



St. John's News and Notes

Sunday, February 16, 2025

Sunday (02/16) Worship w/Communion	9:00 am
Live Streaming & Radio	9:00 am
Congregation Birthday Party	10:15 am
Monday	Quilters 9:00 am
Tuesday	Women's Bible Study 1:00 pm Handbells Rehearsal 5:15 pm
Wednesday	Confirmation 6:00 pm Youth Group 7:30 pm
Thursday	Men's Bible Study 5:00 pm
Friday	
Saturday	
Sunday (02/23) Worship	9:00 am
Live Streaming & Radio	9:00 am
Bible Study/Sunday School	10:15 am

**Office Hours: Monday –
Thursday 8:30 – 12:00**

Holy Communion

For us at St. John's the Lord's Supper is a very sacred and Holy Meal. If you would like to join us at this Sacramental Supper, please read the [laminated invitation](#) in the seat pocket.

Tithes and Offerings

If you are a guest visiting with us today please do not feel obligated to contribute to the offering plate when it is passed. Tithes and offerings are part of being a member of a church. This congregation would like to honor you as our guest today.

Notes for the Lord's Supper

For those with sensitivities to alcohol, non-alcohol wine is offered in the light colored cups in the center of the communion tray. Also, if you need a gluten-free wafer, please contact an usher, the pastor, or an elder before the service so this can be available.

Worship Services

Sunday

9:00 am Worship

10:15 Education Hour

Tuesday

1:00 Women's Bible Study

Thursday

5:00 Men's Bible Study

The live radio broadcast on KAUS 1480 AM of this Sunday's worship service is sponsored by an anonymous donor, giving God the glory with the sharing of the gospel. To God be the Glory!

February live streaming is sponsored by the LWML. **"Thanking God for our ability to stream our worship services."**

Sponsor the Internet broadcast. If you would like to sponsor a month of St. John's church services over the Internet (\$117 a month) contact Dave Watkins at 507-458-5018.

The Radio Broadcast is in need of sponsors: If you would like to sponsor a broadcast the fee is \$150.00 a week. Contact Ellen Petersen, or drop off a check in the church office. Thank you!

Scrip Orders – Thinking about ordering Scrip cards to help the congregation? Order blanks are on the Scrip table. Check out the new list of businesses available. Orders, with payment, must be in by **Sunday, February 16**. Place your order and check on the Scrip table or bring it to the office. **We will still have the usual cards available after service.**

Take It to the Lord in Prayer. Do you have a prayer concern or thanksgiving? Commend it to the Lord through your own prayers, but also through the loving service of our Prayer Chain. If you have an item you would like included on the Prayer Chain, please contact Miriam Luehmann at 437-7619 or email Miriam.Luehmann@icloud.com.

Pastor Krusemark can be
called for emergencies – 507-450-2012

Men's Bible Study - *On the Life, & Ministry of the Messiah* video-based Bible study weaves together the Bible's fascinating historical, cultural, religious, and geographic contexts and reveals insights into Scripture's significance for our lives today. Thursdays at 5:00 in the conference room.

Women's Bible Study - We meet on Tuesday's at 1:00 pm. We are currently studying the book of Isaiah "Herald of the Messiah." If you would like to join us, or for more information, please contact Pam Reistad at 507-440-1939 or just come to the Bible Study on Tuesdays at 1:00. Looking forward to seeing you there!

It is time to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars. The Choice Dollars may be directed to any nonprofit organization. Our St. John's Lutheran Church does appreciate your donation. One-half of these donations go to LWML and the other half goes in the general fund for the church. Dollars may be directed on line or by phone at this number : 800-847-4836. Donations must be directed by March 31.

There is a **sign-up sheet to adopt a shut-in** on the table east side in the church. Please sign up to send cards and encourage our shut-ins from time to time in 2025. Our shut-ins enjoy company and receiving greetings from our members. Please brighten the day of a shut-in.

Hard of hearing? Headphones and receivers are available to assist in listening during our worship services. Talk to Rocky Schammel, David Ruhnke, or an usher for help.

For our shut-in families desiring pastoral care or communion please contact Pastor Olana, (507) 438-3888, to set up a time. Pastoral visits typically take place Wednesdays and Fridays.

Congregational Birthday Party

Please join us after the service today for the annual birthday party in Schleicher Hall. We will serve a light lunch, cake and ice cream and would love to have you all join us!

AV Tech Sunday	Ellen Petersen
Organist Sunday	Doraine Graff

Deadline for weekly **News & Notes** is
Wednesday evening.

Deadline for monthly **newsletter** is the
15th of the month.

Scrip Every Sunday we have a manned table at the West entrance. (*FYI: the organ is on the west side of the sanctuary!*) You can purchase a variety of gift cards. St. John's receives 3 - 10% of the sale price. This money goes to projects like congregational t-shirts, choir chairs, picnic expenses, indoor nativity set, and books and shelves for the library. Feel free to purchase any of the following Scrip cards after the service (**or purchase them from the office secretary during the week:**)
Perkins: \$25 Kwik Trip: \$25, \$50, \$100
Culvers: \$10 Hy-Vee: \$50, \$100

Shoe Away Hunger If you have gently used shoes you no longer need consider placing them in the box near the office. One pair of shoes can supply a family with seven days of essential groceries. Damaged shoes can no longer be accepted.

February 16 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Luke 6:20–21 – “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.” The Beatitudes are largely about emptiness: if you're poor, your pockets are empty. If you are hungry, your stomach is empty. If you are mourning, there's an emptiness in your heart that used to be filled with the presence of a loved one. Jesus assures us in each case that the Lord will fill our emptiness. That assurance gives us not only peace, but also courage to follow the Lord faithfully.

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