

**Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Mission Statement**

*Saint John's Lutheran Church is called by God to be:*

*Centered in Word and Sacrament*

*Identifiably and theologically Lutheran*

*A multi/intergenerational congregation*

*An inviting congregation in which people are easily involved*

*Alive with responsive and creative programs that provide opportunity for people  
to grow in their faith.*

# **ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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*"Growing in Grace, Walking by Faith, Serving in Love"*

## **Sunday, March 4, 2018 – Lent III**

Opening Hymn: "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" #772

Hymn of the Day: "Canticle of the Turning" #723

Sermon: "The New Temple"

### **Special Music:**

"Light Everlasting" by Olaf C. Christiansen

St. John's Sanctuary Choir

## **Ministering in Worship**

Preaching & Presiding	Pastor Bradley Ulgenes
Organist	Dodie Walsh
Choir Director	Connie Conley
Bell Choir Directors	Renee Slocum and Christina Tielking
Acolyte	
Lectors	Janice Larison
Greeters	Brent and Tamara Bushnell
Communion Servers	Merwin and Sandra Barrows Paul Evanson, Elaine Ulgenes
Altar Guild	Jan Forseth, Marlys Mattfeldt, Laura Nachtsheim, Karen Sturm
Ushers	Merwin Barrows and Karl Kallin
Bulletin Folders	Erma Polich and Mildred Twingley
Witness to the Gospel	Members of St. John's Lutheran Church

## **LENT AT ST. JOHN'S**

Soup Suppers return during the season of Lent on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm down in the Fellowship Hall. A special offering will be taken each week for designated ministries. Worship will follow at 6:30 pm with the singing of Holden Evening Prayer and we will walk with James the Lesser and his family.

## **MIDWEEK SOUP SUPPER/LENTEN OFFERINGS**

### **Mar. 7        Montana Synod House**

Ground-breaking took place in April of 2017, and an ELCA Mission Builders crew worked on the Great Falls site in the summer---with lots of help from church folk from around the synod. Here's our opportunity to help!  
montanasynod.org

### **Mar. 14       Seafarers International House in NYC**

An amazing ELCA ministry for seafarers and immigrants in the Union Square neighborhood of New York City. Tourists are welcome to stay there as well, thus helping to support this 'Harbor of Hospitality'. sihny.org

### **Mar. 21       Senegal and The Gambia: Growing the Church**

The young Evangelical Lutheran Church of The Gambia has 2000 members in nine congregations. With a \$100,000. goal, the ELCA plans to establish two Lutheran education centers for training of evangelists, office space, and staff stipends. elca.org

Each week different committees provide the soups and help with kitchen duties. We can always use extra hands on deck! Please contact Laura Nachtsheim if you would like to help.

## **DEADLINES**

Please submit any announcements that you would like included in the weekly bulletin by Wednesday at Noon. The deadline for the April Herald is Friday, March 17th at noon. Thanks!

## **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Attendance for Sunday 2/25 was 110 and Wednesday 2/28 was 71.

## WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT

The Great Divide and 5 Valleys Clusters of the Women of the ELCA will be holding their spring retreat on April 20-22, 2018, at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. The deadline for early bird registration is March 31, 2018. Registration information is available on the table in the Narthex.

## 31 PARTY HOSTED BY JOLENE ROSZEL

Do you love fashionable purses, bags and organizers? Do you love supporting our youth? Combine the two and you have a FUNdraiser to support the youth trip to Houston. Now through March 26th, place an order and 25% of the total sales goes to the youth group. Want to know more?

Visit <https://www.mythirtyone.com/info/gives> about Thirty-One's charitable contributions. To Order, visit <https://www.mythirtyone.com/1972054/info/party/parties> and click on "Jolene's Fundraiser" or contact Jolene or Gwen Roszel for a catalogue. Orders must be placed by March 26th.

## DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS® BY MARCH 31

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars® have until March 31, 2018, to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to St. John's Lutheran Church (or other ministries of your choice). Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to direct your Choice Dollars®. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. If you have questions call Autumn Keller, Thrivent Financial at 442-6091.

## CANS

To those of you who separate the steel cans from the aluminum cans...thank you! It is a real time saver. Just place them in the barrel by the kitchen door or beside the barrel if it is full. Thank you — Cliff & Linda Roessner

## FAIR TRADE COFFEE

Fair trade coffee and chocolate is available for sale in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday's or anytime by contacting Laura Nachtsheim.

**Welcome and God's peace be with you. We are thankful you are here and pray that you will experience the presence of Christ in this congregation.**

- \* Individual listening aids are available from the ushers.
- \* Children are always welcome to worship at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Please ask one of our ushers or greeters for a Children's Worship Bulletin and activity bag. A nursery is available for children ages 0-4 during the service.
- \* All who are baptized are welcome to receive the forgiving and gracious presence of Christ in communion. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.
- \* Please join us in the fellowship hall downstairs following the service for a time of fellowship. All are welcome!

## For Healing:

For those suffering devastation from hurricanes, earthquakes, forest fires, and violence, Violet Kerr, Randy Holmes, Doris Crider, Emma Van Doorn, Sabrina Jensen, The Bernstein Family, Joe Munzenrider, Tom Morrow, Debbie (Barb Muir's daughter), Doug and Becki Watkins, Jim Kembel, Jim Moe, Dave Hanson (Mildred Twingley's Son-in-Law), Zoe B., Barb Knutson, Kris Olson, Lester Anderson, Luke Almas, the children at Intermountain, for those who are alone, for those who suffer from depression, and for all who seek health and wholeness

## For The Family And Friends Of Those Who Mourn:

Theresa Lindgren, Donna Muffick, Karen Sloan

## For Those In Residential Living Centers, Extended Care

**Or Homebound:** Pat Tyanich, Esther Fuehrer, Bob Hanson, Dr. Bob & Evelyn Whitesitt, Ken Bolland, Annie Stegmann, Jean E. Mundinger, Ada Harlen, Maury Knutson, Marge Mihelish, Audrey Anderson, Irene Crawford, Dan Brosten (in Columbia Falls), Phillip Kerr

**Missionaries:** Willie, Anne, and Micah Langdji in Cameroon;  
Mark and Marina Dotson in Russia

*Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.  
(Romans 12:12)*

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Sunday, March 4th:

9:30 am-Worship with Holy Communion  
10:30 am-Fellowship, Adult Forum, Sunday School  
3:00 pm-First Communion Class

### Monday, March 5th:

GRETCHEN AWAY 3/5-3/7

6:00 pm-Venture Scouts  
6:30 pm-Bells Rehearsal

### Tuesday, March 6th:

10:30 am-Staff Meeting  
5:15 pm-Evangelism Committee  
7:00 pm-4H Meeting in Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, March 7th:

9:00 am-Noon-Quilters  
5:30 pm-Lent Soup Supper  
6:30 pm-Worship

### Thursday, March 8th:

1:30 pm-Music & Worship  
2:30 pm-Memorial Committee  
7:00 pm-Sanctuary Choir

### Friday, March 9th:

3:00 pm-Communion Service at Masonic Home

### Saturday, March 10th:

#### LOOKING AHEAD

### Sunday, March 11th:

3:00 pm-First Communion Class

### Tuesday, March 13th:

Noon-Finance Committee  
Noon-WOSJ's Lunch

### Wednesday, March 14th:

1:30 pm-Executive Committee

### Thursday, March 29th: MAUNDY THURSDAY

5:30 pm-AGAPE Meal and Worship in Fellowship Hall

### Friday, March 30th: GOOD FRIDAY

7:00 pm-Good Friday Worship Service

### FIRST COMMUNION CLASS-BEGINS TODAY

Pastor Brad will hold a first communion class today, March 4th and March 11th at 3:00 pm in the Guild Room. The class is open to children in 3rd grade and up who are ready for their first communion. There is still time to join! Speak with Pastor Brad today.

### HELP!

The quilters are in need of more sheets-specifically any size flat sheet made out of cotton. Questions? Speak with Linda Roessner or Mildred Twingley.

### EASTER LILY ORDERS

Easter Lilies *"in Memory of"* or *"in Thanksgiving for"*...will decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday and are once again available to order. Contact the church office or complete an order form found in the narthex by Sunday, March 25th. Plants are \$10 and checks can be made out to St. John's with "flowers" in the memo.

### EASTER CARDS

Easter Cards will be available for purchase on MARCH 11 AND MARCH 18!! Card packages will contain 10 Easter cards and 2 general assortment cards for \$5. There will also be a raffle for an EASTER BASKET too! Spread a little cheer and Christian love this season by sending some cards to friends and family. I will also have some packages of only general assortment (birthday, sympathy, get well, blank, anniversary etc). I am still accepting all holiday cards with no writing on the picture side and they can be placed in the box in the narthex. THE RAFFLE DRAWING WILL BE ON MARCH 18!!!—Janice Larison

### LENTEN MIDWEEK OFFERING-THANK YOU!

The total money raised on Wednesday, February 21st at the Lent Soup Supper was \$867.00. THANK YOU so much for your generous support of our youth at St. John's! 100% of the money given will help offset the cost to attend the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas.