

St. John's
Lutheran Church
Norfolk, Nebraska



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

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

Hymns for Saturday (Saturday services sing 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 Uhlir

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 8th Grade Confirmation

THURSDAY, January 29

7:00am.....Text Study

10:00am.....Text Study

SATURDAY, January 31

5:00pm.....Gathering Worship

SUNDAY, February 1

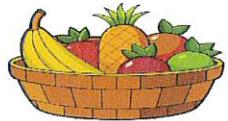
8:30am.....Festival Worship

9:45am.....Sunday School

11:00am.....Celebration Worship

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SUNDAY SCHOOL?

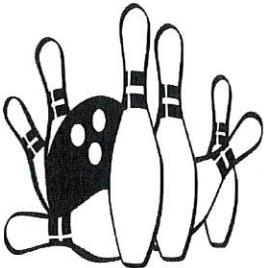
Join us on Sunday as we continue to learn about the Fruits of the Spirit! Last week we learned about Joy and had pineapple smoothies! Can you guess which fruit we will be learning about this week?



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 25th 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

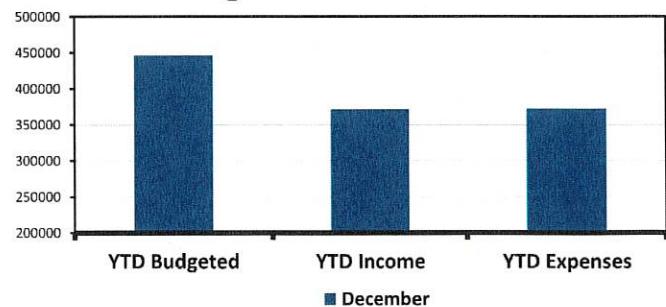
Council, Usher-Jamie Bonilla, Reader-Vicki Suhr, Greeter-

Coffee Hosts: Roger & Lisa Echtenkamp

Sunday, February 1, 11:00am

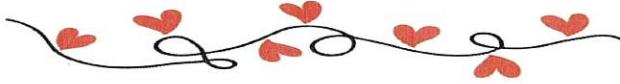
Council-Brian Nissen, Usher- , Reader- Vicki Suhr, Communion Asst-Cathy Erwin, Greeter-

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 25th. It will be 9:50am – 10:30am in the Chapel.



THE PROGRESS OF OUR GIVING AT ST. JOHNS CHURCH

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 & 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

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