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A Note from the Pastor...

Immanuel: Connections and Gratitude

My nephews both play high school basketball for the Perham Yellowjackets. I've been lucky enough to watch almost all of their games on YouTube, but I realized that I haven't spent any meaningful time with my nephews. We've texted back and forth a bit, but it's not the same. While I am grateful that the local high schools have figured out how to make the games available, I am looking forward to reconnecting with them soon. I've felt this lack of connection in many relationships over the past year. It has been a difficult year, and I long for more connections with friends and family.

For the season of Lent, St. John is looking at how God is present with us (Immanuel) through connections with God and our gratitude for all God has done. This is a different theme than perhaps we've had in past years, but given the disconnects we may all be feeling in society, we felt this was an appropriate focus. In the midst of a year or more of "pandemic mode," claiming Immanuel, God with us, is even more important than ever. While there may be uncertainty about our ability to connect safely with others, Lent is a good time to remind ourselves of God's connection to us.

While I cannot necessarily control how much I connect with other people, I can remind myself daily of God's grace for my life. If I pass daily to read a devotion and take some time for prayer, I am reconnected with God in a meaningful way. I am also able to connect with others through phone calls, emails, etc. I know that this isn't the same,

but it has helped. With my nephews, we have used zoom, phone and other ways to try to improve our connection with each other. My connection with God centers me on God's grace for the day and God's presence with me supports me as I live into an unknown future. I hope that you'll take the time to find the support that comes from God and use that to support others in your life.

Peace,

Pastor Erick

Reminders for St. John Groups

While low Covid numbers in our community allow for some groups of a few people to meet in the church building, we encourage all groups at St. John to meet via zoom unless this limits their ability to meet or do their work (such as handbells, quilters).

Please continue to socially distance even while masked.

Please contact the office with questions.

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Worship & Fellowship

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Worship services will be held on Facebook Live, Zoom, and in the sanctuary. If you wish to attend in person, please sign up on our Google Form or call the office at 701-232-8521. See page 3 for information on online worship.

Google Form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc5dYYI8klT7t1Rx6AzW059N7pYnnD3lSXBlqPqsH0e1MwRTA/viewform>

Palm Sunday: March 28 at 9:30am

Maundy Thursday: April 1 at 7:00pm

Good Friday: April 2 at 7:00pm

Easter Sunday: April 4 at 9:30am

Other Easter worship options (outdoors or Sunrise service) may become available depending on weather and interest. Please check the website and our Facebook page for latest updates.

Wednesday

Lent Worship

Wednesdays at 7:00pm on Facebook Live, Zoom, and in the sanctuary (please sign up for in-person)

We are using part of the Compline service at our Lenten Wednesday night services as well as part of the Marty Haugen *Holden Evening Prayer* service.

Ten minutes before worship **Wednesday, March 3 (6:50pm)** Dawn will teach portions of the liturgy online/at worship as the "prelude" to Lenten Worship. Please join us!



Volunteer Opportunities

Audio/Video Volunteers for Worship

We're looking to put together a "tech team" for worship. Whether you're a skilled audio/ video technician or have no experience at all, there is a place for you on the team.

Scripture Readers and Assisting Ministers

Each week, we have an opportunity for someone from the congregation to read scripture or pray the Prayers of the Church. You may choose to send in a pre-recorded video or come to the church to read live.

If interested, please call the office at 701-232-8521, email office@stjohnfargo.com, or sign up on Signup Genius.

Annual Meeting 2021

The 2021 Annual Meeting was held on January 31, 2021 over Zoom. We were pleased with how smoothly it went over this digital format. Thank you to everyone who was involved!

The following St. John members were elected to the following positions/committees:

Nominating Committee:

Sue Erickson

Carol Stevens

Fred Haugo

Barb Westhoff

Kelli Bourke

Voting Members of the

Fargo Conference and

the Eastern North

Dakota Synod

Assembly:

Fred Haugo

Judy Haugo

St. John Foundation Board:

Rachel Asleson

Scott Pryor

Worship & Fellowship

In-Person Worship Available!

We're now able to offer limited in-person worship! Sundays at 9:30am and Wednesdays at 7:00pm. If you would like to attend, please sign up on our Google Form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc5dYYI8klt7t1Rx6AzW059N7pYnnD3lSXBlqPqsh0e1MwRTA/viewform> or call the office at 701-232-8521.

We will contact you with more information. We will wear masks and practice social distancing.

Please email office@stjohnfargo.com or call 701-232-8521 if there are particular days you would like to come.

Our capacity is 50 people, so if more than 50 sign up, we will come up with a rotation plan.

We will continue to offer online worship just like we've been doing, so if online worship works for you, we encourage you to continue attending online.

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 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: 0EJFf7

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.

For Fellowship, please use the same Zoom information as listed in the "Live Online Worship" article on this page to log into Zoom on your computer or to call in by phone.

Worship & Fellowship Cont'd

“Living with Anxiety” Group

Everyone is invited to join a new small group called "Living with Anxiety." Starting March 8, this 8-week study will meet on **Mondays from 6:00pm -7:00pm on Zoom.**

If interested in participating, please email office@stjohnfargo.com or call the office at 701-232-8521.

An estimated 31% of Americans deal with anxiety at some time in their life. This study is an introduction to anxiety. It will investigate the different types of anxiety and teach techniques that will help manage stress and anxiety along with recognizing negative thought patterns and how they contribute to anxiety. The goal of this group activity is to promote general mental health.

Zoom Link:

[https://zoom.us/j/96837833525?](https://zoom.us/j/96837833525?pwd=TFBodHRWWVJ5STBRaGJITjB3Y1IXUT09)

[pwd=TFBodHRWWVJ5STBRaGJITjB3Y1IXUT09](https://zoom.us/j/96837833525?pwd=TFBodHRWWVJ5STBRaGJITjB3Y1IXUT09)

Meeting ID: 968 3783 3525; Passcode: anxiety

MUGG Night

Men Under God's Guidance

All men are invited to a virtual MUGG Night. On **Monday, March 8 at 5:30pm** join us over Zoom for a time of fellowship. Here is the Zoom link:

[https://zoom.us/j/92245069933?](https://zoom.us/j/92245069933?pwd=NzRxN0VyNW1JLzVpOUV0QkhkelprUT09)

[pwd=NzRxN0VyNW1JLzVpOUV0QkhkelprUT09](https://zoom.us/j/92245069933?pwd=NzRxN0VyNW1JLzVpOUV0QkhkelprUT09)

Or Meeting ID: 922 4506 9933; Passcode: mugg

Women & Wine

All women are invited to join us for food, drinks and fun! **Thursday, March 18 from 6:30pm-9:00pm on Zoom.**

Zoom link: [https://zoom.us/j/95590638372?](https://zoom.us/j/95590638372?pwd=ZHdkb2kwNVFTMktRYm5MV2FQNUlrUT09)

[pwd=ZHdkb2kwNVFTMktRYm5MV2FQNUlrUT09](https://zoom.us/j/95590638372?pwd=ZHdkb2kwNVFTMktRYm5MV2FQNUlrUT09)

Or Meeting ID: 955 9063 8372; Passcode: wine

Music Notes

by Dawn Papenfuss

Living in the unknown....For those of us who like to plan and know what's going on ahead of time, this has been a difficult year. So much is still "unknown", and with Easter on the way, we have to think outside the box.

Choirs: We will put together at least 2-3 things for the week of Holy Week.

#1 Palm Sunday. We will send out another track for you to sing with. It will be "Shout, Sing Celebrate" and you may only have a week to get it done. This is for ALL KIDS AND YOUTH who have ever sung it as well as ADULT CHOIR. You will probably have access to this around mid-March.

#2 Easter Sunday. Adult Choir: We will put an anthem together although I do not know which one yet. You will have to sing to a piano track. The handbells and Suzanne and I are doing a Prelude piece recorded ahead of time. Hymns will probably be live (although if not, you will get the recording soonish). There is a benefit to taping ahead because then we can have brass and handbells. hmmm.

#3 Maundy Thursday and Good Friday: TBA. If we do lots of recordings, I will try to give them to you in one batch so you can do it at one sitting.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES (Sundays at 9:30am and Wednesdays at 7:00pm) are open to anyone who would benefit from being there in person. Please sign up through the office ahead of time. Our capacity is 50 people, so if we have more than that sign up, we will have to come up with a rotation to accommodate everyone. office@stjohnfargo.com or call 701-232-8521 and leave a message. Obviously, masks required, etc. (see p. 2 for more info)

Worship & Fellowship Cont'd

If anyone has questions, please email me at: ldpapenfuss@gmail.com or call or text me at 701-388-4200

THANK YOU to Cindy Bloom for marking the pews for worship. We have some longer rows for families and shorter spots for singles or couples, etc. We appreciate your time, Cindy!

Thank you x100 to Jeremy Maahs, our Youth Programming Director, for all the work he has put in to get things recorded and online and now "live with some people in church and online". It blows my mind everything he has to know. He is looking for some people to help him, so please check out page 2 for more information.

Do you need a peaceful end to your day? One of the great blessings of Lutheran liturgy is the COMPLINE service. It is a wonderful way to focus on God in the evening or at bedtime. I asked Dave

and Kim Adams from the NDSU Crossroads Ministry and the Concordia College Campus Ministry to RECORD the COMPLINE SERVICE for us. Please feel free to listen to this anytime! <https://fb.watch/3YTKi8FA5S/> If you prefer using the hymnal, it's on pg. 320 in the front of the ELW.

In addition to this, we are using TWO PARTS of the Compline service at our Lenten Wednesday night services as well as a couple of parts from the Marty Haugen *Holden Evening Prayer* service. Listening to this will certainly help you sing the liturgy on Wednesdays.

Lastly, TEN MINUTES before worship this **Wednesday, March 3 (6:50pm)** I will teach portions of the liturgy online/at worship as the "prelude" to Lenten Worship. Reminder: we can have up to 50 people in the sanctuary. Please join us!

—Dawn Papenfuss, Director of Music

Bible Studies & Education

Book Club with Pastor Erick

Mondays at 7:00pm and Tuesdays at 1:00pm on Zoom, we are starting "Born a Crime" by Trevor Noah on March 1st & 2nd. 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.

Feel free to join us on Mondays at 7:00pm OR Tuesdays at 1:00pm throughout this study.

Zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082819369?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082819369?pwd=VIIVOXRNbTc1UEd2dmkyOER3NW9xQT09)
[j/88082819369?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082819369?pwd=VIIVOXRNbTc1UEd2dmkyOER3NW9xQT09)
[pwd=VIIVOXRNbTc1UEd2dmkyOER3NW9xQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082819369?pwd=VIIVOXRNbTc1UEd2dmkyOER3NW9xQT09)
Meeting ID: 880 8281 9369; Passcode: 215273

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)

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

Bible Studies & Education Cont'd

Lenten Book Study

"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.

Wednesdays 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Tentative schedule:

Wed. Feb. 25 -- Parts 1 & 2

Wed. Mar. 3 -- Part 3

Wed. Mar. 10 -- Part 4

Wed. Mar. 17 -- Part 5

Wed. Mar. 24 -- Parts 6 & 7 and Epilogue

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

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

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

Meeting ID: 880 8281 9369; Passcode: 215273

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 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 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 through March 24th

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

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

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Meeting ID: 880 8281 9369; Passcode: 215273

Thursdays 1:00pm - 2:00pm

5 week study through March 25th

This study will be held in the parlor at St. John with masks and social distancing. We especially want to invite to this study those for whom Zoom is a barrier to participation.

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 or on our Facebook page. To get them emailed to you daily, please email office@stjohnfargo.com, OR to get them mailed to you weekly, please call 701-232-8521.

Bible Studies & Education Cont'd

Adult Forums

Sundays at 10:30am on Zoom.

- Mar 7 Rev. Kelly Chatman, Center for Leadership and Neighborhood Engagement
"A Conversation about Race"
- Mar 14 Pr. Sue Koesterman, CEO of Churches United for the Homeless
"For the Least of These: Economic Inequality and Faith-Filled Response"
- Mar 21 Kim Adams, Crossroads Lutheran Campus Ministry (NDSU)
- Mar 28 Fellowship
- Apr 4 Easter
- Apr 11 TBA
- Apr 18 Dr. Jennifer Erickson

Use the Zoom link from online worship (p. 3) or Meeting ID: 969 5469 9012; Passcode: 0EJFf7

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=MndGcW5KdIBzVkrRhS0Z6T29UY0Zudz09>

Or Meeting ID: 936 0209 2643

Passcode: 4pvdMA

Children, Youth, & Family

Palm Sunday Music

All children, youth, and adults who are interested are invited to be a part of the Palm Sunday Virtual Choir! We will sing "Shout, Sing, Celebrate." We will send out a video of the accompaniment for you to sing along with as you record yourself singing at home.

If interested, please contact Erin ebjerke@stjohnfargo.com or Dawn ldpafenfuss@gmail.com or call the church office 701-232-8521 for more information.

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?pwd=a1B3WmlhVEoxWnQ2UlpBd2IzL3ZoQT09>

<https://zoom.us/j/98851753584?pwd=a1B3WmlhVEoxWnQ2UlpBd2IzL3ZoQT09>

Or Meeting ID: 988 5175 3584

Passcode: 2wXpEe

Children, Youth, & Family Cont'd

Cross+Walk Sunday School



Come check out our new theme in March, “Bake Off: It’s worth the wait” (©reThink Group). We’ll be talking about patience, and learning that when we have to wait for something, God is with us!

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:

Most Milestones take place on Zoom immediately after Cross+Walk Sunday School at 11:00am. Please use the Cross+Walk Zoom link.

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

First Communion (any age): Postponed to late spring/early summer. While we usually do First Communion on Maundy Thursday and paint chalices two weeks before that, this year we plan to wait until May or June so that we have the option of an outdoor painting session. Keep watching *The Herald* for more information.

1st Grade “Lord’s Prayer”: April 11 & 18

2 & 3-year-old “Prayer Pillows”: April 25

For more information, please contact Erin at ebjerke@stjohnfargo.com or 701-232-8521.

Parent Small Group

Next meeting: Monday, March 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](https://zoom.us/j/91826363600?pwd=MWV5VExidVF5bTFvSkhaY2RCU0ptdz09)



Children, Youth, & Family Cont'd

Family Game Time

Please join us on Zoom for some fun for the whole family! On **Sunday March 14, 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

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.

—Erin Bjerke, Youth Education Director

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

6th-8th Grade Confirmation

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

Confirmation Schedule

Now-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

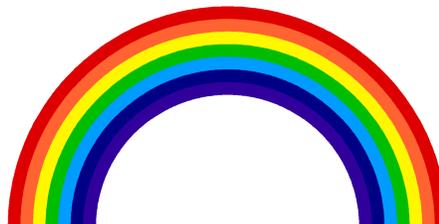
Our 9th grade Confirmation students will be meeting on the first Wednesday of each month from **7:00pm-7:30pm on Zoom**. We will be using a peer ministry resource to guide our discussion. Ninth graders are encouraged to stay for High School Youth Group afterward.

Mar 3 Parent / Confirmand 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.



Announcements



Preschool News

We have had a great February at preschool! Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, preschool families and supporters, we raised over \$39,000 on Giving Hearts Day. We are currently full for fall 2021 and continue to take tours for a waiting list as there is such a need for quality early childhood education. During preschool, children have loved the Pet Vet in the drama room. We love seeing children use their imagination to be the veterinarians and perform x-rays and MRIs, be the receptionists who answer the phones and schedule appointments, and the groomers who wash the animals. We continue to appreciate our families for following Covid guidelines, mask regulations, and for making the sacrifices it takes to get their children to preschool each week.

—Jana Bruhschwein, Preschool Director

Reminder:



Daylight Saving Time starts at 2:00am on Sunday, March 14. Remember to set your clocks forward 1 hour the night before!



St. John Foundation Board Meeting

The Foundation Board will meet on Monday, March 8 at 5:45pm on Zoom. If you wish to submit a funding request for a special project, please fill out a form at <http://stjohnfargo.com/ministries/st-john-foundation/>

Funding requests are due Monday, March 8 at 4:00pm.

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.

A graphic advertisement for Stephen Ministry. It features a woman's face on the right side, looking thoughtful with her hand to her chin. The text on the left reads: "EXHAUSTED BY THE PANDEMIC?" in large, bold, teal letters. Below that, in smaller white letters: "YOU DON'T HAVE TO FACE IT ALONE." Further down, in even smaller white letters: "A Stephen Minister can walk alongside you or a loved one to offer support and care—and it's free and confidential." At the bottom, it says: "To learn more, contact one of our Stephen Leaders." There is a small icon of two people at the bottom right of the graphic.

Announcements Cont'd

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.

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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!

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Handbell Director: Jessica Westgard Larson

Articles accepted before

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

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St. John Lutheran Church

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
	7:00 PM Book Club with Pastor Erick (Zoom)	10:30 AM Bible Study (Zoom)	11:00 AM Lenten Bible Study (Zoom)	12:45 PM - 1:45 PM Lenten Bible Study (Zoom)			
	7:00 PM St. John Book Club (Zoom)	1:00 PM Book Club with Pastor Erick (Zoom)	5:00 PM Stephen Ministry Mtg (Zoom)	5:30 PM Lenten Book Study "Caste" (Z) Parlor			
		3:30 PM - 4:15 PM Kids' Coloring Time (Zoom)	7:00 PM Lenten Worship (FB Live)	7:00 PM Lenten Worship (FB Live)			
			8:00 PM 9th Gr Confirmation (Zoom)	8:00 PM 9th Gr Confirmation (Zoom)			
			7:30 PM High School Youth Group (Z)	7:30 PM High School Youth Group (Z)			
7		8	9	10	11	12	13
	9:30 AM Worship (Facebook Live)	4:00 PM Foundation	10:30 AM Bible Study (Zoom)	11:00 AM Lenten Bible Study (Zoom)	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Lenten Bible Study (Zoom)		
	10:10 AM - 10:30 AM Fellowship (Zoom)	Funding Requests Due	1:00 PM MUGG Night (Z)	2:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study (Zoom)	PM Lenten Bible Study (in-person--		
	10:30 AM Adult Forum (Zoom)	5:30 PM "Living with Anxiety" Group (Zoom)	1:00 PM Book Club with Pastor Erick (Zoom)	5:00 PM Youth Ed Comm Mtg (Zoom)	Study (in-person--		
	10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Cross+Walk Sunday School (Zoom)	7:00 PM Bk Club w/PE (Z)	3:30 PM - 4:15 PM Kids' Coloring Time (Zoom)	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Adult Handbells (S) Parlor	Parlor)		
		8:30 PM Parent Sm Grp (Z)		7:00 PM Lenten Book Study "Caste" (Z)			
				7:00 PM Lenten Worship (FB Live)			
				7:30 PM High School Youth Group (Z)			
14		15	16	17	18	19	20
	9:30 AM Worship (Facebook Live)	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM "Living with Anxiety" Group (Zoom)	10:30 AM Bible Study (Z)	11:00 AM Lenten Bible Study (Zoom)	1:00 PM Lenten Bible Study (in-person--		
	10:10 AM - 10:30 AM Fellowship (Zoom)	7:00 PM Book Club with Pastor Erick (Zoom)	1:00 PM Bk Club w/PE (Z)	2:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study (Zoom)	parlor)		
	10:30 AM Adult Forum (Zoom)	7:00 PM Book Club with Pastor Erick (Zoom)	3:30 PM - 4:15 PM Kids' Coloring Time (Zoom)	5:30 PM Lenten Book Study "Caste" (Z)	6:30 PM Women & Wine (Zoom)		
	10:30 AM Cross+Walk SS (Zoom)			7:00 PM Lenten Worship (FB Live)			
	11:00 AM 4th Gr Learning Session (Z)			7:30 PM High School Youth Group (Z)			
	4:00 PM Family Game Time (Zoom)						
21		22	23	24	25	26	27
	4th Grade Milestone	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM "Living with Anxiety" Group (Zoom)	10:30 AM Bible Study (Zoom)	11:00 AM Lenten Bible Study (Zoom)	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Lenten Bible Study (Zoom)		
	9:30 AM Worship (Facebook Live)	7:00 PM Book Club with Pastor Erick (Zoom)	1:00 PM Book Club with Pastor Erick (Zoom)	2:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study (Zoom)	PM Lenten Bible Study (in-person--		
	10:10 AM - 10:30 AM Fellowship (Z)			5:30 PM Lenten Book Study "Caste" (Z)	parlor)		
	10:30 AM Adult Forum (Zoom)			7:00 PM Lenten Worship (Facebook Live)			
	10:30 AM Cross+Walk SS (Zoom)			Live)			
	11:00 AM 4th Gr Learning Session (Z)			7:30 PM - 8:30 PM High School Youth Group (Zoom)			
	12:00 PM Stephen Ministry Mtg (Zoom)						
28		29	30	31	April 1	April 2	April 3
	PALM SUNDAY	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM "Living with Anxiety" Group (Zoom)	10:30 AM Bible Study (Zoom)	2:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study (Zoom)	MAUNDY	GOOD FRIDAY	
	9:30 AM Worship (Facebook Live)	7:00 PM Book Club with Pastor Erick (Zoom)	1:00 PM Book Club with Pastor Erick (Zoom)	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM High School Youth Group (Zoom)	THURSDAY	7:00 PM Worship	
	10:10 AM - 11:30 AM Fellowship (Z)				7:00 PM Worship		
	10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Cross+Walk Sunday School (Zoom)						