



# THE VINE

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School Newsletter  
MARCH 2024

"Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ, His followers, and His world."



## Lord, Teach us to Pray

Once when Jesus disciples observed Him praying, they asked Him to teach them how to pray. In response He gave them the prayer we know as The Lord's Prayer. This prayer serves as both a prayer to pray and pattern for structuring our daily time in prayer. But above all, it reveals what our Lord knows we need on our Lenten journey.

March 6  
March 13  
March 20

"Forgive Us Our Trespasses"  
"Lead Us Not Into Temptation"  
"Deliver Us From Evil"

## Sunday Bible Classes

We have two Bible Classes on Sunday mornings after worship. Pastor Mike is leading "Foundations," an overview of the essential teachings of the Christian faith, in Room 10 Joel Wahlers is leading a study on the Gospel of Mark in Room 8.



## *Holy Week at St. John's*

Holy week commemorates the culminating week in the life of Jesus, and the events at the heart of the salvation which is ours through Jesus.

- *Palm Sunday (March 24)*. On this day, we commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey to shouts of "Hosanna" from the crowd waving palm branches. This is a welcome for a king coming in peace, and points ahead to the mission He was bringing to fulfilment that week. We will begin our Palm Sunday service in the

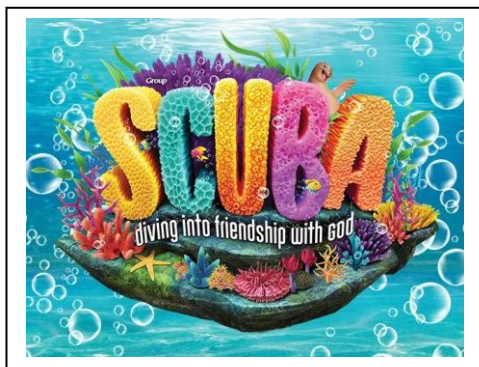
Faith Chapel (weather permitting) and process into the sanctuary with palm branches, praising Jesus. The service will include the Choraliars singing and the dramatic narrative reading of the passion account.

- *Maundy Thursday (March 28)* is a commemoration of Jesus' "Last Supper." At this meal, He transformed the Passover meal into a sharing of Himself in bread and wine as His body and blood. At our Maundy Thursday worship (7:00 PM), we will also be celebrating the First Communion of those who have been preparing to be welcomed to the Lord's Supper.
- *Good Friday (March 29)* marks the day that Jesus was crucified. Our evening service (7:00 PM) is a Tenebrae Service. This is an ancient and beautiful service of gradually darkening the sanctuary as we read of account of the crucifixion and sing hymns and songs in response, ending with the sanctuary in darkness.
- *Easter Vigil (March 30)* is the first celebration of the resurrection and serves as a counterpart to the Good Friday Tenebrae. We process into a darkened sanctuary with candles, and as we meditate on history of God's saving activity as the sanctuary is gradually lightened. This service begins at 8:00 PM.
- *On Easter Sunday (March 31)*, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with two opportunities to worship. The **8:30 service in the sanctuary** is led with traditional hymns and the choir. The **10:30 service in the Faith Chapel (weather permitting)** is led by the worship band. Our Easter morning also includes an egg hunt and an Easter Breakfast in the gym (9:00 – 10:30).

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**"The Hallelujah Chorus" Rehearsal** The Sanctuary Choir will be singing "The Hallelujah Chorus" by G.F. Handel at the 8:30 Easter Service. If you have sung this before and would like to join the choir for this amazing anthem of praise, there will be a special choir rehearsal after the service on **March 24th**, Palm Sunday.

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It's officially summertime! Okay.. not really, but it is time to make your summer plans. This year we will be diving deep into the fun with Scuba VBS! The kids will learn and be reminded each day that God is a friend that loves them forever! You will not want to miss this adventure into the wonderful water world full of marine life and color! Mark your calendars for **June 17-20, 2024**.

Volunteer Registration will open next week. Please consider working with us to make this week a week to remember for each one of our campers! We can't do it without you! If you have any questions regarding volunteering please get in contact with Kevin Mathison.

# Please Join Us For Easter Breakfast!

**Where:** St. John's Lutheran Parish Hall  
**When:** 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday, March 31, 2024  
**Sponsored by:** St. John's Lutheran Youth



## Our Menu:

- Egg Bake Casserole
- Assorted Pastries
- Fresh Fruit
- Assorted Juices
- Milk, Coffee and Tea

You are invited to St. John's Youth Ministry Easter Breakfast! Please join us for a delicious breakfast made and served by the youth. We look forward to hosting this each year and can't wait to have you and your family celebrating with us. Breakfast will begin during the Early Service and continue into the Contemporary Service so that everybody has time to eat.

## Free Will Donation:

All proceeds from this year's breakfast will support our youth budget and continue to push the ministry forward.

*"Give what you have decided in your hearts to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

## Worship Tech Overhaul **Faith Comes From Hearing**

We've heard your feedback and understand that one of the biggest challenges you and our visitors face when attending worship in person or watching the livestream is participating in the service because it's difficult to see or hear God's Word, the lessons, and the beautiful music that's raised up to God in praise. With these concerns in mind, we're doing a complete and total overhaul of the audio and visual technology in the St. John's sanctuary and Faith Chapel. We're working to create an experience that is free of distractions, allowing our members, visitors, students, and families to focus on the most important element of any gathering held at St. John's: God's Word.

If you would like to help support this mission, we ask that you do so through your offerings. There are three ways you can give:

1. In person using your offering envelope
2. By clicking: Donate to St. John's Lutheran (<https://bit.ly/DonatetoStJohnsLutheran>)
3. By using the Vanco Mobile app

We ask that you notate your donation with "Faith Comes From Hearing" or "Worship Tech Overhaul" to ensure it is applied to this project.

# Board of Directors Nominations

The Board of Directors is receiving Board nominations for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. There are nine members of the Board of Directors. Five of these positions are up for election this year. Board members serve for a two-year term, and can serve a maximum of three consecutive terms.

If you are interested in nominating someone (or yourself) for the Board of Directors, [please click on this link to download information about qualifications and responsibilities](#). Also included is a nomination form to be completed and returned to the church office, John Van Hofwegen, or Pastor Mike

## ***What are the responsibilities of a member of the Board of Directors?***

The Board of Directors is the governing board for St. John's Lutheran Church and School. Its main duty is to ensure the fulfillment of St. John's Mission and Vision. It does this by holding the Lead Pastor accountable for implementing a ministry plan that pursues the mission and vision for our church and school and supporting him in the fulfillment of that plan.

The Board of Directors also prepares and maintains a [policy manual](#) that defines the goals of the congregation, the relationship between the Board and the Lead Pastor, the limitations on the Lead Pastor, and the way in which the Board will carry out its duties. The Board members do not represent any particular group or constituency in the church. Rather, the Board acts on behalf of the entire St. John's ministry, especially as it confesses its purpose through the Mission and Vision statement.

## ***What are the qualifications to serve on the Board of Directors?***

[The By-Laws](#) state that Board members must be committed to the mission and vision of St. John's Lutheran Church and School. Therefore the ideal board member is someone who is:

- Faithful in Worship
- Regularly in the Word: Bible Study or Small Group
- Active in service: Serving in a ministry of the congregation
- Supportive of tithing: Either tithing or working toward it.
- Strong support for the Mission and Vision
- Strong support for the governance structure
- Able to see the big picture of the Church's mission

Both the By Laws and the Policy Manuel are available on the St. John's Lutheran Church website: <https://stjohnslutheran.net/ministry-documents-2/>

## ***How do I nominate someone for the Board of Directors?***

There will be a Board Information Forum on Thursday, April 11 at 7:00 in the Library for those who are interested in being nominated for the board. This forum is also open to anyone who just wants to learn more about the governance polity of St. John's, and how the Board works.

Nomination Forms are available in the E-vine, in the church office, or by coming to the forum. These forms are to be returned to Board Chair John Van Hofwegen, or Pastor Mike Schmid by May 15.

# St. John's Facebook Group

Are you on Facebook? Have you joined the St. John's Facebook Family Group? Please click here to join and participate in Facebook Live events, discussion and more.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/stjohnsfamilynapa>

Why join our Facebook Group? We are planning live devotional events, prayer times, as well as other interactive events. Our group is a great place to encourage one another and walk together as a family of God. In this time when gathering in person is so difficult, this is an option to fellowship together.

Also, if you have something you'd like to see us talk about or promote on social media, please use the same contact info.



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## SO, WHAT'S NEW AT THE FARM?

Submitted by Ted Zimmerman

Who uses the greatest share of the water that falls in Northern California and then is shipped south to Southern California? Filling swimming pools, greening the greens and fairways of golf courses, nourishing lavish lawns and decorative gardens, flushing toilets and filling Jacuzzi tubs? From what I have read the greatest share goes to family farms and agribusinesses. It enables California north and south to be a major provider of fruits, nuts, and vegetables for the United States and the world.



What about the congregation's Mission Farm? What portion of the water bill is attributable to the Farm's use for raising crops during the summer months to help feed food anxious families who turn to the CANV Food Bank for help? I can't answer that question completely because the Farm and the Church and School aren't on separate water meters. However, by agreement with the Business Administrator and Council, the Farm contributes to the Budget for three months of the year (when the School is not in session) an amount that approximates what the School pays toward the water bill the nine months of the year when it is in full sessions. Thus the Farm does cover much of the expense for water usage, together with all the other operational expenses like seed, fertilizer, organic sprays, irrigation materials, tractor operation, etc. All together the Mission Farm is able to cover its expenses through the generous free will gifts of members of the congregation as well as people of the community during the Give!Guide campaign in November and December. It also is enabled to do that because all labor is provided by the generous involvement of many volunteers from the church and community. Labor costs are often the largest expense incurred by any commercial or charitable endeavor! Just in case you were wondering.



### To the Ladies of Saint John's Lutheran:

We are continuing to study the Book of Ephesians through the month of February, using John Stott's wonderful study guide. Ephesians is truly God's gift to all who call upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We've come back after Christmas and have had a couple "stalls" because of our bad

weather. But, God is faithful to us and we March on! 🌧️ 😞

We are starting on the sixth chapter soon and are praying about our next study. Please consider joining us on Monday mornings from 10:00-11:30 in the sanctuary. If you have questions contact Judi Rock at [Goalyce2041@gmail.com](mailto:Goalyce2041@gmail.com) or text 707-738-6707. ❤️

**The Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study is currently studying the Gospel of Luke. Join us for fellowship at 7:30 AM and Bible Study from 8-9 AM.**



I will be glad and rejoice to you;  
I will sing the praises of your name,  
O Most High. Psalm 9:2

**If you LOVE to SING...**

Please come and add your voice to the Sanctuary Choir

We meet on Wednesday evenings  
Starting at 6:00-7:30 pm in classroom 5

For more information, see Erin Blackwood, Organist and Choir Director



The Give+ Mobile App from VANCO shut down 1 Oct 21 and is longer be available for download as a mobile app. The new app is called **VANCO Mobile**.

Giving through Vanco Mobile is easy! Just download the new app and create a new user profile in VANCO Mobile.



February was a very busy month for St. John's Lutheran School.

The biggest highlight for February was the Lutheran Elementary School Tournament at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington. LEST is a long held tradition here at SJLS.

We are excited that 68 students competed in:

### Academics

Chess Grade 6 – 1st Place

Cubing

Knowledge Bowl - 1st Place

Mathematics Competition

- 2nd Place - Grade 5 Team
- 1st Place Individual
- Grade 6- 1st Place Individual
- Grade 8- 1st Place Individual

Robotics Competition - 2nd Place and 4th Place

Science Competition

Spelling Bee

- Grade 6 - 3rd Place
- Grade 7 - 3rd Place
- Grade 8 - 2nd Place

Writing Grade 7 - 1st Place Poem

### Athletics

Girls Basketball - 3rd Place

Boys Basketball - 1st Place

Bowling - 1st Place

Cheer and Dance - 2nd Place Dance AND 2nd Place Cheer

Swimming

- 2nd Place
- Top points Girls Grades 7/8
- Top points Boys Grades 7/8

### Fine Arts

Art - ten Red Ribbons, five White Ribbons

Choral - Blue Ribbon

Handbells - Blue Ribbon

Piano three Blue Ribbons

Original Oration 1st Place, 2nd Place

5th/6th Reader's Theatre - 1st Place

7th Grade Reader's Theatre - 1st Place

7th/8th Reader's Theatre - 1st Place

Vocal Solo - one Blue Ribbon

Vocal Ensembles -one Blue Ribbon

Aiden Frisinger was named our 2024 LEST Champion of Character

LEST was such an exciting time for our students to interact with other Lutheran students from schools all over the Northwest (Oregon, Washington, and California, and even a school from British Columbia, Canada). A HUGE thank you to all of our coaches, parents, and students who made this event possible!

On Tuesday, March 5, we will be having a Dine and Donate at Hop Creek. We invite you to come and support our 8th Grade Class.

On Tuesday, April 9, we will be having a dine and donate at Mary's Pizza. All proceeds from this dine and donate will go to the Dance and Cheer team.

We are currently in the process of re-enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year and have limited openings in our school. If you are interested in enrolling your child in our school, please do not hesitate to contact the school office at 707-226-7970.

*Dr. Christy Wood*  
*Principal*

DATE	COUPLE	YEARS
8	Steven & Christi Jeffery	38
11	Richard & Karen Dalen	65
21	David & Kristin Goller	26
31	Joshua & Roxana Wright	12



## Biblical Counseling at St John's? The Biblical Counseling Center of Napa Valley

Why is it important to memorize the scriptures? Is there any value to fill your mind with the Word of God? The practice of Psychotherapy has embraced the benefits of "meditation" in overcoming many debilitating mental conditions from anxiety to substance abuse. There methods include repeating affirmative mantras to replace the automatic negative thoughts we have with more positive thought. These methods seem to help with the management of many disorders, but there is always the question as to the "truth" value of these replacement thoughts.

As believers in Jesus Christ, we have access to the actual thoughts of our Lord and Savior. He knows us better than we can know ourselves. In Psalms 139:1 David says: "O Lord, You have searched me and known me! You know when I set down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar." We are further reminded by the Apostle Peter that we have access to the divine nature of God. In 2 Peter 1:3-4 he says; "His divine nature has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence, by which He has granted to us His precious and very great promises," so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire."

Jesus tells us that we will be sanctified by the truth of the Word of God in John 17:17. This means that the more we memorize and meditate on the Word of God, which is objective revealed truth, the better we can interpret the situation and circumstances of life correctly. It's no wonder Moses reminded the nation of Israel as they prepared to enter the Promised Land to think and talk about God's Word and mediated on the perfect law of God. In Deuteronomy 6:6-7 he says: "And these words I command you today shall be on your hearts. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of the, when you lie down and when you rise."

Memorizing and meditating on the perfect Word of God will replace the automatic negative thoughts we tell ourselves with the truth of God. That's why Joshua reminded the people of God to remember the promises of God as they entered the Promised Land. Joshua 1:8 says, "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success." God wants us to be successful in our lives as we live for His glory. We need His words in our thought life to battle with sin. Psalm 119:11 tells us, "How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to Your Word.... Thy word have I hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You." There is eternal value in memorizing and meditating on The Word of God!

Dr. Steve Rock  
The Biblical Counseling Center of Napa Valley



## OFFERING UPDATE

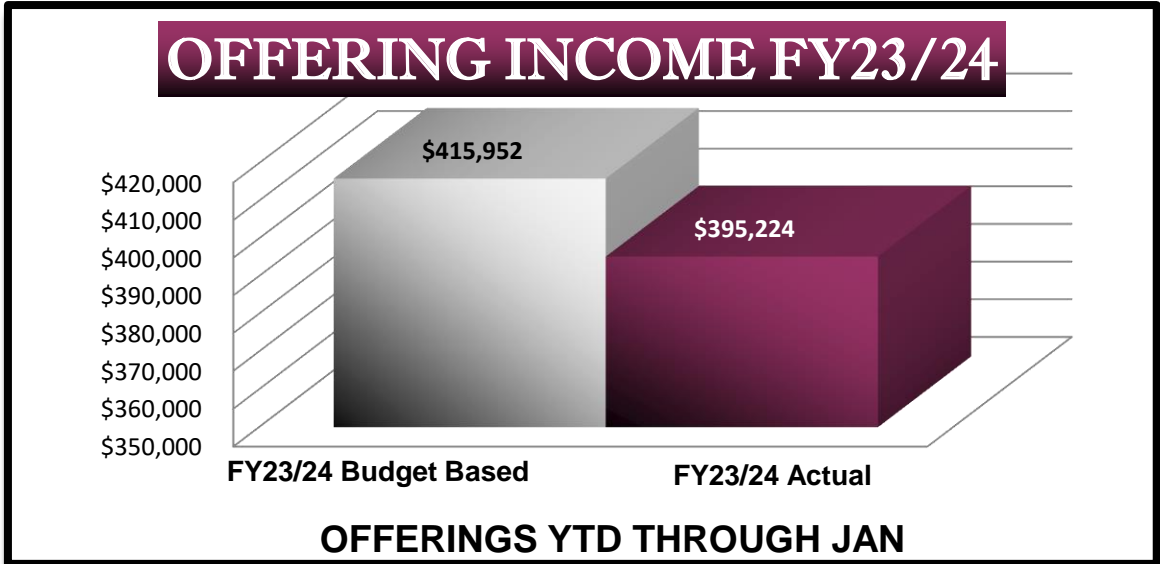
Actual Offering Income for Jan:

**\$58,269.**

Total Offerings for FY23/24 (as of 31 Jan 24):

**\$395,224** which is **4.98%** or **\$20,728**  
below our budgeted offering income.

Total expenses are in line with our budget and we paid all bills received. \*The budget amount shown below is based on the ten-year average offering received for that time period.



### Meditation:

*“Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.’ ” (Matthew 28:10)(ESV)*

## Do Not Be Afraid!

*“A young man dressed in a white robe . . . said, ‘You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, Who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter . . . ’ ” (Mark 16:5-7).*

*“Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid” (Mark 16:8).*

Who wouldn't tremble and be afraid! You go to anoint a body to prepare it for a proper burial, but the body is missing. Then some ethereal creature tells you the body isn't there because it is no longer dead but alive. Who could take it in? “Don't be alarmed” the man in white said. Yeah, right!

Yet, looking back, perhaps the women remembered the thousands He had fed with only two fish and five loaves of bread (Matthew 14:15-21). Maybe they thought again about the raising of Lazarus from the dead (John 11:38-44). After all, He was the one who had stilled the raging sea (Mark 4:35-41).

Somewhere, sometime, that trembling and bewilderment turned to joy and faith, for they did go tell His disciples and Peter (Matthew 28:8). And Jesus met them and greeted them, and they worshipped Him. *“Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brothers . . . ’ ” (Matthew 28:9-10).*

Jesus' last command is the same as this one: Don't be afraid. Go and tell. We can understand the fear of the women at the empty tomb. What are we afraid of? Trouble? Or hardship? Persecution? Or famine? Nakedness? Or danger? Or sword? There is no fear in these things! *"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us"* (Romans 8:35, 37). We have the benefit of history. The women at the tomb couldn't fathom the outcome, but we have God's Word that assures us of our victory in Christ. We have His promise, *"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age"* (Matthew 28:20). So don't be afraid! Go and tell!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**Prayer:**

Dear Savior, You have victory over death! You command nature and everything in the universe! I confess that, often, I am afraid and fail to serve You faithfully and courageously. For Jesus' sake, have mercy and forgive me when I do not trust You. Remove my fear which causes me to miss opportunities to join You on Your mission. Fill me with Your Spirit and enable me to be Your witness to a world that You came to save from death and damnation. Help me to serve and love You above all else. In Your precious name I pray. Amen.

Adapted from *"12 Months of Congregational Stewardship"* by Ronald J. and Phyllis J. Chewning, Stewardship Adv., Inc.

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## LCC K-9 COMFORT DOG MINISTRY UPDATE

To God be the Glory!

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;<sup>6</sup> in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. *Proverbs 3:6*

Thank you to all of you who continue to support our LCC K9 Comfort Dog Ministry here at St. John's. Your prayers and donations are so appreciated! Aaron is on a bit of a break from ministry but will return soon!

Thanks for your support and prayers! Please check out Facebook, Instagram, and our website for all the latest news. [napavalleycomfortdogs.org](http://napavalleycomfortdogs.org)

Aaron Comfort Dog



## Stephen Ministry: Be Kind

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy it does not boast...It always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.*

*1 Corinthians 13: 4, 7*

*In a world where you can be anything – be kind. \**



Have you seen this saying around recently? It's on T-shirts, coffee cups, bumper stickers, posters, Facebook...all over! What a great reminder to practice one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit – kindness. As Christ followers we have the Holy Spirit within us and we can show the world all these fruits, and more: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Gentleness, Faithfulness, and Self-Control.

But sometimes we're hurting too much to experience and share these fruits. We're going through a storm of sadness, or sickness, or sin, or shame, or sorrow, or overwhelmed with too many responsibilities. Jesus knows exactly what we're going through and he's carrying us, holding us, loving us, forgiving us, gently showing the way back to abundant Life in him. St. John's Lutheran Church has a team of Stephen Ministers who want to share the comfort and healing of Jesus with those who are hurting, those who are in the midst of a storm.

“Kindness is giving Hope to those who think they are all alone in this world.” “To be kind is more important than to be right. Many times, what people need is not a brilliant mind that speaks but a special heart that listens.” \* Both of these sayings beautifully express the heart of a Stephen Minister. A Stephen Minister will walk beside you, lift you up, remind you of your worth as a unique, chosen child of God.

Please know that YOU matter to God and to the people at St. John's Lutheran Church. We have Stephen Ministers who are trained, ready, and willing to help. God carries you and your problems in His loving hands, and He provides hands-on help through Stephen Ministers. By God's grace we can trust and confide in a Stephen Minister, start to heal, and become whole again.

If you, or someone you know, would like to learn more about connecting with a Stephen Minister, please contact Penni Cremen (707-483-9321) or Pastor Mike in the church office (707-255-0119). Thank you, God, for the Kind Friend we have in Jesus, and for the friends we have at St. John's.

\* Authors unknown

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Prayer & Praise is a Sunday night opportunity to join together with our St. John's Family and beyond for a time of praising God through song and a time of prayer. We are super excited, so help us spread the word! Go to our **Instagram & Facebook** pages and share our post to let the Napa community know about Prayer & Praise.



**May 19, 2024**  
**5:00 PM**

# ATTENTION ALL CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS!!

The congregation will now accept applications for student grants for the 2024-2025 academic year. All members of St. John's, who plan to attend any of our seven synodical universities or our two seminaries, are eligible to apply. All you have to do is send a brief note to St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, ATTN: Tim Kramer, or an e-mail to

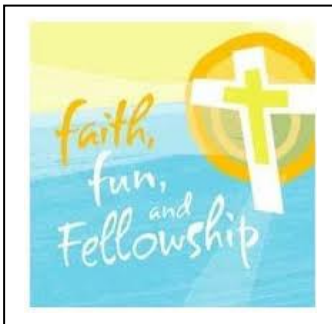


[tkramer@stjohnsnapa.org](mailto:tkramer@stjohnsnapa.org), announcing your intent to enroll in the 2024-2025 academic year. All applications must include the following information:

- a) Your Name
- b) School Name
- c) Student ID or Account # (if returning student)
- d) Degree you are pursuing
- e) Year and Level of study (e.g. Junior year, Undergrad; 5<sup>th</sup> year, teacher certification, or student teaching; Graduate studies)
- f) Attending Fall Term or Spring Term (or both)
- g) Briefly explain why you're attending Concordia and how you plan to use your studies/future vocation to shine the light of Christ and to witness for Jesus as His kingdom representative in the world.

Deadline for applications is March 31, 2024. Actual grant amount to each student is undetermined but will be based, in part, upon the number of students requesting assistance. So, if you are considering attending a synodical university--even if you have not made a final decision--please send a brief note informing us of where you are in your decision process so that we can plan accordingly.

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## Congregational Fellowship

We are currently working on fellowship plans for 2024 and would really love to get the insight from the congregation. If you have not filled out our event survey, I ask that you do so by using this link.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1pBqIgygCPIxZSzxV6\\_7UY5yeH0OfEO\\_nsukWaDx7ba4/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1pBqIgygCPIxZSzxV6_7UY5yeH0OfEO_nsukWaDx7ba4/edit), or by completing the physical survey at church. This will help Josh determine what events you would like to participate in as a congregation.

*Thank you!*  
*Josh Wright*

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# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1	Soren De Young, Elora Stepp
2	Beckett Koen, Kenneth Reed
5	Cindy Powers
6	Colin Nicholson, Brody Rollin
8	Christian Craft
9	Pastor Ted Zimmerman , Vicky Bartelt, Ryan Chagonjian,
10	Sophie Alexander, Matthew Wahlers
11	Paula Schweiger
12	Debbie Kirkpatrick, Kari Perna, Gail Vandeburgt
13	Levi Cloud, Isaac Anderson, Mac Engelbracht
14	Jacob Cremen, George Fleischmann
15	Judy Biggs, Ronald Irwin
16	Linda Hammond
17	Linda Reed
19	Teresa Yeh
20	Colette Hjerpe, David Newman
21	Sarah Kramer, Brad Seiter
22	Judie Arnett
23	Nancy Ehlen
25	Linda Harvey
27	Douglas Messner
28	Sandra Mehrens
29	John Foottit, Cathy Hartwig
30	Myles Mathison
31	Sophia Frey, Patrick Yoder, Logan Rodriquez, Lachlan Cloud



<p><b>Large Print Ministries</b>  <b>Meets in Room 10</b>  <b>the second and fourth</b>  <b>Mondays, Tuesdays</b>  <b>of the month</b>  <b>9:00-11:00 am</b>  <b>Please come join us!</b></p>	 <p><b>March</b>  Mondays, 11 &amp; 25  Tuesdays, 12 &amp; 26</p>
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# Daily Bible Readings for March

	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
1	Psalm 32	Exodus 9	Matthew 20:29-21:11
2	Psalm 33:1-5	Exodus 10	Matthew 21:12-22
3	Psalm 19	Exodus 20:1-17	1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22
4	Psalm 33:6-11	Exodus 11:1-12:20	Matthew 21:23-32
5	Psalm 33:12-22	Exodus 12:21-51	Matthew 21:33-46
6	Psalm 34:1-7	Exodus 13:1-14:18	Matthew 22:1-14
7	Psalm 34:8-18	Exodus 14:19-15:21	Matthew 22:15-22
8	Psalm 34:19-22	Exodus 15:22-16:36	Matthew 22:23-40
9	Psalm 35:1-10	Exodus 17:1-18:6	Matthew 22:41-23:12
10	Psalm 107:1-3,17-22	Numbers 21:4-9	Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21
11	Psalm 35:11-18	Exodus 18:7-19:9	Matthew 23:13-22
12	Psalm 35:19-28	Exodus 19:10-20:21	Matthew 23:23-32
13	Psalm 36	Exodus 20:22-21:27	Matthew 23:33-39
14	Psalm 37:1-6	Exodus 21:28-22:24	Matthew 24:1-25
15	Psalm 37:7-15	Exodus 22:25-23:26	Matthew 24:26-35
16	Psalm 37:16-22	Exodus 23:27-25:9	Matthew 24:36-44
17	Psalm 51:1-12	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33
18	Psalm 37:23-26	Exodus 25:10-40	Matthew 24:45-51
19	Psalm 37:27-33	Exodus 26	Matthew 25:1-13
20	Psalm 37:34-40	Exodus 27:1-28:14	Matthew 25:14-30
21	Psalm 38:1-8	Exodus 28:15-43	Matthew 25:31-46
22	Psalm 38:9-16	Exodus 29:1-30	Matthew 26:1-13
23	Psalm 38:17-22	Exodus 29:31-30:16	Matthew 26:14-30
24	Psalm 31:9-16	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47
25	Psalm 39:1-6	Exodus 30:17-31:11	Matthew 26:31-35
26	Psalm 39:7-13	Exodus 31:12-32:29	Matthew 26:36-46
27	Psalm 40:1-8	Exodus 32:30-33:23	Matthew 26:47-58
28	Psalm 40:9-17	Exodus 34	Matthew 26:59-75
29	Psalm 41	Exodus 35	Matthew 27:1-10
30	Psalm 42	Exodus 36	Matthew 27:11-31
31	Psalm 118:1-2,14-24		Acts 10:34-43; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8

Bible Class for people with special needs  
meets the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
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It is estimated that there are over 1 billion people throughout the world who have significant disabilities which affect them and their families. Most of these people have no church connection or relationship with Jesus Christ and his people. Many live in deep poverty and lack resources for their basic needs and support. In some parts of the world, people with disabilities are considered outcasts and are often left without any hope, meaning, or purpose for their lives.

Congregations throughout the United States and other nations are becoming more aware of the importance of intentional outreach and care for people in their communities who have disabilities. Too often there have been barriers making it difficult for people with disabilities to be included in the worship and fellowship in many congregations. The barriers might be physical or they might be attitudinal. But God asks us to see and value all people as those dearly loved by our Lord Jesus Christ. He calls for us to intentionally seek for the lost, the lame, those who are lonely, those with any kind of disability and welcome them into the church.

I would like to introduce to you an American woman of great faith who advocates for people with disabilities to be fully included within Christian congregations. This remarkable woman's name is Joni Eareckson Tada. (Her name is pronounced as "Johnny" in honor of her father.) In 1967, at the age of 17, she was tragically injured in a diving accident which resulted in her becoming a quadriplegic, paralyzed from the shoulders down.

After a very traumatic year in adjusting to her new reality, she began to experience spiritual healing and a renewed hope, and she knew God had some purpose for her even in her paralysis. Now in 2024, fifty-seven years after the diving accident, we are privileged to see all that God has done through the passion and leadership of Joni Eareckson Tada! People with disabilities in many third-world countries have received wheelchairs, other resources, and Bibles in their languages. Families, stressed and weary from caring for their children with disabilities, have experienced understanding and restoration at retreats and summer camps. Congregation leaders have been guided in growing their disability ministries. Individuals throughout the U.S. and other countries have been encouraged through Joni's Radio Talks, Podcasts, and books she authored, paintings she created, and hearing her speak at conferences.

The congregations of the CNH District have learned much about disability awareness and ministry by attending workshop sessions led by Joni and Friends representatives during district conferences and Mission Conferences. Their experience and wisdom was greatly appreciated.

Please take a few minutes to meet Joni and learn more about disability ministry through her foundation's website: [joniandfriends.org](http://joniandfriends.org) You too can be blessed by checking out the list of Podcast presentations. You will find great honesty in these discussions which cover a wide range of subjects. You will be blessed and strengthened in your faith as you hear Joni describe her journey in "Suffering" and the great joy and privilege God has given her to share the love of Christ in tangible ways around the world. Don't miss this! [joniandfriends.org](http://joniandfriends.org)



We are blessed to have so many young kids with us each Sunday, but we are running low on Children's Church leaders. If you are looking for a place to serve here at St. John's, I ask you to consider working in Children's Church. It's an awesome way for the kids to hear the Good News of Jesus delivered in a way suitable for them to understand and hold on to. Please get in contact with Kevin Mathison if you have any questions about getting involved. We would love to have you join the team! [kevin@stjohnsnapa.org](mailto:kevin@stjohnsnapa.org)



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