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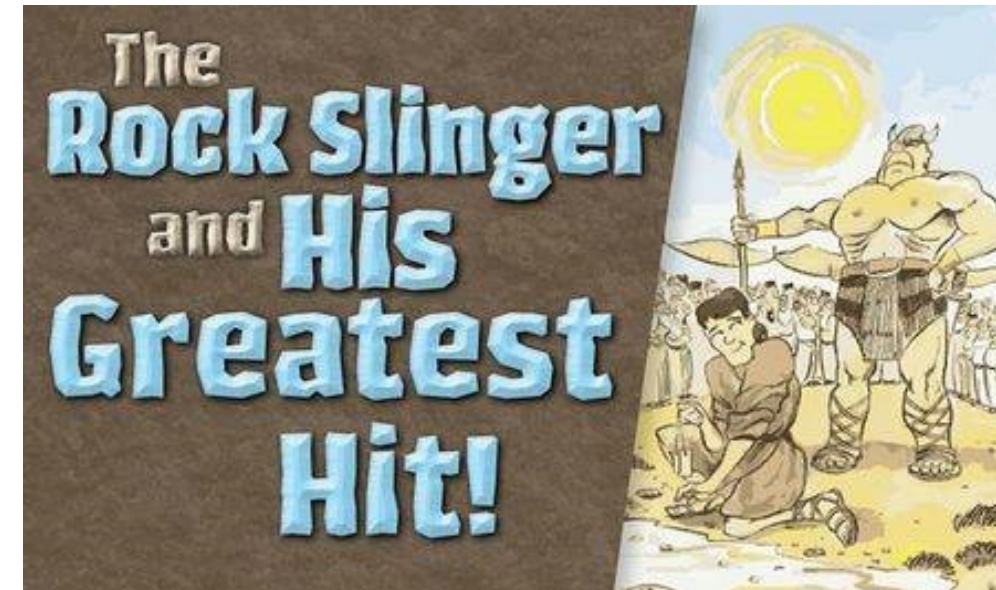
# THE HERALD

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Community in Christ : Christ in Community

February 2019

The Children's Choir of St. John presents...



**Sunday, February 3  
at 8:30am and  
10:45am**

*A children's musical about  
the story of David and  
Goliath and the importance  
of realizing that we have a  
"giant inside us" who will  
help us get through  
anything!!!!*

## Ash Wednesday

**March 6, 2019**

**Worship: 7:00pm-8:00pm**

**Lenten Supper: 5:30pm-6:30pm**

**Join us on Ash Wednesday for worship!**

Mass choirs will sing "First Song of Isaiah"

*Following St. John tradition, the choirs will be dressed in black.  
The congregation is invited to wear black as well.*

## Reconciling in Christ Sunday

On February 24, the RIC  
committee will hold an LGBTQ-  
centered worship service at  
8:30am and 10:45am and also  
lead the Adult Forum that day.

See page 3 for more  
information.

# A Note from the Pastor...

Welcome to the shortest month of the year!

February’s arrival signals many things. First, February reminds us that winter is still here. However, the increasing hours of daylight and the gradual warming that February brings remind us that spring is on its way. Finally, February usually ushers in the beginning of Lent and harkens to Easter’s impending arrival.

This year, as we begin to make preparations for our journey together through Lent, I would like to invite you to consider joining one of the many small group Bible studies that will be taking place during our Lenten journey together. Each of our small groups will begin meeting the week following Ash Wednesday and will continue to meet weekly through Holy Week. These small groups will meet in a variety of places, on different days of the week. Many of these small groups will meet in homes, while some may meet in coffee shops and others will gather here at St. John. There will be sign-up sheets in our narthex area soon, and you are invited and encouraged to see if one of the small group sessions works for you.

This year, our small groups will focus on our congregational theme of Welcome and Hospitality. We will be using a curriculum that was put out by the ELCA called *Accompaniment*. This study will bring us through different Biblical texts that explore how we might consider extending hospitality to our neighbors. In addition to these small group Bible studies, we will also be making available a Lenten devotional written by St. John members and staff, which daily explores the Biblical themes of hospitality and welcome. You do not need to be a part of a small group to take one of these Lenten devotionals. Everyone at St. John is invited to grab one and enjoy the rich and insightful thoughts of your fellow St. John members. These devotionals should be ready at the end of February.

I hope and pray that as we enter into this month of February, God will continue to nudge us all into considering how we might find ways to extend ourselves to those around us to be the “Welcoming Community” God invites us to be.

In Christ,  
Pastor Brian

WINTER SCHEDULE		
<u>Sundays:</u>	<u>Wednesdays:</u>	
8:30am Worship/Communion	5:00pm	Youth Handbells
9:30am Prayer Gathering	5:30pm	Children’s Choir
9:30am CROSS+WALK Sunday School	5:30pm	Adult Handbells
9:45am Middle School Youth Group	5:30-6:30pm	Dinner
9:45am Adult Forum	6:30pm	Confirmation (Grades 6-8)
10:45am Worship/Communion	7:00pm	St. John Choir
	7:30pm	High School Youth Group <sup>2</sup>

# Middle School Youth Group

6th - 8th graders are invited to join us for fellowship, games, and snacks!  
**Sundays at 9:45am in the Youth Room.**

# Middle School Monthly

**Extra! Extra! Read all about it!** These events for Middle Schoolers (6th-8th graders) have two parts:  
**Chat & Chew: (6:00pm-7:00pm)** Eat food and talk about important stuff. All middle school students welcome. Come ready to listen, share, and have real discussion.  
**Fun Night: (7:00pm-10:00pm)** Hang out, play games, have fun together. Typically involves eating snacks.  
Feel free to come to one or both parts!  
**Next date:** Saturday, February 2

# High School Youth Group

9th-12th graders are invited to join us Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the youth room to eat snacks, enjoy fellowship, and talk about stuff relevant to high schoolers.

# High School Lent Small Group

9th-12th graders are invited to join us Sunday afternoons during Lent (starting March 10) for our own small group study! Time to be announced.

# A Note from Jeremy...

There's no doubt about it, winter is here! And with winter comes good and bad: We had a fun, successful family ski trip to Andes, but we’ve also had to cancel things due to weather. But now is also the perfect time of the year to think about summer! This summer, the high school youth are excited to take a high adventure trip to hike in the mountains of Colorado. This trip will definitely be a good time! But more than that, it will be a place set apart in God's beautiful creation to learn and struggle together, to be challenged and changed, and to reflect on God's gifts to us. I'll keep you informed on our preparations throughout the spring, and you'll also have the opportunity to help with some upcoming fundraisers. For now, I wish you hot chocolate and safety on the roads!

Stay warm!  
Jeremy

# Upcoming Youth Events

## February

Sat 2: 6:00pm-7:00pm – MS Chat & Chew  
7:00pm-10:00pm – MS Fun Night!  
Sun 24: 6:00pm-7:00pm—HS Tri-Church Youth Event

## March

Sat 2: 5:00pm-6:00pm – MS Chat & Chew  
6:00pm-9:00pm – MS Fun Night!  
**(note time changes)**  
Sun 3: 12:00pm—Youth Talent Show & Silent Auction  
Wed 6: Ash Wednesday—NO HS Youth Group (NO HS Youth Group through Lent)  
Sundays during Lent: HS Lent Small Group  
Sun 31: 6:00pm-7:00pm—HS Tri-Church Youth Event

## April

Sat 6: 5:00pm-6:00pm – MS Chat & Chew  
6:00pm-9:00pm – MS Fun Night!  
Sun 7: Family Bowling  
Wed 24: HS Youth Group starts up again  
Sun 28: 6:00pm-7:00pm—HS Tri-Church Youth Event

MS: Middle School (grades 6-8)  
HS: High School (grades 9-12)

**Palm Sunday Brunch**  
Mark your calendar! On Palm Sunday, April 14, the youth will serve brunch between services in the fellowship hall. Freewill offering to support the summer youth trip to Colorado. Everyone welcome!

**Camp Sunday: March 3**  
Everyone is invited to join us for a camp-style worship service led by Jeremy Maahs and Erin Bjerke at 8:30am and 10:45am. A staff member from Red Willow Bible Camp will speak during worship and will be available to answer any questions you have about the camp. This will be a great day to sign up for a week of camp this summer!



# Children, Youth and Family

## Cross+Walk Sunday School

(Age 3 – Grade 5)

YOU are invited to join us each Sunday at 9:30am downstairs in the fellowship hall. All ages are invited to our large group time, where we'll introduce the theme for the day and tell a story from the Bible. Then, children from age 3 to grade 5 will break off into age-specific small groups to further discuss the story and what we can learn from it.

Come check out our new theme in February: "Always Open: Service with a Smile!" We'll hear about how Jesus served others and how we can, too!

Volunteer opportunities: Serve snacks or greet people at the welcome table! If you're interested, please contact Erin Bjerke at [ebjerke@stjohnfargo.com](mailto:ebjerke@stjohnfargo.com) or 701-232-8521.

## Preschool News

At St. John Christian Preschool, we celebrate all people as cherished children of God.

This February 14, we're expanding our vision by participating in Giving Hearts Day.

Giving Hearts Day is the largest 24-hour giving event in North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota. There are more than 400 nonprofits that can be supported through gifts on this day.

Thanks to the generosity of our preschool supporters and families, we've already raised \$11,000 as a matching grant. Our goal is to match each of those dollars with additional support. Any funds designated to St. John Christian Preschool on Giving Hearts Day will be used to offer full or partial scholarships to 25 low-income and/or high-need families.

To participate in Giving Hearts Day on February 14, visit: **GivingHeartsDay.org**. Thanks for considering St. John Christian Preschool (and other charities!) on this day of giving.

**Open House: Come check us out Sunday, February 17, from 9:30am-11:00am**

## Sanctuary Keepers

Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders get the opportunity to serve our congregation by keeping the pews in the sanctuary neat and tidy. THANK YOU to these kids!

## Volunteer Opportunities!

If you're interested in volunteering to work with the children or youth of St. John this school year, please contact Erin or Jeremy at the church office: 701-232-8521 or email [ebjerke@stjohnfargo.com](mailto:ebjerke@stjohnfargo.com); [jeremy@stjohnfargo.com](mailto:jeremy@stjohnfargo.com)

## 6th-8th Grade CONFIRMATION Schedule

**Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:30pm**

Feb 6: Service Night!  
Feb 13: Learning Session  
Feb 20: Learning Session  
Feb 27: Fellowship Event  
Mar 6: Ash Wednesday—NO Confirmation  
Mar 13: Lent—NO Confirmation  
Mar 20: Lent—NO Confirmation  
Mar 27: Lent—NO Confirmation

## Upcoming Milestones

### 4th-5th Grade "Apostles' Creed" Milestone:

Learning sessions: Sundays February 10 & 24 at 9:45am

Blessing: Sunday March 3 during worship

### 1st Grade "Lord's Prayer" Milestone:

Learning sessions: Sundays March 17 & 24 at 9:45am

Blessing: Sunday March 31 during worship

**Please RSVP to Erin at 701-232-8521 or [ebjerke@stjohnfargo.com](mailto:ebjerke@stjohnfargo.com)**

Mark your calendar for these Milestones coming up in March and April:

### 2-year-old "Prayer Pillow" Milestone

Learning session: Sunday March 31 at 9:45am

Blessing: Sunday April 7 during worship

### First Communion Milestone (any age)

Chalice Painting: Wednesday April 3

First Communion: Thursday April 18 during Mayundy Thursday worship

## St. John Annual Meeting 2019

During our Annual Meeting held on January 27, 2019, we elected the following St. John members for the positions shown. We give thanks for those willing to serve St. John in these capacities and for those who have finished their terms, including Eric Christeson and Sally Sterk, who just completed their terms serving on the Church Council.

**Church Council:** (newly elected to a 3-year term)

Amanda Holt, Damon Janssen, A.J. Klein, Gail Reiersen, Charlotte Ronson, Ronald Twedt

**Nominating Committee:** (1-year term)

Eric Christeson, Sally Sterk

**Voting members to Fargo Conference & Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly:** (1-year term)

Rikki Fugleberg, Skip Bye, A.J. Klein

**St. John Foundation:** (3-year term)

James Botnen, Heidi Twedt

**Bethany Homes:** (1-year term) Sylvan Melroe

**Churches United for the Homeless:** (1-year term) Allan Peterson

## RIC Sunday: February 24

While St. John is not a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation, St. John will be celebrating RIC Sunday on February 24 by having an LGBTQ-centered worship service at 8:30am and 10:45am. RIC Sunday embodies the vision of our welcoming statement, where all are accepted at St. John, especially those who have traditionally not felt welcome in a church setting, namely those who are LGBTQ. Between services, the RIC committee will be leading the Adult Forum. All are welcome and invited to attend both the service and the Adult Forum, and we hope to see you there!

St. John's welcoming statement:

*We, the community of St. John Lutheran Church (ELCA), embrace the mystery of God's love for all creation. As a gathering community of Christ we are called to live and be Christ in all people of any sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnic origin, age, economic reality, family status, diverse ability, or faith perspective. Through God's embracing grace we celebrate as full participants in the life and ministry of St. John Lutheran.*

*"...For all of you are one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28*

## Epiphany Plants Still Available

Join with St. John as we continue our "Welcoming Community" theme. You are invited to take home two of our Epiphany Plants: One to keep and one to give away. You can give the other plant away to a friend or a neighbor, or possibly even use the plant as an excuse to talk to someone who you haven't spoken to in a while. The plants will continue to be available at the church until we run out.

**THANK YOU to our volunteers who grew all of the plants!**

## RIC to Show Movie 'Love, Simon'

On February 27 from 6:00pm-8:30pm, the Reconciling in Christ committee will be hosting a showing of the movie, "Love, Simon" at St. John followed by a brief discussion led by Roy Hammerling and Luke Papenfuss. Pizza and beverages will be provided by the RIC committee. This movie is about Simon Spier, a high schooler who keeps a huge secret from his family, friends, and all of his classmates: He's gay. When that secret is threatened, Simon must face everyone and come to terms with his identity. This is a coming-of-age story that does a wonderful job of showing what the coming out experience is like for LGBTQ people. Everyone is welcome to attend, as this movie is simply a great way to gain an enhanced understanding of what it is like to grow up as a gay individual.

Please note: This movie is rated PG-13 for "thematic elements, sexual references, language, and teen partying". If you have any concerns about the content of the movie, please contact Luke Papenfuss at 701-446-6678 or [lpapenfu@cord.edu](mailto:lpapenfu@cord.edu).

<h2><u>Upcoming Adult Forums:</u></h2> <p><i>Sundays at 9:45am in the Sanctuary</i></p> <p>Feb 3 - NO Adult Forum (Children's Musical)</p> <p>Feb 10 - Roy Hammerling: "Radical Christian Hospitality: Dorothee Soelle, a Lutheran View"</p> <p>Feb 17 - Roy Hammerling: "Radical Christian Hospitality: Dorothy Day, a Model"</p> <p>Feb 24 - Reconciling in Christ Committee</p>	<h2><b>New Member Orientation</b></h2> <p>Are you interested in becoming a member of St. John? Join us for New Member Orientation! Please plan to attend ONE of two sessions: March 31 or April 7 between worship services from 9:45am-10:30am, downstairs in room B11. New members will be recognized during worship services on April 14.</p> <p>Questions? Please call the church office at 701-232-8521 or email <a href="mailto:office@stjohnfargo.com">office@stjohnfargo.com</a>.</p>
<h2><b>Volunteer Opportunity:</b></h2> <h3><b>Churches United &amp; Salvation Army</b></h3> <p>On <b>Sunday February 3</b>, 8 to 10 volunteers are requested to prepare and serve dinner from 3:30pm to 7:00pm at Churches United for the Homeless in Moorhead and from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at the Salvation Army in downtown Fargo. If you are interested in helping with this vital ministry, contact Allan Peterson at 701-282-4644 or 701-715-5482.</p>	<h2><b>Prayer Gatherings</b></h2> <p><b>Sundays from 9:30am to 9:45am in the library.</b></p> <p>We will gather after worship for a brief time of prayer for our community, leaders, country, and world.</p>
<h2><b>Winter Wear Drive</b></h2> <p>Please bring warm hats, gloves/mittens, and socks for children, infants and adults and place them in the boxes in the main entry. They will be delivered to local shelters.</p>	<h2><b>"Happy Feet"</b></h2> <h3><b>St. John Foot Care Clinic</b></h3>
<h2><u>Volunteer Opportunity: Wednesday Suppers</u></h2> <p>If you're interested in preparing and serving supper for the Children's Choir and Confirmation youth one Wednesday this winter, please contact the church office at 701-232-8521 or <a href="mailto:office@stjohnfargo.com">office@stjohnfargo.com</a></p> <p><b>The following dates are still available: Feb 27, Apr 24</b></p>	<p>We have volunteers to pamper your feet and trained personnel to trim your nails. All while you enjoy coffee and visit with friends.</p> <p>Upcoming dates are <b>Tuesday, February 19</b> and <b>Tuesday, March 19</b> in the parlor. Schedule an appointment by calling Cathy Chatelain at 701-261-2707 or 701-293-6772. Cost is \$18 paid to Sanford Home Health.</p>
<h2><b>Attention Snowbirds:</b></h2> <p>If you'd like church correspondence delivered to you without interruption, please call or email the church office at 701-232-8521; <a href="mailto:office@stjohnfargo.com">office@stjohnfargo.com</a>. Please confirm to us your winter address and tell us which date to begin using it and which date to switch back to your local address. Thank you!</p>	<h2><b>Coffee &amp; Fellowship Hour</b></h2> <p>If you would consider bringing treats or serving coffee and treats between worship services one Sunday this winter or spring, please sign up in the parlor or contact the church office at 701-232-8521 or <a href="mailto:office@stjohnfargo.com">office@stjohnfargo.com</a>. This is a great way to meet and welcome all who come to worship at St. John!</p> <p><b>The following dates are still available:</b>  <b>Feb 17, Mar 17, Mar 24, Apr 7</b></p>
<h2><b>Greeters</b></h2> <p>If you're interested in being a greeter on Sunday mornings, please contact the office at 701-232-8521.</p>	<h2><b>New Life Center: Hope &amp; Change Week</b></h2> <p>February 12-14</p> <p>Tuesday- Hope Dogs and Coffee Kickoff 4:30pm-6:30pm</p> <p>Wednesday-S'more Hope Night 6:00pm-8:00pm</p> <p>Thursday-Hope Dogs Noon-2:00pm</p> <p>1903 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North, Fargo</p>

For more information, contact Jim Alger at 701-639-7721.

# Get Involved!

<div><div>Monday Morning Yoga</div><div>Mondays, February 11, 18, 25 at 10:00am in the parlor. Join us for yoga, a Bible verse and prayer. You may choose to stay for tea afterward. Questions? Contact Gini Duval 701-306-3454 or yogagini38@gmail.com</div></div>	<div><div>Men’s Bible Study</div><div>Thursdays from 6:15am-7:30am in the parlor. Come and join us each Thursday morning in the parlor from 6:45am-7:30am. Coffee, orange juice, and sweet rolls are served from 6:15am-6:45am. For more information, please call Elwood Rieke at 701-293-0717 or email elrieke@yahoo.com.</div></div>
<div><div>Book Club</div><div>Monday, February 4 at 7:00pm here at St. John. We will discuss the book <i>Still Alice</i> by Lisa Genova. March 4: <i>On Trails</i> by Robert Moore Apr 1: <i>Great American Outpost</i> by Maya Rao May 6: <i>Escape from Camp 14</i> by Blaine Harden Questions? Contact Jane Nissen at 701-235-0436.</div></div>	<div><div>Quilting</div><div><div>Tuesday Morning Quilters</div><div>Tuesdays 9:30am-2:00pm downstairs in room B11. Everyone is invited to join us! Quilting skills optional, fellowship guaranteed! We meet to assemble mission quilts for Lutheran World Relief and for local needs. Bring a bag lunch. Questions? Contact Char Grant at 701-298-2928.</div></div><div><div>Jambalaya Quilters</div><div>Tuesdays 6:30pm-8:30pm downstairs in room B11. We meet to assemble baptismal quilts. Questions? Contact Danella Flaten at 701-200-2125.</div></div><div>Both groups meet September through May.</div></div>
<div><div>Women &amp; Wine</div><div>Thursday, February 7 at 6:00pm. at Dawn Papenfuss's - 4401 4th St S, Moorhead All women are invited for an evening of food, drinks, and fun! Please bring a beverage of your choice. Please contact Julie Staigle at 701-361-1824 with any ideas or questions! We are looking for hosts for March and April. If you are interested, please contact Julie Staigle.</div></div>	<div><div>Wednesday Morning Bible Study</div><div>10:45am Wednesdays in the Parlor</div></div>
<div><div>RECONCILING IN CHRIST</div><div>This is a group focusing on ways in which St. John may actively serve the LGBTQ community. The next meeting will be <b>Wednesday, February 13 at 6:00pm</b> in the Window Lobby. Contact: Luke Papenfuss 701-446-6678</div></div>	<div><div>For the Young at Heart</div><div><i>"It's not the years in your life that count, but the life in your years" -Abe Lincoln</i> Please join us for Christian fellowship, refreshments and fun as we gather: When: 10:00am Date: Thursday February 14-- Valentine's Day Where: In the Parlor All are Welcome! Questions? Call Mavis Lura 701-238-4147 or Cathy Chatelain 701-261-2707</div></div>
<div><div>Ruth Circle</div><div>Please join us for Bible study on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30pm. Location to be announced.</div></div>	<div><div>Rachel Circle</div><div>Please join us for Bible study on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:30am in the conference room.<sup>8</sup></div></div>

<div><div>Youth Fundraiser: Talent Show &amp; Silent Auction</div><div>The St. John Talent Show will be Sunday, March 3 at noon. Lunch will be served after the service, followed by the show.  If you are interested in displaying a talent, please contact Jeremy Maahs at jeremy@stjohnfargo.com. If you would like to donate an item for the silent auction (new items only, please) bring it to the church office by Sunday, February 24. Baked goods can be brought the day of the show and left in the kitchen. Some baked goods will be live auctioned, some will be on the silent auction, and some will be for sale during the show.</div></div>	<div><div>Stephen Ministry Training</div><div>Stephen Ministry, the Care Bear people, is training new caregivers beginning February 15. We hope you have prayerfully considered this ministry. If so, pick up an application in the office, fill it out, and return it to the office, Pastor Brian or Sue Erickson. Interviews begin the week of February 3. We will equip you to practice Christian caregiving.  Questions? Contact Pastor Brian (701-532-4404) or Gini Duval (701-306-3454)</div></div>
<div><div>Deb Stave Reinstated as Rostered Minister</div><div>The Staves - Luther and I, Deb, are grateful for the St. John community, which we became members of last year. As has often been the case, I was not there on that New Member Sunday, as I was doing pulpit supply, so you did not see our picture posted with the others of that group. We are early church service attenders, and you will see Luther or both of us usually one row up from the sound system control. I am very grateful for the support from the Foundation and the staff as I went through the candidacy process this past fall to be reinstated to the ELCA roster. Ordained in 1991, I served 3 parishes in our synod, and after our two children were born we moved states with Luther’s career. We are eagerly anticipating where I will be assigned in March and continue to give thanks for St. John and the ministry here. —Deb Stave, St. John member</div></div>	<div><div>Training Schedule:</div><div>Friday, February 15 4:40pm-9:15pm Saturday, February 16 8:30am-4:30pm Sunday, February 17 12:15pm-5:00pm Tuesday, February 19 5:30pm-8:00pm Saturday, March 2 8:00am-4:40pm Sunday, March 3 12:15pm-5:00pm Tuesday, March 5 5:30pm-8:00pm Friday, March 15 4:30pm-9:15pm Saturday, March 16 8:00am-4:30pm Sunday, March 17 12:15pm-5:00pm</div></div>
<div><div>New Coffee Pots</div><div>We are in the process of installing two new coffee makers in the parlor. They will be plumbed in and will be very easy to use. We will be switching to a different organic, fair-trade coffee. These new machines will brew directly into air pots, which are insulated and can be taken anywhere in the building. Once the machines are installed, we will provide training to anyone who will use them.</div></div>	<div><div>FaithChests: Thank You Volunteers!</div><div>Our FaithChest ministry is being revitalized with a whole new group of volunteers! Thank you! These volunteers build wooden chests that are given out at baptisms.</div></div>
<div><div>“Parenting the Middle Years” Small Group</div><div>This short-term book study/conversation small group will address the isolation and uncertainty many parents feel as they confront “the middle years.” The purpose is to build camaraderie among St. John members whose children have moved beyond early childhood and into the tween/teen years. The topic will focus on sexuality and the ways that parents can support young people. Using content from two books as the launching pad for conversations, this group will provide time for reflection and conversation about real-life parenting challenges.  There will soon be a sign-up available for this small group. Questions? Contact Amy Rand: 701-491-0783; lubarand@hotmail.com</div></div>	<div><div>Lenten Schedule</div><div><i>Starts Ash Wednesday, March 6</i> <u>Lenten Worship</u>: Wednesdays 7:00pm <u>Supper</u>: Wednesdays 5:30pm-6:30pm  There will be a signup sheet for individuals or groups who would like to serve suppers<sup>5</sup> during Lent.</div></div>



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<div>February 2019</div> <div>St. John Lutheran Church</div>					<div>1</div> <div>8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Preschool</div> <div>Early Drop</div> <div>9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Preschool</div> <div>12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Preschool</div> <div>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Preschool After Care</div>	<div>2</div> <div>12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (P)</div> <div>6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Middle School Monthly</div>
<div>3</div> <div>CHILDREN'S MUSICAL</div> <div>8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Worship: Children's Musical</div> <div>9:30 AM - 10:30 AM CROSS+WALK Sunday School (FH)</div> <div>9:30 AM - 9:45 AM Prayer Gathering (Library)</div> <div>9:45 AM Middle School Youth Group (YR)</div> <div>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Worship: Children's Musical</div> <div>7:00 PM AA (FH)</div>	<div>4</div> <div>8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Preschool Early Drop</div> <div>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Kindermusik (MR)</div> <div>9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Preschool</div> <div>10:30 AM Staff Mtg (CR)</div> <div>12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Preschool</div> <div>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Preschool After Care</div> <div>5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Kindermusik (MR)</div> <div>6:00 PM Trax of Faith Rehearsal (S)</div> <div>7:00 PM Book Club</div>	<div>5</div> <div>8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Preschool Early Drop</div> <div>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Kindermusik (MR)</div> <div>9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Preschool</div> <div>9:30 AM Quilting</div> <div>10:30 AM Recorder Rehearsal (S)</div> <div>11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Pastor Meeting over lunch</div> <div>12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Preschool</div> <div>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Preschool After Care</div> <div>5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Kindermusik (MR)</div> <div>6:30 PM Committee Night</div> <div>7:30 PM Stephen Ministry Mtg (CR)</div>	<div>6</div> <div>8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Preschool Early Drop</div> <div>9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Preschool</div> <div>10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Kindermusik (MR)</div> <div>10:45 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study (P)</div> <div>12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline</div> <div>12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Preschool</div> <div>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Preschool After Care</div> <div>[Wednesday evening activities are listed on page 2]</div> <div>5:30 PM Youth Education Comm Mtg (CR)</div>	<div>7</div> <div>6:15 AM - 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study (P)</div> <div>8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Preschool Early Drop</div> <div>9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Preschool</div> <div>12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Preschool</div> <div>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Preschool After Care</div> <div>5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Kindermusik (MR)</div> <div>6:00 PM Women &amp; Wine (Dawn Pa-penfuss's home)</div>	<div>8</div> <div>8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Preschool</div> <div>Early Drop</div> <div>9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Preschool</div> <div>12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Preschool</div> <div>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Preschool After Care</div>	<div>9</div> <div>12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (P)</div>
<div>10</div> <div>Worship Band</div> <div>8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Worship/Communion</div> <div>9:30 AM - 10:30 AM 4th-5th Apostle's Creed class (B11)</div> <div>9:30 AM - 10:30 AM CROSS+WALK Sunday School (FH)</div> <div>9:30 AM - 9:45 AM Prayer Gathering (Library)</div> <div>9:45 AM Adult Forum (S)--Roy Hammerling: "Radical Christian Hospitality: Dorothee Soelle, a Lutheran View"</div> <div>9:45 AM Middle School Youth Group (YR)</div> <div>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Worship/Communion</div> <div>7:00 PM AA (FH)</div>	<div>11</div> <div>8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Preschool Early Drop</div> <div>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Kindermusik (MR)</div> <div>9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Preschool</div> <div>10:00 AM Yoga (P)</div> <div>10:30 AM Staff Mtg (CR)</div> <div>12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Preschool</div> <div>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Preschool After Care</div> <div>5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Kindermusik (MR)</div> <div>5:30 PM MUGG Night</div>	<div>12</div> <div>8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Preschool Early Drop</div> <div>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Kindermusik (MR)</div> <div>9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Preschool</div> <div>9:30 AM Quilting</div> <div>10:30 AM Recorder Rehearsal (S)</div> <div>12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Preschool</div> <div>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Preschool After Care</div> <div>5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Kindermusik (MR)</div>	<div>13</div> <div>Preschool Valentines Day Party</div> <div>8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Preschool Early Drop</div> <div>9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Preschool</div> <div>10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Kindermusik (MR)</div> <div>10:45 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study (P)</div> <div>12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline</div> <div>12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Preschool</div> <div>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Preschool After Care</div> <div>[Wednesday evening activities are listed on page 2]</div> <div>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Reconciling In Christ Ad Hoc Comm Mtg (WL)</div>	<div>14</div> <div>Preschool Valentines Day Party</div> <div>6:15 AM - 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study (P)</div> <div>8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Preschool Early Drop</div> <div>9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Preschool</div> <div>12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Preschool</div> <div>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Preschool After Care</div> <div>5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Kindermusik (MR)</div>	<div>15</div> <div>8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Preschool</div> <div>Early Drop</div> <div>9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Preschool</div> <div>12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Preschool</div> <div>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Preschool After Care</div>	<div>16</div> <div>12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (P)</div>
<div>17</div> <div>8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Worship/Communion</div> <div>9:30 AM - 10:30 AM CROSS+WALK Sunday School (FH)</div> <div>9:30 AM - 9:45 AM Prayer Gathering (Library)</div> <div>9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Preschool Open House</div> <div>9:45 AM Adult Forum (S)--Roy Hammerling: "Radical Christian Hospitality: Dorothy Day, a Model"</div> <div>9:45 AM Middle School Youth Group (YR)</div> <div>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Worship/Communion</div> <div>12:00 PM Stephen Ministry Mtg (CR)</div> <div>7:00 PM AA (FH)</div>	<div>18</div> <div>No Preschool (Presidents Day)</div> <div>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Kindermusik (MR)</div> <div>10:00 AM Yoga (P)</div> <div>10:30 AM Staff Mtg (CR)</div> <div>4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Preschool Open House</div> <div>5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Kindermusik (MR)</div> <div>7:30 PM Ruth Circle</div>	<div>19</div> <div>8:00 AM Foot Care Clinic (P)</div> <div>8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Preschool Early Drop</div> <div>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Kindermusik (MR)</div> <div>9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Preschool</div> <div>9:30 AM Quilting</div> <div>10:30 AM Recorder Rehearsal (S)</div> <div>12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Preschool</div> <div>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Preschool After Care</div> <div>5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Kindermusik (MR)</div> <div>6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Church Council</div>	<div>20</div> <div>8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Preschool Early Drop</div> <div>9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Preschool</div> <div>9:30 AM Rachel Circle (Conference Room)</div> <div>10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Kindermusik (MR)</div> <div>10:45 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study (P)</div> <div>12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline</div> <div>12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Preschool</div> <div>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Preschool After Care</div> <div><b>5:00 PM Newsletter Deadline</b></div> <div>[Wednesday evening activities are listed on page 2]</div>	<div>21</div> <div>6:15 AM - 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study (P)</div> <div>8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Preschool Early Drop</div> <div>9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Preschool</div> <div>12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Preschool</div> <div>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Preschool After Care</div> <div>5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Kindermusik (MR)</div>	<div>22</div> <div>8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Preschool</div> <div>Early Drop</div> <div>9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Preschool</div> <div>12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Preschool</div> <div>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Preschool After Care</div>	<div>23</div> <div>12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (P)</div>
<div>24</div> <div>RIC Sunday</div> <div>8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Worship/Communion</div> <div>9:30 AM - 10:30 AM CROSS+WALK Sunday School (FH)</div> <div>9:30 AM - 9:45 AM Prayer Gathering (Library)</div> <div>9:45 AM - 10:30 AM 4th-5th Apostle's Creed class (B11)</div> <div>9:45 AM Adult Forum (S)</div> <div>9:45 AM Middle School Youth Group (YR)</div> <div>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Worship/Communion</div> <div>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Tri-church HS Youth Event</div> <div>7:00 PM AA (FH)</div>	<div>25</div> <div>8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Preschool Early Drop</div> <div>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Kindermusik (MR)</div> <div>9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Preschool</div> <div>10:00 AM Yoga (P)</div> <div>10:30 AM Staff Mtg (CR)</div> <div>12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Preschool</div> <div>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Preschool After Care</div> <div>5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Kindermusik (MR)</div>	<div>26</div> <div>8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Preschool Early Drop</div> <div>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Kindermusik (MR)</div> <div>9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Preschool</div> <div>9:30 AM Quilting</div> <div>10:30 AM Recorder Rehearsal (S)</div> <div>12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Preschool</div> <div>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Preschool After Care</div> <div>5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Kindermusik (MR)</div>	<div>27</div> <div>8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Preschool Early Drop</div> <div>9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Preschool</div> <div>10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Kindermusik (MR)</div> <div>10:45 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study (P)</div> <div>12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline</div> <div>12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Preschool</div> <div>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Preschool After Care</div> <div>[Wednesday evening activities are listed on page 2]</div>	<div>28</div> <div>6:15 AM - 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study (P)</div> <div>8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Preschool Early Drop</div> <div>9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Preschool</div> <div>12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Preschool</div> <div>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Preschool After Care</div> <div>5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Kindermusik (MR)</div>	<div>March 1</div> <div>8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Preschool</div> <div>Early Drop</div> <div>9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Preschool</div> <div>12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Preschool</div> <div>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Preschool After Care</div>	<div>March 2</div> <div>12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (P)</div> <div>5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Middle School Monthly (note time change)</div>