



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 4, 2025 † 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** — Sonata in C Major

Tomaso Albinoni

*Marty Hodel, trumpet*

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 391

“This Joyful Eastertide”

## \*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

- ☐ Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud  
your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to  
us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☑ **Amen.**

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Children's Message

**First Reading** — Acts 9:1-6

Spark Story Bible, page 514

<sup>1</sup>Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him,

“Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” <sup>5</sup>He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.”

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

## Psalmody — Psalm 30

Antiphon: John Bell

*Antiphon: Lord, you can turn all mourning into dancing,  
evenings of grief to mornings of great joy.*



<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift- | ed me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph | over me.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD my God, I cried | out to you,  
and you restored | me to health.

<sup>3</sup>**You brought me up, O LORD, | from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down | to the grave.**

<sup>4</sup>**Sing praise to the LORD, | all you faithful;  
give thanks in ho- | ly remembrance.**

<sup>5</sup>God's wrath is short; God's favor | lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes | in the morning.

<sup>8</sup>I cried to | you, O LORD;  
I pleaded with | my Lord, saying,

<sup>9</sup>**“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?**

<sup>10</sup>**Hear, O LORD, and have mer- | cy upon me;  
O LORD, | be my helper.”**

<sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing | into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing;  
O LORD my God, I will give you | thanks forever. *Antiphon*

## Second Reading — Revelation 5:11-14

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!”

<sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might  
forever and ever!”

<sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## \*Gospel Acclamation



## \*Gospel — John 21:1-19

Pew Bible, page 883

*Before the reading:*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

*After the reading:*

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 556

“Morning Has Broken”

(8:30) \***The Nicene Creed**

*Front of ELW hymnal, page 104*

(10:45) **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism** — *Front of ELW hymnal, pages 227–231*

*The Triune God proclaims **Valerie Susan McGuire** as a beloved child this morning in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Valerie's parents are Katherine and Martin McGuire, and her sponsors are Jack Mueller and Megan Rabenberg.*

## Presentation

**P** People of God, do you promise to support Valerie  
and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

**C** We do.

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

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



You have put on Christ; in him you have been bap-tized. Al-le-lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

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*(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,

**C** hear our prayer.

## **\*Peace**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** **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) "The Pilgrim's Aiding"

Ralph M. Johnson

*God be with you in every pass, Jesus be with you on every hill, Spirit be with you  
on every stream, headland and ridge and lawn; each sea and land, each moor  
and meadow, each lying down, each rising up, in the trough of the waves,  
on the crest of the billows, each step of the journey you go.*

*– Carmina Gaedlica III, tr. Alexander Carmichael*

*This piece was composed in loving memory of Rev. Karl Jacobson.*

*St. John's Chorale*

(10:45) "Morning Prayer"

Nicholas Palmer

**\*Offering Hymn — "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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**

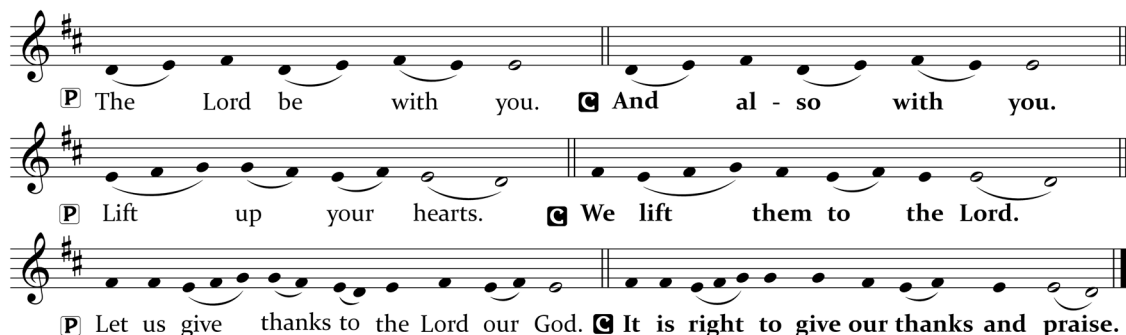
**L** Let us pray.

**C** **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

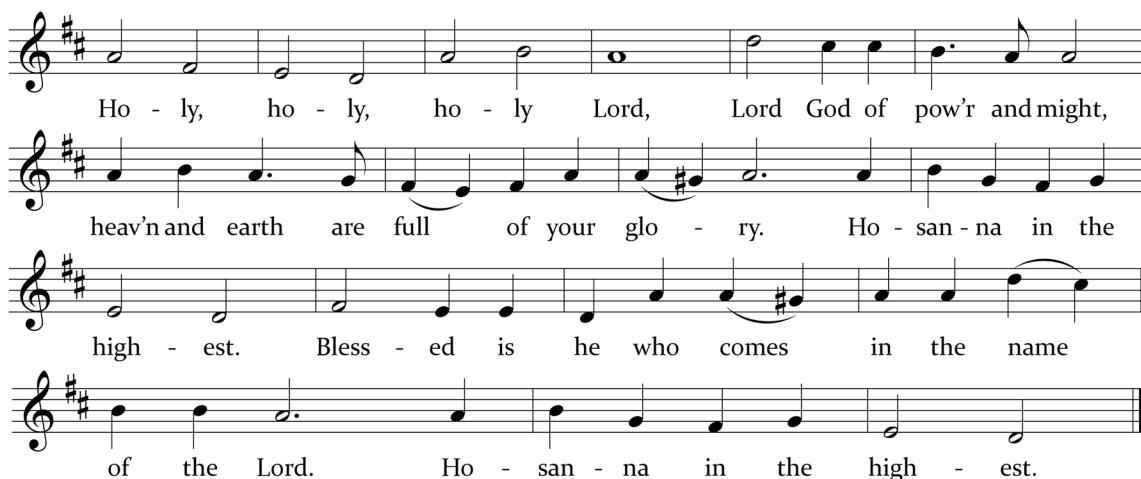


**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**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.

### (8:30) Anthem — “True Light”

Spiritual; arr. Keith Hampton

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Almighty God is light. He lives in us as true light. In the beginning, out of darkness, God created true light. Don't let the light that you've given me die, and don't desert my mind. But let the one who serves you praise you again and again. You are the one who judges right from wrong. Your glory excites no envy. Everywhere I go, I want the world to know: God gave the world true light!*

### Hymn — ACS No. 966

“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”

### Hymn — ACS No. 992

“Now That the Daylight Fills the Sky”

## \*Post-Communion Blessing

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

**\*Prayer after Communion**

- ℒ Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
- ☞ Amen.

## DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

**Recognition of Tenth Anniversary at St. John's**

Pastor Jonathan Davis, Associate Pastor

**\*Blessing**

*Response:* ☞ Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn — ACS No. 991**

“Go to the World”

**\*Dismissal**

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

**Postlude — Trumpet Tune in C Major**

Tomaso Albinoni



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

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenschner
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Christine Engstrom (10:45) McBroom Family
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Trumpet	Marty Hodel
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale Guest Conductor, Ralph M. Johnson
Soloists	(8:30) Robert Shaw, Shayla Gleason; Church Music Interns
Communion Prep	Craig Schultz
Communion Cleanup	TBD
Greeters	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	Stewardship Board
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Bob Tabery, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Chuck Cannon, Jon and Alison Kavanaugh, Gordon Moore

## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (May 11):**

### ***Fourth Sunday of Easter***

**Acts 9:36-43    †    Psalm 23    †    Revelation 7:9-17    †    John 10:22-30**

## **Learning and Fellowship Between Services**

### **This Week (May 4)**

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall  
Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons  
Pastor Jonathan's Ten-Year Anniversary Recognition (9:45-10:30 a.m., 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)

### **Next Week (May 11)**

"Spring into Summer" 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)

# **Announcements**

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

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in loving memory of Emese Posfay by Eva Posfay, Pepe Kryzda, and Cecilia Kryzda. 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 Leah Garlie. Next available dates: June 1 & 8 and August 3, 10 & 24.

## **Pastor Jonathan Davis Marks Ten Years at St. John's**

**Today, 9:45 a.m., St. John's Hall**

Today we celebrate Pastor Jonathan's tenth anniversary of service to St. John's with a reception. The Stewardship Board will provide special treats, and the Executive Committee will lead a brief time of appreciation at 10:00 a.m.

## **Last Sunday of Sunday School on May 11, "Spring into Summer" Event**

"Spring into Summer" with an intergenerational event in St. John's Hall from 9:45–10:30, including fun activities like building a birdhouse, creating seed bombs, boat racing, cotton candy, hiking sticks, games, and more! Plus, delicious strawberry desserts! Hope to see you there!

- Sign up to bring your favorite strawberry dessert to share. Ideas are pie, cake, crisp, cobbler, bars, cookies, pastries, etc. Whatever you dream up! St. John's will provide whipped topping. A few helpers for plating desserts, serving coffee, and cleaning up are also needed. Sign up in the Commons, or contact Angie Gehring at [sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org), or sign up in CCB under Strawberry Sunday.

## **Pub Theology**

**Tomorrow, Monday, May 5, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Froggz**

*Topic: "Dehumanization."* (rescheduled from April 28)

There are a variety of ways that our communities can make individuals or groups of people into "others." How do we human beings continually fall prey to the tendency to deny the humanity of others? What ways have you seen this happen in your own thinking? Our article discusses what happens when dehumanization goes big, and what safeguards we can place in our hearts and in our communities to stop it.

## **Advance Care Planning Open House/Workshop**

**Tuesday, May 6, 4:00–6:00 p.m., St. John's Hall**

At this open house hosted by the Faith & Health Board, trained Advance Care Planning facilitators will be available to answer your questions and assist you in starting, completing, revising, and/or notarizing your health care directive. Adults of all ages are welcome to come anytime during the 2-hour open house to meet with a facilitator. Feel free to bring your own blank or partially-completed health care directive; blank documents will also be available. This service is being provided free of charge by the Nfld Area End of Life Choices Matter Group. If you have questions, please contact Susan Lohmann at 507-271-3005 or [susanmlohmanna@gmail.com](mailto:susanmlohmanna@gmail.com).

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **Celebrating 150 Years of St. John's Women**

**Saturday, May 10, 10:00 a.m.–Noon, St. John's Hall**

On Saturday, May 10, we will kick off our year-long celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women's contributions to the work of St. John's. We invite all women (she/her, they/them) of the congregation to join us in recognizing this milestone. Please stop by the registration table in the Commons to reserve your seat. There is no cost to attend. **If you would like to volunteer to make egg dishes or muffins or set up decorations and tables to help make this event extra special, please find us at the table between services.**

## **Reminder of Deadlines**

Please send all submissions electronically to Leah Garlie at [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

- Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Due by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

## **Children and Youth**

**Grades K–5 are invited to Northfield's YMCA on Wednesday, May 14, for our End of the Year Celebration!**

The Wednesday after-school buses will pick up at the elementary schools as they normally do. Once kids arrive at St. John's, the bus will take us to the "Y." All kids are invited even if they did not participate in Wednesday after-school programs. Here's the plan:

- 3:40 p.m.: Bus leaves for the "Y" from St. John's (east side by the playground)
- 4:00–5:15 p.m.: Kids can play in the gym and or the pool—bring your swimsuit!
- 5:15 p.m.: Parent pick up at the YMCA (1501 Honeylocust Dr.)

Please let Julie know if your child will not be attending if they usually ride the after-school bus. Parents, let [Julie Brehmer](#) know if you are willing to chaperone.

## **Road Trip: On the Go with God!**

VBS is hosted by St. John's, Bethel, and St. Peter's Lutheran Churches and Emmaus Church.

When: Monday, June 9–Thursday, June 12, from 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Ages: Entering K–Grade 3, Fall 2025

Where: St. John's Lutheran Church

Cost: \$15/child; \$30/family, payable the first day of VBS

Scan the QR code to register.



## **Good Earth Village Summer Camp Registrations Are Now Open**

**Northfield Week is June 22–27**

Good Earth Village, located in Spring Valley, is open for 2025 summer registration online. Check out the schedule and registration fees on Good Earth Village's website at <https://goodearthvillage.org/summer>. St. John's gifts each camper a portion of the fee. Registration Discount: Siblings can receive 25% off with code SIBLING2025.

## **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*

Marie Benson, Fred Huemoeller, Mary Ellen North, Kent Rommereim,  
Jenn Cohorst, Lainey Smith (granddaughter of Dodie and Gordie Mickelsen)

*Those celebrating the baptism of*

Valerie Susan McGuire, daughter of Katherine and Martin McGuire

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Bill Carlson, Greta Matzner-Gore, Dolores Nelson, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Kathy Vang,  
Ruth Smestad Anglin, Ingrid Alberding, Darlene Schloeder (mother of April Fitzloff)

*All who are homebound, including*

Laila Burns Hedstrom, Janice Helgeson

*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**



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

Menu for Wednesday, May 7:  
*Mostaccioli*

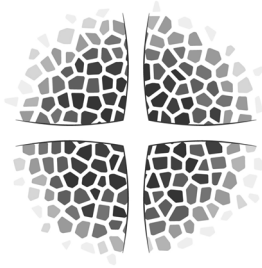
**All are welcome!**

*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, May 5</b>	9:00 a.m.	WELCA Executive Board Meeting, St. John's Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Froggz
	7:00 p.m.	Northfield Girl Scouts Troop Leaders, Undercroft
<b>Tuesday, May 6</b>	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
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	4:00 p.m.	Advanced Care Planning Open House/Workshop, St. John's Hall
	5:30 p.m.	"Revelation Unveiled: An Enduring Hope" via Zoom
	6:30 p.m.	Wellspring Circle, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room
<b>Wednesday, May 7</b>	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Knitters, Fireside Room
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
		Politics & Faith Discussion, St. John's Library
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
<b>Thursday, May 8</b>	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library
	1:30 p.m.	Elizabeth Circle, St. John's Library
	4:00 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
<b>Friday, May 9</b>	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, May 10</b>	9:00 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
	10:00 a.m.	WELCA 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Brunch, St. John's Hall
<b>Sunday, May 11</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
		<i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 11.)</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.*