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If you would like to submit a question for "Ask the Pastor", Biblical, theological, church related, anything you have been dying to ask a pastor, you can hand me a note, ask me after church, send an e-mail, or sneak into the church after dark and anonymously slide a sealed envelope under my office door. If I answer your question in print, I will not include your name unless you explicitly ask me to.

Ask the Pastor

"When and why did they make the change from *hell* to *dead* in the creed? (When I was a kid we always said "descended into hell".)

"When?" is pretty easy to answer. The Service Book and Hymnal (1958) uses the word "hell". The Lutheran Book of Worship (1978) uses the word "hell" with an option to use the word "dead". The Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal we are using now (2006) uses the word "dead" with an option to use the word "hell".

"Why" is a little more complicated... When I was a little kid, I thought it was because you weren't supposed to say bad words in church. It turns out there is more to it than that. The Latin word *inferos* (translated as "hell") should be understood as "the abode of the dead". It is the place people go when they die; the realm where the righteous who had died were waiting for the Messiah to open the gates of heaven. *Inferos* does not indicate the place of eternal damnation we use the word "hell" to describe today. That place was called *Gehenna* in the Greek. (But even that is not the same. The early disciples' idea of *Gehenna* would be very different from our idea of *Hell*.)

In the Apostles' Creed, when we say "*descendit ad inferos*" we are confessing that Jesus went to the abode of the dead (that is to say he was really dead; not just playin' opossum). We are not saying that Jesus went to the place of eternal damnation with the guy who has the villain moustache, red leotard, and a pitchfork. *Technically* both words are correct; "hell" is the literal translation of the Latin word, but "dead" carries a more accurate meaning of the word in the context of the Apostles' Creed.

Why was it changed? I assume that somewhere along the line, the people who put together the hymnal decided to go with the different translation because the meaning of the word "hell" in our modern vocabulary had changed and "dead" better described the spirit of the Creed.

I suppose we could eliminate the confusion and just say the Apostles' Creed in Latin, but that would probably create a whole new set of questions.

memorials & gifts



In Memory of Ethlemae Schimmel

Elaine Gruetter
Mary Harmeyer
Mary Schimming
Larry and Nancy Strohscher

In Memory of Gertrude Henningsen

JoElaine Schimming
Jeff Schimming
Elaine Gruetter
Susan Hamen
Carolyn (Goetz) Rohloff
Phyllis Bensch
Carolyn Rohloff
Edna Rideout and family
Beth Johnson
Lowell and Diane Hartman
Mary Harmeyer
Betty Roecker
Henry and Carrol Krukemyer
Connie and Bill Burden
Todd and Amy Krukemyer & family
Phyllis Haeft
Diane Dickinson
Amy and Paul Drake
Dunn Chevy Buick in Oregon, Ohio
Mary Schimming

In Memory of Gerald Helle

Carol Vargo
Mary Harmeyer
Phyllis Haeft
Elroy Helle

In Memory of Robert Kapp

Mary Harmeyer
Lowell and Diane Hartman
Jim and Mona Vogelbacher

In Memory of Clyde Sandrock

Mary Schimming

In Memory of Milton Schimming

Mary Schimming

In Memory of Mr. Mazur

Jim and Mona Vogelbacher

In Memory of Edna Sandrock

Danny and Karen Jeffers and families
Diane Dickinson
Carole Beamer
Margaret Berger
Linda Schlievert
Doris Titgemeyer
Timothy and Cebie Titgemeyer
Evelyn Zimmerman
Kent Delventhal
Carolyn Korek
David and Deanne Neuman
Diana Pfaff
Gary and Darlene Carstensen
Alice Witt
Carol Vargo
Robert and Diane Kapp
Noel and Marte Heisler
Larry and Nancy Strohscher
Phyllis Haeft
Jack and Jill Matthews
Donna Matthews
Mary Schimming
Gene and Amy Bihn
Richard and Jane Phillips
JoElaine Schimming
Ben, Kimberly, Anna and Benjamin
Sommers
Daryl and Diane Traver
Cheryl Berger
Gertrude Eckermann
Deb Wehner
Jim and Dolores Schimming
Danny and Karen Jeffers
Jim and Mona Vogelbacher
Dennis and Rosemarie Dickinson
S.E. Harvan
Genoa Senior Center
Lynn and Marla Koob
Lowell and Diane Hartman
Carol Tank and family

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Worship Hours

Saturday at 5:00 PM

Sunday School 8:30 AM

Sunday Worship 9:45 AM

Deadline for the

April newsletter is

Monday, March 23rd @
9AM

**Please send articles and/or
information to
office@stjohnwilliston.org.**



**“Creating and nurturing life
changing relationships
based on the love of God in
Jesus Christ, so that we may
grow in faith, serve God and
serve our neighbor.”**



Amelia Burkey
Office

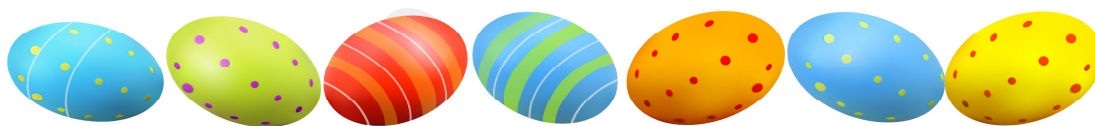
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Parish Education is sponsoring an Easter Egg Drive Thru on Saturday, April 3rd from 9:30 – 12:00 in the church parking lot. Come for fun and lots of treats! If anyone would like to donate candy for this event, please drop it off outside the church office. We will need wrapped candy that will fit in plastic eggs.



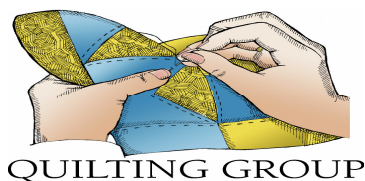
The Parish Education Committee is looking for catechism and high school students to help fill bags for the Easter Egg Drive Thru. We will meet at the church on Saturday, March 27th at 10:00. This is a great opportunity to earn service points.

The Blanket Ladies....Still Hard at Work!!

Everyone is invited to join in and help tie!
No experience needed.

Every Tuesday at 9am.

Everyone is
welcome!



QUILTING GROUP

Missing Church?

Not ready yet?

That's ok!

We have the answer!

We are gathering

**together in person for worship but you
can also worship with St. John ONLINE!**

We are gathering in the sanctuary for worship and live streaming our worship services on our

Facebook page and on our YouTube channel on Saturdays at **5PM** and Sunday mornings at **9:45 AM.**

Not online? That's ok. Let the office know and we will send you an Audio CD of the latest worship service.

Our Facebook link is [https://](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnwilliston/)

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For continued services, you may also search YouTube for St John and look for the logo.



The St. John Mini Pantry /Blessing Box is Open!

The St. John Mini Pantry is stocked with ready to eat or easily prepared food items and hygiene items which are available to those in our community who may need a little help. It contains boxes of mac and cheese, soup, spaghetti, canned meals, veggies, fruit, peanut butter, jelly and other items. Volunteers check the box daily and replenish it when needed. We are also accepting donations of travel size personal items like toothpaste, toothbrushes, soaps, travel size tissues and shampoo.

Thank you to those who continue to support the Blessing Box.



The St John Phone Prayer Chain has been updated, effective February 1. If you need a prayer started for yourself, a family member or friend, please call the church office (419-836-5514) or Pastor O'Brien (419-972-4003 or 419-378-1112) to start the prayer chain. You may also call Margaret Berger (419-836-7384 or 419-340-2150) or Darlene Carstensen (419-836-7022) to start the prayer chain.

We have both a phone list and an e-mail list which combined have about 35 members. You may have your name added to either one of these lists at any time by either calling or e-mailing Margaret at d_mberger@frontier.com.

Prayer is powerful and when many join together it will bring much comfort to those who have requested it. "Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive it."
Matthew 21:22

The 2021 Altar and Chancel Flower chart is posted outside the church office. Please sign up for the weekend you would like to order Altar or Chancel flowers.

Fill out the order slip and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the office with your payment. Or feel free to call the office and Amelia can add your name to the desired dates.



Altar flowers are \$25.00
Chancel flowers are \$20.00

Please submit your order slip as soon as possible before the order date as orders are placed several days in advance.

*Flowers will not be ordered
without a blue slip.*



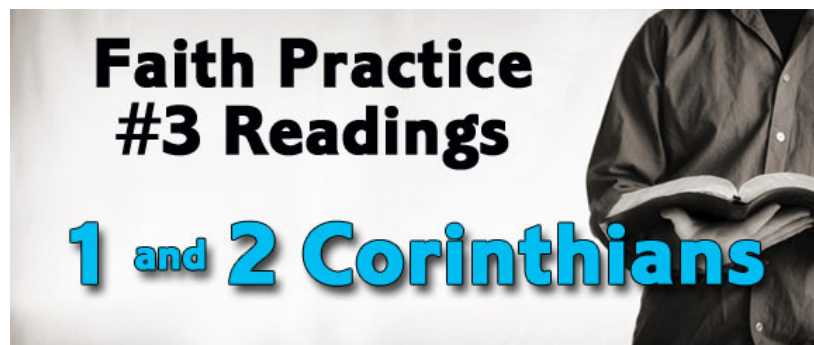
T H E H O L Y S A C R A M E N T S

"Drive-Thru Communion" is scheduled for Sunday, March 7th following worship. If you would like to receive the sacrament, worship with us at home on Facebook or YouTube and then come to the church. Pastor will be outside in the parking lot starting about 10:30-ish (when worship is over).

We will use the self-contained communion elements with the juice and wafer in a sealed package. We will also have a gluten-free option available.

**We know these can be times of anxiety and
uncertainty, loneliness and pain.
Your St. John Stephen Ministers are here to help.**

**Need to talk?
Call Pastor O'Brien or the church office at
419-836-5514 and we will put you in contact with
one of your St. John Stephen Ministers.**



Week of March 1

2 Corinthians 9

Paul knows the Corinthians' willingness to give. Paul is sending Titus and the others to pick up the collection – it is a matter of generosity rather than a begrudging obligation. He who sows sparingly will reap sparingly. God loves a cheerful giver. God will generously increase the fruits of your righteousness.

Week of March 8

2 Corinthians 10

Paul faces the accusation that he is tough in his letters, but weak and unimpressive in person. If they wish, he can be equally tough in person. Paul's critics measure themselves by themselves. Paul will not boast beyond measure – he who glories, let him glory in the Lord (Jeremiah 9:24).

Week of March 15

2 Corinthians 11

Paul fears that, just as the serpent deceived Eve, so the Corinthians will be corrupted by those who preach a Christ different from Paul's. Paul is not inferior to the most eminent apostles. False apostles are like Satan, seeking to transform himself into an angel of light.

Week of March 22

2 Corinthians 12

Paul mentions visions and revelations he received from the Lord. He speaks of his suffering in connection with these extraordinary revelations: in order that he does not become too exalted, a messenger of Satan is sent to be a thorn in his flesh. Paul exults in sufferings and reproaches, and vindicates his apostleship. Paul promises to come and visit the Corinthians.

Week of March 29

2 Corinthians 13

Paul promises to come with severity, if necessary. Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

What's next?

This is the end of 2 Corinthians. What book of the Bible would you like to read next? I have had requests for Psalms and Isaiah. Would you be interested in reading through one of these or do you have another suggestion? I love the Psalms, but it is a BIG book. I hesitate to choose that one because a chapter a week will take us three years. Do you have thoughts or suggestions?



CONNECTING KIDS TO CHRIST The Connection

Puzzle!

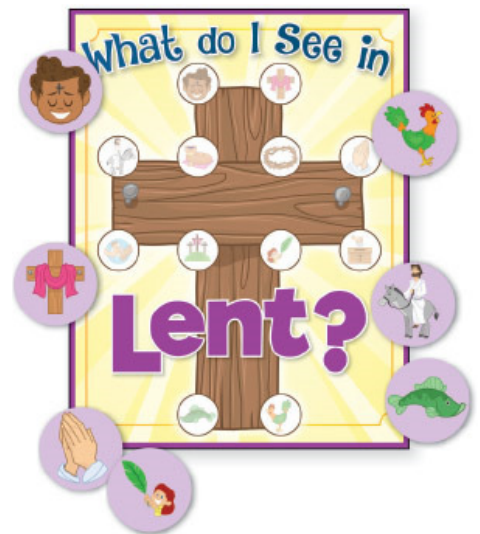
Find and circle these words associated with the Lenten journey to the cross.

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|-------------|------------|---------|--------|
| colt | denial | kiss | repent |
| confess | donkey | lots | silver |
| cross | forsaken | palms | sins |
| crown | Gethsemane | penance | suffer |
| crucifixion | Golgotha | Pilate | thorns |
| death | hosanna | prayer | vigil |

E N A M E S H T E G R L W Y
 C L E U X B M T H B U C W B
 N R I K Y P A T E T I Y X Y
 A V J G A L B R E Y A R P B
 N G N L I S N L A I N E D X
 E W M P R V R D H B N R D F
 P S O G O L G O T H A B S C
 D L N R O C O N F E S S I K
 O T H T C P E K W U O U N D
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 F Q E S U D S H C A A Y M C
 C R U C I F I X I O N S R V



ROMANS 8:16





HUMAN LIFE is the **FIRST** and **GREATEST** gift of all and carries great **RESPONSIBILITIES** with it.



LIFE ITSELF IS A STEWARDSHIP

As Christians we know that our lives are sacred trusts.



We are the stewards of those lives; God depends on us to use them to accomplish God's purposes.



JUST THINK,

**You are not here by chance,
but by God's choosing.**

**His hand formed you and
made you the person you are.**

**He compares you to no one else—
you are one of a kind.**

**You lack nothing that His grace
can't give you.**

**He has allowed you to be here
at this time in history to
fulfill His special purpose for
this generation.**



MARCH STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Oh Lord, giver of life and source of our freedom, we are reminded that Yours is "the earth in its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it."

We know that it is from your hand that we have received all we have and are and will be.

Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be the stewards of

Your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us.

Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously.

May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives.

We pray this with grateful hearts
in Jesus' name.

Amen.



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God's work. Our hands.

“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your [creator] in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your [creator] who sees in secret will reward you” (Matthew 6:1-4).

Jesus’ teaching in Matthew 6:1-6 and 16-21 is the starting point on the journey through Lent. In this excerpt from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus admonishes his audience about public, showy displays of spirituality. Rather than take pleasure or pride in giving alms, we are to hide the deed even from ourselves. Rather than pray in public, we are to retire to private rooms. Rather than display the effects of our fasting, Jesus tells us, “Put oil on your head and wash your face” (6:17). In fact, each of Jesus’ directives seems to contradict the very notion of what we have come to call “being a public church.” The sermon of Jesus appears to favor private spirituality over public displays of faith. He seems to suggest that faith is best lived out in the quiet and private spaces of our hearts rather than in public.

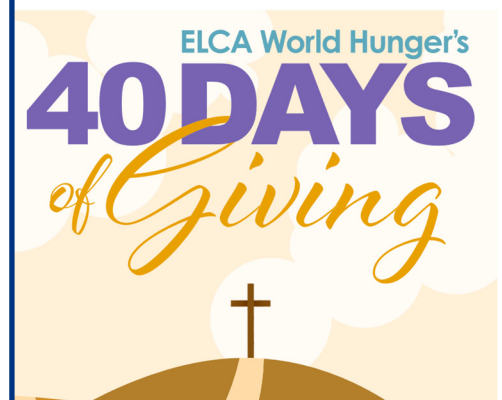
However, reading the sermon in this way misses the fact that the Gospel of Matthew is a call to be this very public church, which will “make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). We might believe that the message of Lent is to practice private piety, yet Jesus focuses here not on the mere practices of faith but on the community of faith. **In other words, Jesus is talking not about the what but about the who – who we are and who God is.**

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Think, share or journal about a time when you acted and it created a positive change. What did you do? What happened? What did it feel like?
2. Where have you seen God turning prayers into action?
3. Think about the prayers you share during worship. Bring one prayer to mind. How might your community turn this prayer into action? What small or large steps could you take?
4. Where is there a need for action to end hunger in your community? What will it take to move this action forward?

PRAYER

God of promise, God of hope, God of fullness, God of peace, guide us, your people, to be your hands and feet, to work together as you build on our rocky soil a new, just world where all are fed.



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Carole Beamer
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Stewardship
Property
Worship Life



I had an enjoyable and rewarding experience in my years serving on the food pantry board. Thank you to all of the volunteers over the years helping with the food pantry. I am extremely appreciative and humbled by your donation to the pantry in honor of my years of service. Thank you all so much.

Also I want to thank you for the gift card it was extremely appreciated as well.

Cindy Hartman



Growing as Jesus' Disciples with Seven Faith Practices

We strive to...

1. **PRAY** daily
2. **WORSHIP** weekly
3. **READ** and study the Bible
4. **SERVE** at and beyond St. John
5. **INVITE** others into a loving relationship with Jesus
6. **GIVE** of my time, talents, and resources
7. **ENCOURAGE** spiritual growth in others





February Highlights

Council Meeting Minutes in Person/Zoom- February 18, 2021

Pastor's Report:

Attendance: in Person average

Nov 35.0

YTD 2020 average 157.7

On-Line average

171.2

YTD average 208.2

Numbers:

14 hospital/homeland visit/individual or family meetings

4 committee/group meetings

3 Community/youth/fellowship events

8 professional/clergy activities

1 funeral

Funerals: I presided at the funeral of Janet Hartman (St. Peter, Blackberry) on January 30, 2021

Easter Worship: We are putting together our Easter worship service and are searching for some of St. John's hidden musical talent. If you know of someone who would like to share their gift of music, submit a recording or come to the church to be recorded – similar to how we did for Christmas Eve-please have them contact me.

New Facebook Group: Discussion at Committee Night last week led to the creation of a new Facebook group to help facilitate online connections. Whether you are someone who worships with us in the sanctuary, during the live broadcast on Facebook or watches the videos later on YouTube, the hope is that this can be an online community where members and friends of St. John Lutheran Church can meet for support, encouragement, and fellowship as we strive to live a life of discipleship in a quickly changing world. This group is a work in progress and we are sort of figuring it out as we go, but if you would like to join in you will find us at this link <http://www.facebook.com/groups/3270411673060044>

Financial Secretary's Report: Kristina Wildman – Income slightly down but will be made up in May with five Sunday's. Budget is still good.

Treasurer's report: **Kent Delventhal** – Expenses are remaining low due to COVID and are 89% under budget.

Finance Committee Report: **Fred Lammers** – Presented the Income over Expense Overage 2019-2020 distribution Finance recommendation report. Motion was made by Traci Brown to accept the distribution. Cheryl Berger seconded it. Motion passed. Kristina Wildman noted that the Genoa Food Pantry received the proceeds from the 2020-2021 Souper Bowl collection

The Finance Committee recommended that the Lenten offers be designated for the Lutheran Home of Mercy and the Bistro 163. Fred Lammers made the motion, Tim Titegemeyer Seconded, motion passed.

Christian Community Life: **Cheryl Berger** – We thanked the 2 new members, Alice & Carol for coming to our committee. We talked about what our committee does. We discussed the possibility of doing something or not for Mother's or Father's Day. It was decided NOT to have anything to handout.

CCL would like to help Evangelism with the task of updating the directory. They will give us some of the names to follow-up on.

We talked about taking in DONATIONS for the OTTAWA CO. HUMANE SOCIETY of Cat Food & Dog Food and other items they may need. Kris is getting more info from them before we can put the word out ! Alice mentioned Genoa Jewelers would be happy to accept collections @ their business ! MORE INFO TO COME ;)

Evangelism: Melissa Hays – Will chair Evangelism. We welcome Margaret Berger and Beverly Harder back to the Evangelism committee. Our main focus for these upcoming months will be working on updating the church directory. Council discussed Up-dating email, what on-line present do members use, phone numbers, addresses, director pictures and welcoming back members.

Parish Education: Kim Sommers - We collected a total of \$348.66 from both of our Souper Bowl weekends, thank you to the congregation for your generosity. Your donations support the Genoa food pantry Parish Ed is planning an Easter Egg drive through, in the church parking lot, on April 3, 2021, from 9:30 to noon, or until we run out of goodie bags. Anyone willing to donate individually wrapped candy that can fit into plastic Easter eggs can drop the candy off outside the church office. We are looking for catechism and high school youth volunteers to fill the goodie bags on March 27, at 10:00 AM here at the church. We will be practicing social distancing.

Stewardship: Ron Gerkenmeyer – Tom Cashen has agreed to coordinate the Golf Outing again this year. Thank you, Tom! Ron Gerkenmeyer will assist.

Worship Life: Traci Brown - There were 14 people who received drive-through communion Feb. 7th (It was originally scheduled for Jan. 31 but postponed due to snowy weather.) Next drive through communion is scheduled for March 7th, weather permitting.

Pastor reported that the recordings for the Ash Wednesday service and St. John's Lenten service were completed and Andy was finalizing the services. These services, as well as all the mid-week Lenten services, will be available weekly on YouTube after 11am each Wednesday and then will be on Facebook at 7 pm. beginning Feb. 17th – Ash Wednesday. The other churches that will be sharing a service were asked to have their recorded service submitted 10 days before their scheduled day to give Andy time to check it before posting. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services were finalized. Easter service format will be similar to Christmas service but with a few changes. All music – sung or instrumental will be recorded along with all the readings. An invitation will once again be sent out to our St. John family to join in and share their gifts of music, including playing bells which Beckie will coordinate. These will all be recorded on designated recording days which Andy will coordinate with those who want to participate. There will be in-person worship (as is done weekly) but there will be a sign-up process set up (by Lisa, Pastor, and Amelia) for those who wish to be present on Easter Saturday or Sunday, to establish the number of people in order to maintain a safe environment for all. Due to the continued Pandemic restrictions, the weekly Saturday/Sunday services will continue as they have been with musicians alternating as they have been and recorded music and scripture readings. The in-person worship will continue (with those in attendance following social distancing, wearing masks, and using hand sanitizer) and Andy will continue to record the service while on FB live, and then post it on YouTube, when it is ready, after the service ends.

The Confirmation service was briefly discussed and more details will be worked out in the coming months. Pastor shared that the Synod was beginning to look at "Returning to Congregational Life" and more on that topic will be reviewed in the coming months as well.

The next Worship Life meeting will be Tuesday March 9th The April meeting was changed to April 13th. Both at 7 pm in the Social Hall. May meeting remained unchanged, May 11th at this time.

Property: Gary Johnson – Gary Johnson will chair. Property will check for any light out.

OLD BUSINESS: Condition and appearance of church. Things have been put away. Traci Brown and Kim Sommers will manage the hymn boards.

NEW BUSINESS: Cheryl Berger received pantry news after the committee night meeting. St John will serve on April 17 and September 18. Please contact Cheryl if you can help! Last month 63 people were served and 32 families. Expenses were \$3368.67 and donations received were \$10,270.00.

Next Committee Meeting will be March 11 at 7:00 pm

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for March 18 at 7:00 pm.

ELECTRONIC GIVING AUTHORIZATION FORM



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*If using a checking account, please attach a voided check over the credit/debit card section above.
 We do urge you to use a checking or savings account as opposed to a credit card to save transaction fees. Thank you.
 Please allow 2-3 business days for processing. Thank you for being a blessing to St. John Lutheran Church.*

calendar of events for the month of **MARCH**

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|----------------------------|-----------|---|--------|--|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 5:00 PM Contemporary Worship |
| 7 8:30 AM Sunday School for all ages! 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM Traditional Worship | 8 | 9 10:00 AM Blankets | 10 | 11 7:00 PM Committee Night | 12 | 13 5:00 PM Contemporary Worship |
| 14 8:30 AM Sunday School for all ages! 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM Traditional Worship | 15 | 16 10:00 AM Blankets | 17 | 18 7:00 PM Council Meeting  | 19 | 20 5:00 PM Contemporary Worship |
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