

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹²“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

GRADUAL Ps. 83:18, 13

[Let your enemies] know that you alone, whose name | is the Lord,*
are the Most High over | all the earth.
O my God, make them like | whirling dust,*
like chaff be- | fore the wind.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:19-12:9

¹⁹For you gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves!
²⁰For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face. ²¹To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that! But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. ²²Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. ²³Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. ²⁴Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. ²⁵Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; ²⁶on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; ²⁷in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. ²⁸And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. ²⁹Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?

³⁰If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. ³¹The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. ³²At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me, ³³but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands.

^{12:1}I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Holy Gospel: Luke 8:4-15

⁴When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], he said in a parable: ⁵“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

⁹And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ ¹¹Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹²The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. ¹⁴And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.”

DAILY READINGS

February 4: Job 1:1-22; John 1:1-18; 5: Job 2:1-3:10; John 1:19-34; 6: Job 3:11-26; John 1:35-51; 7: Job 4:1-21; John 2:1-12; 8: Job 5:1-27; John 2:13-25; 9: Job 6:1-13; John 3:1-21; 10: Job 6:14-30; John 3:22-4:6.

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† Sexagesima †
(Sixty Days till the Great Feast of the Resurrection)
February 4, 2018

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: Heavenly Father, by Your loving hand remove from us all carelessness, shallowness, and idleness that may hinder our reception of Your saving Gospel through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sermon: "The Word of the Gospel Does it All (Scripture Alone)" (Luke 8:4-15)

Preacher: Pr. Matthew Moss

Liturgist: Pr. Matthew Johnson

Kantor: Dr. Crystal Rossow

Prelude: 8:00 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling (Stephen R. Johnson)

10:30 Sonata in C Major, Allegro (Benedetto Marcello)

Offering: Almighty God, Your Word, Your Word Is Cast (Charles Callahan)

Distribution: 10:30 Sonata in C Major, Adagio (Benedetto Marcello)

Postlude: May God Bestow on Us His Grace (Paul Bouman)

Altar Guild: Vivian Radintz & Lisa Kolander

Cellist: 10:30 am: Benjamin Mildenerger

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: Joe Koehler, Philip Koehler, Dan Orbin,
Mike Orbin, Jerry Rogge

10:30 am: Marvin Cummins, Tim Lodholz,
Dean Noren, Wayne Schutte

Money Counters: Scott Brockberg, *Dave Giefer*,
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THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for Lutheran Church of the Triune God, Brooklyn Center, and Vacancy Pastor Richard Resch.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for Property & Grounds Deacons Kevin Pomeranke & Dan Holthus and the Board Members, and our Maintenance Manager John Draskovich, and also for our Kitchen Managers, Heather Bursch & Lynn Schutte, along with all of the lunch helpers.

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. 44:1-2, 7-8; antiphon: Ps. 44:23, 25a, 26a

Awake! Why are you sleeping, | O Lord?*

Rouse yourself! Do not reject us for- | ever!

For our soul is bowed down | to the dust.*

Rise up; come | to our help!

O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have | told us,*

what deeds you performed in their days, in the | days of old:

you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you | planted;*

you afflicted the peoples, but them you | set free.

But you have saved us | from our foes*

and have put to shame those who | hate us.

In God we have boasted con- | tinually,*

and we will give thanks to your name for- | ever.

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.

Awake! Why are you sleeping, | O Lord?*

Rouse yourself! Do not reject us for- | ever!

For our soul is bowed down | to the dust.*

Rise up; come | to our help!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

† Sexagesima †

- 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 827

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 823

SERMON

OFFERTORY: LSB 192 ("Create in Me")

THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

COMMUNION LIT: LSB 194ff

DIST HYMNS: LSB 585; LSB 577

CLSG CANTICLE: LSB 199 ("Nunc Dimittis")

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 921

**BIRTHDAYS THE WEEK OF
February 4 – February 10**

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
Reese Haag Colton Monson	Rob Borcharding Denise Franz
MONDAY	THURSDAY
Gregory Christopher Kari Lindblad Dick Rau Andrew Wandersee	Trevor Bahr Timothy Bredenberg Karl Kroll Gabe Miest
TUESDAY	FRIDAY
Rachel Franz KaylaMae Holland Jolene Peterman Robert Rehmer	Sarah Ely Chelsea Lucas Nicole Lucas
	SATURDAY
	Christina Kolstad Robert Stashenko Jordan Swanson

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

Ir./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: TODAY Between services and after late service

TUBING: Sat, Feb 17th...meet at Elm Creek 6pm (parents transport); \$8/waiver req

BIBLE CLASS TOPICS 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?

2/11: Surprise topic!!

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

† **Sexagesima** †

(Sixty days till the Great Feast of the Resurrection)

February 4, 2018

SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: *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, 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 Bredenberg, 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. Last Sunday, today, and next Sunday 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)



SOLA SCRIPTURA: “Scripture Alone”, others say it, we *mean* it. “We believe, teach, and confess that the **only** rule and norm according to which all teachings, together with all teachers, should be evaluated and judged are the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures of the Old and New Testament **alone**.” That is the opening line of the Formula of Concord in our Lutheran Confessions.

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 War of the Word Begins (Ex. 6 & 7)
Next week: The First Three Plagues (Ex. 7–8)



DURING LENT the Wednesday evening schedule will have an earlier start (February 14-March 21st): Public School Catechism 5:30pm, Brass Practice 6pm, and Choir Practice at 6pm.

LENT MID-WEEK SERVICES: St. John's will have Matins Service at 1pm and Vespers Service at 7pm on Wednesdays during lent.

FMSC SUCCESS! Way to go, St. John's! With the Lord's help, we accomplished the following at Feed My Starving Children last weekend... 175 boxes filled with 37,800 meals that will feed 103 children for a year. Thank you to all who joined and helped make this a successful and fun event!

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
	9:30 am:	Youth Group Super Bowl Sub Sale(after both svcs)
	10:30 am:	Divine Service with Lord’s Supper
	4:00 pm:	Adult Open Gym
MON:	5:00 pm:	Robotics practice
TUES:	4:00 pm:	North Star Pictures
	9:00 am:	Adult Bible Study
	6:00 pm:	Adult Catechism (New Members)
WED:	2:30 pm:	Life Touch Meeting (Aux Rm)
	6:00 pm:	Public School Catechism
	6:15 pm:	Brass Practice
	7:00 pm:	Choir Practice
THUR:	7:00 pm:	Deacons Meeting (Conf Rm)
	7:00 pm:	Strategic Planning Mtg (Aux Rm)
	7:15 pm:	Table Tennis
FRI:	8:00 am:	Chapel ~ 4 th Grade Sings
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, February 11th:

Altar Guild:		Vivian Radintz & Lisa Kolander
Worship Assistants:	8:00 am:	Erik Preus
	10:30 am:	Ed Kemna
Acolytes:	8:00 am:	Zach Kappel & Samantha Brustuen
	10:30 am:	Allie Cate & Dalton Cate
Ushers:	8:00 am:	Joe Koehler, Philip Koehler, Dan Orbin, Mike Orbin, Jerry Rogge
	10:30 am:	Marvin Cummins, Tim Lodholz, Dean Noren, Wayne Schutte
Money Counters:		Randy Bredenberg, Cindy Kiekow, Nichole Schilling, <i>Craig Schutte</i>

Those Serving Next Week, Ash Wednesday, February 14th:

Worship Assistants:	12:30 pm:	Ed Kemna
	7:00 pm:	Jerry Rogge
Acolytes:	12:30 pm:	Adam Kiesow & Benjamin Kiesow
	7:00 pm:	Reece Fish & Leah Gordon

LENTEN LUNCH: St. John's welcomes you to make a reservation for lunch before Mid-Day Matins Service during Lent. Have a meal and enjoy Christian fellowship before service begins at 1:00pm. Cost: \$5 (cash or check); lunch served promptly at noon. Make your reservations by 9am that day by calling the office 763-420-2426.

February Menu:

2/14: Chicken Fajita & Fixin's, Rice, Vegetable Choice, Fruit Choice, Milk & Cookie
2/21: Chicken & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Whole Grain Bun, Veg, Fruit, Milk, Cookie
2/28: Hard or Soft Taco, Fresh Fixin's, Vegetable Choice, Fruit Choice, Milk & Cookie

March Menu to come . . .

LENTEN SUPPER: Each Wednesday during Lent, we will be serving supper as a fundraiser for our 8th grade Washington DC trip. Pick "2" for \$5.00; or all "3" for \$8.00 Soup/Salad/Sandwich (also included: water/coffee/lemonade/dessert).



Every week there will be the option of Creamy Wild Rice Soup and Turkey Sandwich; a second choice will change from week to week. Supper will be served from 5:15-6:45 p.m. Hope you can come join us!

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.



SUPER BOWL SUB SALE!!! Super Bowl Sunday is TODAY and you know what that means...the Super Bowl Sub Sale! TODAY 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!



ALTAR GUILD: The Altar Guild's next meeting is Thursday, February 15th at 7 pm. The Altar Guild is a committee that fosters a better understanding of our Lutheran worship practices and is dedicated to the care of the altar linens and paraments, communion wear, and furnishings of the sanctuary. We clean and maintain the chancel area, including washing the communion wear. All Altar Guild members are encouraged to attend our next meeting. Also, anyone who would like to find out more about the Altar Guild is also very welcome to attend.

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.



"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).



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.

DO YOU HAVE TECH SKILLS? St. John's Technology Board is looking for new members, as well as people who would be willing to help with specific projects such as networking, website, sound systems, computer programs and other technology needs of the Church and School. You would not need to join the Tech Board to help on a project. We have had a few members roll off the Board recently, but the work load has not decreased. If you are willing to serve God in this way, please contact any of the Tech Board members, or you could call Tom Gardner at 612 868-8072



Friendly Reminders

PR. BRIEL'S RETIREMENT MEMORY BOOK in the narthex for signatures is going to be given to him by the end of the week, so if you haven't had the chance to sign it and would like to, please do so now while it is still available.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday, January 28th: 8:00 am: CT: 212 CM: 135
10:30 am: CT: 174 CM: 107

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



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



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Month-to-date 01/28/18 Year-to-date since 07/01/17

Offerings Received	\$ 9,467	\$ 421,524
Amount Needed	\$ 13,635	\$ 422,685
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ (4,168)	\$ (1,161)
% Ahead (-Behind)	-31%	0%



Mortgage balance as of January 31, 2017 = \$657,407.37

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.

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!



ASSISTED SUICIDE is a threat to God's plan for our lives. Please sign our petition (on the counter at the church office reception desk) which will be presented to the MN Legislature.

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!