

February Newsletter



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Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have already arrived at the beginning of a new month. No sooner than 2023 began, and we are already heading into the 2nd month. February is known as the month of love, as the world celebrates relationships on St. Valentine's Day, the 14th of the month.

In 2023, February also marks the beginning of Lent, with Ash Wednesday falling on February 22nd. If we combine the two, we arrive with a fresh opportunity to embrace God's amazing love for us, His baptized children, in new ways.

The apostle Paul tells us that "faith comes through hearing" (Romans 10:17), but we also see the Gospel communicated through the physical senses of sight, smell, touch, and taste. Jesus mentions that a good teacher not only brings out new treasures but reminds people of old and rich treasures as well (Matthew 13:52). So, each Wednesday in Lent, we will take a weekly journey to concretely see, smell, touch, and taste several biblical elements. Our Lenten journey is called Promised Treasures and is a resource from Concordia Publishing, newly designed for 2023. Just as Israel wandered through the wilderness under Moses for forty years, awaiting the Promised Land, we await heaven in the wilderness of this life too. Life as exiles in this wild world is not easy and pain-free. We await our natural home in this valley of tears, the new Promised Land of heaven. However, until we enter our eternal Promised Land, the Lord calls us to be light in this dark world (Colossians 3, Ephesians 4).

The series we will use contains references to ashes, salt, water, light, bread, and finally, palms to remind us of God's eternal love for us in Christ. I hope these

examples will fill you with renewed hope and increase your joy, knowing that because we are His baptized children, God is near us now more than ever. May the peace of Christ be with you always.

In Christ's service,

Denton L Bennet Jr.

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Pastor

A Valentines Prayer

I said a Valentine prayer for you and asked the Lord above to fill your heart and bless your soul with the precious gift of love. I asked Him for sincere love, the kind that's meant to stay, just like the generous love you give to those you touch each day. I prayed for love from family and from every cherished friend, then I asked the Lord to give you His love that knows no end.

Author Unknown

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Sunday School News

- ◆ Feb 5th - During 9am worship we will be giving age-appropriate Bibles to all preschoolers and 3rd graders. In addition, 2nd graders will receive the Small Catechism. These are gifts from the Sunday school and are meant to be taken home. If you have a preschooler (3 or 4 yr.), 2nd grader or 3rd grader, please come to worship on February 5th to receive your gift.
- ◆ Starting in February, Jodi will be working with the elementary kids to help them learn a new song. They will perform this song during worship on Palm Sunday, April 2nd. Please have your kids attend Sunday School as much as possible so that in addition to learning about Jesus, they will also be ready to sing on Palm Sunday.



The Luther League, and our congregation, will be participating in "SOUPER" BOWL of giving again this year. For those choosing to donate, the Youth will be in the back of the fellowship hall after worship collecting free-will donations on Sunday, February 12th, following worship.

COMMITTEE MEMBER &



OFFICER INSTALLATION

Installation of new officers and committee members will take place on February 12th during worship. We ask that all newly elected officers and committee members please plan to be present for worship that day.

There will be a brief Special Meeting of St. Johns Lutheran Church congregation on Sunday, February 12, 2023, following the 9:00AM worship service. The purpose of this meeting will be to review and cast a congregational vote approving the revisions to the resolution establishing the St Johns Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund.



Congratulations to Collin & Natalie Ahlness on the birth of their daughter, Chelsea Lisa who was born on January 14th. She will be baptized February 25th at St. Johns. Her sponsors will be Cory & Rachel Ahlness and Anthony & Mallory Weber.

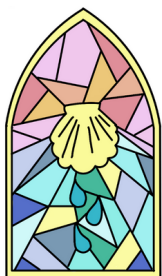
BAPTISM



Welcome to Elena Bernadette Anderson, daughter of Mitchell & Amber who was baptized on Saturday, January 14. Her sponsors are Amanda & Ryen Brosma and Derek & Laura Driessen.

Welcome to Evan Tyrone and Isaac Theodore Anderson, sons of Tina and Ryan Anderson. Their Baptism will be February 12, 2023. Sponsors for Evan will be Jordan Reinharts and Kayla Gieser. Sponsors for Isaac will be Dustin Maday and Rebecca Miller.

BAPTISM



Meeting

Annual

The annual meeting of St. Johns Nursing Home Corporation will be held on Monday, February 20, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd at St. Johns Nursing Home. All delegates and interested parties are encouraged to attend.



God's Blessings and Best Wishes To Everyone!



February 1

Russ Anderson

February 2

Kim Louwagie
Madden Lendt

February 3

Darv Voge
Doug Walker Jr.

February 5

Lorie Frederiksen
Andrea Guhlke

February 6

Abe Krueger
Jan Tollefson
Jason Hernandez

February 7

Marian Thorston

February 8

Carl Anderson
Jacob Menage
Meridith Hollenberger

February 9

Miranda Balbach
February 10
Rachel Bishir
Tanner Petersen

February 11

Michelle Ahlness
Heather Holles
Jenna Frost

February 12

Curt Frederiksen
Reed Korkemeier

February 14

Carlotta Lindeman
Kinze Imker

February 15

Ben Luense

February 17

Yvonne Milbrath

February 18

Hank Kieper

February 20

Lisa Arnoldi
Butch Guhlke

February 21

Charles Tews
Kaidree Guhlke
Anders Imker

February 22

Brenda Anderson (Mrs. Nick)
Tera Ellefson
Warren Hauger

February 23

Jacob Anderson
Mary Hesse
Shirley Clark

February 24

Aveigha Lang
Decklan Yokiel

February 25

Fran Bast

February 26

Karen Shiveley
David Wahl

February 27

Linda Fredin

February 28

Ashley Schwarzrock



February 6

Pastor Denton & Jennifer Bennet

February 14

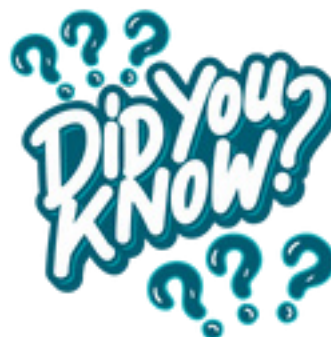
Jerome & Linda Mathis

February 28

Ray & Yvonne Milbrath

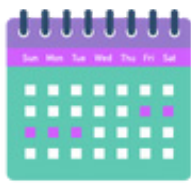


Thank you, Lori
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birthday and
anniversary
lists! We
appreciate you!

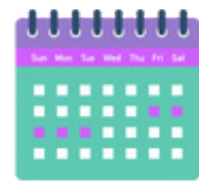


◆ Our website has moved to
<https://sjlcmc.org> and houses
much of the information
contained in this newsletter.

◆ You can also now Give Online
by clicking the "Give" button
at the top of any page. Please
know that we do not house
any donation information at
the site.



FEBRUARY



Feb 1, Wednesday

6:00PM Confirmation
 6:15PM Prayer time
 7:00PM Choir

Feb 2, Thursday

NO Bible Study
 5:30-6:30PM The Kitchen Table Meal

Feb 5, Sunday - Holy Communion

9:00AM Worship
 10:00AM Coffee & fellowship
 10:15AM Sunday Sch./ Bible Study
 6:00PM Forward in Faith
 7:00PM Book Study

Feb 7, Tuesday

9:00AM Quilting
 3:00PM - 5:00PM Pro-Kinship for Kids

Feb 8, Wednesday

6:00PM Confirmation
 6:15PM Prayer time
 7:00PM Choir
 8:00PM Church Council

Feb 9, Thursday

9:00AM Bible Study
 5:30PM The Kitchen Table Meal

Feb 12, Sunday

9:00AM Worship & Special Mtg
 10:00AM Coffee & fellowship
 10:15AM Sunday Sch./ Bible Study
 7:00PM Book Study

Feb 14, Tuesday

9:00AM Quilting

Feb 15, Wednesday

6:00PM Confirmation
 6:15PM Prayer time
 7:00PM Choir

Feb 16, Thursday

Newsletter Due!

9:00AM Bible Study
 6:30PM Women of St. Johns
 5:30PM The Kitchen Table Meal

Feb 17, Friday

2 p.m. Bingo @ St. Johns Home

Feb 19, Sunday - Holy Communion

9:00AM Worship
 10:00AM Coffee & fellowship
 10:15AM Sunday Sch./ Bible Study
 7:00PM Book Study

Feb 20, Monday


5:30PM Annual St Johns Nursing Home Mtg
 in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd at
 St. Johns Nursing Home

Feb 21, Tuesday

9:00AM Quilting
 3:00 -5:00PM Pro-Kinship for Kids
 5:30PM Prayer time

Feb 22, Ash Wednesday

5:45PM L.L. Supper
 7:00PM Ash Wednesday Service
 Worship w/ Holy Communion
 NO Choir



Wednesday
Lenten Soup Suppers

YOU'RE INVITED!

The Luther League will provide suppers each Wednesday of Lent from 5:45PM - 6:30PM prior to worship, beginning February 22nd, on Ash Wednesday.

Feb 23, Thursday

9:00AM Bible Study
 5:30PM The Kitchen Table Meal

Feb 25, Saturday

3:00PM Chelsea Ahlness Baptism

Feb 26, Sunday - Noisy Offering

9:00AM Worship
 10:00AM Coffee & fellowship
 10:15AM Sunday Sch./Bible Study
 7:00PM Book Study

Feb 28, Tuesday

9:00AM Quilting
 5:30PM Prayer Time

WORSHIP HELPERS

Feb 5 (Holy Communion)

Lay ReaderApril Beyer
BD ReaderAlayna Beyer
Com. Ast Gabby Anderson & Ted Anderson
Acolytes..... Alayna & Taya Beyer.

Feb 12

Lay Reader: Brenda Krieger
BD Reader Emma Hauger
Acolytes..... Brooklyn Petersen & Amaira Brown

Feb 19 (Holy Communion)

Lay Reader: Sue Anderson
BD Reader Jaelyn Batzlaff
Com. AstJaelyn Batzlaff & Courtlyn Runck
Acolytes.....Grady Korkemeier & Olivia Milbrath

Feb 22 (Holy Communion)

Lay Reader: Sandy Hesse
Com. Ast. Jackson Hillesheim & Bowen Eberhard
Acolytes.....Isaac Jensen & Jaden Hornick

Feb 26

Lay Reader: NA
Acolytes.....Logan Shoen & Katie Thram
BD ReaderAnne Holles

FEBRUARY USHERS

Andrew Hauger
Brian Schwarzrock
Rick Louwagie
Abe Krueger

NAMES OF JESUS

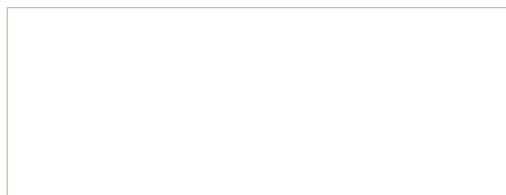
Word Search Puzzle

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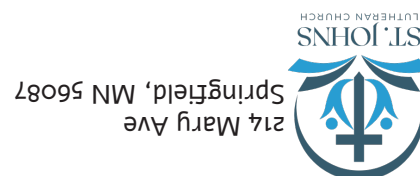
Word Search Key

CHRIST EMMANUEL JESUS
KING OF THE JEWS
LAMB OF GOD
LIGHT OF THE WORLD
LORD
MASTER
NAZARENE
RABBI
REDEEMER
SAVIOR
SON OF DAVID
SON OF GOD
SON OF MAN

Instructions: Find and circle the words shown in all capital letters. Words may be forward, backward, vertical, or diagonal within the puzzle.



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POSTAGE
Here



When: Every Thursday
Time: 5:30PM to 6:30PM
Where: St. Johns Lutheran Church
224 Mary Ave
Springfield MN
Cost: Free

The Kitchen Table Ministry

The Kitchen Table Ministry is held each Thursday from 5:30-6:30PM. We invite you to come and eat with family and friends and even make new friends. No charge.

All are welcome to come and eat.