Reading — 2 Peter 1:16-21

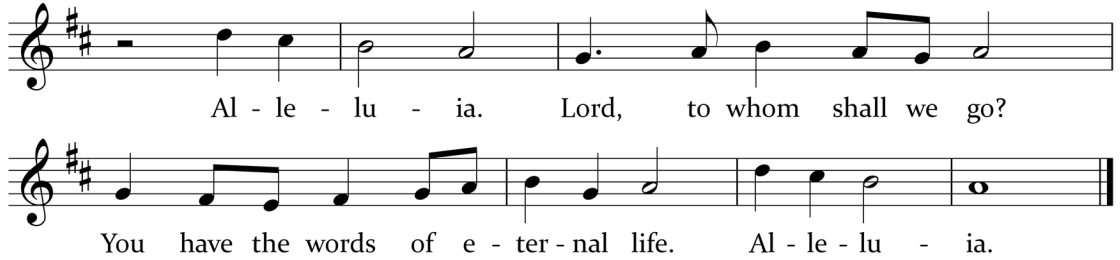
¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus 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 dazzling white. 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 make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice 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 looked up, 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.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 1004

“Faith Begins by Letting Go”

*Apostles’ Creed

Front of ACS Hymnal, page 17

*Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

- ℒ Lord, in your mercy,
☩ hear our prayer.

*Peace

- ℙ 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) "O Christ, Surround Me"

arr. David Sims

*God be the love to search and keep me; God be the prayer to move my voice;
God be the strength to now uphold me: O Christ, surround me. Bind to myself the
name of Holy, great cloud of witnesses enfold; prophets, apostles, angels witness:
O Christ, surround me. Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight, flashing of light-
ning, strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of planet: O Christ, surround me.
Walking behind to hem my journey, going ahead to light my way, from beneath,
above, and all ways: O Christ, surround me. Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears who hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ, surround me. — Richard Bruxvoort Colligan*

St. John's Chorale

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

Robert Buckley Farlee

*Offering Hymn — "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" 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, Thee in One:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

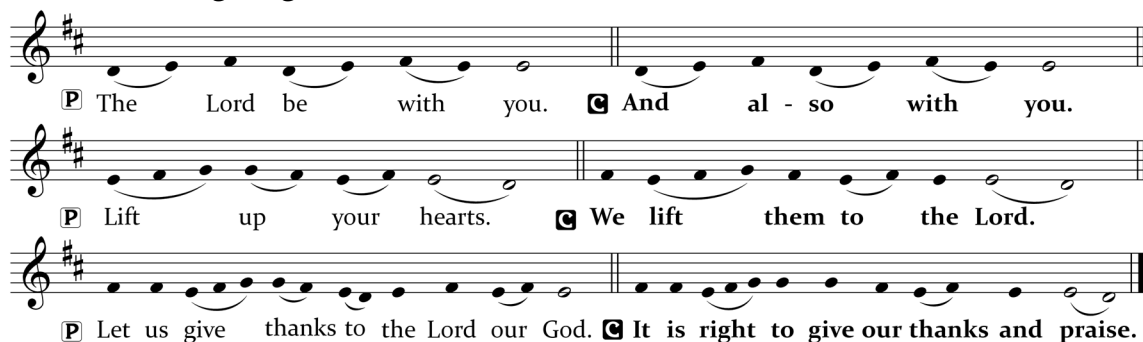
*Offering Prayer

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

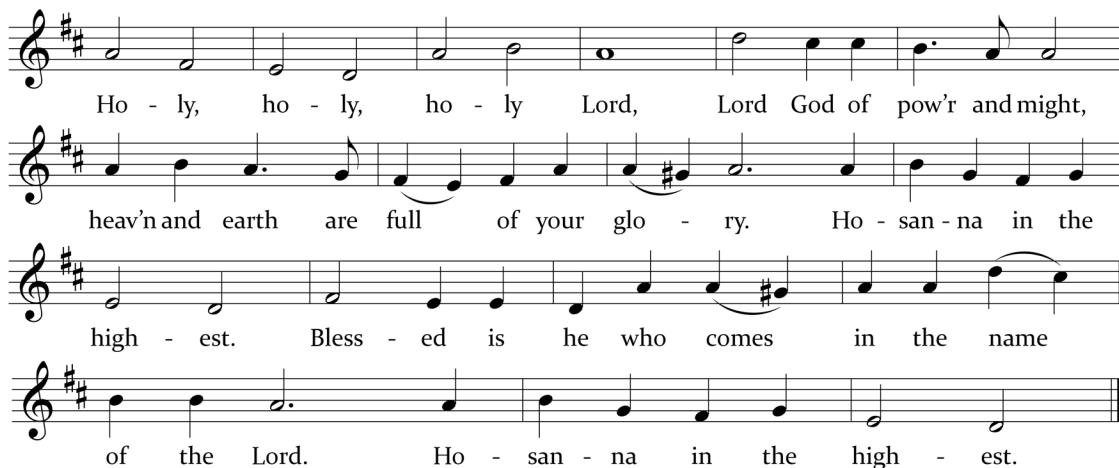


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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.

(8:30) **Anthem** — “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright” arr. Brenda Portman
For anthem text, see ELW No. 559.

Hymn — ELW No. 462

“Now We Join in Celebration”

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***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 in his name from this place to bring hope to all places, healing where lives are torn, and nourishment to every hungry heart, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

***(8:30) Blessing and Sending for Rick and Nancy Moe**

***Blessing**

Response:

☞ **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn — ELW No. 838**

“Beautiful Savior”

Stanzas 3 and 4

***Dismissal**

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude — “Toccata in Seven”

John Rutter



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Ruthie Neuger
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale (10:45) Alleluia Choir; Arielle Loy, director (10:45) Jubilate Choir; Green Bouzard, director
Communion Service	Jill Enestvedt
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Gerri Licke, Patrice Nordstrand (10:45) TBD
Coffee	Bill and Jill Malecha, Ted Peterson
Refreshments	St. John's Quilters
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Jane Rizzo, Bob Tabery
Ushers	(8:30) John Ophaug, Cindy Clauson, Dave and Ruthie Neuger (10:45) Doug O'Leary, Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel, Leif Knecht

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This 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)

Next Week (February 26)

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)

Lenten Book Discussions (9:45–10:45 a.m., Fireside Room)

Accompany (10:00–10:40 a.m., Undercroft)

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (February 26):

First Sunday in Lent

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

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 by Rose Berthelsen and Patty Lindell in memory of Ruth Hansen and Pastor Art Berthelsen. 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.

Today is Quilt Sunday

The quilts displayed on the pews 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!

Lenten Books Groups and Books Still Available

There are still a few Lenten Books available, "*Just Mercy*" by Bryan Stevenson. The Sunday discussion group begins today at 9:45 a.m. in the Fireside Room, and the Wednesday night groups begin this week on February 22 with an in-person discussion at 4:30 p.m. and a Zoom discussion later in the evening. Books will be available for purchase in the Commons today between services.

Pub Theology

Monday, February 20, 6:00–7:30 p.m., El Tequila Mexican Restaurant

What is Pub Theology? It is a conversation around questions of faith, God, Jesus, the Bible, current events, and culture. No fancy theological or biblical knowledge needed in order to participate. Just bring your questions, thoughts, and experiences. The topic will be different each time and will be published ahead of time on Facebook, in the E-Voice, and an email list. Contact Pastor Jonathan Davis (jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org) to add your name to the email list.

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.

Announcements (continued)

Ash Wednesday Worship Services

Wednesday, February 22

Worship with the imposition of ashes and communion will be held in the Sanctuary at noon and 6:15 p.m. The 6:15 p.m. service will also be available via Livestream on the St. John's website home page.

Courageous Conversations:

Christian Nationalism—What is it, Why it Matters, and How We Can Respond

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

In recent years the alignment between right-wing politics and Christianity has taken on a new intensity in a movement called "Christian Nationalism." Our speakers, Pastor Rolf Olson, retired, and Dr. Nancy Koester, pastor and Luther Seminary professor, will lead a fascinating and disturbing conversation about our national life. Due to the volatile nature of the subject, this program will not be advertised outside of St. John's, and because of copyright issues, the program will not be recorded.

Kids Night Out at St. John's!

Friday, March 3, 5:30–8:30 p.m. for Kids in Grades K–5

Games, pizza, crafts, and a movie! Bring a snack to share. Friends are welcome too! Sign up in the Commons or email Julie at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org if your child would like to attend!

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent members can benefit St. John's at no cost to them by designating their Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. John's. 2022 funds need to be directed by March 31. Log in to your account at thrivent.com to direct funds.

Oral History Update

You can listen to a 40-minute interview with Donna Paulsen about her decades-long experience as a church musician and teacher in Northfield. Donna served longest at Trinity Lutheran, but she and her husband Burt always maintained their connections to St. John's. In 2019, Donna was awarded the Northfield "Living Treasure" award for her many contributions to music in Northfield. Click on the "About" tab on the main page of the website, and then scroll down to "Oral Histories."

Earthquake Relief

Two of St. John's mission partners, Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Mideast Development, are already active in the regions of Turkey and Syria hit by the recent earthquakes. For the most rapid response, you can give directly to these organizations at lwr.org and lutheran-mideast.org.

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 Katie Pelkey Creighton
Family of Gloria Porter

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

Lester Gunderson, Tom Fjelde, Lois Pearson

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**

No Meal on February 22.
Soup Suppers will return on March 1.

All are welcome!

Soup Suppers 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. 20	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
		Snow Tubing Event at Buck Hill (Grades 6-12)
	12:30 p.m.	Bowling Event (Grades 2-5), Flaherty Northfield Lanes
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, El Tequila Mexican Restaurant NHS Nordic Team Banquet, St. John's Hall
Tuesday, Feb. 21	7:30 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
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministers, St. John's Library
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room
Wednesday, Feb. 22	10:45 a.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite
	12:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship Service, Sanctuary
	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's
	4:30 p.m.	Lenten Book Discussions, Fireside Room
	5:45 p.m.	St. John's Chorale Warmup, Balcony
	6:15 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship Service, Sanctuary
	7:15 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Sanctuary
Thursday, Feb. 23	7:30 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library
	1:00 p.m.	Book Buddies, St. John's Library
	4:00 p.m.	Executive Committee via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Feb. 24	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Visitation - Katie Creighton, Commons
	2:00 p.m.	Funeral - Katie Creighton, Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Feb. 25		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Feb. 26	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary <i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 11)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary



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