



News and Notes

for
Sunday
April 11 & 14, 2021



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| SUNDAY (04/11) | WORSHIP | 9:00am |
| | Live streaming & Radio | 9:00 am |
| | Bible Study/Sunday School | 10:00 am |
| | Worship-Praise | 11:00am |
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| MONDAY | BOY SCOUTS | 6:30-8 pm |
| | ELDERS | 6:30 pm |
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| TUESDAY | WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY | 1:00 pm |
| | Church council | 7:00 pm |
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| WEDNESDAY | Worship Service | 6:30 pm |
| | Gray Matters | 7:30 pm |
| | Youth Group | 7:30 pm |
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| THURSDAY | MEN'S BIBLE STUDY | 5:00 pm |
| | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | |
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| Friday | | |
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| SATURDAY | LWML ZOOM RALLY | 9 am - 12:30 pm |
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| SUNDAY (04/18) | Worship w/communion | 9:00am |
| | Live streaming & Radio | 9:00 am |
| | Bible Study/Sunday School | 10:00 am |
| | Worship-Praise w/communion | 11:00am |

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.

Pick up your Easter Lilies after service.

Sunday Morning Bible Studies

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

Women's Bible Study - meets at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday afternoons. We are doing a verse by verse study of the Psalms. 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.

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. Worship (Traditional)

10:00 a.m. Adult Bible study

11:00 a.m. Worship (Praise)

Midweek

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

InFaith Community Foundation is offering **scholarships** between \$5,000 - \$9,000 to students pursuing a career in professional ministry or professional lay ministry. If you, or if you know of someone that might be interested in pursuing a scholarship you can learn more at www.in-faithfound.org/scholarships. Questions or inquiries can also go to Dave Zastrow (800)365-4172 or scholarships@infaithfound.org.

The live radio broadcast on KAUS 1480 AM of this Sunday's worship service is sponsored by Michael & Susan Gosha to the Glory of God! We are thankful for these gifts of love to keep God's Word on the radio.

Live Streaming sponsors for April are Greta & Curt Anderson

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, April 18.** 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.

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).

LWML quilters want to thank everyone that has donated material, yarn or sheets to us. Since we haven't been able to quilt for a year, we are completely full of all items. We are requesting that no more donations be made until further needs arrive. We really appreciate the support and invite anyone who is interested please join us this coming fall. LWML Quilters

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| Audio-Visual tech-9:00 | |
| Audio-Visual tech-11:00 | |
| Organist-Sunday 9 am | Doraine Graff |
| Organist - Wednesday | Doraine Graff |

| Pastor James Office Hours | |
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| 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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