



We are here to share and celebrate the saving power of Jesus Christ

KNOWING – GROWING – LOVING – LIVING

Dear St. John's members and friends,

This is one of those rare years when Easter (Apr. 21) falls almost as late on the calendar as it can. Consequently, so does Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent (Mar. 6). This year, then, we almost feel like we're in a holding pattern in February, waiting for Lent to begin.

Can I take you one step deeper into our question, "Why Jesus?" as we continue to celebrate the season of Epiphany? Remember that "epiphany" means "revelation." It has the impact of our saying, "The light bulb just went on in my head!" Epiphany shows us Jesus, specifically, in ways we haven't thought of Him before. For February, I'd like you to join me in asking ourselves, "Who am I newly learning Jesus to be?" And, "Why is Jesus indispensable to me?"

I am really feeling for people who are walking away from their faith these days. There is something,

in particular, about church that isn't feeding them or compelling to them anymore. In most reports, people are sick and tired of church fights, of the judgmentalism and exclusivism of people who claim to follow our God of love for the whole world, of specific aggression toward gays and lesbians as well as Muslims, and of institutional hierarchy and abuses of power. Our current national struggles with racism and white supremacy, often seen most vividly in the Church, are only worsening the problem. Ultimately, this is both a loss of trust in the Church faithfully guiding people in their spiritual quests and a sense that the Church is actually an obstacle to people living in faith in God.

This is more than concerning. It is heart-wrenching. And it should be. This is beyond "perception is reality." This is where a light bulb should be going off in our heads. We are behooved to wake up to this, but also to wake up to our own entrenchment in the ways we operate and present ourselves as congregations of Christ's church.

"We have never done it this way before" needs to leave our vocabulary. It is a different time in the last 10 or more years. We have never been faced, in our lifetimes, with such a mass exodus from church.

We have a grand opportunity as congregations, and even as a specific congregation, and only if we seize it. The opportunity is to welcome the conversation about how the church has become an obstacle to people wanting to grow in their faith and share their faith in a community of faith. If the church only appears to represent yearnings for past glory years or tone-deafness to people's very real struggles, questions, and best thinking, then we're sunk. But, if the church knows its own need to initiate conversations about our current cultural reality and shares its openness to desiring to evolve and grow while walking with people into the challenges and joys of daily life RIGHT NOW, then, perhaps will churches once again be outposts for vibrant ministry and help, bea-

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February 2019

Worship: 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays of the Month.

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Need a Phone Number of a St. John's Member?

Call the church office at 952-469-4916 for contact information. Phone directories are also available in the narthex.

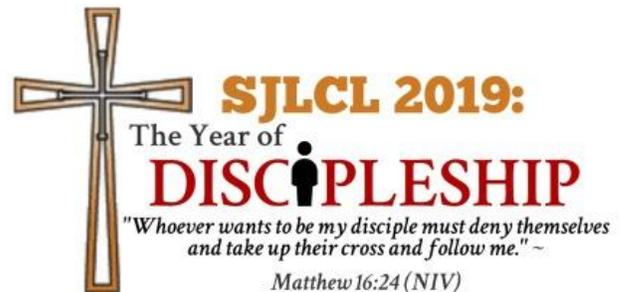


Prayer Requests

St. John's members and any others who may be in need of prayer may be placed on **St. John's Prayer Chain** by calling Diane Hammer or emailing to d_hammer@charter.net

Prayer requests may be included in our public prayers on Sunday morning by calling the church office during the week or by submitting the request to Pastor Andy in writing prior to the service.

All Prayer Chain request are confidential.



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Camp/Cabin Fever Sunday Sunday, February 10

Put on your favorite camping attire and join us **February 10 for Camp/Cabin fever Sunday!** We will be celebrating our partnership with Sugar Creek Bible camp where kids can experience Gods word in a whole new way. Information on the camps at Sugar Creek will be available or contact Christie at christie@sjlcl.org with any questions.



Music Ministry Event Sunday, February 17

On February 17 from 7 – 8 p.m. St. John's Lutheran is hosting an exciting music ministry event! We will be hosting a Lutheran Choir and Hymn Festival with Professor Mark Potvin of Luther College in Decorah, IA conducting the choir. This will be a collaborative choral event in which the St. John's Lutheran Chancel Choir members will combine with the adult choir ensembles from Christiania Lutheran in Lakeville, Christus Victor Lutheran in Apple Valley, Farmington Lutheran, and Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Lakeville.

The choirs will get together to rehearse the music with Mr. Potvin during the afternoon. At 7 p.m. members of the community and the participating congregations are welcome to join in the hymn singing and listen to the choral performance of the combined choirs. Admission is free, but a free will offering will be taken to benefit Lutheran Social Services.



Are you interested in becoming a member of St. John's Church? February 17

Or do you know someone looking for a church home? Come and join us for New Member Orientation and New Member Sunday with Pastor Heather! New Member Orientation - **February 17** from 9:40 to 10:30. Please plan on meeting in Mark so we can get to know each other. New Member Sunday - **February 24** at the 8:30 or 10:45 service. If you cannot make the dates or would like to discuss membership before attending, please contact Pastor Heather at pastor-heather@sjlcl.org. We hope you will join us! Please call Jill, 952-469-4916, if you are interested in attending. Not sure you are ready to join at this time, please stop in on February 17 and see where the spirit leads you.

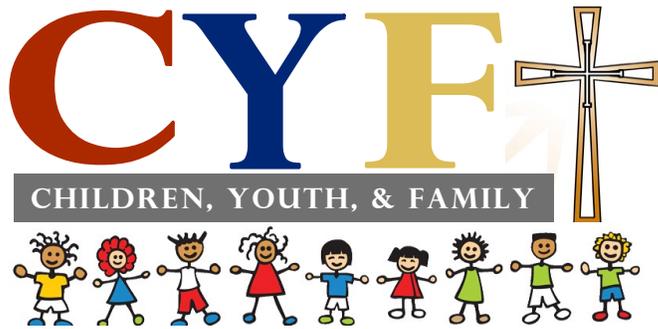
Cookies! Cookies! Cookies! Wednesday, February 13

On Wednesday, February 13 the youth will be selling chocolate chip cookies from Chick fil A to raise money for their mission trip to the Wilderness Canoe Camp in the boundary waters. Cookies are \$2 a piece and will be sold in the narthex. Since Valentine's Day is the very next day, we are calling them "cookie grams" so you can buy one or more for your love.



Noisy Offering Sunday February 3

Start saving your coins (bills too) to put in the offering pots on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 3. Let's see how much noise we can make dumping all our coins in the pots during both services. We will be giving the Noisy Offering to The Open Door.



Why Jesus? Project Continued...

February continues the Why Jesus? Project sermon series. Each week in January, Affirm, Men's Morning Bible Study, Sunday School, Worship, Staff Meeting, Senior High Youth Group, and other ministries have asked the question "Why Jesus?" We have asked ourselves Why Jesus? Who and what is Jesus to each of us? We have discovered that Jesus is relationship, light, and blessing. As we move forward into February, we will dig deeper into God's story as found in the Gospel of Matthew to witness together how Jesus knows your heart, loves both saint and sinner, that Jesus sees the possibilities in us, and that Jesus is trustworthy. The role of this sermon series is to help us see that Jesus is....many things to us! In fact, it might change from day to day depending on life's circumstances. But it is as the Sunday School kids could tell you from Day 1 of this project: No matter how we sum up Why Jesus? – they could tell you that Jesus is everything!

South Metro Meal Pack

South Metro Meal Pack is the first week of February. St. John's has two times reserved to help pack meals: Tuesday, February 5 from 10-12 pm (Join the staff in

packing meals!) or Saturday, February 9 from 11-1 pm. Sign up either online or with the church office at sjlcl.org or 952-469-4916. Together, let's meet at the meal pack at Berean Baptist Church, 309 County Road 42 East, Burnsville, MN 55306.

Affirm

Affirm in February follows the Why Jesus? Project Video Series seeing Jesus as storyteller, connector, miracle worker, and teacher before we enter the season of Lent. Service is a big part of the confirmation ministry. This spring, Affirm students are invited to participate in an **Urban Immersion Events**. To keep costs down, we are doing things a little different and please note dates have changed. So here is what we are offering: 1 overnight experience that includes one meal service (either breakfast or dinner) at Simpson Shelter in Minneapolis, one church to sleep and worship, and one fun thing together. This is part of the Affirm curriculum.

How to register:

1. Choose ONE of the options below:

Option 1: Leave Saturday, February 2 at 3 pm and return Sunday, February 3 at 12 noon. (For 9-12 grades only)

Dinner meal service and staying the night at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Pastor Heather will be leading this weekend. 15 youth spaces available and two parent chaperone needed.

Option 2: Leave Saturday, February 23 at 3 pm and return Sunday, February 24 at 12 noon. (For 7-9 grade only)

Breakfast meal service and staying the night at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. Pastor Andy will be leading this weekend. 12 youth spaces available and two parent chaperone needed.

Option 3: Leave Saturday, March 9 at 3 pm and return Sunday, March 10 at 12 noon. (For 7-9 grade only)

Breakfast meal service and staying at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. Pastor Heather will be leading this weekend. 12 youth spaces available and two parent chaperone needed.

Option 4: Leave Saturday, March 16 at 3 pm and return Sunday, March 17 at 12 noon. (For 7-9 grade only)

Breakfast meal service and staying at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Pastor Andy will be leading this weekend. 12 youth spaces available and two parent chaperone needed.

2. RSVP to Pastor Heather at pastorheather@sjlcl.org with your option, child's name, and grade.

3. Cost: \$25. Please pay by check or cash.

4. Reservation is complete upon payment. Space is limited. It is a first come, first serve model.

What to expect: We will purchase food, prepare, serve, and clean up one meal service at Simpson and worship with them on Sunday, do one fun thing - go out to dinner or breakfast, play games and have evening devotions.

Please contact Pastor Heather with questions or if you are able to chaperone the event at pastorheather@sjlcl.org and RSVP now!

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Summer Save the Dates

Vacation Bible School

Is it summer yet? Even though it's still cold outside, planning is already underway for St. John's fabulous 2019 VBS week!

June 10-14, 9-12 noon

Preschool – 4th Grade

\$25 per child

\$60 family maximum (3 or more kids)

NEW for Summer 2019 - Afternoon Summer Service Camp

June 10-14, 12-3 pm

Completed Kindergarten – 8th grade

\$50 per child

Any questions? Just ask Elisa Brown at elisa@sjlcl.org

Boundary Waters Mission Trip

Wilderness Canoe Base

Wilderness Canoe Base is a Lutheran camp at the end of the Gun Flint Trail in northern Minnesota. They offer an onsite service experience along with adventure camping: three days are spent in camp with service opportunities (bushwhack trails, clean up shoreline, or mend fences) and the other three days are spent on trail, canoeing and camping in the boundary waters. This trip is for youth who will have completed 9th grade through 12th grade – they will join Pastor Heather and Brooks Lillehei on this canoeing adventure.

June 23-28

Completed 9th – 12th grade

\$450 (We will be fundraising to help defray the cost!)

Any questions? Just ask Pastor Heather at pastorheather@sjlcl.org

Family Camp at Green Lake Bible Camp

Join Pastor Heather at Green Lake Bible Camp in Wilmer, MN for a week of family camp. Mornings are spent in Bible study (adults with pastor and kids with counselors) and afternoons are all about camp activities: swimming, crafting, and lounging. Don't forget evening campfires!

July 21-26

\$240 per adult, \$120 per child, \$720 family maximum (infants and preschoolers, free)

For more information and to register, check out the Green Lake Website: www.gllm.org

Any questions? Just ask Pastor Heather at pastorheather@sjlcl.org

Sugar Creek Bible Camp

Bible Camp is a beloved program for St John's students. Save these dates and registration will open up soon for Sugar Creek:

July 7-12 & July 14-19, all ages

August 4-9, high school students with river boaters.

For more information and to register, check out Sugar Creek's website: sugarcreekbiblecamp.org

Elementary Campfires (3rd-6th Grade)

June 11, 18, 25 & July 9, 16, 23

6-7 pm

Youth Summer Service and Campfires (7th-12th Grade)

Wednesdays from 2-7 pm, youth come together to share in service (for church, local community and in the cities) followed by hot dog dinners and s'mores around the campfire. Price includes supplies, transportation, and one ticket to Valley Fair (July 31).

June 12, 19, 26 & July 10, 17, 24 (Valley Fair - July 31).

2-7 pm

\$130

That Baby Thing!

Are you a parent of a baby, toddler, or 3 year old? If the answer is "yes" then Children's Ministries at St. John's has a new group – entitled *That Baby Thing!* - for you and your little ones age newborn to 3 years old. From Christmas to Easter, once a month, there are special events. Together, we sing, have a puppet show, and learn about God's story! Check out below for *That Baby Thing's* next Sunday gathering and what we will be learning:

February 10 – Teach me to pray, Jesus.

March 3 – Love me, Jesus, Fat Sunday Party!

April 14 – Palm Sunday Egg Hunt.

Please RSVP to Pastor Heather at pastorheather@sjlcl.org or 952-469-4916 so that Children's Ministries can best prepare for you and your child. Any questions? Just ask!

High School

SAVE THE DATE: Senior High Lunch and Games meets after church on Sunday, **February 10** from 12-1 pm with Pastor Heather in the Youth Room! Together we will snack on some Pizza, check-in, and play some wild games! (Twister anyone?) No need to sign up, just show up!

Vacation Bible School

The theme for St. John's Vacation Bible School this year is....

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ROAR!!!

ROAR!!!

Get ready to ROAR into Africa!!
June 10-14, 2019

Upcoming bulletins will have full details.



ACE on Sunday Mornings

Sunday, February 17:

AIA and Discipleship: Equipping Disciples Who Make Disciples— with Karisa Fuerniss

A disciple is one who walks by faith, communicates their faith, and multiplies their faith,” explains Cru staff, Roger Hershey. Karisa will share her personal story of discipleship and the experiences that have helped her think about what it looks like to walk by faith. She will also explain how she has been equipped to communicate her faith through training by Athletes in Action; in addition, she will pass on materials that may help you communicate the Gospel in addition to your testimony as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Finally, she will share stories from her ministry with AIA where she now has the opportunity to multiply her faith through discipling others and encouraging them to do the same. Her prayer is that you will be encouraged by hearing stories

of how God has faithfully shown up in her life of discipleship and that you will be further inspired and equipped to continue living your life of discipleship.

About Karisa Fuerniss...

Karisa Fuerniss is a Loveland, Colorado native, and a lifelong Lutheran. She received her Bachelor’s degree in Athletic Training along with Physical Education at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa in 2016. Following graduation, Karisa completed a year-long internship as an Athletic Trainer in Xenia, Ohio with Athletes in Action, a global sports organization that is one of the ministries of Cru (formerly known as Campus Crusade for Christ). Karisa is currently on part-time staff with Athletes in Action while she is also finishing her last semester of graduate school at Northern Illinois University in Dekalb, Illinois. Her Master’s will be in Kiniesiology with a Specialization in Sport and Exercise Psychology. Karisa has traveled to Israel, Honduras, and Sri Lanka recently for both ministry and educational trips



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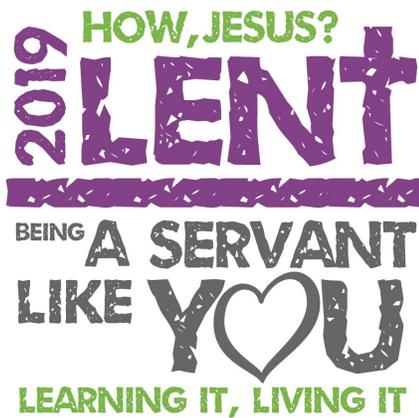


...FOR WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT.

2 Corinthians 5:7

Mark of Discipleship: Daily Bible Readings for February

- 1: Matthew 5:43-48
- 2: Matthew 6:1-6
- 3: Matthew 6:7-21 [25-34]
- 4: Matthew 6:22-24
- 5: Matthew 6:25-30
- 6: Matthew 6:31-34
- 7: Luke 15:1-10 7
- 8: Luke 15:11-24
- 9: Luke 15:25-32
- 10: Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29
- 11: Matthew 7:15-23
- 12: Matthew 8:1-13
- 13: Matthew 8:14-27
- 14: Matthew 8:28-34
- 15: Matthew 9:1-8 15
- 16: Matthew 9:9-17
- 17: Matthew 13:24-45
- 18: Matthew 9:18-26
- 19: Matthew 9:27-38 19
- 20: Matthew 10:1-23
- 21: Matthew 10:32-42
- 22: Matthew 11:1-19
- 23: Matthew 12:1-14
- 24: Matthew 14:13-33 24
- 25: Matthew 15:1-20
- 26: Matthew 15:21-28
- 27: Matthew 15:29-39
- 28: Matthew 16:1-12



Lent 2019: How Jesus? Being a servant like you; learning it, living it

St. John's Lenten logo was designed by Perry Fuerniss. The violet color is for the Lenten season. The broken appearance in the font symbolizes our brokenness. The spring green color of the HOW, JESUS? and LIVING IT, LEARNING IT symbolizes new spring life, new life in each day and eternal life in Christ. The graphite color is a symbol of the ashes of from Ash Wednesday. The heart is a symbol of Christ's love for us.

Fat Sunday

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 6, - it is a time of self-reflection, prayer, and fasting. So before Lent starts, we are going to have a "Fat Sunday" party from 9:40-10:30 on Sunday, March 3. In the fellowship hall, we will eat pancakes, play some bingo, and wear beads to celebrate life together before we enter the serious business of Lent! Sunday School kids, youth group, That Baby Thing Families, and people of all ages are invited to participate! Free-will donation supports the Mission Trip to the Boundary Waters. Any questions? Just ask Pastor Heather at pastorheather@sjlcl.org or 952-469-4916.

St. John's Affirm students and adults

Once again this year, the Lenten Mentor program will guide our Affirm program during the

season of Lent (March 6 - April 17). All 7th, 8th, and 9th graders are required to ask an adult in the congregation (other than their parent or family member) to be their Lenten Mentor. Adults, please say "Yes!" to an Affirm student if one asks you to be their mentor. What a privilege and honor!

During Lent, then, students and mentors are encouraged to sit together during the 7 p.m. Wednesday Lenten service each week and then spend 10-15 minutes afterward getting to know one another better and discussing what was learned during each particular service. Each week, a discussion guide will be provided to you.

More than anything, we know that youth having meaningful relationships with adults in the church cements faith in young people and causes them to remain more active in church in their adult years. The role you adults play in

saying "Yes!" when asked to be a mentor is extremely important.

Lenten Mentoring will begin with a short orientation after the 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service on March 6. See you then!

Lenten Meals

Lenten meals begin at 5:15 and continue until 6:45 p.m. each Wednesday during Lent. A nominal fee of \$4 for adults, \$3 for children and \$10 for a family, will go to the Loaves and Fishes program. We appreciate all the help from circles, Sunday school families, the youth and Boy Scouts for preparing the meals, as well as, all the other volunteers from the congregation. The meals could never be a success without all the many people who help. If you haven't ever joined in on the fun, this might be the year to try. Watch for volunteer opportunities and meal menus in upcoming Sunday bulletins.

The Grieving Person's Bill Of Rights

Though you should reach out to others as you do the work of mourning, you should not feel obligated to accept the unhelpful responses you may receive from some people. You are the one who is grieving, and as such, you have certain "rights" no one should try to take away from you.

The following list is intended both to empower you to heal and to help you decide how others can and cannot help. It can assist you in distinguishing useful responses from hurtful ones.

1. *You have the right to experience your own unique grief.* No one else will grieve in exactly the same way you do. So, when you turn to others for help, don't allow them to tell what you should or should not be feeling.

2. *You have the right to talk about your grief.* Talking about your grief will help you heal. Seek out others who will allow you to talk as much as you want, about your grief.

3. *You have the right to feel a multitude of emotions.* Confusion, disorientation, fear, guilt and relief are just a few of the emotions you might feel as part of your grief journey. Others may try to tell you that feeling angry, for example, is wrong. Don't take these judgmental responses to heart. In-

stead, find listeners who will accept your feelings without condition.

4. *You have the right to be tolerant of your physical and emotional limits.* Your feelings of loss and sadness will probably leave you feeling fatigued. Respect what your body and mind are telling you. Get daily rest. Eat balanced meals. And don't allow others to push you into doing things you don't feel ready to do.

5. *You have the right to experience grief "attacks".* Sometimes, out of nowhere, a powerful surge of grief may overcome you. This can be frightening, but is normal and natural.

6. *You have the right to make use of ritual.* The funeral ritual does more than acknowledge the death of some one loved. It helps provide you with the support of caring people. More important, the funeral is a way for you to mourn. (As Christians God's promises help us to find hope and comfort in His words)

7. *You have the right to embrace your spirituality.* If faith is a part of your life, express it in ways that seem appropriate to you. Allow yourself to be around people who understand and support your religious beliefs. If you feel angry at God, find someone to talk with who won't be critical of your feel-

ings of hurt and abandonment.

8. *You have the right to search for meaning.* You may find yourself asking, "Why did he or she die? Why this way? Why now?" Some of your questions may have answers, but some may not. And watch out for the cliched responses some people may give you. Comments like, "It was God's will" or "Think of what you have to be thankful for" are not helpful and you do not have to accept them.

9. *You have the right to treasure your memories.* Memories are one of the best legacies that exist after the death of someone loved. You will always remember. Instead of ignoring your memories, find others with whom you can share them.

10. *You have the right to move toward your grief and heal.* Reconciling your grief will not happen quickly. Remember, grief is a process, not an event. Be patient and tolerant with yourself and avoid people who are impatient and intolerant with you. Neither you nor those around you must forget that the death of someone loved changes your life forever.

Written by Alan Wolfelt, Ph.D.
For Batesville Management Services
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cons of light and hope, and communities of faith in which people together experience the very presence of the living and loving and welcoming God.

So, why is Jesus indispensable to you? But even more, why might you think Jesus is indispensable **to others** and how might you think the church needs to

be more open **to engaging people on their faith's and life's journey**? Watch for an upcoming A.C.E. session on this topic. And, please, join in!

In Epiphany light, joy, and hope,

Pastor Andy

Letters of Thanks from our Sponsored Students in Tanzania

Letters of gratitude will be shared each month in the Journal.

P O Box, 523,
Iringa.

25th July 2017.

Dear St. John

I am happy to write this letter to you dear St. John about my condition is well.

The aim of writing this letter to you dear St. John is to give you great thanks for helping me to pay the school fees my God bless you, Also my dream is to continue with Form Five (Formy God wish.

And I beg you dear St. John to continue with such kind of heart like you have of helping people.

Yours Faithful

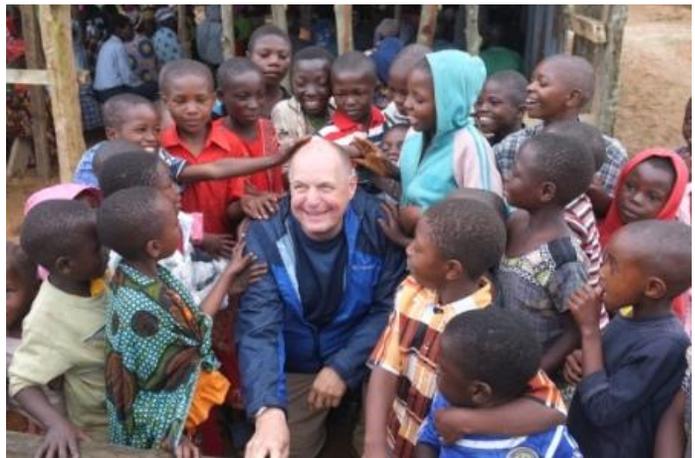
A. Kulanga

Haruni Kulanga.

Muhanga Travelers

Tuesday, February 5

A trip to Muhanga is being planned for July or August of 2020. No exact date has been set, but time to start putting some money away if you're interested in going. For those who went in 2014 and 2017 this is a life changing experience. You have a chance to meet the people of Muhanga and learn about their everyday life as well as learn about the country of Tanzania. An information meeting will be held Tuesday, February 5 at 7 p.m.



March is Food Shelf Month

We will be collecting donations for the Food Shelf every Sunday in March. Please help with filling the narthex with “Three Square Meals, and more.” The focus of each week is listed below:

- Sunday, March 3 – Breakfast items
- Sunday, March 10 – Lunch items
- Sunday, March 17 – Dinner items
- Sunday, March 24 – Personal hygiene, baby, items
- Sunday, March 31 – A combination of any of the previous weeks

Matthew 25:45:

Whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me



Special Giving Opportunities For January and February Youth Ministry

This January and February, donations from the St. John’s pink offering envelopes will go towards St. John’s Youth Ministry to subsidize youth events.

If you would like to make a contribution toward this worth while cause, please use your January/February offering envelopes, or a pew envelope marked January/February special offering. Place in the offering plate, drop off or mail into the church office. You may also donate online, look for “online giving” in the upper-right of St. John’s homepage www.sjlcl.org



St. John’s Family

Baptisms:

1/27/19 Jack William Bloemke

Funerals:

1/21/19 Thomas Norman Thompson



Just a reminder that we will be having our annual garage sale again this year. The dates are August 1 – 3. If you are downsizing or find things that you just don’t need any more set them aside for the sale. Watch for more news in the coming months.

Those Aiding our Worship

Thank You!

Those aiding our worship for **reading, greeting, and serving communion** can be found online at <https://www.sjlcl.org/signup>. Sign-up is done using Sign UpGenius, it’s simple and quick. If you find you have trouble call the church office at 952-469-4916, give the dates you want to serve and we’ll do the rest. A reminder will be sent 5 days before the date you are to serve via Sign UpGenius. Readings will be mailed out the week before from the church office.

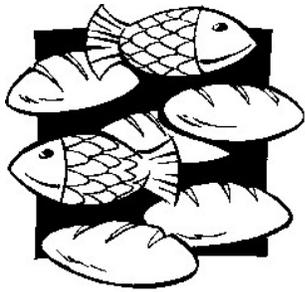
Don’t worry if you have never read, greeted, or served communion, give it a try— what a great way to experience a Sunday morning!

- For current scheduling see the weekly Sunday bulletins; watch your email for reminders.

Scan to sign up



Serving Others—Thursday, February 21



LOAVES and FISHES

We will be serving dinner for Loaves and Fishes at Easter Lutheran (by the Lake) at Cliff and Pilot Knob on **Thursday, February 21**. Volunteers are needed to prepare the food from 4-5 p.m. and serve the food from 5:15-7:15 p.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board above the children's coat rack.

If you would like to make a monetary donation toward this effort, please place your donation in an envelope marked "Loaves and Fishes" and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office.

Any questions, contact Kathy at

- 612-414-5073 or
- kmcomer72@gmail.com.

Thank you for your help with this serving opportunity.

Look How we loved and lived recently...

To the wonderful women of St. John's WELCA,

It was such a surprise and blessing to receive a note and a check of support now that our family has moved to seminary. We pray for you all and think of you often. We thank God for blessing our family with the opportunity to live and grow with you all for so many years. Thank you for being a loving Christ-centered community that has shaped us into the people we are today.

Much Love! Ruthie, Bariki, Musa, and Imani

To St. John's,

The Apple Valley Music Teachers' wish to thank you for the use of your beautiful sanctuary! We appreciate it!

AVMTA, Sarah Twedt

Dear St. John's,

Thank you for the generous donation of **\$500** to the Lunches for Lakeville account. We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness in including us in your giving. These funds will be used to help students who are struggling to maintain positive balances in their accounts.

Sincerely, Lakeville Student Nutrition

St. John's,

Thank you for your generous donation of **\$500** to Armful of Love. With your help we were able to provide gifts and a holiday meal to about 1000 families. We truly appreciate another gift of **\$1,091.50** from your Christmas Cantata.

Thank you also the gift of **\$500** to the Lewis House, and **\$500** and **205 pounds of food** to The Open

Door food pantry.

And finally thank you for the following items from your mitten tree this past Christmas:

- Gloves/Mittens: 37 pairs
- Hats/Gloves/Mittens set: 9 sets
- Scarves:30
- Hats:91
- Socks:7 pairs
- Handwarmers:20 pairs

360 Communities

To the WELCA women of St. John's,

Thank you for your recent donation of **\$500**. Your gift will help Open Hands provide nutritious meals in the Hamline-Midway, Frogtown and surrounding neighborhoods.

Open Hands Midway

FEBRUARY 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

For a complete calendar of events for February 2019 visit St. John's website's events page at

www.sjlcl.org or download our app.

We Have an App for That

St. John's now has its own App! That's right, there's an app for everything, including our church. We'd like to encourage you to download it and start using it. It is compatible both with Ap-

ple and Android phones and mobile devices. Go to the link below and look for the calendar of events, use the prayer wall, read a blog post, and even give your offering electronically

<https://tithely.app.link/st-johns-lutheran-church-of-lakeville-mn>

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TBD

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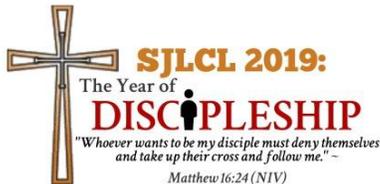
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Praise Singers (7-12th) &

Firelight Singers (Pre-K-4th) Director:

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