



The Caller

2024

Saint John Lutheran Church



Pastor Jon Benson

Interim Pastor -
Pastor Sharon
Worthington

PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND

March 23

Easter Egg Hunt / Pancake Man 9:00 - 11:30am

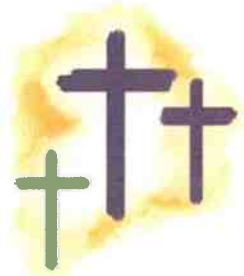
March 24

Choir on Fire at 11:00am



MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 28, 7:00pm



GOOD FRIDAY

March 29, 7:00pm

*Followers of
Christ
who seek to
HEAR
the Word,
LIVE
the Word
and
SHARE
the Word.*

EASTER SERVICES

Saturday 5:30PM

Sunday 6:30AM

8:00AM

9:30AM

11:00AM



Saturday - 5:30pm

Sunday - 8:30 am
& 11:00am

Sunday school -
9:45am



Mar. 3 - Class 9:45am

Mar. 10 - Class 9:45am

Mar. 17 - Class 9:45am

Mar. 24 - Class 9:45am
COF at 11:00am

Mar. 31 - No Class



Choir on Fire will process at the 11:00 service on March 24.



Mar. 6 - Lent service 7:00
Spend time with lent project

Mar. 13 - Lent service 7:00
Spend time with lent project

Mar. 20 - Lent Service 7:00
Spend time with lent project

Mar. 27 or Mar. 28 - Attend one or both services, 7:00pm. Sermon Note required. Finish your lent project.

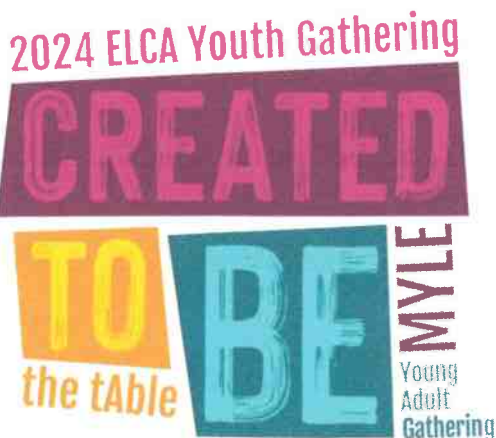


Mar. 6 - Lent service 7:00


Mar. 13 - Lent service 7:00

Mar. 20 - Lent service 7:00

— HOLY WEEK —



Watch for the next fundraising opportunity to support our Youth who are attending the National Youth Gathering.



SJ - 101 (New Member Orientation) will be held in March. Classes will be at 9:45am (between services) on March 3, 10, & 17. New Members will be received on March 24 and there will be a reception between services



Family Easter Event

March 23, 2024
9:00 - 11:30am

Easter Egg Hunt	Pancake Man Games
Face Painting	

Free event! Bring your friends!

Kaltenborn Scholarship

APPLICATIONS for the **Joseph Kaltenborn Scholarship** for 2024-2025 will be accepted beginning **March 1** and are due **by April 15**. 1. Any member of Saint John who has demonstrated an on-going involvement in the church and is attending a post-high school institution is eligible. 2. Preference is given to students who have not previously received this scholarship, though, previous recipients may reapply. 3. Scholarship amounts range from \$500 - \$1,000. Pick up an application outside the office doors.



“Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.” ~ Isaiah 40. This is why we make quilts. We make them from the repurposed scraps of fabric that people give us! But quilts are made up of more than just small scraps of material. Quilt makers place their heart and soul into creating comfort for those who in need.

All are welcome to come and lend a hand! When we make quilts, we do good work on many levels. It brings us together in service and fellowship, it creates a tangible message of love and caring to strangers in a far off land, delivering warmth and comfort. *“And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, ‘Here I am; send me.’”* Isaiah 6:8

Come as you are able; experience is not required. The Saint John Quilting Group family wishes to welcome you! If you are thinking about it, please know we will make you feel very much at home as we tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief! In this ministry of serving, we also set aside time to enjoy fellowship with one another with devotions and snacks!

Next meeting is Wednesday, March 20, 2024! You’re most welcome to join us. We will meet between 9:00am and Noon at St. John, in the Faith and Life Center. See you then! For more information, please call Sue Pagan at 712-325-0257.



The Good Time Group will go to Cascio’s Steakhouse on Friday, March 15 at 6:00pm. 1620 N. 10th St. in Omaha.
RSVP by Monday, March 11 to Katie Comley at katiern15@gmail.com.
 Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there.



The Players will meet at Pizza Ranch on Friday, March 1 at 5:00pm
 Cost will be \$15.00. Contact Marlys Lien if interested in attending.



<u>March 1 - 7 & March 29 - Apr. 4</u>	<u>March 8 - 14</u>	<u>March 15 - 21</u>	<u>March 22 - 28</u>
Cookie Johnson	Mary Lou Burke	Marlys Lien	Patricia Minchin
Becky Taylor	Norma Jones	Mary Jensen	Elaine von Gillern
Kim Pace	Joyce Mlynarik	Debbie Plugge	Carol Wood
Diane Hartman	Alan Meilike	Sandy Cerveny	Andrea Hill
	Carolyn Clark	Dawn Wilson	



* Esther Group—March 12 at 9:30am
 * Mary Group—March 14 at 9:00am



The Men’s Club meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at 11:30am at The Dock Bar & Grill, 401 Veteran’s Memorial Highway. Men of all ages are welcome to join us for a good lunch and great conversation.
 Next lunch is March 21.



We are requesting donations of spaghetti noodles.



March 2024, LSI Newsletter Article

March is National Professional Social Work Month, a time to recognize social workers and thank them for all they do. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we are grateful for the many social workers who have dedicated their lives to serving!

At LSI, we believe every Iowan deserves the independence they need to thrive. LSI's Host Homes is an innovative way LSI is serving adults with disabilities. Through this program, an individual moves from Supported Community Living into a private family home with a carefully selected mentor. This program is built entirely around an individual's goals and interests, and LSI's extensive matching process ensures the mentor and mentee are a great fit.

Take a moment to read the following story from a Host Homes mentee:

"My journey with LSI's Host Homes started in early 2023. I've known my mentor for a few years while he provided hourly services to me. We learned about Host Homes and thought it would be a good fit for us. I moved into my mentor's home where he helps me maintain a daily routine with schoolwork, household tasks, daily living skills, improving independence, and more. I attend a college nearby and go to classes a few days a week. I am able to navigate the local bus system to access my community to attend classes and visit friends. My mentor is always available to transport me into the community as needed. This summer, I went on a trip across the country with one of my classes. While on this trip, I was able to maintain my independence with limited support, but I knew my mentor would be available by phone to assist me with my coping skills and problem solving. This trip was a big success for me knowing I had support only a phone call away. I like LSI's Host Homes Program because my mentor supports me in the way I want to be supported, assists me with some daily tasks I struggle with, and understands me."

If you are interested in becoming a Host Homes mentor and helping a fellow Iowan achieve independence, please visit LSIowa.org/HostHomes for more information.



Bethany Lutheran Health Services held their quarterly meeting on February 12 at the Heights. Eight churches were represented at this January makeup session due to Covid in January. We met the new director, Chandra Gustafson, and are impressed at her commitment to serve/lead at BLHS. Officers for 2024 include: president--Jan Stone, Emanuel, Council Bluffs, vice president--Sylvia Lilly, St. John Lutheran, Mineola, treasurer—Norma Vorthmann, St. Paul, Treynor, secretary—Rose Hanson—St. John Lutheran, Council Bluffs. Claudia Bookout has been hired to assist Angel Watts, activities director at the Home.

Bethany Lutheran Home is once again asking for donations to their General Store—personal care items, water bottles with flip drinking hole, snack Items – (cookies, candy, snack cakes, chips and soda). There is a collection box at the basement entry.

Another need at the Home is courtesy riders to take residents to the doctor. You would ride along with them to the doctor, then ride with them back to the Home. It usually takes 2 hours to be a companion to a resident. They also want persons to simply come into the Home and visit with the residents. Call Cece Mickells if interested: 712-328-950 or at 402-680-1330 and she will walk you through the simple process.

Bethany also invites you to a **presentation on Medicare vs. Advantage Plans on Friday, March 22 at 10:15am** in the Upper Dining Room at Bethany Home.





MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 - Communion - 8:30am Worship 9:45 SJ-101 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 8:30am Worship 9:45 SJ-101 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	11 6:45pm Seekers ChristCare	12 9:30am Esther Group 7:00pm Praise Team	13 9:00am Bible Study 5:30pm Lenten meal 6:00pm Bell Choir 6:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Lenten Service 7:45pm Chancel Choir	14 9:00am Mary Group	15	16 - Communion - 5:30pm Worship
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24 Palm Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:45 New Member Reception 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	25 6:45pm Seekers ChristCare	26 7:00pm Council Mtg. 7:00pm Praise Team	27 9:00am Bible Study	28 <i>Caller Mailed</i> 7:00pm Maundy Thursday	29 7:00pm Good Friday	30 5:30pm Easter Service
31  6:30 ~ 8:00 ~ 9:30 ~ 11:00 <i>Easter Services</i>						

Saint John Lutheran Church
Birthdays

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Matt Conahan Becky Frerck Bruce Rasmussen Douglas Smith	2 Kyle Gann Aaron Pedersen
3	4 LoriAnn Brougham Beth Myre Anaka Speer	5 Sawyer Eledge Morgan Malskeit Tyler Messenger Lynn Pukall Steven Simpson Toni Wilson	6 William Hansen	7 Barbara Farris Kelvin Nelson Kristin Nelson Ashley Plumer	8 Edward Nemecek Charles Tawzer	9 Linda Sorensen
10 Leah Knudsen Linda Muehlig	11 Britney Cates Tracy Doebein Sydney Meyer	12 Nathan Schulte Samantha Urbaneck	13 Heidi Hansen	14	15 Bruce Anderson Cailey Hartenhoff Marcia Rodgers	16 Randy Roenfeld
17 Eric Hansen Carly Hayes Pam Schulte	18 Andrew Besco Natalee Frerck Becky Versch	19 Addison Archer Zackary Archer Mike Ashbaugh	20	21 Marlene Hansen	22	23 Grayson Schneider Jeauna Steppuhn
24 Julie Boggs Amy Malskeit	25 Beckie Gue Diane Jacobsen Sarah Koesters Debbie Plugge	26	27 Thorin Boysen Lenny Burke Tasha Konfrst Adam Solon Josie Solon	28 Kelsey Meyer	29 Tye Nebel Donna Riggs	30 Anders Boysen
31 Paul Lien Kerrl Nelson Evan Solon						





*Celebrating
WITH
you*

90th Birthday

Bruce Anderson (Mar. 15)

Marlene Hansen (Mar. 21)

94th Birthday

Barb Farris (Mar. 7)

97th Birthday

Chuck Tawzer (Mar. 8)

77th Wedding Anniversary

Chuck & Lottie Tawzer (Mar. 29)



Sympathy to the families of...

- ~ Ron Hansen
- ~ James Elliott,
grandfather of Laura Nelson
- ~ Luke Cerveny,
son of Gil & Sandy Cerveny
- ~ Kevin Kraft,
cousin of Karen Bramman



I will take my Lily home after Easter services
check here: _____

I **DO NOT** wish to take my Lily home
check here: _____

Four to six bloom plants - \$14.00 each

I would like to dedicate _____ plants.

In Memory of

In Honor of

Given by

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Return form to church or call church office (323-7173)

Deadline to order is Sunday, March 17

Saint John Lutheran Church Staff

- Senior Pastor: Rev. E. Jon Benson (JonBenson@SaintJohnELCA.org)
- Interim Pastor: Rev. Sharon Worthington (interimpastorsjlc@gmail.com)
- Parish Ministry Coordinator: Patricia S. Minchin
- Sound Booth volunteers: Mack Bertelsen, Paul Schmidt
- Chancel Choir Director: Elmer Ellefson
- Bell Choir Director: Laura Nelson
- Pianist / Organist: Joan Ebersold
- Foundation Board President: Ross Jensen (402-681-1383)
- Nursery Attendant: Susan Stellish
- Stephen Minister Leaders: Alan Meilike (328-1671) Debbie Plugge (256-5310) Pastor Jon Benson (323-7173)
- Office Manager: Kim Malskeit (712-323-7173) Info@SaintJohnELCA.org
- Custodian: Debbie Baird

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Please call us
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if you no longer wish to
receive this newsletter.
Thank you.



6:30 - 8:00 - 9:30 - 11:00

March

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| 6 th | } | 5:30 Lenten meal |
| 13 th | | 7:00 Lenten service |
| 20 th | | |
| 23 rd | | 9:00 Easter Egg Hunt
& Pancake Man |
| 28 th | | 7:00 Maundy Thursday |
| 29 th | | 7:00 Good Friday |
| 30 th | | 5:30 Easter Service |
| 31 st | | 6:30, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00
Easter Services |