

# The Evangel

February 2012

to know and proclaim Jesus Christ and as disciples reach out in love

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### Worship Times

Saturday 5:15 pm  
Sunday 8 & 10:30 am

### Christian Education

Sunday School (K-6) 9:15 am

### Coffee Fellowship

Sunday 9:15 am

### Office Hours

Monday–Thursday  
8 am to noon

1 pm to 5 pm

Friday–8 am to 12:30 pm

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## SOUPERBOWL SUNDAY Chili Sale - Sunday, February 5

Orders will be taken now through Sunday morning, February 5.

All chili will be carry out this year.

Cost: \$4/quart; \$10/3 quarts; \$15/5 quarts.

All proceeds will be given equally to Christ's Cupboard, the Reedsburg Food Pantry, and the ELCA Hunger Campaign.

Plan ahead to reserve some awesome chili for your game day party.

**Order on your attendance form at church or call the church office @ 254-9763. You may pay for your order when you pick up the chili.**

## Reach Out In Love

2011



## Giving opportunities

This month two separate and important fundraisers have presented themselves for your prayerful consideration: achieving our Reach Out in Love, 2011 Benevolence Focus goal, and adding money to our St. John Scholarship Fund.

### Reach Out in Love, 2011

According to the Treasurer's report in January, St. John has raised **\$8,590.84** for this project. That is a significant achievement, one that involved individual members, church boards, circles, and volunteer groups. However, we have ended up \$6409.16 short of our projected goal of \$15,000.00. During the month of February, please

consider contributing whatever you can beyond your regular offering, so that we can indeed reach our Reach Out in Love Benevolence goal.

### Contributions to the Scholarship Fund

Last month the Congregation Council approved an investment of half (\$50,000) of the Marvin Fisher estate into the Mission Investment Fund. The interest from this money is to be used annually for St. John Scholarships (see page 2 & 3). Because we cannot add to this particular fund once it is established, the Education Board, with the Council's approval, is asking members who so desire, to contribute to this scholarship fund by the end of February in order to include the congregation's additional gifts to the original investment.

To contribute to either fund (or both), please clearly mark Scholarship Fund or Benevolence Focus on the memo line of your check and on your envelop, either your own printed

## Notes from Rich Sorom, Council President

*On January 10, I was elected President of the St. John Church Council. I thank the members of the Council and hope that I can serve St. John to get the work of this congregation done! If any member has a question or suggestion for the council, please contact me at 524-2720 or talk to me in person.*

### Congregation Council Meeting Highlights January 10, 2012

Present: Vice President Rich Sorom, Secretary Deb Adams, Treasurer Blaine Hedberg, Lorraine Traeder, Bill Henke, Patty Sauey, Don Ondersma, Steve Atkinson, Jennifer Kitson, Shirley West, Todd Erdman, James Wheeler, and Pastor David Glesne. Staff present: Carol Julius, recording secretary.

Vice President Rich Sorom called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Todd Erdman offered devotions.

#### Reports and Presentations:

**Cemetery Board**—The board has recently cleaned and filled cracks in the driveways and is planning to spread “chip fill” on the roads this spring. The other main expense is mowing.

**Treasurer’s Report** —(Placed on file) Treasurer Hedberg highlighted the printed reports:

Current Assets increased by \$25,047.27; general operating fund reflected negative \$46,721.57; dedicated account reflected positive \$305,437.19; net bank balance December 31, 2011 was \$248,715.62.

2011 total income was \$521,131.69 which is 96.1% of 2011 budget; total expenses were \$487,311.78 which is 89.9% of budget. Two areas we exceeded budget were Benevolence and Youth and Family – both good areas to exceed our budget expectations.

Benevolence Focus – Reach Out in Love had year-to-date receipts totaling \$8,590.84.

We have decreased our general operating deficit by \$16,691.74 in December, and \$34,712.29 for the year.

#### Pastor David’s Report

- He thanked the Council for the end of year gift he received in December.
- He had a non-member funeral for a 12 day old infant Monday.
- Christmas Eve Services were well attended. There was discussion about the worship times, which will

remain the same. The Advent Candlelight Service was beautiful, but attendance was low. The question came up whether having one service on New Year’s Day would have been better. Pastor David feels it is better to get back into the regular schedule as quickly as possible after Christmas.

**New members received at the January 8<sup>th</sup> service:** Tabatha Drew, Robert Schmidt and son Zaon Drew; Donald and Myrtle Farber; Summer Geffert and children Olivia and Noah Geffert; Gerald & Eunice Mautz; Frank Neumann; Jennifer Schultz and children Nicholas and Caleb Schultz; Bruce and Trisha Vermilyea.

**Call Committee update** –Our last candidate withdrew her name from consideration. Pastor David and Assistant to the Bishop Sara Yodder discussed options. Sarah provided the name of another candidate, and if this candidate does not work out there is another draft of seminary graduates beginning in March. In the meantime there are two possibilities for an interim pastor to help, especially during Lent. The Call Committee met again on Monday, January 16..

**Puerto Rico partners--** Pastor David is traveling to Puerto Rico with Rev. Bill White, retired pastor from Bethel Lutheran Church in Madison, to explore establishing congregation partnerships. He will be gone February 8 – 14.

**2012 Council officers and liaisons :** President: Rich Sorom, Administration, Cemetery; Vice-president: Jennifer Kitson, Youth & Family; Secretary: Deb Adams, Worship; Treasurer: Blaine Hedberg, Budget TF, Foundation; Don Ondersma, Administration; Todd Erdman, Church in Society; Bill Henke, Congregational Life; Shirley West, Congregational Life; Lorraine Traeder, Education; Steve Atkinson, Education; Patty Sauey, Worship; James Wheeler, Cemetery.

**Foundation grant requests** – none at this time. Foxy Fisher Estate – it was noted that half of the money should be designated to education and the other half to St. John Foundation. Beth and the Education Board met with representatives from the Mission Investment Fund. They offer four or six year investment options. They are not insured, but have never lost money on their investments. The interest earned would be enough to provide three scholarships each year if the six year option is chosen. Once the money is invested, money cannot be added to that investment fund, but additional investments may be purchased. The Education Board would like to propose that the congregation be invited to add to the fund before the initial investment is made, and to

invest the \$50,000 and any additional gifts in the Mission Investment Fund.

**The council approved the Education Board’s recommendation** to invest half (\$50,000) of the Marvin Fisher estate in the Mission Investment Fund, and to invite the congregation to add to the fund by the end of February in order to include the congregation’s additional gifts to the original investment. The interest from this money is to be used annually for St. John Scholarships.

It is noted the other half of the funds (\$50,000) will be disbursed to the St. John Foundation. Both disbursements will be from the Dedicated Accounts, Estate line item.

**Benevolence Focus** – Pastor David reported the funds totaled \$8,590.84. The congregation will be asked to recommend ideas for disbursement of the funds locally, nationally and worldwide. The Council will consider the recommendations in March.

**5% offerings** – it is noted Church in Society recommends the 5% offerings withheld from the synod will be disbursed to the Safe Harbor Shelter.

**Goals 2012-2013** – Pastor David reported the congregation focus will be “Grow as Disciples.” Between now and the planning retreat he asked council members to consider what it means to grow as disciples and how to support that with goals.

**Synod Assembly** – May 5 & 6 – Kalahari, Wisconsin Dells.

**Conflict of Interest Statements** –all are completed and put on file.

**Congregation Breakfast** – the council is hosting March 4.

**40 Days in the Word** – cost is \$10. There are online resources for those who are not in the area, but it would be best if you can attend the seven meetings, one each week. The meeting formats are flexible, and will include a devotion and discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm. The next meeting of the Council will be Tuesday, February 14, 7 pm. Lorraine Traeder is signed up for devotions.

Blessings,

Rich Sorom, Council President

## Parochial Report

### Funerals

We wish to extend deepest sympathy to the family and friends of: Victorya Jaquelyn Rose Leatherberry, who died January 3, 2012.

### Baptisms

January 8—James Mummer, son of Jean-Marie Ketchpaw and Josh Myrozek

January 22—Evelyn Halvenslaben, daughter of Brian & Heather Halvenslaben.

### Sponsorship Calendar— February Availability

**Altar Flowers (\$30)** — weeks of 2/5, 2/12, 2/26 available

**Bulletins (\$25)** — all weeks available

**Radio Broadcast** — all weeks available

**(\$30, \$60, and \$90)**

**TV Cable Broadcast (\$40)** —all weeks available.

**Coffee Fellowship** — Check out the three ring binder in the coffee serving area to reserve a Sunday.

**We need volunteers** to continue this ministry.

### Thrivent Choice Dollars

This month St. John deposited \$611 because Thrivent Financial members have designated their “Choice Dollars” to St. John. These people include:

Donna Bergman, Michael Cunningham, Susan Johnson, Beverly Leake, Michael Masica, Gary Neumann, LeRoy Petersen

### Meetings & Greetings

**Dorcas Circle** — 9:30 am, Wednesday, Feb. 15

**Hannah Circle** — 2:00 pm, Tuesday, Feb. 7

**Sarah Circle** — 1 pm, Thursday, Feb. 16

**Sunshine Circle** — 1:30 pm, Thursday, Feb. 9

**St. John Quilters** — 9 am, Thursday, Feb. 2  
9 am, Friday, Feb. 17

**Card Ministry** — 2nd Monday of the month

**Men’s Breakfast** — 7:30 am, the 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month at Marty’s

**Park Street Study** — 10:30 am, February 21, Park Street Apts

**Sheeper than Therapy** —4-6 pm, Monday

## From Pastor David

A number of years ago, I was sitting in the airport in Cincinnati waiting for my flight and a young couple came and sat down just across from me. Now, this isn't anything unusual as airports are busy places, but what caught my attention was their baggage; along with the usual carry-on bags were two large cases.

I have the understanding that most people in airport waiting areas are not all that into conversation, but those two large cases had piqued my curiosity and just had to ask if they were in fact hauling guitars along with them. They answered yes, and a conversation about guitars and life ensued. These guitars were very nice and pricey instruments too special to be flown as baggage and believe it or not each one had its own ticket!

At one point in the conversation the young lady stopped, looked at me and asked, "you wouldn't happen to be a minister, would you?" Now this is not the first time this has happened to me, but every time it does it kind of boggles my mind. I admitted that yes I was and I was on my way out west to do pre-marriage counseling for friends of mine who were going to be married a little later on in the summer.

To the best of my memory nothing in our conversation would have blatantly tipped my hand to my profession; I needed to ask her how did she know? What made her guess that I was a pastor?

She admitted she didn't really know, maybe it was my beard, maybe it was the way I talked... honestly she said there wasn't one thing that stood out, she just said I looked and acted like a minister.

Before I could continue this conversation, over the P.A. came the announcement that our flight was about to board. My new friends and their guitars were flying first class so they gathered up their belongings, said good bye and boarded the plane. I didn't even ask them what their names were; they might have been famous, they were certainly not well known to me and wouldn't be, as the last time I saw them was when I was finally able to board and cram my value sized pastoral body into an economy seat.

What jogged my memory about this event was the church season of Epiphany that started January 6<sup>th</sup> and lasts until Ash Wednesday, which this year will be February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Greek root of Epiphany means: to bring to light, to show, or to manifest. From the visit of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus and the calling of the disciples our lessons show us who Christ is for us and more. The purpose of the season of Epiphany is to once again realize that Jesus Christ has come to be the savior of the world.

From the brightly shining star in the east and throughout the rest of the season of Epiphany the focus is on light. Near the end of our Baptismal liturgy we have this line, just before the newly baptized is welcomed into the congregation; "Let your light so shine before others that they might see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." and we present them with a baptismal candle to represent that light.

This line is from the Gospel of Matthew the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter and comes just after the beatitudes and all their "blessed are they's," and it is part of the job description of a Christian. We are to let our light so shine so that others may see the love, grace, forgiveness and mercy of God in all we say and do.

This Epiphany, my question to you is that if you were sitting in an airport, or some other place and you struck up a conversation with someone, or if someone were watching what you do and how you present yourself could they tell that you were a Christian? As the old saying goes, "If Christianity were illegal, would there be enough evidence in your life to convict you?"

There is an Epiphany hymn that summarizes quite nicely our call as Christians: "Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today." In Christ, the light of the world has come and has shown on you. This Epiphany, where is the light of Christ shining in your life; where are you called to shine that light so that all may give glory to your Father in heaven? Would it be the worst thing that ever happened to you if somebody thought you were a minister? For in the waters of Baptism, that is exactly who you are.

Your fellow servant in Christ,



Pastor David

### Lenten Worship Wednesday Schedule

Ash Wednesday	Feb. 22	Noon & 7:00 pm
Wed. Services	Feb 22– March 28	Noon & 7:00 pm
Soup, Bread, and Pie		Noon & 5:00 pm

### Weekend Worship Services

All Saturday and Sunday Services will meet at the regular times: 5:15, 8:00, 10:30 and each will have Holy Communion

**Lenten Theme: *Christ in the Strangest Places***  
**Foreshadowed, Fulfilled, Forever**

## Christian Education News

This logo represents Christians of mature faith holding the cross, inspiring the growth of others, while creating a shell of love and guidance.



### Meeting Dates—February 2012

#### Seventh and Eight Grade LIFE

##### Wednesday @ 6 pm Memory Work

**Feb. 1** Petitions 2 & 3 pg. 301 & 302 (with explanations)

**Feb. 8** Petitions 4 & 5 pg. 302 & 303 (with explanations)

**Feb. 15** Petitions 6, 7, and Conclusion pg. 303 & 304 (with explanations)

**Feb. 22** Ash Wednesday—Small Groups Meet at normal time.

**Remember in March we still have LIFE every Wednesday night—just a different format.** Small groups meet before the evening worship service and attend that service together. Service is at 7:00 p.m.

#### Ninth Grade Confirmation

Remember we meet **Sunday February 19th @ 4:00 p.m.** Please bring your folder with program materials. And your Bible!

#### Sunday School Dates to Remember

**Feb. 5** 9:15— in classrooms—break at 10:05 for music in Fellowship Hall.

10:30— kids sing for service

**Feb. 12** 9:15— meet in Sanctuary

**Feb. 19** 9:15— meet in Sanctuary

**Feb. 26** 9:15— meet in Sanctuary

#### Sunday School Scripture Focus

**Feb. 5** Mark 1:29-39 *Jesus Heals*

**Feb. 12** 2 Kings 5:1-19 *Naaman is Healed*

**Feb. 19** Mark 9: 2-9 *The Transfiguration*

**Feb. 26** Genesis 6-9 *Noah's Ark*

#### Sixth Grade Sunday School Class

We will continue to meet as a class for the month of February - beginning in the Sanctuary at 9:15 a.m. and making our way to the Koinonia room for class—with the exception of the first Sunday in February (the 5th) when the class will meet at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast.

### Adult Education

*40 Days in the Word* small group focus at 9:15 a.m.

#### 40 Days in the Word

Weekly Small Group Themes:

January 29 **Pronounce It!** Colossians 3:16a

February 5 **Picture It!** Psalm 119:18

February 12 **Probe It!** James 1:22

February 19 **Paraphrase It!** Psalm 119:11

February 26 **Personalize It!** Matthew 7:24

#### Pray It!

March 4 **Principles of Bible Interpretation**

### Befrienders

Reminder—we are back in session in Saturday, February 25th with our retreat. More info to be mailed.



### Continuing Education Students!

It is scholarship time again! Higher education is not cheap these days. Most students are able to attend college only because there is financial aid available. At St.

John, we have **six \$500.00 scholarships** available for program year 2012-2013, for any student enrolled in a full time certificate or degree program providing certification or a degree recognized by accredited agencies and associations. This is a benefit not only to seniors contemplating post-secondary education but students already enrolled in school! This is also a benefit to second career and non-traditional students. If you are interested in applying, please pick up the information and application at the church office during office hours. Please return the application by Friday, March 2, 2012 to the church office.

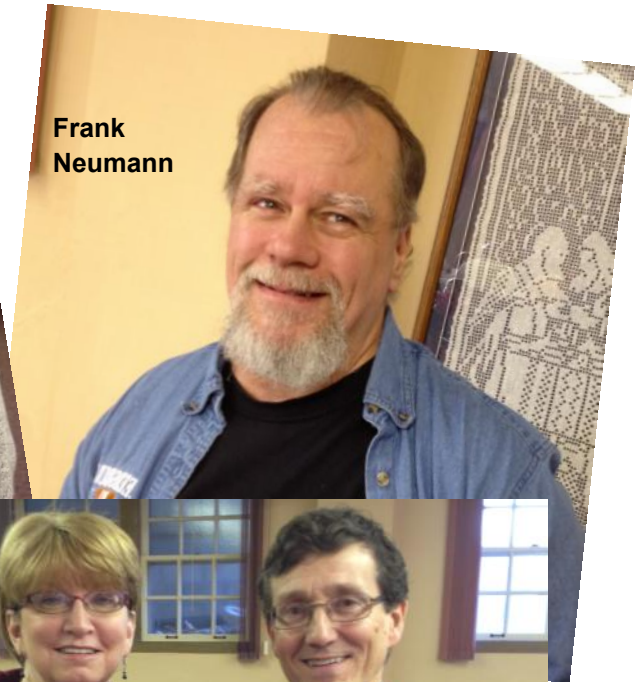
Feel free to email ([beth@stjohnreedsburg.com](mailto:beth@stjohnreedsburg.com)) or call me with any questions!

Beth Voigt, CED

## New Members



Gerald &  
Eunice Mautz



Frank  
Neumann



Jennifer  
Schultz  
Nicholas, Caleb



Bruce & Trisha  
Vermilyea



Tabatha Drew,  
Robert Schmidt,  
Zaon Drew



Donald &  
Myrtle Farber

Not  
pictured: Summer Geffert, Olivia, Noah

## Spiritual Reflection for February 2012

### Dig Deep

Do you remember as a child digging deep into a cereal box to find the prize? It was never on the surface when you opened the box, was it? I remember being disappointed when I could not see it right away. No, before you knew it you were up to your elbows in Cheerios trying not to spill them over the edge yet desperately searching for the prize inside. Let's reflect on the idea of digging deep to find the prize inside.

I had a conversation with a dear friend recently, and twice in our time together we discussed people who have surprised us. What surprised us was that we had not realized the gift these individuals had inside because we had only seen the surface. What we discovered was that when we looked deep inside we found a hidden personality that was similar to that of a shiny gemstone, sparkling brightly under the dark covering, just waiting to be found. I began to think about people in general and how quickly we judge them by what we see on the surface. How often have you made judgments based on outward appearance, on what you saw on the surface? How often have you formed an opinion based on your first encounter with an individual? Have you ever been surprised by what you found when you allowed yourself time to get to know the person at a deeper level?

I think all too often we make judgments about someone's character based on first impressions. I shudder to think about the people that have judged me on their first impression when it might have been on a day when I was not feeling well, or a day when I was angry at the computer, or on a day when I was grieving the loss of someone dear. I am sure I did not make very good impressions on those days and I imagine there will be bad impression days in my future (we all have bad days from time to time, right?).

I began to think about a little boy in my granddaughter's classroom. He does mean things to his classmates. He is angry and loud. If we were to make judgments based on first impressions, I can only imagine the labels being placed on this child. But I wonder about whether there is a gem inside of this child just waiting to shine. What is his true spirit longing to do? Is his behavior reflective of his need for survival in a rough world? She, being 5, wonders why God made him bad. I told her mother that I have been struggling with this kind of question for years. I have come to believe that although people might seem bad on the surface they possess a goodness inside that has not been allowed to present itself. In the right environment, people who seem bad can be given the opportunity to reveal the prize they possess deep inside.

I believe we need to dig deep into the lives of others who appear angry, standoffish, arrogant, timid, reclusive, over zealous. Perhaps like the box of Cheerios that threatens to spill all over the counter as we reach for the prize, we have to be willing to let people spill out the emotion within to reveal the prize they possess. I wonder if their life experiences bury the gift they carry so deep that they forget they even have it. Do you remember when the prize would fall out into your bowl and surprise you with a splash? Maybe you forgot about the prize (because your mother told you to take your arm out of the box and be patient). What a surprise when there it was!

Be patient with people in your life. Look deeply into their life situations before making judgments about their character. Allow yourself to accept the spillage they may need to dump in order to reveal the sparkling gem within just waiting to be revealed. If you dig deep enough you will come up with a prize that is well worth cleaning up the morsels of emotion and it will be a sweet surprise when it lands in your bowl with a splash.

May God's Peace Be With You,

Tammy Koenecke, RN, BSN, MASL

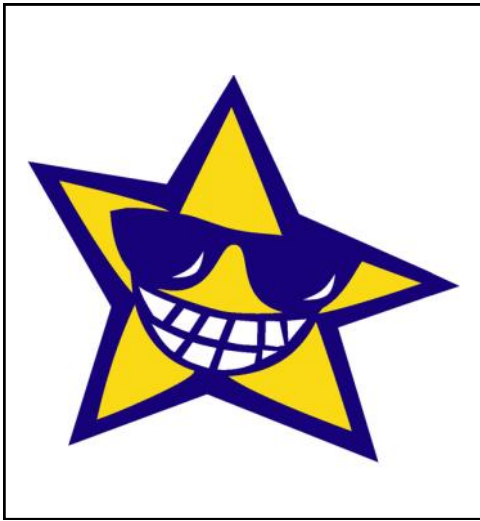
Spiritual Care Coordinator, RAMC



### REMINDER!

#### THE BLOOD CENTER OF WISCONSIN

The Blood Center of Wisconsin's St. John Blood Drive will be held at St. John on February 11, from 7:30 – 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. We will need volunteers to donate blood, volunteers to care of the donors during and after they donate, and bakers to make bars for the donors to eat after they donate. Sign up in the Narthex.



# Calendar of Events

**King's Kids** February 1st & 15th  
**Son Seekers** February 8th & 22th  
**MSYG**  
 •• Lazer Tag February 19th

**YG**  
 •• Wednesday nights at 7:00 in Youth Room!

## Calling All Cooks and Bakers

We need your help! The youth are going to Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp in Colorado.

We need your help again to make soup, bread, and pies during lent. We will be having Soup, Bread, and Pie before the lent services as a fundraiser for our trip but we need your help. So if you can bake bread, pie, or make a good soup, sign up in the Narthex. This not only a great fundraiser for the youth, but it is a great fellowship event for everyone.



# MSYG

**Where:** Kalahari

**When:** February 19th

**Time:** Noon—4 p.m.

**Meet:** In Church Parking Lot

**Cost:** \$6 per person



**When:** February 5

**Time:** 9:15 am

**Where:** Fellowship Hall

**Who:** Anyone and everyone

**Menu:** Biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, coffee, and juice

# February



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> HC Worship <b>9:15 AM</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>9:15 AM</b> 40 Days small group & Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> HC Worship	<b>30</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> 40 Days small group	<b>31</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> AA <b>11:00 AM</b> Staff meeting <b>5:30 PM</b> Yoga <b>7:00 PM</b> AA	<b>1</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> King's Kids <b>6:00 PM</b> LIFE <b>6:30 PM</b> Bell Choir <b>7:00 PM</b> YG <b>7:30 PM</b> Sr Choir	<b>2</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> AA <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilting <b>12:00 PM</b> 40 Days small group <b>5:30 PM</b> Yoga <b>6:00 PM</b> Education BD <b>6:30 PM</b> 40 Days small group <b>7:00 PM</b> ChristCare <b>7:00 PM</b> AA	<b>3</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Men's Breakfast at Marty's	<b>4</b> <b>5:15 PM</b> HC Worship
<b>5</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship <b>9:15 AM</b> Congregation Break-fast <b>9:15 AM</b> 40 Days small group & Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship— Sunday School sings	<b>6</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> 40 Days small group	<b>7</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> AA <b>11:00 AM</b> Staff meeting <b>2:00 PM</b> Hannah Circle <b>5:30 PM</b> Cong Life Bd <b>5:30 PM</b> Yoga <b>6:30 PM</b> Education Bd <b>7:00 PM</b> AA	<b>8</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Son Seekers <b>6:00 PM</b> LIFE <b>6:30 PM</b> Bell Choir <b>7:00 PM</b> YG <b>7:30 PM</b> Sr Choir	<b>9</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> AA <b>12:00 PM</b> 40 Days small group <b>1:30 PM</b> Sunshine Circle <b>5:30 PM</b> Yoga <b>6:00 PM</b> United Fund <b>6:30 PM</b> Admin Bd <b>7:00 PM</b> AA	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>5:15 PM</b> Worship
<b>12</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> HC Worship <b>9:15 AM</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>9:15 AM</b> 40 Days small group & Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> HC Worship <b>4:30 PM</b> 9th Grade/Mentor meeting	<b>13</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Card Ministry <b>6:30 PM</b> 40 Days small group	<b>14</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> AA <b>11:00 AM</b> Staff meeting <b>5:30 PM</b> Church in Society Bd <b>5:30 PM</b> Yoga <b>7:00 PM</b> AA <b>7:00 PM</b> Council	<b>15</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Dorcas Circle <b>3:30 PM</b> King's Kids <b>6:00 PM</b> LIFE <b>6:30 PM</b> Bell Choir <b>7:00 PM</b> YG <b>7:30 PM</b> Sr Choir	<b>16</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> AA <b>12:00 PM</b> 40 Days small group <b>1:00 PM</b> Sarah Circle <b>5:30 PM</b> Yoga <b>7:00 PM</b> ChristCare <b>7:00 PM</b> AA	<b>17</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Men's Breakfast at Marty's <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilting	<b>18</b> <b>5:15 PM</b> HC Worship
<b>19</b> Volunteer Appreciation <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship <b>9:15 AM</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>9:15 AM</b> 40 Days small group & Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship <b>12:00 PM</b> MSYG	<b>20</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> 40 Days small group <b>6:30 PM</b> Open Table Core Group	<b>21</b> Evangel Articles DUE <b>9:00 AM</b> AA <b>10:30 AM</b> Park St Study <b>11:00 AM</b> Staff meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> AA <b>7:00 PM</b> Worship Bd	<b>22 Ash Wednesday</b> ~Christ in the Strangest Places~ <b>12:00 PM</b> HC Worship & Imposition of Ashes <b>3:30 PM</b> Son Seekers <b>5:30 PM</b> Soup, Bread & Pie <b>6:00 PM</b> LIFE (groups) <b>6:15 PM</b> Sr Choir <b>7:00 PM</b> HC Worship & Imposition of Ashes <b>7:00 PM</b> YG	<b>23</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> AA <b>12:00 PM</b> 40 Days small group <b>7:00 PM</b> AA	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>5:15 PM</b> Worship
<b>26</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> HC Worship <b>9:15 AM</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>9:15 AM</b> 40 Days small group & Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> HC Worship <b>4:00 PM</b> Open Table	<b>27</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> 40 Days small group	<b>28</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> AA <b>11:00 AM</b> Staff meeting <b>5:30 PM</b> Yoga <b>7:00 PM</b> AA	<b>29</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Soup Luncheon & Worship <b>5:30 PM</b> Soup, Bread & Pie <b>6:00 PM</b> LIFE (groups) <b>6:30 PM</b> Bell Choir <b>7:00 PM</b> YG <b>7:30 PM</b> Sr Choir	<b>1</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> AA <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilting <b>12:00 PM</b> 40 Days small group <b>5:30 PM</b> Yoga <b>7:00 PM</b> AA	<b>2</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Men's Breakfast at Marty's	<b>3</b> <b>5:15 PM</b> HC Worship

<b>Feb 5</b> 8:00 am			
<b>Greeters</b>	Michael & Sheila Masica	<b>Lector</b>	Beverly Hoege
<b>Acolytes</b>	Ross Baldwin Kate Gesteland	<b>Ushers</b>	Todd Erdman and Beverly Leake Dan Biermeir & Deb Vanthournout
<b>Feb 5</b> 10:30 am			
<b>Greeters</b>	Linda Ritzenthaler, Stacy Mrdutt	<b>Lector</b>	Yvonne Brekke
<b>Acolytes</b>	Riley Fusch Tasha Haase	<b>Ushers</b>	Tim & Becky Greenway Ed Zobel, Brandon Winchell
<b>Feb 12</b> 8:00 am			
<b>Greeters</b>	5th Grade Youth	<b>Lector</b>	Beverly Hoege
<b>Acolytes</b>	Gabriel Gauf Tyler Hongisto	<b>Ushers</b>	Mel Hahs, Shawn Foss David Buss, Al Exner
<b>Communion</b>	Todd Erdman, Deb Adams, <b>please volunteer</b>		
<b>Feb 12</b> 10:30 am			
<b>Greeters</b>	5th Grade Youth	<b>Lector</b>	Rachel Burkel
<b>Acolytes</b>	Brockton Helmeid Tarek Horkan	<b>Ushers</b>	Norma Peters, Lorraine Kaun David & Carol Melbye
<b>Communion</b>	Patty Sauey, Bill Henke, <b>please volunteer</b>		
<b>Feb 19</b> 8:00 am			
<b>Greeters</b>	Jerry & Mary Zuhlke	<b>Lector</b>	Fred Behn
<b>Acolytes</b>	Alexis Johnson Dillon Keller	<b>Ushers</b>	Jennifer Kitson, Barb Demaske Robert Schmidt & Tabatha Drew
<b>Feb 19</b> 10:30 am			
<b>Greeters</b>	Andy & Kristen Gesteland	<b>Lector</b>	Joyanne Nowak
<b>Acolytes</b>	Chris Johnson Andy Matz	<b>Ushers</b>	Bill & Barb Klang Todd Sauey, Art Behnke
<b>Feb 22</b> 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday			
<b>Greeters</b>	Dennis Hintz & Arlo Ketchpaw	<b>Lector</b>	<b>please volunteer</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Libby Peterson Dillon Keller		Jerry & Mary Zuhlke
<b>Communion</b>	Todd Erdman, Deb Adams, <b>please volunteer</b>		
<b>Feb 26</b> 8:00 am			
<b>Greeters</b>	Todd & Jean Polk	<b>Lector</b>	Deanna Benish
<b>Acolytes</b>	Marissa Miller Mike Olson	<b>Ushers</b>	Jerry & Mary Zuhlke Glen Wirauch, Maggie Andres
<b>Communion</b>	Blaine Hedberg, Jennifer Kitson, Rich Sorom		
<b>Feb 26</b> 10:30 am			
<b>Greeters</b>	Charles & Naomi Mwakisunga	<b>Lector</b>	Norma Peters
<b>Acolytes</b>	Isaac Mwakisunga Darcy Ondersma	<b>Ushers</b>	Julie Ratajcek Family
<b>Communion</b>	Patty Sauey, Bill Henke, <b>please volunteer</b>		
<b>March 4</b> 8:00 am			
<b>Greeters</b>		<b>Lector</b>	Sherry Atkinson
<b>Acolytes</b>	Libby Peterson Logan Penkwitz		Steve & Sherry Atkinson Dan Biermeir & Deb Vanthournout
<b>Communion</b>	Blaine Hedberg, Rich Sorom, <b>please volunteer</b>		
<b>March 4</b> 10:30 am			
<b>Greeters</b>		<b>Lector</b>	Yvonne Brekke
<b>Acolytes</b>	Max Steinhorst Cody Plachetka		Warren & Bunny Frank Ryan Hayes, Brandon Winchell
<b>Communion</b>	Patty Sauey, Bill Henke, <b>please volunteer</b>		
<b>March 11</b> 8:00 am			
<b>Greeters</b>		<b>Lector</b>	Bev Hoege
<b>Acolytes</b>	Danielle Schmidt Maddie Stieve	<b>Ushers</b>	Mel Hahs, Shawn Foss Al & Barb Exner
<b>Communion</b>	Shirley West, Rich Sorom, <b>please volunteer</b>		

<b>March 11</b>		<b>10:30 am</b>	
<b>Greeters</b>		<b>Lector</b>	Norma Peters
<b>Acolytes</b>	Ross Baldwin Rebecca Schwerman	<b>Ushers</b>	Norma Peters, Art Behnke David & Carol Melbye
<b>Communion</b>	Patty Sauey, <i>please volunteer (2)</i>		
<b>March 18</b>		<b>8:00 am</b>	
<b>Greeters</b>		<b>Lector</b>	Shirley West
<b>Acolytes</b>	Riley Fusch Haley Templin	<b>Ushers</b>	Jerry & Mary Zuelke Robert Schmidt & Tabatha Drew
<b>Communion</b>	Shirley West, <i>please volunteer (2)</i>		
<b>March 18</b>		<b>10:30 am</b>	
<b>Greeters</b>		<b>Lector</b>	Lynn Horkan
<b>Acolytes</b>	Gabriel Gauf Caitlin Voltz	<b>Ushers</b>	Bill & Barb Klang Darcy Swiszcz, Tami Simon
<b>Communion</b>	Patty Sauey, <i>please volunteer (2)</i>		
<b>March 25</b>		<b>8:00 am</b>	
<b>Greeters</b>		<b>Lector</b>	Shirley Buss
<b>Acolytes</b>	Brockton Helmeid Trent Adams	<b>Ushers</b>	Dave Buss, Louis Voltz Greg Adelman, James Knuth
<b>Communion</b>	Shirley West, Deb Adams, Steve Atkinson		
<b>March 25</b>		<b>10:30 am</b>	
<b>Greeters</b>		<b>Lector</b>	Rachel Burkel
<b>Acolytes</b>	Alexis Johnson Rachel Anderson	<b>Ushers</b>	Julie Ratajcek Family
<b>Communion</b>	Patty Sauey, <i>please volunteer (2)</i>		

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Rich Sorom

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**Note to ushers:**

Please make your own arrangements when you need a substitute. Also, head ushers are responsible for: turning on lights; taking attendance count and recording; and offering follow-up.

**Acolytes** are also asked to find their own substitutes and notify the office of any changes.

**Communion**

**Bread**



- Sat, Feb 4**  
Diana McGlynn
- Sun, Feb 12**  
Sheri Weldy
- Sat, Feb 18**  
Patty Sauey
- Wed, Feb 22 Ash Wednesday**  
**Noon and 7:00 pm services**  
Lisa Hoff
- Sat & Sun, Feb 25 & 26**  
Yvonne Brekke
- Sat & Sun, March 3 & 4**  
LaVera Craker
- Sat & Sun, March 10 & 11**  
Cindy Sandberg
- Sat & Sun, March 17 & 18**  
Kristi Behn
- Sat & Sun, March 24 & 25**  
Rabecca Francour
- Sat & Sun, March 31 & April 1**  
Tracy Schmus

For those baking for 3 services, plan on 5 loaves.

Thank You!



*Vielen Dank*

*Gracias*



*Merci*

*Thanks for Showing Up!*

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*Please show up on*

*Sunday, February 19*

*between services for the BIG SHOW*

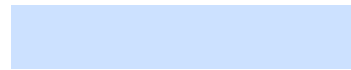
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