

Worship Assistants at St. John's This Month

<p align="center"><u>St. John's</u></p>  <p>Elder: Les Oris Altar Guild: Roxanne Orvis</p>													
<p align="center"><b>March 1</b></p> <p>Musician: Digital (Roxanne Orvis) PA Tech: David Haley Camera/PowerPoint: Arlen Peterson/Karen Peterson Counters: Susan Scheff &amp; Lynette Downing</p>	<p align="center"><b>March 22</b></p> <p>Musician: Cindy Wendorf PA Tech: Roxanne Orvis Camera/PowerPoint: Arlen Peterson/Karen Peterson Counters: Susan Scheff &amp; Lynette Downing</p>												
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If you have old eye glasses and want to get rid of them, the Rush City Lions have a donation box at St. John's in the narthex where you can drop them off. They will pick up the glasses periodically and they will help others to be able to see better!

**St. John's Lutheran Church**

A Member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod  
980 West Fourth Street  
P.O. Box 368  
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**St. Stephen's Lutheran Church**

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**March 2026**

Blessings to you all from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

I am honored to be able to serve in the stead of Jesus as I bring to you the Gospel of Jesus Christ and serve your congregation with the blessed sacraments. I want to take this time to briefly introduce myself. I grew up in small town southern Minnesota. I graduated from Bethany Lutheran College - Mankato, Concordia Univ. - St. Paul, Concordia Theological Seminary - Fort Wayne with a masters of divinity, and St. Cloud State with a masters in history. I currently serving St. John - Weber. I've been the pastor of St. John since 2018. My wife (Angie) and I have four children. My oldest son is currently a first year student at the seminary in Fort Wayne. I've had the opportunity of serving dozens of congregations in pulpit supply, vacancy work, and a previous call to Zion Princeton.

Christ the loving husband wishes for his bride the church to be served. He is faithful to her that she in love would be faithful to Him. We read from the Augsburg Confession art. V: **That we may obtain this faith, the Ministry of Teaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments was instituted.** Therefore, Christ sends out labors to ensure that his beloved receives His blessings through the Word and sacraments. Pastors are sent to protect, guide, encourage, rebuke, and educate the church that people would receive the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ by the means of grace as listed above. I've been sent to St. John's Rush City to instruct in word and deed how to walk in the way of the Lord, to encourage you to serve Him as you serve each other, and to be in the stead of your faithful husband as you are the bride. I come in the name of Jesus - your beloved husband. I pray that you'd respond in kind that as you see me work, you can see Christ at work in your midst. As I begin my time with you, I think it would be helpful for ALL of us to read and ponder the words of Colossians 3 (a part of which is my confirmation verse). After reading these words, please keep me, my family, and ALL your congregation members in your prayers. The one who does not pray is not faithful to Jesus who calls each into a relationship with him as members of his holy bride - the Church.

Pastor Anderson

President Finnern would like to get together with both congregations on Sunday, March 8 at 6:00 pm at St. Stephen's to be able to reflect on the past and put it to rest and then to help us focus on the future.

Romans Bible Study with Pastor Paul on Thursdays at 5:00 pm prior to the Pre-Service Meal and Worship Service.  
All are welcome!



**Lent & Holy Week Schedule at St. John's**

- Thursday, February 26**  
Study - 5 pm; Supper- 6 pm; Worship - 7 pm
- Thursday, March 5**  
Study - 5 pm; Supper- 6 pm; Worship - 7 pm
- Thursday, March 12**  
Study - 5 pm; Supper- 6 pm; Worship - 7 pm
- Thursday, March 19**  
Study - 5 pm; Supper- 6 pm; Worship - 7 pm
- Thursday, March 26**  
Study - 5 pm; Supper- 6 pm; Worship - 7 pm
- Sunday, March 29—Palm Sunday**  
Worship at 8:30 am
- Thursday, April 2 — Maundy Thursday**  
Worship at 7 pm
- Friday, April 3 — Good Friday**  
Worship at 7 pm
- Sunday, April 5 — Easter Sunday**  
Worship at 8:30 am

**WORDS OF APPRECIATION**  
**are expressed to:**

- \* those who serve weekly in worship: pastor, musicians, PA technicians, camera operators, PowerPoint operators, elders and altar guild.
- \* those who count and post the offerings.
- \* those who helped in any way with the Lenten meals.
- \* our gracious God who makes all these things possible through the priceless gift of His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.



**March Birthdays & Anniversaries In Our Parishes**

- St. John's Lutheran Church**
- 1 Brandi Lewis
  - 3 Dennis & Sandra Minor
  - 11 Gary & Susan Scheff
  - 12 Lila Swanson
  - 18 Taniel Schellbach
  - 19 Odin Brown, Marlene Reiser, Breckyn Johnson
  - 20 Mike & Holly Downing
  - 28 Kyle Blomquist
  - 31 Rick & Robin Schellbach

- St. Stephen's Lutheran Church**
- 1 Edna Monson
  - 2 Alyssa Strelow, Amanda Sundermeyer
  - 3 Matthew Kopel, Jessica McCurry, Warren Swanson, Ava VanBeek
  - 5 Bradley Johnson, Cathy Koolmo
  - 6 Brandon Gullerud, Ensley Johnson, Kelly Kern
  - 8 Bill & Rhonda Schmakiel
  - 9 George Gay
  - 10 Bree Pierson
  - 12 Elayna Kelling
  - 13 Kylie Citterman
  - 15 Donovan Gleason, Rick Siusta
  - 18 Hannah Klepsa
  - 19 Ashlee Splittstoser
  - 20 Laura Peterson
  - 21 Cody Leaf, Benji Leaf
  - 23 Chloe Lucht
  - 24 Marge Baker
  - 26 Doug Olson, Teddy Ramberg, Pat Ziesmer
  - 27 Waylon Pierson
  - 31 Carlie Grell, Brynlee Peterson



**Our Christian Sympathy is extended**

... to the family and friends of Erling Olson who died on February 12. His funeral is Friday, February 27 at 11:00 am with visitation one hour prior at St. John's Lutheran Church. There will be a visitation at the funeral home in Rush City on Thursday night from 5:00-7:00 also.

*May the Lord bring His comfort in Christ to all who grieve.*



Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 8. Make sure to set your clock one hour ahead on Saturday night, March 7!