

St. John's Lutheran Church

Announcements

March 8, 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, Jim Day, and Randy Bredenberg

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 those who mourn especially Kathy Hebert and family at the death of her husband, Dave, and also Dan & Rachel Meydell at the death of her grandmother, Lois Pieper

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 many church volunteers, including accounting professionals, funeral workers, fund raisers, and worship assistants. We also pray for our fourth grade teacher, Miss Laura Ellinghuysen.

This week the congregations in our circuit are praying for Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Plymouth and their pastor, Rev. Joel Behnke.

From the Pastors

CALL DECLINED 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 has prayerfully considered the two calls he has: ours to St. John's and theirs to Peace. He announced his decision on Sunday, March 1st to decline the Call to Peace and remain Senior Pastor at St. John's. Please keep Peace Lutheran Church and all vacant congregations in your prayers. Jesus says, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38)

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: Mt. 27:15-31 The crowd chooses Barabbas and Jesus is delivered

Next Week: Mt. 27:32-44 The Crucifixion

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

- March 10: Psalm 119:73-96 The Blessed Torah of Yahweh

Attendance Last Week

- Sunday, March 1 381 attended; 216 communed
- Wednesday, March 4 74 attended

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

THE SPRING POTLUCK & CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY meeting will be at 12:30pm **NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH**. Lunch will be served at 12:00pm immediately following the 10:30am worship service - bring a dish to share! The Fellowship Committee will be

providing beverages, lasagna, and mac & cheese. Babysitting will be provided in the gym. We hope to see you there!

BE SURE TO PICK UP A COPY OF THE *REVISED* CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY PACKET!

JOIN US TO SUPPORT ST. JOHN'S! TOMORROW from 5:00–8:00 PM, dine at Portillo's in Maple Grove and 20% of your purchase will be donated back to our school. Simply tell them you're with the St. John's fundraiser to dine in the restaurant or use the online/app code PORTILLOS53 when ordering online. Bring your family, invite friends, and help our community come together to support our school. Thank you for supporting St. John's!

SR. MINISTRY ENRICHMENT EVENT Tiptoe through the tulips as you join the Senior Ministry group for a private tour of Len Busch tulips **THIS TUESDAY, March 10th** at 1pm. If you would like to catch a ride with other church members, please contact STJLSenior@stjlutheran.org.

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL SPRING MUSICAL, *DISNEY'S NEWSIES, JR.* Our students have been working hard to prepare this exciting production, and we would love our church family to come and support them. Performances will be held in the gymnasium **THIS THURSDAY, March 12** at 1:00 PM and **Friday, March 13** at 6:00 PM. We hope you can join us for this fun and uplifting show!

DIAPER DUMP SATURDAY, MARCH 14! Join us for our next Diaper Dump event Saturday, **March 14th** from 10-11:30am in the fellowship hall. We'll be honoring **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!

THE SR. MINISTRY MARCH FELLOWSHIP EVENT will be held on the third Tuesday of the month on **March 17th** at noon in the fellowship hall. This month we will start with a Sloppy Joe/pulled pork

sandwich bar followed by devotions and fellowship games. All are welcome!

SAFETY TEAM UPDATE The safety team has set its schedule of meeting topics for the year. The meetings are on the last Tuesday of the month from 6:00-7:00 PM. The team will hold the last 15 minutes of each meeting for congregational members who have specific questions for the team. Please let us know if you'd like to attend so we are prepared. Congregational members are invited to join the CPR / AED in April and the First Aid training in May. There is a small cost involved that each participant would have to cover. Let us know if you would like to attend the training. Contact Kevin Pomerence or Ted Schmidt with questions.

- March: Fire and severe weather protocol
- April: CPR / AED training with instructor
- May: First Aid training with instructor
- August: Medical protocol
- September: Disturbance and missing child protocol
- December: Evening and winter service protocol, set budget for 2027. (This meeting is on 12/1)

SET APART TO SERVE SURVEY Where do we get pastors who



preach and care for us with God's Word? Where do we get teachers who teach our children about Jesus in our Lutheran schools? Where do we get our directors of Christian education, deaconesses and directors of parish music? *Set Apart to Serve (SAS)* is partnering with our seminaries, Concordia universities, districts, congregations and many others to build a Synod-wide culture of church work formation and recruitment. You can contribute toward this effort by taking this brief online survey at lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey or by scanning the QR code. Please let us know how all of us can make *SAS* more beneficial to your congregation. It is important we hear what you have to say. The more responses we receive, the better equipped we can be as a Synod in our life together to raise up pastors and commissioned church workers for generations to come. We would very much appreciate receiving your responses by March 31. All responses are anonymous and confidential.

EASTER LILIES The Altar Guild invites congregation members to purchase an Easter lily to help decorate the church for Easter Sunday. Lilies may be picked up after the late service on Easter morning to be enjoyed in your home. Order forms are available in the narthex on the communion registration table, near the announcements, on the mailbox ledge, and in the church office. To order, complete a form and place it in an envelope with your payment (\$10 per lily). Envelopes may be placed in the offering plate or left at the church office. The deadline to order is Palm Sunday, March 29.

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

- **SUMMER ESP AIDES**
 - Part-time
 - Flexible schedules
 - Must be at least 16 years old to apply

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 to those who have already donated!

SAVE THE DATE! St. John’s annual Eagle Family FUNDay is soaring back this April, and we can’t wait to celebrate together. Mark your calendars for Saturday, **April 25th**, and get ready for fun, food, games, and prizes! We’ll see you there!

Finances & Giving

Financial Year to Date Update (July 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026)

- Year To Date **budgeted** operating expenses: **\$1,462,092**
- Year To Date **actual** operating revenue: **\$1,632,858**
- Year To Date revenue is favorable **\$170,766** 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.

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:** Elizabeth Koehler
- **Monday:** Dana Rossow, Harold Schmidt, Leah Gordon
- **Tuesday:** Anneliese Stavig, Ellie Bussing, Michael Brown
- **Wednesday:** Pam Kothrade
- **Thursday:**
- **Friday:** Chad Brown, Char Abraham, Curt Besel, Dan Koehler, Daniel Lane, Leighton Spaulding
- **Saturday:** Patricia Hansen

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**KIDS IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE**
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Hey! What happened to the “a” word?

There’s one word we often use in the Church that isn’t used during Lent. Usually we use it after responsories, antiphons and other parts of our worship. Have you guessed what the word is yet? If you guessed “alleluia,” then you are right. We stop singing and saying “alleluia” during Lent and won’t speak it again until Easter morning.

What does “alleluia” mean and why don’t we say it during Lent?

“Alleluia” is a Hebrew word that means “Praise the Lord.” Since we focus on the sufferings and death of Jesus during Lent, we stop using this joyful word until we celebrate Jesus’ glorious resurrection. On Easter morning the first words you hear will be: “The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!”



Parents:

During worship, help your children to look for places in the service where “alleluia” has been omitted. Notice the red writing in the hymnal. These words will help to point out when and where we might use or refrain from using the “a” word.



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"> • Individual cups
	12:00pm	Men's Choir Rehearsal
	6:00pm	Adult/High School Open Gym Volleyball
Monday	5:00-8:00pm	Portillo's School Fundraiser
	5:15pm	Adult Instruction Class
Tuesday	9:15am	Adult Bible Study
	1:00pm	Sr. Ministry Enrichment Event
	6:30pm	PTL Meeting
Wednesday	5:15pm	Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	5:30pm	Public School Catechism Class
	6:00pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Lenten Midweek Service
Thursday	7:00pm	Deacon Meeting
Friday	8:15am	Chapel
Saturday	10:00am	Diaper Dump
Sunday	7:30am	Handbell Choir Warm Up
	8:00am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common cup • Handbells playing
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School
	10:30am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common cup • Handbells playing
	12:00pm	Potluck
	12:00pm	Men's Choir Rehearsal
	12:30pm	Congregational Assembly Meeting
	6:00pm	Adult/High School Open Gym Volleyball