

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 16:2-21

²And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?" ⁸And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'" ¹⁰And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the LORD said to Moses, ¹²"I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.'" ¹⁷And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. ¹⁸But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. ¹⁹And Moses said to them, "Let no one leave any of it over till the morning."

²⁰But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. ²¹Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

GRADUAL Ps. 122:1, 7

I was glad when they | said to me,*

"Let us go to the house | of the Lord!"

Peace be with- | in your walls*

and security within your | towers!

Epistle: Galatians 4:21-31

²¹Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? ²²For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. ²³But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. ²⁴Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants, One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. ²⁵Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. ²⁶But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother.

²⁷For it is written,

"Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor!

For the children of the desolate one will be more than those of the one who has a husband."

²⁸Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. ²⁹But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. ³⁰But what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman." ³¹So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

Holy Gospel: John 6:1-15

¹After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ²And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. ¹¹So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹²Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹³And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." ¹⁴So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. ¹⁵When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

¹⁵Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

DAILY READINGS

March 11: Gen. 41:28-57; Mark 11:20-33; **12:** Gen. 42:1-34, 38; Mark 12:1-12; **13:** Gen. 43:1-28; Mark 12:13-27; **14:** Gen. 44:1-18, 32-34; Mark 12:28-44; **15:** Gen. 45:1-20, 24-28; Mark 13:1-23; **16:** Gen. 47:1-31; Mark 13:24-37; **17:** Gen. 49:29-50:7, 14-26; Mark 14:1-11.

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† Laetare – The Fourth Sunday in Lent †

March 11, 2018

TRACT:

(Ps. 125:1-2, 5b)

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount | Zion,*

which cannot be moved, but abides for- | ever.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his | people,*

From this time forth and forevermore. Peace be upon | Israel!

PRAYER: O Lord, may the unshakeable promises that come from Your mouth and through our baptism feed us in the wilderness of this mortal life so that we may rejoice before You now by faith and one day in glory. Amen.

Sermon: "Rejoice and Freely Eat the Living Bread Christ Gives You" (John 6:1-15)

Preacher: Pr. Matthew Johnson

Liturgist: Pr. Matthew Moss

Kantor: Dr. Crystal Rossow

Prelude: Jesus, Priceless Treasure (Paul Manz; J. S. Bach)

Offering: We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died (Tim Shewmaker)

Postlude: Jesu, meine Freude (J. S. Bach)

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*

THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for New Life (Neej Tshiab) Lutheran, worshipping at Redeemer Lutheran, Robbinsdale, and Pastor Yia Lo and Pastor Jonny Vang.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for our many Church Volunteers including Accounting Professionals, Funeral Workers, Fundraisers, Cleaners, and Those Who Serve at our worship services, and also for our Fourth Grade Teacher Julie Preus.

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. 122:1-2, 6, 8; antiphon: Is. 66:10a, 11a

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,*

all you who | love her;

that you may nurse and be | satisfied*

from her con- | soling breast.

I was glad when they | said to me,*

"Let us go to the house | of the Lord!"

Our feet have been | standing*

within your gates, O Je- | rusalem!

Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!*

May they be secure who | love you!

For my brothers and com- | panions' sake*

I will say, "Peace be with- | 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.

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,*

all you who | love her;

that you may nurse and be | satisfied*

from her con- | soling breast.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

† The Fourth 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 613

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 325-326

HYMN OF DAY: LSB 743

SERMON

CREED: LSB 158

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY: LSB 159

COMMUNION LIT: LSB 160ff

DIST HYMNS: LSB 625

LSB 642

CLSG CANTICLE: LSB 165

("Nunc Dimittis")

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 429

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

SUNDAY	THURSDAY
Cheyenne Babatz Pam Kothrade	Kara Beck Rachel Cooper Nina Theis
MONDAY	FRIDAY
Marian Tillmann	Gerald Anderson Alicia Monson Kate Orbin Paul Schlueter
TUESDAY	SATURDAY
Charlene Abraham Curt Besel Faith Grant Kurt Kanarski Dan Koehler Mason Philipp	Mackenzie Berres Jacob Kothrade Gabriel Lodholz Darcie Mathwig Krista Say
WEDNESDAY	
Patricia Hansen	

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

Jr./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: THIS 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

3/11 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!

3/18 To be announced

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

† **Laetare – The Fourth Sunday in Lent** †
March 11, 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.

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!

† 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 Fourth Sunday in Lent is called Laetare ("Rejoice...") and has been  used as a joyful reminder of hope and fulfillment in Christ during this long Lenten road.



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 Lead-up to Passover (Exodus 11 - 12)

Next week: The Exodus (Exodus 13)

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.

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.** 3/14 menu: Hamburger Hotdish, Vegetable & Fruit Choices, Beverage

LENTEN SUPPER: *We regret that the Lenten Supper this week, Wednesday March 14th, is cancelled* due to the unavailability of the organizers. Please plan on attending next week for our last mid-week Lenten Supper, Wednesday March 21st to raise funds 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). The option of Creamy Wild Rice Soup and Turkey Sandwich or a second choice will be available. 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

TODAY	8:00 am:	Daylight Saving Time begins
	9:00 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
MON:		
TUES:	9:00 am:	Adult Bible Study (Conference Rm)
	6:00 pm:	Adult Catechism (Aux Rm)
	6:30 pm:	PTL Meeting (Conference Room)
WED:	12:00 pm:	Lenten Lunch served promptly at noon
	1:00 pm:	Chapel; Lent Mid-week Matins Service
	5:15 pm:	Lenten Supper - Cancelled this week
	5:30 pm:	Public School Catechism
	6:00 pm:	Brass Practice & Choir Practice
	7:00 pm:	Lent Mid-week Vespers Service
THUR:	7:15 pm:	Table Tennis
FRI:		No Chapel
SAT:	12:00 pm:	50+ Candy Gamble (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



THE ADMINISTRATOR CALL COMMITTEE has narrowed our candidate list down to Andrew Strickland (Prior Lake, MN), Kevin Meyer (Wykoff, MN), and Jonathan Fraker (Walburg, TX). If you have any specific comments or concerns with these candidates, feel free to contact David Huth at 763-242-7103 or david.huth@bsci.com.

CONFIRMATION BANQUET MEETING: Parents of 7th Grade Confirmands, please mark your calendar for our organizational meeting, Wednesday, March 21st at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall. We will plan the banquet 7th Grade hosts on May 3rd. Contact Ruth Kulberg with questions 763-226-1893.

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!!

Those Serving This Week, Lent Mid-week Wednesday, March 14th:

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

Those Serving Next Week, Sunday, March 18th:

Altar Guild: Julie Mazurowski & Brenna Koehler
Worship Assistants: 8:00 am: Greg Christopher
10:30 am: Todd Haag
Acolytes: 8:00 am: Noelle Dolan & Alexis Brockberg
10:30 am: Nate Miest & Jake Miest
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: Duane Abraham, Jon Bode,
Scott Kulberg, Mark Radintz

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

Worship Assistants: 7:00 pm: Tom Eversman
Acolytes: 1:00 pm: school students
7:00 pm: Sam Say

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. 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!



EASTER LILIES: The Altar Guild is providing an opportunity for congregation members of St. John's to purchase a beautiful Easter lily. The lily will be used to decorate the Church on Easter Sunday. It can then be picked-up after the last service and enjoyed by you at your home. Order forms have been placed in the mailboxes in the narthex, and extra forms are also available. The deadline for ordering an Easter lily is Sunday, March 25th.



CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY: A Congregational Assembly will be held **TODAY 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: THIS 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 4/8/18 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, March 4 th :	8:00 am: CT: 160	CM: 129
	10:30 am: CT: 161	CM: 98
Wednesday, March 7 th :	1:00 pm: CT:	CM:
	7:00 pm: CT: 72	CM:



FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<i>Last Week</i> 03/04/18	<i>Year-to-date</i> since 07/01/17
Offerings Received	\$ 10,559	\$ 501,037
Amount Needed	\$ 13,635	\$ 490,860
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ (3,076)	\$ 10,177
% Ahead (-Behind)	-23%	2%



Mortgage balance as of February 28, 2018 = \$648,399.17

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.