

MARCH 1, 2026

THE WEEKLY WORD

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



MEDITATION

Genesis 12:1-9

Our journey through the season of Lent is no walk in the park. It takes dedication, commitment, and self-reflection, but it's important that we remember that we do not walk alone. God gives us His promise that He goes before us. God also gives us the perfect companion in the person of Abram. He's a man called from nowhere to a place of honor. He goes from being outside of God's promise to becoming the actual vehicle through whom the promise is delivered.

When God called Abram to "go", he went. He didn't know where he was going or how long it would take him to get there. So how would Abram know when he had arrived? There was no GPS, no turn by turn navigation. The only direction Abram was given for this journey was the Word of God, a promise, and an extra measure of faith.

God invites us along for the journey as He connects us to Himself in Holy Baptism. In baptism, God creates a living faith, and it is faith that assures us that we are children of Abraham and children of the same promise. In faith, we journey to the place where God's final word for sin is put on Jesus' lips on the cross, and then the first word for our new resurrected life comes from our Savior Jesus' lips after His resurrection. We are on this journey in Lent with Abram, and we are learning to trust in God's Word even when we do not know precisely where it will lead us in life.

PRAYER

Gracious Lord, we come before You with open hands and uncertain hearts. The road ahead is not always clear, and sometimes we cannot see where You are leading us. Give us faith to trust that You know the way and that You are already there. When we do not understand Your direction, help us to follow You and the promise of life everlasting for those who believe in You. In the precious name of Jesus, Amen.

Pastor Snow

THIS WEEK

Monday - March 2

Men's Bible Study 6:30am

Monday Night Meal 5:15pm

AA 7:00pm

Tuesday - March 3

Trustees Meeting 6:30pm

Wednesday - March 4

Moms in the Word 9:30am

Midweek Lenten Worship 4:15/6:30pm

Thursday - March 5

Women's LifeLight Bible Study 9:30am

Ladies Aid Meeting 1:30pm

Board of Education Meeting 6:30pm

Trail Life Troop Meeting 6:30pm

Friday - March 6

AA 6:30pm

Saturday - March 7

Bible and Bacon Men's Bible Study 6:30pm

Trail Life Leader's Meeting 9:00am

Sunday - March 8

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

Education Hour 9:30am



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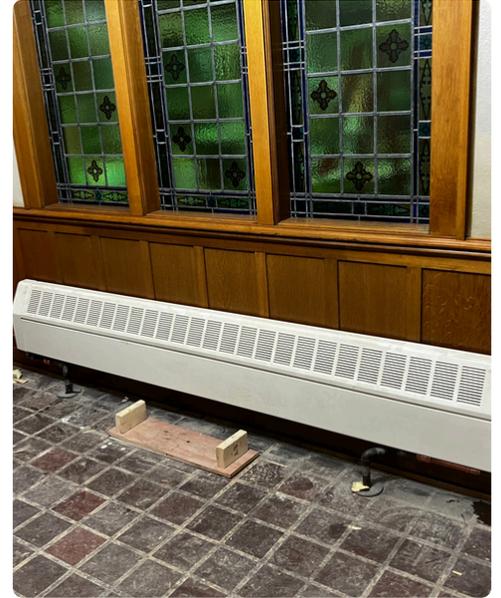
Construction Update



Painting of the Fellowship Hall is complete. The floor is currently being prepared for laying the carpet. Two of the five new pendant light fixtures have been installed in the coffers.



Finish carpenters are installing oak nosings, risers, and skirt boards on the new Balcony stair. The treads will have inset pieces of walk-off mat carpet.



All of the damaged or missing panels in the wainscoting have been replaced with new oak panels. In this location, the old iron grille between the Narthex and Sanctuary has been removed and the opening filled in.

High School Service Opportunity: Monday Night Meal

High school students are invited to serve our community by helping prepare meals for the Monday Night Meal. **Questions? Contact justin.weber@stjohns-chaska.org.**

Volunteer Dates & Times:

Saturday, March 14 | 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Sunday, March 15 | 1:00–5:00 PM

Scan the QR
to sign up!



Join us for Lenten Family Faith Night

Join us for Lenten Family Faith Night on **Sunday, March 22 from 5:00–7:00 PM** in the gym. This special intergenerational event will begin with a pizza dinner and continue with a guided, hands-on Holy Week project designed to help prepare our hearts for Easter. Participants will create a meaningful take-home centerpiece and receive devotional resources to use throughout Holy Week. All ages and life stages are welcome.

Scan the QR to the left for more info and to register!

Ladies Aid Scholarship Program

St. John's Lutheran Chaska Ladies Aid is offering scholarships for members preparing for full-time church work at a LCMS Concordia Lutheran University. The scholarship is renewable for up to four years at \$250 per year (\$1,000 maximum). Applications for the 2026–2027 school year are due by April 1, 2026. **Scan the QR code to learn more and apply.**



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

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

- **Sunday School (Age 1–6th Grade):** Bible stories and age-appropriate faith-building activities
- **High School Bible Study:** Grow in faith and community
- **Adult Bible Study (“A Look Ahead,” Room 205/Library):** Preview the upcoming Sunday's readings



Join Us for Lenten Worship

Wednesdays at 4:15 & 6:30 PM through March 25

This Lenten season, we reflect on Jesus as our **Savior, Servant, and Friend**. Through His sacrifice and victory over death, we are reminded of His love and grace. Each service highlights a different aspect of who He is and what it means for us as His followers.

March 4th: Jesus, Our Healer

Jesus heals us when we are wounded and weakened by sin.

Please note: No Lenten meals will be served this year due to the ongoing renovation.

HOLY WEEK *at* ST. JOHN'S

PALM SUNDAY | March 29
8:00 • 9:30 • 10:45 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY | April 2
4:15 • 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY | April 3
10:00 AM • 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY | April 5 • 7:00 • 8:30 • 10:00 AM

Watch services live at stjohnschaska.org

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

3/1

Sid Fjelstad
Ryan Roepke

3/2

Scott King-Ellison
Shirlee Landskroener

3/3

Kerrigan Groboski

3/4

Tim Laubach
Chance Panning

David Peters

3/5

Ashley Lenz
Carl Maschke
Cheri Schneider

3/6

Lara Groboski
Josie Watry

3/7

Tamara Dial
Oliver Polley
Laura Simpson



EXPECTANT MOMS

Clara Crawley-Reid
Brittany Thormodson
Brenda Simpson
Izzy King
Nicole Stockey
Kourtney Vipond

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

Sandra Lovan

Lois Wenz

Steve Lenzen

Nancy Van Sloun

Shelley Bartizal

Mary Swanson

Pastor Al Holthus

JoAnn Schesso

Patti Oelfke

Allan Panning

Janet Macenthun

Jolene Berg

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

Cliff Waller

Ruth Ziegler