



# St. John's Weekly News

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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.

## 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 is this Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> and the theme is St. Patrick's Day (**think green**). Let's see what our bakers will bring. See you there!— Vera

## STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

As humans, we pride ourselves on “going alone” or doing things for ourselves. We encourage our children—indeed we look forward to accomplishing tasks for themselves, be it taking the first step or riding a bicycle for the first time or even driving the family car. However, there are times in our lives when “going it alone” isn't what God had in mind for us. Throughout the Bible, when one was in need, one reached out to God in the Old Testament and Jesus in the New Testament. God didn't make us to be independent. Stephen Ministers want you to know that it's not a sign of weakness to ask for help. We Stephen Ministers are compassionate, empathetic, and have been equipped with over 50 hours of training in how to care for those in need. Don't suffer alone—call Peggy, Pastor CJ, or Ellen at (302-737-7078) for a Stephen Minister today.

## INTERFAITH WOMEN'S SHELTER

We are collecting snacks and powdered drink mixes for the Interfaith Women's and Children's shelter from 11-11:30am on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. We are also starting a crochet class at the shelter and are in need of crochet hooks. If you have any to donate, please reach out to the church office or Diane Snyder. Thank you!

## 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

We thank Guy Sbriglia and family for giving altar flowers for this Sunday's service.

### Dedication:

Flowers are given in remembrance of St. Joseph and my parents, Joseph and Josephine Sbriglia.

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 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>	<p>March 29<sup>th</sup> Usher— Charles S. Reader— Diane S. Assisting Minister— Rich P. Lay Deacon— Dennis Stephen Minister— Linda P.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Happening at St. John's 3/15-3/21</b></p> <p>Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30am Bible Study Bake Sale 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— Interfaith Team 7:15pm Holden Evening Prayer Service</p> <p>Thursday 11-11:30am Collection for the Women's Shelter 7:00pm MLB Meeting</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><b>Upcoming Birthdays</b> 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 4/8 Jackson Massey 4/9 Linda Conrad 4/9 Rick Murphy</p> <p><b>Upcoming Anniversaries</b> 3/25 Ron and Helen Morella</p>	<p><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>Thank you for supporting the ministry of St. John's Lutheran Church</p>
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