

# St. John's News and Notes Sunday, March 23, 2025

Sunday (03-23)	Worship	9:00 am
	Live Streaming & Radio	9:00 am
	Bible Study/Sunday School	10:15 am
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Monday	Quilters	9:00 am
Tuesday	Women's Bible Study	
	Handbells Rehearsal	5:15 pm
Wednesday	Lenten Meal	5:30 pm
	Confirmation	6:00 pm
	Lenten Service	6:30 pm
	Youth Group	7:30 pm
Thursday	Men's Bible Study	5:00 pm
Friday		
Saturday		
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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. 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 <u>laminated invitation</u> 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 family and friends of Dianne Brandt. Also given by an anonymous donor in thankfulness to God for the radio broadcast ministry. 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 January 10.

**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!

<u>Scrip Orders</u> – 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 <u>Sunday, April 20</u>. 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 <u>Miriam.Luehmann@icloud.com</u>.

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

#### **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!

Thank you all for participating!

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.

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#### EASTER EGG HUNT

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the Sunday School students on Palm Sunday, April 13. Boxes are located in both entries for candy donations.

Thank you!

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**Annette Kiehne** will be honored at a light reception on March 30 following the church service. She is retiring after 30-plus years of serving as our church organist. We will serve cake, coffee and punch. Bible class will follow. *It will be a great time to show our appreciation for all the wonderful music she has given us!* 

AV Tech Sunday	Ellen Petersen	
AV Tech Wednesday	Rocky Schammel	
Organist Sunday	Doraine Graff	
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Deadline for weekly News & Notes is *Wednesday evening*.

Deadline for monthly **newsletter** is the  $15^{th}$  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. **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. <u>Damaged shoes can no longer be accepted.</u>

## March 23 – Lent 3

Luke 13:3 – "No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." The season of Lent is all about repentance: turning back to the Lord, away from our sins, in faith. We know that it is only in the Lord that we can find salvation. So, we do well in this season of repentance to examine ourselves, asking questions like, "What is trying to keep me away from Jesus?" "What is a temptation I face?" What is a sin I need to repent of and leave behind?" Then we turn to the Lord for the strength to leave these sins behind, and for the courage to follow Him in faith and faithful living.



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