

February 2026

St John Messenger



COMMUNION

February 1, 2026
February 15, 2026

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“There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it. If one part is honored, every part shares in its joy. You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of it.”

1st Cor. 12:12, 26-27



Dear Members of St. John,

As I wrote my 2025 annual report for our annual meeting on Feb. 1st, I counted four pages when I finished! Yikes! I did shorten it to 3 pages, but I then said to myself, “We are blessed by what we do for others as the body of Christ, why not celebrate? And why not add goals for next year as well! So...I did! We will talk about these goals at our meeting, but I also want to hear what some of your goals might be. Every part of the body has something to give. What do you dream for St. John as a church body?”

Our Time and Talent sheets reflect the body of Christ too. We will begin to use the results to invite members to get involved in our ministries. Perhaps you want to be in the background and set up communion or change altar cloths. Maybe you would like to read scripture, or even better volunteer to be in our Lenten Drama. There are many ways to be the body of Christ and as we look forward to 2026, there will also be change. We can continue to serve God in this changing world, but we can also be sure that God’s love for us will never change! Let’s be the body of Christ together no matter what this earthly future holds; we are assured that our heavenly home is waiting for us.

In His never changing love,
Pastor Ann

Prayer Concerns this Month

Blondina Kuhlmann
Virginia Engelke
Darlene Haun
Jenny Kramer
Bob Caspers
Roy Dean Bell
Tracy Oliver
Mike Hutchison
Pastor Bob & Deb
Betty Kirchhoff

Irish Kussmann
Dorothy Seems
Bob and Dorothy Wire
Evelyn Wilson
Lee Oliver
Tracy Oliver
Leah Thayer
Armi McPherson
Joyce Giese

Please let Penny know if anyone needs added.
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**You are invited to: A Journey to the Holy Lands
A Lenten Drama on Wednesday Evenings
Pre-Tour with Pastor Ann - 6:00 PM
Lenten Service - 7:00 PM**

*We need volunteers
to participate
reader's theater style!*

Feb. 18th - First Stop: The Temple
Feb. 25th - Second Stop: Passover
Mar. 4th - Third Stop: Mount of Olives
Mar. 11th - Fourth Stop - Palace of the High Priest
Mar. 18th - Fifth Stop: Fortress Antonia
Mar. 25th - Skull Hill
Apr. 2nd - Maundy Thursday - The Upper Room
Apr. 3rd - Tennebrae Good Friday Service - The Cross
Apr. 5th - Easter Sunrise Service - The Empty Tomb

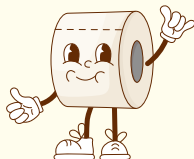


FOOD PANTRY FOR FEBRUARY:

Watch weekly announcements for food pantry items.

Upcoming Youth Events:

- *February 15th - 6:00 pm Supper and Activities
- *Mission Event - Serve a meal at Crossroads Mission in Hastings, NE TBD
- *Annual Ash Wednesday Soup Supper Fundraiser on Feb. 18th.



Watch for more info!



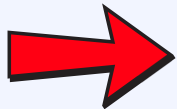
Year in Review! Come to the Annual Meeting to see more!



Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 1 - 11:00 AM - Annual Meeting and Potato Bar
Feb. 3 - 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
Feb. 4 - 10:30 AM Communion Service Sunporch
6:30 PM - Adult Bible Study (Ends Feb. 11th for Lent)
Feb. 15 - 2:30 PM - Sunday Service at Sunporch & SCHR
6:00 PM - Youth Meetup with Supper
Feb. 16 - 2:00 PM - Afternoon Women's Circle
Feb. 18 - 6:00 PM - Pre-Tour Holy Lands with Pastor Ann
7:00 PM Lent begins with Ash Wednesday Soup Supper & Service

Ongoing Events: Wednesdays 9:00 AM Women's Morning Circle
Thursdays 1:30 PM Bible Study at Sunporch



Our church website now includes the bulletin for services, including scripture texts and liturgy! If you are unable to attend church it will be available for you as you worship. The newsletter and a schedule of events is also posted!

Member Celebrations

Birthdays

- 1 - Dallas Lehmann
- 2 - Sue Kirchhoff
- 3 - Nate Kirchhoff
- 8 - Jamison Cobb
- 8 - Kaine Frieling
- 10 - Brinley Hickert
- 16 - Leo Hickert
- 24 - Jacob Cobb

Anniversaries

- 2 - Greg and Ann Auten
- 6 - Mr & Mrs TJ Lehmann
- 14 - Mr & Mrs John Timmons
- 15 - Mr & Mrs John Zabel

Baptismal Birthdays

- 13 - Jamison Cobb
- 16 - Konnor Kuhlmann
- 16 - Amber Davis
- 16 - Korie Kuhlmann
- 18 - Lee Oliver
- 18 - Holly Timmons
- 18 - Wyatt Oliver
- 19 - Quade Frieling
- 20 - Matthew Beckmann

For additions or corrections, text Penny 785-282-0216

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Feb 1 • Worship 9:30 AM • Sunday School 10:30 AM • Annual Meeting 11:15 AM	2	3 • Men's Discipleship Breakfast 6:30 AM • Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM	4 • Pastor's Office Hours 9 AM • Morning Circle 9 AM • Bulletin Deadline 12 PM • Confirmation 6 PM	5 • Bible Study at Sun Porch 1:30 PM	6	7
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22 • Worship 9:30 AM • Sunday School 10:30 AM	23	24 • Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM	25 • Pastor's Office Hours 9 AM • Morning Circle 9 AM • Bulletin Deadline 12 PM • Confirmation 6 PM	26 • Bible Study at Sun Porch 1:30 PM	27	28
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