

St. John's
Lutheran Church
Norfolk, Nebraska



Third Sunday in Lent
March 7-8
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Psalm 95:1-7, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-30

Hymns for Saturday 5:00 PM

- #533 Open Now the Gates of Beauty, Verses 1, 2
- #611 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say, Verses 1, 2
- #803 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, Verses 1, 2
- #618 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer, Verses 1, 2, 3

Hymns for Sunday 8:30 AM

- #533 Open Now the Gates of Beauty, Verses 1, 2, 5
- #611 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say, Verses 1, 2, 3
- #803 When I Survey the wondrous Cross, Verses 1, 2, 3, 4
- #618 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer, Verses 1, 2, 3

Sunday 11:00 AM

- Heart of Worship
- I Will Follow
- Holy is the Lord
- Awesome God
- #336 Lamb of God
- Soul On Fire

TODAY'S WORSHIP THEME

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Del Fuelberth	Judy Denkinger	Carol Timperley	Bill Schroeder
Phil Sykes	Janet Farr	Karmon Lienemann	Keagan Sullivan
Dan Timperley	Bob Frady	Jerry Berney	Zella Dederman
Brian Matthies	Ann Schroeder	Richard Juracek	Zander Barr
Lexi Rivera	Stacie Schutte	Harold Rosebaum	Kevin Rasmussen
Beth Garvin	Sue Gubbrud	Rhonda Thompson	Jean Schmeckpeper-
Bob Roth	Margie Frank	Family of Tyrone Uhlir	

Altar Flowers for this weekend sponsored by:

**Dennis & Brenda Smith in celebration of our daughter Miranda's Birthday and God's many blessings, and
Carol Waggoner in thankfulness for God's healing powers.**

**If you would like the flowers you sponsored, please pick them up on Monday or call the office to make arrangements. Otherwise, we will have them delivered to home-bound or facility members. Thank you!

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY, March 9

7:00pm.....Solid Rock

TUESDAY, March 10

5:15pm.....Finance/Legacy

WEDNESDAY, March 11

10:00am.....Homestead Worship/Comm

12::30pm.....Mission Life

5:30pm.....Lenten Meal

6:30PM.....Lenten Service

THURSDAY, March 12

7:00am.....Text Study

10:00am.....Text Study

1:30pm.....St Joseph's Worship/Comm

SATURDAY, March 14

NO SERVICE

SUNDAY, March 15

9:30am.....Sunday School Service

9:30am.....Sunday School

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us on Sunday as we learn about the last Fruit of the Spirit! Last week we learned about Gentleness and snacked on peach parfait cups! Please make sure you join us next weekend, March 15th, to watch the kids perform their song/cheer they've worked so hard on! This service will start at 9:30 a.m. (as will Sunday School) with the kids closing the service out.

Sunday School dates to watch:

March 15th - Fruits of the Spirit song/cheer at 9:30 a.m. service

March 22nd - Last Supper lesson

March 29th - Easter egg hunt and party - all kids prek-12th welcome to join!

April 5th - Easter - no Sunday School

May 17th - Last day of Sunday School

Change for Change

During Lent Change for Change and collections during our Wednesday evening meals will be going to our Lenten Mission Project.

Thank you so much everyone

Next weekend there will be No Service Saturday evening, March 14th as March 15th the Sunday School will perform fruits of the Spirit song/cheer at 9:30 a.m. service. There will only be the one service on Sunday.

Reminder!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, March 7, 5:00pm

Council, Usher-Doug Holmberg, Reader-JoAnn Spence, Greeters-

Sunday, March 8, 8:30am

Council, Usher-Jamie Bonilla, Reader-Jillian Wiese, Greeter-

Coffee Hosts: Carol Sorsen

Sunday, March 8, 11:00am

Council, Usher-Carol Schaffer, Reader-Penny Pedersen, Greeters-

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS WEDNESDAY

March 11, 6:30pm

Council, Usher-Lon Timperley, Greeters-

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Saturday, March 14, 5:00pm

NO SERVICE

Sunday, March 15, 9:30am

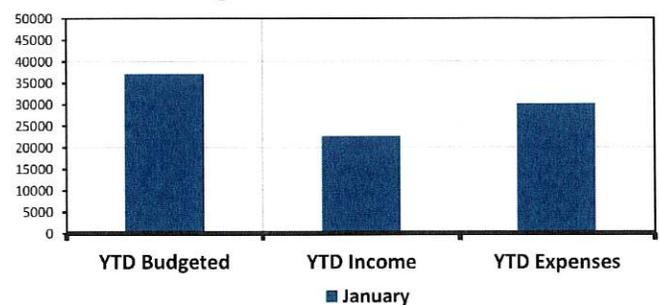
Council, Usher-Brian Nissen, Reader-Brenda Carhart, Greeter-

Coffee Hosts: Brenda Carhart/Jana Kuhlman

Sunday, March 15, 11:00am

NO SERVICE

Progress on our Mission

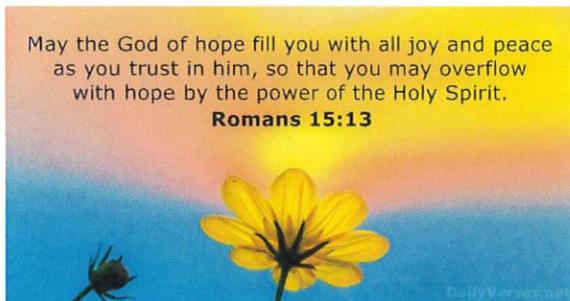


Weekly Offerings Received 3/1/26.....\$5,225
 Attendance 3/1/26.....26, 46, 51 = 112
 Year-To-Date (Actual).....\$(13,342.60)

We Welcome Amy Woods this weekend.

Amy previously served as Director of Faith Formation at Immanuel Lutheran in Bellevue, NE for 15 years. She worked with both youth and adults in many ways by helping lead Confirmation classes, Sr. High youth activities, yearly service trips, retreats, Bible studies, coordinating staff for Sunday school and Vacation Bible School, and organizing special cross generational events throughout the year. She has also served as Synod Day Director for the 2015 and 2018 ELCA Youth Gatherings as well as being on the planning teams for the Nebraska Synod Journey, LYON Assembly, and Middle School Gatherings. Amy and her husband, Joel, have three children in college. In her spare time she enjoys crafting, listening to podcasts, reading, and spending time with her friends and family. Areas of Responsibility: Candidacy Admin.. Call Process, Lay Leadership, PMA/SAM Manager, Roster Management, and Mobility Portal Admin.

Lenten Worship Theme Holden Evening Prayer "HOPE Rx"



March 11, Wednesday Evening

Meal at 5:30 PM Fellowship Hall-Fellowship/Outreach serving Cheeseburger and Chicken Noodle Soups, Variety of Meat and Cheese Sandwiches, and cookies/bars.
Service 6:30 PM in Sanctuary-Hope Alleviates Insecurity

March 18, Wednesday Evening

Meal at 5:30 PM Fellowship Hall-Chosen Christcare serving Chili Soup, Baked Potatoes, and cookies/bars.
Service 6:30 PM in Sanctuary-Hope Overcomes Helplessness

March 25, Wednesday Evening

Meal at 5:30 PM Fellowship Hall-Text Study Groups serving Chicken Noodle Soup, Chicken Salad Sandwiches, and cake.
Service 6:30 PM in Sanctuary-Hope Comforts Loneliness

Our Lenten Mission Project will consist of:



Working to match Benefaction donation of \$3,225. Watch the thermometer in back to see our progress.

St. John's Call Committee.

Your call committee continues to be in regular contact with our synod representative regarding our search for a full time Pastor. At this time there are many congregations in the synod that are in the process of searching, and a real shortage of qualified candidates. In some cases searches are taking up to two years or more. Some churches find themselves conducting lay led services or regularly calling on PMAs to assist them. Praise God for Pastors Jim and Kathleen. Their leadership and commitment during our time of transition have truly been a Godsend. Please continue to pray for our committee, council, and congregation as we move forward through the call process. Keep in mind that God is in control and he will lead us on our journey.

St. John's Call Committee
Dan Pecka, Kristi Booras, Roger Echtenkamp, Jeff Erwin, Cathy Erwin, Stacie Wolfe

QUILTING GROUP

We are celebrating LWR National Quilting Day on March 21st by sharing some of the quilts we have completed that are displayed in the north hallway. These will be sent to St. Paul, MN in November with our other LWR kits. Members: Leila Arduser, Adell Duncan, Janet Erickson, Cathy Erwin, Dorothy Knight, Cindy Nelson, Mary Rover, Colleen Sampson, Carol Schaffer, and Connie Whitten.



The family of Diana Uhlir cordially invite you to help celebrate her 80th Birthday. Join us on Saturday, March 21st, St. John's Fellowship Hall, 12:00pm-4:00pm.

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHURCH COUNCIL – MINUTES

February 17, 2026 at 5:30 pm in the Bethany Room

Attendance: Members Present: Brian Nissen, Diana Merkel, Doug Holmberg, Jamie Bonilla, Lon Timperley, Marsha Schwartz, Peggy Miller, Pastor Jim Splitt, Mark Nelson

Members Absent: Carol Schaffer, Brenda Smith, Pastor Kathleen Splitt

Guests: Confirmands Kyler B, Xander B, Kenly M, Jeryn W, Brett & Laurie Simonsen

GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

- Welcome Prayer/Call to Order: Jamie
- Confirmation Students Presentation
- Mark Nelson expressed interest in joining the Council. Lon made a motion to nominate Mark for the vacancy. The nomination was seconded by Diana. Mark accepted nomination and was approved.
- Approval of the January minutes. A motion was made by Lon to accept the minutes as written. It was seconded by Peggy and the motion carried.
 - Approval of change to Jan 18th minutes. EVB required very specific wording to allow changes made to the signature card for the bank account. A motion was made by Doug and seconded by Lon to approve the change of the minutes for bank purposes. Motion carried.
- The February Agenda was approved with a motion from Marsha and seconded by Lon.

CARING FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

Pastor's Report- Pastors Jim and Kathleen.

Financial Report- Peggy, Treasurer – Peggy reported. A motion was made by Lon to accept the financial report as presented and Doug seconded it. Motion carried.

Ministry Committee reports (Teams should meet quarterly/monthly)

- Visitation Report/Member Care (Chair: JoAnn Spence): If anyone knows of anyone willing to volunteer to help, let JoAnn know!
- Benefaction (Chairman: Jim Keim) Jamie reported from February 10th meeting. Board approved donations totaling \$45,125 for NLOM (Camp Carol Joy Holling), SMILE, Christian Cross Festival, Nebraska Outdoor Ministry – Sustaining Sacred Spaces Campaign, and Mission Life. Donations needed council approval were for NLOM for \$14,400. Lon made a motion to approve and Brian seconded it. Motion carried.
- Legacy (Chairman: Doug Holmberg) Doug reported.
- Mission Life (Chairman: Carol Waggoner): The Lenten meals are planned.
- Fellowship Outreach (Chairman: Kristy Booras) Jamie report: Love Bags all assembled and delivered. Committee helping with Shocked event over the weekend
- Altar Guild (Chairman: Laurie Simonsen): Nothing to report
- Christian Education - Peggy report SS/Jamie report Shocked: SS Singing during 3/15 church service. Fellowship serving Shocked meal 2/22
- Property (Chairman Lon Timperley) Lon reported. He reported costs for lawn/snow services and replacing broken chairs in the Community Room.
- Stewardship Doug reported. Provided a handout about giving and budget vs income, etc.
- Rebekah (Chairman: Laura Harris): Will provide the meal for the Synod meeting on March 7.
- Memorial (Chairman: Nancy Schwertley): Nothing to report.
- Scholarship (Chairman: Lisa Echtenkamp) Peggy report: No TAG requests.
- Faith Fest (Chairman: Brett Simonsen): Had meeting 2/15. Brett and Laurie met with Council. Many ideas were shared. Next FF meeting is 2/22 @ noon.

- Media Ministry (Chairman: John Skogstoe) Brian reported nothing new.
- Music/Worship (Chairman: John Skogstoe) Brian reported they had a meeting in January.
- Personnel/Staff Relations (Chairman: Dan Pecka) Diana report: Nothing new to report.

Business:

- Sign up for different volunteer positions: Council person includes locking after services, taking care of the offering and the Change for Change jar.
- Committee Interest/Updates: Marsha Schwartz will serve on the Benefaction Committee.
- Lenten Meal plans were finalized for March 4.
- March 7th Synod Meeting – Rebekkah handling meal. Council attendance encouraged.
- Constitution/Bylaws update – this topic was tabled for another meeting.
- Active Shooter Awareness with NSP – April 16th 6:30-8:30pm at St. John's. Jamie will talk to Pastor Jim about what is needed from council.
- Norfolk Community Theater – Lon made a motion to let the Norfolk Community Theater use the Fellowship Hall from 11/29 thru 12/06 for their performance. Doug seconded the motion. Motion carried. John Skogstoe is the point of contact.
- Styrofoam v. Paper Analysis – some discussion was had but no decision made either way.
- Council decided against ordering new forms for the end of the pews.
- Next month's meeting will also be the Tuesday before due to Lenten services – 3/17 @ 5:30

Adjournment: Closed with the Lord's Prayer. Marsha made motion to adjourn and Brian seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

UPCOMING DATES AND ACCOUNCEMENTS

- Council serve Lenten Meal – March 4 @ 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- Synod Road Show – March 7 from 9 am to 3 pm – Fellowship Hall. Council attendance is encouraged.
- Financial Meeting is March 10 @ 5:15 pm – Library
- **Council Meeting in March 17 @ 5:30 pm – Bethany Room**

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Schwartz, Council Secretary