

St. John's  
Lutheran Church  
Norfolk, Nebraska



Third Sunday after Epiphany  
January 24-25  
Prs Jim & Kathleen Splitt

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### Third Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (NRSV), Matthew 4:12-23 (NRSV)

#### **Hymns for Saturday** (Saturday services sings only 2 verses)

O God of Love, This is a Time of Turning

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#796 How Firm a Foundation, Verses 1, 2, 3

#818 O Master, Let Me Walk with You, Verses 1, 3, 4

#879 For the Beauty of the Earth, Verses 1, 4, 5

#### **Songs for Sunday 11:00 AM**

#532 Gather Us In, Verses 1-2

#532 Gather Us In, Verses 3-4

He Knows My Name

In the Secret (I Want to Know You)

Jesus Messiah

Cry of My Heart

#### **TODAY'S WORSHIP THEME**

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

#### **PRAYER CONCERNS:**

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

#### **Altar Flowers for this weekend sponsored by:**

**Kevin Andersen in memory of Mary, Mom and Dad Andersen and Dave Kohl,  
and**

**Tony Uttecht in memory of my mother.**

**\*\*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, January 26

7:00pm.....Solid Rock

### WEDNESDAY, January 28

2:30pm.....7th and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

### THURSDAY, January 29

7:00am.....Text Study

10:00am.....Text Study

### SATURDAY, January 31

5:00pm.....Gathering Worship

### SUNDAY, February 1

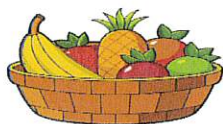
8:30am.....Festival Worship

9:45am.....Sunday School

11:00am.....Celebration Worship

### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SUNDAY SCHOOL?

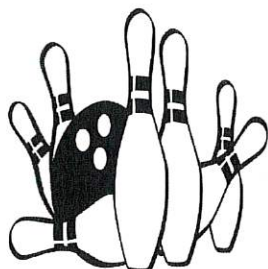
Join us on Sunday as we continue to learn about the Fruits of the Spirit! Last week we learned about Joy and had pineapple smoothies! Can you guess which fruit we will be learning about this week?



### Change for Change

The Change for Change for the rest of January will be for Valentine Bags to be made.

*Thank you so much everyone*



**Shocked event on  
Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup>  
Bowling at  
Kings Lanes 2-4pm.  
Meet at the Bowling  
Alley.**

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, January 24, 5:00pm

Council- Doug Holmberg, Reader-JoAnn Spence,  
Ushers- Leroy & Tony Uttecht, Greeter-

Sunday, January 25, 8:30am

Council, Usher-Jamie Bonilla, Reader, Greeter-  
Brenda Carhart

Coffee Hosts: Jana Kuhlman/Brenda Carhart

Sunday, January 25, 11:00am

Council, Usher-Lon Timperley, Reader- Lisa  
Echtenkamp, Greeters-Lon & Jeanne Timperley

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, January 31, 5:00pm

Council, Reader-Marsha Schwartz, Ushers- Leroy  
& Tony Uttecht, Greeter-

Sunday, February 1, 8:30am

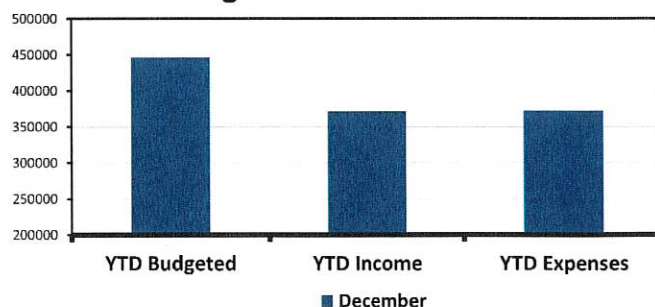
Council, Usher-Jamie Bonilla, Reader-Vicki Suhr,  
Greeter-

Coffee Hosts: Roger & Lisa Echtenkamp

Sunday, February 1, 11:00am

Council-Brian Nissen, Usher- , Reader-  
Vicki Suhr, Communion Asst-Cathy Erwin,  
Greeter-

### Progress on our Mission



Weekly Offerings Received 1/18/26.....\$4,748

Attendance 1/18/26.....15, 38, 35 = 88

Year-To-Date (Actual).....\$(1,726.68)

**There will be Bible Study class this Sunday,  
January 25<sup>th</sup>. It will be 9:50am – 10:30am  
in the Chapel.**





Fellowship Outreach is excited to deliver Love Bags to our shut-ins again this year during Valentine's week. If you would like to contribute to the bags, the following items are needed: Kleenex packages, large print word search, mechanical pencils, cheese N crackers, cookie snacks, small hand lotion, hot chocolate packets, adult coloring books and markers, chapstick, and any other items they may enjoy. There will be a collection box on the table in the west hallway for these items. Funds from Change for Change will also be used. Thank you for your help with this project!

#### **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

#### **THE PROGRESS OF OUR GIVING AT ST. JOHNS CHURCH**

In summary of 2025, we are pleased to report our total giving has essentially "covered" our total expenses (Although we did not reach our budget goal). Expenses include necessary spending for salaries, utilities, etc. as well as our ministry programs, such as Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, "Gods Work Our Hands", and national/global programs of the ELCA.

Your contributions are helping within St. Johns as well as beyond our walls. We remember that stewardship is not just about money. Many members have given so much of their time and talent to programs such as quilt making and the In-gathering for Lutheran World Relief. Many have volunteered at the Good Neighbors food bank including the Christmas distribution, for Alter Guild, for help with the services, and for many more needs for our mission. We are filled with gratitude for the generous support of our members to serve the Lord through our church. We pray the Holy Spirit will motivate you to continue supporting the church's mission in many ways.

Thank you, and thank you!  
Your Stewardship Committee,  
Brian Nissen & Doug Holmberg