



St. John's Weekly News

February 23, 2025

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Mission Statement:

Understanding that God's church does not have a mission, but rather that God's mission has a church. The people of St. John's Lutheran Church join God in God's mission by equipping for life, encouraging in discipleship, and engaging in service.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church meets on the first and fourth Sunday of each month, during the worship service following the children's message by Pastor CJ. This Sunday, February 23rd, class will be led by Ms. Elena!

WOMEN'S SHELTER— THE INTERFAITH PATHWAY

A great Big Thank You for everyone who contributed to Thursday's food donation to Interfaith Pathway Women's Shelter. It was a huge success! They have 30 residents now! We should all feel very grateful to be part of such a generous and giving congregation!!— Sharon Allgor

Here are some other opportunities if you wish to help at the shelter:

Childcare Support- Supervise and engage children during parenting classes or resident meetings.

Transportation Assistance- Drive residents to appointments, job interviews, or other necessary locations.

If you wish to help with these please call please call the staff at The Interfaith Pathway at 302-380-1059.

Bus Driver- Interfaith Pathway is in need of a driver who can operate a small bus to transport residents.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

In another month or so, spring will be here. Little League teams will be starting, but what would a Little League team be without a coach? A coach is someone who supports and guides the players to a good sportsmanlike game. A coach is necessary so that the players have someone to confide in, talk over frustration and receive input on how best to work out on the field problems. In other words, the coach is a positive physical presence in a sometimes-unpleasant game. A Stephen Minister is similar to a coach. We all know that life is not a game. Still, we all need someone who no matter what, will be there to guide us through tough times. Call Helen Morella, Pastor CJ, or Peggy Angel at 302-734-7078 to find out how Stephen Ministry can help you in your life.

QUILT RAFFLE

Congratulations to our February Quilt Raffle winner, Melissa Wheeler! Melissa chose "Hibiscus". Our next drawing will be on March 9th. As always, thank you to Linda Barlow for donating the quilts and facilitating this fun event for St. John's!

ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank Rick Murphy for giving altar flowers for this Sunday's service.

Dedication:

Flowers are given in loving memory of Karen and Ryan Murphy.

If you would like to sign up to donate altar flowers for an upcoming service, please use the chart in the narthex or contact the church office. Jen-Mor Florist charges \$50 for two vases. Please call them at 302-697-3273 to place your order and confirm the price. Thank you.

BAKE SALE

Together we added \$429.00 to the Elevator Fund this month— an additional \$15 was added to the total reported last week.. Thank you to all who participated. Our next bake sale will be on March 9th and the theme will be St. Patrick's Day (think green). Hope to see you there and discover what our great bakers will come up with.

SERVICE HELPERS

February 23 rd : Usher– Richard B. Reader– Linda B. Assisting Minister– Roger Lay Deacon– Jack Stephen Minister– Emmalyne	March 2 nd : Usher– Lia Reader– Laurel Assisting Minister– Vickie Lay Deacon– Vickie Stephen Minister– Barry	March 5 th Ash Wednesday 7:15pm: Usher– Charles S. Reader– Diane Assisting Minister– Steve Lay Deacon– Laurel Stephen Minister– Richard P.
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Upcoming Service Schedule— Lent and Holy Week

March 5th Ash Wednesday 12:15pm and 7:15pm (Communion at both services)
 Wednesdays March 12th—April 9th: Mid-week Lent Worship 12:15 and 7:15, Soup Suppers at 6pm
 April 17th Maundy Thursday 12:15pm and 7:15pm (Communion at both services), Stripping of the Altar at 7:15pm
 April 18th Good Friday 12:15pm Service with Holy Communion, Tenebrae and 7:15pm
 April 19th Easter Vigil with Holy Communion at 7:15pm
 April 20th Easter Sunday 8:00am and 10:30am (Communion at both services)

PRAYER REQUESTS— We lift the following people up in prayer...

Herb Israel, Carol Donlon, Linda Taylor, Sue Tamburro, Melissa Young, Brian Baird, Helen Morella, Mary Wuller, Julie Sammons and family

Happening at St. John’s	Readings for Next Sunday
Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion Children’s Church 10:30am Bible Study Bell Choir Rehearsal Monday 6:00pm Confirmation Class Tuesday 10:00am Devotions at Dover Place 1:00pm Women’s Bible Study Wednesday 6:00pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study and Discipleship Workshop Thursday Friday Saturday	Old Testament– Deuteronomy 34:1–12 Psalm– Psalm 99 Epistle– Hebrews 3:1–6 Gospel– Luke 9:28–36

<p>If you have prayer requests or news to share with the congregation, please call or e-mail the church office by noon on Wednesday for your submission to be included in that Friday’s newsletter. Thank you! 302-734-7078 or secretary@sjldover.com</p>	<p>Upcoming Birthday 2/22 Emmanuel Stevens 2/23 Reece Massey 2/24 Julie Sammons 3/6 (Little) Jandy T. Stevens 3/6 Melissa Macolley 3/24 David Harwood 3/27 Lorrie Gloede</p> <p>Upcoming Anniversaries 3/6 Ronny and Carol Hays 3/15 David and Wende Columbo 3/25 Ron and Helen Morella</p>	<p>Options for Church Offerings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Vanco Mobile App ⇒ Checks can be mailed to the church or dropped off ⇒ Online donations can be made at sjldover.com ⇒ Offering plate at services <p>Thank you for supporting the ministry of St. John’s Lutheran Church</p>
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