

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH- MISSOURI SYNOD

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 1, 2026

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service Setting 1, page 151

HYMNS: 592, 842, 781 v1, 426, 735, 686, 427

LESSON: Micah 6:1-8, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON: Blessed Are You

WORSHIP LIFE LAST WEEK: 97

WELCOME: We are happy to have you worship with us today. It is our prayer that you will receive spiritual profit from your fellowship with us. If you have no church home, you are welcome here.

HOLY COMMUNION

- **If you are a member of St. John's**, see page 329 for help in preparing to receive Jesus' body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins.
- **If you are a guest**, welcome! Communion at St. John's is reserved for members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations. Please speak with the Pastor about Communion before participating.
- **Didn't have a chance to talk with Pastor about Communion before church?** If you're a member of an LCMS congregation, you are welcome to Communion, but please let Pastor know where you go to church when you come to the Communion rail.



TODAY IS LAST DAY TO PRE-ORDER SUBS

TODAY is the last day to pre-order Super Bowl Subs. Pick-up subs following worship next Sunday, February 8. Be sure to stop at the bake sale to pick up some extra goodies. **All members are welcome to bring goodies to sell.** All proceeds will go to fund the 100th Centennial Celebration on Sunday, September 13. Thank you for your continued support.

SENDING "GOODIE BOXES"

It has become an annual tradition to send a special box of goodies and "love" to show our support for our members away at college or in the military. Boxes will be packed by the St. John's Circle and sent out on Monday, February 9. If you have a college student or a child in the military, **please let us know their name and address by February 5.** Contact the office at 218-927-3170.



APPOINTMENTS WITH GOD – WE SERVE IN LOVE

Sunday, Feb 1	9:00 am	Worship / Communion Coffee & Fellowship
	10:30 am	Centennial Committee Meeting
	10:30 am	Sunday Bible Study
	10:45 am	Sunday School / Bible Bowl Practice
	11:45 am	Bell Choir
	12:00 pm	SLEDDING / POTLUCK
Tuesday, Feb 3	9:00 am	Quilting
	1:30 pm	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, Feb 4	9:00 am	Men's Bible Study
	3:30 pm	Confirmation
	5:00 pm	ACT
	6:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday, Feb 5	10:30 am	Aicota Service
	6:00 pm	Deacons' Meeting
Sunday, Feb 8	9:00 am	Worship / Communion Coffee & Fellowship Super Bowl Subs & Bake Sale
	10:30 am	Sunday Bible Study
	10:45 am	Sunday School / Bible Bowl Practice
	11:45 am	Bell Choir
	5:00 pm	ACT Super Bowl Party



WE PRAY FOR...

Those battling cancer – Lisa Baty, Pam Collins, Rev. Robin Collins, Ruth Ferguson, Darlene Horvath, Shirley Klitzke, Fritzie Lamke, Marcus Marsh, Gary Miller, Jeff Moe, John Pearson, Carol Stevens, Tim Wegner and Ray Williams.

Those dealing with other health issues – Maggie Borseth, Marilyn Boucher, Betty Bulhmann, Lois Du Chane, Yvonne Erdman, Rowan Grage, Lori Hawkins, Claire Hill, Linda Hollingsead, Ian Hughes, Rodney Larson Jr., Ardis Lillestol, Jordin Mae, Jake Mehr, Michele Messetler-Mondry, Ginger Peterson, Shirley Renstrom, Clark Sadlo, Deborah Sergot, Joseph Schuelke, Pat Scott, Colton Blake Shoemocker, Clyde Swanson, Roy Van Horn, Chuck Virginia, Adah Williams, and Connor Wood.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: #592 – *“Dearest Jesus, We Are Here”*

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PSALM 15: read responsively

KYRIE – page 152

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – page 154

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY: Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

OLD TESTAMENT: Micah 6:1-8

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

ALLELUIA – page 156

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

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CHILDREN’S LESSON

HYMN OF THE DAY: #842- *“Son of God, Eternal Savior”*

SERMON: BLESSED ARE YOU

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING: #781, v.1 - *“We Give Thee But Thine Own”*

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT – page 160

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PAX DOMINI AND AGNUS DEI – page 163

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: #426 – *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*

#735 – *“Have No Fear, Little Flock”*

#686 – *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

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CLOSING HYMN: #427 – *“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”*

BLESSED ARE YOU

How to read the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12)

A chiasm (from the Greek letter *chi*, X) is a literary structure where ideas are arranged in a mirrored pattern—like looking at them in reverse order. The first idea connects to the last, the second to the second-to-last, and so on, often highlighting the central idea as the main point.

Pattern:

A – B – C – B' – A'

Simple example:

“When the going gets tough, the tough get going.”

The structure helps with emphasis, memory, and meaning, and it's especially common in biblical texts, where the middle element often carries the theological weight.

Matthew 5:1–12

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Verses 3 & 10

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Verse 4 & 9

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Verse 5 & 8

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Verse 11

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CHILL & THRILL

CHURCH SLEDDING PARTY



ALL AGES WELCOME!

POTLUCK LUNCH

Bring a dish to share
Hot Apple Cider and Cocoa provided.

BRING A SLED
and a FRIEND!
snow tubes work the best!

TODAY
12:00 pm

Bruce & Debbie Schultz's
32310 420th Place, Aitkin
218-839-4322

ARE YOU READY FOR
SUPER BOWL SUNDAY?



**SUPER BOWL SUB
 & SNACK SALE
 IS BACK!**

This event is hosted by the St. John's Centennial Committee. Money raised goes to the St. John's Centennial Celebration on September 13, 2026.



ANYONE CAN BE A PART OF THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT

Make snacks and goodies to sell (bring them the day of the sale, February 8, marked with a price) and/or order a sub and purchase snacks. Your participation is greatly appreciated in planning our big 100th Birthday Celebration.

SUPER BOWL SUB SANDWICH ORDER FORM

(place this form in T & G Rose mailbox after completing)

	SANDWICH MEAT			TOPPINGS							
\$10 per sub	choose 1			choose as many as you want							
NAME / PHONE #	TURKEY	HAM	ROAST BEEF	CHEESE	LETTUCE	TOMATO	ONIONS	MAYO	MUSTARD	ITALIAN DRESSING	
1											
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Pre-Order Debbie's Famous Molasses Cookies

\$8 per dozen

_____ Dozen

TOTAL \$_____

ORDERS DUE BY SUNDAY, FEB 1.

Please pick up your subs following worship on Sunday, February 8.

Snacks will also be available for purchase.

Thank you for your support!




All are invited to

FAMILY BOWLING DAY



SUNDAY
MARCH 1
12:00 - 2:45 pm

FREE EVENT (paid for with Sunday School funds)
includes Games, Shoes & Pizza
must sign up by February 15 to get accurate count for planning



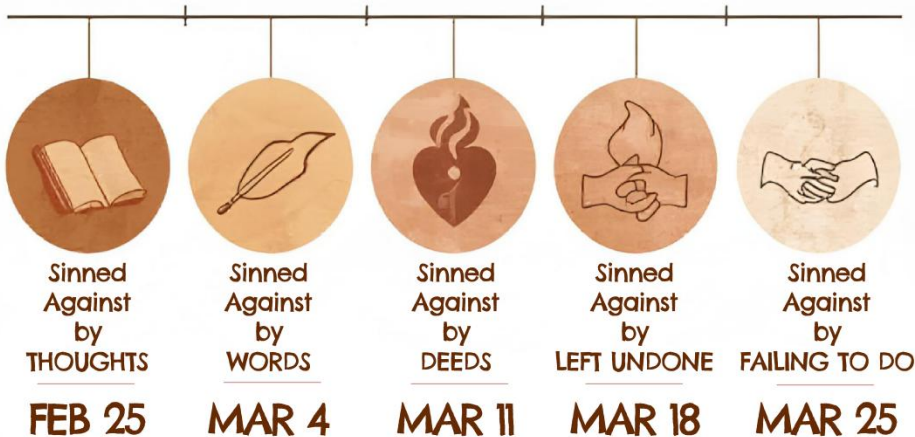
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Midweek Lenten Services

5PM Supper | 6PM Worship

ASH WEDNESDAY : FEB 18



Rosallini's Pizza Fundraiser

ACT is selling pizza vouchers!

Proceeds go towards a future youth gathering

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Pizza Voucher	\$ cost	# of vouchers	Total \$
Large, 1-topping	\$15	_____	_____
Large, 2-topping	\$16	_____	_____
Large, Specialty	\$20	_____	_____
Medium, GF, 1-topping	\$17	_____	_____
Medium, GF, 2-topping	\$18	_____	_____
Medium, GF, Specialty	\$20	_____	_____
Total			_____

Please give voucher orders Brea Hamdorf

All Orders are due by Sunday, March 1st