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Journal

May 2025

Kim Kylo - Senior Pastor
Nathan Lyke - Associate Pastor

Sunday Schedule

8:30am Worship/Communion
9:30 Fellowship/Education Hour
10:30am Worship/Communion
Nursery open from 8:30-11:30am

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More information is available on the
website: www.sjlcl.org

Summer Worship Begins on May 25th:

8:30am and 10:00 am

Submit information
by the 15th of the
month to:
candy@sjlcl.org

Dear People of St. John's,

I'm not a very good waiter. No, I don't mean the kind that brings out the food at a nice restaurant. Some of you have witnessed me nearly knocking over the lit baptismal candle during a ceremony by clipping the base with my size 16 shoes. Me delivering a platter of glassware and hot food is just plain asking for trouble. I'm talking about being a wait-er: someone who has trouble waiting.

I often find myself *waiting* for the next thing in life to arrive. And by the time it does, I'm impatiently waiting for the next thing to happen. Waiting for warm days to finally arrive. Waiting for my kids' activities to wrap up for the season. Waiting for my mustache to grow in how I'd like it to look (as a living tribute to Val Kilmer's portrayal of Doc Holliday in the 1993 film *Tombstone*). And by the time those things finally do arrive, I'm on to waiting for something else. As the saying goes, "the watched kettle never boils." How about you? I once heard it said that patience takes a special kind of courage. Especially in the era of Amazon Prime Same-Day Shipping, instant answers to inquiries in the palm of our hands, and a news cycle that seems to change

headlines as often as we blink. I found it amusing the first time I learned the church calendar's *longest stretch* is called "ordinary time." My green stole will get a workout this summer! But what if "ordinary time" isn't a bad thing? What if time itself is something that is never ordinary? In fact, all time is anything *but* ordinary! Even the time we spend waiting. Ecclesiastes 3:1 tells us that "For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven..." For better or worse, this includes waiting. As well as other less-desirable things such as grieving, crying, and enduring. But it also includes celebrating, laughing, and thriving. There is only one moment we can truly engage with and that is, you guessed it: the present. As we wait for summer's arrival, it can be easy to miss the precious gift of the present moment. The ordinary time and times.

I've told other parents with children younger than my own to try and appreciate the ordinary moments that can sometimes feel exhausting while parenting. Because the "last" times often happen unbeknownst to us. After helping my children with thousands of bath times since they

were each born, at some point and unbeknownst to me, I was helping each of them for the last time.



All those thousands ordinary moments of playing bath toys with them, singing to, and helping them were suddenly done. And the kicker is that I was most likely missing the full present moment because I was *waiting* for bedtime so I could have a little more peace and quiet. I'd give a lot to go back to redo a last bath, playground adventure, or bedtime story with them. I think I'd appreciate every moment of one more opportunity a lot more than before.

Please hear me, as Christ followers we can be confident that God will waste nothing that we entrust God with. Including the moments we wish we had cherished more. And if my bathtime story resonated with you, perhaps my regret is your gain.

What I hope you hear in these ponderings is that you and I have been given a gift that comes in 24-hour payments. And those disbursements will be spent whether we like it or not. Some of it has to be used for things like work, sleep, and yes, even waiting. But in the midst of our journey through each day, we have the opportunity to see the extraordinary in our ordinary moments.

As we enter into the summer stretch, how might God be inviting you and I to make the most of each "ordinary" moment with faith, expectation, and gratitude? Even if some of us are terrible "waiters". Take a look through this newsletter with open eyes and hearts to see if there is an extraordinary opportunity in store for you as you read on...

In Christ, Pastor Nathan Lyke

For Your Information

May Worship News:

Sunday, May 4 - Worship with Holy Communion, with Chancel Choir at 8:30

Sunday, May 11 - Worship with Holy Communion, JAM Choir Sings, with Chancel Choir at 10:30

Sunday, May 18 - Worship with Holy Communion, with Chancel Choir at 8:30 + Sunday School Kids Sing at 10:30

Sunday, May 25 - Worship with Holy Communion + Summer Worship Times Begin

Summer Worship Schedule, Starting Sunday, May 25th - 8:30 & 10:00 am Worship with Sacraments

Worship at Winsor Plaza

Gathers May 1st at 2 pm - St. John's hosts a monthly worship service with Holy Communion in the community room at Winsor Plaza, held on the first Thursday of each month at 2 pm. Come join us for worship!

Worship at Highview Hills

Wednesday, May 21st, 2 pm

Join Pastor Kim for worship at Highview Hills, including holy communion.

Coffee & Conversation at Highview Hills

Meets Next May 22nd @ 2 pm

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. In 2025, we will continue our study of other religions and other Christian denominations. St. John's members, friends and residents of HVH are welcome!

International Day of Living Together in Peace: Volunteers Wanted

"Together in Peace" is hosting the annual "International Day of Living Together in Peace" at Caspersen Park on **May 17th**, 12-3 pm. This is the third year that St. John's will be hosting a table at this multicultural community event, led by our Membership & Outreach Team. This has been a fantastic opportunity for St. John's to connect with neighbors in the broader Lakeville Community, and we would love to expand our presence at this community event. If you are interested in being part of this event as a friendly face and welcoming neighbor, representing St. John's, please contact the church office to RSVP.



Faith Resources Altar Echo Podcasts

Did you know St. John's creates 2 podcasts? All podcast episodes can be found on St. John's Facebook page and website. Use the QR code for each podcast to access the podcast page, and subscribe to receive new episodes of each!

Altar Echo Text Study Podcast

is our weekly deep-dive conversation between two or three pastors on the upcoming focus reading for Sunday. Episodes are released on Tuesday afternoons, and can be a great way to pique your curiosity about the upcoming Sunday's Scripture reading. Because this podcast includes multiple pastors, you get added content of multiple perspectives, questions, and ideas, many of which don't make the cut for the actual Sunday sermon.



Altar Echo Text Study

Altar Echo Families Podcasts are monthly conversations about faith and parenting in our real lives. How does faith guide our parenting and family values? Pastor Kim, Pastor Nathan and Amanda chat about good questions and practical strategies for raising good humans in this complicated world. Episodes are released on Thursdays, and can be helpful for parents, grandparents, or anyone who cares for children and kids of any age.



Altar Echo Families

Sound Tech Needed



The Sound Tech team is looking for 1 or 2 new individuals to volunteer to run the sound board during Sunday morning worship.

Training is provided! Sound

Tech volunteers generally serve for one worship service every eight weeks. Contact Danny Barth for more information or to sign up!

Everyday Bible Conversations (EBC's)

Join us as we find God EVERYWHERE! Every week, we look for God in our Everyday Lives with a video and devotions based on the week's Gospel, wherever we happen to be. We've found God in the hilltops above Lisbon, Portugal, at the American Revolution in Boston, MA, in the desert in California, on the shores of the Cook Inlet in Anchorage, AK, and every place and week in between!

Our weekly messages include a 3-5 minute video (available on St. John's YouTube channel, and through the website and app), as well as a one page devotional that summarizes the reading, asks a few questions, and encourages an action step for the week to come. The videos and devotional are both built so that they can be used alone or together, and while the Bible reading is always encouraged, no advance Bible reading or knowledge is needed to enjoy EBC. EBC emphasizes Jesus' love, God's purpose for us, and how we can relate the week's message to our lives in 2024. EBC is a work of joy and love, driven by the faithful belief that the Bible can be applied to our Everyday Lives all things big and small, all the time, everywhere!

Thank you for all of you who already make EBC a part of their week, and we encourage everyone to enjoy! If you would like to access EBC, but need help, please ask Candy in the church office. And let's go find God!

Altar Flower Sponsorship

Reserve a date to sponsor Altar flowers. Each bouquet is \$45 and you can choose one or two bouquets per Sunday. Please review the available slots in the QR code and sign up. Or call the church office and place your order with Candy. Thank you!



Garden plots at St. John's

Interested in gardening? We have six garden plots available in the church backyard for congregation members to use this summer for personal gardening. Please contact Amanda amanda@sjlcl.org or fill out this form if you are interested. Plots will be assigned in the order that requests are received.



Children, Youth and Family News

Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast!

Thank you for your support of our summer camps and mission trips! Our students appreciate the support from our congregation to make these opportunities possible for everyone!



Easter Flowers!

Thank you to all who purchased flowers for our Easter Garden!

Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you to all of our helpers who made our Easter Egg Hunt possible!



Easter Worship

Thank you to all who helped to make our Easter Worship shine! Worship assistants, readers, musicians, ushers, decorators! Everyone is appreciated and needed to make these worship services joyful and inspirational!



2025 First Communion Class

We celebrated this wonderful group of students' First Communion during worship on Sunday April 6th! Students at St. John's have a long tradition of making their own cups, they also make bread and participate in a Seder meal to learn more about this special meal and faith milestone.



First Communion Class of 2025

26th ANNUAL Cup-making 2025

St. John's 5th Graders First Communion



This year cup-making was on Wednesday, February 26th right after Lenten Service. We had approx 11 students plus parents...



26 YEARS of St. John's Church Annual Communion Cup Classes!



Sunday School notes

Our Sunday School Students have been diving into post-resurrection stories, focusing on the theme: When we open our hearts to Jesus then we can see Jesus work in our lives.

May 11th, Mother's Day we will celebrate by planting flowers outside if weather allows and we will celebrate all of the women in the congregation by passing out a special gift!

May 18th, Last day of Sunday School Celebration! Sunday School will be singing at 8:30am service.

High School Youth Group



All 9th-12th grade students are welcome to join our High School Youth group. At youth group, we dive into a Bible verse, story or theme and have a lot of fun learning and strengthening our faith. This group also does various service projects throughout the year. please contact Amanda or join our group me app to get weekly updates.

When? Wednesdays, 8:00pm-8:45pm
Connect? Click here to join:



Summer
Stretch
2025

Summer Stretch

What? Participants put their faith into action! They are encouraged to be the light of Christ through participation in service projects for the greater community. Each day includes fun adventures with faith leaders and friends. Yes, friends are welcome as participants and leaders!

Who? St. John's Summer Stretch is a program for Upper Elementary and Middle Schoolers (students entering Grades 4,5, 6, 7 and 8 in Fall 2025) Volunteer Guides: Students who will be in 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade in the fall of 2025 can apply to be small group guides and adult chaperones will be welcomed.

When?

Dates: June 25, July 9, July 16 and July 24
Times: 9:00am-4:30pm

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Thrivent Members!

Thank you to our Thrivent members! All of our meals and service projects have been sponsored by Thrivent members this year. Sponsoring a fundraiser or service event with an Action Team \$250.00 gift card helps our youth so much! These cards help our fundraiser meals be more profitable for our youth because we can use these cards to purchase the food, allowing all of the proceeds to go to our youth! They can also be used for many of our service projects, allowing us to serve more generously! If you are a Thrivent member and would like to learn more about this program, please contact amanda@sjlcl.org.

Save the date

High School Senior Recognition Day and Scholarship Information!

HS Senior Families:

Save the date:

June 8th Senior Sunday Celebration Worship at 10:00am and breakfast at 9:15am.

The care and compassion team will award \$500.00 Senior Scholarships! The Children, Youth and Family team will award seniors who have shown extraordinary service to our St. John's church community. All students will be celebrated and given a special gift from our congregation. Please submit the following by **Wednesday, May 14th**:



Senior
Scholarship
Important
information



Senior
Sunday
RSVP:



Senior Sunday

Vacation Bible School Pen Pals



This year for vacation bible school, I am hoping to have a letter/picture exchange between our campers and seniors or other adults in our St. John's community and our assisted living friends in the Lakeville community.

The idea for this project would be, you would write a letter (some tips and topics are included below) that will be given to a VBS camper. They will then read and respond to your letter, either with a letter of their own or a special picture, the week of June 16th. You should receive your letter/special picture, or several of them, the week of June 23rd.

Some tips for writing your letter to our campers:

- Since you won't know who you are writing to, you can address the letter "Dear VBS camper" or "Dear Child of God"
- Write a little bit about yourself: your name, where you live (in general, like "Lakeville" or "Highview Hills", etc.) and some things you like to do (play games, garden, read, watch sports, etc.)
- Tell the campers about a favorite bible story or a favorite Bible verse and why it's your favorite or a story from when you were in Sunday School (or VBS) or how much God means to you.
- To close, wish them well on their week at VBS, hope they have a nice summer or tell them how much you are looking forward to receiving their letters.

If this project sounds like something you would like to do, please submit a half page (approximately) **hand-printed or typed** letter by **May 31st** by email to elisa@silcl.org or by regular mail at:

St. John's Lutheran Church
C/O Elisa Brown/VBS letters
20165 Heath Ave.
Lakeville, MN 55044

Thank you so much, in advance, for participating in this very special project!

Elisa Brown, St. John's VBS director

Gratitude and Generosity Team News

St. John's Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund Update

The Gratitude and Generosity Team is happy to share that we continue to make progress with the Mission Endowment Fund. This is a very exciting opportunity for members and friends to give financial gifts to establish long-term ministry and mission support in ways that go beyond what was possible in the past. We anticipate completion of all necessary documents and materials this summer, so please stay tuned for more updates, including opportunities to connect and make gifts this fall! In the meantime, if you have questions or are interested in having an initial conversation about making a life-time or legacy gift to the St. John's Mission Endowment Fund, contact Dan Brown.



The Gratitude & Generosity Team

Small Group Ministry

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.



Yoga with Clarity

Lynn Coldren, Certified Yoga Instructor offers Yoga Classes.

Wednesday mornings and Friday mornings at 8:45am, for ages 15+.

You will need to bring your own mat and props. Class size is limited, so if you have any questions or are interested please email Lynn at l.coldren63@gmail.com.

The last session for this spring will be on May 23. Yoga will take a break for the summer and resume again in September.



Men's Monday Breakfast Small Group

Facilitator: Peter Gudel

(contact: pjgudel@gmail.com)

Meets: 3rd Monday of every month at 8:30 am.

Meets next May 19

Where: Perkins in Lakeville

Would you like to spend time chatting with old friends or get to know other men from St. John's? Gather with us at Perkins for fellowship and food.



"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

More Than Just Lunch will be heading to the **Arboretum on May 13th** for a day of taking in the beauty of the spring flowers especially the tulips. We can navigate the trails by car, walking or on the shuttle. The cost for entry is \$20 and the shuttle is \$8. Either way it can be very breathtaking. We will have lunch at the cafeteria and there will be time to stroll through the gift shop. **We will meet at church at 9:30.**

Caregiver Conversations Small Group

Facilitators: Dawn Gudel and Judy Strand

Meets: 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month from 2-4 pm **starting May 22nd**

Where: St. John's - Mark classroom

If you are a caregiver or someone who cares for a caregiver, Dawn and Judy invite you to join the Caregiver Conversations Small Group. This small group is a safe place to share your joys, concerns, struggles, questions, and wins with other caregivers or listen and be in the presence of those who understand. Our focus is on conversation and connection. The journey you are traveling is not an easy one, but you do not need to travel it alone. As singer Bill Withers sings "We all need somebody to lean on."

Dementia Caregivers Support Group

Facilitators: Pastor Kim Kylo & Ace Yang (of Highview Hills)

Meets: Once/month, 10 -11 am on the 2nd Thursday of each month; **meets next May 8**

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.

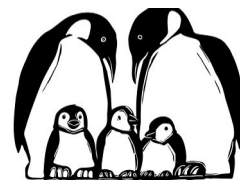
"Parenting Littles" Small Group:

Getting Our Families Ready for Summer!

Sunday, May 4, 9:30 am

"Mark" classroom

Parents and caregivers are invited to discuss and learn about how to step into the summer with intentionality this summer. We'll imagine what meaningful and practical ways we can apply our faith to the warm days of June, July and August, on the road or at home.



Parenting Littles

Grief Share Small Group

When: Wednesdays May 21st - August 13th, 6:30-8:00 pm

Who: Anyone who is grieving; whether your loss is recent or years ago, you are welcome. If you know someone who might benefit from the support of a grief group, please invite them and/or ask them to consider joining you at Grief Share.

Why: Because grief is hard, and it's a little less painful with support from good people. We believe that the more we learn to understand our grief, the better we can cope.

**We know summer can include travel; even if you'll miss a couple of weeks due to travel or other commitments, please feel free to sign up and participate in this small group anyway.*



Grief Share
Small Group

Paper Crafters Small Group

Facilitator: Jackie Knauf

Meets: 1st Thursday of every month at 9 am - 2pm

Meets next May 1

Where: St. John's

The Paper Crafters Small Group makes cards to send to congregation members.

Quilters Small Group

Facilitator: Ruth Weber

Meets: 2nd & 3rd Thursday of every month at 9am

Meets next May 8 & 15

Where: St. John's

The Quilters Small Group sews and assembles quilts to be donated.

Stitchers Small Group

Facilitator: Kathy Ziller

Meets: 4th Thursdays of every month at 9 am;

Meets next May 22

Where: St. John's

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

Mary Breakfast Bunch

Facilitator: Jackie Knauff

Meets: 1st Tuesday of every month at 8:30am

Meets next May 6

Where: Cracker Barrel, Lakeville

Mary Breakfast Bunch is a women's fellowship group open to all women.

Hannah Women's Study Small Group

Facilitator: Ruth Weber

Meets: 1st Wednesdays of every month at 9:30 am from September through June.

Meets next May 7

Where: St. John's

Women's Study is a fellowship group with treats, and open discussion open to all women.

Worship Helpers—and More Ways to Get Involved

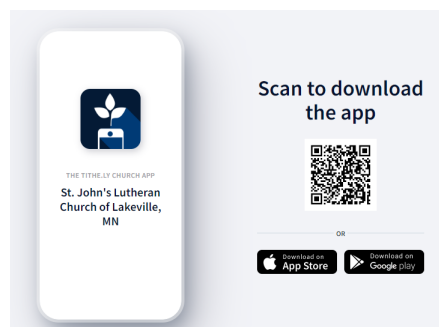
We are so thankful to have many volunteers to serve in worship and in other areas at St. John's. It takes many volunteers to support the worship services. Some of the roles available are: readers, communion assistants, ushers, worship coordinators, clickers and running the sound and livestream during worship. We need helpers in these areas weekly, all year around so you have many opportunities to serve!

Outside of worship times, volunteers are needed to assist as Vacation Bible School teachers and leaders, chaperones for youth trips, serving in-home communion, serving coffee on Sunday mornings, quilting, card making, and the list goes on.

Please consider how you can support worship and ministries at St. John's. Maybe you are willing to try something new. Please contact Candy in the church office (candy@sjlcl.org) and she will help you find the spot that works for you.

Download St. John's App

St. John's App is a great way to access information, give online, access weekly EBC and podcast resources, and more.



May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9am Paper Crafters 2pm Worship at Winsor Plaza 3pm Campus Properties team	2 8:45am Yoga With Clarity 6pm Helland Piano Recital	3
4 8:30am Worship/ Communion 9:30am Sunday School/ Fellowship 9:30 Parenting Littles 10:30am Worship/ Communion 6pm Pettis Piano Recital	5 7:15pm Worship Arts Team Meeting 7pm Scouts	6 8:30 Mary Breakfast Bunch 10:00am Staff Meeting	7 8:45am Yoga With Clarity 9:30 Hannah Women's Study 3pm Worship Planning 6:45pm Chancel Choir	8 9am Quilters 10am Dementia Care Givers Support Group	9 8:45am Yoga With Clarity	10
11 8:30am Worship/ Communion 9:30am Sunday School/ Fellowship 10:30am Worship/ Communion 1-4pm Doreen Enggren's 90th Birthday Celebration	12 7pm Scouts	13 8:30am Global Missions Team Meeting 9:30 More Than Just Lunch-Arboretum 10:00am Staff Meeting 7pm CYF Team Meeting	14 8:45am Yoga With Clarity 3pm Worship Planning 6:45pm Chancel Choir	15 9am Quilters 11am Worship at Kingsley Shores	16 8:45am Yoga With Clarity 5pm St Paul Area Synod Assembly	17 8am St Paul Area Synod Assembly 12-3 Together In Peace event at Casperson Park
18 LAST DAY SUNDAY SCHOOL 8:30am Worship/ Communion 9:30 Fellowship 10:30am Worship/ Communion 2pm Litchfield Piano Recital		20 10:00am Staff Meeting 6pm MFT Team Meeting	21 8:45am Yoga With Clarity 2pm Worship at HVH 3pm Worship Planning 6:30 Grief Share	22 9am Stitchers 2pm Coffee and Conversations at HVH 2pm Caregiver Conversations Small Group	23 8:45am Yoga With Clarity	24
25 SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS 8:30am Worship/ Communion 9:30am Fellowship 10:00am Worship/ Communion	26 MEMORIAL DAY Church office Closed 7pm Scouts	27 10:00am Staff Meeting 5:30 Gratitude and Generosity Meeting 6:30pm Council	28 3pm Worship Planning 6:30 Grief Share	29	30	31

Ministry Finance Team Report

The Ministry Finance Team presents this
**Financial Performance Report ("FPR") for
March 2025** to the Saint John's Lutheran Church
Congregation and Council.

General Fund Report

For March 2025:

- Offering revenue of \$49,653, 85% of the month's budget
 - General Fund revenue of \$52,280, 87% of the month's budget
 - General Fund expenses of \$45,889, 87% of the month's budget
- General Fund net operating performance was a gain for the month of \$6,391

Year to Date 2025:

- General Fund revenue \$141,661, 92% of the annual budget
 - General Fund expenses \$151,902, 96% of the annual budget
 - General Fund actual net performance vs. Budget is (negative) \$5,897 for 2025
- Net of receipts to expenses for all of 2025 is (negative) \$10,241

Comments & Observations:

The first 3 (three) months for financial results are in line with prior year trends, while showing less month-to-month volatility than 2022-2024 results. With Easter being "late" in April, March results were not directly comparable to March 2024.

Benevolence Fund Report

The Benevolence Fund is allocated 8% of total offering revenues and 100% of dedicated benevolence contributions. Benevolence Fund expenditures are made according to need and the amounts available from the Benevolence Fund.

For March 2025:

- Benevolence Fund allocations were \$4,317, 85% of budget
- Benevolence Fund contributions were \$1,979, 98% of budget

- Benevolence Fund distributions were \$5,360, 100% of budget

Year to Date 2025:

- Benevolence Inflows YTD are \$16,167
 - Benevolence Distributions YTD \$10,234
- Funds Awaiting Distribution: \$ 5,933

Comments and Observations

Funds Awaiting Distribution will be distributed to beneficiaries in the second quarter of 2025

Building Fund Report

For March 2025:

- Building Fund revenues were \$ 11,728
- Building Fund expenses were \$ 10,094

Building Fund Net is: \$ 1,634

Year to Date 2025:

- Building Fund Revenue YTD is \$ 27,790
- Building Fund expense YTD is \$ 30,295

Building Fund YTD net is: \$ (2,504)

Comments and Observations:

March Mortgage cash flow was positive for the first time in 2025, a good sign
Mortgage cash reserve maintained at approximately 8 months of mortgage monthly payments

If you have questions about how to give, contact the Church office and we'll get you all you need to support St. John's Lutheran Church. We encourage you to sign up for automated giving. There are many ways you can support St. John's financially, including:

- Contribute cash or by check when you worship at Church
- Drop off or mail your contributions at Church anytime the office is open
- Use the QR Code in the weekly bulletin
- Text "Give" to 218.210.7853

Go to the St. John's website at www.sjlcl.org, Click on "Give" at the upper right

- Gifts of stock, bonds, real estate, or other assets are gladly accepted

- Call Tyra at St. John's (612) 469-4916 for assistance with set-up or any gifting Questions

Ministry Finance Team Members and How to Get Finance Questions Answered

The members of the Ministry Finance Team are always available and willing to answer any financial related questions or provide information about the financial operations of St. John's. Contact the

Church office to be put in touch with a Ministry Finance Team member or if you see **Mark Gelle, Mike Sobota, Lisa Drogemuller, Andy Schultz, Mark Renze, Christopher Olson, Joe Stoddard, or Treasurer Barry Fick**, don't hesitate to talk with them for additional information. We thank you for your ongoing financial support and encourage you to remain faithful in your giving as the year continues and we all experience new challenges.

Notes from the Finance Office

Contribution Statements

Quarter 1 2025 contribution statements were emailed at the end of April. If you do not receive this email, please check your spam folder or call the office to update your email address. Please call or email Tyra (tyra@sjlcl.org) if you have any questions.

Choice Dollars:

Thank you to all members who directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. John's. In March and April, the church was blessed with Choice Dollars from many members. We greatly appreciate these gifts. If you have a Thrivent account, contact your Financial Advisor to see how you can direct your Choice Dollars to St. John's.

Pink Envelope Donations:

Pink Envelopes in May supports Loaves & Fishes. St. John's supports the Loaves & Fishes program at Easter Lutheran in Eagan. They serve meals Monday – Thursday 5:30 – 6:30. Contact Loaves and Fishes to see how you can volunteer too!

Tithe.ly - Did you know?

1. Has Auto-recurring giving.
2. Has the option to cover the credit card fees so St. John's receives 100% of your gift.

There are 4 ways to give with Tithe.ly.

- Give on the church website. Click on "Give"
- Give online - go to [Tithe.ly/Give](https://tithe.ly/Give).
- Give with the Tithe.ly App. Want to give to your church using the convenience of your smartphone? No problem! Download the Tithe.ly App from the [App Store](#) (iPhone) or [Google Play Store](#) (Android). Once you've downloaded the app, create an account or log in, locate your church and tap "Give Now" to complete your gift!
- Text to Give – 218-210-7853. On your smartphone send a text to this number and in the message type in "Text to Give". You will receive a link to set up text giving!

Contact Tyra (tyra@sjlcl.org) or 952-469-6322. She will be happy to help you get signed up with this online giving platform.

St. John's Prayer Chain Ministry

"Are you in need of prayer for yourself or for someone else? The St. John's Prayer Group would be happy to pray for you. Prayers can be requested by:

1. Calling the Church Office at (952) 469-4916
2. Emailing Stacy Stanek at [ssstanek06@gmail.com](mailto:sstanek06@gmail.com)



If you would like to be part of St. John's Prayer Chain, new members to this team are welcome.

You can participate on an email team or on a phone team. Please contact Candy in the church office at 952-469-4916, if you would like to join the prayer chain team.

Save the date for an adventure with Jesus!
June 16-19, 2025 from 9am-12pm
St. John's



[Register Here Now](#)

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