



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

Thanks to all who serve this week:

Altar Guild: Jan Stieg & Lois Anderson

Worship Assistants:

8:00 am: Tom Eversman
10:30 am: Dean Noren

Acolytes:

8:00 am: Gabriel Lodholz & Gabe Miest
10:30 am: Matthew Koosman, Joy Koosman

Ushers:

8:00 am: Dana Christophersen,
Thomas Gardner, Ray Kaiser,
Don Kalk, Davey Kulberg
10:30 am: Mike DeSplinter,
Russ Reznecheck, Craig Schutte

Money Counters:

Scott Brockberg, Dave Giefer,
Courtney Oakland, Deb Weinand

Ash Wednesday, March 6th:

Worship Assistants:

1:00 pm: Ed Kemna (Chapel)
7:00 pm: Erik Preus

Acolytes:

1:00 pm: Naomi Schilling (Chapel)
7:00 pm: Evan Orth

The Holy Gospel: Luke 18:31-43

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th chapter.

C: [sung] **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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. ³³And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." ³⁴But 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. ³⁶And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. ³⁷They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." ³⁸And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ³⁹And 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!" ⁴⁰And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, ⁴¹"What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." ⁴²And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." ⁴³And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day: *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* LSB 849
"We Live By Faith in the Word of God's Grace, and Not By the Sight of Our Own Wisdom and Strength" (Luke 18:35-43)

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Offering: Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus (Paul Manz)

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Distribution Hymn: *Word of God, Come Down on Earth* LSB 545
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Closing Hymn: *Amazing Grace* LSB 744

Postlude: Amazing Grace (Charles W. Ore)

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† **Quinquagesima** †
March 3, 2019

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

Tract: *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.* (Ps. 100:1-3)

Prayer: As our faith cries out to You in our deepest need, O Trinity, it is like a joyful noise in Your ears and like singing in Your presence for You are on Your way toward Your people to bring us the fullness of Your great salvation. Amen.

Prelude: I Bind Unto Myself Today (Benjamin M. Culli)

The Divine Service

Opening Hymn: *I Bind unto Myself Today* (v.1 choir) **LSB 604**

Confession & Absolution **page 151**

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.

The hymn of praise (Gloria / This is the Feast) is omitted in preparation for Lent

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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.

Old Testament Lesson: 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." ²And 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.' ³And 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." ⁴Samuel 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?" ⁵And 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. ⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before him." ⁷But 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." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." 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." ¹²And 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." ¹³Then 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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.

The 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. ²And 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. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹When 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. ¹²For 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.

¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

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BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION & YOUTH (Rich Oakland):

TEACH SUNDAY SCHOOL: We are still looking for Sunday School teachers. Please consider sharing your faith with the children of our congregation; volunteer forms can be found in narthex. Contact tara.eder@gmail.com 763-203-4095



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Youth Group

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

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

WHIRLYBALL MAPLE GROVE: Saturday, March 23rd, 1:00 pm (Parents transport), \$8 per person, waivers required.



**BIRTHDAYS THE WEEK OF
March 3 – March 9**

SUNDAY	THURSDAY
Samantha Carter Jill Christopher Ron Eastbourne Gretchen Haver Stacey Kanarski Lois Mellum	
MONDAY	FRIDAY
John Meine	Karin Lindblad
TUESDAY	SATURDAY
Janine Foggia Victoria Schimmel	Leah Gordon Dana Rossow Harold Schmidt Holly Von Ende
WEDNESDAY	
Karl Kroll Hunter Nygren Joyce O'Hern	

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

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March 3, 2019

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort—Rick Bymark (wife Jackie, son Hank), Lynn Slauson, Pam Linton (daughter of LaVerne & Arlene Bagne), Robert Malwitz, Alvin Cook, Diann Bates (mother of Toya Fish), Ilene Shepherd, Brigette Miest, and Tony Stadler. Our Lord Jesus, who reached out to heal and comfort the sick and dying, continues to reach out with His healing Word through us. Cards, phone calls, and prayers are always appreciated. If you know of someone who is sick or hospitalized, please inform your pastors.

Our homebound members are Linda Bredenberg, Alvin Cook, Dorothy Cooper, Sue Erickson, Marlys Johnson, Inez Koehler, Steve Orbin, Gerald Oswald, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, Betty Schmiege, and Ilene Shepherd.

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

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

And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones—Beth Giefer & family (at the loss of her father Lyle Boyd), Dick Rau & family (at the loss of his sister Helen Kalthoff), Dorothy Cooper & family (at the loss of her sister Millie Schumacker), Kristine Eversman & family (at the loss of her father Richard Wild), the family of Vivian Schutte, and the family of Bruce O'Hern.

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

THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for Peace Lutheran, Robbinsdale, and Pastor Steven Mayo Jones & SMP vicar Martin Cornes.

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 Brittany Strohschein.

THE SERVICE OF INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION is available the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary (and by appointment any time with your pastors). Take advantage of this opportunity to hear God's Word of forgiveness spoken to you individually in Jesus' Name. "If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

† Announcements †

FROM THE PASTORS:

SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: *no special feast days this week.*



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: "We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places (Eph. 6:12)." The world is very evil and Christ came to subdue the devil.

Beginning *today* and continuing through all of Lent we will study demon-possession and spiritual warfare both in the biblical texts and in the history of the Church (including present manifestations of that darkness).

March 3- The Old Satanic Foe – the devil and demons in the Old Testament
Video Recordings Available at: <http://tinyurl.com/lutheranbiblestudy>

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Our study of the *Book of Proverbs* continues this week. We meet on Tuesdays in the Auxiliary Room at **9:45 am**. You can also watch live online using Facebook Live; just go to St. John's Facebook page. We are starting the final section of the Book where Solomon includes wisdom from other wise people.



PREPARING FOR LENT: The three Sundays in between Epiphany and Lent have some of the most unique names of the Church Year. *Septuagesima, Sexagesima, Quinquagesima*. While they may be less familiar and much harder to pronounce than other foreign words in the Church's verbiage (like Advent, Lent, Easter, etc.) they remind us of a joyful truth. These three Sundays are counting us down to The Feast of the Resurrection- Easter Sunday! Seventy days away, sixty days away, fifty days away! The whole shape of the Church Year and the whole life of a Christian is focused on Easter as the epicenter of reality! Before we enter the Lenten battlefield to wage spiritual warfare with the devil, we remind ourselves that the victory is already won. Christ is risen and stands victorious! On this day, Sunday, He rose from the grave!



LENT MID-WEEK SERVICES:

Ash Wednesday, March 6 (THIS Wednesday): 1:00 pm Matins & 7:00 pm Vespers

Wednesdays (March 13-April 10): 1:30 pm Matins & 7:00 pm Vespers

DURING LENT the Wednesday evening schedule will have an earlier start, 5:30 pm, for Public School Catechism (March 6—April 17).

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



CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY: A Congregational Assembly will be held March 17, 2019. The primary issues of new business on the Agenda are the consideration of the budget for the congregation's next fiscal year as proposed by the Council of Deacons and an update on the Protect Your Ministry initiative. A packet of information, including the agenda, proposed budget and proposed resolution, will be distributed beginning on March 3, in keeping with the requirements of our Constitution and By-Laws. As we have done for the last few Assembly meetings, a lunch will be served immediately following the conclusion of the second service on March 17. We are working to arrange babysitting, so those with young children can attend the meeting. The Assembly meeting will commence immediately after the meal has concluded, approximately 12:15 pm. 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.

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
	1:00 pm:	Safety Team Meeting
	4:00 pm:	Adult Open Gym Basketball
MON:		
TUES:	9:45 am:	Adult Bible Study
WED:	1:00 pm:	Ash Wednesday Divine Svc/Chapel~5-8 th sing
	5:30 pm:	PS Catechism
	6:00 pm:	Rehearsals~ Brass: Music Room; Choir: Sanctuary
	7:00 pm:	Ash Wednesday Divine Service
THUR:	6:30 pm:	Confession/Absolution
	7:00 pm:	Table Tennis
FRI:		
SAT:		St. John's hosts Basketball Tournament
SUN:		Daylight Saving Time Begins
	8:00 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	9:15 am:	Sunday School
	9:30 am:	Bible Study
	10:30 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	4:00 pm:	Adult Open Gym Basketball

SCHEDULING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S: Please check with Julie A., church/school secretary, about scheduling any event; all church and school events need to be coordinated through this main calendar. 763-420-2426 secretary@stjlutheran.org

Those Serving This Week, Ash Wednesday, March 6th:

Worship Assistants:	1:00 pm:	Ed Kemna (Chapel)
	7:00 pm:	Erik Preus
Acolytes:	1:00 pm:	Naomi Schilling (Chapel)
	7:00 pm:	Evan Orth

Those Serving Next Week, Sunday, March 10th:

Altar Guild:		Jan Stieg & Lois Anderson
Worship Assistants:	8:00 am:	Jerry Rogge
	10:30 am:	Jack Wold
Acolytes:	8:00 am:	Jenna Vogt & Isaac Vogt
	10:30 am:	Evan Pulju & 1 needed
Ushers:	8:00 am:	Dana Christophersen, Thomas Gardner, Ray Kaiser, Don Kalk, Davey Kulberg
	10:30 am:	Mike DeSplinter, Russ Reznecheck, Craig Schutte
Money Counters:		Randy Bredenberg, Cindy Kiekow, Nichole Schilling, <i>Craig Schutte</i>

Those Serving Next Week, Wednesday (Lent Midweek), March 13th:

Worship Assistant:	7:00 pm:	Dan Kolander
Acolyte:	7:00 pm:	James Wicht

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION (Tom Eversman, Mike Gaffer):

Reminders concerning weekly offerings/contributions:

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



Ways to Give ~~

In Person...

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



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

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



Giving App...

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



Online...

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



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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday, February 24th~ CT: 239 CM: 166

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Last Week 02/24/19 *Year-to-date* since 07/01/18

Total General Fund Receipts-All Sources	\$ 40,714	\$ 1,038,126
Amount Needed	\$ 34,631	\$ 1,226,626
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ 6,083	\$ (188,500)
% Ahead (-Behind)		-15%



Current Building Mortgage Balance (February 28) \$538,384

Important Notes:

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

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



2019 MISSION PROGRAMS: St. John's currently supports the following mission programs: Synod, Issues, Etc., Japan/Jastrom, Lutherans for Life, and Nigeria/Wokoma. (These are the same programs designated in 2018.) Other or undesignated mission program contributions will be divided between all of the currently-supported mission options except Issues, Etc., which has a fixed annual contribution limit set by the Board of Stewardship.

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



CROSS...FOOD NEEDS: Each month CROSS collects food items to be donated to the needy. Items desired from STJL during the month of **MARCH** are: Condiments (ketchup, mayo, mustard, etc.) and Laundry Detergent (16oz or smaller). Thank you for helping when you can; your contributions placed in the narthex area are greatly appreciated.

MARCH IS MN FOOD SHARE MONTH: Great matching opportunity to stretch your gifts to Cross. MN FoodShare Campaign provides a percentage dollar match for every pound of food and every \$1 donated to CROSS during March.



EMPTY BOWLS ART FEST: **THIS** Thurs, Mar 7th, 4-7pm, Maple Grove Community Center, 12951 Weaver Lk Rd. Menu samples from local restaurants, music, & 200+ pottery pieces for purchase in this 14th Annual Fundraiser for CROSS services.

DERBY DAYS GOLF: Another event for CROSS, Sunday, May 19th, Golf/Cart/Dinner: \$80. Pheasant Acres Golf Course, 10705 Cty Rd 116, Rogers, MN. Register now: Elizabeth@CROSSservices.org



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

PRICE BREAK FOR BACH SOCIETY TICKETS: The Bach Society of Minnesota is presenting Bach's poignant and pathos-filled St. John's Passion March 15th, 7:30 p.m. at Sundin Hall, Hamline University, 1536 Hewitt Ave., St. Paul. For adults and seniors, purchase your tickets online and use the code SJP10 to get the rate of \$10 per ticket. Student tickets are \$5; children 12 and under are free. (This rate only applies to the St. Paul concert, not Winona or Rochester.) Consider this as a wonderful and artistic part of your Lenten preparations.



BUS TO BACH CONCERT: Glory of Christ is taking a bus to the March 15th Bach concert in St. Paul. They have extended their deadline to **NEXT SUNDAY**, March 10th. Call Brenda Richards at Glory of Christ if you wish to reserve a seat on their bus.



THE CHRISTUS CHORUS of Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota will present "Saved By Grace," a concert of sacred music sharing God's salvation of the world in Christ. The concert will be at St. John's on Friday, April 5th at 7:30 p.m. The tour program covers a wide variety of styles, from classical literature to hymns, contemporary pieces, film scores, spirituals, and gospel music. The choir is grateful for the opportunity to perform some of the great music of the Church and to witness through music as an expression of faith. All members of the congregations are invited to attend and bring friends. The 90-minute concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken to support the choir's music ministry. Find copies of the full 2019 Christus Chorus Itinerary in the narthex.

CHOIR/BRASS REHEARSALS: Choir and Brass Ensemble will rehearse 6-6:50 during Lent. Brass will meet in the Music Room; Choir will meet in the Sanctuary.



BOARD OF TECHNOLOGY (Sam Kulberg):

BOARD OF EDUCATION (Stu Glock, Dan Kolander):

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR:



God has blessed St. John's Lutheran Church and School for over 150 years. He has graciously provided eager students, committed parents, faithful pastors, talented teachers, and strong leadership to operate our Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade school.

Gary Volberding has served us well as Administrator for many years and Interim Administrator the last two years, and we thank him for his dedicated service to our school and the Lord. We know God has amazing plans for St. John's Lutheran School, and it is our pleasure to announce new leadership for 2019/20 and beyond...

Gretchen Dolan will lead our school as Administrator & Teacher. She is a called worker who has been serving here at St. John's as our junior high Language Arts teacher. Throughout her time as a teacher, as well as a volunteer on numerous boards and committees, Gretchen's many talents have been discovered and she is recognized as a leader. The Deacons, Board of Education, and Gary recommended Gretchen for the Administrator role, and she has graciously accepted the Call.

Suzanne Haag will continue to serve as Admissions & Communication Director. Her role will be full-time, and she will be taking on additional administrative responsibilities to support the school.

It is important to note this is not an interim plan. Our extensive search for an Administrator the last three years has taught us a lot about our school's strengths and opportunity areas. We are confident, with God's help, this leadership structure will further enhance a standard of excellence for our students and families. Gretchen and Suzanne will work with the pastors, teachers, Board of Education, Deacons, and more to carry out the mission of our school.

Please join us in congratulating Gretchen and thanking her for stepping into this new role which will be effective July 2019. School families should watch for more information soon, including an invitation to an event to meet Gretchen and discuss the future of our school. Feel free to contact her at Gretchen.Dolan@stjlutheran.org or 612-219-6896.

In His service,
Pastor Moss, Erik Preus (Congregation President), Chris Kruse (Deacon Chair), Brian Callahan (Board of Education Chair), and Senell Jaster (incoming Board of Education Chair)

GALA SURVEY: In an effort to improve our planning activities and your experience, we hope you will give us your feedback. The survey link below will take you to the survey - which will take just a few minutes to complete. We'll be sharing the results with the 2019 Gala Committee. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YJLPHZQ>



FROM THE CONGREGATION AT LARGE:

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

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., WWJ0 98.1 FM at 7:30 a.m., and KRWC AM Buffalo at 9:30 a.m

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

BUILDING PROJECTS / NEEDS / NOTICES:

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



Funds are needed to start this project.

The Heat Exchanger ... on the furnace that services the music room has been replaced at a cost of ~\$3500. If you would like to contribute to help offset this cost, please mark your offering envelope accordingly.

A New Convection Oven ... has been purchased and installed. Cost is ~\$3,000 for the oven and ~\$4,000 for the gas connection and vent installation. If you want to contribute to this cost, please mark your offering accordingly.

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

FROM OTHER CONGREGATIONS:



WEST LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL: Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, re-scheduled as an egg bake breakfast on Sun. Mar 10th, 9:45 am. Mission trip fundraiser for the Western Accents held at Cross of Christ Lutheran, Coon Rapids. Free-will donation; previously purchased tickets may be used as a donation as well. gbaures@westlutheran.net or (763) 509-9378 ext. 22.

MAYER LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL in Mayer, MN is searching for our next Life Science teacher for the 2019-2020 school year and beyond. We are searching for an individual who is passionate about opening the eyes of students to the Life Sciences and connecting this content to the amazing design determined by the Creator. This individual must love working with high school students and have enthusiasm for mentoring students as they become Christian leaders. For more information about the position or to submit the name of a candidate for the position, contact Kevin Wilaby (Mayer Lutheran High School Principal). 952-426-8496 kevin.wilaby@mayerlutheran.org



GLORIA CHRISTI MUSIC CAMP 2019 will be Mon-Fri, July 15-19 in the mornings at Glory of Christ Lutheran Church in Plymouth. Led by experienced music educators, this unique half-day camp is designed to develop children's singing voices and musicianship through choir, Orff instruments, chimes, and games. We aim to foster joyful, faithful, and skillful proclamation of God's Word through music, and the culminating activity will be the campers' participation in the Divine Service at Glory of Christ on Sunday, July 21. Contact with questions: Alyssa Burdick at alyssa.burdick.mezzo@gmail.com.