

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



March 2026

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Each Sunday

- 8:00am Divine Service (live streamed)
- 9:30am Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
- 10:30am Divine Service

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REMINDERS

Please notify the secretary of any **changes in personal information**, including address, phone number, email, etc.

If you are **unable to serve** on your scheduled day, it is your responsibility to find someone to serve in your place.

A LETTER FROM PASTOR MATTHEW MOSS

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This past January I had the great privilege and honor of visiting the campus of the Lutheran School of Theology and teaching their first class of the academic year- a Survey of the Old Testament.

First, I must commend Rev. James and Tiina May for their gracious hospitality throughout my two weeks there. Second my final words after Friday's Matins on my last day were to commend the grounds crew and the student workers for the beautiful campus that they have received from God's tender mercy. I encouraged them to keep up the hard work because it certainly shows the best of God's creation.

Now I must share something about the work I was brought there for, which coincides with the real reason for this campus and the reason the students are in attendance. I was asked to teach the Word of God, specifically the Old Testament, and I found students hungering for it. Their reverence for the Word and eagerness to learn it was abundantly clear.

Many of their questions matched those of Christians all over the world and from many centuries- why would God even create the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil knowing they would sin? What do we do with the polygamous patriarchs, commended for their faith, but clearly living contrary to God's Word? What do we Lutherans do with the topic of Pharaoh and God's hardening of Pharaoh's heart?

Through these discussions and more we learned of God's gracious promises to save mankind through the sacrifice of His Son, our savior Jesus Christ. We study the Old Testament as *Christians*, meaning that what is in the Old concealed, is in the New revealed. In addition to a constant Christological reading we also tied the stories of these seven epochs to individual pieces of Luther's Small Catechism. If the students keep their notes they will have a treasure trove of stories that exemplify and illustrate our clear, biblical Lutheran doctrine.

For all of you who read this I encourage you to remain steadfast and even increase your prayers for Lutherans in Africa and any support

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the Lutheran School of Theology requires. The orthodoxy, productivity, dedication, and constancy of this school, and especially their director Rev. James May is praiseworthy and should be imitated by all of us in our local callings!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Matt Moss



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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1

- Jennifer Day
- Josiah Brynjulfson
- Laurie Bredenberg

March 2

- William Wandersee

March 3

- Chrys Tarvin
- Gretchen Haver
- Jill Christopher
- Lois Mellum
- Ron Eastbourne

March 4

- Christian Johnson
- Isaac Hindermann
- John Meine

March 5

- Janine Foggia

March 6

March 7

- Marais Pariseau

March 8

- Elizabeth Koehler

March 9

- Dana Rossow
- Harold Schmidt
- Leah Gordon

March 10

- Anneliese Stavig
- Ellie Bussing
- Michael Brown

March 11

- Pam Kothrade

March 12

March 13

- Chad Brown
- Charlene Abraham
- Curt Besel
- Dan Koehler
- Daniel Lane
- Leighton Spaulding

March 14

- Patricia Hansen

March 15

- Arlo Mathison
- Kara Beck

March 16

- Gerald Beck

March 17

- Darcie Mathwig
- Gabriel Lodholz
- Krista Say
- Samuel Ims

March 18

- Russ Reznecheck

March 19

- Avery Benincasa
- Jason Brastad
- Vern Bagne

March 20

- David Kliche

March 21

- Jordan Heinen

March 22

- Sam Moertl
- Tina Gapen

March 23

March 24

- Lorrie Adams

March 25

March 26

- Audrey Bahr

March 27

- Carrie Weigman
- David Olson

March 28

- Jada Clifford
- Madison Weigman
- Ron Schumacer

March 29

- Douglas Cook
- Nicki Brastad

March 30

March 31

- Darla Priebe
- Jim Day, Sr.



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MARCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 1. 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.

OUR SPRING POTLUCK & CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEETING will be at 12:30pm on 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!

SENIOR MINISTRY PROGRAM: Tiptoe through the tulips as you join the Senior Ministry group for a private tour of Len Busch tulips on March 10th at 1pm. If you would like to catch a ride with other church members please contact STJLSenior@stjlutheran.org or call Chrys.

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!

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.

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

SAVE THE DATE! St. John's Annual Eagle Family FUNDay Get ready, St. John's family—it's almost time for one of the brightest and most joy-filled days of the year! Our annual Eagle Family FUNDay is soaring back this April, and we can't wait to celebrate together.

This special event brings our entire St. John's community—students, families, teachers, and staff—together for a day of fun, connection, and purpose. It's a chance to enjoy games, activities, food, and laughter... all while supporting an important cause.

Date: April 25, 2026

Why: To have fun while funding a meaningful and lasting improvement for our school.

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More details coming soon. Let's make this the best Eagle Family FUNDay yet!

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY meets weekly at **9:15am** in the auxiliary room. Pr. Moss is leading a study of *The Book of Psalms*.

2026 ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE

January: Arlene R. & LuAn S.

July: Arlene R. & LuAn S.

February: Deb K. & Rocky J.

August: Deb K. & Rocky J.

March: Theresa G. & Jill G.

September: Theresa G. & Jill G.

April: Julie M. & Brenna K.

October: Julie M. & Brenna K.

May: Beth G., Kayleigh R., LeAnn C.

November: Beth G. & LeAnn C.

June: Janine D. & Elizabeth K.

December: Janine D. & Elizabeth K.



Life Notes: The world tells us to avoid suffering at all costs, even justifying murder (abortion, suicide, assisted suicide) on the grounds that death can be used to avoid further suffering. However, St. Paul reminds us that instead of trying to avoid suffering through death, we “can rejoice in our sufferings” (Romans 5:3), knowing that God uses our suffering to increase our hope in Him and bring us to everlasting glory. Therefore, when suffering comes, “let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker (Psalm 95:6), entrusting ourselves into the hands of the One who “died for us” (Romans 5:8).

To read more or to learn more about Lutherans for Life, visit www.LutheransforLife.org.

How can we show we are pro-life? Here are a few ideas: as a family pray together, attend church together, eat as many meals as you can together, celebrate all milestones such as birthdays, Baptisms, first date anniversary, engagement anniversary, and wedding anniversary. All activities done as a family also show the public that we are pro-life. As the children get older involve them in some pro-life activities. As relatives, neighbors, and friends age have your children help them with you. All these ideas show we are pro-life. Can you think of more ideas?

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Council of Deacons meeting minutes

January 8, 2026

In attendance: Pr. Moss, Pr. Johnson, Grant Birzneiks, Joel Johnson, Chris Kruse,
Stephanie Parris, Pete Ims, Mark Radintz, Ron Tarvin, Leif Briel,
Phil Koehler, Kristen Skura, Gary Volberding, Stu Glock, Tom Gardner,
Tim Lodholtz

Call to order at 7:00 by chairman Chris Kruse

Opening prayer: Pr. Moss

Theological study: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Large Catechism p. 279-284.

Deacon Minutes: Motion was made to approve the December 11, 2025 Deacon minutes,
Seconded, Motion passed

Pastor's Report: Written report submitted

Motion was made to accept new families as members at St. John's:
Joe & Caitlin Pariseau, children Marais & Johnny; Mike Wangen
Chris & Melissa Halvorson, sons Mason, Miles, Cooper; Kristina Ostdiek
Andrew Hoitink, sons Nolan & Ben; Paul & Jennifer Dickman, children Alex & Andrew
Motion was seconded. Motion passed.

Board of Spiritual Life: Written report submitted

-Cradle Roll material changes and bibles to be given to children under 3 years old

Business Manager: Written report submitted

-Deb Koehler will fill the role as new assistant office administrator
-Background check policy has been finalized. Deacons will be the first ones checked.
Need to work with the boards to figure out who needs to have a background check.

Board of Administration: Written report submitted

-Discussed St. John's GoFundMe page.
-Performance review timeline for workers at St. John's

Principal's Report: Written report submitted

-Enrollment is currently at 190 students

Board of Education: Written report submitted

-Discussed ESP Director roll and Preschool Director roll

Congregational President: No report

Safety Team: Written report submitted

To-Do List: -Each board to come back with what is the process to review the people that are responsible for reviewing. Report back with the process by the end of January.

-Chris and Leif to meet with the Safety Team to better understand their roll at St. John's.

-Storing the recordings of the recorded church services. Facebook deletes the recordings after three weeks. Is there a better way/platform to retain the recorded services?

Motion was made to approve the reports. Seconded. Motion approved

Old Business:

- Board Reviews- Identify & update who reports to each board

-Review policy on Board Members serving on boards with family on staff

-Budget Update & Financial Review

-BOA to look at the salaries of workers and make sure everyone is in line with where they need to be in accordance with the CP guidelines.

Motion was made to hold the spring congregational meeting on March 15, 2026.

Motion was seconded. Motion passed .

New Business:

-Call Committee: Three interviews were conducted. The committee is recommending Breanna Lindgren for the position of preschool teacher.

Motion was made to approve Breanna Lindgren for the preschool teacher position.

Discussion occurred. Motion passed.

-BOE Discussion-ESP Director Role & Marketing/communication/PreK Role

Motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 9:06 P.M.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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Council of Deacons meeting minutes

February 5, 2026

In attendance: Pr. Moss, Pr. Johnson, Grant Birzneiks, Joel Johnson, Chris Kruse,

Mark Radintz, Ron Tarvin, Leif Briel, Dave Hebert

Phil Koehler, Kristen Skura, Gary Volberding, Stu Glock, Tom Gardner,

Call to order at 7:02 by chairman Chris Kruse

Devotion: Pr. Moss and all together sang Psalm 37 vs. 1-40.

Church & School Safety Discussion

1. Review two incidents that occurred: one during church and one during school
2. Existing 'Planned Security Updates'
 - Protocols are in place for the school. Teachers are trained. Practice drills take place.
 - The security cameras are going to be updated.
 - Safety film is placed on all critical windows
 - Walkie talkies are used to communicate among the staff
3. Professional Security-for our day school
 - Is there a desire from our congregation & specifically deacon council to consider adding security in the form of hiring professional security

Motion was made to have outside council to review security protocols at St. John's Lutheran church and school. Motion was seconded. Motion passed.
4. Church Safety Team
 - Discussion on the proposal that may lead to a resolution to create a Safety Team Committee that would report directly to the Deacon Council

BOE Resolution

Motion to have Tori Kuehne fill the roles of Preschool Director and Marketing & Communications as a full-time position and hire a separate ESP Director/Worker at 20 hrs/wk.

The motion was seconded. Discussion occurred. Motion passed.

Motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 8:42 P.M.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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Off Cycle Council of Deacons Meeting

January 25, 2026

In Attendance: Gary Volberding, Grant Birznieks, Ron Tarvin, Mark Radintz, Pete Ims, Joel Johnson, Tim Lodholtz, Phil Koehler, Kristin Skura

Grant Birznieks – Acting Chairman

Pete Ims – Acting Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 9:37AM

Motion/Second/Approved to offer Breanna Lindgren the position of Pre-School Teacher.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:42AM with the Lord's Prayer.

Business Manager's Report

February 2026

St. John's Lutheran Church & School Monthly Reporting – January 2026

Cash and Investment Balance Details:

Operating Fund – Funded primarily by offerings and school tuition/fees. Pays for operating expenses and critical for short-term viability.

Gifting Fund – Primarily funded by member gifts and fundraisers. Pays for capital improvements/repairs and flow-thru giving to mercy/kindness.

School endowment fund – Funded primarily by member gifts and fundraisers with goal to ensure the long-term viability of affordable Lutheran education.

As of January 31, 2026

> A) Operating Fund	\$648,374.20
> B) Gifting and Improvement Fund	\$338,842.57
> C) School Endowment Fund	\$760,448.00
Total for Bank Accounts	\$1,747,664.77

January Gifting, School Endowment and Missions Funds Activity:

Gifting Fund (Improvement)

Current Balance of \$338,843

- Jan contributions:
 - \$1656.89 member contributions
 - Mercy Fund Contributions \$320
- Jan spending:
 - \$12,925 final windows payments
 - \$15,456 2nd half for digital sign

School Endowment Fund

Current Balance of \$760,448

- Jan gains/contributions:
 - \$235.03 member contribution
 - \$15,385 market gain
- \$27,200 being used for 26-27 financial aid

January Missions

Contributions:

Synod – \$1,158.22
Jastram – \$1,003.10
Wokoma – \$1,093.12
Foggia - \$1,020.56

January Operating Summary:

Monthly surplus of \$54k compared to -\$15k budgeted deficit (total Revenue – total Expenses)

- Total revenue \$54k over budget
 - Offerings \$27k over budget; school tuition/fees \$11k over budget
- Total expenses -\$15k under budget
 - Salaries/wages/benefits on budget

Operating Details:

January 2026

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
▼ Revenue				
▶ 4010 General Fund Offerings	111,305.00	83,828.00	27,477.00	132.78 %
4020 Tuition	91,631.97	82,350.00	9,281.97	111.27 %
▶ 4030 Other School Income	25,613.00	23,892.00	1,721.00	107.20 %
▶ 4400 Other Income	37,100.57	21,886.00	15,214.57	169.52 %
Total Revenue	\$265,650.54	\$211,956.00	\$53,694.54	125.33 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$265,650.54	\$211,956.00	\$53,694.54	125.33 %
▼ Expenditures				
▶ 6200 Salaries & Wages	161,780.53	162,987.70	-1,207.17	99.26 %
▶ 6400 Benefits	37,381.89	36,126.00	1,255.89	103.48 %
▶ 6500 Other Staff Expenses	-2,002.22	1,047.00	-3,049.22	-191.23 %
▶ 6510 Church Programs	1,643.76	1,389.00	254.76	118.34 %
▶ 6560 Operating/Misc Expenses	4,703.17	7,027.00	-2,323.83	66.93 %
▶ 6570 Utilities and Maintenance	9,751.98	12,464.00	-2,712.02	78.24 %
▶ 7100 School Academic Expenses	2,502.19	1,905.00	597.19	131.35 %
▶ 7300 School Bus Service	1,331.24	1,964.00	-632.76	67.78 %
▶ 7900 Other School Expenses	-5,407.89	1,719.00	-7,126.89	-314.60 %
Total Expenditures	\$211,684.65	\$226,628.70	\$ -14,944.05	93.41 %
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$53,965.89	\$ -14,672.70	\$68,638.59	-367.80 %
NET REVENUE	\$53,965.89	\$ -14,672.70	\$68,638.59	-367.80 %

"This is the day the Lord has made.

MARCH 2026

Let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8am Divine Service 9:30am Adult Bible Study & S.S. 10:15am K-4 Choir Warm-up 10:30am Divine Service • K-4 choir singing 12pm Men's Choir Rehearsal	2 5:15pm Adult Instruction	3 9:15am Adult Bible Study	4 5:15pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm Pub. Sch. Cat. 6pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Lenten Service	5 DEACON REPORTS DUE	6 8:15am Chapel	7
8 8am Divine Service 9:30am Adult Bible Study & S.S. 10:30am Divine Service 12pm Men's Choir Rehearsal	9 5-8pm Portillo's Fundraiser 5:15pm Adult Instruction	10 9:15am Adult Bible Study 6:30pm PTL meeting	11 5:15pm Handbell Reh. 5:30pm Pub. Sch. Cat. 6pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Lenten Service	12 1pm School Musical: Disney's Newsies, Jr. 7pm Deacon Mtg.	13 8:15am Chapel 6pm School Musical: Disney's Newsies, Jr.	14 10am Diaper Dump
15 8am Divine Service • Handbells playing 9:30am Adult Bible Study & S.S. 10:30am Divine Service • Handbells playing 12pm Men's Choir Rehearsal & Congregation Potluck 12:30pm Congregational Assem.	16 5:15pm Adult Instruction	17 9:15am Adult Bible Study 12pm Sr. Ministry Fellowship Event 7pm Board Mtgs.	18 5:15pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm Pub. Sch. Cat. 6pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Lenten Service	19	20 8:15am Chapel	21
22 8am Divine Service 9:30am Adult Bible Study & S.S. 10:30am Divine Service 12pm Men's Choir Rehearsal	23 5:15pm Adult Instruction	24 9:15am Adult Bible Study	25 5:15pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm Pub. Sch. Cat. 6pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Feast of the Annunciation Divine Service	26	27	28
29 PALM SUNDAY 8am Divine Service • Men's Choir Singing 9:30am Adult Bible Study & S.S. 10:30am Divine Service • Men's Choir Singing	30 5:15pm Adult Instruction 7pm Holy Monday Service	31 9:15am Adult Bible Study 7pm Holy Tuesday Service	April 1 7pm Holy Wednesday Service	April 2 DEACON REPORTS DUE 7pm Holy Thursday Service	April 3 12:30pm Good Friday Chief Service 7pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service	April 4 7pm Easter Vigil

***Adult open gym volleyball (6-8pm) each Sunday.**



~1 John 1:9

“If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

The Service of Individual Confession & Absolution is available this month by appointment only. Take advantage of this opportunity to hear God's Word of forgiveness spoken to you individually in Jesus's Name.



The Divine Service is live-streamed each Sunday at 8:00am.

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