

## Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 26:1-15

### Jeremiah Threatened with Death

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD: <sup>2</sup>“Thus says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD’s house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the LORD all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word. <sup>3</sup>It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds. <sup>4</sup>You shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, <sup>5</sup>and to listen to the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not listened, <sup>6</sup>then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.’”

<sup>7</sup>The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. <sup>8</sup>And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! <sup>9</sup>Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

<sup>10</sup>When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. <sup>11</sup>Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

<sup>12</sup>Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. <sup>13</sup>Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup>But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. <sup>15</sup>Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

**GRADUAL** Ps. 9:19, 3

Arise, O Lord! Let not | man prevail;\*

let the nations be judged be- | fore you!

When my enemies | turn back, \*

they stumble and perish before your | presence.

## Epistle: Ephesians 5:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup>And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

<sup>3</sup>But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. <sup>4</sup>Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. <sup>5</sup>For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. <sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not associate with them; <sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

## Holy Gospel: Luke 11:14-28

<sup>14</sup>Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. <sup>15</sup>But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” <sup>16</sup>while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. <sup>17</sup>But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. <sup>18</sup>And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. <sup>19</sup>And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. <sup>20</sup>But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>21</sup>When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; <sup>22</sup>but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. <sup>23</sup>Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

<sup>24</sup>“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ <sup>25</sup>And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. <sup>26</sup>Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.”

<sup>27</sup>As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” <sup>28</sup>But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

## DAILY READINGS

**March 4:** Gen. 27:30-45; 28:10-22; Mark 9:1-13; **5:** Gen. 29:1-30; Mark 9:14-32; **6:** Gen. 35:1-29; Mark 9:33-50; **7:** Gen. 37:1-36; Mark 10:1-12; **8:** Gen. 39:1-23; Mark 10:13-31; **9:** Gen. 40:1-23; Mark 10:32-52; **10:** Gen. 41:1-27; Mark 11:1-19.

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† **Oculi – The Third Sunday in Lent** †  
March 4, 2018

**TRACT:** (Ps. 123:1-3a)

To you I lift | up my eyes,\*  
O you who are enthroned in the | heavens!  
Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their | master,\*  
so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he has mercy up- | on us.  
Have mercy upon us, | O Lord,\*  
have mercy up- | on us.

**PRAYER:** Lord, keep my eyes fixed on You, that I may know and walk in Your Light through my life's journey in this dark world. Amen.

**Sermon:** "Eyes of Faith Behold Christ as the Deliverer from All Evil" (Luke 11:14-28)

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

**Prelude:** Sarabande in d (G. F. Handel)  
**Offering:** All Depends on Our Possessing (Kenneth T. Kosche)  
**Postlude:** Auf meinen lieben Gott (Dieterich Buxtehude)  
**Liturgy:** Festival Setting of the Divine Liturgy, Setting One (Michael Burkhardt)

**Choir:** St. John's Adult Choir  
**Brass Ensemble:** Trumpets~ Kevin Pomerence, Johanna Rossow  
Horn~ Gretchen Kliche  
Trombone~ Tom Eversman

Altar Guild: Julie Mazurowski & Brenna Koehler

Worship Assistants: 8:00 am: Dan Kolander  
10:30 am: Ed Kemna

Acolytes: 8:00 am: Faith Grant & Jada Clifford  
10:30 am: Ava Kanz & Bella Kanz

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: *Dave Giefer*, John Meyer,  
Bob Radintz, Bill Walters

**THIS WEEK:** The congregations in our circuit are praying for Grace International Lutheran, worshipping at Peace Lutheran, Robbinsdale and Pastor Isaac Williams.

**PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL:** This week we pray Board of Parish Ed Deacon Rich Oakland and the Board Members, and Jr/Sr Youth Coordinator Jayme Kruse, and also for our Bus Driver Marsha Meine.

**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. 25:1-2, 17-18, 20; antiphon: Ps. 25:15-16

My eyes are ever | toward the Lord,\*  
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.  
Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,\*  
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.  
To you, | O Lord,\*  
I lift | up my soul.  
O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;\*  
let not my enemies exult | over me.  
The troubles of my heart | are enlarged;\*  
bring me out of my dis- | tresses.  
Consider my affliction and my | trouble,\*  
and forgive | all my sins.  
Oh, guard my soul, and de- | liver me!\*  
Let me not be put to shame, for I take ref- | uge in you.  
**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.**  
My eyes are ever | toward the Lord,\*  
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.  
Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,\*  
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

† **The Third 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).

**OPENING HYMN:** LSB 616

**CONFESSION:** LSB 151

**INTROIT:** (bulletin)

**KYRIE:** LSB 152

**SALUTATION:**

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

**COLLECT:** bulletin

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Gradual: bulletin

Responses: LSB 156

**CATECHISM:** LSB 323-325

**HYMN OF DAY:** LSB 659

**SERMON**

**CREED:** LSB 158

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY:** LSB 159

**COMMUNION LIT:** LSB 160ff

**DIST HYMNS:** LSB 421

LSB 620

**CLSG CANTICLE:** LSB 165

("Nunc Dimittis")

**CLOSING HYMN:** LSB 745

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

SUNDAY	THURSDAY
John Meine	Karin Lindblad
MONDAY	FRIDAY
Janine Foggia Victoria Schimmel (Brackeen)	Leah Gordon Dana Rossow Harold Schmidt Holly Von Ende
TUESDAY	SATURDAY
Karl Kroll Hunter Nygren Joyce O'Hern	Michael Brown Jacob Faue Anneliese Preus
WEDNESDAY	

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!

**DATE CHANGE - 50+ CANDY GAMBLE EVENT:** On Saturday, March 17, we will be hosting the annual 50+ Candy Gamble Event at STJL from 12:00-2:00. All youth (and anyone 50+) are welcome to attend. Each youth family should bring at least one dish to share. So come with your dish, your game face and your excitement and join us for a fun afternoon!

**BIBLE CLASS TOPICS**

**3/04** Could Gentiles become Christians? How? Which missionary became the missionary for the Gentiles? How could missionaries do their job when persecutions were going on at the same time? What can we learn from these historical events?  
**3/11** Whatever happened to St. Paul after his third missionary journey? His shipwreck was quite adventurous! Mrs. Kliche knows what that feels like. When she was a Red Cross Sailing instructor a huge storm came up suddenly and she almost crashed her sailboat!

† **Oruli – The Third Sunday in Lent** †  
March 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, Pam Linton (daughter of LaVerne & Arlene Bagne), Doris Gangelhoff, Katie Titler (daughter of Joe & Cilla Nadeau), Troy Eder, and Vivian Kuns. 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**—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), Karen MacMillan & family (at the loss of her mother Yvonne Johnson), Scott Gehl & family (at the loss of his father William), and the family of Alex Hansen.

**And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones**—The family of William Dodds, the family of Caroline Lucht, and JoAnn & Elwyn Manthei (at the loss of their son Randy).

**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 Third Sunday in Lent is called Oculi (“My eyes...”) and reminds us to where we must go for all health, help, and deliverance.



**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:** Special Topic~ Hardened Hearts throughout Scripture

**Next week:** The Lead-up to Passover (Exodus 11 – 12)

**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 21<sup>st</sup>): 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.

**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); meal served promptly at noon ~ immediately after the school children have finished lunch. **Make your reservations by 9am that day by calling the office 763-420-2426.** 3/7 menu: Spaghetti/Meatsauce, Breadstick, Vegetable & Fruit Choices, Beverage

**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!



**SEWING UPDATE:** Thanks to everyone who sewed and donated time & materials for the Pregnancy Centers recently. We will be donating these items to mothers and/or fathers in need: 13 Tie Blankets, 7 Bibs, 11 Burp Cloths, 24 Taggie Blankets, and 4 Baby Quilts!

**This Week at St. John’s Lutheran**

<b>TODAY</b>	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
<b>MON:</b>		
<b>TUES:</b>	9:00 am:	Adult Bible Study (Conference Rm)
	6:00 pm:	Adult Catechism (Aux Rm)
	6:00 pm:	Gala Committee Mtg (Conference Rm)
<b>WED:</b>	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
<b>THUR:</b>	12:30 pm:	PK-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Musical <i>Shrek the Musical Jr.</i>
	7:00 pm:	Deacons Council Meeting (Conference Rm)
	7:00 pm:	Strategic Planning Meeting (Aux Rm)
	7:00 pm:	PK-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Musical <i>Shrek the Musical Jr.</i>
	7:15 pm:	Table Tennis
<b>FRI:</b>		No School ~ Teacher Workshop
<b>SAT:</b>	8:00 am:	Pancake Fundraiser (FH): 7-8 <sup>th</sup> Girls State BB
<b>SUN:</b>	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
	12:15 pm:	Congregational Assembly (preceded by lunch-FH)
	4:00 pm:	Adult Open Gym

**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!

**Those Serving This Week, Lent Mid-week Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>:**

Worship Assistants: 7:00 pm: Barron Cate  
Acolytes: 1:00 pm: school students  
7:00 pm: Eric Toelle

**Those Serving Next Week, Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>:**

Altar Guild: Julie Mazurowski & Brenna Koehler  
Worship Assistants: 8:00 am: Erik Preus  
10:30 am: Barron Cate  
Acolytes: 8:00 am: Mackenzie Coombs & Christian Burfeind  
10:30 am: Gabriel Lodholz & Kristian Lodholz  
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: Mike DeSplinter, Paul Dolan,  
Russ Reznecheck, *Craig Schutte*

**Those Serving Next Week, Lent Mid-week Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>:**

Worship Assistants: 7:00 pm: Kevin Pomerence  
Acolytes: 1:00 pm: school students  
7:00 pm: Ben Kiesow

**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, Mustard, Mayo, Etc.) and Laundry Detergent (16oz or smaller). Thank you for helping when you can; your contributions placed in the narthex area are greatly appreciated.



**NEW GALA COMMITTEE FORMING:**

Looking for additional Gala Committee Members from STJ Church & School to join our planning team for the 2018 Gala on 11/9/18 at Rush Creek Golf Club. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 or 7:00, depending on Committee vote. We'll host an informational/brainstorming meeting on 3/6/18 at 7pm to begin forming this year's Team. Light snacks will be served. Don't hesitate to contact Liz Glock with any questions about the Committee or the Gala! Please call or email if interested, we'd love for you to join our fun Committee! Liz Glock 612-247-4794, lizzystu@aol.com

**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 are making phone calls 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!



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** Join us at 8am this Saturday in Fellowship Hall for a pancake breakfast to raise funds to send our St. John's 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball team to the state tournament!

**CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY:** A Congregational Assembly will be held NEXT SUNDAY March 11, 2018. Yes, there will be lunch preceding the meeting. 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, was distributed 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 (Chili, cornbread, cookie, and beverage will be served). 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.



**50+ CANDY GAMBLE EVENT:** On Saturday, March 17, the Youth Group will be hosting the annual 50+ Candy Gamble Event at STJL from 12:00-2:00 pm. All youth and anyone 50+ are welcome to attend. So come with a dish to share, your game face and your excitement and join us for a fun afternoon!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We are looking for teachers for the final Sunday School term starting 3/8/18 thru 5/20/18. Please consider giving a little of your time and sharing your faith with the children. All materials and tools are provided. We need your help to make this year a success. Please contact Tara Eder 763-203-4095 or email tara.eder@gmail.com

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

Sunday, February 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am: CT: 116 CM: 94
	10:30 am: CT: 83 CM: 74
Wednesday, February 28 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm: CT: CM:
	7:00 pm: CT: 80 CM:



**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

	<u>Last Week</u> 02/25/18	<u>Year-to-date</u> since 07/01/17
Offerings Received	\$ 8,738	\$ 490,478
Amount Needed	\$ 13,635	\$ 477,225
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ (4,897)	\$ 13,253
% Ahead (-Behind)	-36%	3%



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.