

**ST. JOHN'S  
MISSION  
STATEMENT**

As a family united in faith through the Holy Scriptures, we exist to give praise, honor and glory to the Triune God, to nurture and train the family of believers through God's Word and to reach out to the changing world with a changeless Christ.

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## We Still Believe and Confess: The Blessings of Our Lutheran Confessions

The pages of church history are full of examples of people who have wandered from the truth and promoted teachings that are contrary to what God teaches. The Lutheran Confessions are important documents that address some of those errors by focusing on what the Scriptures say. They are important documents because they help us understand the truths God teaches in the Bible.

In our upcoming Bible class, We Still Believe and Confess, we will take a brief look at all of the official confessions of the Lutheran church. We will discuss the importance of confessions and get a better understanding of the historical background of each of the confessions. We will also study a key teaching of the Bible that is confessed in each document.

Please join us on Sunday mornings in January and February at 9:15 am. Learn why the Lutheran confessions are still important to us today.

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**WE STILL BELIEVE AND CONFESS**

## Join the S.O.A.P. Challenge!

As we head into 2019, let's join together and recommit ourselves to spending time in God's Word.

### S.O.A.P. Challenge

The SOAP Challenge is to read through the Bible in 3 years and to record thoughts along the way. This will challenge you to think about what you have read and how to apply it to your life. Maybe it will be a reminder of a promise . . . I am with you always . . . or astound you with God's power and majesty . . . creation in 6 days! . . . or reacquaint you with the details of a Bible story . . . or comfort you as you read of God's love and forgiveness.

Grab your notebook and the Bible reading guide on the back table at church, and get started today!

**S**CRPTURE: Write down a verse from your reading that stood out to you. Write it word for word.

**O**BSERVATION: What did I observe about this verse? Who is speaking? To whom? Where? Why?

**A**PPPLICATION: How can I apply this verse to my life or how does it apply to a present situation?

**P** RAYER: What prayer could I pray asking/thanking/praising God for...

## Gift Cards for Students/Military

The Women of St. John's are collecting money to purchase gift cards for our students/military living away from home. This is an annual congregational project which has been well received.

Baskets are placed by the doors for your donations or you can give your donation directly to the Women of St. John's treasurer, Darcy Gunhus.

We will collect money through January 27.

Thanks for your support!

Who receives a gift?

We send to all high school and college-aged students who are attending school while living away from home. We include people in the military who are away from home. We also include our Befriend a Missionary and Missionary Child attending school in the USA.

We need your help to make sure we don't miss anyone.

At this time we have the following names listed below. Please check it over!

- Kipp A.
- Evan D.
- Joseph E.
- Katie E.
- Samuel E.
- Claire G.
- Brett H.
- Thor H.
- Wyatt H.
- Emma K.
- Reuben N.
- Reece P.
- Christina R.
- Marcus S.
- Mitchel T.



Monetary Donations  
are due January 27

## Homecoming Week by Katie Engel

Homecoming is one of the best weeks of the school year. Various activities are scheduled throughout the course of the week. Every day, classes are short, and there is a fun sports activity at the end of the day. Students are encouraged to participate

in these activities. But my favorite part of the week is getting to dress up. Different outfits are planned for every day of the week. Some examples include wearing pajamas, Hawaiian clothes, bright colors, or clothes from different generations. It is really fun to get involved

and wear crazy outfits! And finally, the week is capped off with a parade and the Homecoming football game on Friday night. This week always goes by very fast and boosts students' motivation and enthusiasm.



Katie Engel  
St. John's School Alum,  
Currently Attending St.  
Croix Lutheran

Katie Engel is an alum of St. John's School. She is a student SCL Ambassador at St. Croix Lutheran Academy who helps greet and host our visitors for on-campus events and they also head out to grade schools in the fall to visit with students.

## Annual Voters' Meeting

The Annual Voters' Meeting will be coming up on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Mark your calendars

Voters' Meeting  
January 30th

## Annual Reports Due January 9th

Annual Report articles and committee member lists are due Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Please email Annie at [churchsecretary@stjohnsredwing.org](mailto:churchsecretary@stjohnsredwing.org)

Annual Reports Due  
January 9th

## All Ladies Are Invited....

**Lunch at Mandy's Coffee & Cafe**  
**Friday, January 11 at 11:30 a.m.**

This is a social time to gather and chat. Sign up on the sheet on the back table by Monday, Jan. 7, so we know how many are coming and can make a reservation.

Questions? Janet Gehlhar at 715-792-5397 or [jgehlhar@bevcomm.net](mailto:jgehlhar@bevcomm.net)



January 11 @ 11:30 am

**NEWS**  
Read all about it



**St. John's**  
† Lutheran School

# Open House

January 23

2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

- Meet our teachers.
- See our classrooms and chapel.
- Discuss first-hand what it's like to be a part of our Christ-Centered, family-oriented learning environment.
- Refreshments served.



*Preschool and Elementary K-8*

## It's Time to Play Basketball

Be sure to check the schedule for upcoming basketball games this season. All home games will be played at Sunnyside Elementary School. Not only do we need fans, we need musicians too! If there's enough interest, we'd love to form a **pep band** for the Feb. 8th home game. Contact the office if you're interested: 651-388-2611. You don't need to be perfect to play in this band!

## Basketball Camp a HUGE Success.

Thanks to Mr. Tim Phillips for coordinating this year's basketball camp held at the YMCA to kick off our basketball season. The camp served nearly 40 students through drills & skills, and the athletes even learned about healthy eating at lunchtime. There was plenty of protein and greens to go around, and most kids even said they liked it. Thanks to Mr. Phillips' mother and Mrs. Goeman for serving lunch, Miss Lentz and Mrs. Schimpf and all the helpers who led the drills & skills.

## Living History Museum

**Saturday, February 2 12:00pm—3:00pm**  
**Goodhue County History Museum**  
**1166 Oak Street, Red Wing**

See history come to life. Our students will take on the character of historical figures in dress and speech.

You can learn a lot here folks! Many figures are local to the Red Wing area. No charge or registration necessary.

## Milk Moola Program Ending Soon.

Unfortunately the cost to administer the Milk Moola program outweighs the benefits Kwik Trip gives to their participants (our school). Look around for any milk caps laying around your kitchen and drop them in our school hallway bin for our credit no later than March 15. To show their thanks to participants, Kwik Trip is offering a discount of 15% off the face value of scrip cards using promo code MM15 when placing on order during January.

## This January we express our gratitude.

> **Thanks to all our parent and congregation member drivers** for getting us to & from our Christmas caroling locations around town. We are still receiving thank you cards expressing the residents' appreciation for our children singing about Jesus' birth!

> **Thanks to our cookie bakers** for making the Great Cookie Bake tradition memorable & productive.

> **Thanks to all our parents, staff, and congregation members** who donated their time, money and/or food items to make our Christmas Dinner a delightful meal to share.

> **We thank Bill the Bunman at Hanisch Bakery** for donating dinner rolls for this meal. And we especially thank **Mrs. Tammy Rollins** for coordinating this meal for our families to enjoy. We appreciate her organization, energy, and effort during that busy time of year.

> **The faculty and staff wish to thank everyone for all the special gifts and wishes this Christmas season. We feel the love! What a joy it is to freely celebrate our Savior's Birth!**

## Gift Received from Wise Penny Thrift Store

Our school received a gift of \$1000 from The Penny in December. Our thanks to their board and volunteers for sharing their resources with our school. New or used, there's always something fun at the Penny. Consider shopping or donating today!

**We Met our Food Drive Goal!** Our students and families collected more than 200 food items to share with our local food shelf. Those 200 items amounted to a whopping 167 pounds of food!! To celebrate, our PTO provided hot chocolate on a pajama (school) day. Everyone wins!

**CocaCola Gives Money Received.** We received a check for \$40.35 from this program. Keep on saving your Coke tops, they add up! Thanks to Mrs. Nikki Mahoney for counting and submitting those for our school's benefit.

**Target Gift Card Received.** We thank congregation member Darcy Gunhus for designating St. John's to receive a \$500 gift card, compliments of her employer, Target. Wow, that's huge!



Gr 6-8 Caroling at St. Cyprian

### January Upcoming Events

Jan 2 School Resumes LB & LES  
Chapel 8:20am  
NO Band Lessons 12noon  
Bball Pract. @ YMCA  
Girls 3:00pm—4:00pm  
Boys 4:00pm—5:00pm

Jan 3 **Bball Game @ Goodhue**  
**Girls 7:00pm/Boys 8:00pm**

Jan 8 Piano Lessons  
Bball Pract. @ YMCA  
Girls 3:00pm—4:00pm  
Boys 4:00pm—5:00pm

Jan 9 Chapel 8:20am  
Band Lessons 12noon  
Bball Pract. @ YMCA  
Girls 3:00pm—4:00pm  
Boys 4:00pm—5:00pm

Jan 10 **Bball Game @ Zumbrota**  
**(Mazeppa Middle School)**  
**A-Team Co-Ed 7:00pm**

Jan 14 Gr 8 Visit with Mr. Gibson from St. Croix  
Lutheran Academy 11:15am  
**Bball Game @ Rochester Faith Christian**  
**Girls 4:30pm/Boys 5:30pm**

Jan 15 Piano Lessons  
Bball Pract. @ YMCA  
Girls 3:00pm—4:00pm  
Boys 4:00pm—5:00pm

Jan 16 Chapel 8:20am  
Band Lessons 12noon  
Bball Pract. @ YMCA  
Girls 3:00pm—4:00pm  
Boys 4:00pm—5:00pm

Basketball Games in BOLD print.  
All home games played at Sunnyside Elementary.

Jan 18 End Quarter 2

**Jan 19 CANCELLED: Bball Tourney @ Goodhue**

Jan 20 NO SINGING SCHEDULED. See Jan 27.

Jan 21 School is in session 8:10am—2:50pm  
Parent Trans. DAY AM & PM

Jan 22 Piano Lessons  
**Bball Game @ Resurrection Rochester**  
**Girls 4:30pm/Boys 5:30pm**

Jan 23 Chapel 8:20am  
Open House LB&LES K-8, 2:00pm-6:00pm  
Band Lessons 12noon  
Bball Pract. @ YMCA  
Girls 3:00pm—4:00pm  
Boys 4:00pm—5:00pm

Jan 25 **Bball Game @ Sunnyside**  
**Vs Goodhue**  
**And team/individ. photos**  
**Girls 7pm/Boys 8pm**

Jan 27 Gr K-8 Sing 10:30am Worship Service

Jan 28 Cheer Pract. 2:50pm-3:45pm

Jan 29 Piano Lessons  
**Bball game @ Cannon Falls**  
B-Team CoEd, Time TBD

Jan 30 Chapel 8:20am  
Parent Transport PM only, Gr 3-5  
Field Trip Gr 3-5 to James J. Hill House  
and Alexander Ramsey House  
\*\*Needed: Drivers & sack lunches\*\*

Depart 9:15am, Return 3:00pm  
Band Lessons 12noon  
Bball Pract @ YMCA  
Girls 3:00pm—4:00pm  
Boys 4:00pm—5:00pm



YPS  
Gr. 7-1<sup>st</sup> year of college

## YPS Events

Sunday, January 6.  
Plan to stay after the 10:30 church service and put the Christmas decorations away. It usually takes about an hour.

Friday, January 18  
Escape Challenge. We will meet at church at 5:30 p.m. (eat beforehand). Our challenge starts at 7:00 in Rochester. Cost is \$24 per person. Sign up on the back table in church

and give email address.

You will need to sign the e-waiver at: <https://escaperoommaster.com/waivers/sign/a082a98f->

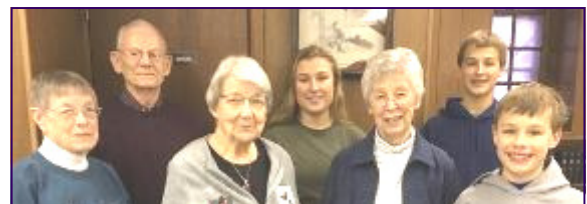


## Thank You Members of St. John's

*Members of St. John's, Thank you for all the cards honoring my 80th birthday. It was a joy to read all the different messages—some thoughtful—some humorous. You are wonderful friends. In appreciation, Paul Benidt*



Thank you for donations to the Christmas Goody Bags. The bags were full, expenses all paid and children thrilled with a special gift. Thank you to our bag fillers: Jim & Audrey Horn, Carol Gran, Doris Kohrs, Lindsey Klatt, Devin Klatt, Eli Klatt. (Not pictured: Pam Klatt, Annie Jonas and Sheena Whitlock.)



## Financial Update for November 2018



General Fund offerings for the four weekends of November plus Thanksgiving (envelopes, electronic and loose plate) totaled \$34,643. These gifts are about \$5,000 less than we anticipate per month to fund our budget. In

November we received tuition payments in the amount of \$500. November offerings for the Improvement Fund amounted to \$4,360. At November's council meeting Treasurer Schulz reported \$30,764 in the Improvement Fund on

October 31. November contributions bring the total to more than \$35,100. St. John's also received two gifts from Wise Penny in November: \$1000 for the school and \$500 for the church.

Jerry Plitzweil

## Pastors' Report—November 2018

SUNDAY CHURCH ATTENDANCE: 1,071 Average for the Month: 268 (-10 Oct '18, -2 Nov '17)

WORSHIP AT THE CROSS: 12

COMMUNION ATTENDANCE: 404

BIBLE CLASS ATTENDANCE: 424

MEMBERSHIP: 10/31/18 BAPTIZED: 478 COMMUNICANT: 395

MEMBERSHIP: 11/30/18 BAPTIZED: 478 COMMUNICANT: 395

### BURIALS

DEATH DATE	BURIAL DATE	NAME
11/06/18	N.A.	Borgschatz, Charlotte

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

DATE	NAME
11/30/18	Wright, Lavarian "Tootie"

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## Gifts & Memorials

### BUILDING FUND

In honor of Paul Benidt's 80th Birthday given by Harold & Lora Henn for Handicap Access	\$ 20.00
In memory of Len & Sadie Tomhave given by Jack & Darlene Tomhave for Handicap Access	\$ 500.00
In memory of Len & Sadie Tomhave given by Jack & Darlene Tomhave	\$ 250.00

### GENERAL FUND

In honor of Paul Benidt's 80th Birthday from Family & Friends	\$ 20.00
Anonymous Family Foundation Gift	\$ 6,000.00
Thrivent Choice Dollars given by Rebecca Mitchener	\$ 24.00

### IMPROVEMENT FUND

In memory of Linda Pearson Vilmo given by Byron & Dorene Pearson	\$ 1,196.46
In honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary given by Ernest & Marlene Hernlem	\$ 1,000.00

### MISSION FUND

In memory of Merlin Holst given by Joan Holst	\$ 25.00
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# JANUARY



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> <u>January</u>	<b>2</b> Reporter Articles Due 8:20 am Chapel 10:00 am Bible Class <b>4:00 pm</b> <b>Special Communion</b>	<b>3</b> 7:00 pm Basketball Games at Goodhue Girls-7:00 Boys-8:00	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00 am Mailing Committee
		<b>6</b> <b>8:00 am</b> <b>Worship</b> 9:15 am Bible Study Sunday School <b>10:30 am</b> <b>Worship</b> 11:30 am YPS Removes Christmas Decorations	<b>7</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> <b>Worship</b>	<b>8</b> 4:30 pm Jesus Cares	<b>9</b> Annual Report Articles Due 8:20 am Chapel 10:00 am Bible Class 3:45 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	<b>10</b> 7:00 pm Basketball Game at Zumbrota (Mazeppa Middle School)
<b>13</b> <b>8:00 am</b> <b>Worship with Holy Communion</b> 9:15 am Bible Class Sunday School <b>10:30 am</b> <b>Worship with Holy Communion</b>	<b>14</b> 4:30 pm Basketball Games at Rochester Home School (Faith Christian School) <b>7:00 pm</b> <b>Worship with Holy Communion</b>	<b>15</b> 9:30 am Pastors' Circuit Meeting in Mazeppa 7:00 pm LES Committee	<b>16</b> 8:20 am Chapel 10:00 am Bible Class 3:45 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 5:30 pm YPS Escape Challenge	<b>19</b>



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wea	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>20</b> <b>8:00 am</b> <b>Worship</b> 9:15 am Bible Class Sunday School <b>10:30 am</b> <b>Worship</b>	<b>21</b> Parent Transport Day (No AM or PM Bus) <b>7:00 pm</b> <b>Worship</b>	<b>22</b> <b>4:30 pm</b> <b>Worship at                      the Cross</b> 4:30 pm Basketball Games at Resurrection in Rochester	<b>23</b> 8:20 am Chapel 10:00 am Bible Class 2:00-6:00 pm School Open House 3:45 pm Catechism Class 6:00 pm Elders' Meeting 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Church Council	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:00 pm Basketball Game vs Goodhue at Sunnyside Girls at 7 Boys at 8	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <b>8:00 am</b> <b>Worship with Holy                      Communion</b> 9:15 am Bible Class Sunday School <b>10:30 am</b> <b>Worship with Holy                      Communion</b> Grades K-8 Sing	<b>28</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> <b>Worship</b>	<b>29</b> Reporter Articles Due	<b>30</b> 8:20 am Chapel 10:00 am Bible Class 3:45 pm Catechism Class 7:00 pm Voters' Meeting	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <u>February</u> 7:00 pm Basketball Game vs Zumbrota at Sunnyside	<b>2</b> 9:00 am Mailing Committee 12-3 pm Living History Museum at Goodhue County Historical Society
<b>3</b> <b>8:00 am</b> <b>Worship—Croixaliers</b> 9:15 am Bible Class Sunday School <b>10:30 am</b> <b>Worship—Croixaliers</b> 11:30 am Lunch for Croixaliers provided by the NAOMI Serving Group	<b>4</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> <b>Worship</b>	<b>5</b> 4:00 pm Special Communion	<b>6</b> 8:20 am Chapel 10:00 am Bible Class 3:45 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 5:00 pm Basketball Games vs Rochester Home School at Sunnyside Girls at 5 Boys at 6	<b>9</b>

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## SERVICE SCHEDULE

(September through May)  
**WORSHIP:** 8 am & 10:30 am  
**BIBLE CLASS & SUNDAY  
SCHOOL:** 9:15 am  
**MONDAY WORSHIP:** 7 pm  
(Excluding Advent & Lent)

(June through August)  
**WORSHIP:**  
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.  
**BIBLE CLASS:**  
9:15 a.m.  
**MONDAY WORSHIP:**  
7:00 p.m.

**ALL EVENING SERVICES**  
are at 7:00 p.m.

**COMMUNION** is served on the  
**2<sup>nd</sup> & LAST**  
Sundays of the month.

# The Reporter

# January 2018

“Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you” (Isaiah 60:1).



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