

JANUARY 25, 2026

THE WEEKLY WORD

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



MEDITATION

Psalm 98:1-9

There was a song a number of years ago with the title, "Don't worry, be happy." While that's a great thought, leaving the worries of this world behind is easier said than done. Often, the cares of this world outweigh our happiness. Happiness is situational, circumstantial, and temporary at best.

As Christians, we are to be filled with the "Joy of the Lord". Joy is so much more than just being happy. Jesus is the source of our true and lasting joy. Through Him, we have every reason to celebrate - His creation, in our worship, and in service to those whom God places along our path. Because of Christ's ultimate sacrifice, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross (Hebrews 12:2), we have the joy of our salvation.

PRAYER

Dearest Jesus, You are the sinless Lamb of God. You alone are perfect and blameless, yet You willingly came into our dark world of sin. Though we have tried to carry the weight of our sin, it is too heavy, and we collapse under its weight. We thank You for the joy You died to bring. By Your death and resurrection, You grant us our salvation. You are where our true joy is found. Bless us today and be our Joy.

Pastor Snow

THIS WEEK

Monday - January 26

Men's Bible Study 6:30am

Monday Night Meal 5:15pm

AA 7:00pm

Wednesday - January 28

Moms in the Word 9:30am

Messengers of Praise Rehearsal 7:00pm

Thursday - January 29

Women's LifeLight Bible Study 9:30am

Trail Life Troop Meeting 6:30pm

Friday - January 30

AA 6:30pm

Sunday - February 1

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

Education Hour 9:30am

Youth Night 6:00pm



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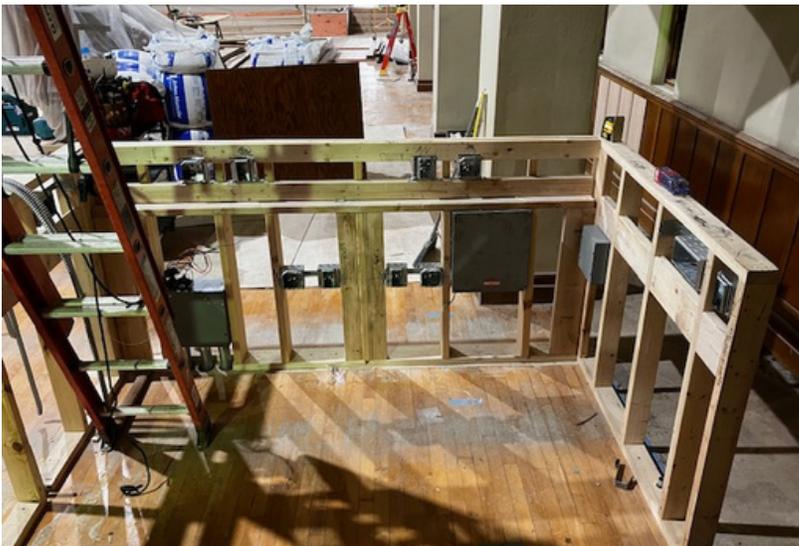
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Construction Update



The painting contractor is priming the new plaster and gypsum board and applying the first coat of finish paint in the Fellowship Hall.



A variety of electrical boxes have been installed in the new A/V booth. From here, the tech team can control sound, lighting, projection, live stream, cameras, bells, and ceiling fans.



A group of St. John's volunteers removed deteriorated plaster from two closets that were not included in the contractor's work, to save cost. Volunteers will also install the gypsum board and paint it. This closet is used by the Ladies Aid.

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 6:00–8:00 PM for devotions, group games, and snacks. We'd love to see you there!

Our first Youth Night is Sunday, February 1st, 6:00–8:00 PM 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 1st:

February 1, 2026 "Rotten Tomatoes" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.

Boasting gone wrong—it's the rotten fruit of rightful praise. It happens when we forget that everything we have is a gift, even the things we think we've earned and deserved. 1 Corinthians 1: 30-31



Support Families Moving Forward

His House Foundation (HHF) relaunched the Families Moving Forward program to assist local families transitioning out of housing crises. You can help by purchasing urgently needed items through their Amazon Wish List, which can be shipped directly to the program. Your gift of sheets, towels, cookware, or other basics will directly support families as they move toward permanent housing. **Scan the QR code on the left to view the list.**

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

1/25

Crystal Beussman
Erik Johnson
Fred Poppler

1/26

Paul Handberg
Catherine Raether

1/27

Rebecca Wetzel

1/28

Linda DeRocher
Kaylee Koepsell
Caleb Kulzer
Amy Peterson
Paityn Wolter

1/29

Jana Beckendorf
LeeAnn O'Sell
Ruby Paulson
Gretchen Smith

1/30

Emilia Olson

1/31

Gayle Degler

EXPECTANT MOMS

Brittany Thormodson
Brenda Simpson
Izzy King
Nicole Stockey
Kourtney Vipond
Amy Peterson



FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

Pastor Al Holthus
Tracy Koepsell
Wayne Peterson
Betty Shimmin

JoAnn Schesso
Barb Frey
Patti Oelfke

Allan Panning
Janet Macenthun
Joel Landskroener
Jolene Berg

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

1/29 Mark and Taylor Struble

IN SYMPATHY

Hunter and Catherine Muckelbust, upon the passing of their son, Harvey.

The family of Gina Niesche, upon her passing.

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