

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran
Church & School**



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

Thanks to all who serve this week:

Altar Guild: Jan Stieg & Lois Anderson

Worship Assistants:

8:00 am: Joe Koehler
10:30 am: Ross Meyer

Acolytes:

8:00 am: Matthew Koosman, Joy Koosman
10:30 am: Mason Brastad, Christian Burfeind

Ushers:

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

Money Counters:

Tim Lodholz, Mike McFerrin,
Bob Stashenko, Jack Wold

Lent Midweek ~Wednesday, March 27th:

Worship Assistant:

7:00 pm: John Radintz

Acolyte:

7:00 pm: Henry Bymark

The Lenten Verse

The Holy Gospel: Luke 11:14-28

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11th chapter.

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

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

²⁴"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.' ²⁵And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. ²⁶Then 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."

²⁷As 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!" ²⁸But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Small Catechism: *The Lord's Prayer, Introduction – 3rd Petition* p. 323

Hymn of the Day: *Lord of Our Life* LSB 659

Sermon: *In Times of Confusion, He Renews Clarity* (Luke 11:14-28)

The Nicene Creed & Prayer of the Church p. 158

Offering: Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing (Robert J. Powell)

Offertory: *What Shall I Render to the Lord* p. 159

The Service of the Sacrament of the Altar page 160-166

Please review our statements about who may commune, found at the top of the strip on the front page of this bulletin.

Distribution Hymn: *Hope of the World* LSB 690

Distribution Hymn: *Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing* LSB 421

Canticle: *Nunc Dimittis* page 165

Collect and Benediction page 166

Closing Hymn: *Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay* (single verse) LSB 505

Postlude: In You, O Lord, I Put My Trust (J. S. Bach)

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(LCMS)**

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† The Third Sunday in Lent ~ Oculi †
 March 24, 2019

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

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 upon us. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Prayer: Dearest Jesus, cast out all sin and evil from within me. Bless me through the hearing of your Word. Grant me Your Spirit that I may not only hear it, but keep it. Amen.

Prelude: Allegro, Chorale, and Fugue (Felix Mendelssohn)

The Divine Service

Opening Hymn: *I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name* LSB 734

Confession & Absolution page 151
 8:00 A.M. *The Baptism of John Alfred Costello* page 268

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.

The hymn of praise (Gloria / This is the Feast) is omitted during Lent

Kyrie page 152

Salutation page 156

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.

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 8:16-24

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.'" And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt. The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said. Then the LORD said to Moses, "Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, "Let my people go, that they may serve me. Or else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. Thus I will put a division between my people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen.'" ' " And the LORD did so. There came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants' houses. Throughout all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by the swarms of flies.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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.

The Epistle: Ephesians 5:1-9

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

³But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵For 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.

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

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† Lent 3 ~ Oculi †

- 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 the narthex. Contact tara.eder@gmail.com 763-203-4095



BIBLES & BREWS: Our next installment of theology on tap will take place **TOMORROW**, Monday, March 25th, at *Under Pressure Brewing*, 8806 7th Ave N, Golden Valley. Doors open at 6:30. The topic will be "Curses & Blessings: The Spiritual Power of Speech", bring your Bible and get ready to explore the actual effects that God's Word can have in the mouth of God's people.



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.



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

† Oculi ~ The Third Sunday in Lent †

March 24, 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, Brigitte Miest, Tony Stadler, Raelene Fairchild, Diane Lawrence, Bob Abraham, and Ed Kemna. 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 — 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), Mark Franz & family (at the loss of his mother Joyce), Beth Giefer & family (at the loss of her father Lyle Boyd), and Dick Rau & family (at the loss of his sister Helen Kalthoff).

And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones — 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 St. Paul Lutheran, Osseo, and Pastor Daniel Burns.

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

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: 3/25 *The Annunciation* (Is. 7:10-14; Heb. 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38).

Bible Study



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. During 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 24- Jesus Comes and the Demons Come out of the Woodwork!

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.



BAPTIZED this morning *during* the 8am service is John Alfred Costello, infant son of Jeremy and Rachel Costello, *and following* the 10:30am service is Castle Henry Kemna, infant son of Paul and Laura Kemna. May our Lord Jesus bless John and Castle as they are nourished in the faith by their parents so that they may join us at the foretaste of the wedding feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom. "May this child, Your mercy sharing, in Your arms be shielded ever, Yours on earth and Yours forever...Write the name we now have given; write it in the book of heaven!" (LSB 592)

LENT MID-WEEK SERVICES:

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).



THANK YOU: Pastor Johnson, Leah, and family would like to thank the congregation for the recently completed window (and door) project at the parsonage. Thank you to the deacons Kevin Pomerence and Dan Holthus for planning and coordinating this project, to the workers who did a great job installing the windows, and to those who financially supported this upgrade at the parsonage. What wonderful care has been displayed here toward our family and attention given to the ongoing maintenance of one of the congregation's buildings.

FROM THE CONGREGATION AT LARGE:

PRAYERS for the Dan Ahlman family at the loss of his father Don. Don Ahlman was the husband of the late former St. John's teacher Lil Ahlman.

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 Basketball
MON:		No School This Week~ <i>Spring Break</i> Pastor Johnson Day Off
	6:30 pm:	Bibles and Brews (see announcement)
TUES:	9:45 am:	Adult Bible Study
WED:	1:30 pm:	Lenten Matins Service
	5:15 pm:	Lenten Supper
	5:30 pm:	PS Catechism
	6:00 pm:	Rehearsals~ Brass: Music Room; Choir: Sanctuary
	7:00 pm:	Lenten Vespers Service
THUR:	7:00 pm:	Table Tennis
FRI:		Pastor Moss Day Off
SAT:	9:00 am:	Pro-Life Sewing
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 Basketball

Those Serving This Week, Wednesday (Lent Midweek), March 27th:

Worship Assistant:	7:00 pm:	John Radintz
Acolyte:	7:00 pm:	Henry Bymark

Those Serving Next Week, Sunday, March 31st:

Altar Guild:		Jan Stieg & Lois Anderson
Worship Assistants:	8:00 am:	Greg Christopher
	10:30 am:	Dean Noren
Acolytes:	8:00 am:	McKenzie Burke & Jada Clifford
	10:30 am:	Paige Dolan & Reece Fish
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:		<i>Dave Giefer</i> , John Meyer, Bob Radintz, Bill Walters

Those Serving Next Week, Wednesday (Lent Midweek), April 3rd:

Worship Assistant:	7:00 pm:	Tom Eversman
Acolyte:	7:00 pm:	Sophie Glock

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, March 17TH~ CT: 356 CM: 268
Wednesday, March 20TH~ CT: 111

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Last Week 03/17/19 *Year-to-date* since 07/01/18

Total General Fund Receipts-All Sources	\$ 24,269	\$ 1,128,549
Amount Needed	\$ 22,466	\$ 1,294,023
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ 1,803	\$ (165,475)
% Ahead (-Behind)		-13%



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 EDUCATION (Stu Glock, Dan Kolander):



LENTEN SUPPER: Each Wednesday evening during Lent, we will be serving supper from 5:15-6:45 pm as a fundraiser for our 8th grade Wash DC trip. "Pick any 2": soup, salad, sandwich for \$5, or all "3" for \$8. 2 soup and 2 sandwich choices will be available each week. Beverage and dessert included – no reservation required. Hope you can come join us!

CONFIRMATION BANQUET: Attention Parents of the 7th grade Confirmation class! The confirmation banquet planning and informational meeting for parents will take place on **Wednesday, April 3rd at 5:30** in the fellowship hall. Please plan to attend as we depend on your support and service at the Annual Banquet for the 8th grade confirmation class.



The 2019 Confirmation Banquet will be held on Thursday evening, May 2, from 6-9. *Please mark your calendar* as **all 7th graders and parents** will help serve our confirmands on this special night! Thank you! ~Pastor Moss, Pastor Johnson and the Banquet Committee

GALA SURVEY: We want your input!!(and the survey ends on MONDAY!)! 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 - **PLEASE** take just a few minutes to complete it, *even if you weren't present at the event*. We'll be sharing the results with the 2019 Gala Committee.



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YJLPHZQ>

SEEKING MEMBERS to join the 2019 Gala Committee! Our first Gala Planning Meeting is on Tuesday, 4/2/19 at 6:00pm in the Auxiliary Room with light snacks and refreshments provided. Please contact Liz Glock at 612-247-4794 or lizzystu@aol.com if interested OR if you have any questions about this event planning.

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

Roof Replacement Project ... The council of deacons has approved moving forward with the first section of the roof replacement with construction scheduled to start in August. The cost to replace this section is ~\$90,000 and ~\$15,000 has already been raised! Stay tuned for more information regarding the capital drive for this project. *Additional funds are needed; please consider a special contribution to the St. John's Improvement Fund.*



BOARD OF TECHNOLOGY (Sam Kulberg):



P.A. SYSTEM UPGRADE: Speakers in the gym and fellowship hall are now installed and working. Announcements over the intercom will now be heard in these places.

**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.



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.



PRO-LIFE SEWING: Saturday has been rescheduled for March 30 from 9am to 3pm in the fellowship hall. This is for all ages elementary age and up, men and women. Lunch will be provided. Come all day or part of a day. If you wish to sew, bring your machine. Everyone bring scissors. Our circuit churches have been invited. For questions call Diane Haag or LeAnn Cummins.



MISSION RALLY: The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML), a RSO of the LCMS, has their circuit-wide mission rally on Saturday, April 6, 2019, at Grace Lutheran Church, 6810 Winnetka Av N, Brooklyn Park. Registration and coffee from 8:30 - 9 am. Brunch at 9:00. Presentation starts at 9:45 am. Tickets \$8. Speakers are Dr. James Seeman, ministry coordinator for the MN South District, and John Henderson, founder at CROSSING HOME, a faith-based ministry that restores hope to those recently released from prison. For a list of Gifts from the Heart see posters. Get a ticket from Gretchen Kliche or at the door.



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.



FROM THE SECRETARIES:

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., WWJQ 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; all church and school events need to be coordinated through this main calendar. Thank you! 763-420-2426 Julie A.: secretary@stjlutheran.org

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



**BIRTHDAYS THE WEEK OF
March 24 - March 30**

SUNDAY	THURSDAY
Tamara Horning Brandon Wolff	Jada Clifford Carson Dufault Matthew Johnson
MONDAY	FRIDAY
Susan Rainey	Joseph Baldwin Eileen Ballou Nicole Brastad
TUESDAY	SATURDAY
Audrey Bahr	Gavin Blanck Ryan Zinken
WEDNESDAY	
Elise Alvarez Carrie Mock Paige Pomeranke	

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

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