

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

GRADUAL Ps. 9:9-10, 18-19a

The Lord is a stronghold for | the oppressed,*
a stronghold in times of | trouble.

And those who know your name put their | trust in you,*
for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who | seek you.

For the needy shall not always be for- | gotten,*
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for- | ever.

A- | rise, O Lord!*
Let not | man prevail.

DAILY READINGS

January 28: Zech. 6:1-7:14; Rom. 16:17-27; **29:** Zech. 8:1-23; 2 Tim. 1:1-18; **30:** Zech. 9:1-17; 2 Tim. 2:1-26; **31:** Zech. 10:1-11:3; 2 Tim. 3:1-17; **February 1:** Zech. 11:4-17; 2 Tim. 4:1-18; **2:** Zech. 12:1-13:9; Titus 1:1-2:6; **3:** Zech. 14:1-21; Titus 2:7-3:15.

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Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

^{10:1}I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

¹[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last."

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 (Seventy days till the Great Feast of the Resurrection)
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TRACT: (Ps. 130:1-4)

Out | of the depths*
 I cry to you, | O Lord!
 O Lord, | hear my voice!*
 Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for | mercy!
 If you, O Lord, should mark in- | iquities,*
 O Lord, | who could stand?
 But with you there is for- | giveness*
 that you | may be feared.

PRAYER: O Lord, grant us to mark the grace and truth that comes to us in the teaching of Christ in which we hear of Your forgiveness and mercy for sinners bestowed for the sake of His perfect life on our behalf, sacrificial death in our place, and glorious resurrection from out of the depths of death for our everlasting joy. Amen.

Sermon: "From the Marketplace to the Vineyard: So What Do You Want and Why Do You Calculate?" (Matthew 20:8-10)

Preacher: Pr. Matthew Johnson

Liturgist: Pr. Matthew Moss

Kantor: Dr. Crystal Rossow

Prelude: With the Lord Begin Your Task (William Braun)

Offering: Seek Where You May (Lynn L. Peterson)

Postlude: O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace (Johann Ludwig Krebs)

Hymn Concertato: With the Lord Begin Your Task (David Cherwien)

Altar Guild: Jan Stieg & Lois Anderson

Worship Assistants: 8:00 am: Kevin Pomerence
 10:30 am: Todd Haag

Acolytes: 8:00 am: Maddy Gangelhoff & Jake Gangelhoff
 10:30 am: Reece Fish & Sam Brustuen

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

Money Counters: Duane Abraham, Jon Bode,
 Mike McFerrin, Mark Radintz

THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for Grace Lutheran Church, Brooklyn Park, and Pastor Vance Milbrath.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for Kantor Dr. Crystal Rossow together with the Choir members and the Instrumentalists, and also for our Pre-K Teacher Amy Becker.

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.

TWO LARGE PRINT LSB HYMNALS NOW AVAILABLE: (4 NOTE-BOOKS) 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. 18:1-20, 27, 32, 49; antiphon: Ps. 18:5-6a

The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;*
 the snares of death con- | fronted me.
 In my distress I called up- | on the Lord.*
 From his temple he | heard my voice.
 I love you, O | Lord, my strength.*
 The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my de- | liverer,
 For you save a humble | people,*
 but the haughty eyes | you bring down.
 [You have] equipped | me with strength*
 and made my way | blameless.
 For this I will praise you, O Lord, among the | nations,*
 and sing | to your name.

**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.**

The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;*
 the snares of death con- | fronted me.
 In my distress I called up- | on the Lord.*
 From his temple he | heard my voice.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

† Septuagesima †

- 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).

OPENING HYMN: LSB 869
 (v. 2 & 3 choir)

CONFESSION: LSB 184

INTROIT: bulletin – conclude
 with Gloria Patri on LSB 186

KYRIE: LSB 186

GLORIA: omitted

SALUTATION:
 P: The Lord be with you
 C: And with thy spirit

COLLECT: bulletin

SCRIPTURE READINGS
 Gradual: bulletin
 Responses: LSB 190
CREED: LSB 191
 (or inside back cover)

HYMN OF DAY: LSB 555
 (v. 2 & 4 choir; v. 5 men; v. 7 women)

SERMON
OFFERTORY: LSB 192
 ("Create in Me")

THE OFFERING
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
COMMUNION LIT: LSB 194ff
DIST HYMNS: LSB 622;
 LSB 557

CLSG CANTICLE: LSB 199
 ("Nunc Dimittis")

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 693

**BIRTHDAYS THE WEEK OF
January 28 – February 3**

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY	If you notice an update is needed, kindly advise the church secretary to make sure we have the correct information to publish.
Amy Becker Dana Christophersen II Thomas Cook Maddy Gangelhoff Suzanne Haag Jennifer Indgjer Martha Kulberg Derek Rosso Stephanie Thompson Benjamin Volberding	Jake Bredenber Joe Weishaar	
MONDAY	THURSDAY	
Tanya Brown Megan Brynjulfson Tom Cook Emily Sawyer	Shirley Holthus Shelby Horning Mark Radintz Gretchen Schutte	
TUESDAY	FRIDAY	
Al Berge Randy Goerke Shelly Truwe Elaine Zarracina	Vivian Radintz Marty Schiltz	
	SATURDAY	
	Doris Gangelhoff	

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!

SUPER BOWL SUB SALE - Saturday, February 3, at 10:00 am in the STJL kitchen, we will prepare the subs for Super Bowl Sunday. Then, on Sunday, February 4, we will sell the subs between and after services. Please come ready to make and sell lots of subs for the big game!!

BIBLE CLASS TOPICS 1/28: Jesus Loves You So Much; You Can Learn to Love Yourself! Drugs, alcohol, and addictions.....

2/04: Jesus: Name Above All Names; Also, how do we receive faith? How do we keep our faith? Why do some people have a strong faith and others have a weak faith? How can weak faith become stronger?

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

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(Seventy days till the Great Feast of the Resurrection)

January 28, 2018

SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: **The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord**—February 2 (Friday) Old Testament—1 Samuel 1:21-28 Psalm 84 (antiphon v. 4) Epistle—Hebrews 2:14-18 Gospel—Luke 2:22-32(33-40) Hymn of the Day—LSB 519 ("In His Temple Now Behold Him")

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, Katie Titler (daughter of Joe & Cilla Nadeau), and Troy Eder. 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 Schmiede, Ilene Shepherd, and Bill Wacker.

All those serving in our Armed Forces—Agena 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—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— Scott Gehl & family (at the loss of his father William), the family of Alex Hansen, the family of William Dodds, and the family of Caroline Lucht.

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.

† Announcements †

TRANSITIONING TO LENT: The joyous 12 Days of Christmas have ended. The visit of the magi at Epiphany has passed. The Baptism of Christ has been celebrated. Miracles and now the Transfiguration have been commemorated. As we come down from this festive mountaintop and prepare for the long, sober road of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday it is good to have a brief period of transition. This and the next two Sundays of the Church Year have been called “pre-Lent”, but their Latin names actually point us to Easter Joy – seventy days away, sixty days away, fifty days away. And the three Gospel lessons of these Sundays remind us of the three Solas of the Lutheran Reformation.

Grace Alone – Matt. 20:1-16 (Jan. 28)

Scripture Alone – Luke 8:4-15 (Feb. 4)

Faith Alone – Luke 18:31-43 (Feb. 11)



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: The Gospel for the Broken-Hearted (Ex. 5:10–6:13)

Next week: Exodus 6 & 7



DOOR OFFERING: TODAY, Sunday, January 28th we will have a Door Offering collection that we will present to Pastor Jastram as a thank you to him for his presentation and visiting with us here at St. John’s.

2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS have been prepared and distributed. They have been placed in the church mailboxes (or mailed if there is no church mailbox). Please note: the address on the statement is what we have in the church database, so if you notice that it is not current, please notify the church office so we can update our records.



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
	4:00 pm:	Adult Open Gym
MON:		No Osseo Buses
TUES:	9:00 am:	Adult Bible Study
	6:00 pm:	Adult Catechism (New Members)
WED:	6:00 pm:	Public School Catechism
	6:15 pm:	Brass Practice
	7:00 pm:	Choir Practice
THUR:	7:15 pm:	Table Tennis
FRI:	8:00 am:	Chapel ~ Family Groups
	10:00 am:	Quilters (Aux Rm)
SAT:		
SUN:	8:00 am:	Divine Service with Lord’s Supper
	9:15 am:	Sunday School
	9:30 am:	Bible Study
	9:30 am:	Youth Group Super Bowl Sub Sale
	10:30 am:	Divine Service with Lord’s Supper
	12:00 pm:	Youth Group Super Bowl Sub Sale
	4:00 pm:	Adult Open Gym

Those Serving Next Week, Sunday, February 4th:

Altar Guild:		Vivian Radintz & Lisa Kolander
Worship Assistants:	8:00 am:	Greg Christopher
	10:30 am:	Barron Cate
Acolytes:	8:00 am:	Jack Stoffels & Sam Say
	10:30 am:	Jada Clifford & William Schutte
Ushers:	8:00 am:	Larry Jobs, Rod Priebe, Jack Schalo
	10:30 am:	Joel Johnson, Ben Kemna, John Meyer, Danny Schilling, Wayne Schutte
Money Counters:		Scott Brockberg, <i>Dave Giefer</i> , Courtney Oakland, Deb Weinand

A MOST HEARTFELT THANK YOU to everyone who remembered us this past Christmas with gifts and cards. Be assured that your generosity and kindness are deeply appreciated. A blessed Epiphany to all of you as we take time to ponder the marvel of God's incarnation and appearance in our human flesh. ~ Pr. & Mrs. Briel



WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS my deep, heartfelt appreciation for all the gifts and cards and expressions of thanks I received from all of you for my years of service here at St. John's. I am truly humbled by this since I have never considered myself worthy of such adulation. Over the many years (which went by all too quickly!) I simply did what every faithful pastor should do--preached the gospel, catechized children and adults as clearly and faithfully as I could according to our Lutheran Confessions, administered the holy Sacraments according to our Lord's institution, visited the sick and

shut-ins bringing to them the sweet comfort of our Lord's Word, prepared couples for marriage, comforted the dying and their loved ones with the certain hope of the resurrection, counseled the troubled applying Law and Gospel where necessary and confirming to them our Lord's sweet forgiveness with the words of holy Absolution, I led Divine Worship every Sunday and in school chapels according to the best Lutheran liturgical tradition, supported our wonderful school and dedicated faculty and, in general, tried to the best of my God-given ability to keep all of us focused on our Lord Jesus and the sure and certain hope we have in the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation for Jesus' sake. The motto for my ministry has always been and will continue to be summarized in our Lord's command, "When you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty'" (Luke 17:10). God bless and keep each and every one of you in His grace and, by that grace and mercy, grant that we may join together in heaven to sing forever that which we have sung together so many times here on earth as we prepared to receive our risen Lord's body and blood in His Supper, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna in the Highest!" Soli Deo Gloria! ~ Pastor Briel

AFRICA: I would like to thank everyone who contributed to my upcoming trip to Nigeria. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. I'll be leaving on Monday, February 12 and returning on Monday, March 19. I will be teaching three courses at the Jonathan Ekong Memorial Lutheran Seminary where Pr. Wokoma serves as Dean of Students--Elementary Hebrew, the book of Genesis, and a course entitled, "God, Creation, and Man." I pray that the students (and ultimately the Lutheran Church in Nigeria) will benefit from my service. ~Pr. Briel



SUPER BOWL SUB SALE!!! The Super Bowl is coming up and you know what that means...so is the Super Bowl Sub Sale! On February 4, NEXT Sunday, between and after services, you will have the chance to buy some delicious Super Bowl Subs and treats made with love by your own STJL Youth Group! So bring your appetite and your cash/checks and let us provide your lunch for the day of the big game!



"GIVE THANKS, GIVE BACK" 2017 GALA FINANCIAL UPDATE: The Lord blessed us, at this past year's Gala with a profit of \$61,000!!! 75% of these proceeds will go to tuition assistance, to help families attend our school. 25% of the proceeds will be used for technology improvements in the church and school, with some money already being used to purchase laptops for the church and school staff. We want to sincerely thank all the people who generously gave of their time, talents or treasures. Mark your calendars for the 2018 Gala on Friday November 9th. To God all praise and glory!
~The Gala Committee

If you have further questions about the event, would like to be a part of the 2018 Gala Committee, please contact Liz Glock at 612-247-4794 or lizzystu@aol.com



PROPERTY & GROUNDS UPDATE-PARSONAGE REPAIRS: A generous gift has been received which has been allocated toward much need repairs and maintenance on the parsonage including the following:



- remove and replace attic insulation due to water damage (to be done this winter)
- install new doors and windows (work will be done spring and summer 2018)
- install a new roof (this will need to be done within the next five years)

Even with this gift an additional \$25,000 is needed in order to finish all the work. If you'd like to donate to this cause please mark your envelope with "parsonage repairs" or contact one of the property and grounds deacons.

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION NEWS: Want to become more involved at St. John's? The church's current Treasurer, Chad Brown, is not seeking reelection when his term is up in March 2018. Consequently, the Board of Administration is seeking a qualified volunteer for this role. A strong financial accounting background and/or experience with Quickbooks is highly desirable. The time commitment is estimated at 8-10 hours per month. Activities would include preparing monthly financial reports and projections, reviewing financial transactions and budgets, performing bank reconciliations, communications with the congregation and other financial-related volunteers, working with the church bookkeeper, and coordinating proper treatment and acknowledgement of larger gifts and donations. If interested and for more information on the Church Treasurer role at St. John's, please contact Deacons Mike Gaffer (mtgaff@comcast.net) or Tom Eversman (Theversman@gmail.com).

CROSS...FOOD NEEDS: Each month CROSS collects food items to be donated to the needy. Items desired from STJL during the month of **FEBRUARY** are: Coffee or Tea and Cooking Oil. Thank you for helping when you can; your contributions placed in the narthex area are greatly appreciated.



SEEKING PROFESSIONAL WORKERS:

Property and Grounds would like to give congregational members a chance to bid on work needed on the property before we turn to an outside firm. We currently have work to do in these two areas:



- insulation removal and installation and roof vent work
- licensed electrician (both new wiring and replacement)

If anyone has expertise in these areas and would like to bid on a job, please contact one of the property and grounds deacons.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Sunday, January 21st: 8:00 am: CT: 199 CM: 139
10:30 am: CT: 261 CM: 152

CONCORDIA REFORMATION LECTURE SERIES: speaker Rev. Dr. Robert Kolb presents "Living as a Christian: Wittenberg Style" on Thursday, February 8 at 7:00 pm at Graebner Memorial Chapel. The lecture is free and open to the public.



CAMP OMEGA: A door offering will be held on February 11th to help raise funds for Camp Omega's building project. There has been a great increase in interest for families to attend camps as a family unit, so the intent is to provide a reservable space for families to room together. Once sufficient funds have been secured, ground breaking and building construction will begin. Your generosity will help make it happen!



FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>Month-to-date</u> 01/21/18	<u>Year-to-date</u> since 07/01/17
Offerings Received	\$ 12,782	\$ 411,057
Amount Needed	\$ 13,635	\$ 409,050
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ (853)	\$ 2,007
% Ahead (-Behind)	-6%	0%



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.

COPIES OF THE CHRISTIAN VERSION OF HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES are available at the pro-life table in the narthex. You can also print your own copy at christianliferesources.com.

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!!

ASSISTED SUICIDE is a threat to God's plan for our lives. Please sign our petition in the narthex which will be presented to the MN Legislature.

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!