



News and Notes

for
Sunday & Wednesday
March 21 & 24, 2021



SUNDAY (03/21)	Worship w/communion	9:00am
	Live streaming & Radio	9:00 am
	Bible Study	10:00 am
	Confirmation Class	6:00 pm
MONDAY	BOY SCOUTS	6:30-8 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 (03/28)	Worship	9:00am
	Live streaming & Radio	9:00 am
	Confirmation Reception	10:00am
	Worship/Confirmation	11:00am

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

**Confirmation will take place on Palm Sunday,
 March 28 at the 11:00 service.**

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.

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 - Faith Lessons is an in-depth-video tour of the buried, distant, or otherwise forgotten places where the stories of the Bible actually happened - Thursdays - 5:00 pm.

Worship Services

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday (Traditional)

10:00 a.m. Adult Bible study

Midweek

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

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Packing the Pew: During the month of March we will be collecting food for the local Salvation Army food shelf. During this time the Salvation Army is requesting the following items: Canned Fruit, Cereal/Oatmeal, Tuna, Canned Vegetables, Pasta/Rice. Collection bags are at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for sharing your blessings with others in need. - Social Ministry Board

The live radio broadcast on KAUS 1480 AM of this Sunday's worship service is sponsored by Rosalie Seltz in memory of her husband Dick Seltz and their parents Rev. and Mrs. Paul Seltz and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Critchfield. We are thankful for these gifts of love to keep God's Word on the radio.

Live Streaming sponsors for March are Eric & Kara Grant.

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, March 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.

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	Tim Carlson
Audio-Visual tech-Wed	Rocky Schammel
Organist-Sunday	Doraine Graff
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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On **Easter Sunday** there will be a 9:00 a.m. traditional service and an 11:00 a.m. praise service. There are sign up sheets on tables on the east side of the sanctuary. Please sign up as a family. There are 33 spots available to allow for social distancing.

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.

Easter Lilies can be ordered using the form in the News & Notes. Orders must be in by March 21st. Please consider donating a plant to our shut-ins.

There are **address labels** on the table on the east side of the sanctuary. Please consider sending an Easter card/note to our shut-ins. There are large envelopes there to place cards for the Cedars and Primrose. These can be delivered.

Confirmation

Confirmation will be Palm Sunday March 28th. We are going to have two services that day. The first will be regular Palm Sunday service at 9:00am and the second will be a repeat Palm Sunday Service with a Confirmation Service at 11:00am. That is to accommodate more guests. The reception will be in the Fellowship Hall in between services from 10:00 – 10:50am. This year’s confirmands are Haylie Meyer, Zoe Kewatt, Faith Kalliokoski (From Our Savior - Brownsdale), Abigail VanPelt, Katherine VanPelt, Ryan VanPelt, and Blake VanPelt.

Sunday School

The plan is to have in-person Sunday School beginning Sunday, April 11th, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Masks are required and social distancing will be enforced.

The format will be different as, at this point, we plan to meet together as a group. Crafts, videos, weekly bible verses, snack, prayer requests, and some outdoor activities (weather permitting). Please join us for Sunday school on April 11th. This course will run for six weeks – April 11th through May 16th. Any questions please feel free to contact Patty Shatek (440-6336), Alisha Meyer (438-0996) or Lori Siegfried (437-7394).