

APRIL 19, 2026

# THE WEEKLY WORD

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



## MEDITATION

Luke 24:13-35

We have all received news that is so good, so amazing, that we simply cannot keep it to ourselves. We have to pick up the phone and call or text someone, we have to share this news with everyone in the office, we have to tell anyone who will listen, this new, exciting news. We do this because we want them to know what we know and be excited just like we are excited. Today, we follow two men on a journey to Emmaus from Jerusalem when they are joined by an unknown third man, later revealed to be Jesus.

And on this walk, Jesus does something interesting, He does not simply reveal Himself, at least not right away. Instead, what we find is that He takes them on a Bible study starting right at the very beginning of the Bible with one purpose, to show that all of scripture points not only to Him, but to the great plans God put into place to save the world. It is only later, after this Bible study, that Jesus finally reveals Himself to them as they prepare to eat.

What is so amazing is that we have this same Bible today, we have the words which Jesus spoke to the disciples today. When Jesus wanted to reveal Himself to these men, He began by taking them into the Word and having the Word first point to not only Himself, but God's great plan. As we seek Jesus today, we begin in the Word and see that Jesus is at the center of it all.

And when Jesus finally revealed Himself to these men, what did they do? They left where they were staying and, in the darkness, went back to Jerusalem to share this news with the other disciples. And the same is true for us. We do not simply let this good news stay with us, instead we are led to go and tell others that they too may share in our joy.

## PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank You for sending us Your Word where You speak to us about Your great plan of salvation. Help us to bring this Word and hope with others, that they too may share with us in the joy of the resurrection. Amen

**Pastor Barry**

## THIS WEEK

**Monday - April 20**

Men's Bible Study 6:30am

Monday Night Meal 5:15pm

AA 7:00pm

**Tuesday - April 21**

Executive Council Meeting 6:30pm

**Wednesday - April 22**

Moms in the Word 9:30am

**Thursday - April 23**

Women's LifeLight Bible Study 9:30am

**Friday - April 24**

AA 6:30pm

**Saturday - April 25**

Circles of Love Luncheon 11:30am

**Sunday - April 26**

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

Education Hour 9:30am

Youth Night 6:00pm



THE WEEKLY WORD

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## Construction Update



The non-speaking facade organ pipes have been restored by Obermeyer Organ Company, a smaller local organ company. They removed the dents from the pipes, repainted and reinstalled them.



The refinished pews have been returned. A crew from R. F. Wolfgang is reassembling and installing them. The previous finish was completely removed by planing and sanding.



The audio/visual equipment for the Sanctuary has been installed in this A/V rack, which will be located in a closet in the Fellowship Hall. This equipment will be controlled by the tech team using computers and other equipment in the A/V booth immediately above it.

## RAISING CHRISTIANS IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

A 6-Week Parent Bible Study  
Sundays | April 12 – May 17  
9:30 – 10:30 AM | Room B02



Scan for details & to sign up!



# Next Gen NIGHT

05.03.2026  
5:00-8:00PM



Scan to Register!

5<sup>TH</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

St. John's Lutheran Church - Chaska, MN  
justin.weber@stjohns-chaska.org

## 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

**Event Highlights**


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

## St. John's Softball Team Leader Needed

Chad Reisner is stepping down, and we're looking for a new leader for St. John's softball.

Co-ed Softball • Ages 16+ • All skill levels  
Mondays • June–mid August • Chaska Rec Park

Interested? Contact the Church Office or Chad Reisner (cmreisner@gmail.com/763-442-7734)



## HELP OUT WITH SUMMER COFFEE HOUR

Love the coffee, lemonade, and donuts at Summer Coffee Hour?

Scan the QR code to learn more and sign up to help!




St. John's & Christ Victorious invite you to

## Family Faith Nights

Intergenerational summer evenings full of faith, food, and fun!

Wednesdays | 5:30–7:00 PM

St. Johns LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL  
CHRIST VICTORIOUS  
ANOTHER CHURCH TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN

June 10, July 8, & August 5  
June 24, July 22, & August 19

SCAN FOR MORE DETAILS




### 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

We would love to pray for you. You may share your prayer requests by filling out the back of a Connect Card located on the information desks in the upper gathering area and main level common areas, or by visiting [www.stjohnschaska.org](http://www.stjohnschaska.org) and clicking "Prayer Request" under "Resources." You are also welcome to contact the church office by email at [churchoffice@stjohns-chaska.org](mailto:churchoffice@stjohns-chaska.org) or by phone at 952-448-2433.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

4/19

Alan Bates  
Steve Ische  
Cheryl Kullish  
Marcus Simpson

4/21

Charlie Bahl  
Owen Bahl

4/24

Sandra Beulke  
Lori Dahms  
Kristen Kuznia  
Anja Lizardo  
Nolan Wiegert

4/22

John Gates  
David Hagen  
Darren Jeurissen  
David Ladner  
Everett Peterson

4/25

Mike DuToit  
Jack Hendrickson  
Caleb Lainhart  
Karson Robb

4/20

Caleb Henderson  
Deanne Hofer  
Donnamae Kubes  
Tracy Schwardt

## FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

Rick Ellingson  
Jenna Anderson  
Roger Forner  
Mary Snorek  
Angeline Rannow

Ruth Anderson  
Elizabeth Wysocki  
Emily Pagelkopf  
Stephen Wetzel  
Anne Dutcher

Brody Miller  
Tim Laubach  
Lois Wenz  
Pastor Al Holthus



## EXPECTANT MOMS

Christina Krueger  
Clara Crawley-Reid  
Brittany Thormodson  
Brenda Simpson

## IN THANKSGIVING

The birth of a son, Reid Richard Vipond,  
to Jacob and Kourtney Vipond.

## CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

4/19 - Allen and Mary Giernett  
4/22 - Kathryn Dederichs and Phillip Mann  
4/24 - Erik and Kristin Johnson

## 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