



# St. John's News and Notes Sunday, March 2, 2025

<b>Sunday (03/02) Worship w/Communion</b>	9:00 am
Live Streaming & Radio	9:00 am
Bible Study/Sunday School	10:15 am
<b>Monday</b>	
Quilters	9:00 am
Bd of Elders	6:30 pm
Trustees	6:30 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	
FROGS (Men)	9:00 am
Women's Bible Study	1:00 pm
Handbells Rehearsal	5:15 pm
Scouts	6:00 pm
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
<b>Wednesday Lenten Meal</b>	5:30 pm
Stewardship	6:00 pm
Confirmation	6:00 pm
<b>Lenten Service</b>	6:30 pm
Youth Group	7:30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	
Bd of Evangelism	4:00 pm
Men's Bible Study	5:00 pm
Bd of Education	5:00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	
Blood Drive	11:00 am
<b>Saturday</b>	
<b>Sunday (03/09) Worship</b>	9:00 am
Live Streaming & Radio	9:00 am
Bible Study/Sunday School	9:15 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 Pauline Field in memory of her husband Irving Field. Pauline will be celebrating her 102nd birthday on March 10<sup>th</sup>, to God be the Glory!

March live streaming is sponsored by Lori and Mark Wills in loving memory of Lori's father Don Olson who was called to his heavenly home on Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

## **PACK THE PEWS**

March brings the return of the Salvation Army Spring food drive. We will be handing out bags for that after the service today. The Salvation Army appreciates our donations to the community. Thank you all for helping provide for others!

**Austin Blood Drive  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
Friday March 7, 2025**

**11:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Call for appointment 1-800-733-2767  
Register online at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org)  
Enter: Austin MN to schedule an appointment**

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## **MARCH FOOD DRIVE**

It's time for the annual Salvation Army Spring food drive. Now is the time to check your pantries and cupboards for items you have not used or no longer want. Also check the grocery ads for "good deals" to bring to the church. As Christians we are urged to help the poor and hungry. This is the perfect time to do that. Let's "Pack the Pews" in March! Bags will be handed out on March 2.

**Thank you all for participating.**

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**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.

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There is a sign-up sheet to adopt a shut-in on the table east side in the church. Please sign up to sends 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-ins.

V Tech Sunday	Joanne Miller
V Tech Wednesday	Ellen Petersen
Organist Sunday	Annette Kiehne
Organist Wednesday	Doraine Graff

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

Deadline for monthly **newsletter** is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**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

**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.

### March 2 – Transfiguration

Luke 9:36 – “And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.” Moses and Elijah point to Jesus, speak about Jesus and His sacrifice, and then are happy to fade into the background. They know that what we need is Jesus. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives comes into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place. Or as Jesus Himself said, “Seek first the kingdom of God ... and all these things will be added unto you” (Matt. 6:33).



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