

APRIL 26, 2026

# THE WEEKLY WORD

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



## MEDITATION

John 10:1-10

As many of you are well aware, I had the privilege of shepherding a tour group to both Greece and Italy. We followed the footsteps of the Apostle Paul and discovered biblical places like Philippi, Thessalonica, Corinth, Athens and Rome. Sometimes I led the group from the front in order to guide and give direction. At other times I led from the back in an attempt to keep the group together. Either way, shepherding is not for the faint of heart.

This week, Saint John the Evangelist gives us a glimpse into the heart of The Good Shepherd. As Jesus speaks to those in His care, He uses the familiar image of a shepherd and his sheep. There is a deep connection between the shepherd and his flock. The shepherd has the distinct responsibility to guide and protect those under his care. Being a shepherd is not for the faint of heart because sheep often wander and find themselves lost and alone because they are easily distracted.

The heart of Christ beats for each of us. We wander and stray, failing to see the danger of being alone. We would be easy prey if it weren't for the sacrifice of Jesus who is willing to lay down His life for us. The voice of the Good Shepherd cuts through the darkness when He says, "I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep."

## PRAYER

Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son as our Good Shepherd to guide and protect us. He laid down His life for us because we easily wander, stray, and find ourselves lost and alone. Open our ears to hear Your voice and bring us back to the safety of Your arms. Make our heart beat for Yours alone. Amen

**Pastor Snow**

## THIS WEEK

**Sunday - April 26**

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

Education Hour 9:30am

7-12th Grade Youth Night 6:00pm

**Monday - April 27**

Men's Bible Study 6:30am

Monday Night Meal 5:15pm

AA 7:00pm

**Wednesday - April 29**

Moms in the Word 9:30am

Messengers of Praise Rehearsal 7:00pm

**Thursday - April 30**

Women's LifeLight Bible Study 9:30am

Trail Life Troop Meeting 6:30pm

**Friday - May 1**

AA 6:30pm

**Saturday - May 2**

Christmas in May 7:00am

**Sunday - May 3**

Worship in Gym 8:00 & 9:30am

Education Hour 9:30am

Family Choir Practice 10:00am

Confirmation Service 11:00am

5-6th Grade Next Gen Night 5:00pm

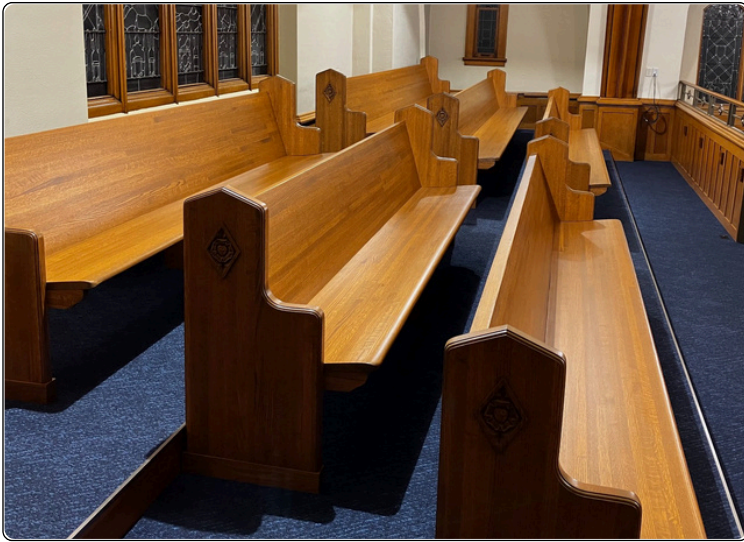


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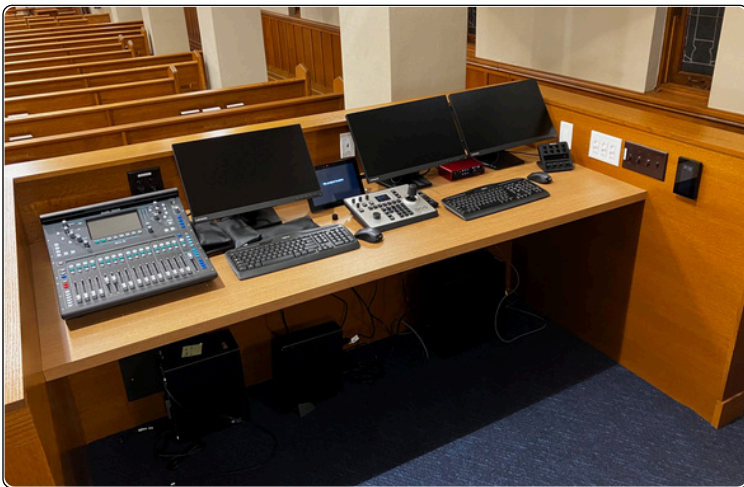
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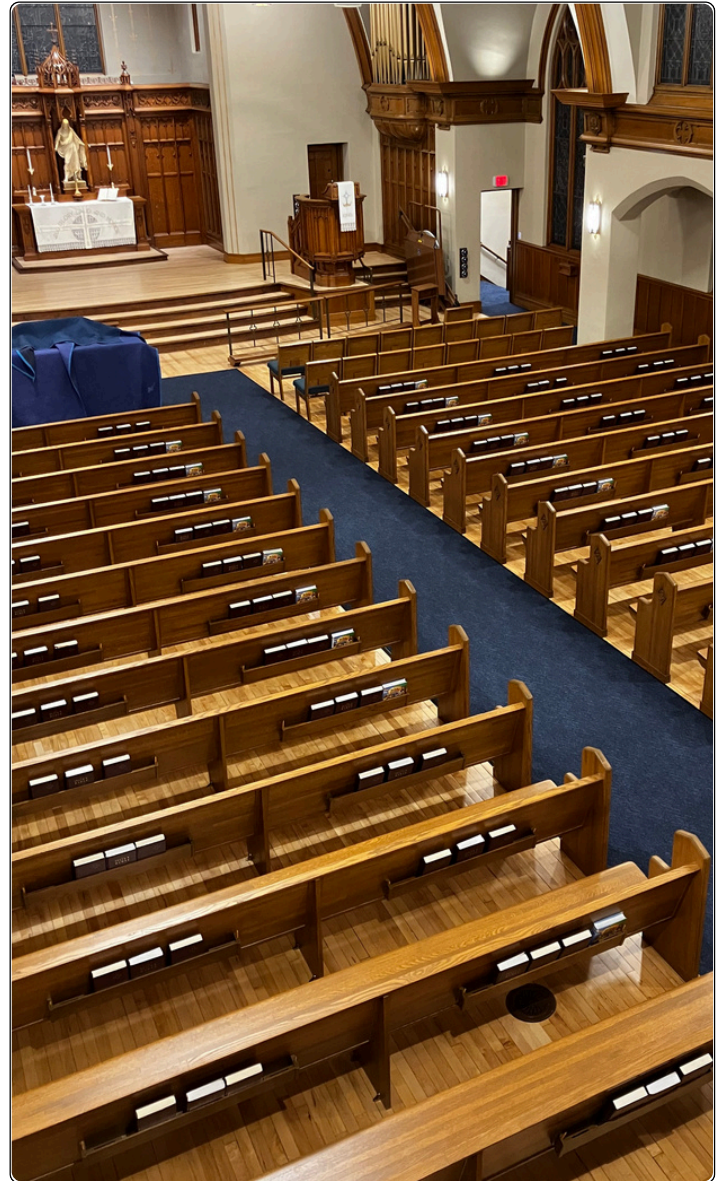
## Construction Update



There were never enough of our current pews to install any in the balcony. But now that we are using pew chairs for some of our main level seating, we can fill the balcony with pews.



Members of our tech team have been working with our audio/visual contractor to coordinate installation of the control equipment for our new A/V system.



The installation of the refinished pews has been completed. The team from Berghaus Organ continues to work on the new organ, installing wiring, electrical components, and the remaining pipes.

## Announcements

### Trustees Spring Clean-Up

The Trustees invite you to help care for the church grounds at Spring Clean-Up on **Saturday, May 2**, beginning at 8:00 AM. Come when you're available and lend a hand as you're able. Questions? Contact Joe Oliver at [joliver8@gmail.com](mailto:joliver8@gmail.com) or 701-640-0157.

# 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

JOIN US FOR OUR

# Sanctuary

RE-DEDICATION

Sunday, May 17 | 8:00 · 9:30 · 10:45 AM  
Scan the QR code for full details



## Christmas in May

Join us for Chaska's annual Christmas in May

**Saturday, May 2 starting at 7:00 AM in St. John's Gym**



Scan for more info!



christmasinmaychaska.org

## Mary Martha Guild Card Corner



Stop by the card display on the main level behind the Welcome Counter

Cards for many occasions are available for **\$1 each**

Proceeds help support various charities



## 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

June 10, July 8, & August 5

**CHRIST VICTORIOUS**  
ANOTHER CHURCH TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN

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

**4/26**

Ryan Bergo  
Faith Vosika

**4/27**

Bailey Clemensen  
Loretta Folkerts  
Brigitta Groboski  
Kris Hanson  
Anna Peterson

**4/28**

Josh Eickhoff  
Abigail Moldenhauer  
Cathy Siedelman

**4/29**

Catherine Guth Gray

**4/30**

Lucia Angell  
Stone Scheidt

**5/1**

Randy Litfin  
Stella Medvedev  
Ethan Messenger  
Jessica Nelson

**5/1**

Donna Olson  
Roxanne Pauling  
Katie Rolf  
Liam Siegle  
Steven Vance  
Josh Wille

**5/2**

Jenna Anderson  
Richard Daniel  
Rog Forner  
Eugene Henke  
Sweetlin Richard  
Shawn Swanson

## 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  
Pastor Al Holthus



## EXPECTANT MOMS

Christina Krueger  
Clara Crawley-Reid  
Brittany Thormodson

## IN THANKSGIVING

The birth of a daughter, Hannah Grace, to  
Brenda and Marcus Simpson

## CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

4/26 - Brad and Carol Willmsen  
4/27 - Joe and Kelsey Steinert  
4/29 - Scott and Madeline King-Ellison  
4/30 - Dan and Lynn Hennen  
5/1 - Dick and Bonnie Schaefer  
5/2 - Mark and Pam Asmus  
5/2 - Steven and Sandra Hakel

## 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  
Lois Wenz  
Ruth Ziegler