

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA St. John's Weekly Newsletter
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 Monday—Friday,
 8:00 am—4:00 pm

Sunday Worship:
 8:30 am Traditional
 10:00 am Contemporary

Children's Christian Education:
 9:00 am Sunday

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This Week's Events Calendar

Today	8:30 am	Traditional Worship with Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Contemporary Worship with Communion
	11:00 am	Rejoice Team rehearsal
	11:30 am	New Member Luncheon
	3:30 pm	Capital Campaign Team
	6:30 pm	Men's Revelation Bible Study
Monday	6:30 pm	MOPS
	7:00 pm	Sarah Circle
Tuesday	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 am	Tuesday AM Bible Study
	5:30 pm	New Member Supper
Wednesday	2:00 pm	Mary Circle
	3:15 pm	3rd & 4th Gr Wed School
	5:15 pm	Drama Rehearsal
	5:30 pm	Lenten Supper
	5:45 pm	Adult Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
	7:40 pm	Sr. Choir
Thursday	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
	7:00 pm	Synod Gathering—Dassel
Friday	10:00 am	World Day of Prayer—St. Ignatius
	6:30 pm	Youth First Event—St. John's hosts
Saturday	9:00 am	Mother-Daughter Retreat— Chi Rho
	10:00 am	Wedding Rehearsal
	3:00 pm	Wedding
		Spring your clocks ahead—one hour!
Sunday	8:30 am	Traditional Worship with Communion
	9:00 am	SS
	10:00 am	Contemporary Worship with Communion
	11:00 am	Generation Celebration Potluck
	11:00 am	Cantata Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Men's Revelation Bible Study

Rejoice Singers meet today at 11:00 am in the sanctuary.

Additional Dates to make note of..

Holy Week	Marriage Class—April 18 & 19
March 20th—Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm	WELCA Movie Night—April 19
March 21st—Good Friday Drama, 7:00 pm	Spring Congregational Clean-up-April 26th
March 23rd—Easter, 8:30 & 10:00 Continental Breakfast 9:00-10:30	Mission Trip Breakfast-April 27th
Healing Service— March 30th 7:00 pm	Mother-Daughter Brunch—May 10th

Worship attendance last Sunday	323	
	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>BUILDING</u>
Needed each week	\$9,378.00	\$2,546.00
General Fund Offering	\$8,605.76	Building Fund \$607.50

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Welcome to St. John's

We give thanks that the Holy Spirit has gathered us together on this day. We look forward to worshipping together again soon!

Enhance your worship experience

Several items are available in the Usher's Cart at the entrance of the Sanctuary:
 -- Blue activity bags and bulletins for children
 -- Large print bulletins
 -- Hearing enhancement devices (available at the Sound table)

Attended Nursery

An attended nursery is available for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. It is located down at the end of the hall to the left of the sanctuary as you enter the building (southwest corner of the building).

Communion

All baptized Christians, regardless of home church and denomination, are welcome to receive Jesus Christ who is present in, with, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Grape Juice is also available.

Bibles

Members and friends are encouraged to utilize the Pew Bibles that are available in worship. If you do not have a Bible, feel free to take one home.

Bulletin Board & Tract Rack

Available on the Bulletin Board / Tract Rack in the hallway (and free for your taking) are the current Good News Newsletter, Synod News, and devotional booklets.

Welcome Center

We invite our first time guests to stop by the Welcome Center near the front doors where each family will receive a gift from our congregation.

Everyone is welcome to fellowship with others while enjoying coffee and treats served in the Gathering Area after each service.

The Good News Weekly is also available at www.stjohns-annandale.org.

Good News

Welcome To St. John's Lutheran Church!

Wednesday, March 5th suppers will be available from 5:30—6:45; Adult Bible Study will be from 5:45-6:45—Lutheran Course II (SIGN UP TO-DAY!); with Lenten services from 7:00-7:45 pm.

Menu item for:

- 3-05 Chili/Cornbread
- 3-12 Scalloped Potatoes & Ham

Freewill donation

New Members to meet

Those who might be interested in joining St. John's are invited to attend either of two events that will be offered—

New Member Brunch is Sunday, March 2, from 11:30 to 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall or
 New Member Dinner on Tuesday, March 4, from 5:30pm to 9pm in the Fellowship Hall
 Child care provided. New members will be received at whatever service they attend on Sunday, March 9th 8:30 or 10:00). Please contact the church office to be a part of that new member.

Green Sunday - Today

Today is Green Sunday here at St. John's, as will be the first Sunday of each month. What that means for you is that we will be serving your coffee today in real cups, as opposed to the usual Styrofoam ones. Our bigger purpose in doing so is to save the earth, which God has given to us for safekeeping during our tenure on earth. Please help us in this endeavor. Enjoy your coffee...

Congregational Care Ministry

Healing:

Joyce Martin—recovering from successful surgery

Dennis Stewart—Maria Landmesser's uncle—being treated for cancer

Jim Unger—recuperating

Paul Leonard—brother of Harold—recovering from surgery

Ronald Hastings, brother of Lynda Leonard, continued healing from cancer and heart failure

Melanie Olean Frederick—at home recovering

Gary Harloff—recovering from back surgery

Bridget Engle—recovering from heart surgery

Marty Nelson—cousin of Gina Rotsolk & Elizabeth Olson—being treated for rare spinal cancer

Alahna May Istrup—recovering at home

Julie Aeikens—undergoing chemotherapy

Mark Jensen

Ryan Kieser, nephew of Sharon Westphal, recovering from brain surgery

Laverna Rundblade

Jim Hart—recuperating at home

Irene Wolbeck, mother of Dewey Lauderbaugh, complications from surgery—Strength & healing

Larry Oldenburger—recuperating

Lanny Wadman—receiving physical therapy for brain tumor

Linda Tomlinson—niece of Larry Greene—receiving treatment for a brain tumor

Bonnie Peterson—sister-in-law of Larry and Loretta Peterson—diagnosed with cancer

Steve Dilley—brother of Susan, continued healing bladder & kidney cancer

Doris Johnson

Cliff & Betty Hammer—congestive heart failure

Support:

- we remember our military men and women during this time of uncertainty and to those who have been called to active duty

Brad Harloff—Ft. Leonardwood, MO

Tyrel Rustand—Iraq-nephew of the Pilgram's

Joshua Martin—

Brandon Beckman—son of Cathy & Doug— Iraq

Bryant Kurowski—USS Iwo Jima

Mike Padillo—Navy—El Centro, CA

Jason Langmo—Camp Pendleton, -nephew of Susan Dilley

New people are indicated by the "".*

Spring your clocks ahead at 2:00 am on Sunday, March 9th

Motorcycle Small Group

St. John's is about to launch a new Motorcycle Small Group Ministry. If you are interested please contact Jim and Marilyn Hallstrom 320-274-5641, email hallstromtrucking@hotmail.com. We plan on meeting in March to plan our summer rides.

Easter Continental Breakfast

Easter Continental Breakfast—The Sunday School children and their parents will host an Easter Brunch on Easter Sunday, March 23rd from 9:00—10:30 am. If your child attends Sunday School or you would like to help, please contact Sheri Okerman, our Sunday School superintendent.

EASTER FLOWERS...

If you would like to help decorate our sanctuary with Easter lilies and colored mums there are order forms on the choir stands by the weekly announcement page. Orders may be placed in the colored box by the Sign up table.

EASTER PIES...

EASTER PIES!!! What are they? The Youth Mission team will be selling pies in the Narthex on Sunday the 2nd and 9th after both services. We will have a wide variety of pies to choose from. Order your pies now for Easter! That way you can just have them ready to go for your company and you don't have to worry! You can pick up your ordered pies at church on Sunday the 16th (Palm Sunday). Don't forget to stop over and take a look at the table in the Narthex!!!

Children, Youth & Family News

- **Mother—Daughter Retreat**—Ann Benson, a registered nurse, will lead a Mother-Daughter Retreat again this year. The retreat will be held at Camp Chi Rho on Saturday, March 8th at 9:00 am—3:00 pm. This weekend offers a frank and open discussion for daughters and their mothers or guardians concerning body image, sexuality and values.
- **Next Generation Celebration** March 9th at 11:00 am—if you think coming together for food, fun and fellowship is “the bee’s knees.” then you are invited to St. John’s second Generation Celebration. This time you will take a **journey back to the 1920’s**.—speak-easy, Charleston, and “bathtub gin”! The entire congregation is invited to attend and are asked to bring a dish or two to share—beverages will be provided.
- **Egg Hunt—Children fourth grade and under** are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, March 16th at 11:00 am. There will be prizes for each age category and a special “hunting ground” for the littlest ones. The community is invited to join us.
- **First Communion Class**—At St. John’s, Holy Communion is offered to all baptized and believing Christians. To prepare our children to participate in communion, we schedule a time for preparation and instruction annually. Those children who participate in this learning event will receive their first Communion on Maundy Thursday. **Sanctuary March 19 6:30pm**
- **Timothy Project** “The Timothy Project sends experienced and wise youth ministers from our synod out to congregations to teach a one-day ‘Foundations of Youth and Family Ministry’ course. This course contains both the whys and the hows of youth ministry and will equip volunteers and professionals alike to engage in the ministry of discipleship among youth.”* Who: **Anyone in the congregation who cares about and wants to help develop a strong and viable youth ministry** Where: Fellowship Hall When: **Saturday, April 26th 8:30am-3:30pm** Cost: **\$10.00 per person for the course notebook and a free-will offering** (to help cover the cost of the speakers and the luncheon)

Singers wanted.....

Sunday, April 13th the Cantata entitled “The Feast of Life, Stories from the Gospel of Luke” by Marty Haugen will be presented. If you would enjoy being a part of this cantata, the first practice will be at 11:00 am on Sun, March 9th. For more info contact Mark Nelson at 274-5339.

Book of Revelation Bible Study

Come and discuss the meaning of one of the most interesting and captivating books in the Bible—Revelation. A group of men will be meeting the first and third Sunday of each month for 9 sessions on the Book of Revelation. We will meet at the church from 6:30PM to 8:30PM. Please contact Pastor DJ (274-8827) or Tysen Landmesser (274-2765) for more information.

World Day of Prayer

The 2008 World Day of Prayer will be held at St. Ignatius Catholic Church of Annandale on Friday, March 7th at 10:00 am., we'll celebrate together as one ecumenical community along with the women of Guyana. As we observe WDP, millions of God's people are suffering from violence, neglect and poverty, especially women and children. Join us on March 7th at St. Ignatius Catholic Church as we pray with the women of Guyana and our sisters and brothers around the world.