

The St. John's Journal Community Connect

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Lent & Easter Service Schedule

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion (March 23 & 24) This is the Sunday which begins Holy Week. Give serious thought to the meaning of the death of Christ. Palms play a part in the introductory rites of the Sunday, but the dominant theme of the service for the day is the Passion of our Lord.

Maundy Thursday (March 28th—7:00p) A service of Holy Communion in which we remember our Lord's farewell supper with his disciples and the "new command" he gave to love. The service will conclude with the stripping of the altar to symbolize how our Lord was stripped of his clothing and dignity on that night.

Good Friday (March 29th—7:00p) This is the day we recall the death of Jesus on the cross. We call it good, because by his death comes the good news of our salvation—secured by his blood. A service of Tenebrae will be held in which the church gradually becomes darker leading to the sound of the "*strepitus*" (a loud noise symbolizing the closing of the tomb at the end of the service).

Holy Saturday (March 30th—4:30pm) Anciently, the service was a watch through the night for signs of the rising dawn. Readings, prayers and hymns would accompany the night of watching for new light of day that would signal the Day of Resurrection. The Vigil service was often a time when the newly instructed would receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and prepare to receive Holy Communion for the first time on Easter.

The Resurrection of Lord— (March 31st—8:30 & 11:15am) Easter is to be understood as the crown of the whole year, the queen of feasts; and as such, it lasts not for a day, not for a week, but for a week of weeks, a week made up not of seven days, but of seven weeks. So the Sundays of this season are called the Sundays of Easter. It is one extended feast. The Ascension (40 days after Easter) and the following Sundays are understood not as a separate season as in the past (Ascensiontide), but as a continuation of the Easter celebration within the week of weeks. The forty day period of preparation for Easter is thus succeeded by the fifty days of rejoicing. The Gospels for the Sundays of Easter present the themes of resurrection, ascension, and the sending of the Holy Spirit— aspects or stages of the Easter mystery. In this service we remember that when Christ rose from the tomb, he opened the door to a new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. God's will for us as Easter people is to fix our eyes on the new creation of perfect paradise prepared for us in heaven.

The Mission of St. John's is grounded in the presence of Christ in God's Word and in the Sacraments. We are called by the Holy Spirit to spread the Kingdom of God through ministering to all of our members and sharing the love of Christ with all people by preaching the true Word of God, providing ongoing Biblical education for spiritual growth and reaching others with God's love in all we say or do.



Weekly Worship

**Saturday Evening
Blended
4:30pm**

**Sunday Traditional
8:30am**

**Sunday Contemporary
11:15am**

**Sunday Morning BLAST!
10:00am**

**Worship Broadcast
WXRL- AM 1300 / FM 95.5
at 11:00am**

St. John's Weather Cancellations

Should worship services need to be cancelled due to weather the cancellation notice will be posted to the following:

WXRL- AM 1300 or 95.5 FM

WBEN -AM 930

WGRZ-Channel 2

WIVB-Channel 4

A Mass email and text message will be sent through our church database. If we don't have your e-mail or cellphone #

PLEASE PROVIDE IT!!

A message will also be posted on the church website- displayed on the "ticker" at the top of the home page.
sjlcdepew.com

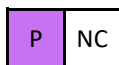
Lectionary & Communion Schedule



March 3, 2024

Lent 3

Is. 9:6-7; Col. 3:12-17; Luke 1:26-38



March 10, 2024

Lent 4

Is. 35:5-8; Acts 9:1-18; Mk 10:46-52



March 17, 2024

Lent 5

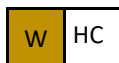
Lev. 19:33-34; Acts 16:6-10, 13-15; Luke 24:44-49



March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

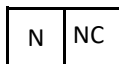
Is. 65:1-3, 17-19, 24; Phil 2:1-11; Luke 13:31-35



March 28, 2024

Maundy Thursday

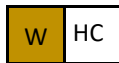
Ex. 24:3-11; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; Mk 14:12-26



March 29, 2024

Good Friday

Matt 27:45-56; Luke 23:32-34, 39-46; John 19:25-30; Mk 15:33-34



March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

Is. 25:6-9; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15:1-11; Mk 16:1-8

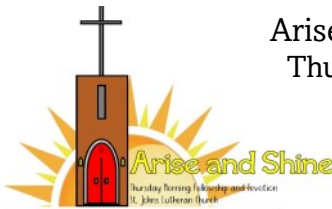
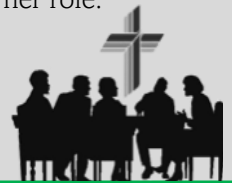


February Council Highlights

As reported on 2/11/24

- Old Business— Connecting more with members and bridging gaps in groups. Reaching out to the community, looking for more opportunities. Calendar management. Slim down communication into one source, Simple Church.
- New Business— Congregational Dinner, Family Ministry Bowling, Easter Services, Mid-week Lenten Rotation in March
- Elders— Rod Lorenz— Photo Directory photos rescheduled to April. Altar Guild Breakfast 3/2. Interview confirmands May 5th.
- Family Ministry— Cheryl Boling— Easter Egg Hunt 3/23, Youth Retreat in May, Congregational Picnic in August.
- Board of Education— Kim Lorenz— Large group Sunday School Meeting May 26, June 2 and June 9. Closing weekend will be June 9
- Shepherd's Staff— Becca Hojnacki— Meeting with Helana G. to understand her role.
- Pastor— Leadership name tags created

Next Council Meeting: March 11th, 7:00pm



Arise and Shine
Thurs., April 4th
at 10am



Thursday, March 21st
6:00 pm

Financial Director's Report— as of February 29, 2024 —Budget: \$47,986


	This YTD	Last YTD
2024 Giving	\$40,050*	\$45,620
Ministry Expense	\$53,117**	\$48,416
Net Income	(\$13,067)	(\$2,796)

* Lost 1 Sunday due to 1/14/24 Snowstorm, **Expense includes (3) pay periods vs. the normal (2)

Radio Broadcast	February 2024
Sponsored	\$1,090
Air Time (cost to WXRL)	\$1,800
(This equals Approx. 3 Sponsorships)	(\$710)= about 4 sponsorships

Those Serving March 2024

	8:30AM		11:15AM	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Lector</u>
3/3	Ken Schabert	Karen Shafer	Amy Krupa	Amy Krupa
3/10	Ken Schabert	Jamie Bluhm	Amy Krupa	Amy Krupa
3/17	Ken Schabert	Sue Bluhm	Amy Krupa	Amy Krupa
3/24	Ken Schabert	Ed & Deann Lorenz	Karen Dowdall	Karen Dowdall
3/28	Maundy Thursday		Betty Cavaleri	Pastor
3/29	Good Friday		Rod Lorenz	Sue Bluhm
3/31	Ken Schabert	Ken Schabert	Karen Dowdall	Karen Dowdall

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>March Altar Guild</u>
3/2	Betty Cavaleri	Pastor	<div>Rae Carier Ken & Sue Schabert</div> 
3/9	Tom Stutzman	Tom Stutzman	
3/16	Betty Cavaleri	Pastor	
3/23	Rod Lorenz	Rod Lorenz	
3/30	Bob Plewik	Bob Plewik	

March Mission and Ministry Prayers

Concordia University System

All wise Lord, through your Word and Spirit you both enlighten the minds and sanctify the lives of those whom you draw to your service. Look in favor upon the professors, students, and staff who make up our Concordia University System. May all there be given wisdom and openness to hear your call to service in church and community.

Shepherd Staff

Lord Jesus, you became a servant willing to suffer death in our place. Be with all the members of the St. John’s Shepherd’s Staff as they aim to follow your example in acts of compassion, love and hospitality. May all in this community profit from their work and presence.

February Radio and Flower Sponsorships

2/4	<i>Sharon Taylor</i> <i>For God's many blessings.</i>	<i>Tom & Sue Bluhm</i> <i>Thank god for the many blessings bestowed on our family.</i>
2/11	<i>Ron & Lynn Hensel</i> <i>In loving memory of grandparents, parents and siblings.</i>	
2/18	<i>Betty Cavaleri & Carol Coffed</i> <i>In celebration of Kathryn Ponosny's 92nd Birthday!</i>	<i>Dave & Caroline Coffed</i> <i>In celebration of Dave's 78th birthday and our grandson Riley's birthday as well as our niece Jenny, nephew Eric and brother in law, Steve.</i>
2/25	<i>Edward & Delores Mau</i> <i>In loving memory of our granddaughter Ashley's husband, Derek Zakrzewski on his 39th birthday (2/27) & his passing 1 year ago on 2/11/23.</i>	<i>Dana Besch & Family</i> <i>Happy Birthday Mom, Grandma, Great Grandma (Mary Sharpe)! We are ALL so blessed to be yours. Thank you for all you do for all of us. We Love You!</i>



Interested in sponsoring a broadcast or flowers? Openings are available!
Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board near the church office.
Full broadcast is \$180.00 (or \$45.00 per line) | Flowers: \$25.00/wknd



St. John's Screaming Eagles will be riding for their 12th year in the Ride for Roswell on **Saturday June 22, 2024.**

All our riders have experienced personal journeys or lost family or friends to cancer. So have many of you. Even through the pandemic, they have continued to ride.

Current riders to date are: Mike Brown doing the 20 mile ride. James Kless, Grace Stever, Michael Stever, Laura Tirone and Kyle Tirone doing the 10 mile ride. For many years, John Preston has done the ride. Unfortunately, he has decided that he cannot continue to ride. He will be greatly missed!

Questions? Please call Grace Stever at 716-982-6733 or Laura Tirone at 716-432-7930.
We would love to have more people join our group! It is an awe inspiring and memorable time.

Thank you members of St. John's for your continued support.

March Birthdays

Stephen	Blackwell	3
Patricia	Rindfuss	3
Deborah	Howell	3
Hannah	Burnham	5
Abigale	Blackwell	6
Nancy	Sweeney	6
BILL	BOLING	6
Jordan	Thurnherr	7
Rebecca	Mayback	7
Peyton	Anthony	10
David	Anthony IV	11
Carson	Fragale	13
John	Hughey V	13
Shirley	Morrison	14
Eileen	McIlhagga	15
Grace	Kabel	16
Alan	Lumb	16
Colleen	Hurley	17
Justin	Besch	18
Debora	Sowinski	18
Ethan	Herbold	20
Richard	Thurnherr II	21
Bryan	Mayback	22
Abby	Geisen	22
Emmalee	Mondo	22
Adalyn	Purpura	23
Matthew	Purpura	23
Elizabeth	Sextone	23
Heather	Holtz	23
Austin	Kabel	23

Roberta	Blackwell	24
Dennis	Sulzbach	24
Harold	Deutschlander	26
Kyla	Fragale	27
Travis	Kilanowski	28
Jacquelyn	Kraebel	28
Grace	Stever	29
Nina	Wright	30
Timothy	Keohane IV	30

March Anniversaries

13	Stephen & Roberta Blackwell
27	Kaylin & Brian Pauly
27	George & Jennifer Bushey



Youth & Family Highlights

Young Hearts Easter Egg Hunt Palm Cross & Easter Card Making



Saturday March 23 9am-1pm

Join us for fun and fellowship as we make Palm Crosses and Easter Cards for shut-ins and our youngest participate in an Easter Egg Hunt. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board, bring your favorite Easter Egg gathering basket. If you are interested in donating individually wrapped candy or other novelty items, please place in the marked box in the Narthex.

Butterfly Hanging—Saturday, Mar. 30th at 9am

Jr. & Sr. High Spring POTL Retreat May 17-19, 2024
\$50/youth registration fee & signed permission slip due to Dana by Sunday, 5/5/24



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRIDAY	SAT.
<div>March 2024</div>					1 Office Closed 5p– Scrapbook- ing Group	2 8a– Men’s Group 4:30p Worship w/ H.C. 8p– A.A
3 3rd Sunday in Lent 8:30a– Worship w/ H.C. 10:00a—BLAST 11:15a–Worship w/ H.C.	4 Office Closed 7:15p— Elder’s Meeting	5 5:30p—Girl Scouts (1)	6 Office Closed 6p–Lent Rotation St. Paul Clar- ence 8p– A.A.	7 10a– Arise & Shine 6:30p—Girl Scouts (3) 6:30p— Confirma- tion	8 Office Closed 5p– Scrapbook- ing Group	9 4:30p Worship Baptism 6:00p—Watch Party 8p– A.A.
10 4th Sunday in Lent 8:30a– Worship 10:00a—BLAST 11:15a–Worship	11 Office Closed 7:00p— Council Meeting	12 6:30p—Girl Scouts (2)	13 Office Closed 6p–Lent Rotation Pilgrim Lutheran 8p– A.A.	14 6p—Café 6:30p— Confirma- tion	15 Office Closed 5p– Scrapbook- ing Group	16 8a– Men’s Group 4:30p Worship w/ H.C. 8p– A.A.
17 5th Sunday in Lent 8:30a– Worship w/ H.C. 10a—Adult Bible Class 10a– Morning Program 11:15a– Worship	18 Office Closed	19	20 Office Closed 6p–Lent Rotation–St. John’s 8p– A.A.	21 6p–Café 6:30p—Girl Scouts (3)	22 Office Closed 5p– Scrapbook- ing Group	23 9a– Easter Egg Hunt & Palm Cross Making 4:30p Worship 8p– A.A
24 Palm Sunday 8:30a– Worship 10:00a— BLAST 11:15a– Worship 8:30a– Worship w/ H.C. 11:15a– Worship w/ H.C. (<i>No BLAST</i>)	25 Office Closed	26 6:30p—Girl Scouts (2)	27 Office Closed 8p– A.A.	28 7p– Maun- dy Thurs- day Wor- ship w H.C.	29 7p– Good Fri- day Worship	30 9a– Butterfly Hanging 4:30p Worship w/ H.C. 8p– A.A
31 East- er Sun- day						

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