

St. John's Lutheran Church

Announcements

January 26, 2025



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), Barb Grambart, Judie Berreau, Ryan & Toya Fish, Renaye Day, Mandy (Schmidt) Berndt, Elisabeth Lieske, Justin Brynjulfson, Ilene Shepherd, Alexis Brockberg, Thea Mazurowski (wife of Kevin), Darlean Goskey, Caroline Schaefer, Lisa Kolander, Steve Kruse, Tanya O'Hern, and Dick Rau

Our homebound members: John Barrett, Rick Bymark, Lorraine Conley, Sue Erickson, Rev. David Fechner, Ron Koehler, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, Ilene Shepherd, and Robert Stashenko

All those serving in our Armed Forces: Agena Christophersen (Germany), Lucas Kiesow (Oklahoma), Kevin Mazurowski (Arizona), Nathan Mazurowski (Arizona), Isak Preus (California), Brian Pruhs (Missouri), Joseph Radintz (home), Danny Schilling (home), Isaac Vogt (Texas)

All expecting families and their unborn children, especially Cory and Daphne Olson and Evan and Amelia Lane

Praying for our church & school: This week we pray for our Kantor, Dr. Katie Moss, as well as all church and school choir members and instrumentalists. We also pray for our school nurse, Mrs. Liz Glock.

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

From the Pastors

Sunday Bible Study Join us in between services as we now rewind to the beginning of Matthew's Gospel to study the Birth of Jesus, the visit

of the Magi, King Herod's sinister plot, the Baptism of Jesus and His temptation in the wilderness.

- Today: Matt. 4:12-25 Jesus Begins His Ministry
- Next Week: Matt. 12:1-8 Jesus Is the Lord of the Sabbath

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

- Jan. 28th Psalm 89 The End of Book III (Part I)

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

Attendance Last Week

- Sun., Jan. 19 240 attended; 169 communed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT CATECHISM CLASS Do you know someone interested in joining the membership of St. John's? Are you a non-Lutheran school family that wants to know what these *crazy Lutherans* are teaching your children? Are you already a member and looking to review the basics? Do you like to study the Word of God in a smaller group setting? Pastor Moss is gathering interest in a Winter/Spring section of our Adult Catechism Class. Please email him with your interest and availability as soon as possible: pastor.moss@stjlutheran.org.

INTRODUCING THE CRADLE ROLL PROGRAM! We are excited to announce the launch of our Cradle Roll program for children under the age of 3! As part of this new initiative, each child will receive a special book and card at key milestones in their early years. These books are designed to support and encourage both children and parents as they grow in their understanding of God's love. We look forward to walking alongside you and your little ones in their faith journey and celebrating each step of the way!

ST. JOHN'S WILL HOST A PIANO AND VIOLIN CONCERT on **Sunday, February 2 at 3:00pm**. The Weber St. John duo will be performing, playing their own arrangements of confessional Lutheran

hymns. The duo celebrates the beauty of sacred music with a focus on timeless hymns and traditional melodies. Their performances aim to glorify Christ and bring joy to those who hear them. Please join us!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED If you are available to help at the piano and violin concert on Sunday, February 2, please talk to Katie Moss or e-mail her at katie.moss@stjlutheran.org. We will need ushers and help with hosting a light reception following the performance.

YOUTH GROUP PREP FOR THE SUPER BOWL SUB SALE is scheduled for Saturday, February 8 from 6:00 - 8:00PM in the St John's kitchen.

THE ANNUAL SUPER BOWL SUB SALE is Sunday, February 9th following each church service. The youth will be selling subs for \$10 each. You are welcome to purchase a sandwich for yourself or feel free to donate one or more to first responders.

SR MINISTRY PROGRAM UPDATE Thanks to all who were scheduled to help and were planning to join our first Senior Ministry Fellowship Event! Unfortunately, due to the severe cold weather, we had to cancel our January event. The good news is that our Fellowship events will be held on the third Tuesday of each month, so mark your calendars for the February event on 2/18/25 at noon in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions or have a Sr. Ministry idea or service care request, please send a note to our new email address at STJLSenior@STJLutheran.org or call Chrys at 479-531-3005.

CONGREGATIONAL PRESIDENT UPDATE As many of you know Mr. Steve Kruse is currently recovering from a serious hospitalization. With thankfulness for all the prayers and support of the Church, Steve has decided to step down from the Congregational Presidency in order to focus on his recovery efforts. Following our Constitution & Bylaws, the Council of Deacons has appointed an acting Congregational President until a Congregational Assembly can elect one. We are thankful for Mr. Phil Schutte's willingness to fulfill this role. May our gracious God continue to bless Steve, Phil, and all our church members!



ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL ENROLLMENT IS OPEN for all students (PS-8th grade). See the Admissions page on the school website (stjlutheranschool.org) or scan the QR code for more information, including tuition rates and a link to complete an application.

Finances & Giving

Financial Year to Date Update (July 1, 2024 – January 20, 2025)

- Year To Date **budgeted** operating revenue: **\$1,112,476**
- Year To Date **actual** operating revenue: **\$1,187,624**
- Year To Date revenue is a favorable **\$75,148** over budget

Ways to Give

- 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 (763-420-2426) as we would appreciate notice of your arrival (this helps us better coordinate and accommodate your visit). Office hours are 7:30am-3:30pm Mon.-Fri.

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:**
- **Monday:** Ryan Fish
- **Tuesday:** Maddy Gangelhoff, Suzanne Haag, Stephanie Thompson
- **Wednesday:** Tanya Brown, Megan Brynjulfson, Emily Singfield
- **Thursday:** Al Berge, Randy Goerke, Elaine Zarracina
- **Friday:** Ronald Koehler
- **Saturday:** Shirley Holthus, Mark Radintz, Gretchen Schutte

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is the “Benediction”?

The Benediction (pronounced ben-eh-DIK-shun) is God’s blessing for the congregation given through the pastor at the very end of the service. There are several different benedictions that we use in the church. The Aaronic Benediction is the one that we use in the Divine Service. You can find this in Num. 6:24–26. We use the other benedictions in other services like Matins and Vespers. Can you find the benedictions for these services in your hymnal?



Why is there a Benediction in the Divine Service?

The word “benediction” comes from the Latin word “bene” which means “well,” and “dicere” which means “speak.” When the pastor pronounces the Benediction, God is giving us His blessing, or speaking well to us. He sends us on our way with His blessing after we have received His wonderful gifts through the Word and Sacraments. God sure does a lot of giving to His people!



Parents:

Before or after the Divine Service, direct your children to the various services in the hymnal. Encourage them to find and read the benedictions for each service. Help them to find the Aaronic Benediction.





St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church has been blessed by God to operate a Lutheran Dayschool since its founding in 1864! Let us thank God for His gift of Lutheran education whereby His Son's divine command to make disciples, baptizing & teaching them, prospers among us.

St. John's Lutheran School Faculty

Grade	Teacher	Years	Alma Mater
PreK	Ms. Hannah Lange	6	Bethel Univ. Arden Hills, MN
PreK	Mrs. Maria Koosman	12	Concordia Univ. St. Paul, MN
PreK/ESP	Mrs. Tori Kuehne	12	Concordia Theo. Sem. Fort Wayne, IN
K	Ms. Anna Fuhrman	4	Augustana Univ. Sioux Falls, SD
1 st	Mrs. Megan Basham	16	Concordia Univ. Mequon, WI
2 nd	Mr. Jeremy Koosman	22	Concordia Univ. St. Paul, MN
3 rd	Mrs. Sarah Carter	6	Concordia Univ. Mequon, WI
4 th	Ms. Laura Ellinghuysen	3	Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, MN
5 th	Mrs. Cadie Koosman	5	Southwest Minn. St. Univ. Marshall, MN
6-8 th	Ms. Kari Preus	3	Luther College, Decorah, IA
6-8 th	Mr. Kyle Peterman	26	Concordia Univ. St. Paul, MN
6-8 th	Mrs. Jackie Nauth	8	Eureka College, Eureka, IL
Kantor	Dr. Katie Moss	15	Concordia Univ. Mequon, WI
Principal	Mrs. Kristen Skura	22	Concordia Univ. Seward, NE
Pastor	Rev. Matthew Johnson	22	CUNE — CTSFW
Pastor	Rev. Matthew Moss	12	CUAA — CTSFW



ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN SCHOOL
— C O R C O R A N —

This Week at St. John's

Sunday	NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK	
	8:00am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common cup• School handbells playing
	9:30am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common cup• All-school choir singing
	4:00pm	Adult Basketball
	6:00pm	Adult Volleyball

Monday

Tuesday 9:00am Adult Bible Study

Wednesday 12:00pm Deadline for Church Announcement
Bulletin Submission
6:00pm Public School Catechism
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common cup
	9:30am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Divine Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common cup
	3:00pm	Piano & Violin Concert
	4:00pm	Adult Basketball
	6:00pm	Adult Volleyball