



News and Notes

for
Sunday & Wednesday
February 21 & 24, 2021



SUNDAY (02/21)	Worship w/communion	9:00am
	Live streaming & Radio	9:00 am
	Bible Study	10:00 am
	Confirmation Class	6:00 pm
TUESDAY	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	1:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Lenten Worship	6:30 pm
	Gray Matters	7:30 pm
	Youth Group	7:30 pm
THURSDAY	CROSSWAYS	10:00 am
	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	5:00 pm
Friday		
SATURDAY		
SUNDAY (02/28)	Worship w/communion	9:00am
	Live streaming & Radio	9:00 am
	Bible Study	10:00am
	Passion of the Christ movie	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.

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.

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

Lutheran Hour Ministry Lenten Devotion booklets are available on the usher's tables.

Sunday Morning Bible Studies

Pastor James is leading a Bible study on the book of Romans in the fellowship hall.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible study meets at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday afternoons. We are doing a verse by verse study of the Gospel of Luke. Join us in this free discussion.

GRAY MATTERS

Gray Matters Bible study led by Pastor James meets on **Wednesday** at 7:30 pm at St. John's following the Wednesday service. All are welcome. We will have room for social distancing.

Crossways Bible study is being held at 10:00 am **Thursday** mornings and there is room to socially distance. Books are provided. Contact the church office if interested.

Men's Bible Study - beginning Thursday, 5:00 - Jesus...Legend or Lord? Jesus is one of the most written about and debated figures in the world. In this eight-part video series, best-selling author and scholar Dr. Paul Maier explores a three-lane highway to the past through the disciplines of Archeology, History

Worship Services

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday (Traditional)

10:00 a.m. Adult Bible study

Midweek

6:30 p.m. Wednesday service (Traditional)

2 Timothy 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

Movie: The Passion of the Christ will be shown at church Sunday evening February 28 at 6:00pm. We'll sit in the sanctuary with the regular distancing. We're showing this movie as an introduction to Lent and to remind us of what Jesus endured to save us. If you have not seen this movie it is important to note it has an 'R' rating because of the very harsh depiction of the whipping and crucifixion.

The live radio broadcast on KAUS 1480 AM of this Sunday's worship service is sponsored by Randy and Doraine Graff in thankfulness to God for their children, Amber, Jesse & Henry Collins and Nathan Graff. We are thankful for these gifts of love to keep God's Word on the radio.

Live Streaming sponsors for February are Doug & Donna Peterson.

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.

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

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 the third Sunday of the month, **Sunday, Feb 21**. The cards should be here the following Sunday. 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.

From the Elders: Worship attendance is slowly increasing. A concern among some members is possible COVID transmission by people not wearing masks when arriving and leaving worship. Elders are strongly recommending masks be worn when attending worship to protect others from possible transmission. Remember, you protect others, not yourself, when wearing masks.

We are offering is a system you can call to listen to is an abbreviated version of the worship service. The number you dial is: 518-906-1379. You will then automatically hear an abbreviated service from the previous Sunday.

LWML would like to remind the members of St. John's that we have a selection of cards for every occasion. The cards are in the card case in Schleicher Hall. Please come and check them out. The price is on the back of the box, just put your money in the little envelope and slip it in the slot. LWML Thanks You

The Sunday morning Bible study on Romans will be live streamed on our Youtube channel. To find it go to Youtube.com and search for "**St John's Austin, MN**" (Type those words exactly to make it easier to find.) You will find the live stream running there at about 10:10am. The actual Bible study may start a little after that as we wait for people to make their way to the fellowship hall.

Audio-Visual tech-Sun	
Audio-Visual tech-Wed	Rocky Schammel
Organist-Sunday	Annette Kiehne
Organist-Wednesday	Annette Kiehne

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

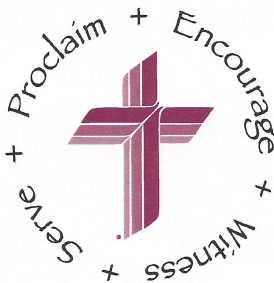
Scrip Every Sunday we have a manned table at the West entrance. *(FYI: the organ is on the west side of the sanctuary!)* You can purchase a variety of gift cards. St. John's receives 3-10% of the sale price. This money goes to projects like congregational t-shirts, choir chairs, picnic expenses, in-door 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

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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One Word Prayer Cards You will see extra cards in the hymnal racks titled “One Word Prayer.” These cards are there for you to fill in with one word that describes something you would like to have brought before the throne of God in prayer. Place them on the tray with your offering. The cards will be collected your prayers will be brought before God.

One Word Sin Cards There is a wooden cross on the east side of church. The cross is there for the “One Word Sin” cards. It is there to write one word to describe a sin you confess and pin it to the cross. Pin it there, and leave it on the cross where all sin belongs. We are going to continue this throughout the season of Lent as a reminder that it is only through repentance and faith that we are forgiven and saved. Sin, all sin, is an anchor dragging us down, and we should take the time to deal with it as God has instructed. Taking it to God and leaving it for Him.

The shut-ins of St. John’s wish to express their appreciation for the Valentine cards that were sent to them. The office has received calls expressing their thankfulness.