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# Journal March 2023

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## Sunday Schedule

8:15am Worship

9:15 Fellowship

9:30-10:15 Faith Education

10:30am Worship

Communion served on first and  
third Sundays

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## Wednesday Lent Schedule:

5:30 - 6:30—JAM Choir &  
Middle School Choir

5:30 - 6:30—Soup Supper

6:30 - 7:15—Lenten Worship  
Service

7:15 - 8:00—Lenten Mentors/  
Affirm

7:15 - 8:45—Chancel Choir

Nursery open from 5:30-7:15

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on the website: [www.sjlcl.org](http://www.sjlcl.org)

Dear members and friends of St. John's,

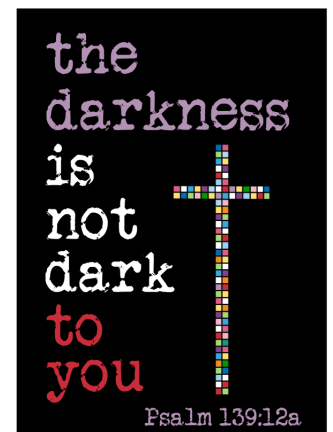
Lent has started off in an inauspicious way. A winter storm caused Ash Wednesday's cancellation. The good news is that Ash Wednesday will be observed during our Lenten service on Wed., Mar. 1. We will gather around this deeply meaningful calling of Lent to realize the frailty of our lives, including our own mortality, to confess our sins and deepest needs, and to once again renew our relationship with God in which we fully depend on God's mercy and grace toward us. No blizzard can stop us from being able to start Lent in this faithful way. I hope to see even more of you than may have been here on Feb. 22 for our Mar. 1 Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 pm. Turn to the next page in this *Journal* for the rest of the Lenten schedule that takes place over the course of this month and for each Wednesday's schedule.

More than anything, I am looking forward once again to joining with you in our Lenten tradition of examining our lives and our faith, of renewing our commitment to God and to living for God rather than just for ourselves, and to doing intentional preparation of ourselves to experience the way humans (including us) have rejected God by our sin and the way God has responded to this so surprisingly: that Jesus would sacrifice himself on our behalf in order to take on our sin and rejection of God and put the power of that sin and rejection to death. This is what God does. God is the one who allows for our relationships to continue with God. We don't do this. God opens up possibilities for us to stay in a relationship of love and renewal with God and Christ Jesus shows us this grace over and over and over again, culminating at the cross of his crucifixion to vengeful humans who have rejected Him. And He rises in God's power of new life over this. God is the one who allows for our relationships to continue with the God of our salvation.

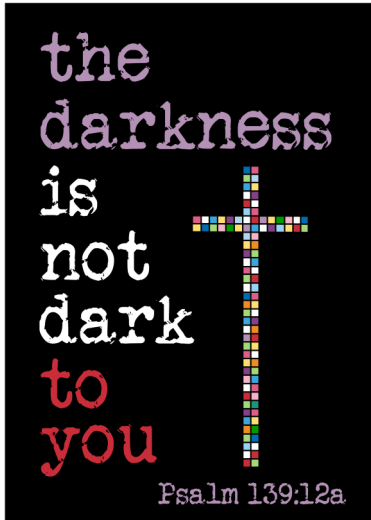
This year during Lent, Pastor Kim and I will help us reflect on how we consider the darkness in our lives, times we often think are only destructive, while God tells us they, in fact, can be very, very constructive and renewing. Come each Wednesday to join us in our Lenten exploration, "The Darkness is Not Dark to You."

God bless you richly this Lent as we walk with our Lord in His remarkable grace toward us,

Pastor Andy



**Lent 2023:**  
**"The Darkness is Not Dark to You"**  
**Psalms 139:12a**



**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Wednesday March 1, 2023. Drive-Thru Ashes - 6:30-8:30 am and 11:00 am-1:00 pm Note: Come during one of the time frames above, if you wish ashes earlier in the day or can't come to worship in the evening. Drive by the entrance to church to receive ashes on your forehead and an Ash Wednesday blessing from Pastor Andy or Pastor Kim. Coffee and a treat will be provided, as well. Ash Wednesday Worship and Holy Communion - 6:30 pm in the sanctuary

Lenten Soup Suppers begin on Ash Wednesday – 5:30-6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Gather with fellow Johnnies before Lenten service for a simple, yet substantial enough supper of soup, breads, salad, dessert, and beverages. Suggested gift: \$3/person and \$10/family max. Different small groups in the church will serve the supper each week.

**Looking Ahead**

**Holy Week and Easter Schedule**

**Palm Sunday, April 2**

Worship 8:15 and 10:30 with  
Lenten Choir Cantata  
9:15-10:30 pancake breakfast

**Maundy Thursday, April 6**

Worship with Communion 6:30pm  
The Service of the Upper Room

**Good Friday, April 7**

Worship 6:30pm

**Easter Sunday April 9, 2023**

Worship with Communion 8:15 and 10:30  
Easter Egg Hunt—11:30am

Ash Wednesday (*Rescheduled to March 1*)  
*"When Sin Finally Dies"*

**March 1- ASH WEDNESDAY MAKE-UP**

**March 8 - "When Nighttime Becomes Lifetime"**

**March 15 - "When Hidden Treasures are Revealed"**

**March 22 - "When Lament is Liberation"**

**March 29 - "When Discernment Persists into Blessing"**

**Ash Wednesday Schedule:**

5:30-6:00—Jam Choir  
5:30-6:30—Soup Supper  
6:00-6:30—Middle School and Chancel Choir  
6:30-7:30—Ash Wednesday Worship Service  
7:15-8:45—Cantata Choir,  
Affirm Lenten Mentors

Nursery open from 5:30-7:30

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Nursery open from 5:30-7:15

Livestreamed each week

## Worship at Winsor Plaza March 2nd at 2 pm

St. John's is now hosting a monthly worship service with Holy Communion in the community room at Winsor Plaza. This worship service will be held on the first Thursday of each month at 2 pm. Come join us for worship!



## Coffee & Conversation at Highview Hills

Pastor Kim hosts a monthly "Coffee & Conversation" at Highview Hills. This will take place on the 4th Thursday of every month at 2:00 pm. This month we meet on **Thursday, March 23 at 2 pm at HVH**. St. John's members, friends and residents of HVH are welcome!

## March is Food Share Month

St. John's is thinking of those who are in need of food and other daily needs, especially during these difficult days. This is a way that we can "Follow His Footsteps" and assist others when we're thinking, "What else can I do to be of help to someone in need?" Give to the food shelf! Each week during March we will focus on one of these items:

Sunday, March 5th - Breakfast items

Sunday, March 12th - Lunch items

Sunday, March 19th - Dinner items

Sunday, March 26th - Personal Care and Household items

***\*As always monetary donations are gratefully accepted\****

Thank you, St. John's members! These donations will be delivered to Open Door. Together we can make a difference in the lives of others!

-The Compassion Team

## Adult Christian Education (ACE) in March



Adult Christian Education (ACE) meets every Sunday between worship services in the sanctuary; weekly ACE sessions will also be available via livestream. ACE features a variety of topics, ideas, and questions of faith, inviting us deeper along the path of spiritual growth in our lives of faith. Pastors, congregation leaders, and outside speakers will lead us in exploring matters of faith in daily life.

Our schedule for March is:

**March 5:** Faith & Mental Health, part 1, with Rev. Emmy Kegler

**March 12:** How can I make gifts and contributions most effectively to St. John's? with the Ministry Finance Team - *rescheduled from February*

**March 19:** Faith & Mental Health, part 2, with Rev. Emmy Kegler

**March 26:** Faith & Mental Health, part 3, with Rev. Emmy Kegler

**ACE Faith & Mental Health Series Preview:** The National Institute of Mental Health estimates that nearly one in five U.S. adults live with a mental illness. We receive messages from all angles about how to deal: "Just don't worry so much!"; "Just take this pill!" and, from our faith, "Just pray harder!" But for many of us who live with mental illness, these suggestions fail to provide the quick relief they seem to promise -- and for those of us who love someone living with mental illness, we can feel stuck about how to help. Join Emmy Kegler, pastor and author of *All Who Are Weary: Easing the Burden on the Walk with Mental Illness*, for a conversation about how faithful individuals and communities can provide more holy and whole practices for those living with mental illness.

## For Your Information

### Congregation NEWS

**Butter Braids  
Spring Sale, have them ready  
to enjoy for Easter!**

All proceeds will go to our Summer 2023 Bible camp and Mission Trip participants. Your support is greatly appreciated!  
**Orders due March 5 and will be delivered March 21.**

Order forms are in the Narthex or you can use this link  
[https://](https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/SelectProducts/214df9f3-9f2c-4566-b675-328ffe1f28f6/2261787)

[store.myfundraisingplace.com/SelectProducts/214df9f3-9f2c-4566-b675-328ffe1f28f6/2261787](https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/SelectProducts/214df9f3-9f2c-4566-b675-328ffe1f28f6/2261787)



### Compost Sale:

Our youth who are attending summer camps, mission trips and programs are hosting a **SPRING COMPOST SALE!** Each 20-pound bag of compost is sold for \$4.00 and our youth programs will receive \$3.50 of each bag sold! Another option is you can bring your own container and make us an offer. **THIS IS AN EXCELLENT FUNDRAISER!**



Please order ahead or come to our sale:  
Saturday morning, May 20 from

9:00am-11:00am  
Sunday, May 21st from  
11:00am-2:00pm

Please come and get fantastic compost for your garden and planters!

To order: Please fill out the online form or pick up a paper form in the narthex: Enter your name, email and how many 20-pound bags of compost you would like.



Thanks so much for coming to the pancake breakfast and all of the support for our summer campers and mission trip participants!



Thank you for all of the 200+ soup and pancake mix orders! Soup orders will be available for pick up Wednesday, March 1 from 3:00pm-7:00pm.



### Palm Sunday Breakfast:

**Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:15am-10:30am**

- Buttermilk Pancakes and gluten free pancakes
- Special toppings: syrup, whipped cream, berries, butter, sprinkles
- Sausage Links and Bacon
- Juice, milk, coffee
- Special activities to celebrate this special day: Sunday School Kids will be singing at worship, Palm Branch crafts
- Pick up resources for Holy Week

### Fun Facts about Camps and Mission trips:

- 43 St. John's students are going to Luther Crest Bible Camp in Alexandria, MN.
- 15 St. John's youth are going to Bayou La Batre, Alabama for our Youthworks Mission Trip.
- \$699.00 is the cost for a week of Bible Camp, \$750.00 for mission trip.
- \$200.00 is our goal to raise for each student to reduce their tuition cost of camp.
- \$200.00 is each student's goal to raise through individual sales in their community. (Selling Butter Braids to neighbors, family and friends)

**What works? Model of 3 investment (family+church+community)**

**Why go?** We know that most adult faith leaders, church goers attended camp in their childhood. It is one of the most impactful faith experiences one can experience in a lifetime.



## Children, Youth and Family News

**Thrivent Action Sponsorship** helps to pay for the costs of pancake breakfast, soup mix supplies and compost bags so that almost 100% of the proceeds go to the campers!

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Your support is appreciated!

### Sunday School NEWS

#### Lenten Garden project

We will begin our Sunday School Lenten Garden Project, learning that to grow we need rain and sunshine- a rhythm of day and night. We need sunny days, cloudy days, dry days, snowy days and rainy days. Each week our students will learn in class more about the Easter Story and what is needed to grow our faith! Students will take home supplies to create their garden and add something new that represents part of the story.



Sunday School kids will sing at 10:30am worship on March 5 and April 2.

#### Ablaze Notes:

**First Communion classes will begin** Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> Cup Making and Last Supper class, 1:00pm-2:30pm. Letters have been

mailed to each family as well as email. Important information regarding this special faith milestone and calendar of events for spring will be included. Please contact Amanda if you do not receive one. March 26<sup>th</sup> this wonderful group of 5<sup>th</sup> graders will celebrate the Rite of First Communion.

**Upcoming Middle School and High School youth events to sign up for:**

**Northern Star Base Camp:**



#### NEW DATE

Event Timing: Sunday, March 19, 2023 from 1:00PM to 3:30PM.

Event Address: Northern Star Base Camp, <https://goo.gl/maps/iWt8prSqXhG2>

**Registration link:** <https://forms.gle/sVp73e9r5DcJ2ozq9>

Our 5th-9th grade will be going to Northern Star Base Camp, this team building experience is a lot of fun but will also challenge our St. John's youth to try some new camp experiences in the safety of a unique indoor setting. It truly is a one-of-a-kind interactive experience! Located in Fort Snelling, Minnesota, our youth will have opportunities for team building, rock climbing, rope courses, and archery.

Friends are welcome, parents and siblings over 21 are encouraged to sign up for chaperones!

A Northern star Base camp waiver will be sent to you before this event and your student will need to bring it with them to the event.



### Summer Stretch:

Summer Stretch Program 2023  
Registration opens March 1

Summer Stretch is a program for Upper Elementary and Middle Schoolers (students entering Grades 4,5, 6, 7 and 8 in Fall 2023) to put their faith in action and be the light of Christ through reflection of the Word of God and participation in service projects for the greater community followed by afternoon adventures with friends. Yes, friends are welcome as participants and leaders!

Students who will be in 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade in the fall of 2023 can apply to be small group guides and adult chaperones will be welcomed.

#### Dates and Details:

Dates will be- June 21, June 28, July 12 and July 19 and Valley Fair August 9

**Time:** 9:00am-4:30pm drop off and pick up at St. John's Lutheran Church front doors. We will generally do service projects in the morning and fun adventures in the afternoon.

**Cost:** \$30.00 a day

**Transportation:** We will be taking a school bus to and from all of the activities

POSSIBLE Activities and service partners

**Activities:** Conquer Ninja Gyms, Windy Willow, Vertical Endeavors, Forestville Mystery Caves, Valley Fair

**Service Partners:** Majestic farms horse therapy, Arc Value Village, Feed My Starving Children, 360 communities, High View Hills

Contact Amanda Boe [amanda@sjlcl.org](mailto:amanda@sjlcl.org)

Summer Stretch Registration Link:



## Children and youth choirs



Please contact Malynda Davis, [malynda@sjlcl.org](mailto:malynda@sjlcl.org)

if your student would like to join our choir! They meet on Wednesday nights, 5:30pm-6:00 for our younger 2nd-4th grade group, 6:00pm-6:30 pm for our older 5th-9th grade group. We would love to have your student join this fun group!

Please contact Amanda Boe if you are interested in these opportunities: [amanda@sjlcl.org](mailto:amanda@sjlcl.org)

## Affirm News



During the church season of Lent, our focus in Affirm shifts to worship and Lenten Mentor conversations. This year, our 6th-7th graders will visit one-on-one with a Lenten Mentor of their choice, using conversation guides provided each week. Simultaneously, 8th-9th graders will be working with their small group leaders on Luther's Small Catechism: the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles Creed, and the 10 Commandments. Worship is at 6:30 pm Wednesdays, and Lenten Mentor conversations begin immediately after worship ends. *Any 6th-7th graders who need help finding a Lenten Mentor, please contact Pastor Kim.*

**Affirm Calendar for March:**  
March 1 - Lenten Worship at 6:30 pm + Lenten Mentors immediately following worship

March 8 - Lenten Worship at 6:30 pm + Lenten Mentors immediately following worship

March 15 - Lenten Worship at 6:30 pm + Lenten Mentors immediately following worship

March 22 - Lenten Worship at 6:30 pm + Lenten Mentors immediately following worship

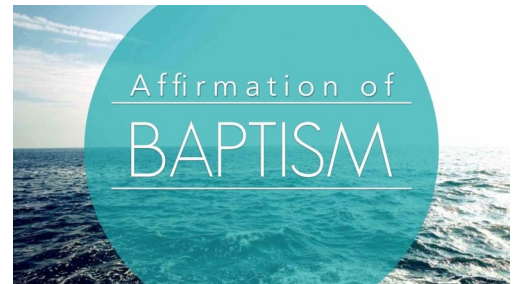
March 29 - Lenten Worship at 6:30 pm + Lenten Mentors immediately following worship

## Save the Date for Affirmation of Baptism Sunday: April 30, 2023

At the 10:30 am worship on April 30, our 9th graders will celebrate affirming their baptismal faith, surrounded and supported by parents, sponsors, family, and our whole congregation. In preparation for affirming their baptismal faith, 9th graders will

- Meet for 1-on-1's with Pastor Kim and/or Amanda Boe on the following dates: March 7, 10, or 30, and
- Complete a written faith statement, capturing why faith matters to them at this time in their lives. Faith Statements are due to Pastor Kim on April 1.

Join us for this milestone Sunday!



## Attention High School Seniors!

### “God in My Life” Scholarship Opportunity

The Compassion Team has three \$500 Scholarships which will be awarded to **active St. John's Members** who will be **pursuing a post-secondary education**. If you are interested in this scholarship opportunity, **please submit the following by April 30th** :

1. **A one-page essay entitled "God In My Life"**. The essay should be submitted as a Word document to [pastorandy@sjlcl.org](mailto:pastorandy@sjlcl.org).
2. A copy of an original file of your **graduation photo**. If you didn't have graduation photos taken, please submit a clear copy of a recent photo of yourself. Please submit either photo as a **.jpg**
3. **Your contact information** including: your email address; phone number; parent's email and phone number; your college's name and the mailing address for the college.

The Compassion Team will review all submitted essays and select the 3 scholarship recipients. The recipients of the scholarships will be announced on Sunday, June 4th. Students' essays and senior pictures will be shared with the congregation in the June newsletter.

**Scholarships for the 3 winning essays will be distributed in Summer/early Fall 2023.**



*God In My Life Scholarship*

## Global Missions Team News

### Lenten Banks

An annual Lenten staple at St. John's, the Global Missions Team will again be handing out paper banks to take home and fill during Lent. Banks are available now. This fundraiser sends all proceeds to our companion church in Muhanga, Tanzania, East Africa. Funds this year are specifically targeted at a Clean Water Project in the village. Please fill your bank with coins and/or other cash or check (if check, make payable to St. John's Lutheran Church and put "Lenten Bank" on the memo line). You can drop your banks off in the rain barrel in the sanctuary any Sunday during Lent you are in church. Thank you for participating in this important project again this year. All banks are due back by Easter Sunday, Apr. 9. After Easter, we will report the result of this fundraiser! for the people of Muhanga.



## Creating a Culture of Generosity

March, 2023 brings us the return of quarterly pew cards that communicate current needs here at church that do not fall within our ministry budget. You may recall seeing these "Memorials and Special Gifts: Current Needs and Wish List for Financial Gifts Above and Beyond Regular Offerings" cards prior to COVID, but they now have finally made a reappearance. We hope you will take a look at them next time you are in church. So very often, special gifts in memory or in honor of someone special help fund needs at church that generally are one-time needs. For this quarter, for instance, we would glad receive financial gifts toward one of five specific initiatives: 1) an upgrade of video Livestream capabilities (this is a \$30,000 project and is our highest current need); 2) the purchase of a new piano (a \$50,000+ project); 3) landscaping and other initial amenities in our new Memorial Garden; 4) liturgical art (banners, seasonal decorations, etc. in the sanctuary and narthex); and 5) a sidewalk from the Memorial Garden to the parking lot with hand-capped accessibility (an approximately \$15,000 project). If you have any questions about these projects or would like to explore giving a gift, please contact Pastor Andy in the church office at 952-469-4916

Gratitude and Generosity Team





### Small Group Ministry

*Connect. Grow. Belong.*

St. John's offers a variety of small groups to include people of all walks, ages, and experiences of life. Check out our current small group offerings and consider getting connected with one or more of these vibrant spaces of relationship and faith.

#### Spiritual Practices Small Group

**Facilitator:** Pastor Kim Kylo  
**Meets:** the last Friday of every month from 12-1 pm

Encounter, practice, and reflect together with others on a variety of spiritual practices, including forgiveness, contemplative prayer, sabbath, gratitude, deep listening, and more. Join us **March 31st at noon** as we explore the spiritual practice of **Communion**. [Sign up here](#) or by contacting Pastor Kim.



Spiritual Practices  
QR Code



#### "More Than Just Lunch" Small Group

**Facilitator:** Ginger Gustafson  
**Meets:** Once/month on Tuesdays  
**Where:** A variety of locations, each to be announced in advance  
If you would like to participate in a monthly outing with your church friends, experiencing a variety of unique places to have lunch and entertainment, then this is the small group for you!

**Meets Next March 21** when we will be viewing the Bachman's Idea House in Richfield. The house was the family home of the Bachman's. Bachman's started their business in 1885.

The cost to attend is \$5.00 with a portion of that going to Minnesota Children's Hospital. After our tour of the house, we will have lunch at Patrick's which is located inside Bachman's.

We will meet at the church at 9:45 with our tour starting at 10:30. Please sign up, as soon as possible and leave your \$5.00 in the church office to insure our spot at 10:30.

Join us as we dine together, and have fun and fellowship together, and we know you'll look forward to each gathering! Please indicate your transportation needs when you sign up; transportation options will be discussed as the group develops. Sign up at church or by calling the church office.

#### "Empty Nest" Small Group

"An empty nest does NOT mean an empty life"

**Co-Facilitators:** Dan & Elisa Brown

**When:** The second Thursday of the month at 7:00pm-8pm; this group has decided not to meet in December; meets next **March 9th**

**Where:** St. John's

Remember the ECFE classes you went to as a new parent? Wishing there was something like that for the empty nest phase of life? Well, wish no more!! Whether you are about to become, just became, or have been an empty nester for a while, the Empty Nest Small Group is for you!! This group will be a place of discussion, support and friendship for everyone thinking about the empty nest phase of life. We would love to have you join us!



Empty Nest  
QR Code

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Elisa Brown at [elisa@sjlcl.org](mailto:elisa@sjlcl.org) or text to 952-221-4849

Sign up via this QR code or by calling the church office.



## "Parenting Littles" Small Group

**Co-Facilitators:** Amanda Boe & Pastor Kim Kylo

**When:** 2nd Sunday of each month during Sunday School; meets next **March 12th**

**Where:** St. John's



Parenting Littles  
QR Code

Tend to your own spiritual and emotional wellbeing, gathering with other parents of littles to share joys, struggles, best-practices, and support one another in this unpredictable yet beautiful task of raising children with faith and for faith.

Sign up via QR code or by calling the church office.

## Dementia Caregivers Support Group

**Facilitators:** Pastor Kim Kylo & Lola Amendt (of Highview Hills)

**Meets:** Once/month, 3:30-4:30 pm on the 4th Thursday of each month; **meets next March 23.**

**Where:** Highview Hills

Right now, millions of Americans face the devastation of Alzheimer's. The disease is robbing us of our families, our futures, and our finances. If you are a family member or caregiver to someone experiencing Alzheimer's disease, join us for this small group, where you'll find an open environment for sharing feelings, thoughts, and experiences to better cope with and manage the shared problems of dementia. St. John's and Highview Hills are partnering to provide emotional, social, and educational support to caregivers. This group is open to anyone in our community. No RSVP; simply show up as you are available.



## GriefShare Small Group

**Facilitators:** Lisa Horn & Pastor Kim Kylo

**Meets:** Tuesdays at 6:30 pm from February 7 - April 4 (9 weeks)

**Where:** St. John's

GriefShare is a weekly video and conversation seminar designed to provide support, understanding, and practical tools for coping with grief. We know it hurts, and we're here to help. Whether your grief is fresh, or if you have been coping with grief for years, we hope you'll discover support here. This is open to anyone; you don't need to be a member of St. John's to participate. Sign up online or by calling the church office.

## Paper Crafters Small Group

**Facilitator:** Jackie Knauf

**Meets:** 1st Thursday of every month at 9 am - 2 pm; **Meets next March 2nd**

**Where:** St. John's

The Paper Crafters Small Group makes cards to send to congregation members. Come when you can; leave when you must!

## Quilters Small Group

**Facilitator:** Ruth Weber

**Meets:** 2nd and 3rd Thursdays of every month at 9 am; **Meets next March 9th & 16th**

**Where:** St. John's

The Quilters Small Group sews and assembles quilts to be donated. Come when you can; leave when you must!

## Stitchers Small Group

**Facilitator:** Kathy Ziller

**Meets:** 4th Thursdays of every month at 9 am; **Meets next March 23rd**

**Where:** St. John's

Knitters create Confirmation stoles, baptismal blankets, and prayer shawls. Come when you can; leave when you must!

## Hannah Circle Small Group

**Facilitator:** Ruth Weber

**Meets:** 1st Wednesdays of every month at 9:30 am; ; **Meets next March 1st**

**Where:** St. John's

Hannah Circle is a Women's Bible Study, with fellowship and treats, open to women of all ages and backgrounds.

## Mary Circle Small Group

**Facilitator:** Jackie Knauff

**Meets:** 1st Tuesday of every month at 8:30 am; **Meets next March 7th**

**Where:** Cracker Barrel, Lakeville

Mary Circle is a Women's Bible Study, with fellowship and treats, open to women of all ages and backgrounds.

## **Notes from the Finance Office:**

Pink Envelopes in March support "God In My Life Scholarships".

These scholarships are given each year to graduating ST. Johns students.



# March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 ASH WEDNESDAY MAKEUP 9:30 Hannah Circle at St. John's See Wed. Lent Schedule below	2 9am Card Making 2pm Worship at Winsor Plaza	3	4
5 8:15am Worship/ Communion, 9:15am Fellowship Sunday School, ACE, 10:30am Worship/ Communion 1-2:30 Ablaze first com- munion cup making 4pm Scouts Court of Honor	6 12-6pm Blood Drive 1-2pm Adult Bible Study 7pm Scout Troops	7 7am Men's fellow- ship 8:30am Global Mis- sions Team Meeting 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:30 Membership Team Meeting 6pm Deborah Circle 6:30PM Grief Group 9th Grade Affirm 1 on 1's	8 See Wed. Lent Schedule below	9 9am Quilters	10 9th Grade Affirm 1 on 1's	11 1pm Doris Westerlund Memorial Service
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## Music News



One of the great strengths of the liturgical calendar is that, as it cycles through the seasons of Jesus' life and ministry, it speaks to our whole life and the full gamut of human experience. Our Lenten hymnody and special music will include penitential reflection as well as gratitude and praise.

For Palm/Passion Sunday the Sunday School children will celebrate Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem with exuberant Hosannas. The solemn observance of Christ's Passion will begin in traditional fashion with the Chancel Choir presenting several movements of the ancient funeral liturgy, which is named by the first word of the Introit text – *Requiem*. The musical

setting is by Gabriel Fauré, Organist at Church of the Madeleine and Director of the Paris Conservatoire at the turn of the 20th century.

You might wish to meditate on the text which will be projected and read before each movement. Portions of the text are familiar: *Kyrie eleison* – Lord have mercy; *Sanctus* – Holy, holy, holy; *Agnus Dei* – Lamb of God. Other texts are particular to this specific liturgy, particularly the opening lines which recur: *Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis* – Grant them eternal rest Lord, and may eternal light shine on them. Or you may choose to simply experience the music as a spiritual pilgrimage through the sorrow, regrets, and fears of death to the promise of eternal life "*In Paradisum*."

Dennis Friesen-Carper, Director of Music

### Easter Flower Orders

Help bring the color and life of Easter to our St. John's sanctuary with beautiful flowers for Easter Services! Again this year, we will be selling an assortment of Bachman's cold weather-tolerant flowers that can be used inside and outside. This is a Worship Arts Ministry Team fundraiser for the Piano Fund. Watch Sunday bulletins and narthex displays for ways to order Easter plants. Many people give them in memory or in honor of someone special in their lives. Thank you, in advance, for taking part in this very meaningful part of our Easter Sunday worship services. Please contact Office Manager Candy Nordine at [candy@sjlcl.org](mailto:candy@sjlcl.org) with any questions. Thank you!

### Easter Flower Order form

	Price Per Plant	Quantity	Name:
6" Easter Lily	\$11.00		
10" Pansy Bowl	\$17.00		
6" Orange Asiatic Lily	\$13.00		
6" Pink Asiatic Lily	\$13.00		Method of Payment:
6" Pink Azalea	\$25.00		Phone Number:
6" Pink/White bi-color Azalea	\$25.00		
6" Tulip - Yellow	\$11.00		Email:
6" Tulip - Pink	\$11.00		
6" Mum - Purple	\$13.00		In Honor of/In Memory of:
6" Mum - White	\$13.00		
<b>TOTAL DUE:</b>			
Note: Sizes listed are the size of the pots			
<b>Final day to place an order is Wednesday, March 22</b>			
<i>All orders must be paid at the time of ordering.</i>			
Payment to St. John's via check or Tithe.ly			



# Registration is now open for Vacation Bible School



SAVE THE DATE

**STELLAR**  
SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

VBS 2023  
COMING TO A GALAXY NEAR YOU!

BLAST OFF ON...

JUNE 12-15  
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Register Here Now!

The poster features a space-themed background with a galaxy. At the top, it says 'SAVE THE DATE' and 'STELLAR SHINE JESUS' LIGHT'. Below that, it says 'VBS 2023 COMING TO A GALAXY NEAR YOU!' and 'BLAST OFF ON...'. A purple box contains the dates 'JUNE 12-15' and '9:00 AM to 12:00 PM'. A QR code is on the right with the text 'Register Here Now!'. Several cartoon celestial characters are shown: Ringo (a green planet with a ring), Luna (a blue moon), Halley (a pink comet), Cosmo (a yellow star), and Sol (a smiling sun).

St. John's VBS 2023 "Stellar"!!

June 12 – 15, 2023 from 9am-12pm  
for kids aged 4 - kids who have completed  
Grade 4

To register click on the QR code, select  
"Participant Registration", and fill in the  
required information on the form.

Want to volunteer for VBS?  
You can sign up too! Just follow the same  
VBS QR code link and select, "Volunteer  
Registration" and fill in the required infor-  
mation on the form.

Questions? Contact Elisa  
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952-221-4849

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