



Preacher/Liturgist: Pr. Matthew Moss
Kantor: Dr. Crystal Rossow

Thanks to all who serve this week:

Altar Guild: Deb Koehler,
Janine DeSplinter, Chris Wood

Choir: St. John's Adult Choir

Processional:

Crucifer~ Emma Kanz (8am)
Gavin Blanck (10:30am)

Torchbearers~

Ava Kanz (8am)
Bella Kanz (8am)
William Schutte (10:30am)
Matthew Koosman (10:30am)

Worship Assistants:

8:00 am: Tom Eversman
10:30 am: Dan Holthus

Acolytes:

8:00 am: Isaac Vogt & Jenna Vogt
10:30 am: Sam Say & Sawyer Say

Ushers:

8:00 am: Dan Kolander, Floyd Lieske,
Mike McFerrin, Rich Oakland

10:30 am: David Giefer, Ed Kemna,
David Kliche

Money Counters:

Scott Brockberg, Courtney Oakland
Craig Schutte, Deb Weinand

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Please review our statements about who may commune, found at the top of the strip on the front page of this bulletin.

Distribution Hymn: *Thy Strong Word* (setting by Carl Schalk) LSB 578

Distribution Hymn: *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* LSB 405

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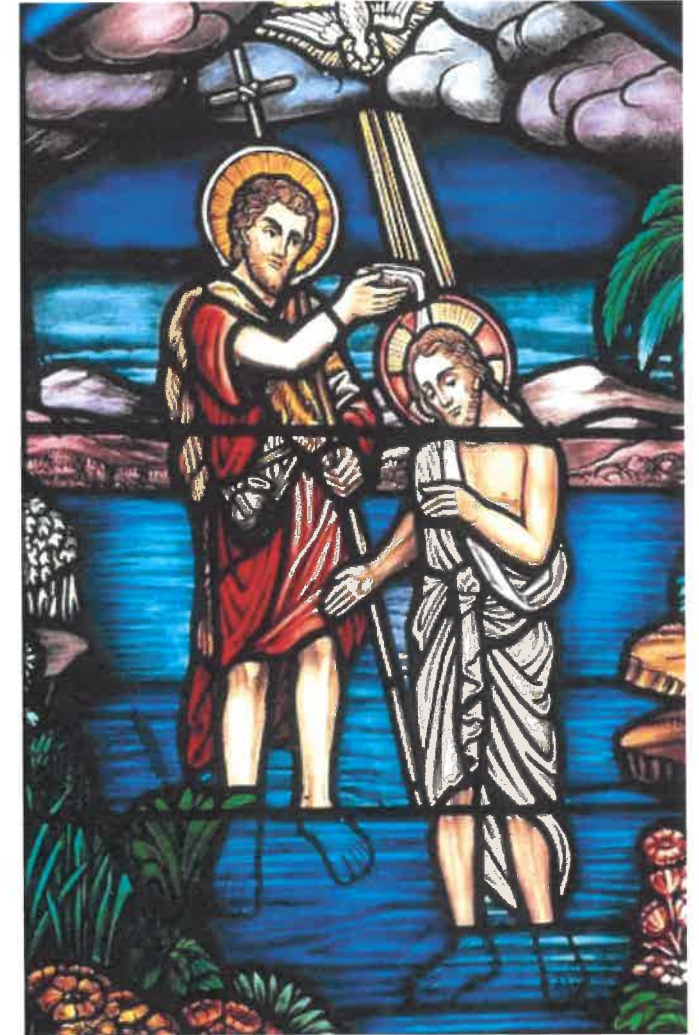
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Closing Hymn: *Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered* LSB 404

Postlude: Thy Strong Word (Paul Manz)

From Martin Luther's *Admonition to the Baptismal Party*

"I suspect that people turn out so badly after baptism because our concern for them has been so cold and careless; we, at their baptism, interceded for them without zeal...See to it, therefore, that you are present in true faith, listen to God's Word, and earnestly join in prayer. For when the pastor says, 'Let us pray,' he is exhorting you to unite with him in prayer. And all sponsors and the others present should repeat with him the words of his prayer in their hearts to God...carrying the little child's need before God most earnestly, setting themselves against the devil with all their strength on behalf of the child, and showing that they realize this is no joke as far as the devil is concerned. For this reason it is right and proper...to treat the [baptism] with seriousness and true faith, lest the holy sacrament be made a mockery for the devil and an insult to God, who through it showers us with the abundant and infinite riches of his grace. He himself calls it a new birth by which we are being freed from all the devil's tyranny, loosed from sin, death, and hell, and become children of life, heirs of all the gifts of God, God's own children, and brethren of Christ."



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† **The Festival of the Baptism of Our Lord** †
January 13, 2019

Pre-Service Verse, Prayer, and Music for Personal Preparation and Reflection

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

Prayer: O Father, when You look at us, baptized into Christ, You see Your Son and His perfect righteousness. In Him You have chosen us, called us, and kept us. Open our blind eyes and bring us out from the prison of our sin that we may thank and praise You eternally. Amen.

Prelude: Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam (Dieterich Buxtehude)

The Divine Service

Processional: *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It* (v. 1-4) LSB 594

Profession of Faith by New Members
(congregation may follow along on p.272)

Baptismal Hymn: *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It* (v. 5) LSB 594

Anthem: Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized (F. Bland Tucker; The CL Psalms of David; setting from The English Hymnal, 1906)

Old Testament Lesson: 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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!

The 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."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 3rd chapter.

C: [*sung*] **Glory be to Thee, O Lord**

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."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: [*sung*] **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day: *To Jordan Came* **LSB 406**
(v. 2 choir, v. 3 men, v. 4 women)

Sermon: "Chosen in Christ" (Is. 42:1-7; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; Matt. 3:13-17)

Hymn of the Day: *To Jordan Came* **LSB 406**
(v. 5-7)

Offertory: *Create in Me* (Psalm 51:10-12) **page 192**

Offering: Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered (Walter L. Pelz)

Prayer of the Church

† **The Baptism of Our Lord** †

- *Since the Lord's Supper is testimony of our unity in the faith, the Sacrament is reserved for members in good standing of congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.*
- *Visitors from sister LCMS congregations who agree with our doctrine and practice should announce your desire to commune to a pastor before joining us at the Lord's Table.*
- *Members may prepare by reading Luther's "Questions & Answers for those who intend to go to the Sacrament" (LSB 329-330).*

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BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION & YOUTH (Rich Oakland):

ST. JOHN'S-WIDE "FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN" EVENT: The Youth Group is organizing the 2nd Annual FMSC Event and we want YOU to attend! The goal of this event 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. Last year, we had 125 people attend the event so this year our goal is 140! The event is on Saturday, January 26. We will have a potluck at STJL from 12:00 - 1:15 and then head over (via STJ bus and/or car) to FMSC in Coon Rapids for a shift from 2:00 - 4:00. Mark your calendars and keep an eye out for a large sign-up sheet coming soon in the Narthex! (Contact Jayme Kruse with questions)

Youth Group

GET CONNECTED: We have many Youth Group events throughout the year and we want to make sure YOU know about them. Keep an eye on your email, the Church bulletin and the School newsletter for info on the events. Contact Jayme Kruse with questions on how to get connected - jayme.kruse@gmail.com/612-807-6526.

YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY (grades 5-12): The STJL Youth Group program is geared towards 6th-12th graders; however, beginning this year, we have invited 5th graders to attend Youth Group Bible Study on Sunday mornings. This gives them an opportunity to start getting to know the other kids in Youth Group as well as take advantage of age-appropriate topics we discuss. Each Sunday, between services, 5th and 6th graders will meet in the Auxiliary Room and 7th-12th graders will meet in the 6th grade (Mr. Peterman's) room upstairs. We have some great topics planned, you won't want to miss it!

Saturday, January 26 – FMSC event

- Potluck at STJL from 12:00 – 1:15 PM
Caravan/Bus to Coon Rapids location for 2:00 – 4:00 shift

† **The First Sunday after the Epiphany** †

The Baptism of our Lord

January 13, 2019

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort—Rick Bymark (wife Jackie, son Hank), Lynn Slauson, Pam Linton (daughter of LaVerne & Arlene Bagne), Robert Malwitz, Alvin Cook, Diann Bates (mother of Toya Fish), Ilene Shepherd, Brigitte Miest, and Tony Stadler. 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 Bredenberg, Dorothy Cooper, Sue Erickson, Audrey Hansen, Marlys Johnson, Inez Koehler, Steve Orbin, Gerald Oswald, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, Betty Schmiege, and Ilene Shepherd.

All those serving in our Armed Forces—Agena Christophersen (Belgium), Nicholas Malikowski (California), Kevin Mazurowski (Idaho), Nathan Mazurowski (Texas), Brian and Veronica Pruhs (Germany), Joseph Radintz (home), Marty Schiltz (home), and Andrew Zupfer (home).

Those who have lost loved ones during the past year—The family of Caroline Lucht, and the family of Dorothy Schutte, Paul & Diane Radintz (at the loss of their son Bill), John Malikowski & family (at the loss of his mother Frances), Cindy Cook & family (at the loss of her sister Jackie), the family of William Cahlander, Kathleen Cooper & family (at the loss of her father John Giguere), and the family of Ron Conley.

And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones—Steve Orbin & family (at the loss of his mother Vonnie), Russ Reznecheck & family (at the loss of his mother Doris), Mark Franz & family (at the loss of his mother Joyce), Beth Giefer & family (at the loss of her father Lyle Boyd), Dick Rau & family (at the loss of his sister Helen Kalthoff), and Dorothy Cooper & family (at the loss of her sister Millie Schumacker).

All Missionaries especially our pastor Emeritus, Rev. Briel and his wife Katy as they travel to Kenya for his semester teaching future pastors at the Lutheran seminary in Matongo, Kenya.

THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for Concordia Theological Seminary (Fort Wayne, IN) and Concordia Seminary (St. Louis, MO).

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for Tech Board Deacon Sam Kulberg & the Tech Board Members, and also for our Teachers Alicia Oldre(Fifth) and Linda Kalk (Educational Resource).

THE SERVICE OF INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION is available the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary (and by appointment any time with your pastors). 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).

† Announcements †

FROM THE PASTORS:

SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: 1/18 *The Confession of St. Peter (Acts 4:8-13; 2 Peter 1:1-15; Mark 8:27-9:1)*



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver (Prov. 25:11)" – that word is none other than God's Word. Besides the Divine Service of Word & Sacrament, there is no more valuable use of your time than studying God's Word together as a congregation.

Part 1: God the Creator- Going Deeper than Days and Hours

Part 2: God Made Them Male & Female

Part 3: "I believe that God has made me and all creatures..."

Part 4: "For all this it is my duty to thank, praise, serve, and obey"

Note: We will go slowly with these four topics and they may take up to eight weeks. Commit to attending and you won't be disappointed! God's Word never returns to Him void.

Video Recordings Available at: <http://tinyurl.com/lutheranbiblestudy>



TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: We will be on hiatus yet this week while Pastor Moss covers Pastor Johnson's catechism classes. We will resume on January 22nd.

KENYA, AFRICA: The LCMS Office for International Mission has asked Pr. Briel to go on another missionary trip. He leaves next week to teach at the Lutheran seminary in Matongo, Kenya (his last trip, you may remember, was to Uyo, Nigeria). He will be teaching there for an entire semester (January through May). He has been asked to teach four courses--Psalms, Wisdom Literature, Introduction and Survey of the New Testament, and a course called Intro. to Christian Doctrine. This time Katy will accompany him. Once again, he is in need of funds to help finance his travel and expenses while living in Kenya. God bless those who are willing to contribute to another important mission opportunity God has given him and, through him, to us here at St. John's as we do what we can to answer our Lord's command to make disciples of the nations by baptizing and teaching them God's Word. Your generosity is deeply appreciated, and contributions should be made payable to "St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church" with a note, "Briel Kenya Trip."



This Week at St. John's Lutheran

TODAY		New Member Sunday
	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 Basketball
MON:		
TUES:	9:45 am:	No Adult Bible Study Today
	7:00 pm:	Board Meetings
WED:	6:00 pm:	PS Catechism
	6:15 pm:	Brass Practice
	7:00 pm:	Choir Practice
THUR:	4:00 pm:	Estate Planning Presentation
	7:00 pm:	Table Tennis
FRI:	8:00 am:	Chapel~ Third Grade Sings
SAT:		
SUN:		Board Members Installation
	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 Basketball

Those Serving Next Week, Sunday, January 20th:

Altar Guild:		Deb Koehler, Janine DeSplinter, Chris Wood
Worship Assistants:	8:00 am:	Jerry Rogge
	10:30 am:	Ed Kemna
Acolytes:	8:00 am:	Sophia Beck & Jordan Brustuen
	10:30 am:	Miranda Blanck & Mason Brastad
Ushers:	8:00 am:	Dan Kolander, Floyd Lieske, Mike McFerrin, Rich Oakland
	10:30 am:	David Giefer, Ed Kemna, David Kliche
Money Counters:		Randy Bredenberg, Cindy Kiekow, Scott Kulberg, Nichole Schilling

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION (Tom Eversman, Mike Gaffer):

Reminders concerning weekly offerings/contributions:

Offerings received through weekly offering envelopes without contribution designations on the face of the envelope will be directed to the General Fund, to pay the ongoing expenses of the Church and School.



Ways to Give ~~

In Person...

Place checks or cash in an offering envelope and drop it in the offering plate as it goes by.



Text... St. John's New "Text to Give" # 763-225-2689

Set up a one time or recurring donation by texting the amount you wish to give. ***



Giving App...

Download the 'GivePlus Church' app to set up one-time or recurring donations. You can also manage and view your giving from the convenience of your smartphone! ***



Online...

Visit www.stjlutheran.org to set up and manage your one-time and recurring gifts. ***



***you can use the printed "I Give Electronically" cards to place in the offering plate during services.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday, January 6th ~ 8:00 am: CT: 182 CM: 142
10:30 am: CT: 188 CM: 128

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Last Week *Year-to-date*
01/06/19 since 07/01/18

Total General Fund Receipts-All Sources	\$ 50,820	\$ 796,511
Amount Needed	\$ 39,955	\$ 968,235
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ 10,864	\$ (171,724)
% Ahead (-Behind)		-18%



Current Building Mortgage Balance (December 31) \$554,974

Important Notes:

Amount Needed above includes the prior years' cumulative deficit of \$131,500 at June 30, 2018, plus the pro-rated portion of the \$53,217 Congregation-approved deficit for the current budget year beginning July 1, 2018.

Please contact Board of Admin Deacons Mike Gaffer (mtgaff@comcast.net) or Tom Eversman (Theversman@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP, EVANGELISM, WORSHIP, and ALTAR CARE (Mark Ellinger, Phil Schutte):



ALTAR FLOWERS: Are you celebrating an anniversary, birthday, remembering a loved on, or would simply like to beautify the altar? You may sign up to put flowers on the altar for Sunday church services. The flower chart is located in the hallway just outside the sanctuary. Flowers can be your own, or purchased from any florist of your choice. You are responsible for getting the flowers to the church, either by delivering them yourself or by having the florist deliver them during business hours.



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/Chili Beans and Hand Soap. Thank you for helping when you can; your contributions placed in the narthex area are greatly appreciated.



MCCL March for Life will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, on the Capitol steps in St. Paul. It starts at noon. Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) sponsors this march every year on the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. For information call LeAnn Cummins, Patty Gardner, or Gretchen Kliche



LUTHERAN WITNESS: If you would like to get the monthly Lutheran Witness magazine, please sign up with the Usher or fill out a form at the narthex table. A magazine will be placed in the church mailbox for each family that signs up.

ESTATE PLANNING PRESENTATION: Thursday, January 17th 4pm. Susan Peterson, a shareholder in the firm of Henninson & Snoxell, Ltd., is chair of the Estate Planning Department and handles Estate Planning, Probate, Estate and Trust Administration, and Elder Law. Come learn more about this as she will be conducting a presentation to share information. Please let the secretary know that you will attend for planning purposes. 763.420.2426 or secretary@stjlutheran.org



THE GALA COMMITTEE:

"Give Thanks, Give Back" Financial Update...

The Lord has again blessed us, at this past year's Gala with a profit of \$55,000!!! 75% of these proceeds will go to tuition assistance, to help families attend our school. 25% of the proceeds will be used for upcoming roof repairs. We want to sincerely thank all the people who generously gave of their time, talents or treasures to make this event a possibility. To God all praise and glory!



*Please watch for a survey regarding the 2018 event, coming soon. We want your feedback!!!

If you have further questions about the Gala, or would like to be a part of the 2019 Gala Committee, please contact Liz Glock at 612-247-4794 or lizzystu@aol.com

2019 MISSION PROGRAMS: The mission programs supported by St. John's in 2018 were *Synod, Issues, Etc., Japan/Jastrom, Lutherans for Life, and Nigeria/Wokoma*. The missions St. John's is supporting in 2019 will be announced soon. Please note: undesignated mission contributions, and mission contributions to any other than the currently supported programs, will be divided between all of the currently-supported mission options except Issues, Etc., which has a fixed annual contribution limit set by the Board of Stewardship.

BOARD OF TECHNOLOGY (Sam Kulberg):

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**CONGREGATION PRESIDENT / DEACON CHAIRMAN
(Erik Preus, Chris Kruse):**

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BOARD OF EDUCATION (Stu Glock, Dan Kolander):

TREASURER POSITION: Board of Education is currently in dire need of a volunteer for Board of Education Treasurer. If you are good with numbers and can volunteer your time we would greatly appreciate your help. We are also in need of a person to Chair the Board as the current Chair is stepping down in March. You do not have to be a member to serve in the Treasurer position. Please contact Brian Callahan, 763-242-3837, brian.callahan@centurylink.com, Stu Glock, lizzystu@aol.com or Dan Kolander, dlkolander@embarqmail.com if interested.



FUNDRAISER: Maple Grove Culver's **THIS** Monday night, January 14th, 5pm-8pm. Please come out and support our 8th Grade Students, and their Washington DC Trip!

**BOARD OF PROPERTY & GROUNDS (Kevin Pomeranke,
Dan Holthus):**

BUILDING PROJECTS / NEEDS / NOTICES:

Roof replacement project ~ We have a comprehensive plan to replace the aging school roof over the next 7-10 yrs. The SE section of the building is in the worst shape, and we would like to replace that portion next summer; estimated cost \$60,000. If we do not proceed with this replacement schedule, the damage repair cost could be even greater.

Funds are needed to start this project.



Emergency lighting replacement ~ We are replacing the emergency lights throughout the building. The cost for the lights is \$1500 and we are doing the work ourselves.

(Please consider these needs by making a special contribution to the St. John's Improvement Fund.)

FROM OTHER CONGREGATIONS:

SHEPHERD OF THE GROVE: Invitation to night of music & fellowship, Sat. Feb. 16th, Worship-6:30 pm, Speaker-7:00 pm, Concert-8:00 pm. (more info in the narthex)

FROM THE CONGREGATION AT LARGE:

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FROM THE SECRETARIES:

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.

SCHEDULING CHURCH AND SCHOOL EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S:

Please remember to check with the church/school secretary about scheduling any event; all church and school events need to be coordinated through this main calendar. Thank you!
763-420-2426 Julie A.: secretary@stjlutheran.org

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Items received by midnight Wednesday will be included in the Sunday bulletin. Kindly please submit your request timely to ensure your announcement gets published as needed. Ruth D.: secretary2@stjlutheran.org



**BIRTHDAYS THE WEEK OF
January 13 - January 19**

SUNDAY	THURSDAY
David Day Tristan Provo	
MONDAY	FRIDAY
Vivian Kuns	Reece Fish Kevin Schalo Thomas Wood
TUESDAY	SATURDAY
Mollie Lang David Lindblad Thomas Schutte	Brian Mazurowski
WEDNESDAY	
Christian Briel Nate Herman Joseph Radintz Megan Stewart	

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

**Please lock all doors before leaving this building.
If you unlock to enter, please lock as you leave!**