

Weekly

# HAPPENINGS

March 8, 2026

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Purpose: Joyfully taking God's love into the world!*

## Easter Volunteers Needed

Easter and Christmas are two times of the year that our church has the opportunity to welcome many visitors alongside our members & regular attendees. Some are traveling a long way to visit their families, others may be looking for a permanent place of worship, while some may be stopping in for a service to experience church for the very first time.

***Without the help of generous volunteers, major church events like Easter and Christmas services wouldn't happen!***

April 5(Easter Sunday)	<u>SANCTUARY:</u> 6:30AM SUNRISE SERVICE 8:00AM WORSHIP <u>FAITH &amp; LIFE CENTER</u> 9:30AM WORSHIP 11:00AM WORSHIP
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**6:30am:** Communion Servers - need 2; Greeters - need 2; Ushers - need 2

**8:00am:** Greeters - need 3; Ushers - need 4; Welcome Center Host - need 1

**9:30am:** Communion Servers - need 9; Greeters - need 5; Ushers - need 6; Welcome Center Host - need 1

**11:00am:** Communion Servers - need 9; Greeters - need 5; Ushers - need 6; Welcome Center Host - need 1

*If you will be worshipping at St. John on Easter morning, would you be willing to also serve? **Sign up on poster at the Welcome Center table!***

## Welcome to ALL!

Please let us know any questions you may have or anything we can do for you. Our volunteers are ready to help!

Pastor Brian Julin-McCleary would love to meet up, in person or otherwise, and share more about St. John, chat about the Gospel or whatever else might be on your mind. He can be reached at 319-888-3814 or [PastorBrian@stjohncf.org](mailto:PastorBrian@stjohncf.org).

**RESTROOMS** are located on the main level near the Sanctuary.

**HEARING ASSIST DEVICES** are available for **both** worship spaces. Go to an usher or the soundboard for assistance.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Contact the church office or complete the form on the website found on the Membership page. A "Welcome to St. John" series is held each fall.

**CHILDREN** are welcome in worship. Our nursery is located near the F&LC and available for you to use with infants/toddlers under 3.

**WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVE-STREAMED ON FACEBOOK**

**@STJOHNCF** OR watch CFU Channel 18 on Sundays, 7:30am or Wednesdays, 6pm (replay 10am service previous week)

WIFI Password: connectcaresharegrow

## For Information

- Online: [www.stjohncf.org](http://www.stjohncf.org)
- Call the office: 319-268-0165
- Follow us on Facebook: [stjohncf](https://www.facebook.com/stjohncf)
- WIFI:** [connectcaresharegrow](https://www.facebook.com/connectcaresharegrow)



**RECONCILING in CHRIST**

*Wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here in the name of Jesus Christ. We celebrate that each person is loved by God. We affirm the gifts of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression, and are committed to working for racial equity. Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church!*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

See the website for a complete listing of building use dates/times.

### Monday, March 9

8am Do-Day Quilters (Fellowship Hall)  
6pm FRT Mtg. (Library)

### Tuesday, March 10

10am Ladies Bible Study (Library)  
6pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### Wednesday, March 11

7am Walking Wednesday @ Big Woods/south lot  
5pm **Meal: Chicken Wild Rice Soup & Chicken Noodle Soup**  
5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal (Rm. 310)  
6pm **Lenten Worship (Faith & Life Center)**

### Thursday, March 12

7:30am Men's Bible Study (Library)  
3:30pm Bible Study (Library)  
6:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal (F&LC)

### Sunday, March 15

8am & 10am Worship Services  
SJLC provides Communion Assistance @ NewAldaya  
NO Confirmation or Sunday School  
9am Perennials Bible Study (Library)

**LeChristopher's**  
**SOUTHERN CUISINE**  
*is coming back!*  
March 8th  
Carpool leaves SJLC 11:45am  
SECOND SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH  
**Jubilee UMC Freedom Center**  
STARTING AT 12 P.M.  
\$20 PER PLATE  
CONTAGIOUS HOSPITALITY.  
RESTAURANT-STYLE AMBIANCE  
JAZZ BACKGROUND MUSIC

**STURGIS FALLS**

If you're interested in helping organize a St. John presence in this year's June 27th Parade, let Pastor Brian know. It could be as simple as walking with our banner and waving or something more creative and complicated. Sky's the limit!

## Call Process Update

The Call Committee has finished all updates to the Ministry Site Profile and have our initial interview questions ready for a candidate when we are sent someone from the Synod. We continue to patiently pray and wait for the right person to come join us at St. John as we enter spring this month.

Last week the Associate Pastor office was "freshened up" with a fresh coat of paint on the paneled walls and new carpeting. It looks great! We wanted to have the space "ready to show" when the Call Committee does have a candidate they bring onsite for in-person interview.

## Blessings & Gratitude to Pastor Linda at NewAldaya!

Pastor Linda Marlett, the chaplain at NewAldaya, has retired after eight years of ministry. We join with NewAldaya in wishing God's guidance on her journey ahead & give thanks for the care she has provided to all those living at NewAldaya. Pastor Denny Hanson has agreed to serve as a transitional pastoral leader during the month of March as NewAldaya begins their search for a chaplain and worship services will continue to happen as scheduled.

**"If God Still Breathes,  
Why Can't I?"**  
**Lament in Three Scenes"**

Presented by:  
**Jubilee UMC Freedom Center**  
1621 East Fourth Street, Waterloo, Iowa

**Featuring:**

- Chassidi Martin
- Toril Sudduth
- Jubilee Drama Troupe

**March 28, 2026**  
Free Admission  
**6:00 pm**  
Doors open at 5:30pm

Rev. Abraham L. Funchess, Jr., Pastor

**SATURDAY  
MARCH 28, 2026**



**EASTER  
EGGHUNT & MORE**

*Let's Celebrate!*

**EGG HUNT  
TREAT TASTING  
EASTER CRAFT**

AGES 0-9  
**START AT 10:00 AM**  
St. John F&LC

Bring your own basket  
to hunt Easter eggs!

**Join the Volunteer  
Team to help make this  
Easter event possible:**



Deadline to Order: March 8th



**\$16  
per plant**

**Order Easter Flowers at  
the Welcome Center Table**

*Holy Week* **SCHEDULE**

March 29 (Palm Sunday)	8:00AM WORSHIP 10:00AM WORSHIP
April 2 (Maundy Thursday)	6:00PM WORSHIP
April 3 (Good Friday)	6:00PM WORSHIP
April 4 (Holy Saturday)	9-12NOON QUIET PRAYER
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*Palm Sunday*  
**Breakfast**

**MARCH 29, 8:45-9:45AM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Thank you for supporting our  
youth in their fundraising  
efforts for their summer  
youth trip!



**HEALING & CONCERN. . .** Lois Kean; Jean Collins; Loy Walker (Brett's mom); Carol Ross; Chris Hartman; David (Diana Smith's brother-in-law); Molly Myron; Grant Gubbrud; Greg Guse (Jeff's brother); Brian Clark; Vince Gotera; Sue Larson; Sara Syhlman; Paulo (Barb Feuerhak's son-in-law); Muriel Galloway (Charisse Folken's mom); Jennifer Kurtenbach; Goose; Dan Ott & Bart Peyton (Terry Phillips sons-in-law); John Morgan; Jeff Bowers; Eileene Katcher; Kelly (Kathy Taylor's sister); Abby Palsic (April Hannam's sister); Mary Kahl; Janelle Fereday (John's daughter-in-law).

**THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!**

*The Sanctuary altar flowers are given by Molly Myron in memory of Irvin Myron's birthday.  
The Faith & Life Center altar flowers are given by Chris & Kathy Doyle.*

*Donuts are sponsored by Judy Judisch & Kathy Doyle.*

**2025 YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

Contribution statements for 2025 have been distributed. Households with an email address on file were sent their statement electronically; those without an email address on file were sent a paper copy. If you did not receive your contribution statement, or need a paper copy, please send an email to [finance@stjohncf.org](mailto:finance@stjohncf.org) or call the office at 319-268-0165. *Thank you for your financial support of the ministries of St. John in 2025!*

	Feb-26			Fiscal YTD		
	Revenue	Expense	Net	Revenue	Expense	Net
<b>Church</b>	68,855.38	64,642.42	4,212.96	872,611.18	673,270.57	199,340.61
<b>Preschool/Childcare</b>	66,053.86	65,782.71	271.15	708,567.14	735,769.87	(27,202.73)
<b>Total</b>	134,909.24	130,425.13	4,484.11	1,581,178.32	1,409,040.44	172,137.88

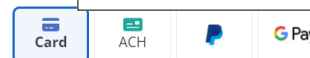
**Submit A Prayer Request:**



**Visitor Connection Card:**



**Support Financially:**



**Pastoral Staff** Pastor Brian Julin-McCleary  
cell: 319-888-3814; email: [PastorBrian@stjohncf.org](mailto:PastorBrian@stjohncf.org)

**St. John Staff** Located on the St. John website

**Church Council** ([Council@stjohncf.org](mailto:Council@stjohncf.org))

John Kohagen. . . . . **Shawn Smeins, Treasurer**  
 Josh Green. . . . . **Jen Hartman, President**  
**Blake Borwick, VP** . . . . . Nick Frerichs  
**Linda Holm, Secretary** . . . . . Kathy Diehl  
 Andrew Bruns

**Ministry & Resource Team Leaders**

Hospitality & Congregational Care .....Robin Abraham  
 Serving & Discipleship.....Janelle Smeins  
 Worship & Celebration .....Brenda Truelsen  
 Faith Formation & Lifelong Learning .....Rose Lorenz  
 Human Resources.....Jim Denholm  
 Financial Resources.....Jim Langel  
 Property Resource Team.....Larry Prohaska  
 Technology & Communication.....Nick Frerichs

**Worship Attendance:**

March 1: 335 in person & 35 online; Wednesday: 85