

# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH MESSENGER

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February 2020

A monthly Publication of  
St. John Lutheran Church

Worship Schedule  
Saturday Worship  
6:00 PM

Sunday Worship  
8:00 & 10:30 AM  
Sunday School 9:15 AM

Pastors

Pastor Mark Johnson  
Pastor Sarah Timian

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## Families Moving Forward

### Mark your calendars for Families Moving Forward

An Opportunity for you to volunteer to  
help those without a home.  
They will be housed here at St. John  
beginning the week of February 16th.  
Can you help?  
**More information inside**



**Youth Mission Trip Dinner**  
**With Silent Auction and Entertainment**  
**February 23, 2020**  
**See more information inside**

**Soup and Sandwich Suppers**  
**February 26 thru April 1**  
**Starting at 5:30**  
**Watch for menu each week in**  
**the bulletin**



**Ash Wednesday**  
**February 26th**  
**6:30p**

## *From Pastor Mark*

This year, in Confirmation, we are going through the Bible. A few weeks ago, the lesson was about the prophets. Over the course of seven centuries, from the 8th through the 2nd centuries B.C., the prophets were individuals who rose up to speak a word of the Lord to the people of Israel. There were non-writing prophets (meaning there is no book in the Bible from them). 2 of the greatest prophets, Elijah and his successor, Elisha, were non-writing prophets. You can read their stories at the end and beginning of I and II Kings. There were also writing prophets (with a book named after them in the Bible). 5 of these are so-called major prophets (mainly because their books are longer) and 12 of them are minor prophets. You'll find the major prophets in your Bible from Isaiah through Daniel and the minor prophets from Hosea through Malachi.

Most people think of a prophet as someone who predicts the future. However, the role of the prophets in Old Testament Israel was really more about shining a spotlight on the ways that the people had forsaken God's way and the consequences of that. Two significant things were called out by the prophets. First, the people had violated their relationship with God, forsaking God and worshiping idols. Since the First Commandment says, "I am the Lord your God, you shall have no other gods before me," this was a serious matter. The second thing the prophets pointed out was how the people had violated their relationship with each other (and through that, with God). The rich were getting richer and the poor were getting poorer. Injustice and corruption were rampant. The commandment to "love your neighbor as yourself" was largely forgotten. The nation was rotting from the inside out.

The prophets warned that the people would be called to account. Judgment was coming. But the prophets also offered hope. Even though the people would suffer, God would not forget about them. Although their sins would have consequences, God would not abandon them.

Now, of course, the issues the prophets were so concerned about were not just relevant back in Bible times. They are still relevant today. Technology has changed but the human heart remains the same. And so the role and the words of the biblical prophets continue to resonate today.

That said, the role of a prophet is not just confined to Bible times, either. If we say that a prophet is someone who sees the context within which they live and who speaks a needed word to people in their own time and place then, in this sense, we could say that Martin Luther was a prophet, speaking a needed word to the people of his time and calling them back to the gospel message of God's grace in Christ. In our own time, Martin Luther King, Jr. rose up with a needed voice, calling people to repent of their prejudices and offering the hope of a more just and equal society.

With this in mind, I invited our Confirmation students to think of themselves as a prophet. What are some of the issues within our society that call for a voice to be lifted up? If they were to speak a needed word to the people of our own time and place, what would they be concerned about? Each of our students wrote a topic on a sticky note and we collected them all and placed them on a bulletin board in the front of the class. I was impressed by their list. Some of their concerns included:

*The Need to gain power over people through money, politics, race, social position and status*  
*Environmental Health for plants and animals*  
*Pollution*  
*Plastic in the Oceans*  
*Global Warming*  
*The Water Crisis in Flint, Michigan*  
*Health Care and Working for Cures*  
*Gun Violence / Feeling Safe*  
*Political Parties Fighting*  
*Murdering / Stealing*  
*Vaping and the Drug Epidemic*  
*Homelessness*  
*Poverty*  
*Hunger / Starvation*  
*The Refugees in the World*  
*Bullying / Spreading Kindness and Love*  
*Rude Behavior*  
*Being Kind and Faithful and Serious About Faith*  
*Injustice*  
*Selfishness and caring better for others*  
*Preserving and Learning from History*  
*Racism*

How about that for a list! These young Confirmands are listening and aware and they are concerned about the world that we live in. The need for prophets to speak and for people to respond continues to be vital. What are the consequences of our current behaviors? How can we seek and work for positive change? How does our faith connect in practical ways to the way we live? The story of the prophets continues in our day and time. How are we listening? And what are we doing?

## From Pastor Sarah

### I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

Do we? Last week I was reminded that while we may want to tell the story of our faith, we may not actually know it that well. Each week in church we read pieces of it from a few different books, but we don't always connect them to the larger narrative or talk about their context.

What happened to make Amos say, "I hate, I despise your festivals"?<sup>1</sup> Who are the Corinthians? Why did we need prophets? How is Joseph connected to Moses? What is the significance of the Promised Land or the New Covenant? Who is Deborah? What is Edom?

We have a wealth of stories to share— a whole library of books in the Bible filled with lessons and examples of faith that we could learn from and apply in so many situations. The Lectionary— the pre-set selection of readings we use each week in church— helps us read more than just the same few high points or a pastor's favorite passages.

However, we still don't get to all of it, and we often miss out on some important context and nuance. We might not discover some of the faithful examples we could look to for guidance and support in our everyday lives.

I'm not sure if it's possible to address this in the 10-20 minutes we have for Scripture and Reflection during Worship. Maybe it is. I'll think about that, but let's also think about this.

Maybe there's a way for each of us to do more, too. Seek out that information. Go after it. Join the Bible Studies and Wednesday Youth Classes— that's actually where these questions came from in the first place. Once you start going a little deeper and learning even just a little more, that's when you realize there's a richer and more complex understanding of faith to carry with you into the complex world. That's when our faith and our relationship with God deepens because we learn more and more about it.

That's when this story becomes one we love to tell.

If you are already diving deeper into Scripture, then you've maybe already seen how you can learn something new each time. You've maybe seen how lines in hymns and liturgies can take on new meaning. Go back again— a fresh reading or new life situation can change what you hear and understand, too.

If you are just starting, I encourage you in those first steps. Take a few minutes each day to read through a book in the Bible— start with a Gospel. I hope you continue to dive more deeply into our faith narrative and see how you are part of it, too. Know that your church and your pastors are here to help and support you. Don't hesitate to share questions— or exciting new insights.

*I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.<sup>2</sup>*

<sup>1</sup>Amos 5:21a

<sup>2</sup> Katherine Hankey and William E. Fischer, "I Love to Tell the Story," ELW #661, Verse 3. Text and music Public Domain.

## February Children's Ministry Update

The Children's Ministry team is comprised of individuals who have put in so much to ensure that not only their children, but those of others' know and love God. We invite **YOU** to prayerfully consider joining the team. We have a very active youth ministry at St. John and need many volunteers to help with different events and planning. If you'd like to see what it's all about, please join us at our next meeting. If you have questions, please ask a team member or email us at [youthsjlc@gmail.com](mailto:youthsjlc@gmail.com)

### Sunday School Update

We started January with lessons on "Jonah and the Whale", also referred as "Jonah and the Big Fish". The moral of this story is that you cannot run away from God's plans. The **book of Jonah** is about God and how great his heart is toward prodigal sons and daughters who run away from him. God never gives up on **Jonah** and the people of Nineveh because He is loving, compassionate and slow to anger. In the month of February, children will learn all about Moses as a baby, his life and

Thank you to all the Sunday School teachers who volunteered to keep our children entertained in the youth room, during the annual meeting on January 26th, so that parents and other teachers were able to attend. In place of regular Sunday School classes, the children enjoyed crafts, a movie and snack during the meeting.

**Upcoming Dates: Sunday, February 16th: NO CLASS**

### Connect Update

During the month of February Connect will continue to be focused on the Old Testament. This will include the books of Psalms, Proverbs, Job and Ester. Wednesday, February 26th is Ash Wednesday and the start of the Lenten season. In place of regular classes, students are expected to attend the Wednesday Evening Lenten Services with their family and/or classmates and fill out family worship sheets. There will be no regular class or pizza for Connect students during the season of Lent (Feb 26th - April 15th). Remember that Lenten service worship sheets **DO NOT** count towards sermon notes. Students are still expected to regularly attend Saturday or Sunday services and submit sermon notes.

Peace,  
The Children's Ministry Team

### **The picture Directories are here!**

The Directories are printed and ready to be picked up this Sunday, Feb 2.

If you had your picture taken for our new picture directory your name will be on your directory.

If you did not have your picture taken, watch for more information to come about getting a directory.



### **Ash Wednesday and Midweek Lenten Services**

February 26th is Ash Wednesday this year and marks the beginning of our midweek Lenten schedule here at St. John. **Our Lenten schedule for each Wednesday will be as follows:**



**5:50-6:20 Supper the Gathering Area-** (hosted by our Confirmation small groups and Mission Trip Youth with proceeds going to support our youth.)

**6:30p Worship Service in the Sanctuary**

Following our Ash Wednesday service on February 26th, our Midweek services will feature the Holden Evening Prayer Service including members of our congregation taking the opportunity to share with the rest of us what being a Christian means to them. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us for these special evenings together.

## *Families Moving Forward*

We will be, again, participating in the Families Moving Forward program when it hosts 4 homeless families during the week of February 16<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Lutheran Church. You can volunteer by either making contact with our church office or by signing up on line by putting this into your browser:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444A5AD2FA4FC1-stjohns1>

There will be 10,000 homeless people in Minnesota tonight-- 6,000 in our area; 2000 of them will be children; 1000 of these children will be under the age of 5.

### **WHEN DID WE SEE YOU A STRANGER?**

### **"Noisy Offering" - First Sunday of Each Month**

Our Sunday School is sponsoring a "Noisy Offering" the first Sunday of each month. During our regular offering time, our kids are invited to bring an offering up to the front of the church and put it in a jar. It's noisy and fun and generous. And it's fun to watch our children run and walk and smile and look serious and be joyful and giving and full of life.

Please mark your calendar and bring some extra money for your child to share on these first Sundays. And, if you don't have a child, give some money to one you see and ask them to run it up for you. That way, we can all contribute together. Thanks!

### ***The Newsletter is on our Website***

Did you know you can view St. John's newsletter on the website? When you go to the website click on Connect and look on the pull down for "Our Newsletter". Click on that and choose the newsletter you want to read and click on the link. To be notified by email that a new newsletter is available, go to "Join our newsletter" and submit a request to be placed on the list. You will then be taken off the mailing list for newsletters.

*Youth Mission Trip*  
**DINNER**

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Dinner – Silent Auction – Entertainment

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**St. John Lutheran Church**  
148 S. Chestnut Street Belle Plaine, MN  
February 23, 2020 • 4:30pm doors open  
5:00pm Salad, Lasagna, Bread, Dessert, Non-Alcohol Drinks Served  
Auction and Entertainment to Follow

- Tickets are \$15, two for \$25, or 4 for \$45

Tickets are available at the church office, from mission trip students or at the scrip card table.  
Limited number of tickets will be available at the door for \$15/each.  
St. John Youth Mission Trip group will travel to Vermont this summer. Please keep them in your prayers.

### ***Are you interested in helping with videotaping our services?***

With the new equipment almost ready to go, we will be having training on how to run the new equipment. We would love to have more people involved in this. If you are interested in helping, please call the office to be placed on the list.

Thanks



# February 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>2</p> <p>Randall Anderson Myron Bratsch Luella Bromaghinn Cassidy Burkmann Robin Fink Deborah Hagen Rick Martin Josie Schmidt Linda Schwichtenberg</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Alverna Laabs Marvin Laue Dave Menke Elissa Moonen Austin Oldenburg Brock Pavlicek Mark Siemon</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Marcia Kiewel Mikayla Olson Connor Vycital Graham Wendt</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Alexis Edberg Cheryl Flynn Rebecca Johnson Joanne Musick Zoe Otting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Jane Baker Carsen Ladd Katherine Wermerskirchen</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Lynne Jeurissen Kim Koepp Brent Schwichtenberg Amara Smith</p>	<p>8</p> <p>McKayle Siemon Sherrie Simcox</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Elizabeth Koonst Marty Siemon</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Bryn Davis Tucker Kritzman Luke Luskey</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Karen Bessel Delores Merkley</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Alissa Henning Derek Hoffman Angela Kahle Lavonne Moore Jacob Olson Larry Schmidt</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Courtney Eppen Matt Mellgren Sharon Schulz</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Julie Adelmann Maria Jonason Aiden Koepp Evan Koepp Leah Schaefer</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Kathy Stauffacher Dominic Veerkamp</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Nick Davis Joshua Schultz Virgil Youngblom</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Savannah Berg Crosby Carlson William Costello MaryAnn Koonst</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Jacob Koepp Dale Mercado Michael Ritsch</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Dennis Aretz Connie Haas Sydney Paulson Brian Schmidt Jacob Siemon</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Benjamin Hagen Evan Muehlenhardt</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Baylen Anderson Beverly Stier Thomas Weiland</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Marcy Boblitt Brian Fahey Pamela Koepp Alan Schulz</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Charles Koepp Jonathan Vinkemeier</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Sven Berg Tyler Grubin Braeden Salusbury Becca Schwichtenberg Sue Steinhagen Jason Thaeernt</p>	<p>27</p> <p>McKenzie Koepp Ally Schultz Eva Tharaldson</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Zachary Tracy</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Andrew Hagen</p>

# February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 7:00 Weight Watchers 10:00 Scrapbooking 6:00p Worship Service
2 8:00 & 10:30 Worship Services 8:30-1:00p Boy Scout Breakfast 9:15 Sunday School	3 8:00 Men's Bible Study 6:30p Boy Scouts	4 10:00 Cardinal Ridge Service 11:00 Lutheran Home Service 1:00p Quilting 1:00p Kingsway Service	5 4:30p Youth Choir 5:30p Pizza 6:00p Connect/Confirmation 6:30p Adult Choir	6	7	8 7:00 Weight Watchers 2:00p Girl Scouts 6:00p Worship Service
9 8:00 & 10:30 Worship Services 9:15 Sunday School 5:00p Girl Scout Meeting	10 8:00 Men's Bible Study 6:30p Boy Scouts	11 9:30 WELCA Bible Study 1:00p Quilting	12 4:30p Youth Choir 5:30p Pizza 6:00p Connect/Confirmation 6:30p Adult Choir 7:00p Personnel Meeting	13 7:00p Stewardship Team meeting	14	15 7:00 Weight Watchers 6:00p Worship Service
16 <b>Families Moving Forward</b> 8:00 & 10:30 Worship Services	17 <b>Families Moving Forward</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study 1:00p Private party in Gathering Area 6:30p Boy Scouts	18 <b>Families Moving Forward</b> 1:00p Quilting 7:00p Book Club	19 <b>Families Moving Forward</b> 4:30p Youth Choir 5:30p Pizza 6:00p Connect/ Confirmation 6:30p Adult Choir	20 <b>Families Moving Forward</b> 6:30p Church Council	21 <b>Families Moving Forward</b>	22 <b>Families Moving Forward</b> 7:00 Weight Watchers 6:00p Worship Service
23 8:00 & 10:30 Worship Services 9:15 Sunday School 4:30p Mission Trip Fundraiser Dinner	24 8:00 Men's Bible Study 6:30p Boy Scouts	25 1:00p Quilting	26 4:30p Youth Choir 5:30p Soup & Sandwich 6:30p Ash Wednesday Service 7:30p Adult Choir	27	28	29 7:00 Weight Watchers 6:00p Worship Service

Unapproved St. John Lutheran Church Council Minutes  
January 16, 2020

President Chris Stier called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Present:** Pastor Mark Johnson, Pastor Sarah Timian, Council Members; Brian Schmidt, Chris Zellman, Jim Eggers, Angie Kahle, Bob Fairbanks, Sandy Schultz, Amy Franck. Staff: Curt Johnson and Rae Fimon.

**Opening Devotions:** Pastor Sarah led the devotions. She gave us a review of all the resources that are available right within our hymnal. There are weekly and daily lectionaries in the back of the hymnal, as well as prayers for special occasions in the front of the hymnal. Pastor Sarah read from Galatians Chapter 1, vs. 6-12, Paul's letter to the Galatians telling them to follow the gospel, followed by a prayer for those seeking a deeper knowledge of God.

**Approval of Minutes:** Members of Council reviewed the minutes from the December 19, 2019 Council Meeting. Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the meeting minutes.

**Pastor Mark's Report**

We enjoyed good weather and had a good turnout for our **Sunday School Christmas Program** on December 22 and our Christmas Eve and Day Services on December 24 and 25. With the advent of the new year, we are looking ahead, coordinating staff and calendars, and planning upcoming events. Soon, it will be Lent!

As usual for this time of year, it has been a busy time preparing for the **annual meeting**, with all the various reports, the agenda and all of the information that goes into it. The Nominating Committee has completed a full slate of candidates for the Church Council, the Foundation Committee, the Personnel Committee, the Assistant Head Usher position, as well as Camp Onomia delegates.

Connect and Confirmation Small Group Leaders had an opportunity to meet without the kids present to discuss how the current year, what is going well and what can be improved. For the most part, the year is going very well. There were also a couple of things mentioned that will be followed up on.

**Regular and Ongoing** pastoral ministry, including preparation and participation Sunday Services, baptisms, weddings, funerals, visitation in homes and hospitals, administrative duties with staff and committee meetings, Southwest Conference meeting, communications and correspondence, etc.

**Pastor Sarah's Report**

**Youth Ministry**— Students are continuing to plan for next summer's Mission Trip to Vermont. The Mission Trip Dinner Fundraiser has been postponed from Saturday, January 25 to Sunday, February 23, due to scheduling issues.

**Connect and Confirmation**— Connect and Confirmation Leaders met on January 8 to discuss the year so far and plans for the second semester, and regular classes resumed on January 15. Students and adult leaders will be volunteering at Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen again on January 22. Postcards have been sent to all Connect and Confirmation students with January reminders as well as updates on each student's worship note progress. Another mailing will be sent to Confirmation Students at the end of January/beginning of February with information on the Lenten Dinners and Worship Services as well as Confirmation Camp.

**Ongoing Items**— Worship Leadership for Saturday and Sunday Services; Meetings with Connect and Confirmation Leaders and Students; Pastoral Conversations and Visits; Ministry Team Meetings as needed and available; Planning and Preparation for events, meetings, newsletter articles, classes, communication pieces, mailings, worship services, etc.

**Staff Report:**

**Custodial:** nothing new to report

**Treasurer:** The **General Fund** did not have a great December. Revenue is about \$42,000.00 short of projected commitment. Revenue is up 5% over 2018. Expenses, however, were \$10,000.00 lower than expected so our net shortfall is approximately \$32,000.00 in the General Fund. The General Fund was not able to repay any loans to the Building Fund or Foundation in 2019.

The **Building Fund** has a balance of about \$50,000.00 after loans to the General Fund. In 2018 an additional principal payment was made on the mortgage. We were not able to do that in 2019.



**Transfers In - none**

**Transfers Out – none**

**Ongoing Business**

Ashton Pankonin of KMF Advisors reviewed the Foundation investments with the Council and answered council questions about the investments. There are 2 investments; Jackson Annuity and a Mutual Fund. The Jackson Annuity \$75,000.00 investment with a death penalty allows for an annual 5% withdrawal. This withdrawal does not affect the initial \$75,000.00 investment. The \$75,000.00 Mutual Fund is in a moderate 60/40 mix of stocks and fixed income. Ashton says this is a common mix for non-profit organizations. The Mutual Fund had an increase of 7% for the year. After the presentation by Ashton, and discussion by the council, motion was made, seconded and all in favor to proceed with the guaranteed 5% annual draw from the Jackson Annuity with the disbursement to be determined as part of the annual budget. This annual disbursement will be set up for every February. Another motion was made, seconded and all in favor that the February 2020 disbursement be used for Camp Onomia expenses.

**New Business.**

The Council reviewed the 2020 Budget and report for the January 26 Annual Meeting.

**Ministry Team Updates**

The Communications and Technology Ministry Team met and is reviewing website additions and changes. They have also discussed advertising on facebook for church events, soup and sandwich suppers, Easter breakfast, etc. A trial period can be purchased and we can see how that works. Service recording was also discussed. The City of Belle Plaine prefers the services on thumb drives and it is suggested that we have an external hard drive for storage of services. Chris Zellmann will purchase 3 thumb drives for rotation of services to the city and an external hard drive for storage. Cost could be less than \$100.00

Building and Grounds Ministry Team Tim Moonen is stepping down as chairman and would also like to step down from managing and being the point person for the rental properties. He has been the acting “landlord” for about 10 years. Thank you Tim for all your hard work!

Constitution Update Team Sandy Schultz reports that she is down to the last 3 years of the Constitution update.

Thank you so much to Sandy for all your hard work on our Constitution.

Discussion was held on a Fall Festival for 2020 or a Spring Festival, and the possibility of having 2 committees, one for a fall event and one for a spring event and rotating those events each year. This will be mentioned at the annual meeting and follow up to see if there are individuals interested in serving on these committees.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. followed by a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Franck, Church Council Secretary

## FEBRUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

As you read through the worship assistant rotation schedule, take note if you are scheduled and make sure you have it on your calendar! Thank you for your participation!

<b>February 2 Worship Assistants</b>	
<b>Coffee Hour:</b> Boy Scout Breakfast <b>Altar Guild:</b> Jan Effinger, Zoe Otting & Andi Otting	
<b>Pizza Helpers:</b> Daron/Trisha Anderson <b>Pizza Patrol:</b> Greg Meyer & Amanda Olson-Stier	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>8:00</b></p> <b>Acolytes:</b> Leo Siekmann <b>Greeters:</b> Wes Koepf <b>Lay Readers:</b> Bryn Davis <b>Communion Assistants:</b> Brian & Deana Siekmann <b>Ushers:</b> Curt & Cheryl Johnson, Bryn Davis, Corey Johnson, Craig Johnson, Dale & Susan Stier, Ethan Bessel, Savanna Berg	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10:30</b></p> <b>Acolytes:</b> Violet Holtberg & Norissa Feldhake <b>Greeters:</b> Brent & Wendy Koepf <b>Lay Readers:</b> Chris Moylan <b>Communion Assistants:</b> Sam Schmidt & Andrew Bauleke <b>Ushers:</b> Louis Longhenry, Allen LaTour, David & Sara Bungarden, Austin Mehlin

<b>February 9 Worship Assistants</b>	
<b>Coffee Hour:</b> Diane Gerres <b>Altar Guild:</b> Jan Effinger, Zoe Otting & Andi Otting	
<b>Pizza Helpers:</b> Amy Eppen & Dan Buerkle <b>Pizza Patrol:</b> Jeff Eppen	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>8:00</b></p> <b>Acolytes:</b> Josh Sparby & Lydia Sparby <b>Greeters:</b> Sharon Adelman Family <b>Lay Readers:</b> Courtney Eppen <b>Communion Assistants:</b> Curt & Cheryl Johnson <b>Ushers:</b> Curt & Cheryl Johnson, Bryn Davis, Corey Johnson, Craig Johnson, Dale & Susan Stier, Josh Sparby, Lydia Sparby	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10:30</b></p> <b>Acolytes:</b> <b>Greeters:</b> Brian & Wanda Overline <b>Lay Readers:</b> Dave Bungarden <b>Communion Assistants:</b> Steve Schroeder & Bob Fairbanks <b>Ushers:</b> Louis Longhenry, Allen LaTour, David & Sara Bungarden

<b>February 16 Worship Assistants</b>	
<b>Coffee Hour:</b> <b>Altar Guild:</b> Jan Effinger, Zoe Otting & Andi Otting	
<b>Pizza Helpers:</b> Amanda Schultz & Ashley Olson <b>Pizza Patrol:</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>8:00</b></p> <b>Acolytes:</b> Hunter Hornaman & Kellen Hornaman <b>Greeters:</b> James & Mary Karl <b>Lay Readers:</b> Albert Koepf <b>Communion Assistants:</b> Terry Siemon & Albert Koepf <b>Ushers:</b> Myron Bratsch, Kirk Franck, Matt Kes, Jeff Eppen, Brian Siekmann	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10:30</b></p> <b>Acolytes:</b> <b>Greeters:</b> Charles & Melissa Davidson <b>Lay Readers:</b> Alyana Lindahl <b>Communion Assistants:</b> Todd & Dynelle Kruggel <b>Ushers:</b> Tim Moonen, Dale Schmidt, John Winterfeldt, Samuel Schmidt, Andrew Bauleke, Dick Bristow

<b>February 23 Worship Assistants</b>	
<b>Coffee Hour:</b> <b>Altar Guild:</b> Jan Effinger, Zoe Otting & Andi Otting	
<b>Pizza Helpers:</b> Soup and Sandwich Supper <b>Pizza Patrol:</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>8:00</b></p> <b>Acolytes:</b> <b>Greeters:</b> John & Marge Grannis <b>Lay Readers:</b> Deana Siekmann <b>Communion Assistants:</b> Andy & Sue Steinhagen <b>Ushers:</b> Myron Bratsch, Kirk Franck, Matt Kes, Jeff Eppen, Brian Siekmann, Josh Sparby, Lydia Sparby	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10:30</b></p> <b>Acolytes:</b> Megan Holzemer <b>Greeters:</b> Cindy Schoenbauer & Jenny Petty <b>Lay Readers:</b> Elizabeth Koonst <b>Communion Assistants:</b> Marcy Boblitt & Lee Sauter <b>Ushers:</b> Tim Moonen, Dale Schmidt, John Winterfeldt, Samuel Schmidt, Andrew Bauleke, Dick Bristow

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- Log in or donate as a guest
- Securely and conveniently manage donations using Touch ID/Fingerprint, PIN or password

To give through the app, search your phone's app store for "GivePlus Church" or contact the church office.

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#### 1. Get Started

Enter your 10-digit GivePlus Text number and the amount you wish donate, then press send.



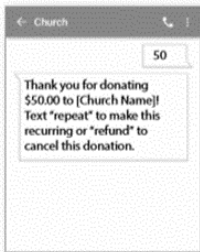
#### 2. Register

You will receive a registration link. Click the link and enter your contact and payment information. Tap "Process."



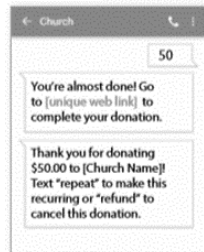
#### 3. Give

After registration is complete, you will receive a verification text as well as a receipt via email.



#### 4. Repeat

For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.



The second way to give to St. John is through a text. The instructions on how to get started are below.

If you have any questions, please call the church office.

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Change Service Requested

**Monthly Events**

First Tuesday-  
10:00am Cardinal Ridge Service  
11:00am Lutheran Home Service  
1:00pm Kingsway Service

Second Tuesday- Women's Bible Study 9:30 am  
Kitchen Area

**Weekly Events**

**Monday's**

8:00 am Men's Bible Study at Kingsway

**Tuesday's**

1:00pm Quilting

**Wednesday's**

4:30pm Youth Choir

6:30pm Connect/Confirmation Classes

7:30pm Adult Choir

**Saturday's**

6:00 pm Worship Service in Gathering Area

**Sunday's**

8:00 & 10:30am Worship Services

9:15am Sunday School