



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 12, 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** — Three settings on “This Joyful Eastertide”

John Ferguson  
Matthew Corl  
Emma Lou Diemer

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 391

“This Joyful Eastertide”

## \*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** Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## Children's Message

“Wonders of Worship”

I won-der. I won-der. The won-ders of wor-ship, what does it mean? I won-der. I  
won-der. The won-ders of wor-ship, what does it mean? Come and see! Come now and see!

Text and Music: Anne Krentz Organ



# HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading — Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Pew Bible, page 885

*After the reading:*

- The word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 16, “When In the Night I Meditate”

LAND OF REST

When in the night I med - i - tate on  
My in - most be - ing thrills with joy and  
The path of life you show to me; of  
mer - cies mul - ti - plied, my grate - ful heart in -  
glad - ness fills my soul; be - cause on God my  
joy a bound - less store is ev - er found at  
spires my tongue to bless the LORD, my guide.  
trust is stayed, my life is now made whole.  
your right hand, and plea - sures ev - er - more.

Text: *The Psalter*, 1912, alt.; Music: North American traditional

Second Reading — 1 Peter 1:3-9

Pew Bible, page 983

*After the reading:*

- The word of the Lord.
- 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 — John 20:19-31

Spark Story Bible, page 492

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Judeans, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 939

“Touch That Soothes and Heals”

**The Sacrament of Holy Baptism** — *Front of ELW hymnal, pages 227–231*

(8:30) *The Triune God proclaims **Tyson Michael Gorg** as a beloved child this morning in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Tyson’s parents are Morgan and Kolt Gorg, and his sponsors are Samantha Errington and Luke Schavey.*

## Presentation

- P** People of God, do you promise to support Tyson and pray for him in his new life in Christ?
- C** We do.

(10:45) *The Triune God proclaims **Bailey Michael Wayne Laabs** as a beloved child this morning in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Bailey’s parents are Ava Little and Joseph Laabs, and his sponsors are Kailee Little, Ethan Little, Cole Little, Shane Laabs, and Faith Dahl.*

## Presentation

- P** People of God, do you promise to support Bailey and pray for him in his new life in Christ?
- C** We do.

**\*Profession of Faith** — *Front of ELW hymnal, page 229*

**\*Baptismal Hymn** — “You Have Put on Christ”



Text: International Commission on English in the Liturgy © 1969; Music: Howard Hughes © 1977

*(During the hymn, all children are invited to join the baptismal group at the font.)*

**\*Thanksgiving at the Font** — *Front of ELW hymnal, page 230*

**Baptism**

**Welcome**

**Baptismal Hymn** — “You Have Put on Christ”

### **\*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*

*“Carol” from Five Bagatelles*

Gerald Finzi, arr. Robert Gower

### **\*Offering Hymn — “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”**

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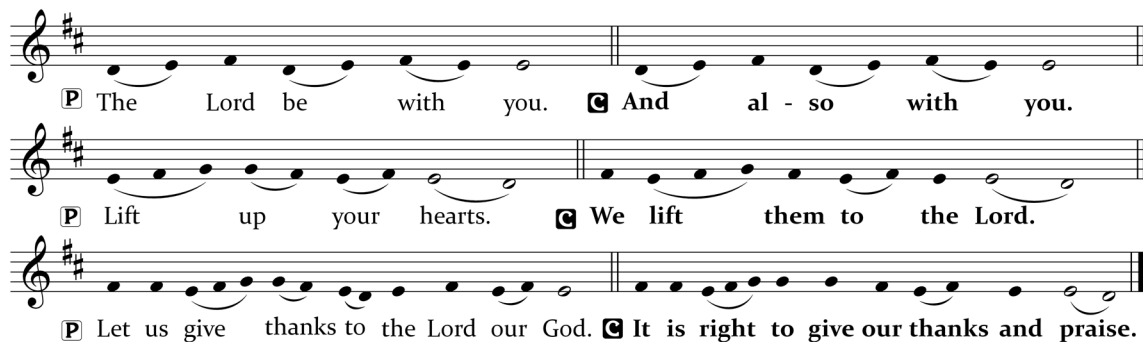
**Adoring praises now we bring  
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!”  
Be to the Father, and our Lord,  
to Spirit blest, most holy God,  
all the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### **\*Offering Prayer**

- ℒ Let us pray.
- ☩ **Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

# SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

## \*Great Thanksgiving

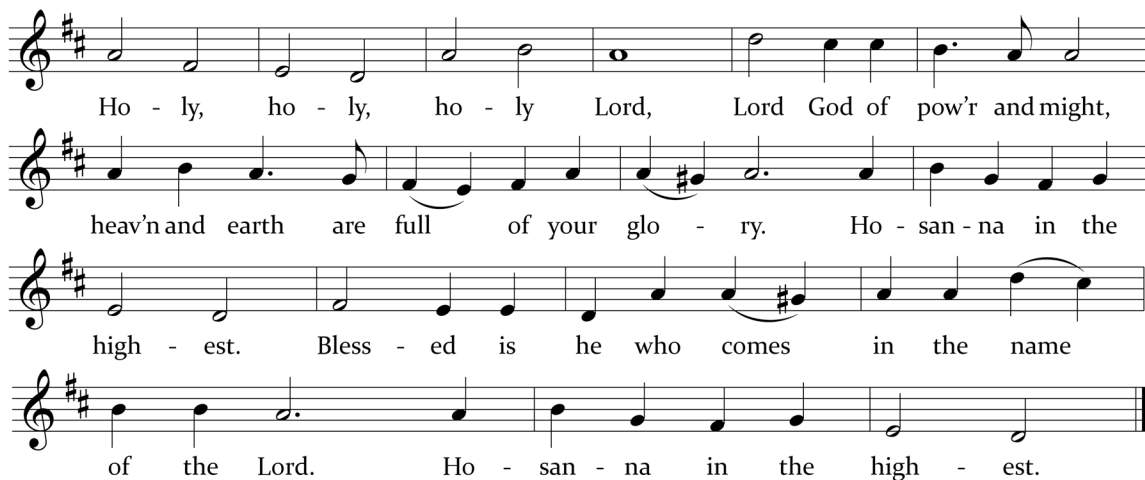


**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**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

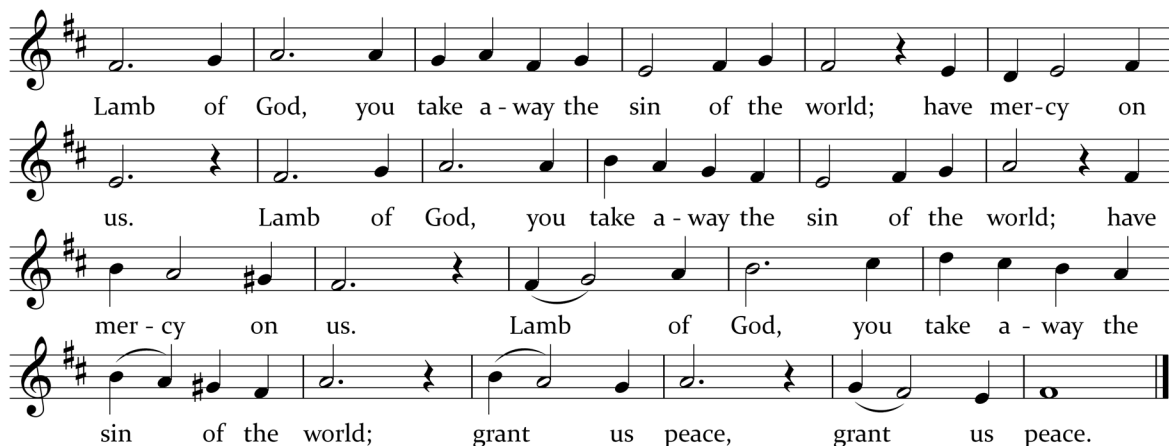
## \*The Lord's Prayer

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. 635

"We Walk by Faith"

Hymn — ELW No. 462

"Now We Join in Celebration"

## \*Post-Communion Blessing

## \*Sending of Communion to the Sick and Homebound

**\*Prayer after Communion**

- ℒ Holy One,  
through this meal you have made your home among us and are making  
all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our  
enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,
- ☩ Amen.

## DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

**\*Blessing**

*Response:*

- ☩ Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 375 “Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen”  
*The refrain may be sung in English or Spanish.*

**\*Dismissal**

- ℒ Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- ☩ **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**
- ℒ Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection.
- ☩ **Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude** — “Jubilate”

Roy Douglas



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

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Ruth Smestad Anglin (10:45) Brenda Nelson
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Livestream	Dave Zdenek
Communion Prep	Nan Winsell
Communion Cleanup	Brenda Nelson
Greeters	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	Craig Schultz
Refreshments	Kibby Errington, Rhonda Reece
Counters	Chris and Martha Erickson, Janell Martin
Ushers	(8:30) Dan Franklin, Jon and Cindy McBroom, Don Sahling, Dean Schoeb (10:45) Jonathan Norrie, Wyatt Norrie, Chris Tacheny, Andrew Tacheny

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

#### *Third Sunday of Easter*

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 † Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 † 1 Peter 1:17-23 † Luke 24:13-35

### **Learning and Fellowship Between Services**

#### **This Week (April 12)**

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall  
Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, 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)  
St. John's Forum (9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)  
Accompany (9:45–10:40 a.m., Undercroft)

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# **Announcements**

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

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in honor of Ann Nicholson's birthday from her loving 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), contact the church office. Next available dates: May 10, 17 and 31.

Today at the 10:45 a.m. worship service, 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders are invited to take communion from the pottery cups they created at our Communion Retreat earlier this year. We will also be serving the communion bread they made at the retreat!

**St. John's Forum: State of Northfield Hospital + Clinics & the Purchase of Northfield Allina Clinic Today, 9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary**

Join us for a discussion of the state of Northfield Hospital + Clinics and the purchase of the Northfield Allina Clinic. Learn:

- why this is important for the future of the hospital & community
- why this makes financial sense
- what's staying the same and what is changing
- what else is happening at NH+C

This is an opportunity to hear and spread factual information and expand understanding among community members about the business of providing quality and accessible healthcare in and around Northfield.

**St. John's Forum: ELCA's "Sumud: for Justice in Palestine and Israel" Initiative Next Sunday, April 19, 9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall**

Maddi Froiland, Program Director for Sumud, will share the work of the ELCA's partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL), and why justice in Palestine and Israel is an urgent matter for our church, our faith, and our community of American Christians. After graduating from St. Olaf, Froiland volunteered for the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission in the West Bank, and later served as communications officer to Bishop Azar in Jerusalem for three years.

**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 and was appointed to the Central Methodist Mission (CMM) in Cape Town until 2023. Using Daniel Erlander's book *Manna and Mercy* (a book we use for Confirmation here at St. John's), 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. Go to [www.alanstoreyinminnesota.org](http://www.alanstoreyinminnesota.org)

## Announcements (continued)

### **Annual Spring Church Yard Clean Up**

**Saturday, April 25, 8:00 a.m.–Noon**

The Property & Grounds Board requests your assistance. All are welcome to attend, as many hands make less work! Please bring your own brooms, gloves, rakes, wheelbarrows for spreading mulch, shovels, leaf blowers, tarps, leaf bags, clippers, and dandelion diggers. Garden trailers and/or trucks are needed. Thank you!

### **Out'n About: *Conversations with Minnesotans***

**Monday, April 27, 9:00–11:30 a.m., St. John's Hall**

Our first speaker will be Margo Krager, who will share information on fabrics used for costumes for movies, TV, and quilters in "*Fabric with the Look of Bygone Eras.*" Earl Weinmann will be the second speaker of the morning with "*Grading Papers to Grilling Wieners: A Retirement with a Purpose.*" Register for this event by emailing [outnabouto22@gmail.com](mailto:outnabouto22@gmail.com) or calling 507-301-9094. Cost is \$15 for speakers and refreshments or \$20 for speakers, refreshments, and lunch. This is payable the day of the event (cash or check only).

### **Habitat for Humanity Volunteers Needed**

Habitat is in need of volunteer help cleaning up a couple of homes for the next families that will move into them. They are empty and only need light cleaning, such as wiping down surfaces. One home is newly constructed, so it's full of dust. The other is a single family house and is fairly clean already. Habitat provides all of the cleaning products. If you can help with this, the days and times are flexible. Please contact Jodi Wagner at [habitatricecounty.org](http://habitatricecounty.org) or 507-403-7868 if you can assist with this simple, yet important task. Thanks!

### **Lifting Voices Very First Choir Concert**

**Saturday, May 2, 1:00 p.m., FiftyNorth**

Join us for "Travelin' Tunes" under the direction of Kristin Kivell with support from Dan Kallman at the piano. Lifting Voices, a new choir in Northfield for people living with dementia, their care partners, and volunteer singers, has been rehearsing since January. The group looks forward to sharing their music and stories with the community. Admission is free; donations are welcome.

## Children and Youth

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Catechism Retreat**

**Saturday, May 2, 10:30 a.m., Undercroft**

3<sup>rd</sup> graders, along with a parent/guardian, are invited to attend a retreat on the Sacrament of Baptism. Please contact [Julie Brehmer](mailto:julie.brehmer@parish.org) if you are unable to attend.

### **Kid's Night Out**

**Friday, May 1, 5:30–8:30 p.m.**

More information is coming soon!

## 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*

Fred Huemoeller, Avis Reed, Darlene Schloeder (mother of April Fitzloff)

*Those celebrating the baptism of*

Tyson Gorg, son of Morgan and Kolt Gorg

Bailey Laabs, son of Ava Little and Joseph Laabs

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Ruth Smestad Anglin, Mary Cisar, David Halsor, Greta Matzner-Gore,

Dagfinn Moe, Dolores Nelson, David Norman, Alice Rickert,

Ingrid Alberding, Glen Norgaard (father of Brett Norgaard)

*All who are homebound, including*

Janice Helgeson, Carol Johnson

*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*

Contact 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.

**WEDNESDAY**  
*Night Meals*

**Come share a meal!**

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

Menu for Wednesday, April 15:  
*Enchilada Bake*

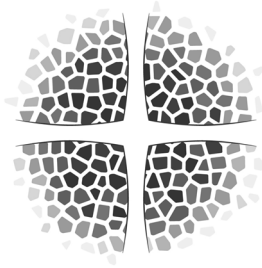
**All are welcome!**

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

<b>Monday, Apr. 13</b>	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Monday Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
<b>Tuesday, Apr. 14</b>	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 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 Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
<b>Wednesday, Apr. 15</b>	11:30 a.m. 3:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:15 p.m.  7:00 p.m.	Gathering of Contemplation and Prayer, Fireside Room Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall Wellspring Craft & Conversation, Fireside Room Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room St. John's Chorale, Room 209
<b>Thursday, Apr. 16</b>	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall Cannon River Conference Meeting, St. John's Hall Audit Committee, Fireside Room Suzuki Kids, Room 19 Thursday Night Big Book Group (AA Meeting), Youth Room Rejoice Ringers Rehearsal, Sanctuary
<b>Friday, Apr. 17</b>	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, Apr. 18</b>	9:00 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
<b>Sunday, Apr. 19</b>	8:30 a.m.  10:45 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 12:15 p.m.	Worship, Sanctuary <i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 11.)</i> Worship, Sanctuary 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Baptism Retreat, St. John's Hall Accompany Welcome Lunch, Offsite



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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.*