



St. John's Weekly News

March 22, 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.

EASTER LILIES— LAST CALL

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

INTERFAITH WOMEN'S SHELTER

There will be a meeting for the Women's Shelter Committee following the service this Sunday, March 22nd, in the church office. Anyone interested in participating or learning more about this committee is welcome to attend!

The Women's Shelter Committee is 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!

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

We hear people speak of the power of prayer. There is power in prayer, but sometimes we feel discouraged when we don't get the expected response to our prayers. What if we pray addressing health concerns, but we, or the person for whom we're praying for, doesn't get better? I would like to address the importance of prayer. When life seems hopeless, when there is nowhere else to turn, when you feel as if you've hit a stone wall and can't go any further, take the time to turn to God in prayer. If you don't have the strength left to pray, we who are involved in Stephen Ministry, ask you to reach deep down inside for the courage to call for a Stephen Minister. A Stephen Minister will gladly pray for you and walk beside you in your journey to heal again. Call Pastor, Ellen, or Peggy at 302-734-7078 for a Stephen Minister.

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 29th, 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 Lia and Vera Lehenbauer for making a donation to St. John's in lieu of giving altar flowers.

Dedication:

To the glory of God and prayers for peace and justice in the world.

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

Midweek Service— 12:15pm & 7:15pm, Soup Suppers begin at 6:00pm each Wednesday through March 25th.
 April 2nd Maundy Thursday— 12:15pm & 7:15pm (Communion at both services), Stripping of the Altar at 7:15pm
 April 3rd Good Friday— 12:15pm Service with Holy Communion, Tenebrae at 7:15pm
 April 4th Easter Vigil with Holy Communion— 7:15pm
 April 5th Easter Sunday— 8:00am & 10:30am (Communion at both services)

BAKE SALE

Our Bake Sale last Sunday was a sweet success and we added \$443.00 to the Nursery Fund. Thank you to all bakers and a special thank you to all other members who brought more sweets to our table voluntarily. Our next bake sale will be on Sunday, April 19th and the theme is "All Desserts". Hope to see you there.

SERVICE HELPERS

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| March 22 nd Usher— Jeff Reader— Tricia Assisting Minister— Roger Lay Deacon— Jandy Stephen Minister— Judy | March 29 th Usher— Charles S. Reader— Diane S. Assisting Minister— Rich P. Lay Deacon— Dennis Stephen Minister— Linda P. | April 2 nd 12:15pm Usher— Barry Reader— Linda P. Assisting Minister— TBD Lay Deacon— Rich P. Stephen Minister— TBD |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">Happening at St. John's 3/22-3/28</p> <p>Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion Children's Church 10:30am Bible Study Adult Choir Rehearsal Women's Shelter Committee Meeting</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— Spiritual Care Team, Altar Guild, Gathering Lambs Team 7:15pm Holden Evening Prayer Service</p> <p>Thursday Friday Saturday</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Prayer Requests</p> <p style="text-align: center;">We lift the following people up in prayer...</p> <p>Darcy Harding, Margaret Hakey, Arnold Aravena, Jack Cunningham, Georgette Fox, Tom Rutley, Lloyd Schneiderwent, Clifford Ramminger, Wil Ramminger, Marianne Letavish, Teresa Boyd, Helen Morella, Don Coffman, Flow Burrows, 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! 302-734-7078 or rgettings@sjldover.com</p> | <p>Upcoming Birthdays 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>Upcoming Anniversaries 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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