

MARCH 8, 2026

# THE WEEKLY WORD

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



## MEDITATION

John 4:5-26

Before we had modern plumbing, many old farmhouses depended on hauling water from a hand pump or nearby well. Imagine what it must have been like the day when running water was finally piped into those homes! After years of carrying heavy buckets, you could just turn on the faucet and get clear water flowing instantly. Long walks and exhausting labor were no longer necessary to get life-giving water right where it's needed.

In John 4, when Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well, we see Jesus keeping a divine appointment at just the right time. As she comes to draw water in the heat of the day, Jesus speaks about "living water." At first she thinks He means a better source of physical water, such as something that would spare her the daily trip to the well. But the living water that Jesus is pointing to is much deeper. It is the spiritual life and renewal that comes from God. The Living Water from the hands of our Savior brings salvation to sinful people.

The gift of the "water" that Jesus offers isn't limited by our background, status, or past mistakes. Like the new pipes bringing water into an old house, His grace flows into places that once felt dry or worn out. Where people struggle to satisfy their deepest thirst on their own, Jesus promises a spring of living water within them. Jesus is an Ongoing Source of hope, forgiveness, and New Life that never runs dry.

## PRAYER

Lord Jesus, You are the Living Water. We often try to meet our needs through our own effort. Our hearts grow tired and thirsty as we search for peace, purpose, and forgiveness. Thank You for Your promise to deliver something much greater: living water that flows freely and never runs dry. May Your love refresh our souls and overflow into the lives of others, so that those around us may also come to know the life that You died to bring. Amen.

**Pastor Snow**

## THIS WEEK

**Monday - March 9**

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

**Tuesday - March 10**

Elders Meeting 6:30pm  
Mary Martha Guild Meeting 6:30pm

**Wednesday - March 11**

Moms in the Word 9:30am  
Lenten Midweek Worship 4:15/6:30pm  
Messengers of Praise Rehearsal 7:15pm

**Thursday - March 12**

Women's LifeLight Bible Study 9:30am

**Friday - March 13**

AA 6:30pm

**Sunday - March 15**

Worship 8:00/9:30/10:45am  
Education Hour 9:30am  
Youth Night 6:00pm



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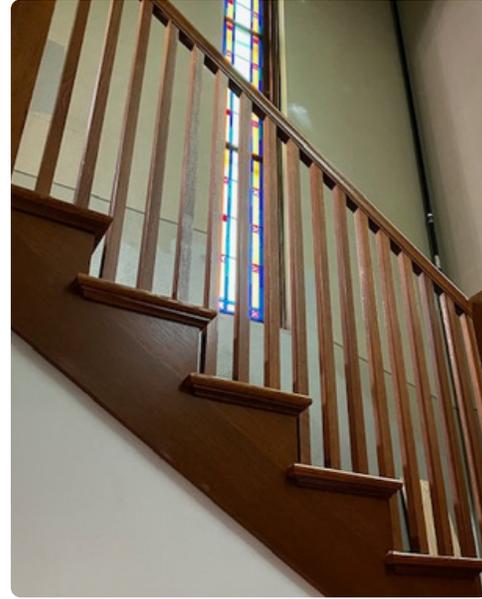
# Construction Update



The carpet is being installed in the Fellowship Hall and some adjacent spaces in the basement.



Workers have started sanding the wood flooring in the Sanctuary. Painting of the Sanctuary walls and ceiling is complete, as is most of the varnishing of the woodwork.



Work is continuing on the new stair up to the balcony. The design of the woodwork matches the original stairs as closely as possible.

## High School Service Opportunity: Monday Night Meal

All high school students are invited to join in serving our community by helping prepare meals for the Monday Night Meal. **Questions? Contact [justin.weber@stjohns-chaska.org](mailto: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 code  
to sign up!



**LENTEN FAMILY FAITH NIGHT**

Join us for an intergenerational evening that will help prepare us for Holy Week!

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00-7:00 PM**

- in St. John's gym
- Dinner included!

Scan the QR code for more info and to register!

## Daylight Saving Time Begins March 8th

Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, March 8. Remember to set your **clocks ahead one hour** before going to bed on Saturday night!

## Easter Flower Donations

Help celebrate Christ's resurrection by donating toward **Easter flowers (\$18 suggested per plant)**. Fill out the envelopes at the Welcome or Bulletin Counter and return with cash or a check payable to St. John's **by Sunday, March 22**. Plants may be picked up Tuesday, April 7 from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM in the Main Church Commons by those who donated.

**St. Johns**  
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**SPRING FUNDRAISER**  
February 26th - April 2nd

Scan the QR code for information on how to place your order!

**Gertens FUNDRAISING**

*Circles of Love*

MARY MARTHA GUILD  
LADIES LUNCHEON

**Saturday, April 25, 2026, 11:30 AM**  
St. John's Lutheran Church, Chaska

**Reserve Your Spot**  
Tickets: \$20  
Call Karen: 952-448-4875 or  
Email: [mmg@stjohns-chaska.org](mailto:mmg@stjohns-chaska.org)

**Event Highlights**

- Music by Allen Carlson
- Salad bar lunch
- Beautiful themed tables

This Week's Focus:  
**"JESUS, OUR ENCOURAGER"**  
Wednesday, March 11th

SAVIOR  
SERVANT  
FRIEND

SERVICES  
WEDNESDAYS  
AT 4:15 & 6:30 PM

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**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 11th: Jesus, Our Encourager**  
Jesus encourages us in our faith to live our lives for Him.

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**      **MAUNDY THURSDAY | April 2**      **GOOD FRIDAY | April 3**  
8:00 • 9:30 • 10:45 AM      4:15 • 7:00 PM      10:00 AM • 7:00 PM

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

Watch services live at [stjohnschaska.org](http://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](mailto: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.stjohnschaska.org](http://www.stjohnschaska.org) and clicking on "Prayer Request" under "Resources". You can also contact the church office: email: [churchoffice@stjohnschaska.org](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnschaska.org) or by phone 952-448-2433

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3/8

Hayden Kloos  
Heidi Krampitz  
Alex Robb

3/9

Kyia Hildebrandt  
Stephanie Wiegert

3/10

Marguerite Craighead  
Preston Keskey  
Timothy Shanahan  
Sandra Wittenberg

3/11

Benjamin Barry  
Melissa Dubbe  
Nancy Kemnitz  
Philip Mosley  
Luke Puza

3/12

Christine Bates  
Reid Bode  
Rachel Hubley  
Misty Reisner  
Kimberly Siegle

3/13

Ethan Bachmann  
Loretta Edwards  
Norm Glock

3/14

Mary Griffin  
Ryan Ische  
Logan Messer  
Elsa Mierow  
John Stuewe  
Holly Walters



### EXPECTANT MOMS

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

### FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

Brody Miller  
Tim Laubach  
Sandra Lovan

Lois Wenz  
Steve Lenzen  
Mary Swanson

Pastor Al Holthus  
Allan Panning  
Jolene Berg

### CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

3/9 - Larry and Gretchen Smith  
3/14 - Joseph and Christine Dysterheft

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The birth of a son, Henry Joseph, to Phillip and Nicole Stockey.

### IN SYMPATHY

Gayle Degler and family, upon the passing of his nephew, Donnie Briley.

The family of Ryan Davis, upon his 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  
Tracy Koepsell  
Gretchen Laubach  
Marilyn Lenzen

Melinda Meuwissen  
Steve Pond  
Cliff Waller  
Ruth Ziegler