



Saint John Lutheran Church

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NEWSLETTER

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Greetings, dear friends in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ: *“Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool” (Isaiah 1:18).* Here we are in the middle of the Lenten season the air is cool and the countryside covered with snow. While for stockmen snow brings difficulty and travel for everyone is messy it also brings a cleansing of the air and much needed moisture and nitrogen for the ground. In much the same way God uses the blood of Jesus Christ to cleanse our scarlet hearts and turn them white as snow through the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. Though we are in the dead of winter where everything seems lifeless spring will soon be here and everything will be made new. We have much to look forward to in this life and the next.

Early Risers: The Early Risers continue to meet twice a month for devotions, topic/Bible Study, and breakfast as well as plan servant events around the community. If you know of anyone in need in our community whether they are a St. John member or not please contact Ron Butenhoff, Pastor, and any other of the men and we will put them on the list. We have been blessed with monetary resources by the community and will continue to use them to help those in need. We also host several marriage events throughout the year and invite everyone to attend!

St. Paul’s” St. Paul’s has once again made the decision to apply for a pastoral candidate from one of our Concordia Seminaries this spring. The call services will be held in late April. Synod and District are now sponsoring Rural Church Revitalization programs and church plants so we are hopeful and pray God will send St. Paul’s a shepherd to lead them forward.

Benefits: We have had many needs this year among young and old alike. Numerous successful benefits have been held for local families as they are confronted with serious health challenges and losses. The next benefit to be held will be for Tanner Sullivan on Sunday, March 10, from 4:00-7:00pm. A dinner and silent auction will be held at the Lincoln Elementary school. We thank all those who have been so generous and continue to pray for all those folks in need.

Youth Group: The Youth Group will host a soup supper before the Lenten service at St. John on Wed. March 13, 6:00pm. They continue to prepare for their mission trip to Colorado. We thank all who have supported and continue to support the youth group. We thank everyone who hosted and attended the Valentine’s Dinner/Theatre once again this year. We are truly blessed.

LWML: The LWML will once again hold their annual Day of Prayer service on Thursday, March 14, 1:30pm. Everyone is invited to attend the service, meeting, and refreshments served afterward. The LWML Spring Rally will be held at Immanuel Lutheran, Ellsworth on Sunday, April 7, 2:00pm. We thank our ladies for their many mission projects that benefit people in this community, country, and around the world.

Women's Bible Studies: The ladies continue to meet on Monday mornings for Bible study at St. John and on Monday afternoons at Sheri Jonsson's home. Sheri is also planning to begin a mentoring program for children after school. Stay tuned as both men and women will be needed to work with area youth who need structure and mentoring. Thank you Sheri!

WDS/Confirmation: We will not have Weekday/confirmation classes on Wednesdays, March 20 (Spring Break) or March 27 (Holy Week) Confirmation will be held on March 24 (Palm Sunday). Questioning will be held Friday evening, March 22, 7:00 pm. With a reception hosted by the elders after questioning. Easter Sunday is March 31st.

There are numerous opportunities for Bible Study, fellowship, and service here at St. John. We thank all those who volunteer to lead our programs and thank Sonja for her work with the kids and choir. I pray you will take part in some of the many activities we offer and invite someone to join you as well. **Finally we invite everyone to worship with us: Sunday School Classes, 9:30, Worship 10:30am.**

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, March 3, Early Risers Dinner/Marriage Program
- Monday, March 4, 10:00am. Women's Bible Study, 2:00pm. Jonsson Bible Study
- Wednesday March 6, 1:30/3:40/6:00/7:30/8:30, Dorcas/WDS, Conf/ Lent Service (SPL)/YG
- Friday, March 8, 8:30am Mission of Love workday.
- Sunday March 10, Sullivan Benefit, 4:00-7:00pm, Elementary School
- Monday, March 11, 10:00am Women's Bible Study, 2:00pm Jonsson Bible Study
- Tuesday, March 12, 6:00am Early Risers, 9:00am Pastor's Meeting
- Wednesday March 13, 3:40/6:00/7:30/8:30 WDS, Confirmation/YG Supper, Lent Service (SJL)
- Thursday, March 15, 1:30, LWML Day of Prayer Service, Meeting
- Friday, March 15, 7:00am YG leave for Colorado, 8:30, Mission of Love Workday.
- Monday, March 18, 10:00am Women's Bible Study, 2:00pm Jonsson Bible Study
- Wednesday, March 20, 7:30, Lenten Service (St. Paul's)
- Friday, March 22, 8:30am Mission of Love wkday, 7:00pm, Confirmation Questioning/Reception
- Sunday, 10:30 Confirmation (Palm Sunday)
- Tuesday March 26, 6:00am Early Risers
- Thursday, 7:30 Maundy Thursday service (St. John)

- Friday, 8:30am Mission of Love workday, 7:30pm Good Friday Service (St. Paul's)

- Sunday, March 31, 7:00 Easter Sunrise Service/WDS Breakfast, 10:30 Easter Service