

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

¹The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons."² And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'³ And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?"⁴ And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁵When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before him."⁶ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."⁷ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."⁸ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by, and he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."⁹ And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these."¹⁰ Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here."¹¹ And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he."¹² Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

GRADUAL Ps. 77:14-15

You are the God who works | wonders;
you have made known your might among the | peoples.
You with your arm redeemed your | people,
the children of Jacob and | Joseph.

DAILY READINGS

February 11: Job 7:1-21; John 4:7-26; 12: Job 8:1-22; John 4:27-45;
13: Job 9:1-35; John 4:46-54; 14: Job 10:1-22; John 5:1-18; 15: Job
11:1-20; John 5:19-29; 16: Job 12:1-6, 12-25; John 5:30-47; 17: Job
13:1-12; John 6:1-21.

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Epistle: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

²Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

³Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

⁴So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Holy Gospel: Luke 18:31-43

³¹Taking the twelve, [Jesus] said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished.

³²For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

³⁵As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

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February 11, 2018

TRACT: (Ps. 100:1-3)
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all the earth! *
Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with | singing!
Know that the Lord, | he is God! *
It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his | pasture.

PRAYER: O Lord Almighty, You are our God and we are Your people, called by Your Name. Make us to be repentant hearers of Your Word who cry out to You confidently for mercy, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Sermon: "Which Way Will You Go?" (Luke 18:31a)

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

Prelude: Sonata No. 1, Op. 65 "Allegro moderato e serio" (LSB 758)
Offering: Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode (Richard W. Gieseke)
Postlude: Beach Spring (Kenneth T. Kosche)

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THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Plymouth, and Pastor Tom Stoebig and Pastor Joe Behnke.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for Congregational President Peter MacMillan & Congregational Secretary Jenny Oakland, and also for our Kindergarten Teacher Sue Schutte.

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. 31:1, 5, 9, 16; antiphon: Ps. 31:2b-3

Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,*
a strong fortress to | save me!
For you are my rock and my | fortress;*
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.
In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;*
in your righteousness de- | liver me!
Into your hand I commit my | spirit;*
you have redeemed me, O Lord, | faithful God.
Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am | in distress;*
my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body | also.
Make your face shine on your | servant;*
save me in your | steadfast love!
**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.**
Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,*
a strong fortress to | save me!
For you are my rock and my | fortress;*
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

† **Quinquagesima** †

- 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 942

CONFESSION: LSB 184

INTROIT: (bulletin) – conclude with Gloria Patri on LSB 186

KYRIE: LSB 186

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 849

SERMON

OFFERTORY: LSB 192 ("Create in Me")

THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

COMMUNION LIT: LSB 194ff

DIST HYMNS: LSB 619; LSB 731

CLSG CANTICLE: LSB 199

("Nunc Dimittis")

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 758

**BIRTHDAYS THE WEEK OF
February 11 - February 17**

| SUNDAY | WEDNESDAY |
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| Bryce Ely Jordan Schiltz Laura Wilson | Candice Batcha Larry Jobes Ashton Thompson Bruce Wilson |
| MONDAY | THURSDAY |
| Henry Bymark Gweneth Hale | Benjamin Kliche LuAn Schutte |
| TUESDAY | FRIDAY |
| | Mark Franz Devin Higgins Tammy Klockziem Kristian Lodholz Sandy Vanderpool |
| | SATURDAY |
| | Alexis Brockberg Rod Priebe Jon Theis |

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!

TUBING: THIS Saturday, February 17th...meet at Elm Creek 6pm (parents transport); \$8/waiver required

BIBLE CLASS TOPICS 2/11 Surprise topic!!

2/18: Beginning of the Christian Church ~ How and why did the Christian Church start? Who started it? When did Christianity start? Why does knowing this increase our faith?

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

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SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: Ash Wednesday, February 14th.

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), Troy Eder, and Randy Manthei (son of JoAnn & Elwyn). 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 this week on Ash Wednesday, it is good to have a brief period of transition. Today and the previous 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)



SOLA FIDE: “Faith Alone”, but what is Faith? Some define faith as an act of the *mind*, achievable only after reaching an arbitrary “age of reason”. By such a definition, infants are excluded (thus why some churches withhold baptism from them). Nor is saving faith merely a *knowledge* of historical events. Even the demons have such knowledge! Instead, we Lutherans confess that “saving faith is essentially the reliance *of the heart* on the promises of grace set forth in the Gospel.” (Franz Pieper, *Christian Dogmatics*).



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR MOSS: In our study of the Book of Exodus, we have reached a heightened *drama!* God is about to show His mighty wonders and signs. The Ten Plagues on Egypt are about to ensue! Pharaoh will repeatedly repent, but without faith God’s merciful removal of each successive plague only serves to harden Pharaoh’s heart.

This week: The Plagues Begin (Ex. 8)

Next week: The Plagues Continue...

Video Recordings Available at:

<http://tinyurl.com/lutheranbiblestudy>

NEW TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Tuesday, February 13th, Pastor Moss will take the class through the *Book of Hebrews*. We meet at 9am and will be in the *Conference Room* until the school musical has passed. You can also watch live online using Facebook Live. Just go to St. John’s Facebook page. Join us as we study this beautiful epistle which will enlighten our hearts and confirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Great High Priest.

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.

This Week at St. John’s Lutheran

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| 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: | | |
| TUES: | 9:00 am: | Adult Bible Study |
| | 6:00 pm: | Adult Catechism |
| | 6:30 pm: | PTL Meeting |
| WED: | 12:00 pm: | Lenten Lunch served promptly at noon |
| | 12:30 pm: | Ash Wednesday Div Svc, 5-8 th sing |
| | 5:15 pm: | Lenten Supper served until 6:45 |
| | 5:30 pm: | Public School Catechism |
| | 6:00 pm: | Brass Practice |
| | 6:00 pm: | Choir Practice |
| | 7:00 pm: | Ash Wednesday Divine Service |
| THUR: | 7:15 pm: | Table Tennis |
| FRI: | | No School – President’s Weekend |
| 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 This Week, Ash Wednesday, February 14th:

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| Worship Assistants: | 12:30 pm: | Ed Kemna |
| | 7:00 pm: | Jerry Rogge |
| Acolytes: | 12:30 pm: | Matthew Koosman & Naomi Schilling |
| | 7:00 pm: | Reece Fish & Leah Gordon |

Those Serving Next Week, Sunday, February 18th:

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| Altar Guild: | | Vivian Radintz & Lisa Kolander |
| Worship Assistants: | 8:00 am: | Joe Koehler |
| | 10:30 am: | Ross Meyer |
| Acolytes: | 8:00 am: | Noelle Dolan & Andrew Wandersee |
| | 10:30 am: | Colin Vetsch & Alex Vetsch |
| 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: | | Ruth Droogsma, <i>Scott Kulberg</i> , Paul Radintz, Mark Schutte |

Those Serving Next Week, Lent Mid-week Wednesday, February 21st:

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| Worship Assistants: | 7:00 pm: | John Radintz |
| Acolytes: | 1:00 pm: | school students |
| | 7:00 pm: | James Wicht |

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Rick and Lois Foggia in loving memory of their grandson, Nathan Foggia.

ASH WEDNESDAY: SJL members and guests ~ As we enter into the holy 40-day season of Lent, the Ash Wednesday services are held in our congregation at 12:30pm & 7pm. Before the service, the imposition of ashes will be offered for those who desire to participate in that custom. More importantly, since the service is the Divine Service, our Lord's Holy Supper will be celebrated as we begin the Lenten journey (pilgrimage) to Holy Week and Easter.

~Pastor Matthew Moss & Pastor Matthew Johnson

LENTEN LUNCH: Beginning February 14th, St. John's welcomes you to make a reservation for lunch before Lent Mid-Day Services. Have a meal and enjoy Christian fellowship before service begins. 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

LENTEN SUPPER: Beginning Feb. 14th, 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!

ALTAR GUILD: The Altar Guild's next meeting is this 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



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).

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



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



CAMP OMEGA: A door offering will be held **TODAY** 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!
Summer brochures for Camp Omega have arrived here at St. John's!



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.

FMSC SUCCESS! Way to go, St. John's! With the Lord's help, we accomplished the following at Feed My Starving Children January 27th... 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!

CHURCH MEMBER GIVING IN 2018: Using your assigned church envelopes or automatic deductions when making your offering will facilitate accounting of your yearly giving. When an additional offering is made for a special event, door collection, or service (such as our Midweek services during Lent) that doesn't have a pre-printed envelope identifying your gift, you can use one of our separate "Special Offering" plain envelopes-clearly provide your information with your first and last name to ensure inclusion in your church contribution records. The plain white envelopes with "Special Offering" printed on them can be found on the table in the narthex for your use as needed.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: St. John's School is hosting the 7-8th grade Conference Basketball Tournament! We need many volunteers on Thursday (2/15), Friday (2/16), and Saturday (2/17) to make this event a success. Sign up using this link: <http://signup.com/go/btoQxvM> or call Julie in the office 763-420-2426. Thank you!

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday, February 4th: 8:00 am: CT: 162 CM: 113
10:30 am: CT: 144 CM: 90



SEWING: Want to make a difference in someone's life? Want to help your child learn the joy of volunteering? Do you have a teenager needing community service hours?

Come join the Gift of Life team on Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018 from 9am - 3pm. If you can tie a knot or use a scissors, you will make a difference! Come for a couple of hours or all day. You will be able to choose to tie a blanket, cut fabric or ribbons for a project, or sew a quilt or blanket, etc.



We have materials available or if you have materials or own a sewing machine or serger, bring it along. Please bring a good cutting scissor along. We have potluck lunch, so bring food to share if you wish to join in. Breakfast or snack style items are also welcomed.

If you are unable to join us, monetary donations or supplies are welcomed. Suggested Supplies: Thread, ribbons, rick rack, fleece (1 1/2 yd cuts preferred), flannels, calico, muslin cotton, quilt batting, etc. Fabric remnants are also welcomed, as we have some very talented sewers who can piece leftovers and make great looking items.

Blankets, quilts, bibs, receiving blankets, etc. that are made are donated to Women's Source in Anoka or City Life in Minneapolis. We support young mothers who "Choose Life" in their efforts to raise their babies and young families.

Please contact LeAnn Cummins (763-420-2317), Gretchen Kliche (763-477-6136) or Diane Haag (763-498-7838) with questions.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

| | <u>Last Week</u> 02/04/18 | <u>Year-to-date</u> since 07/01/17 |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Offerings Received | \$ 9,864 | \$ 431,388 |
| Amount Needed | \$ 13,635 | \$ 436,320 |
| Amount Ahead (Behind) | \$ (3,771) | \$ (4,932) |
| % Ahead (-Behind) | -28% | -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.

CHURCH FAMILY PHOTOS: We are in beginning stages of producing our new church directory that will include photos of St. John's staff and church member families, as well as the roster of member information. The project will be managed by Lifetouch photography, and one of the first steps in the process is contacting each household by phone. Please be advised, we have provided Lifetouch with a list of our members, and they will be making phone calls in the very near future as we begin our process in the program. Our family photography sessions will be April 3 - April 14th. Our goal is to have everyone included in the new directory!



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!