



# News and Notes

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**Saturday & Sunday**  
**March 07 & 08, 2020**



<b>SUNDAY (03/08)</b>	Worship service	9:00 am
	Prayer Ministry	10:00 am
	Fellowship Time	10:00 am
	Education Hour	10:15 am
	Confirmation Class	6:00 pm
<b>MONDAY</b>	Quilting	9-2:00
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Women's Bible Study	1:00 pm
	Bd of Youth & Family	4:30 pm
	Bd of Education	4:30 pm
	Handbell rehearsal	5:30 pm
	Bd of Trustees	7:00 pm
	Church Council	7:00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Lenten Service-Holy Cross</b>	10:15 am
	CASE	4:30 pm
	Lenten Supper – Youth & Family	5:30 pm
	<b>Lenten service-St. John's</b>	6:30 pm
	Choir practice	7:30 pm
	Youth Group	7:30 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Crossways	10:00 am
	Men's Bible study	5:00 pm
	Gray Matters	7:30 pm
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Worship service w/communion	6:00 pm
<b>SUNDAY (3/15)</b>	Worship service w/communion	9:00 am
	Prayer Ministry	10:00 am
	Fellowship Time	10:00 am
	Education Hour	10:15 am
	Confirmation Class	6:00 pm

### **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.

### **The Comfort of Prayer**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE SOMEONE TO COME ALONG SIDE OF YOU IN PRAYER, A SMALL GROUP WILL MEET NEXT TO THE ORGAN AFTER THE SERVICE. EVERYTHING THERE IS KEPT IN STRICT CONFIDENTIALITY.

**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.

**The live radio broadcast** on KAUS 1480 AM of this Sunday's worship service is given in loving memory of Bob and Alvina Barclay. They are forever in our hearts and prayers. Given by their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. We are thankful for these gifts of love to keep God's Word on the radio.

**Live Streaming sponsors** for March are anonymous, "Worship the Lord with Gladness" Psalm 100

**To sponsor a radio broadcast**, contact Ellen Petersen at 433-6626 or 440-8070. The cost is \$150.00.

**Sponsor the Internet broadcast.** If you would like to sponsor a month of St. John's church services over the Internet (\$109 a month) Contact Dave Watkins at 507-458-5018.



**C.A.S.E – Christian After School Education.** We will continue to teach the children the wonders of God's Holy Word. There are Bible lessons, games, music and snacks! All for free! For children going into 1st—6th grade.

**Every Wednesday 4:30-6:30 pm.**

**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](mailto:Miriam.Luehmann@icloud.com)

**Attention Quilters** The quilters meet on Mondays at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to join us for the morning or for the day. No sewing experience is necessary.

**Ruby's Pantry: Grace Lutheran Church** 2001 6th Avenue SE Austin, MN 55912, third Thursday of the Month. Doors open at 4:00 pm Distribution 5:00-6:30 pm

**Script Orders** – Thinking about ordering Script cards to help the congregation? Order blanks are on the Script table. Check out the new list of businesses available. Orders, with payment, must be in by **Sunday, March 15.** The cards should be here the following Sunday. Place your order and check on the Script table or bring it to the office. **We will still have the usual cards available after service.**

**Thank you** to the Board of Youth & Family for serving the supper on Wednesday.

# Adult Bible Study Opportunities

**Sunday: Adult Bible Class, Red Letter Bible study** at 10:25 am led by Pastor James.

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**Sunday: Total Forgiveness** at 10:25 am led by Thad Kusick. This class will be on break until after Red letter Bible study concludes.

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**Tuesday: A women's Bible study** on the book of the Bible-currently **Daniel**. 1:00 pm at St. John's. Led by Sandy Groleau, LCMS Lay Minister. All ladies are welcome.

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**Thursday: Crossways Bible Study** at 10:00 am goes through the entire Bible. Led by Sandy Groleau, LCMS Lay Minister. Study guides are provided.

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**Gray Matters meets on Thursdays** at 7:30 pm. at Perkins Restaurant. "God's Word in every Season" is the topic presently. Join us for a free-flowing discussion led by Pastor James.

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**Thursday: Men's Bible study**, weekly at 5:00 pm - a topical study on the wisdom from the book of **Proverbs**. Facilitated by Dave Ruhnke

## Youth Fundraiser

Youth and Family is having a Fundraiser to help the youth get to the National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. We are planning on having a rummage sale on **Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>**. If you would like to donate larger items and have only Partial or ALL of the proceeds to go toward the youth fundraiser, that is an option. So start going through your stuff and save it for the rummage sale. Contact Lisa or Kerri for more information.

The Youth Group is volunteering to come to your house and pick up large items on April 25th. Please let Kerri Groleau or Kara Grant if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity.

## HERITAGE, HAPPINESS and HOPE

On **April 29, 2020 at 1:30pm** St. Johns Lutheran Church will hold a special Heritage Happiness and Hope worship service of Holy Communion. This service being organized specifically for those who cannot attend church regularly. We will provide all of the transportation. There will be coffee and treats served after the service. The congregation are also invited, it will be a time to connect with old friends, enjoy the company of your church and hear the wonder of salvation that comes through our Lord Jesus. it will be an opportunity to sit once again in your church and commune at the alter before which you came so any times to receive the body and blood of Christ. Please call St. John's Lutheran Church at 507-433-2642 if you need transportation or for more information.

**Fellowship Opportunity** Lunch Bunch fellowship opportunity. Those interested will go out to lunch together once a month. **The March lunch will be on Friday, March 20 at 1:00; place: Piggy Blues.** We can choose a new restaurant each month. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the office or call the church office if you are interested.

Audio-Visual tech	
Reader	Donna Bailey
Ushers	Bruce Reistad Harold Rohne Richard Kiehne
Communion Server	
Acolyte	
Organist-Saturday	Annette Kiehne
Prayer Ministry	Miriam Luehmann, Tony Flerlage (Elder) Mary Clasby

**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, in-door nativity set, 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

Pastor James Office Hours	
Monday	9-11:30 a.m.
Wednesday	9-11:30 a.m.
Thursday	9-11:30 a.m.

On Tuesday Pastor James is working at home but can be reached by phone: 320-336-8149

**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.

PRINTED COPIES OF THE SERMON CAN BE FOUND ON THE USHERS' TABLES.

**Deadline for weekly insert is Tuesday evening.**



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## **Operation Christmas Child**

We invite all children, youth, and their families to our packing event on March 15th for Operation Christmas Child. This is an outreach program facilitated by Samaritans Purse. In 2019, over 10 million boxes were packed for children around the world. Children in countries in South America, Africa, Eastern Europe, Asia, and the Pacific Islands received these boxes. The boxes typically contain a "wow" gift, like a soccer ball/stuffed animal, basic hygiene supplies, crafts, other small toys, and clothing item. You can even add a personal note to the child! When boxes are distributed each child also receives a booklet in their own language with Gospel stories to further spread the Good News of our Lord and Savior.

There is no need to bring anything to this event, all the supplies will be provided. We will be packing boxes right after church (during Sunday School) until we are done. Pizza and ice cream will be provided. All families are welcome to this service event! If you have any questions please reach out to Lisa Flerlage.

For more info on Operation Christmas Child please visit

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>