

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 3:1-21

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" ²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

¹⁶To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

¹⁷And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you,

'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

²⁰The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

GRADUAL Ps. 91:11-12

He will command his angels concerning you*
to guard you in all your ways.
On their hands they will bear you up,*
lest you strike your foot against a stone.

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-16

Jesus the Great High Priest

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

"Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,"
and

"On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone."

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

⁹And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve."

¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

DAILY READINGS

February 18: Job 13:13-28; John 6:22-40; **19:** Job 14:1-22; John 6:41-59; **20:** Job 15:1-23, 30-35; John 6:60-71; **21:** Job 16:1-22; John 7:1-13; **22:** Job 17:1-16; John 7:14-31; **23:** Job 18:1-21; John 7:32-53; **24:** Job 19:1-12, 21-27; John 8:1-20.

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TRACT: (Ps. 91:1, 4a, 15a, 16)
He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High*
Will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.
He will cover you with his | pinions*
And under his wings you will find | refuge.
When he calls to me, I will | answer him;*
I will be with him in | trouble.
With long life I will sat- | isfy him*
And show him my sal- | vation.

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, lead us not into temptation, and although we are attacked on all sides by the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh, give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sermon: *"The Tempted & Sinless Christ Wins the Victory"* (Matthew 4:1-11)

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

Prelude: Aus tiefer Not ruf ich zu dir (Hans Friedrich Micheelsen) LSB 607
Anthem: Grant Unto Us Thy Peace, O Lord (Felix Mendelssohn) LSB 777
Offering: Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein (J. S. Bach) LSB 562
Postlude: O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe (Kenneth T. Kosche)

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

THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for Eternal Hope Lutheran, Brooklyn Park, and Vacancy Pastor Bill Hillyer.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for BOA Deacons Tom Eversman & Mike Gaffer and the Board Members, and for Treasurer Chad Brown, and also for our Teachers Deb Volberding (First Grade) and Gary Volberding (7th & 8th Grade).

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. 91:1-2, 9-10, 13; antiphon: Ps. 91:15a, c, 16

When he calls to me, I will | answer him;*
I will rescue him and | honor him.
With long life I will sat- | isfy him*
and show him my sal- | vation.
He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High*
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.
I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my | fortress,*
my God, in | whom I trust."
Because you have made the Lord your | dwelling place—*
the Most High, who is my | refuge—
no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*
no plague come | near your tent.
You will tread on the lion and the | adder;*
the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.
**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.**
When he calls to me, I will | answer him;*
I will rescue him and | honor him.
With long life I will sat- | isfy him*
and show him my sal- | vation.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

† **The First Sunday in Lent** †

- *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).*

THE LITANY: sung from insert

COLLECT: bulletin

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Gradual: bulletin

Responses: LSB 156

CATECHISM: LSB 321-322

HYMN OF DAY: LSB 657

SERMON

CREED: LSB 158

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY: LSB 159

COMMUNION LIT: LSB 160ff

DIST HYMNS: LSB 419
LSB 562

CLSG CANTICLE: LSB 165
(*"Nunc Dimittis"*)

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 666

**BIRTHDAYS THE WEEK OF
February 18 – February 24**

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
	Madeline Babatz Ron Mellum Susan Schutte Nichole Wilson
MONDAY	THURSDAY
Christopher Burke Jenny Ellavsky Jan Stieg Jenna Vogt	Ezekiel Borcharding Lincoln Kemna Henry Peterman Raina Peterman Betty Schmiege
TUESDAY	FRIDAY
William Halfrich Marlys Johnson Dean Kliche Jesse Kulberg	Ruth Kulberg
	SATURDAY
	Jake Gangelhoff Joe Goskey

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!

CANDY GAMBLE: Saturday, March 3, 50+ Candy Gamble Night at STJL, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, bring a dish to share.

BIBLE CLASS TOPICS

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?

2/25 The Very First Missionary... Who was the very first Christian missionary? What did he preach and teach? How does what he preached compare with what we preach here at St. John's?

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SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: *St. Matthias- Feb. 24 (Is. 66:1-2; Acts 1:15-26; Matt. 11:25-30).*

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, 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 Schmiege, Ilene Shepherd, and Bill Wacker.

All those serving in our Armed Forces— Agena Christophersen (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.

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

† Announcements †

THE SUNDAYS OF LENT: Historically, the Sundays of Lent received their Latin names from the antiphon verse of the Introit Psalm- what would have been the first words of the service prior to the innovation of the “opening hymn” and the placement of Confession & Absolution at the start of the Divine Service. The antiphon of the introit also sets the “Theme” for the day, often uniting the Scripture lessons, collect, and sermon. The first Sunday in Lent is called Invocabit (“when he calls...”) and reminds us of Psalm 91’s instruction to call upon the Lord in every trial and temptation. He will answer us with salvation!



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 Continue as Pharaoh’s Heart Hardens (Ex. 8)

Next week: The Final Plagues and Threatening Passover (Ex. 9-10)

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

NEW TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Pastor Moss is taking the class through the *Book of Hebrews*. We meet Tuesdays 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.

KIND REQUEST: PLEASE DON’T BRAID THE RIBBONS. Simply tuck them neatly into the hymnal at the end of the service. Thank you.

LENTEN LUNCH: 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:

2/21: 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: 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 5:15-6:45pm – no reservation required. Hope you can come join us!



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 School/Office Closed: President’s Day
	3:00 pm:	Robotics Practice
TUES:	9:00 am:	Adult Bible Study
	6:00 pm:	Adult Catechism
	7:00 pm:	Board Meetings
WED:	12:00 pm:	Lenten Lunch served promptly at noon
	1:00 pm:	Chapel; Lent Mid-week Matins Service
	5:15 pm:	Lenten Supper served until 6:45
	5:30 pm:	Public School Catechism
	6:00 pm:	Brass Practice & Choir Practice
	7:00 pm:	Lent Mid-week Vespers Service
THUR:	6:00 pm:	Robotics Last Practice
	7:15 pm:	Table Tennis
FRI:		No Chapel
SAT:	7:30 am:	State Robotics Tournament
	9:00 am:	ProLife Sewing (Fellowship Hall)
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, Lent Mid-week Wednesday, February 21st:

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

Those Serving Next Week, Sunday, February 25th:

Altar Guild:		Vivian Radintz & Lisa Kolander
Worship Assistants:	8:00 am:	Tom Eversman
	10:30 am:	Dean Noren
Acolytes:	8:00 am:	Jenna Vogt & Isaac Vogt
	10:30 am:	Matthew Koosman & Naomi Schilling
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:		Tim Lodholz, Mike McFerrin, Bob Stashenko, Jack Wold

Those Serving Next Week, Lent Mid-week Wednesday, February 28th:

Worship Assistants:	7:00 pm:	Dan Holthus
Acolytes:	1:00 pm:	school students
	7:00 pm:	Miranda Blanck

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

GENEROSITY AT-THE-DOOR: Sincere appreciation of your door offerings on January 28th for Pastor Jastrom which totaled \$572, and on Feb 11th for Camp Omega totaling \$344.04. Thank you!!

HEARTFELT APPRECIATION: Thank you for all the cards, greetings and well wishes. These are so welcome and appreciated.
~ Bill & Leilla Wacker

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 (i.e. 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.

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

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 THIS 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.

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!

CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY: A Congregational Assembly will be held on March 11, 2018. Yes, there will be lunch. More on that later. The primary issues of new business on the Agenda are consideration of the budget for the congregation's next fiscal year as proposed by the Council of Deacons and the consideration of a proposed resolution by which the congregation would confer Emeritus Pastor status to Pastor Briel. A packet of information, including the Agenda, proposed budget and proposed resolution, will be distributed beginning on February 25, in keeping with the requirements of our Constitution and By-Laws. As is becoming customary, a lunch will be served immediately following the conclusion of the second service on March 11. We are working on arranging assistance from our Youth Group with babysitting, so those of you with young children can participate in the meeting. The Assembly meeting will commence immediately after the lunch has concluded, approximately 12:15. All are invited to attend this fellowship opportunity and to stay for the meeting to participate in the operation of the congregation. You must be a communicant member of the congregation, in good standing, and at least 18 years of age in order to vote at the Assembly.



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday, February 11th: 8:00 am: CT: 139 CM: 114
10:30 am: CT: 185 CM: 138



FINANCIAL UPDATE	<i>Last Week</i> 02/11/18	<i>Year-to-date</i> since 07/01/17
Offerings Received	\$ 15,139	\$ 446,528
Amount Needed	\$ 13,635	\$ 449,955
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ 1,504	\$ (3,427)
% Ahead (-Behind)	11%	-1%



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

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

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