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Worship

Saturday
5:00 pm

Sunday
7:45 am
8:45 am
11:00 am

Radio Broadcast
KRNT 1350 AM
Sunday Mornings
8:30 am

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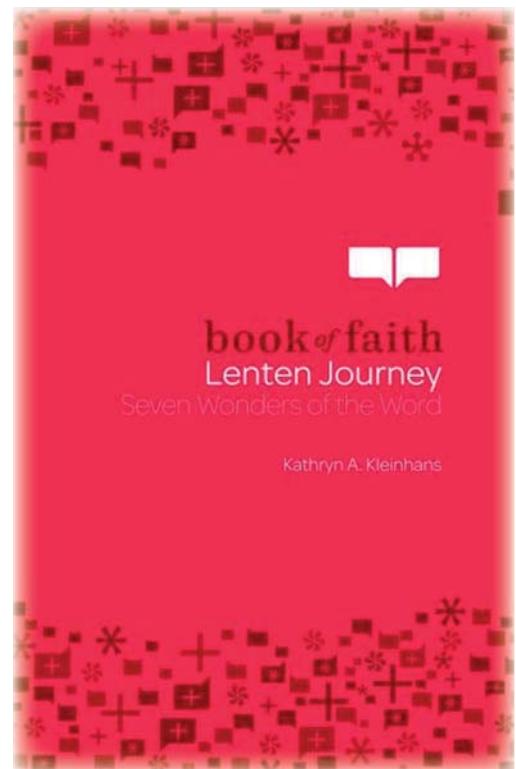
The seven wonders of the Word

Our Lenten series this year takes us deep into Scripture to experience the power of the Word. A Book of Faith study titled, *The Seven Wonders of the Word*, will be available to you prior to the beginning of Lent, and through its use we will see and experience the Scriptures from a new perspective - together!

Our mid-week worship during the season will expand the weekly themes of the study - the Word creates, calls, commands, saves, sustains, shapes, and sends. Although we often understand Scripture to be the object of our study, author Kit Kleinhans reminds us that Scripture is actually the subject and we are the object upon which it works. She says that "the Word does the work. We, the readers, are the ones being acted upon: created, called, commanded, saved, sustained, shaped, and sent."

We offer two mid-week worship opportunities during Lent - Noon and 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday.

We'll be expecting you!



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Monday – Thursday
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Friday

9:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday

9:00 am – 12:00 p.m.

Next Eagle Call Deadline
March 20 at 12 p.m.



A Word from Our Pastors
 Pastor Rachel Thorson Mithelman

Dear Friends,

I write this on Sunday evening, February 13th, two days before a group of seven of us embarks on our third journey to visit St. John's companion congregation in Tanzania. You will receive this newsletter and perhaps read this page in about two weeks - when we are most likely winging our way back home...

Therefore, all the things that have to do with *journeys* are on my mind tonight – preparation, anticipation, encountering the unexpected, and reflection upon the journey once we arrive home.

And by the time I get home from Tanzania, it will be time for us to begin our Lenten journey – an annual pilgrimage that carries us into the depths of God's mercy. A hymn in the ELW speaks of the Lenten journey in this way:

*Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make,
 the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take.
 The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round,
 then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.*

*Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way;
 your hope burns through the terrors, your love sustains the day.
 We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound;
 together we are seeking the road where faith is found.*

*Divine eternal lover, you meet us on the road.
 We wait for lands of promise where milk and honey flow,
 but waiting not for places, you meet us all around.
 Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found. (ELW #326)*

The author of these words describes not only our annual, early spring-time Lenten journey through the story of our salvation in the cross and resurrection of Christ, she describes a life-long journey of faith - through noise, silence, terrors, love, and yearning. And she reminds us that we are not the only ones on a journey. God is a journey-er, too; indeed, God is the "divine eternal lover" who meets us on the road. In the midst of the joys and sorrows of our lives, God is always coming out to us, as the Father came out to meet the Prodigal Son, meeting us "on the road," and offering us forgiveness, healing, and new life *now*, as the journey continues.

I commend this hymn to you as your Lenten prayer...As the writer is, be bold to ask for God's blessing. Be honest in admitting that the life of faith is treacherous and lonely, at times. And allow the prayer to lift your eyes to see God running to meet you as you are, where you are, now.

I love you, and I'll see you again soon.

Now I really need to start packing... ☺

Lutheran Lakeside

Send your kids to summer camp with other St. John's kids!

It's more fun when you know a few campers, that's why we're organizing a group of kids to head up to Lutheran Lakeside Camp on Spirit Lake June 26 - July 1. This is Juniors Camp is for kids completing grades 3-5. It's a week of fun biking, swimming, kayaking, canoeing, climbing the wall, going through the mysterious Thousands Mine, rope games, Bible study, and worship. We meet new friends and fun loving counselors as you explore what it means to be a part of this awesome team and community that God has gifted us with!

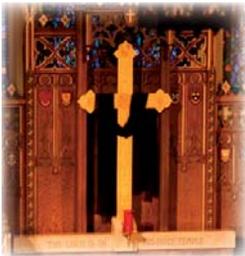
Get Registered

Visit www.lutheranlakeside.com Register by April 15 to receive a \$15 discount. Grab a \$15 sibling discount, too, if you register more than one child.

Let's Carpool!

We'd like to rent a van to tote the kids up there in one, easy trip. If interested, please email Micholyn Fajen @ mmfajen@aol.com to get on the list, transportation costs will depend on the number of kids interested.

Lenten Worship Schedule



Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 9, and continuing throughout the season of Lent, there will be two services on Wednesdays: 12:05 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The noontime service is a basic preaching service with hymns. The 7:00 p.m. service

is a sung service using the Marty Haugen "Holden Evening Prayer" liturgy. The central message for these services will be God's Word, what it is and how it reads and acts on us.

The Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday on April 17th ushers in Holy Week. There are no Wednesday services Holy Week. Instead the central focus is "The Three Days" or "Triduum" Maundy Thursday, April 21; Good Friday, April 22; with services at 12:05 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. each of those days; and Holy Saturday, April 22. The Saturday Easter Vigil at 7:30 p.m. is the beginning of our Easter Celebration which continues Easter Sunday with services at 6:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

WELCA Updates



The Women of the ELCA will be providing a lunch for \$6.00 following the Lenten Noon Worship Services beginning, March 9th. Lunch will be served in Neumann. Lunch will include a choice of sloppy joe or egg salad sandwich, soup, salad, a dessert and drink. Please come and join the fellowship.

March Group meetings for Sarah and Lois will be held Thursday the 3rd. Sarah Group will meet at Caribou Coffee on 3220 Ingersoll 9:30 a.m. Lois Group will meet in Neumann at 12:30 p.m. Lois Group will have a Bible study as their program.

The evening group will meet on Wednesday, March 16. This group is just forming and encourage other working women to attend this convenient group. They will meet at Beloved Community and have a meeting to organize and attend the Lenten worship.

Interfaith Hospitality Network



On March 8th and 10th St. John's will assist WDM Christian Church in hosting 3 homeless families in transition. Please consider volunteering for a shift. We need food preparers & servers, evening and overnight hosts. This is a great opportunity for youth, families or small groups to serve together.

March 8th (Tuesday) & March 10th (Thursday)	
Need at least 2 people per shift.	
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Serve supper & clean up
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Evening Hosts
8:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.	Overnight hosts (at least one male needed)
Food Needs - Deliver by 5:30 p.m.	
Main Dish	Enough for 25 people
Salad	
Vegetable / Starch	
Bread - two loaves	
Dessert	
Milk - two gallons	

Please see sign-up sheet just outside the Sanctuary. Contact Jennifer Early or Wanda Havard with questions, 274-6872

Prepare for Worship

Sunday, March 6, Transfiguration of Our Lord

The Epiphany season ends in a blaze of glory: Jesus standing on a mountain-top clothed in light talking to Moses and Elijah while three disciples look on in stunned wonder. We will observe this festival of light wearing our sunglasses and tropical clothing as once again the Caribbean steel pan band "Tropical Steel" leads the music for our 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. liturgies. Join us as we are **"Off to the Islands"** – at least in our imaginations – and say goodbye to the winter blues by dressing for warm weather and bright sun! *Check out pictures from Transfiguration Sunday 2010 on page 5.*

The readings will be Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 2, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9. The hymns will be ELW 531, "The Trumpets Sound, the Angel's Sing," ELW 172, "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah," ELW 889, "The Right Hand of God," ELW 674, "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ," and "Come to the Mountain." Cantorei will provide the choral leadership at 8:45 a.m. and Cathedral Choir at 11:00 a.m. on "Let All the Peoples Praise You," Victor Pilgrim, arr. Patrick Prescod, for offering and "Communion Hymn," Island of St. Vincent folk melody, arr. Patrick Prescod, for communion. The St. John's Brass and the rhythm section from Asphalt and Stained Glass will also add to the festive sounds!

Wednesday, March 9, Ash Wednesday with Imposition of Ashes

12:05 p.m. noon service with organ, sermon, and Imposition of Ashes.

7:00 p.m. gathering processional, "Canticle of Joel," Jonathan S. Campbell, sung litany, "Lord, Save Your People," Joseph Roth, choral selections Cathedral Choir and Cantorei "Jesus Is Calling," by Aaron David Miller and, during the Imposition of Ashes Kisasa will sing "Once We Sang and Danced," Latvian folk tune, arr. Sarah Garner.

Sunday, March 13, First Sunday in Lent

This Sunday's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His 40-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter.

The readings are Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5:12-19, and Matthew 4:1-11. The hymns will be ELW 320, "The Glory of These Forty Days," ELW 637, "Holy God, Holy and Glorious," ELW 517, "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word," and ELW 618, "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer." At 11:00 a.m. Cathedral Choir will sing "Since by Man Came Death," Handel, from Messiah. There will be the Laying on of Hands and Anointing with Oil for Healing at all services this weekend.

Sunday, March 20, Second Sunday in Lent

In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and the Spirit. At the baptismal font we are given a new birth as daughters and sons of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life, a life of loving service in the world as a witness to God's love.

The readings are Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalm 121, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, and John 3:1-17. The hymns will be ELW 769, "If You But Trust in God to Guide You," ELW 637, "Holy God, Holy and Glorious," ELW 517, "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word," and ELW 321, "Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church." Cantorei, 8:45 a.m., and Cathedral Choir, 11:00 a.m., will be joined by the St. John's Brass for "God Has Called Us," by Robert Hobby for offering and "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart" for communion.

Sunday, March 27, Third Sunday in Lent – Bishop Burk preaching

In today's gospel a Samaritan woman – a foreigner – asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at the Easter Vigil. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal – offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

The readings are Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11, and John 4:5-42. The hymns will be ELW 658, "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts," ELW 637, "Holy God, Holy and Glorious," ELW 517, "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word," and ELW 455, "Crashing Waters at Creation." At 11:00 a.m. Cathedral Choir will sing "Laudate Dominum," by Aaron David Miller for offering and "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross," arr. by Thomas Keesecker for communion. South East Iowa Synod Bishop Michael Burk will be our preacher this weekend.

Transfiguration Sunday 2010



Health Ministry Update



The Health Ministry Team met this month to decide how to proceed as a resource without a parish nurse. We will be reporting to the congregation regularly as decisions are made. In the interim, please know that team is actively working

Our first decision was to discontinue the practice of loaning previously used medical equipment. This decision was made due to our inability to repair, sanitize, and fit equipment to individuals' safely. The church still has a few traditional wheelchairs as well as lightweight transportation chairs available in the McKinney Wellness Resource Room. Please note additional transport chairs are located upstairs just outside the sanctuary under the defibrillation kit, at the top of the ramp, and in the church office reception area.

For those of you who need to 'borrow' medical equipment OR who have medical equipment you would like to donate, we are recommending the Easter Seals - Equipment Loan Resource Center. They provide recycled durable medical equipment – such as hospital beds, wheelchairs, commodes, bath benches, and so much more – to anyone for a low, onetime cost (\$10-\$100). Individuals can keep the item as long as needed for no additional cost. The Resource Center ensures that all donated equipment is in excellent repair, meets safety requirements, and is sanitized.

In addition to equipment loan, the Easter Seals Assistive Technology Center also houses a Demonstration Center, which showcases different types of assistive technologies, and the Autism Lending Resource Center where families can check out equipment and resources for children with autism. Easter Seals Iowa serves the entire state and also provides assistance to communities abroad.

Their contact information is:

EASTER SEALS
 Equipment Loan Resource Center
 Camp Sunnyside (in the Assistive Technology Center)
 401 NE 66th Avenue
 Des Moines, IA 50313
www.eastersearlsis.org
 515-309-2395 (phone), 515-289-4069 (TDD)

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Small Groups

**Questions? Contact Darla Stiles, Small Groups Coordinator
243.7691 or darlastiles@stjohnsdsm.org**

CALENDAR

Quilting, Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. in Room 308.

Christian Involvement / Restaurant Visitation, Tuesday, March 1, 6:00 p.m. at Marinos on Franklin.

3D: Wednesday, March 2, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday A.M. Bible Study, Saturdays in March, 8:30 a.m., Check with Ellen Fisher, 250-9916, ellenfisher123@yahoo.com, or Rod Snavely, rsnavely@aol.com for location.

EAGLES, Friday, March 11, Meet at church at 10:00 a.m. for a trip to tour the Iowa Supreme Ct. Building and lunch at Baratta's. RSVP to Carol Dittmer so reservations can be made (dittmercl@msn.com or 287-7860).

St. John's Moms, Saturday, March 12, 10:00 a.m. in the Nursery at church; Contact Kirsten LaBlanc, k.lablanc@gmail.com (491-0907) and Rachel Corron, rpcorron@gmail.com (313-6645).

St. John's Networking Group, Monday, March 14, 5:30 p.m., Gateway Market on MLKing, Contact Ellen Fisher if questions, 274-5236 or ellenfisher123@yahoo.com.

Lunch Bunch II, Wednesday, March 16, 12:30 p.m.

Lunch Bunch I, Thursday, March 17, 11:30 a.m.

Recreational Reading, Wednesday, March 23, 4:30 p.m. in Rose Holm.

Scrapbooking, Saturday, March 26, 9:30 am to 3:00 p.m. in Room 8.

Photography, Sunday, March 27, 10:00 a.m. in Neumann.

Couples / Singles Group, Tour the DaVinci Exhibit at the Science Center then out for dinner; Watch the bulletin announcements for date and time.

Be sure to check www.stjohnsdsm.org for small group dates and events.

More information on upcoming events

Quilting Group: The quilting group will be meeting on Tuesdays at 9:30 am in Room 308 at church.

Saturday A.M. Bible Study will meet Saturdays in March, 8:30 a.m. at a location to be determined by the group—Contact Ellen Fisher, 250-9916 or ellenfisher123@yahoo.com or Rod Snavely, rsnavely@aol.com for location.

EAGLES will meet Friday, March 11, at church at 10:00 a.m. for a trip to the Iowa Supreme Ct. Building. The tour will take about 45 - 60 minutes. Then the group will enjoy lunch at Baratta's in the Historical Building and can browse through the Historical Building following lunch. Please let Carol Dittmer know as soon as possible so reservations can be made (dittmercl@msn.com or 287-7860).

St. John's Moms will meet on Saturday, March 12, 10:00 a.m. in the nursery at church. This group is for moms of young children (age 3 and under). Facilitators: Kirsten LaBlanc k.lablanc@gmail.com (491-0907) and Rachel Corron, rpcorron@gmail.com (313-6645).

The St. John's Networking Group meets the second Monday of each month, this month it's the 14th. The group meets at Gateway Market @ 5:30 p.m. Whether you're job hunting or not, it's a fun way to get to know great people from varied backgrounds. Gatherings are very informal. Questions? Contact Ellen Fisher 274-5236 or ellenfisher123@yahoo.com.

Lunch Bunch II: This group will meet on Wednesday, March 16, at 12:30 p.m. If interested in joining this group, contact Janet Figg, 279-6326.

Lunch Bunch I will meet on Thursday, March 17, at 11:30 a.m. Anyone interested in joining the group, please call Margaret Roby at 288-6304 to reserve a space. New members are most welcome!

Recreational Reading will meet on Wednesday, March 23, at 4:30 p.m. in Rose Holm. The book for discussion is *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrow.

Scrapbooking will meet on Saturday, March 26, in Room 8. Come anytime between 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to work on your scrapbooks.

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Photography small group will meet Sunday, March 27, 10:00 am in Neumann. The theme for this month is "people." Bring three photos: 1 person, 2 people, 3 or more people. If you have an interest in participating in St. John's photography small group, please contact Rod Snavely at rsnavely@aol.com.

Couples / Singles Group will tour the Da Vinci Exhibit at the Science Center on Saturday, March 12. Meet at the Science Center at 3:00 p.m. Following the tour, the group will go out for dinner. Watch the bulletin announcements for more details. Reply by March 5 if you will be able to attend: Deb & John Donald, ddonald126@aol.com (515-226-0827) or Diane & Neil Wheeler, wheelers464@msn.com (515-278-4775).



WIRED small groups' activities: These groups are open to all women. Please e-mail the facilitator to let her know of your interest and receive more information.

- **COOKING CLASSES**
Carol Lunde, carollunde@q.com
- **BOOK DISCUSSION**
Mary Ritchie, ritchiem82@gmail.com
- **WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT**
Lois Murphy, frlomurp5@q.com
Darla Stiles, darlastiles@stjohnsdsm.org
- **SERVICE / LEARNING PROJECTS**
Karen Andeweg, kandeweg@bankcsb.com
- **Wii FITNESS**
The group will be starting Friday, March 11.
Delaine Marker, gramsmkr@hotmail.com
- **YOGA**
Thursdays at 5:45 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.
Sue Tew, sue4youth@aol.com

In the City (and the World) for Good!

St. John's Lutheran Church is a community of believers who seek to make faith visible in deeds of love and mercy. Below are some updates & opportunities to be engaged in ministry beyond the walls of St. John's.

It is our privilege to serve through the Interfaith Hospitality Network again in March. On the evenings of March 8th & 10th we will be responsible for providing an evening meal, and evening and overnight hosting for homeless families housed at West Des Moines Christian Church. On each of the nights, we must provide and serve a meal for approx. 23 people, spend some time playing games with the children or visiting with their parents after supper, and then provide two people to spend the night as overnight security for the families. (The overnight hosts are provided with air mattresses so that they may sleep.) Duties end by 6:00 a.m. the next morning, so volunteers can get home and ready for work. Watch for the sign-up sheets in the narthex where you can indicate how you would be willing to serve. Questions may be directed to Jennifer Early at 274-6872.

Do you remember those Lenten dime-folders of days gone by?? The "dime-folder" of the 21st century at St. John's is a colorful World Hunger Appeal coin box. Daily or weekly contributions to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal - using the cool, little boxes - is one of our Lenten disciplines. You will be able to pick up a box on Transfiguration Sunday (March 6th) or Ash Wednesday. Put it someplace at home where you will see it... then fill it up with coins or folding money! We'll collect the boxes on Palm Sunday, and together we will help dig wells, provide seed, feed people, and improve health all over the world! Be generous!

The economic recovery is painfully slow in Iowa - and the number of people using the DMARC Food Pantries continues to rise! If you are able - meaning, if you have enough in your cupboards/refrigerator/freezer to feed your household - please share with those in our community who are not able at this time to provide enough food for their households. Hundreds of children in Des Moines do not have access to 3 meals a day. Some have only 1 dependable meal per day - provided at a public school. Please pick up the "healthy foods" shopping list provided in the grocery carts in the narthex and shop for a neighbor in need.

Send us your photos

Do you have photos from a St. John's event or group activity? Do you have a photo that says "St. John's"?

If so, send it to scottl@stjohnsdsm.org or drop it off at the church office. You never know, you may end up in the next issue of the Eagle Call.

Children's Ministries

March 6 -- The Greatest Commandment (Matthew 22:34-46)

Talk about these questions with your child:

- What does it mean to love each other?
- What if we don't feel like loving somebody who is mean?
- What can we do if we are unkind/mean to someone and hurt his or her feelings?

March 13 -- Multi-Age Sunday School in room 205. (*singing, stories, and active learning for all ages*)

March 20 -- Pipe, Pedals and Pizza at 10:00 in the Choir Loft
Pizza will be served in Weertz following this program.

March 27 -- Holy Week (Matthew 21:1-11; 26:17-30)

Talk about these questions with your child:

- How does Jesus show his love to you in your life?
- What do you think Jesus felt in the days before he died?
- How can we share Jesus' love with our friends outside of Sunday school?

Pipes, Pedals & Pizza!

A fun, interactive event introducing children (and adults) to the pipe organ!



**Sunday, March 20
10:00 AM
Sanctuary
St. John's Lutheran Church**

Featuring Rex: King of Instruments...

a lively introduction to the pipe organ for **RAPPER** (narrator) and organist

A sneak peak...

INSIDE the organ chambers

A hands-on chance to...

PLAY the pipe organ

The fun culminates in...

PIZZA for everyone



This event is sponsored by The Arts at St. John's and the Central Iowa Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Youth Ministries

Bring your family! Bring you friends! Bring your neighbors you've never met! Bring whomever you can... and join us for:

AN EVENING IN WONDERLAND

(a FUNDRAISER FOR THE YOUTH OF ST. JOHN'S)

Friday, March 4th, 2011

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church

The evening will include:
appetizers, dinner, dessert,
entertainment, a silent auction,
a live auction & TONS OF FUN!!!

Tickets are \$5 (children 4 and under are free)

This is a FAMILY FRIENDLY event, but nursery care will be available for the tiny ones!

You may purchase tickets from the front desk at St. John's or between services in the Fireside Lounge.

Please contact Megan Clausen with any questions or if you have something you would like to donate!
(meganc@stjohnsdsdm.org or 243.7691)

Upcoming Youth Events

A group of youth from St. John's, along with some of their family members - Pastor Bob, Jacque Warming, and Megan - will be headed to NYC to check out the Big Apple and to do some service work over Spring Break this month!

April 1-3: the high school students will be going to Iowa City to spend the weekend getting to know other youth from around the Southeastern Iowa Synod and discussing the future of the ELCA.

April 8-10: the Confirmation 7/8 students will be going to the Y-Camp in Boone or to Wesley Woods in Indianola for a weekend of bonding and learning and fun!

Holy Week: St. John's Youth will be involved in the planning and implementation of the Holy Week services again this year!



St. John's Lutheran Church Plant Sale 2011

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Please prepay orders. Make checks available to **St. John's Lutheran Church** with **Plant Sale** in the memo line
ALL ORDERS ARE DUE BY SUNDAY MARCH 30th.

Bedding Plants	Red	White	Pink	Blue	Mixed	# of plants	Price	Total
Petunias - Flat							\$18.00	
Petunias - 4 Pak							\$2.00	
Impatiens - Flat							\$18.00	
Impatiens - 4 Pak							\$2.00	
Wax Begonias - Flat							\$18.00	
Wax Begonias - 4 Pak							\$2.00	
Pansy - Flat							\$18.00	
Pansy - 4 Pak							\$2.00	
Bedding Plants	Yellow	Orange	2 Tone			# of plants	Price	Total
Dwarf Marigolds - Flat							\$18.00	
Dwarf Marigolds - 4 Pak							\$2.00	
Pots	Red	White	Pink	Salmon	Violet	# of plants	Price	Total
Geraniums 4 1/2"							\$4.50	
Geraniums 7"							\$12.00	
Pots	Red	White	Pink	Orange	Lilac	# of plants	Price	Total
Hybrid Impatiens 4 1/2"							\$4.50	
Hybrid Impatiens 6" (terra cotta pot w/ saucer)							\$8.00	
Hybrid Impatiens 10" (terra cotta pot w/ saucer)							\$20.00	
Accent Plants						# of plants	Price	Total
Sweet Potato Vine - Dark Purple 4 1/2" pot							\$5.00	
Sweet Potato Vine - Lime Green 4 1/2" pot							\$5.00	
Hosta - Green 6" pot							\$8.00	
Hosta - Variegated 6" pot							\$8.00	
Purple Plume Grass 6" pot							\$8.00	
Spikes 3" pot							\$2.50	
Vinca Vine 3" pot							\$2.50	
Asparagus Fern 3" pot							\$2.50	
Hanging Baskets						# of plants	Price	Total
	Red	Pink	Orange	White	Lilac			
Hybrid Impatiens							\$21.00	
	Red	Pink	Purple	White				
Ivy Geranium							\$21.00	
	Red	Pink	Dk Blue					
Mini Petunia							\$21.00	
	Pink	Purple						
Wavy Petunia							\$21.00	
Asparagus Fern							\$21.00	
Fuchsia							\$21.00	
						# of plants	Grand Total	
Order Total								

Hospitality & Outreach



New members were welcomed to St. John's on Sunday, Feb. 6. We are blessed to have them join us!

*Below are pictures and bits of information to help get to know them better. I encourage you to make an effort to meet and greet, and invite them to some of our activities. It's always more fun to go **with** someone the first few times – especially when encountering as large place as St. John's. Please help make them welcome.*



Jeff and Jacque Anderson transferred to St. John's from Pella when they moved to West Des Moines last fall. They joined us for the tour of the church on January 30 and we want to make their welcome official.



Joseph and Joyce Cassis make their home in Johnston. They have an adult daughter, Mallory, living in Cedar Rapids. Joe is employed by the State of Iowa with the Iowa Communications Network. He is responsible for managing their strategic planning efforts, marketing and communications, among other chief of staff duties. He enjoys writing and story-telling through screenwriting and currently has a script being evaluated for production. Joyce is a respiratory therapist with Somnicare and treats people with sleep disorders. Joyce enjoys being a volunteer ~ can we ever help her out with that! She is 100% Norwegian, born and raised in Decorah. She was one of the original Nordic Dancers and danced for King Olaf. They were attracted to St. John's by Pastor Rachel's passion and leadership. They also value the friendliness they experience within the congregation.



Jill Corsbie lives in the southeast part of Des Moines. Her best friend is a member here and they will share mother-in-law duties when their children marry. She has two adult children, John and Jena and LOVES being a grandmother.



John and Kelly Espeland and two sons, Cole and Jake, also live in Des Moines proper. Kelly works at IFMC and is a manager for quality and accountability. Her avid interests are family, reading, sewing / quilting, movies and cooking. John is a construction consultant for PSI/PTT. They were attracted to St. John's by the location and Kelly has previous connections. They are also eager to get their boys involved in our children's ministry programs.



Craig and Marian Johnsen continue our string of Des Moines residents. Craig is executive director at Wesley Acres. In his free time, he enjoys running, outdoor sports, camping, canoeing, photography and wine tasting. Marian is Public Policy Coordinator at the Alzheimer's Association and also enjoys the great outdoors - camping, hiking, canoeing and, when she get tired...reading. They have two adult children and two grandsons. Another grandchild is on the way but gender will be a surprise! St. John's appeals to them because we welcome ALL God's children. They also like the music, liturgy and the great preaching.



Mandy Miller resides in Des Moines and is employed by RDG Planning and Design, and is an assistant photographer for Mindy Myers. Mandy is single and has many interests: music, singing (LOVES to sing and play piano!), photography, arts and being creative, helping and being with children. She is a Green Bay Packers and ISU Cyclones fan. Mindy likes St. John's "captivating and positive attitude" and Pastor Rachel's sermons.



Allison Pederson and Andrew Inhelder will be married at St. John's in October of this year. Allison is an ISU student and interested in design and yoga. She is currently living in Ames, but plans to relocate to Des Moines. Her sister, Libby Crimmings

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joined St. John's this past fall and her parents were married here. Andrew is a recent ISU grad and works for the Iowa DOT as an engineer. He likes exercise, particularly snowboarding. Allison and Andrew were engaged over Christmas break while in Rome. I think we'd all agree that they are starting off well!!!



Peter and Shirley Roberts and their 16 year old son, PJ, make their home in West Des Moines. Peter and Shirley were attracted to St. John's by the music and worship. They are both self-employed health consultants. Peter is interested in cooking and

Shirley is into music. PJ is just the right age for our high school youth group.

Again, I invite you to get to know our newest members and issue invitations to St. John's activities. "Newbies" – feel free to contact me with programs and outreach that interest you. "Seasoned" members – feel free to contact me if you'd like to connect with our new members and include them in social and /or ministry activities. I can hook you up!

Katie, Hospitality and Outreach Coordinator at 243-7691 x 115 or katiet@stjohnsdsm.org.

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Thinking about Spring?*

*Check out the Youth Plant Sale
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APRIL EAGLE CALL DEADLINE

The deadline for all Eagle Call information is **Monday, March 20, 2011**. Please send information or articles in digital format if possible, to Scott LaBlanc, scottl@stjohnsdsm.org. If you cannot send it by e-mail, drop it off at the church office.
Thank you!