

This Week at St. John's Lutheran

TODAY	8:00 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	9:15 am:	Sunday School
	9:30 am:	Bible Study
	10:30 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper Pr. Briel Retirement Celebration following service Adult Open Gym
	4:00 pm:	
MON:		
TUES:	9:00 am:	Adult Bible Study
	6:30 pm:	PTL Meeting (Conference Rm)
WED:		
	6:00 pm:	Public School Catechism
	6:15 pm:	Brass Practice
	7:00 pm:	Choir Practice
	7:30 pm:	Adult Open Gym Basketball
THUR:		
	7:00 pm:	Deacons Meeting (Conference Rm)
	7:00 pm:	Strategic Planning Mtg (Aux Rm)
FRI:	8:00 am:	Chapel~Family Groups
SAT:		
SUN:	8:00 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	9:15 am:	Sunday School
	9:30 am:	Bible Study
	10:30 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	4:00 pm:	Adult Open Gym

Those Serving Next Week, Sunday, January 14th:

Altar Guild:		Jan Steig & Lois Anderson
Worship Assistants:	8:00 am:	Tom Eversman
	10:30 am:	Dan Holthus
Acolytes:	8:00 am:	Isaac Vogt & Sam Vogt
	10:30 am:	Naomi Schilling & Emma Kanz
Ushers:	8:00 am:	Dan Kolander, Matt Kolander, Mike McFerrin, Rich Oakland
	10:30 am:	David Giefer, Ed Kemna, David Kliche
Money Counters:		John Meyer, Bob Radintz, <i>Craig Schutte</i> , Bill Walters



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School
January 7, 2018

† The Baptism of Our Lord †

VERSE: Alleluia. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground! Alleluia. (Ps. 143:10)

Sermon: "Jesus' Epiphany at the Jordan Satisfies All God's Expectations" (Matt. 3:13-17)

Preacher: Pr. Steven Briel

Liturgist: Pr. Matthew Moss

Kantor: Dr. Crystal Rossow

Prelude: Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heavenly Light; The Only Son From Heaven;
How Lovely Shines the Morning Star (J. S. Bach)

Offering: Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come (Mark Bender)

Postlude: From God the Father, Virgin-Born (Benjamin M. Culli)

Choir: St. John's Adult Choir

Brass Ensemble: Trumpets~ Kevin Pomerence, Johanna Rossow
Horn~ Gretchen Kliche
Trombone~ Tom Eversman

Processional: 8:00 am: Crucifer~ Rolf Preus
Torchbearers~ Maddy Gangelhoff, Bella Paguio
10:30 am: Crucifer~ Kaitlyn Eder
Torchbearers~ Ashlee Eder, Jared Rainy

Altar Guild: Jan Steig & Lois Anderson

Worship Assistants: 8:00 am: Joe Koehler
10:30 am: Dean Noren

Acolytes: 8:00 am: Bradley Kruse & Andrew Wandersee
10:30 am: James Wicht & Evan Pulju

Ushers: 8:00 am: Dan Kolander, Matt Kolander,
Mike McFerrin, Rich Oakland
10:30 am: David Giefer, Ed Kemna, David Kliche

Money Counters: Dave Giefer, Tim Lodholz,
Bob Stashenko, Jack Wold

THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for Rev. John Fehrmann and his work with Confessional Lutheran Educational Foundation(CLEF) in other nations.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for our Office Secretaries and for our many appreciated members of school support including Teacher Aides, Subs, Retirees, Admin Assistants, and Library Volunteers.

SCHEDULE FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER: At the Reformation the Lutheran Churches celebrated the Lord's Supper "every Sunday and on other festivals" (Apology XXIV, 1). We follow this fine custom and so offer the Lord's Supper every Sunday at both morning Divine Services. Individual glasses are used in the 8:00 a.m. Divine Service on the first Sunday in the month and in the 10:30 a.m. Divine Service on the second Sunday in the month. All other celebrations use the chalice.

BIRTHDAYS THE WEEK OF
January 7 - January 13

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
Denise Jeddloh	Jade Nelson Andrew Windsperger Stacie Windsperger
MONDAY	THURSDAY
Michael Broberg Joel Johnson	
TUESDAY	FRIDAY
Emmy Haag	Rocky Johnson Bob Radintz
	SATURDAY
	David Day Tristan Provo

If you notice an update is needed, kindly advise the church secretary to make sure we have the correct information to publish.

Jr./Sr. High Youth

GET CONNECTED: Are you in 6th-12th grade? Are you a parent of a youth in 6th-12th grade? If you answered yes to either of those questions, then I want to hear from you! We have many youth group events throughout the year and I want to make sure YOU know about them. Please email me (Jayme Kruse) so that I can put you on the email list and keep you informed throughout the year! - jayme.kruse@gmail.com Also, be sure to request to join the "St. John's Youth Group" private group on FB!

BIBLE CLASS TOPICS

1/7: Why is Epiphany called the Gentile Christmas? What countries celebrate Christmas on January 6 (Epiphany) instead of December 25? Who is a Gentile? Are we Lutherans considered Gentiles? Why or why not? Should Mrs. Kliche give out Christmas gifts to all who come to class on Epiphany? Why or why not?

1/14: Is satan real? Can we always blame satan 100% when we sin? What does the Bible say about satan? How many names does he have? How does he work? How can we recognize his ploys to bring us down? How can we keep our faith strong to counteract him?

Please lock all doors before leaving this building.

If you unlock to enter, please lock as you leave!

† The Order of the Divine Service †
- The Festival of the Baptism of Our Lord -

Opening Hymn: LSB 401 "From God the Father"
(v. 2 men, v. 3 women, v. 4 choir)

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

P(astor): Dear friends in Christ, St. Paul tells us that we are buried with Christ by baptism into His death and raised with Him to a new life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of holy baptism by which we once renounced the devil and all his works and all his ways and promised to serve God faithfully in the holy Christian Church.

Do you renounce the Devil and all his works and all his ways?

C(ongregation): I DO RENOUNCE THEM.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: YES, I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

C: YES, I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS 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 INTO HELL. THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD. HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND SITS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY. FROM THENCE HE WILL COME TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C: YES, I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE HOLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY, AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING.

P: Is it your sincere desire to continue steadfast in this faith and in the promise of your baptism and, as a member of Christ's Church, to be faithful and diligent in using the means of grace and prayer?

C: YES, WITH GOD'S HELP.

P: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

C: AMEN. BY GOD'S GRACE I WILL LIVE IN MY BAPTISM EVERY DAY AS I DROWN MY OLD ADAM BY DAILY CONTRITION AND REPENTANCE SO THAT HE MIGHT DIE WITH ALL SINS AND EVIL DESIRES. MAY GOD

THEN BRING FORTH IN ME EVERY DAY THE NEW MAN WHO WILL EMERGE AND ARISE TO LIVE BEFORE GOD IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PURITY FOREVER.

Baptismal Hymn: LSB 594 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

Scripture Readings & Responses: LSB 190-191

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Hymn of the Day: LSB 407 "To Jordan Came"
vs. 1-4 (v. 2 choir, v. 3 men, v.4 women)

Sermon: "Jesus' Baptism—An Epiphany Assuring Us that All God's Expectations Are Satisfied" (Matt. 3:13-17)

Hymn of the Day: LSB 407, vs. 5-7 "To Jordan Came"

The Prayer of the Church

The Offerings are Gathered

The Offertory: LSB 955 "Let the Vineyards"

The Lord's Supper: LSB 194 ff.
Distribution Hymns: LSB 405; LSB 395

Dismissal and Closing Liturgy: LSB 199 ff.

Closing Hymn: LSB 399 "From Wilderness to Jordan Came"

1. From wilderness to Jordan came / The final Prophet to proclaim / That Judgment soon was to begin / To punish Israel for their sin.
2. Although of Abraham's descent, / Since all have sinned, all must repent / And, like the Gentiles, undergo / A baptism, and its import show.
3. But when Christ came, no judgment dire / Did He pronounce with venging fire; / Himself the baptism underwent, / The sinless, perfect penitent.
4. On Him the Spirit as a dove / Descended, and the Father's love / Voiced His approval that the Son / Mankind's salvation had begun.
5. All glory, Lord, to You we pay / For Your Epiphany today; / And to the Father tribute bring, / As by the Spirit here we sing.

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SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK AND NEXT: *no special feast days this week.*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort—Rick Bymark (wife Jackie, son Hank), Lynn Slauson, Bill Radintz (son of Paul & Diane), Bill Wacker, Dorothy Schutte, Gail Ledstrom>moved to West Virginia (her address can be found on the printed homebound/military list), Pam Linton (daughter of LaVerne & Arlene Bagne), Doris Gangelhoff, and Katie Titler (daughter of Joe & Cilla Nadeau). Our Lord Jesus, who reached out to heal and comfort the sick and dying, continues to reach out with His healing Word through us. Cards, phone calls, and prayers are always appreciated. If you know of someone who is sick or hospitalized, please inform your pastors.

Our homebound members are Linda Bredenber, Dorothy Cooper, Sue Erickson, Audrey Hansen, Marlys Johnson, Inez Koehler, Steve Orbin, Gerald Oswald, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, Betty Schmiege, Ilene Shepherd, and Bill Wacker.

All those serving in our Armed Forces—Agenà Hamilton (Oklahoma), Nicholas Malikowski (California), Kevin Mazurowski (Idaho), Nathan Mazurowski (Texas), Brian and Veronica Pruhs (Hawaii), Joseph Radintz (home), Marty Schiltz (home), and Andrew Zupfer (home).

Those who have lost loved ones during the past year—Jane Kothrade and family (at the loss of her father Loren Zander), Karen Orth (at the loss of her mother Elaine Larson), Tim Kanz & family (at the loss of his father William), the family of Harold Bauermeister, Lori Kaiser & family (at the loss of her father Raymond Kinzler), Ed Kemna & family (at the loss of his brother Ted), the family of Marcella Faue, the family of Elaine Underdahl, Katy Briel & family and Erik Preus & family (at the loss of their mother Donna Preus), Dan Kolander & family (at the loss of his father Donald), Marv Cummins & family (at the loss of his brother Larry), Gloria Burns & family (at the loss of her mother LaVonne Richert), the family of Caroline Christophersen, Mark Coombs & family (at the loss of his father Paul), and Karen MacMillan & family (at the loss of her mother Yvonne Johnson).

And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones—the family of Alex Hansen, and Scott Gehl & family (at the loss of his father William).

THE SERVICE OF INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION is available the first Thursday of every month in the sanctuary from 6:30 until 7:00 pm or by appointment. Take advantage of this opportunity to hear God's Word of forgiveness spoken to you individually in Jesus' Name. "If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

EACH QUARTER: FIVE COPIES OF LARGE PRINT PORTALS OF PRAYER will be available to share with those who need this magazine in larger print.

"LUTHERAN HOUR" this week on WCCO 830 AM at 6:00 a.m., WWJO 98.1 FM at 7:30 a.m., and KRWC AM Buffalo at 9:30 a.m.

MISSION: See Pastor David Preus's Fall Newsletter on the narthex table for the latest updates. Remember also the Rev. Daniel Jastram and his wife Joan who have been deployed to Japan and the Rev. Charles Wokoma in Nigeria. Your regular financial gifts are desperately needed by these missionaries; with your prayers and financial gifts you take part in our Lord's great commission to make disciples of all nations.

TWO LARGE PRINT LSB HYMNALS NOW AVAILABLE: (4 NOTEBOOKS) Please ask the ushers about the notebooks that are now available for those who have difficulties with small print hymns.

PARENTS: We're happy you've brought your children to worship today. Jesus says, "The kingdom of God belongs to such as these." If you must leave during the service for any reason, please be aware that there are also exits at the front of the sanctuary to the left and right; that you will be able to hear the service over loudspeakers in the entrance area and in the upper room to the left of the sanctuary; and that there is a changing table in the restroom near the elevator.

THE DIVINE SERVICE The *Divine Service* is the time when God serves His people with His forgiving grace in Word and Sacrament. It is not a time to be entertained. To show she is not a sect or cult the Lutheran Church retained the historic liturgy as much as was possible. The liturgical service makes no attempt to meet current cultural norms or personal needs but is the time when God comes in Word and Sacrament to meet our deepest spiritual needs. The Lutheran Church uses an ordered liturgy so that God's holy "priesthood" can participate and "declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9). The Augsburg Confession concludes, "It is quite clear that among us nothing in doctrine or ceremonies has been accepted that would contradict either Holy Scripture or the universal Christian Church (AC, Conclusion).

INTROIT Ps. 89:1, 26-28; antiphon: Liturgical Text; Ps. 89:20

Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,*
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.
I have found David, my | servant;*
with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.
I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, for- | ever;*
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.
He shall cry to me, "You are my | Father,*
my God, and the Rock of my sal- | vation."
And I will make him the | firstborn,*
the highest of the kings | of the earth.
My steadfast love I will keep for him for- | ever,*
and my covenant will stand | firm for him.
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**
Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,*
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.
I have found David, my | servant;*
with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:1-7

¹Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.
⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

GRADUAL Ps. 72:18-19

Blessed be the LORD, the God of | Israel,*
who alone does | wondrous things.
Blessed be his glorious name for- | ever;*

may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and | Amen!

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

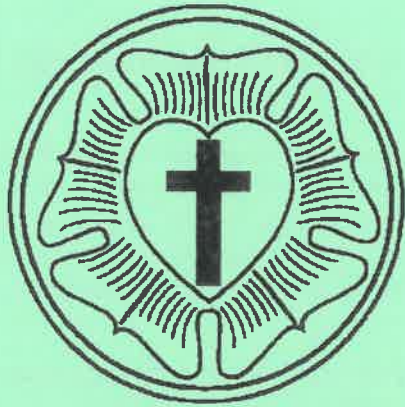
Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

DAILY READINGS

January 7: Ezek. 1:1-14, 22-28; Rom. 1:1-17; **8:** Ezek. 2:1-3:11; Rom. 1:18-32; **9:** Ezek. 3:12-27; Rom. 2:1-16; **10:** Ezek. 18:1-4, 19-32; Rom. 2:17-29; **11:** Ezek. 33:1-20; Rom. 3:1-18; **12:** Ezek. 34:1-24; Rom. 3:19-31; **13:** Ezek. 36:13-28; Rom. 4:1-25.

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Hymns of the Reformation Organ Recital

Sunday, February 18, 2018

3:30 p.m.

Concordia University
Buetow Music Center Auditorium
300 Hamline Avenue North
St. Paul, Minnesota

Featuring
Jacquelyn Magnuson (CSP staff)
Sara Sorenson (CSP alum, '09)

Free and Open to the Public

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church † Announcements † January 7, 2018

BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR MOSS: The Book of Exodus has been called "the Old Testament of the Old Testament". It sets the stage for everything that comes after it! In it we hear of God's deliverance of His chosen people from slavery and death. Countless prophets and poets of the Old Testament look back to the events recorded in this book even as they look ahead to the coming of the Christ for the final deliverance from slavery to sin and Death. Join us in between services as we cull out the Charleton Heston version of Moses (and the Christian Bale version for more recent movie-goers) and learn about the real man, Moses, drawn up from a watery death in the Nile to lead God's people out of slavery and to the very land God promised to give to their fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Israel.

This week: A Reluctant Prophet Receives Signs (Exodus 4)

Next week: A Strange Encounter on the Way to Egypt (Exodus 4)

† UPCOMING SERVICES AND PROGRAMS †

TODAY

Sunday, January 07

8:00 & 10:30 am: Celebrating the Festival of the Baptism of Our Lord (Divine Services)
Following the 2nd service:

Retirement Celebration Dinner and Program Honoring Pr. Briel

Sunday, January 21

8:00 & 10:30 am:

The Transfiguration of Our Lord (Divine Services)

CONTRIBUTIONS STILL APPRECIATED: Pr. Briel's Nigerian trip this coming February to teach at Pr. Wokoma's Lutheran seminary is in need of funding for his travel expenses and the cost of instruction materials. Overages will benefit the seminary. If you are able to help with this special cause, kindly make your donation payable to St. John's and please clearly identify "Briel Feb Trip" in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity and continued support!!



END OF LIFE: Do you know God's will when confronted with decisions at the end of life? On Life Sunday, January 21st, you can pick up a copy of the Christian Version of Health Care Directives, or you can print your own copy at www.ChristianLifeResources.com

2018 MARCH FOR LIFE at the MN State Capitol is on Monday, January 22nd, at 12 noon. If you are interested in marching for life, please contact LeAnn Cummins (763-420-2317) or Gretchen Kliche (763-477-6136)

CROSS...FOOD NEEDS: Each month CROSS collects food items to be donated to the needy. Items desired from STJL during the month of **JANUARY** are: Kidney Beans/Chili Beans and Hand Soap. Thank you for helping when you can; your contributions placed in the narthex area are greatly appreciated.



2018 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES: The new boxes are available for use in the coming year and have been placed in members' church mailboxes. If you would like a church mailbox, please contact the secretary.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN EVENT: The Youth Group is organizing a FMSC event and we want YOU to attend! Our goal is to connect the youth, congregation members, school families, staff, faculty - anyone that is connected to STJL - in an event that includes fellowship as well as giving back. We reserved 140 spots and would like to fill them all! The event is on Saturday, January 27. We will have a potluck at STJL from 12:00 - 1:15 or so and then head over to FMSC in Coon Rapids for a shift from 2:00 - 4:00. Sign up on the large sign-up sheet in the Narthex or by contacting the office or Jayme Kruse!

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Sunday, December 31st: 8:00 am: CT: 88 CM: 84
10:30 am: CT: 125 CM: 91

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>Month-to-date</u> 12/31/17	<u>Year-to-date</u> since 07/01/17
Offerings Received	\$ 13,213	\$ 372,278
Amount Needed	\$ 13,635	\$ 368,145
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ (422)	\$ 4,133
% Ahead (-Behind)	-3%	1%

Please contact BOA Deacon Mike Gaffer, BOA Deacon Tom Eversman, or Church Treasurer Chad Brown if you have any questions on St. John's financial condition.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Items received by the end of the day on Wednesday will be included in the Sunday bulletin. If there is an accompanying flyer or insert, kindly provide the information by the Monday beforehand to allow appropriate processing time to accommodate your posting. Thank you!!

SCHEDULING CHURCH AND SCHOOL EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S! Please remember to check with the church/school secretary about scheduling any event! The Secretary keeps a main calendar and all church and school events need to be coordinated through this main calendar!

St. John's Missions for 2018

St. John's missions for 2017 will be LC-MS, Pastor Richard-Wokoma in Nigeria, Pastor Jastram in Japan, and Lutherans For Life.

Issues, Etc. will not be one of our missions this year. We give a maximum amount of \$1000 per year and we have enough for 5 more years. We will NOT be collecting funds for Issues, Etc. but will still be supporting it.

Pastor Richard- Wokoma serves our Lord in Nigeria and other parts of Africa. His responsibilities are the following:

- Teaches seminarians and pastors 5 days a week
- Teaches theology and history courses at the Jonathon Ekong Memorial Lutheran Seminary
- Preaches to congregations and villages throughout Africa
- Presents workshops to congregations and villages throughout Africa
- Ministers to congregations and villagers
- Dean of Chapel

Dr. Daniel Jastram serves our Lord in northern Asia and is based in Tokyo, Japan. His responsibilities are the following:

- Develops the mission plan for the area
- Implements the mission plan
- Coordinates theological education opportunities
- Supervises theological educators
- Evaluates theological educators
- Teaches courses at Japan Lutheran Theological Seminary in Tokyo

Lutherans For Life:

- Educates through conferences, workshops, printed resources and curricula, all based on God's Word
- Supports life from conception to natural death
- Equips congregations to speak out on life issues

Minnesota South District and LC-MS for on-going support to our district and synod is our fourth mission for 2018.