

St. John's Lutheran Church

Announcements

March 15, 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 for Dan and 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 all who oversee our technology operations, our business manager Stephanie Parris, and for our first-grade teacher and co-athletic director, Mrs. Megan Basham.

This week the congregations in our circuit are praying for Eternal Hope Lutheran, Brooklyn Park and their pastor, Rev. Bill Hillyer.

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. 27:32-44 The Crucifixion

Next Week: Mt. 27:45-56 The Death of Jesus

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

- March 17: Psalm 119:97-120 The Blessed Torah of Yahweh

Attendance Last Week

- Sunday, March 8 293 attended; 198 communed
- Wednesday, March 11 90 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 **TODAY** at 12:30pm. 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!

PLEASE KEEP OUR 8TH GRADE STUDENTS, Miss Preus, and all the chaperones in your prayers as they travel to Washington, D.C. tomorrow, Monday, March 16. We ask for God's protection over their travels and that He would bless their time together with meaningful learning, memorable experiences, and a safe return home on Friday.

THE SR. MINISTRY MARCH FELLOWSHIP EVENT will be held **THIS** Tuesday, **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!

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.

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 (763-291-8919) or Ted Schmidt (612-366-3888) 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.

ST. JOHN'S IS HIRING!

- **MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER**
 - Grade/specialty are flexible
 - Contact Kristen.Skura@stjlutheran.org for more info
- **SUMMER ESP AIDES**
 - Part-time & Flexible schedules
 - Must be at least 16 years old to apply
 - Contact Tori.Kuehne@stjlutheran.org for more info

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 – March 9, 2026)

- Year To Date **budgeted** operating expenses: **\$1,505,873**
- Year To Date **actual** operating revenue: **\$1,710,952**
- Year To Date revenue is favorable **\$205,079** 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:** Arlo Mathison, Kara Beck
- **Monday:** Gerald Anderson, Paul Schlueter
- **Tuesday:** Darcie Mathwig, Gabriel Lodholz, Krista Say, Samuel Ims
- **Wednesday:** Russ Reznecheck
- **Thursday:** Avery Benincasa, Jason Brastad, Vern Bagne
- **Friday:** David Kliche
- **Saturday:** Jordan Heinen

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What is that great big candle?

There are many candles in our church sanctuary. Some we light every Sunday. Some we only light on certain occasions. The tall candle that you see up front, possibly next to the Baptismal font or up in front next to the altar, is one of those candles. That's the Paschal Candle!

What is the Paschal Candle used for?

The Paschal Candle reminds us of Jesus' victory over death. Do you remember the story of the pillar of fire that led the Israelites at night in the wilderness after the Lord delivered them from slavery in Egypt? When Jesus died on the cross, He released us from the slavery of darkness and death due to our sin. Now, through our Baptism, we have been buried with Him in His death and we are now raised to new life through His resurrection! The Paschal Candle reminds us of this. Let that Gospel light shine!



Parents: Before or after the Divine Service, take your children up to look at the Paschal Candle. Point out the beautiful symbols on its surface that remind us of our Savior and what He has done for us. Remind them that "Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, the Light no darkness can overcome." (*Lutheran Service Book*, 243)



This Week at St. John's

Today	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	
Monday	5:15pm	Adult Instruction Class
Tuesday	9:15am	Adult Bible Study
	12:00pm	Sr. Ministry Fellowship Event
	7:00pm	Board Meetings
Wednesday	5:15pm	Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	5:30pm	Public School Catechism Class
	6:00pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Lenten Midweek Service
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Friday	8:15am	Chapel
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