

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

THE WEEKLY WORD

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



MEDITATION

Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes are the doorway to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. As the crowds gather from around the region, Jesus sees their need and begins to bless His disciples in ways that are out of this world. It stands to reason because Jesus sees life on this side of heaven through a heavenly lens. His words of blessing give us a new perspective and allow us a glimpse into the world to come.

Each blessing overturns ordinary assumptions about who is blessed in the kingdom of heaven. Instead of blessings being born from positions of power, wealth, or status, Jesus blesses the poor in spirit, the mourners, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and those who are persecuted for righteousness. It's the great reversal. God takes those things that the world deems unworthy and fills them with power from His hand.

PRAYER

King Jesus, You who wear no crown of gold, but instead You wear a crown of thorns that shows Your humble suffering. We come before You with open hands and open hearts, asking only for Your blessing. May the blessings of Your Kingdom grow within us—softening pride, deepening compassion, and anchoring us in the peace that only You can give.

Pastor Snow

THIS WEEK

Monday - February 2

Men's Bible Study 6:30am
Monday Night Meal 5:15pm
AA 7:00pm

Tuesday - February 3

Trustees Meeting 6:30pm

Wednesday - February 4

Moms in the Word 9:30am
Messengers of Praise Rehearsal 7:00pm

Thursday - February 5

A Donut with My Darling 8:30am
Women's LifeLight Bible Study 9:30am
Ladies Aid Meeting 1:30pm
Board of Education Meeting 6:30pm

Friday - February 6

Middle School Activity Night 6:00pm
AA 6:30pm

Saturday - February 7

Trail Life Leader's Meeting 9:00am

Sunday - February 8

Worship 8:00/9:30/10:45am
Education Hour 9:30am



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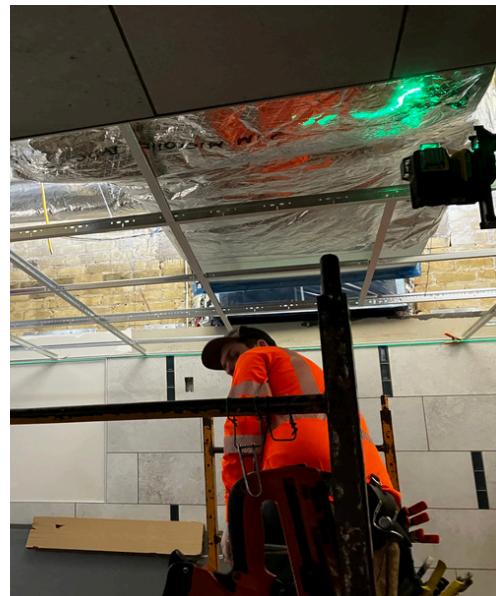
Construction Update



Scaffolding has been set up on the raised Chancel floor to repair and paint the plaster ceiling and varnish the woodwork. In the remainder of the Sanctuary, that work will be done from a lift instead of from scaffolding.



Electrical rough-in work is continuing in the A/V booth.



The grid for the suspended ceilings is being installed in the new Lower Level Restrooms and Fellowship Hall. The green laser light is used to insure that the grid is level.

Walk Thru the Bible: The Story Comes Alive

Last Saturday, January 24, we hosted Walk Thru the Bible at St. John's with 92 participants in attendance! Attendees enjoyed breakfast and fellowship, then took part in an engaging overview of the New Testament. They learned 40 hand signs as simple, memorable tools to guide them through key events and themes in Scripture. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make the morning a success!

We look forward to welcoming you back for our next January Seminar. Each year in January, we host a seminar with a variety of topics to engage many people and many generations as we learn more about life with Jesus.



Join Us for Youth Nights (Grades 7–12)

Youth Nights are starting up twice a month for all students in 7th–12th grade. We'll meet in the Youth Room from 6:00–8:00pm for devotions, group games, and snacks. We'd love to see you there!

Our first Youth Night is this Sunday, February 1st, 6:00–8:00pm in the Youth Room.

Questions? Please contact Justin Weber at justin.weber@stjohns-chaska.org

Lutheran Hour Broadcast on KGLB Radio

Hear the Good News of the Gospel on the Lutheran Hour each Sunday at 7:00am on KGLB 1310 AM and 96.1 FM Radio.

You will hear the following topic on Sunday, February 8th:

February 8, 2026 "Type C" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. In the Bible, the Holy Spirit meets us, gives us the mind of Christ, and leads us back into the world as children of God. 1 Corinthians 2:12

All-You-Can-Eat Beef & Sausage Dinner

You are invited to a long-standing community tradition! Join Guardian Angels for their All-You-Can-Eat Beef & Sausage Dinner on **Sunday, February 8, 2026**, from **10:30am to 1:00pm**.

The meal will be served at the Guardian Angels School Gym (enter at 217 W. 2nd St., Chaska) and is available for dine-in or take-out. Pricing is \$16 for adults and take-out meals, \$8 for children 12 and under, and \$6 per pound of homemade sausage.

Join Us for Education Hour | Sundays at 9:30 AM

Join us for Education Hour at 9:30 AM on Sundays at St. John's. There's something for every age!

- [Sunday School \(Age 1–6th Grade\)](#): Kids will learn Bible stories and grow in faith through age-appropriate lessons and activities.
- [High School Youth Bible Study](#): A place for high school students to connect, grow in faith, and build community together.
- [Adult Bible Study: "A Look Ahead"](#) (Room 205/Library). A weekly study that previews the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday and helps you dive deeper before worship.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 8:00/9:30/10:45am in the Gymnasium
(Livestream at the 8:00am Service)

Education Hour 9:30am

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:00am-4:30pm

Want to receive the Weekly Word and church communications by email?

Contact churchoffice@stjohns-chaska.org or call the church office.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to share your prayer requests by filling out the back of a Connect Card located on the information desks in the upper gathering and main level common areas or by going to www.stjohns-chaska.org and clicking on "How can we pray for you?" You can also contact the church office: email: churchoffice@stjohns-chaska.org. or by phone 952-448-2433

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2/1
Chris Ewing
Jenny McCarty
Steven O'Sell
Carol Willmsen
2/2
Barbara Frye
Rachel Leier
Bennett McGlothlin

2/3
David Burfield
Bradley Henke
Thomas Stanley
2/4
Nancy Bushard
Lori Heacock
Gary Herreid
Maren Keskey
Kalli Kloos
Jessica Sutherland

2/5
George Quist
Gordon Thomas
2/6
Kylie Herrmann
Scott McGlothlin
Roger Narkie
Molly Woltmann
2/7
Lance Kusske
Amanda Quist

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

Mary Swanson
Pastor Al Holthus
Tracy Koepsell

JoAnn Schesso
Barb Frey
Patti Oelfke
Allan Panning

Janet Macenthun
Joel Landskroener
Jolene Berg

EXPECTANT MOMS



Brittany Thormodson
Brenda Simpson
Izzy King
Nicole Stockey
Kourtney Vipond

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The birth of a son, Otto James, to Josh and Amy Peterson.

IN SYMPATHY

The family of Betty Shimmin, upon her passing.

The family of Deb McLean upon the passing of her mom, Marlene Isaacson.

ONGOING PRAYERS

Carol Affeldt
John Barney
Merlin Bentz
Jack Boman
Jimann Campbell
Julie Carver

Marguerite Craighead
Sunnie Deis
Anita Doss
Sid & Merna Fjelstad
Dennis Gaarder
Ruth Harms

Eugene Henke
Carol Jones
Len Kallsen
Tim & Gretchen Laubach
Marilyn Lenzen
Melinda Meuwissen

Steve Pond
Austin Rannow
Val Schlefsky
Cliff Waller
Ruth Ziegler