



# St. John's News and Notes

Sunday, March 30, 2025

<b>Sunday (03-30) Worship</b>	9:00 am
Live Streaming & Radio	9:00 am
Reception for Annette K.	10:15 am
Bible Study/Sunday School	10:30 am
<b>Monday</b>	Quilters 9:00 am
<b>Tuesday</b>	Frogs 9:00 am
Women's Bible Study	1:00 pm
Handbells Rehearsal	5:15 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lenten Meal 5:30 pm
Confirmation	6:00 pm
Stewardship	6:00 pm
<b>Lenten Service</b>	6:30 pm
Youth Group	7:30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Board of Evangelism 4:00 pm
Men's Bible Study	5:00 pm
Board of Education	5:00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	Boy Scouts Schleicher Hall
<b>Sunday (04-06) Worship w/Communion</b>	9:00 am
Live Streaming & Radio	9:00 am
Bible Study/Sunday School	10:15 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.

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.

## 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 Albie & Connie Gilsrud in thankfulness to God for their Children, Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren.

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!

**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, April 20**. 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

## 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 for your participation!

**"There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday, for the purpose of calling a new pastor. The meeting will be in the church sanctuary immediately following the worship service.** Since there is only this one item of business, the meeting will be short, We will then go to the Fellowship Hall for coffee & Bible study on Hebrews."

These are two pastors the call committee has selected from a list of 13 names we received last week. We believe either one would be a good fit with our wants and needs here at St. John's, and our hope is that if it pleases the Lord, He would guide one of them to be our shepherd. We will be interviewing each one in a few days. We will provide more information about each pastor at the special voters meeting right after worship on April 13th. But for now here are their names, ages and the web site addresses of their churches.

**Rev. Gregory Schartz from Davenport, NE age 50, <https://www.stpetersdavenport.org/>**

**Rev. Timothy Swanson from Wausau, WI age 51, <https://www.rmlcwausau.org/>**

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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 today 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	JoAnn Miller
AV Tech Wednesday	Rocky Schammel
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.

**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

**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.

**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 30 – Lent 4

Luke 15:12 – “And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them.” This prodigal son only sees the father as a source of wealth. “Give me my inheritance now!” he says, which is really to say, “You are better off dead in my eyes.” This is the sin at the heart of all greed: valuing things over people. This parable calls us to come to our senses as well, and to see God as the loving Giver of all good, the true Father to be valued above and beyond all the things of this world.



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