



**ST. JOHN**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcomed in Christ. Called to community. Sent to serve.

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## A Note from the Pastor...

In the second book of C.S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia* series titled "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" we hear about the hundred year winter. The hundred year winter seems to go on and on with no sign of spring until word begins to spread that Aslan is on the move and winter's tight grip begins to loosen. As the winter snow thaws, hope seems to find a way into the cold reality of the lives of the people of Narnia.

February is a month that brings with it the hope and the promise that winter is coming to an end and spring is on the way. As we enter into this month we begin to experience longer days and typically warmer temperatures. I'm excited to welcome winter's end this year, perhaps even more than in past years. I've been incredibly thankful that this winter has been mild in comparison to past winters, but it has also been a winter that has brought with it more isolation.

The new reality that COVID-19 has ushered into our communal lives over this past year has brought many challenges. We have faced the challenge of limited interactions with close friends and family. We have faced the challenge for many of a deeper sense of isolation and depression. We have faced the challenge of being separated from meeting in person as a Church. Therefore, the hope of February and the hope of vaccines that are beginning to find their way into loved ones' lives brings with it the hope and the promise that this long winter of virus-forced seclusion may someday come to an end.

This challenging time has also provided us with unique and potentially long-term helpful opportunities to learn and grow and develop new ministries. We have seen a significant growth and enhancement of our online church presence. We have developed new and even exciting ways of doing ministry online. This challenging time has also birthed new ministries that will hopefully allow St. John and other congregations extend God's word and promise to others in a fast-changing world.

I am so very thankful to all of you for your faithfulness and willingness to try new things with us as we make our way through this long winter and anxiously await the arrival of spring.

In Christ,

Pastor Brian

## Ash Wednesday Worship

Please join us on February 17 at 7:00pm on Facebook Live and Zoom. We plan to put together a Mass Choir online (\*singers please look at "Music Notes" p. 4). Jane Capistran will play violin. We don't have a plan for the ashes yet, but keep watching emails and worship announcements.

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# Worship & Fellowship

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## 2021 Lent Theme:

### “40 Days of Immanuel: Connections and Gratitude”

In the early church, Lent was a time for Christians to contemplate how much God had poured grace and love into their lives; they learned just how present God was. In times like these, spending forty days thinking about how God is present with us sounds like a good idea. St. John Lutheran Church’s Lenten theme for 2021 is “40 days of Immanuel.”

Immanuel means “God with us” and our hope is that through these 40 days of Lent we might realize more clearly just how much God is always with us. We invite you to join us as we learn about God’s welcome of us in Christ, and God’s steadfast relationship with us. We will also reflect upon God’s love and grace in our lives. While we usually talk about Immanuel during Christmas, Lent is a wonderful opportunity for us to pause and think about just how close God really is.

## Limited In-Person Worship

St. John is in a position where we can begin to offer limited in-person worship services for those who desire them. We will continue to offer online services on Facebook Live and Zoom just like we’ve been doing since last year. Our in-person worship options are limited and may not include communion or singing, and will not include fellowship time.

If interested, we ask that you please register online or by calling the church office at 701-232-8521. After registration, we will reach out to you and figure out how to proceed. If you have any questions, please let us know.

## Projector Screens Installed



We are happy to announce that our new projector screens are ready for use! Thanks to grants from the state of North Dakota as well as the St. John Foundation and gifts from generous donors, we were able to purchase and install two projectors with retractable screens in the sanctuary. Now, when we are able to hold in-person worship services, we will be able to project announcements, words to hymns and liturgy, and even videos on the screens.

## Live Online Worship

We’ve had wonderful online attendance for worship throughout the pandemic. St. John will continue to offer online worship on **Sundays at 9:30am** and **Wednesdays at 7:00pm**. There are three options for attending worship remotely:

### 1. Facebook Live:

To join us for worship on Facebook Live, go to **[facebook.com/stjohnfargo/live](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnfargo/live)**. A Facebook account is not required.

### 2. Worship on Zoom:

Join the Zoom meeting on your computer by copying and pasting this link into the URL box on

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your browser: <https://zoom.us/j/96954699012?pwd=VmJSV3F0SzBoUURqQlITR1ZJaDBFZz09>

Or you can go to zoom.com (or open your Zoom app), click on “join a meeting” and enter the following when prompted:

**Meeting ID: 969 5469 9012**

**Passcode: 0EJF7**

3. Worship by Phone:

**Dial: 1-312-626-6799** (long distance rates may apply)

It will ask for your meeting ID.

**Dial: 969 5469 9012 then press #**

It will ask for your participant ID. **Press #**

It will ask for your meeting password.

**Dial: 502823 then press #**

It will tell you that you are in the meeting, and how many other people are listening by phone. In just a moment, you will hear the service. You will not be able to talk back. Thank you for joining us for worship! If you would like to stay for fellowship time and Adult Forum, please stay on the line.

## Did You Know?

You can dial into any of our Zoom meetings by telephone. Instructions for dialing into worship, fellowship, and Adult Forum are above, but if you would like to attend any other Zoom meeting by telephone, please call the office at 701-232-8521 during business hours and we will give you the proper dial-in information.

## Zoom Fellowship

Between worship and Adult Forum on **Sundays (around 10:10am-10:30am)**, everyone is invited to a virtual Fellowship time. This will be a time to talk, laugh, catch up, and maybe make a new

connection!

For Fellowship, please use the same Zoom information as listed in the “Live Online Worship” article on page 2-3 to log into Zoom on your computer or to call in by phone. If you’re already logged in for worship and would like to attend fellowship, just stay logged in. You can choose to stay for Adult Forum afterward.

## Anxiety Small Group

This pandemic has been very anxiety-provoking for a lot of us. We are working on getting an Anxiety Small Group going over Zoom, where we can focus on curbing anxiety and support each other during this difficult time.

If you would be interested in participating in such a group, please call the church office at 701-232-8521 or email [office@stjohnfargo.com](mailto:office@stjohnfargo.com).

Please watch emails and bulletin announcements for more information as we finalize dates and times.

## MUGG Night

### Men Under God's Guidance

All men are invited to a virtual MUGG Night. On **Monday, February 8 at 5:30pm** join us over Zoom for a time of fellowship. Here is the Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/92245069933?pwd=NzRxNOVyNW1JLzVpOUV0QkhkelprUT09>  
Or Meeting ID: 922 4506 9933; Passcode: mugg

## Women & Wine

All women are invited to join us for food, drinks and fun! **Usually the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm on Zoom.**

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/95590638372?pwd=ZHdkb2kwNVFTMktRYm5MV2FQNUlrUT09>  
Or Meeting ID: 955 9063 8372; Passcode: wine

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## Music Notes

### from Dawn Papenfuss

Thank you to Suzanne Schultz who played piano for two worship services while my family was in Rochester, MN for Hannah's surgery. And thank you to everyone who held us up in prayer. The surgery was successful. Hannah is already more independent. We appreciate your support.

Thank you to Pam Lindner and Bell Bank's "Pay it Forward" program for her \$1000 donation to the Online Worship Video /Special Music account. Pam was very complimentary to the staff for what we are doing with our worship and wanted to support it.

Thanks to the: Altar Guild committee who put up Christmas decorations and the new, 12-foot Christmas tree in the entrance. Thank you to Virilaine Pedersen for her donation to buy this tree and to the women who bought ornaments to decorate it. It was BEAUTIFUL and it was perfect for that space. Preschool families and those driving by at night got to enjoy it!

Thank you to all the Christmas Musicians! Thanks to the Worship Band for 3:30 service, (and being song leaders at the outdoor service), to the Adult choir for taking the time to record your songs for the 5:30 Virtual choir on Christmas, Jay & Marilyn Goos for their music and matching videos for the 10:30 service. (they have a gift for this!!)

Thank you to those who are recording themselves from home for the Sunday readings and Prayers of the Church. We could always use more people to do this. If you are interested, please contact me at 701-388-4200 or [ldpapenfuss@gmail.com](mailto:ldpapenfuss@gmail.com).

SOME DAY we will be worshipping together again. Until that day, thank you for being patient with us, for offering to help in any way you can, and for watching worship online. There is a

camaraderie among those who watch and make comments!!!

Thank you also to the families who recorded their kids at home for the Crosswalk Christmas program. That was SO AWESOME. I will watch that over and over just because it makes me smile!

MUSICIANS: If you have prelude music or something you would want to play/sing, let me know and we will try to schedule you in worship.



**ASH WEDNESDAY worship online:** We plan to have much of the same music as in the past: a Mass Choir and Jane Capistran. WILL YOU HELP? We are requesting ALL singers to record themselves from home. You will sing "The First Song of Isaiah". Our goal is to have at least 30 people singing (and on screen!!!!). We will send out the accompaniment as soon as possible so that you have a week or two to get it back to us. ALL CHILDREN and TEENS and COLLEGE STUDENTS and ADULTS who have sung before are DEEPLY ENCOURAGED (!! to participate. You will get the words when we send out the music by email.

—Dawn Papenfuss, Director of Music

# Bible Studies & Education

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## Lenten Book Studies

“Caste” by Isabel Wilkerson

As part of our year of learning about Welcoming the Other, we will read through the book, “Caste” by Isabel Wilkerson. In this book, Wilkerson suggests that American society reflects what many call a caste structure. During this study, we will explore her ideas about dominant caste and how the United States is not unique in stratifying its society this way. Through this study, we hope to learn more about ourselves and our neighbors so that we are better able to live out our mission statement: Welcomed in Christ. Called to community. Sent to serve.

### **Mondays 11:00am - 12:00pm**

10 week study beginning Monday Feb. 15th

Zoom link: [https://zoom.us/j/93783675397?  
pwd=ZkxXMVdiSjlkTUJ1VGwzUWhvMG53Zz09](https://zoom.us/j/93783675397?pwd=ZkxXMVdiSjlkTUJ1VGwzUWhvMG53Zz09)

Meeting ID: 937 8367 5397; Passcode: lent

### **Wednesdays 5:30pm - 6:30pm**

6 week study beginning Wednesday Feb. 17th

Zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/  
j/88082819369?  
pwd=VIIVOXRNbTc1UEd2dmkyOER3NW9xQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082819369?pwd=VIIVOXRNbTc1UEd2dmkyOER3NW9xQT09)

Meeting ID: 880 8281 9369; Passcode: 215273

## Adult Forums

### **Sundays at 10:30am on Zoom.**

- Feb 7 Dr. Pat Taylor Ellison: “Apartheid and South African Church and Society”
- Feb 14 Dr. Eric Rothgery: “Caste in Modern India”
- Feb 21 Dr. Jennifer Erickson: “Structural Dynamics of Immigration in Fargo”  
*Dr. Erickson is the author of “Race-ing Fargo: Refugees, Citizenship, and the Transformation of Small Cities”*
- Feb 28 Fellowship
- Use the Zoom link from online worship (p. 2) or Meeting ID: 969 5469 9012; Passcode: 0EJFf7

## Lenten Bible Studies

Immanuel - Connections and Gratitude

Join Pastor Brian and Pastor Erick during Lent as we explore how God's relationship and presence with us are part of Immanuel: God with us. We will spend 5 weeks looking at God's relationship, welcoming, grace, and presence with us, and how our relationships with our neighbors is a reflection of God's promise and presence as Immanuel in our own lives.

### **Wednesdays 11:00am - 12:00pm**

5 week study beginning Wednesday Feb. 24th

Zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/  
j/88082819369?  
pwd=VIIVOXRNbTc1UEd2dmkyOER3NW9xQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082819369?pwd=VIIVOXRNbTc1UEd2dmkyOER3NW9xQT09)

Meeting ID: 880 8281 9369; Passcode: 215273

### **Thursdays 7:00pm - 8:00pm**

5 week study beginning Thursday Feb. 25th

Zoom link: [https://zoom.us/j/93783675397?  
pwd=ZkxXMVdiSjlkTUJ1VGwzUWhvMG53Zz09](https://zoom.us/j/93783675397?pwd=ZkxXMVdiSjlkTUJ1VGwzUWhvMG53Zz09)

Meeting ID: 937 8367 5397; Passcode: lent

## Book Club with Pastor Erick

**Mondays at 7:00pm and Tuesdays at 1:00pm on Zoom**, we are reading “The Uninhabitable Earth: Life After Warming” by David Wallace-Wells. Feel free to join us on Mondays at 7:00pm OR Tuesdays at 1:00pm throughout this study.

We will soon be starting a new study on “Born a Crime” by Trevor Noah. This book is about a person born in South Africa to parents who were white and black, which was considered a crime in South Africa at the time.

Zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/  
j/88082819369?  
pwd=VIIVOXRNbTc1UEd2dmkyOER3NW9xQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082819369?pwd=VIIVOXRNbTc1UEd2dmkyOER3NW9xQT09)

Meeting ID: 880 8281 9369; Passcode: 215273

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## Copies of "Caste" by Isabel Wilkerson

If you would like help securing a copy of the book "Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents" by Isabel Wilkerson, please contact the office at [office@stjohnfargo.com](mailto:office@stjohnfargo.com) or 701-232-8521. We have had a couple of generous donors contribute funds to purchase copies of the book for members of the congregation. When you're done with your book, you are welcome to keep it, pass it along to someone else who will read it, or return it to the church.

## Lenten Devotionals

Lenten Devotional booklets will be available to pick up in the vestibule at the northeast entrance to the church. You don't have to be part of a small group to utilize this resource.

## Tuesday Bible Study

**Tuesdays at 10:30am on Zoom.**

Please join us for this pastor-led Bible study as we dive deeper into the text for the coming Sunday.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/91458607719?pwd=cFY1NkkrNFZUcitRRkZ3L1g3V0dOdz09>

Or Meeting ID: 914 5860 7719

Passcode: 0cMCqZ

## Wednesday Bible Study

**Wednesdays at 2:00pm on Zoom.**

Everyone is welcome to join us! We are currently studying "A Journey through Genesis."

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/93602092643?pwd=MndGcW5KdlBzVkrRhS0Z6T29UY0Zudz09>

Or Meeting ID: 936 0209 2643

Passcode: 4pvdMA



## Daily Devotions

A word of thanks to all the St. John members who have written devotions for our community of faith during this time of social distancing!

If you are interested in sharing a devotion please contact either Pastor Brian or Pastor Erick. Thank you for sharing Christ's love with others!

—Pastor Brian

Daily Devotions can be found at [stjohnfargo.com](http://stjohnfargo.com) or on our Facebook page. To get them emailed to you daily, please email [office@stjohnfargo.com](mailto:office@stjohnfargo.com), OR to get them mailed to you weekly, please call 701-232-8521.

## St. John Book Club

This is the monthly book club that is made up of St. John members and non-members alike. We meet the first Monday of each month over Zoom, with a different book to discuss each time. New members are always welcome! Please contact Jane Nissen (701-235-0436) for more information, including the Zoom login.

This Year's Book Schedule: (7:00pm on Zoom)

Feb 1 **Caste** by Isabel Wilkerson

Mar 1 **Beneath a Scarlet Sky** by Mark Sullivan

Apr 5 **Lies My Teacher Told Me**  
by James W. Loewen

May 3 **The Story of More** by Hope Lahren

# Children, Youth, & Family

## Cross+Walk Sunday School



Please join us for our new theme in February, “Super Fan: Cheer Each Other On” (©reThink Group). We’ll learn that God wants us to be kind to others by showing them that they are valuable by how we treat them.

**Sundays from 10:30am-11:00am on Zoom.**

Zoom link:

[https://zoom.us/j/99393027078?  
pwd=VS85NmZPT2JLSTZEekJ1dWI5c0pvUT09](https://zoom.us/j/99393027078?pwd=VS85NmZPT2JLSTZEekJ1dWI5c0pvUT09)

Or Meeting ID: 993 9302 7078

Passcode: Crosswalk

Cross+Walk Sunday School has always had a focus on family faith formation, and this year we get to double down on family. Thanks to Zoom, we will still get to meet as one large group, for a short time of songs, stories, and a bit of silliness. But where this digital environment really shines is in Family Small Groups. You and your family will have a setting to sit together and open the Bible. We put together step-by-step guides to walk you through a simple Bible activity and to talk together about the promises of God for you and the world. And you’ll be paired up with another family or two for a comfortable and intimate group to walk through this together.

Blessings,

Erin Bjerke, Youth Education Director

## Milestones Ministry

### Upcoming Milestones:

Kindergarten “Kids & Money”: Feb 21

4th Grade “Apostles’ Creed”: March 14 & 21

First Communion (any age): Thursday, April 1

For more information, please contact Erin at [ebjerke@stjohnfargo.com](mailto:ebjerke@stjohnfargo.com) or 701-232-8521.

## Parent Small Group

**Next meeting: Monday, February 8 from 8:30pm -9:30pm on Zoom.** This is a time for parents to connect with one another and talk about what’s on their mind, including the unique challenges of parenting an elementary schooler during the pandemic, and take time to center themselves and pray.

Here is the Zoom link: [https://zoom.us/  
j/91826363600?](https://zoom.us/j/91826363600?pwd=MWV5VExidVF5bTFvSkhaY2RCU0ptdz09)

[pwd=MWV5VExidVF5bTFvSkhaY2RCU0ptdz09](https://zoom.us/j/91826363600?pwd=MWV5VExidVF5bTFvSkhaY2RCU0ptdz09)

## Kids’ Coloring Time

Tuesdays from 3:30pm-4:15pm on Zoom.

Erin will be hosting a time for kids (age 3 - grade 5) to get together over Zoom and color! Erin will email out a coloring sheet each week that you can print, or you can use your own. This will be a time to catch up with each other and hang out while we do something creative.

Here is the Zoom link: [https://zoom.us/  
j/98851753584?](https://zoom.us/j/98851753584?pwd=a1B3WmlhVEoxWnQ2UlpBd2lZL3ZoQT09)

[pwd=a1B3WmlhVEoxWnQ2UlpBd2lZL3ZoQT09](https://zoom.us/j/98851753584?pwd=a1B3WmlhVEoxWnQ2UlpBd2lZL3ZoQT09)

Or Meeting ID: 988 5175 3584

Passcode: 2wXpEe

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## Family Pen Pals

I don't know about you, but I love sending and receiving letters! That's why we've started a new children's activity called Family Pen Pals. This is a no-tech, Covid-safe way for families from St. John to get to know each other during the pandemic.

Families with children from age 3 through grade 5 are invited to participate. Interested families sign up and are then assigned another family to be their Pen Pal. Families are expected to write to their Pen Pal Family about once per month.

You can still sign up for Family Pen Pals by emailing Erin at [ebjerke@stjohnfargo.com](mailto:ebjerke@stjohnfargo.com).

—Erin Bjerke, Youth Education Director

## Family Game Time

Please join us on Zoom for some fun for the whole family! On **Sunday February 7, from 4:00pm-5:00pm**, everyone is invited to join us for some Jackbox games, and maybe even some fun trivia! You'll need a computer or tablet to connect to Zoom and a smartphone or tablet to use as your game controller. Here is the Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/93085213181?pwd=emIkD0FONkNsajJURzI5ZWJseGx1dz09>

Or Meeting ID: 930 8521 3181; Passcode: 0gvESG

## High School Youth Group

All youth grades 9-12 are invited to join Jeremy on Zoom on **Wednesdays from 7:30pm-8:30pm**. This will be a time for hanging out and playing games.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6740785715>

Please contact Jeremy with questions: [jeremy@stjohnfargo.com](mailto:jeremy@stjohnfargo.com)

## 6th-8th Grade Confirmation

Wednesdays from 6:00pm-6:50pm on Zoom.

### Confirmation Schedule

- Feb 3 Learning #11 (Baptism)
- Feb 10 Learning #12 (Holy Communion)
- Feb 17 Ash Wednesday (NO CLASS—please worship with us online at 7:00pm)
- Feb 24-Mar 31 Lent (NO CLASS—please worship with us online at 7:00pm)
- Apr 7 Fellowship Event #2

Confirmation Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/94444353487?pwd=YmNpa05XMxE2eDkvZGpyS0NPZmpLQT09>

Or Meeting ID: 944 4435 3487

Passcode: confirm

## 9th Grade Confirmation

Our 9th grade Confirmation students will be meeting on the first Wednesday of each month from **7:00pm-7:30pm on Zoom**. We will be using a peer ministry resource to guide our discussion. Ninth graders are encouraged to stay for High School Youth Group afterward.

- Feb 3 Help - Helping a Friend
- Mar 3 Confirmand / Parent meeting\* (8:00pm)
- Apr 7 Confirmation Worship Service Planning and Review of Experience

Please use the same Zoom login info as 6th-8th Grade Confirmation above.

\*At the Confirmand / Parent meeting, we will discuss picking a date for the 9th Grade confirmation service this spring or summer. This meeting will be Wednesday March 3rd at 8:00pm (time change due to Lenten services) on Zoom. <sup>8</sup>



# Announcements

## Preschool News

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

This **February 11** we are 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 \$15,000 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 provide scholarships for low-income and/or high-need families, provide Nurtured Heart Approach training, and provide additional staff to support children with disabilities.

To participate in **Giving Hearts Day on February 11**, visit: [GivingHeartsDay.org](http://GivingHeartsDay.org). Thanks for considering St. John Christian Preschool (and other charities!) on this day of giving.

—Jana Bruhschwein, Preschool Director



## St. John Christian Preschool Now Enrolling!

St. John Christian Preschool is now taking registrations for fall 2021-22 for current, legacy, and St. John families through February 12.

Please call Jana at [701-261-9920](tel:701-261-9920) or email [preschool@stjohnfargo.com](mailto:preschool@stjohnfargo.com) to schedule a private tour. Registration for new families will begin February 15.



**Giving Hearts Day**

Help someone.

## Giving Hearts Day:

### You can make a difference!

Giving Hearts Day this year is

**Thursday, February 11, 2021.**

We encourage you to consider giving to the following organizations on Giving Hearts Day:

**St. John Christian Preschool**

**Eastern North Dakota Synod, ELCA**

**Crossroads Lutheran Campus Ministry**

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.

Please visit [GivingHeartsDay.org](http://GivingHeartsDay.org) for more information.

## Stephen Ministry

The St. John Stephen Ministry team consists of 10 people. Currently they have 6 Care Givers available and all have Care Receivers. They met outside last spring and by phone this winter. Stephen Ministry is considering offering another training session for Stephen Ministers soon. Because some of you may have more time now in this pandemic, you may be interested in attending virtually. Let Pastor Brian (701-212-5214) or Sue Erickson (701-541-0847) know.

Loneliness is prevalent in these viral times exacerbated by other issues. Stephen Ministry can help.

What is Stephen Ministry again? Christ-Care to people who need it, request it and smile again during the process.

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## Sundays At-a-Glance

9:30am: Worship (Facebook Live & Zoom)

10:10am-10:30am: Fellowship (Zoom)

10:30am-11:30am: Adult Forum (Zoom)

10:30am-11:00am: Cross+Walk Sunday School (Zoom)

*Worship, Fellowship, and Adult Forum will all be accessible using the same Zoom link.*



## AmazonSmile

Did you know that you can donate to St. John by shopping on Amazon.com? It's easy! When you do your Amazon shopping, just go to [smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and choose St. John Lutheran Church as your charitable organization. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to St. John!



## Attention Snowbirds

If you will be living at a different address this winter and would like church correspondence delivered to you without interruption, please call or email the church office at 701-232-8521; [office@stjohnfargo.com](mailto:office@stjohnfargo.com). 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!

### Contact Us

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website: [www.stjohnfargo.com](http://www.stjohnfargo.com)

#### The Ministry Team of St. John:

All the People of God, along with

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Erick J. Thompson

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Brian Hansen

**Director of Music/Organist:** Dawn Papenfuss

**Youth Education Director & Office Secretary:** Erin Bjerke

**Youth Programming Director:** Jeremy Maahs

**Office & Finance Manager:** John Bell

**Facility Assistant:** Jordan Erickson

**St. John Christian Preschool Director:** Jana Bruhschwein

**Preschool Teachers:** Kellie Knodel, Cheryl Dietz,

Katie Mare, Katie Maple, Michele Wangen,

Shelley Krosbakken, Jami Olson, Sophia Lucht

**Accompanists:** Suzanne Schultz & Marcia Bettenhausen

**Handbell Director:** Jessica Westgard Larson

Articles accepted before

**5:00pm on February 19th** for the March 2021 *Herald*.

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## St. John Church Council

2019-2021	Amanda Holt	President
2019-2021	Charlotte Ronson	Vice President
2019-2021	Ron Twedt	Vice President
2019-2021	Gail Reiersen	Worship & Music
2019-2021	AJ Klein	Membership
2020-2022	Kate Syverson	Youth Education
2020-2022	Michael Westhoff	Social Concerns
2020-2022	Sadie Thompson	Youth Programming
2020-2022	Mike Williams	Property

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	7:00 PM Book Club with Pastor Erick (Zoom) 7:00 PM St. John Book Club (Zoom)	10:30 AM Bible Study (Zoom) 1:00 PM Book Club with Pastor Erick (Zoom) 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM Kids' Coloring Time (Zoom)	2:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study (Zoom) 5:00 PM Stephen Ministry Mtg (Zoom) 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Adult Handbells (S) 6:00 PM 6th-8th Confirmation (Zoom) 7:00 PM 9th Confirmation (Zoom) 7:00 PM Wednesday Worship (FB Live) 7:30 PM HS Youth Group (Zoom)			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:30 AM Worship (Facebook Live) 10:10 AM - 10:30 AM Fellowship (Z) 10:30 AM Adult Forum (Zoom) 10:30 AM C+W Sunday School (Zoom) 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Family Game Time (Zoom)	5:30 PM MUGG Night (Zoom) 7:00 PM Book Club with Pastor Erick (Zoom) 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM Parent Small Group (Zoom)	10:30 AM Bible Study (Zoom) 1:00 PM Book Club with Pastor Erick (Zoom) 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM Kids' Coloring Time (Zoom)	2:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study (Zoom) 5:00 PM Youth Education Comm Mtg (Zoom) 6:00 PM Confirmation (Zoom) 7:00 PM Wednesday Worship (FB Live) 7:30 PM HS Youth Group (Zoom)			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:30 AM Worship (Facebook Live) 10:10 AM - 10:30 AM Fellowship Time (Zoom) 10:30 AM Adult Forum (Zoom) 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Cross+Walk Sunday School (Zoom)	11:00 AM Lenten Book Study "Caste" (Zoom) 7:00 PM Book Club with Pastor Erick (Zoom)	10:30 AM Bible Study (Z) 1:00 PM Book Club with Pastor Erick (Zoom) 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM Kids' Coloring Time (Zoom) 6:30 PM Church Council (Zoom)	ASH WEDNESDAY 2:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study (Zoom) 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Adult Handbells (S) 5:30 PM Lenten Book Study "Caste" (Z) 6:00 PM Confirmation (Zoom) 7:00 PM Lenten Worship (FB Live) 7:30 PM HS Youth Group (Zoom)	6:30 PM Women & Wine (Zoom)	5:00 PM Newsletter Deadline	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:30 AM Worship (Facebook Live) 10:10 AM - 10:30 AM Fellowship (Z) 10:30 AM Adult Forum (Zoom) 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Cross+Walk Sunday School (Zoom) 11:00 AM Kindergarten Milestone Learning Session (Zoom) 12:00 PM Stephen Ministry Mtg (Zoom)	11:00 AM Lenten Book Study "Caste" (Zoom) 7:00 PM Book Club with Pastor Erick (Zoom)	10:30 AM Bible Study (Zoom) 1:00 PM Book Club with Pastor Erick (Zoom) 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM Kids' Coloring Time (Zoom)	11:00 AM Lenten Bible Study (Zoom) 2:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study (Zoom) 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Adult Handbells (S) 5:30 PM Lenten Book Study "Caste" (Z) 6:00 PM Confirmation (Zoom) 7:00 PM Lenten Worship (FB Live) 7:30 PM High School Youth Group (Zoom)	7:00 PM Lenten Bible Study (Zoom)		
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
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