



# St. John's Weekly News

March 8, 2026

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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.

**Daylight Savings Time begins on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead.**

## **COFFEE AND DONUTS— MARCH 8<sup>th</sup>**

We invite you to join us for coffee, donuts, and fellowship following this Sunday's service! We hope to see you there.

## **EASTER LILIES**

We are taking orders for Easter lilies. Please use the online form at [sjldover.com/lilies](http://sjldover.com/lilies) or contact the church office. Lilies are \$12.50 each and payment is due by March 27<sup>th</sup>. Your flowers will be available for you to take home at the Easter services.

## **BAKE SALE**

Our next bake sale will be March 15<sup>th</sup> and the theme will be St. Patrick's Day (**think green**). Let's see what our bakers will bring. See you there!— Vera

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE**

During Lent, Christians turn their focus to Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. We become aware (and humble) of what Jesus did for you and for me. We are sinners and yet, he who without sin willingly died for us. If you haven't done so, I hope that you'll take a look at the Stephen Ministry banner that is hanging on the back wall in the Sanctuary. On the banner, you'll see a cross there, too. The cross depicts a broken person who is healed because of Jesus dying on the cross. Jesus is at the center of every Stephen Ministry relationship. If you have a need, a crisis or a problem in your life, call us. If you would like to confide in and unburden yourself to a confidential, compassionate friend, why not call Helen, Ellen or Peggy (302-734-7078) and ask for a Stephen Minister today. With Jesus helping and guiding the relationship, you'll be glad that you called.

## **OGT SORTING**

Help needed to sort and organize items donated to Orphan Grain Train. Sorting takes place each Tuesday from 10am-12pm in the church basement. We welcome your help! Please see Roger Hazzard if you have any questions.

## **SEDER MEAL**

We will be hosting a Seder Meal on Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. The meal retells the story of the exodus and was the meal Jesus shared with his disciples when he instituted the sacrament of Holy Communion. This is a great opportunity for fellowship, good food, and growing in faith. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor CJ for more information. We hope you can join us!

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

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.

## LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

Lenten Midweek Services— 12:15pm & 7:15pm, Soup Suppers begin at 6:00pm each Wednesday through March 25<sup>th</sup>.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Maundy Thursday— 12:15pm & 7:15pm (Communion at both services), Stripping of the Altar at 7:15pm

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Good Friday— 12:15pm Service with Holy Communion, Tenebrae at 7:15pm

April 4<sup>th</sup> Easter Vigil with Holy Communion— 7:15pm

April 5<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday— 8:00am & 10:30am (Communion at both services)

## SPECIAL REQUEST

Wyoming Methodist Church is collecting soft plastics which will be used to make park benches. Examples of soft plastics are produce bags, bread bags, plastic mailer envelopes, bubble wrap, clean and dry baggies, and drycleaning bags— not plastic bottles or other hard plastics. Please reach out to Linda Barlow if you have any questions

## SERVICE HELPERS

<p>March 8<sup>th</sup>                  Usher— Barry                  Reader— Linda B.                  Assisting Minister— Steve                  Lay Deacon— Rich P.                  Stephen Minister— Don</p>	<p>March 15<sup>th</sup>                  Usher— Lia                  Reader— Chuck H.                  Assisting Minister— Barb                  Lay Deacon— Vickie                  Stephen Minister— Mallory</p>	<p>March 22<sup>nd</sup>                  Usher— Jeff                  Reader— Tricia                  Assisting Minister— Roger                  Lay Deacon— Jandy                  Stephen Minister— Judy</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Happening at St. John's 3/8-3/14</b></p> <p>Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion                  10:30am Donut and Coffee Fellowship                  Bell Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Monday</p> <p>Tuesday 10:00am OGT Sorting                  10:00am Devotions at Dover Place                  1:00pm Women's Bible Study</p> <p>Wednesday 12:15pm Lent Midweek Service                  3:00pm Bible Study at Dover Place                  6:00pm Soup Supper—MLB and OGT                  7:15pm Holden Evening Prayer Service</p> <p>Thursday 10:00am W.I.N.G.S. meeting                  6:00pm Stephen Ministry Supervision</p> <p>Friday                  Saturday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prayer Requests</b>  <b>We lift the following people up in prayer...</b></p> <p>Margaret Hakey, Arnold Aravena, Jack Cunningham, Georgette Fox, Tom Rutley, Lloyd Schneiderwent, Clifford Ramminger, Wil Ramminger, Marianne Letavish, Teresa Boyd, Helen Morella, The family and friends of Ole Myhre Jr., Don Coffman, The family and friends of Don Tucholski, Chris Siok and family, Flow Burrows, The family and friends of Larry Anderson Jr., John French, Mary Nicodemus, Garry Saroukos, Mark Gemmill, Skylar Marisi, Emmalyne Smyser, Melissa McGuire, Rick Mohnk, John Reininger, Donna Mason, Katie Borntreger, Susan Rogers</p>
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<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!  <b>302-734-7078</b>                  or  <a href="mailto:rgettings@sjldover.com">rgettings@sjldover.com</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Upcoming Birthdays</b>                  3/6 Melissa Macolley                  3/24 David Harwood                  3/27 Lorrie Gloede                  3/31 Rich Barlow                  3/31 John Terray                  4/4 Christina Kelleher                  4/5 Tom Smith                  4/5 Tyler Jilek</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Upcoming Anniversaries</b>                  3/6 Ron and Carol Hays</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Options for Church Offerings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Vanco Mobile App</li> <li>⇒ Checks can be mailed to the church or dropped off</li> <li>⇒ Online donations can be made at <a href="http://sjldover.com">sjldover.com</a></li> <li>⇒ Offering plate at services</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you for supporting the ministry of                  St. John's Lutheran Church</p>
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