



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 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** — “The Woman at the Well” from *Three Gospel Scenes*

James Biery

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 618

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

## Confession and Forgiveness

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who journeys with us these forty days,  
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us acknowledge before God and one another  
our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Holy God,

**C we confess to you our faults and failings.**  
**Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;**  
**we spoil rather than steward your creation;**  
**we cause hurt though you call us to heal;**  
**we choose fear over compassion.**  
**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**  
**as we seek to follow in your way of life.**  
**Amen.**

**P** Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave  
the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for everyone.  
God embraces you with divine mercy, † forgives you in Christ's name,  
and revives you in the Spirit's power.

**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** Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth 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**

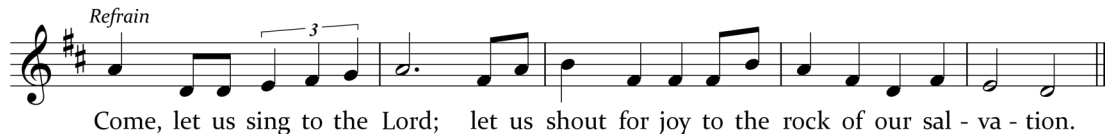
### **Children's Message**

#### **First Reading — Exodus 17:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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

**Refrain — all**



*Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms. For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.*

**Refrain — all**

*In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours. The sea is yours, for you made it; and your hands have molded the dry land.*

**Refrain — all**

*Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.*

**Refrain — all**

**Second Reading — Romans 5:1-11**

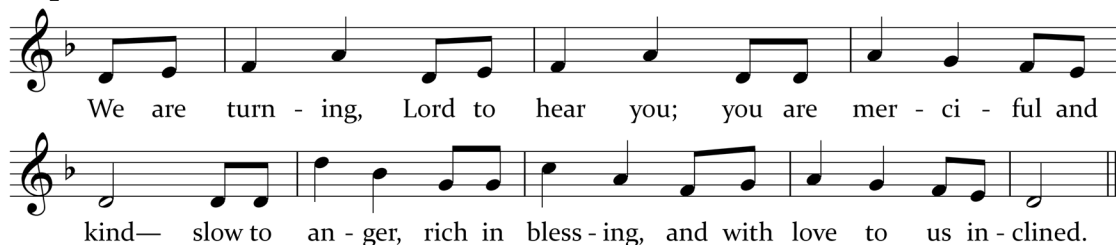
<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

**\*Gospel Acclamation**



**\*Gospel — John 4:5-42**

Spark Story Bible, page 420; Pew Bible, page 864

*Before the reading:*

☐ The Holy Gospel according to John, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**Hymn of the Day — ELW 611**

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

**\*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) "Wondrous Love"

arr. Paul J. Christiansen

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul! That caused the Lord of life to bear the heavy  
cross, what wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul.  
That Christ should lay aside his crown for my soul! What wondrous love, O my soul!*

*St. John's Chorale*

(10:45) "Wondrous Love"

David N. Johnson

**\*Offering Hymn** — "Create in Me a Clean Heart" For music, see ELW No. 188

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

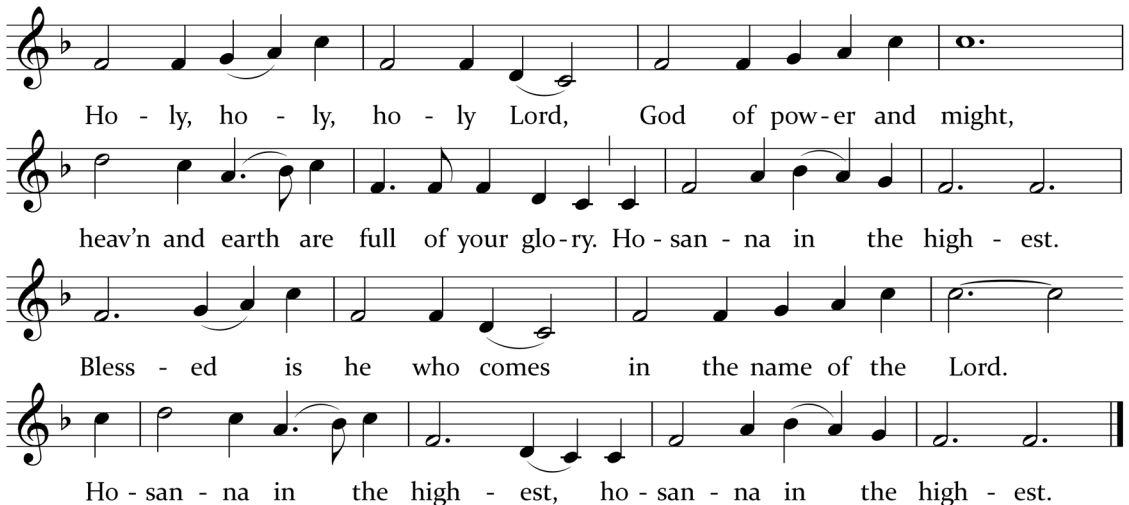
### \*Offering Prayer

- L** Let us pray.
- C** God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

## SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

### \*Great Thanksgiving

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also 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'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, 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"



The musical notation for "Lamb of God" is presented in three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words spanning across measures. The first two staves end with a double bar line, while the third staff ends with a final double bar line.

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.

Hymn — ELW No. 445

"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

## \*Post-Communion Blessing

### **\*Prayer after Communion**

- ☞ Embodied God,  
at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.  
With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,  
empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors  
and touch the world with your love.
- ☞ Amen.

## **DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD**

### **\*Blessing**

*Response:*

- ☞ Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 666

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

*Stanzas 2 and 3 sung in harmony.*

### **\*Dismissal**

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

**Postlude** — “The Peace may be exchanged.” from *Rubrics*

Dan Locklair



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## **SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:**

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenschner
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Carrie and Dan Dauner (10:45) Chris and Gary Engstrom
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Communion Prep	Monica Holicky
Communion Cleanup	Pam Groves-Gaggioli
Greeters	Gerri Licke, Patrice Nordstrand, Pam Groves-Gaggioli
Coffee and Refreshments	Monica Holicky, Pam Groves-Gaggioli
Counters	Chris and Martha Erickson, 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 (March 12)***

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall  
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)  
Lenten Book Discussions (9:45–10:45 a.m., Fireside Room)  
Accompany (10:00–10:40 a.m., Undercroft)

### ***Next Week (March 19)***

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

## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (March 19):**

### ***Fourth Sunday in Lent***

**1 Samuel 16:1-13   †   Psalm 23   †   Ephesians 5:8-14   †   John 9:1-41**

# **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 memory of Ken Struss and Elmer & Cora Schultz by Marie Struss and 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](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org). Available Dates: March 19 & 26 and April 9 & 30.

## **St. John's Forum: Sandi Gerdes with Laura Baker Services Association**

**Today, 9:45 a.m., Sanctuary**

Laura Baker Services Association is grateful to be one of St. John's local mission partners. We look forward to updating everyone on what we've been up to since we were last able to be with you. We will talk about how we are emerging from Covid-19, our related triumphs and our challenges. We will talk about new initiatives (family navigation, housing support, and behavioral support services), update you on our creative arts, and share with you our advocacy needs.

## **Sign up for St. John's Seraphs Summer Softball**

It's time to start thinking about green grass and softball diamonds! Will you play for the St. John's Seraphs in Northfield's Summer 2023 Church Softball League? Sign up on the [St. John's Summer Softball Interest Form](#) (link available in the E-Voice). We hope that the 2023 team will be a combination of returning veterans and aspiring new talent. Recruit a friend and introduce them to St. John's through softball! As a reminder, players need to be high-school age and older. Games are played on Sunday evenings and will begin in late May. Questions? Contact Steve Taggart at [staggart@northfieldschools.org](mailto:staggart@northfieldschools.org), or Pastor Jonathan at [jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## **St. John's Women (Men, too): Discover Dakota History**

**Thursday, March 16, 12:45 p.m.**

Join us for an enriching afternoon in Shakopee, visiting Hočokata Ti's (pronounced 'ho-cho-ka-ta tee') public exhibit, *Mdewakanton: Dwellers of the Spirit Lake*, which provides visitors with a cultural experience that enhances their knowledge and understanding of the Mdewakanton (pronounced 'med-ah-wah-kah-ton') Dakota people and their history. From in-depth discussions to hands-on learning, this is an experience for everyone. A professional cultural interpreter will guide us through the exhibit, providing insight into the meaning behind the displays and artifacts. The cost is \$7.00, carpool from St. John's at 12:45 p.m. Sign up is required. Email [women.stjohns500@gmail.com](mailto:women.stjohns500@gmail.com), or sign up at the women's bulletin board in the commons.

## **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](http://thrivent.com) to direct funds.

## **Announcements (continued)**

**St. John's Forum: Jefferson's Jesus with Charlie Wilson**

**Sunday, March 19th, 9:45 a.m., Sanctuary**

Join us for a presentation where St. John's member and St. Olaf professor, Charlie Wilson, will help us consider the religious views of Thomas Jefferson, one of our greatest presidents. We will look in particular at his controversial views of Jesus, as we see in his editing of the gospels of the New Testament.

### **Habitat for Humanity Update**

Progress on the home builds continues! Habitat has been so grateful for the volunteers and meal providers thus far and extends a big "thank you!" The volunteers and families have completed the flooring, painting, doors and trim work on two of the houses in Faribault. The cabinets should be completed this week. On the street side, three of the houses are being worked on by the subcontractors, and will be ready for volunteers to begin work starting in April. **Habitat is asking for continued help with providing lunch, gift card donations, or sign up to have a meal delivered.** If you can help, contact Jodi Wagner at [jodihabitat@gmail.com](mailto:jodihabitat@gmail.com) or call 507-403-7868.

**Submissions for The Voice (April/May 2023 Edition): Due by March 15.**

Sunday bulletin and E-Voice announcements are due Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.

Send submission to [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## **LENTEN WEDNESDAY WORSHIP: *WATERY WORDS***

The Season of Lent is traditionally a time of baptismal preparation and baptismal renewal. We recommit to spiritual practices that remind us of our need for God and each other during these six weeks as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection.

This year we have invited five members of St. John's to speak around the themes of water, bringing together a watery word, or Scripture verse with their own experience.

Lenten Vespers—taken from the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy—will take place each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. through March 29.

- March 15: Patsy Ophaug
- March 22: Ashley Gallagher
- March 29: Kathy Shea

## 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),  
John Walters Jr. (son of Barbara and John Walters)

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Scott Barvir, Jo Chambers, Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Donna James,  
Carolyn Jennings, Dagfinn Moe, 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*

Elouise Quinnell, Rose Youngquist, Lester Gunderson

*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](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.



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

Menu for Wednesday, March 15:

*Beef Vegetable Soup (GF)*

*Vegetarian Vegetable Soup (GF)*

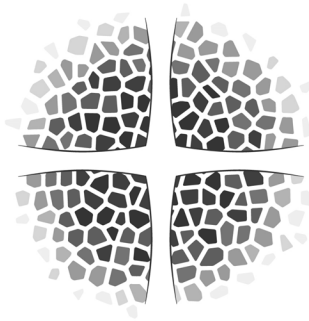
**All are welcome!**

*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](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

<b>Monday, Mar. 13</b>	9:00 a.m.	Women of St. John's Board Meeting, Undercroft
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	5:30 p.m.	Northfield Grief Coalition Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Tuesday, Mar. 14</b>	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
	7:00 p.m.	Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
<b>Wednesday, Mar. 15</b>	12:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room
	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's
	4:30 p.m.	Lenten Book Discussions, Fireside Room
	5:15 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper, St. John's Hall
	6:15 p.m.	Lenten Vespers, Sanctuary
		Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Sanctuary
		Where Politics Meets Faith Conversation, Fireside Room
<b>Thursday, Mar. 16</b>	7:30 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Personnel Committee, Undercroft
	1:00 p.m.	Faith, Fact & Fiction Book Group, St. John's Library
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
<b>Friday, Mar. 17</b>	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, Mar. 18</b>		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
<b>Sunday, Mar. 19</b>	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.