



St. John's Lutheran Church

# The EAGLE CALL

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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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# Spring Break 2010

If you were a typical high school student today, how would you plan to spend your week-long Spring Break? Watching television? Hanging out with your friends? Lying on a beach somewhere in the south?



Well, a handful of St. John's high school students are going to be joining other Des Moines area high school youth on a trip to Denver, Colorado for four days of their upcoming Spring Break. While there, they will worship in two very different Lutheran churches, one being a community that worships on Sunday nights called House for All Sinners and Saints! They will also complete various service projects at the St. Francis Center in Denver, and spend time learning about Urban Servant Corp and the opportunities they offer. The students will spend time cooking for one another, talking, serving, worshipping, and having a great time growing closer to God! Oh, there is some time scheduled in on the last day to go see Boulder, Colorado or to hit the slopes in Eldora!

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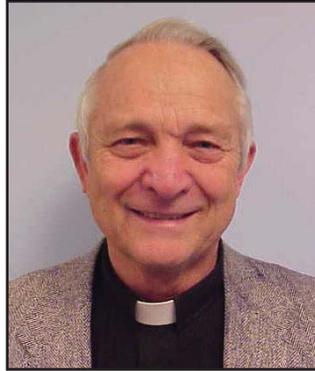
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Next Eagle Call Deadline**

**March 15 at 12 pm**



**A Word from Our Pastors**

**Pastor Ramon Runkel**

This weather reminds me of contradictions: it is so beautiful and yet so horrible and even dangerous. A contradiction, according to Webster's Dictionary, has the following definition: contradiction is an assertion of the contrary to what has been said or affirmed. It seems to me we have many contradictions with which we deal.

One that comes to mind (with a bit of humor) this winter season is: "February is our longest month of the year with only 28 days." This being such a hard and snowy time – February seems to be longer than usual. So we encounter contradictions in many situations and even in our church year. At Christmas and Epiphany – and now Lent and Easter we are reminded of suffering and sacrifice in Lent, and then, with Easter, of New Life and Hope with the resurrection. So, on the one hand, we focus on the struggles and loss and frustration, and yet also with the knowledge there is hope and new life.

As our life is often filled with ups and downs – good and evil, joys and frustration, our patience is pushed to its limit. One of my friends shared with me years ago, his prayer for patience: "O God, give me patience – RIGHT NOW!!! Amen."

This, too, is a contradiction with impatience shining through it. This prayer, although contradictory, is like the many times that opposites are part of our lives.

Paul, in Romans 8:18-30, gives us some good information and direction as we struggle with contradictions in our lives: "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn

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within a large family. And those whom he predestined, he also called; and those whom he called, he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.”

So contradictions are part of our lives, but we have the knowledge that all things work together for Good for those who love God. So may God continue to bless and guide you through Lent and Easter with HIS blessings, hope and strength.

In Christ,  
Pastor Ramon Runkel

## WELCA Updates

Sarah and Lois Groups will meet on Wednesday, March 3rd at 11:00 in Neuman and have Lenten Lunches before they attend the Lenten Service. Groups will have a brief business meetings following the service. The Mission in Action project for March is to contribute to the Drawers for Drawers campaign.

WELCA is serving lunch before and after the noon service on Wednesdays during Lent. There will be no lunches served Holy Week. Lunch is served in Neumann again this year from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and immediately following the noon Lenten Service. The cost will be \$5.00 for beefburger or choice of cold sandwich, soup, salad, and a cookie or bar.

## Financials

**A statement of our financial position can now be obtained in the weekly bulletin or by contacting the Church Office.**

**NOTICE:** All who give stock or other types of investments to St. John's, please be advised that St. John's has moved its investment portfolio from Citigroup Global Markets, Inc/Smith Barney to Ameritrade. When gifting please use the following information to make transfers to Ameritrade: **Ameritrade's DTC number is: 0188. Ameritrade's account number is: 788-285389. The name on the Ameritrade account is: St. Johns Lutheran Church.** Those making a contribution of stocks or other equities, please notify the finance office at [financeoffice@stjohnsdsm.org](mailto:financeoffice@stjohnsdsm.org) or call 515-243-7691. New rules, post 9/11, do not allow brokers to identify donors without prior approval from the donor.

Thank you for your generous and continued support of the ministries of St. John's Lutheran Church.

## National Social Work Month

Recognize Social Workers and Their Dedication to Service

First commissioned by President Reagan in 1984, National Social Work Month is a time to celebrate social workers and the services they provide to vulnerable communities. These people are society's safety net, providing vital resources and support to those who need it most. This year's theme: Social Work: Purpose and Possibility, highlights the special characteristics of individuals who choose social work as a profession. Social workers are purpose-driven, compassionate individuals who make a wide range of important contributions to children and families in our communities.

Without the dedication, passion and commitment of its social workers, Lutheran Services in Iowa could not carry out its mission of responding to all through the love of Jesus Christ. LSI's programs are successful and benefit others on a daily basis. Many of these programs are driven by the determination and professionalism of LSI's social workers. Your valued partnership in support and prayer is what ensures LSI and its devoted employees can continue to help change lives for the better.

For more information on ways LSI provides hope to Iowa's most vulnerable populations, visit [www.lsiowa.org](http://www.lsiowa.org).

### 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](mailto: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.



## Prepare for Worship

### Sunday, March 7, Third Sunday in Lent

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of repentance. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me: listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

The readings are Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; and Luke 13:1-9. The hymns are ELW 328, "Restore in Us, O God," ELW 331, "As the Deer Runs to the River," and ELW 342, "There in God's Garden." At 8:45 a.m. baritone Mark Garner will provide both offering and communion music singing the first movement of Bach "Cantata No. 82" with Sue Odem playing the oboe obbligato. At 11:00 a.m. Cathedral Choir will sing the verse anthem "As Longs the Hart for Flowing Streams," by G.F. Handel throughout the service accompanied by the St. John's Chamber Orchestra.

### Sunday, March 14, Fourth Sunday in Lent

The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteous of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away...the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!

The readings are Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; and Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32. At 8:45 a.m. Cantorei will sing "Gather Your Children" by Allan Mahnke during communion, and at 11:00 a.m. Cathedral Choir will sing "What Wondrous Love is This," arr. by Howard Helvey for offering and the Mahnke piece during communion. There is the rite of Laying on of Hands and Anointing with Oil for Healing at all services this weekend.

### Sunday, March 21, Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Lord our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume

in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading we recall the transformation of Saul, the persecutor, into Paul, the apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

The readings are Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; and John 12:1-8. The hymns are ELW 339, "Christ, the Life of All the Living"; ELW 338, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus," and ELW 324, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory." At 11:00 a.m. Cathedral Choir will sing "O Dearest Friend," by Darrell A. Dalton.

### Sunday, March 28,

#### Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

The voice of the suffering savior, Jesus, can be heard in the prophet Isaiah's words and pleading of the psalm. We are invited into the agony of our Lord in the extended reading of the story of Jesus' passion. In the second reading, we who have put on Christ in holy baptism are urged to let the mind of Christ be our own. Lent leads us to this holy moment. Embrace it.

Weather permitting, the 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services will begin outside on the west side of the church building with the reading of Luke 19:28-40. The assembly will then process with our palms around to the east side of the church and enter through the 6th Avenue doors to the sound of bells and the organ preparing us to sing "All Glory, Laud, and Honor." The readings for this day are Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; and Luke 22:14-23:56.

The hymns will be ELW 344, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor," ELW 346, "Ride on, Ride on in Majesty," and ELW 347, "Go to Dark Gethsemane." At 8:45 a.m. the Kisasa Choristers and Cantorei will sing "Hosanna! Ride On!" by Carolyn Jennings for offering and Kisasa will sing "Little Grey Donkey," by Natalie Sleeth during Communion. Cathedral Choir will repeat the Jennings piece for offering at 11:00 a.m. The service ends quietly to prepare us for our entry into Holy Week.

There are no services the Wednesday of Holy Week, March 31.



# Health & Life Decisions Seminar

The Health Ministry Team will sponsor an important Health and Life Decisions seminar Saturday, April 17, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at St. John's. Offerings will include acupuncture and healing touch, end-of-life planning, and prostate cancer. The event is open to the public.

There will be two sessions: Participants attending the first session, from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m., may choose the Acupuncture and Healing Touch program or End-of-Life Planning. The second session, from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m., includes the Prostate Cancer class and a repeat of End-of-Life Planning.

Acupuncture practitioner Jay Heaverlo, M.S., L.Ac., of the Midwest Acupuncture Clinic will

present details about acupuncture. Karen Zaabel, R.N., will discuss healing touch.

End-of-Life Planning will be presented by Family Practice Attorney Tom Tarbox, Norma Hirsch, M.D., and Parish Nurse Jean McKinney, R.N.

Jerry McCauley, M.D., will present information about prostate cancer.

Healthy snacks will be provided after 8:30 a.m. registration.

Pre-registration deadline is April 14. The cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Child care will be available. If you need child care, be sure to indicate the number of children you will bring as well as their ages.

To register, call the front desk at 243-7691, or complete and return the registration form below.

## Health & Life Decisions Seminar Registration Saturday April 17th, 2010

Name \_\_\_\_\_

During the **First Session**, I would like to attend:

End-of-Life Planning       Acupuncture & Healing Touch

During the **Second Session**, I would like to attend:

Prostate Cancer       End-of-Life Planning

Will you need child care? Yes  No

If so, how many children?  Age(s)

Cost: \$10 per person  \$15 per couple  Total:

Enclose a check, payable to St. John's Lutheran Church and mail or deliver to:

St. John's Lutheran Church  
Health Seminar  
600 Sixth Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50309





## Small Groups

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

### CALENDAR

**Quilting**, Tuesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 308

**EAGLES**, Tuesday, March 2, meeting at church at 10:00 a.m. to carpool or at Jester Park Lodge at 11:00 a.m. to attend an O.W.L.S. program and lunch

**3D**, Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 at 10:00 a.m.

**In the Word—Saturday a.m. Bible Study**, Saturdays, March 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 8:30 a.m. —at Caribou on Ingersoll

**In the Word—Markers Group**, Watch the bulletin for dates.

**Hardanger**, Mondays, March 8 and 22, 9:00 a.m.

**St. John's Job Networking Group**, Monday, March 8, 5:30 p.m. at Gateway on Martin Luther King Parkway and Woodland

**Prayer Shawl**, Monday afternoon group, Monday, March 15, 1:00 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge

**Lunch Bunch II**, will meet Wednesday, March 17, 11:30 a.m.

**Lunch Bunch I**, will meet Thursday, March 18, 11:30 a.m.

**Couples Club**, Sunday, March 21 at 4:00 p.m. at Bass Pro Shop for Bowling and dinner at the grill

**Prayer Shawl**, Tuesday evening group, Tuesday, March 23, 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge

**Recreational Book Club**, Wednesday, March 24, 4:30 p.m. in Rose Holm

**Scrapbooking**, Saturday, March 27, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Room 8

**Seven @ Seven**, Saturday, March 27 or Sunday, March 28 hosted by members in their homes

**Photography**, Sunday, March 28, 10:00 a.m. in Neumann

*Be sure to check [www.stjohnsdsm.org](http://www.stjohnsdsm.org)  
for small group dates and events.*

### More information on upcoming events

**EAGLES** are making plans to attend an O.W.L.S. (Older, Wiser, Livelier Seniors) program and lunch at Jester Park Lodge on Tuesday, March 2. Those wishing to carpool out there can meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. The nature program, The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, begins at 11:00 with lunch following for \$7.00 per person. For the program, Phyllis Main will share her passion for wildlife and wilderness preservation in Alaska. Reservations deadline is February 25; please contact Barb Hyler Her phone number is 262-5261 or email: b.hyler@mchsi.com (You can pay at the door.)

**Quilting Group:** This group meets every Tuesday morning from 9:30 a.m. to noon The quilting group would like to have others join them, so if you are interested in quilting or tying quilts, please talk to Dorothy Parry, 255-6049, or Lu Saf, 277-4101.

**The Hardanger Group** meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 9:00 a.m. If you are interested in this needlework, please contact Arlene Field, 964-3363, or Barb Hyler, 262-5261.

**St. John's Job Networking Group:** If you are looking for a way to connect with others who are job hunting, please join in some great fellowship and share ideas at the St. John's Job Networking Group. The next meeting is Monday, March 8, 5:30 p.m. at Gateway on Martin Luther King and Woodland in the Sherman Hill district

**Prayer Shawl Gatherings:** Monday afternoon group will meet on Monday, March 15, 1:00 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge; Tuesday evening group will meet on Tuesday, March 23, 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge. Anyone wishing to learn how to knit is welcome.

**Couples Club** will meet on Sunday, March 21 at 4:00 p.m. at Uncle Buck's inside the Bass Pro Shop, 1000 Bass Pro Drive, Altoona, IA

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(located on the south side of Interstate 80 just before you get to the Altoona exit for Prairie Meadows.) Cost for the bowling portion: Shoes \$3.00 per pair, two lines bowling will cost about \$8.40 per person and be done somewhere around 7:00 p.m. The group will eat at Uncle Buck's Grill afterward. RSVP by no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 5, to Neil and Diane Wheeler at wheelers464@msn.com or 278-4775.

**Lunch Bunch I** will continue to meet on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the restaurant of the host's choice (next gathering, March 18). Anyone interested in joining this group please call Margaret Roby at 288-6304 to reserve a space. New members are most welcome! Current members will receive a phone call for their reservation.

**In the Word—Marker Group** is meeting at 9:30 a.m. at the Starbucks on Fleur. Dates are decided at the previous meeting. Watch the bulletin for the next meeting date. The group is adding new people and still open. Call Delaine Marker, 285-2605, if you are interested in joining them.

**Recreational Reading** will meet Wednesday, March 24, at 4:30 p.m. in Rose Holm. The book to discuss is *The Third Chapter* by Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot.

**Scrapbooking** will be meeting on their usual 4th Saturday, March 27, between 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Anyone who enjoys scrapbooking is invited to attend—bring your pictures and pages and materials to work with. People come and leave whatever time fits their Saturday schedule. If you are interested in attending, please call or email Darla at 243-7691 or darlastiles@stjohnsdsm.org.

**Photography** has changed their name to welcome those who enjoy taking pictures with a 35 mm camera as well as those who use digital cameras. Their next meeting is Sunday, March 28, at 10:00 am in Neumann. The group has lots of new ideas for the coming year and hopes to get more people involved. Anyone interested in photography is welcome to join them.

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY INFORMATION:** We will be sending in the roster and all pictures for the activity pages very soon. We will not be publishing emails but will publish telephone numbers unless you request not to have yours published. (Please contact the office if you do not wish it published.) Names, addresses and home phone numbers will be in a roster in the back of the directory. Members of our congregation will receive a free directory if you have

had your picture taken and selected a pose for the directory. There will be some extra directories for those who wish to purchase one if you did not have your picture taken. If you have moved recently, changed phone numbers, etc. please contact the church office, 243-7691 with new information so it will be as accurate as possible.

**Seven @ Seven** (formerly known as Nine to Dine) There have been several suggestions to revisit the Nine-to-Dine events that were organized in years past. The Christian Involvement Team has decided to do just that with one tweak: It will be called **Seven @ Seven** (so that those who don't have room for nine people around their table might be able to squeeze seven!) For those new to this concept, we have sign-ups in the lounge for a few weeks—people can sign-up to go to the home of a member for a potluck dinner for the sole purpose of getting to know others in our congregation better. (There will also be a place on the sign-up sheet to offer to host the dinner at your house). There are about 4 dates suggested and each person interested can select a date that fits his/her schedule. The dates we have chosen for this winter/spring are: Saturday, March 27, Sunday, March 28, Saturday, April 10, Sunday, April 11. East host/hostess will be notified of seven people in their group and they will call those people to give specifics. We hope this sounds like a fun idea and you will start thinking about what date may work for you. Sign-ups will appear in the lounge toward the end of February.

## In Memoriam

The family of Mark E. Slack of Melcher, Iowa would like their St. John's family to know the he passed away on the 26th of January of natural causes. If you would like to contact the family or send your condolences please call Mark's father, Keith Slack.

### Did you know?

St. John's now offers Wi-Fi internet access from Weertz to DDI. Just look for the STJOHNS wireless network and use 'inthecity' for the passcode.



## Children's Ministries

### March 7

*Age 3 - 4th grade:*

Jesus heals 10 men (Luke 17:11-19)

Faith Trait: Thankfulness

Big Idea: Being thankful is a way to show love.

*5th and 6th grade:*

Jesus heals a paralyzed man (Luke 5:17-28)

Faith Trait: Loyalty

Big Idea: Faith in Jesus helps us care for you.

**March 14:** All classes meet in Room 208. We'll sing some songs and play some new songs on the Kristal Bells that were given in memory of Jaleen Herman. We'll also have some fun with a favorite bible story as some of the kids become the actors and dress up to make the story come alive.

**March 21:** All classes meet in Room 208. We'll sing some songs and play some new songs on the Kristal Bells that were given in memory of Jaleen Herman. We'll also have some fun with a favorite bible story as some of the kids become the actors and dress up to make the story come alive.

### March 28:

Palm Sunday (Luke 19:28-40)

Faith Trait: Joy

Big Idea: With joy in our hearts, we welcome Jesus!

### April 4:

Easter--No Sunday School



### Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for kids age Kindergarten through 7th grade. Vacation Bible School (Daycamp) will be June 21-24.

## Youth Ministries

**PLANT SALE 2010!** The St. John's Plant Sale is back by popular demand!!! Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about spring and the elaborate plans for your gardens! The order form is enclosed. The deadline for your order form and money is Sunday, March 28. Checks can be made payable to St. John's with "plant sale" in the memo line. Plants will be available

for pick-up in the north parking lot of St. John's on Saturday, May 1 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you have questions please contact Megan Clausen (meganc@stjohnsdsm.org or 515.243.7691). All proceeds will benefit the 2010 summer service trips of the youth of St. John's!

**Detach the form on the next page and send in with your check. Thank you for supporting the youth of St. John's!**

### St. John's Travel Coffee/Beverage mugs for sale!!!

The youth are selling orange or green, stainless steel insulated travel mugs for the very reasonable price of \$10 each! This will be an ongoing fundraiser to help fund a Parent/Young-Adult resource library up in DDI on the third floor. If you would like to purchase a mug please see Megan Clausen or ask any middle or high school youth! Thanks for your help!

**The youth of St. John's are AMAZING!!!** They have served in many capacities over the past couple of months. They made desserts for and helped with the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper! They helped with many parts of the DMARC soup supper! The middle schoolers raised almost \$600 for the Connection Café on Super Bowl Sunday morning (with YOUR help)! The high school students hosted a stellar Valentine's party for the clients of Lutheran Services of Iowa! Great job all of you! I am so proud of the service you are doing! Keep it up!





# St. John's Lutheran Church Plant Sale 2010

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 28th.**

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



*"And How He Had Been Made Known to Them in the Breaking of the Bread."*

Luke 24:35b (NRSV)

Many of you will recognize this statement documented in scripture relating the experience of two of Jesus' disciples when they encountered Him after the resurrection on the road to Emmaus. If you think about it, a great many of Jesus' experiences with his apostles, disciples, and even (maybe especially!) unbelievers, revolved around food. Reflect on the loaves and fishes; twice Jesus fed a multitude of several thousand. Think of the uproar he caused when he ate with the tax collector, Matthew. And every week, we "know" Jesus in the breaking of the break with Holy Communion.

Jesus was practical. He knew people needed food to survive. They needed to be fed physically as well as spiritually.

Here at St. John's we are starting a new ministry that is also going to feed people's bodies and souls. We have started a new meal ministry. With a congregation as large and diverse as St. John's, we have parishioners experiencing a variety of life-changing experiences – the birth of a baby, extended hospital stays, chronic home health-care needs, and also the loss of a loved one through death. To reach out to these members, we have some very generous people who have offered their culinary talents and time to supply a meal in a time of need.

Our plan is simple and direct...when a need becomes known, we respond. It may be for a single individual or a family; a happy occasion such as a birth, or support for some in habitual or tragic situations. Any and all of those situations is a time when people rely on family. And the St. John's is a family, albeit a LARGE one, but a family!

If you are interested in helping, please contact the office. If you need menu ideas, we have recipes to help. It need be nothing elaborate, just an offering of a home-cooked meal and show of support. We have freezer storage

space in case of "emergency" needs. If you bake bread or a batch of cookies, think of doubling it and bring it to church - same for a casserole. We will put it to good use.

We will have care-cards available – sharing joy, sorrow or support – so people will know that we are aware of their situation and keeping them in our thoughts and prayers.

To have a member reach out to another member with a meal and provide support is "outreach" in the best sense of the word. It is being church. It is making Jesus known in the breaking of the bread.

## Adult Forum for March

**March 7th, 2010 "Is there a War between Religion and Science?" (2nd of two parts) Mark Mattes, Professor of Religion, Grandview University.** Many people have thought so. This two-part series will show how Religion and Science might be more intertwined than what many usually think. Come and join us with questions and comments.

**March 14th and 21st "Do Heresies Still Abound?" Mark Mattes** In this day and time the word heresy sounds like an out of date word. But is it possible that some presentations of the faith so distort the Gospel that God's promises are no longer heard? In the next two sessions we will explore present day expressions of modern day heresies. Join us, your perspective will be honored and your input is welcome.

**March 28th Palm Sunday (no forum scheduled for today)**



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## Lenten Services

**Join us every Wednesday  
during Lent at 12:05 or 7:00.**

**Lunch will be available before and  
after the 12:05 service in Neumann  
from 11:00 - 1:00.**



## MARCH EAGLE CALL DEADLINE

The deadline for all January Eagle Call information is **Monday, March 15, 2010**. Please send information or articles, in digital format if possible, to Scott LaBlanc. At [scottl@stjohnsdsm.org](mailto:scottl@stjohnsdsm.org). If you cannot send it by email, drop it off at the church office.  
Thank you!