

St. John's Lutheran Church

Announcements

February 22, 2026



In Our Prayers This Week

Our members and friends who are sick and in need of healing and comfort: Lynn Slauson, Pam Linton (daughter of LaVerne & Arlene Bagne), Ryan & Toya Fish, Thea Mazurowski (wife of Kevin), Caroline Schaefer, Lisa Kolander, Dick Rau, Cindy Kmecik, Pat Hansen, Carol Eastborne, Loren Peterson, Judie Berreau, Pat Kalk, and Jim Day

Our homebound members: Judie Berreau, Rick Bymark, Lorryne Conley, Rev. David Fechner, Pat Hansen, Darlean & Joe Goskey, Barb Grambart, Ron Koehler, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, Rev. Terry & Debbie Small

For our Catechumens as they enter their final Lententide before the Rite of Confirmation, that God would bless their preparation for their first communion, their examination, and the blessing of entering the confirmed membership of St. John's congregation. Adalyn Baltes, Emmy Haag, Isaac Hindermann, Weston Holovnia, Lincoln Kemna, Bryce Kliche, Faith Kruse, Kailey Ludwig, Katharina Meyer, Henry Rather, Simon Say, Milo Schumann, and Ashton "Ace" Thompson.

All those serving in our Armed Forces: Agena Christophersen (Germany), Lucas Kiesow (Kansas), Kevin Mazurowski (Arizona), Nathan Mazurowski (Arizona), Isak Preus (California), Brian Pruhs (Missouri), Joseph Radintz (home), Danny Schilling (Virginia), Isaac Vogt (Colorado), and Alexander Rank (Minnesota)

Praying for our church & school: This week we pray for our Board of Spiritual Life and its deacons, Tom Gardner, Dave Hebert, Joel Johnson, Chris Kruse, and Tim Lodholz, as well as all the staff, volunteers, and committees they oversee. We also pray for our 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Sarah Carter.

This week the congregations in our circuit are praying for the St. Timothy Society for Lutheran Scholarship and their chaplain, Rev. Dr. Gordon Bynum.

From the Pastors

Call Received On February 10, 2026, the voters of Peace Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD extended a Divine Call to Pastor Moss to become their pastor. He now prayerfully considers the two calls he has: ours to St. John's and theirs to Peace. He will announce his decision on Sunday, March 8. Please do keep him and his family in your prayers, as well as St. John's, Peace, and all churches currently without the service of a pastor.

2025-2026 Adult Bible Study Join us in between services as Pastor Moss continues the walk through the Gospel of Saint Matthew. We are now in **"The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ"**.

This Week: Feb. 22 Mt. 26:47-75

Betrayal, Arrest, Trial before Caiaphas

Next Week: Mar. 1 Mt. 27:1-14

Jesus before Pilate and the End of Judas

Tuesday Bible Study meets weekly at 9:15am in the auxiliary room.

- February 24: Psalm 119 The Blessed Torah of Yahweh

Attendance Last Week

- Sunday, February 15 348 attended; 216 communed

To prepare for next Sunday, we encourage you to follow Issues, Etc. (especially Pastor John Bombaro's "Looking Forward to Sunday Morning [the 1-Year Lectionary]") on your podcasting app or via their website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COME SUPPORT ST. JOHN'S AT OMNI BREWING Join us **TOMORROW, Monday, February 23rd** anytime from open to close at Omni Brewing in Maple Grove (9462 Deerwood Ln N.), and Omni will generously donate \$1 for every beverage and pizza sold—a simple (and delicious!) way to give back to our St. John's community. Omni offers handcrafted beer, wine, pizza, coffee, and more, so let's pack the taproom and show our support! Bring your friends, family, and anyone who loves good food and a good cause. Be sure to tell them you're with St. John's!

THE ANXIOUS GENERATION PARENT NIGHT The school Wellness Committee is hosting a **Parent Information Night THIS TUESDAY**, February 24th at 6pm to present and discuss *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt. Join us for some light refreshments and great learning about what's going on with our kids today and what we might do about it.

DIAPER DUMP SATURDAY, MARCH 14! Please join us for our next Diaper Dump fellowship event Saturday, March 14 from 10-11:30am in the fellowship hall. We will be honoring the following **THREE** families: Meydell (2 months), Pederson (2 months), and Sweeney (7 months—size 3+). This is a congregation-wide fellowship event that will also bless these families with not just your support, but also some diapers and wipes. Light snacks will be provided. Please mark your calendar to attend!

ST. JOHN'S IS HIRING! Contact Tori Kuehne at tori.kuehne@stjlutheran.org to learn more or apply for either position.

- **EXTENDED SCHOOL PROGRAM (ESP) DIRECTOR**
 - Part-time
 - Approximately 20 hours/week
- **SUMMER ESP AIDES**
 - Part-time
 - Flexible schedules

NEWSPAPERS NEEDED A large number of newspapers are needed for both school projects and for the upcoming spring musical, “Newsies, Jr.” If you have any spare newspapers at home, please consider donating them. Donations may be left at the front office. Thank you!

BEST OF MAPLE GROVE *Maple Grove Magazine* is hosting their annual *Best of...* competition this month (**February 1-28**).



Let's plan to take back our titles of Best Preschool and Best Private School this year - we were runners up to Maranatha last year but held the titles in 2023 and 2024!

To vote, simply scan the QR code and follow the directions. Be sure to select “St. John’s Lutheran School” for the categories of “Best Private School” and “Best Preschool”. Vote once a day, every day for the entire month of February, and don’t forget to vote in at least three other categories to ensure your votes count. Thank you for your support!!

Finances & Giving

Financial Year to Date Update (July 1, 2025 – February 16, 2026)

- Year To Date **budgeted** operating expenses: **\$1,375,617**
- Year To Date **actual** operating revenue: **\$1,483,341**
- Year To Date revenue is favorable **\$107,724** to budget

Ways to Give



- Scan the QR code
- Online at www.stjohnscorcoran.churchcenter.com/giving
- Download the “Church Center” in your app store
 - Add St. John’s as your church to give
 - Track your pledges, giving and more!

Questions regarding church financials should be directed to our business manager, Stephanie.Parris@stjlutheran.org or any member of the Board of Administration.

Nice to Know

Large print bulletins are available. If you would like one in your mailbox each week for use, please contact the church office at 763-420-2426.

Large print Portals of Prayer are available in limited numbers. Please speak with an usher if you would like one.

St. John's Constitution & By-laws booklets are available in the narthex.

The Lutheran Hour can be found this week at the following

- 6:00am WCCO 830 AM
- 7:30am WWJO 98.1 FM
- 9:30am KRWC AM Buffalo

Planning to stop in? Please call first as we would appreciate notice of your arrival. Office hours are 7:30am-3:30pm Monday - Friday. You may reach us at 763-420-2426.

Bulletin announcements must be emailed by **noon each Wednesday** to Tori.Kuehne@stjlutheran.org to be considered for inclusion.

A happy birthday is wished to those celebrating this week!

- **Today:** Ezekiel Borcharding, Adam Gottula, Lincoln Kemna, Benjamin Lane, Raina Peterman, Henry Peterman
- **Monday:** Ruth Kulberg
- **Tuesday:** Jake Gangelhoff, Adam Hokens
- **Wednesday:** Josephine Birznieks, Chris Kruse, Hunter Peterson
- **Thursday:** Scott Kulberg
- **Friday:** Jennifer Dickman
- **Saturday:** Maria Koosman, Bella Briel

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

Why do we celebrate Lent for 40 days?

Don't forget what Lent is all about! It is a time when we are reminded of what Jesus gave up for us, and a time when we look forward to and prepare for His death and resurrection!



We celebrate Lent for six weeks, or 40 days, as we remember Christ's temptation in the wilderness in the Gospel of Matthew. There **Jesus was without food** for 40 days.



We remember the temptation of **the Israelites in the desert** after the Lord had delivered them from Egypt. This lasted 40 years.



Finally, we can remember the story of **Noah and his family**. After 40 days and 40 nights of rain, the Lord delivered them as He promised.

During these 40 days of Lent, we remember God's faithfulness to His people and how His faithfulness is complete in Jesus, our Savior. Jesus remains faithful to us, always being where He promises to be: in His Word and Sacraments. Wow! What a Savior!



Parents: Continue to encourage your children in their Lenten preparation. During worship, point out the places where our Lord comes to us (i.e. God's Word, Holy Communion, Holy Baptism, Absolution). Remember, being their example and companion on this Lenten journey makes a difference!



This Week at St. John's

Today	8:00am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common cup	
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School	
	10:30am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common cup	
	6:00pm	Adult/High School Open Gym Volleyball	
Monday	7am-10pm	Omni Brewing Fundraiser	
	5:15pm	Adult Instruction Class	
Tuesday	9:15am	Adult Bible Study	
	6:00pm	Parent Info Night: <i>The Anxious Generation</i>	
Wednesday	5:15pm	Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal	
	5:30pm	Public School Catechism Class	
	6:00pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	
	7:00pm	Lenten Midweek Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adult choir leading Compline	
Thursday			
Friday	8:15am	Chapel <ul style="list-style-type: none">• K-4th singing	
Saturday	9:00am	PTL-sponsored Preschool Open Gym	
Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual cups	
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School	
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