

**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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10 for 10
Stewardship Emphasis



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“All the church ever talks about is money!”

You've heard statements like that before. You may even have said something like that before. But as Christians we don't buy into that statement. Why? First, that statement is simply not true. Second, that statement is misleading: God wants a lot more than our money! He wants us to love him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. If we could love God in that way, money would be a non-issue at church.

Beginning in February for three weeks we will hear Biblical preaching on the stewardship of our treasures as well as

focus on it in our Sunday Bible class. Afterwards we will invite our church family to give a tithe (10%) OR to increase the proportion of what they are giving for their weekly offerings for a period of ten weeks (10 for 10). Why? Our giving shows the Lord the honor, love, and gratitude we have for what Christ has done for us. Generous giving is one of the ways that faith-filled hearts respond to the riches of Christ. Giving is an act of worship. That's the only reason we pass offering plates during church services.

The practice of tithing (giving 10%) is at least as old as Abraham (Genesis 14:20). In Old Testament Israel,

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OPEN HEARTS *Firstfruits Giving*



February 2-3

tithing was commanded by law. In the New Testament Church, tithing—along with all other methods of giving—is inspired by the gospel of Christ. Many Christians, free from compulsion, tithe as an exercise of their faith. Does God really have the ability to keep us safe, warm and well-fed without 10% of our income? To share an even greater proportion of our income? Faith relishes the challenge. The Spirit is up to the task!

How is it possible to give something like the tithe—and do so freely and joyfully? Christ’s love empowers his people to give generously. It flows freely from Christ “who loved us and gave himself up for us” (Ephesians 5:2). Our generous giving to God is a response to Christ’s willing sacrifice for us.

Finally, tithing serves New Testament Christians as a

benchmark for proportionate giving. The Apostle Paul said, “...each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income” (1 Corinthians 16:2).

As New Testament Christians, tithing is a practice to be engaged in freely rather than a requirement to be met legally. Some of us are already in the spiritual habit of tithing. Inspired by God’s grace, we may seek to give more, more often, more creatively. For others, tithing will be a big step forward

OPEN MINDS *Proportionate Giving*



February 9-10

as well as a significant test of faith. For still others, because of life-issues known to God, the tithe might currently be unreachable. Then what about an extra percent, or two, or three? No matter where we find ourselves on the “giving spectrum,” this is true: Our trust in God’s goodness is well-placed! “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according

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to his power that is at work within us to him be glory in all the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen” (Ephesians 3:20-21).

This 10 for 10 Stewardship Emphasis is an opportunity to grow in faith and in the grace of giving. Study, think and pray about the opportunity. This will help keep our stewardship emphasis centered in Christ and the cross as we seek to avoid financial quick-fixes and gimmicks!

May the Lord of the Church richly bless our St. John’s family as we seek to excel in the grace of giving!

OPEN HANDS *Sacrificial Giving*



February 16-17

Call News as of 1/31/2020

Mr. Avila Returns Call
On Sunday, January 19th Chris Avila announced that he was returning the call to Eagle River, WI. He will be staying here at St. John's, Red Wing. Please continue to pray for the congregation in

Eagle River as they continue the call process.

Voter's Call Hahm
At a special voters' meeting on January 12, Mrs. Rachel Hahm was called to teach gr. 1-2

and part-time Kindergarten starting in the fall of 2020. We pray for the Lord's guidance for Rachel and her family as she deliberates this call. Rachel currently teaches at Lord of Life Lutheran School in Thornton, CO.



Ladies Luncheon

All Ladies are Invited
Wisteria Twig Café & Tea Room
(1920 Old West Main)
Friday, February 21st
11:30 a.m.

This is a social time to gather and chat. Sign up on the sheet on the back table by Monday, February 17th so we know how many

are coming and can make a reservation. Questions? Contact Julie Von Barga at 651-212-6316.



February 21, 11:30 am

Wednesday Morning Bible Class—JOB

The book of Job is a poetical book that wrestles with some deep subjects--Why do people suffer? What is God's role in suffering? What is the devil's role? Job is

a righteous man who had been blessed with great wealth and happiness, but lost all his possessions and finally his health. Nevertheless, he remained steadfast in his

trust in God until provoked by the behavior of his three friends who come to comfort him. Finally God addresses Job and gives a double blessing.



Wednesdays at 10 am

Befriend a Missionary's Child—Louisa Felgenhauer

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) supports missionaries in a variety of ways. One way is that the children of missionaries who are attending school in the states are assigned so we can encourage them with cards and packages.

Our missionary's child assignment for this year is Louisa Felgenhauer. She is a junior at Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, WI. Her family is in Africa. Please send her a fun card – silly, thinking of you, postcard. Mailing

labels are available on the bulletin board next to the church kitchen.

Louisa Felgenhauer
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Befriend a Missionary's Child

NEWS

Read all about it



St. John's
† Lutheran School

SIMPLY SENSATIONAL!
Students of Quarter 2



Solomon Skirvin, kindergarten, has a curious mind and is eager to ask questions and learn. He comes to school each day ready to work hard. He enjoys challenging himself, and his hard work can be seen through the progress he has made in his academics. Solomon is always willing to help a friend and encourages his classmates in the classroom and playground. We are so blessed to have Solomon in our class this year, and can't wait to see all he will accomplish!

Bjorn Botchek, grade 2, has worked very hard to improve his handwriting so it looks outstanding on all of his assignments. He takes his time to follow directions carefully and do his best work. He always has a cheerful hello for all his classmates and is a friend to everyone. If you need to be cheered up, come to him for a smile and a laugh.

Victoria Sell, grade 4, is an excellent student who naturally excels but also works hard to achieve extra credit whether she needs it or not. She also works to create beautiful books with her friends but makes sure that her homework is done well first. She is a great helper in the classroom and always looks out for her friends.

Helena Jonas, grade 8, brings a great attitude to our classroom. She strives to do her best in all her classes. She is respectful and helpful to teachers and classmates alike. Most

importantly Helena is always letting her light shine in what she does both inside and outside the classroom. It is a wonderful blessing to be able to teach Helena!

Keep up the great work, students!

Tiger Basketball Has Begun!

With two games rescheduled due to weather, February will be a busy month for our basketball players and cheerleaders. Keep your eye on our school calendar for game and tournament details (see calendar insert).

Grades 6-8 will participate in the Goodhue tournament on Saturday Feb. 8 while grades 3-6 will play in the B-Frozen Lake City tourney on Feb. 15. Come cheer on our TIGERS and grab a snack from the concession stand. Grab & go SCRIP cards also available at all home games.

All students can dress up during Spirit week dress-up days Feb. 17-20. Parents are invited to come to our pepfest at the YMCA Feb. 20 at 1:30pm as we cheer on and prepare our grades 6-8 to participate in the New Ulm Tournament Feb. 21-23.

We'll all enjoy a no school day Feb. 24 while our teachers attend the SMART conference. We thank our teachers for their dedication to spend this day learning for our benefit, especially after a busy basketball weekend!

Call news....

Mr. Avila returned his call which means he'll continue his ministry here at St. John's!



Please continue to pray for Mrs. Rachel Hahm as she deliberates her call to teach our grades 1-2.

Find us on Facebook; click & share!



Thanks for being our greatest announcers! By clicking and sharing our posts & events on social media, you help us spread the word about our school and church.

Mark your calendar!
Winter Band Concert
Mar. 8, 2:00pm
@ St. Croix Lutheran
All are welcome to attend.

Rehearsals:
Feb. 27 12:30-1:30pm
 (dep. 11:15am) Driver needed.
Mar 5 12:30-1:30pm
 (dep: 11:15am) Mrs. K. will drive.



School Calendar Comments —The RW Public School district has finalized their calendar for the 2020-2021 school year, including an earlier start date of Monday, Aug. 31, the week **before** Labor Day weekend. Our LES Board meets the first week of February and will also work to finalize our calendar for the next school year. Please contact Mr. Avila or the school office if you have questions or comments for the board to consider regarding the earlier start date.

Spring Fling Save the Date

St. John's PTO will host a Spring Fling/Carnival on March 28th as a fundraiser for new playground equipment. Watch for more details from the Spring Fling Planning Committee.

Camp Whitewater Registration Now Open.

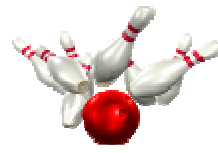
July 12—July 17 or July 19-24. This camp is open to students who are entering into 3rd through 8th grade and are members of our WELS churches. Flyers are available in the back of church.

Fall Registration @ St. Croix Lutheran

Entering high school next fall? St. Croix Lutheran offers a top-notch Christian education. Now accepting registrations for fall 2020 enrollment. Consider attending freshman registration on Sat. Feb. 8. Questions? Contact our school office.

Kwik Trip Dollars Received

We thank the families of Ben & Tricia Bain, Judy Betcher, and Kevin and Trisha Smith for donating their Kwik Trip/Kwik Star rebate to our school. Their last contribution, along with Kwik Trip's contribution, totaled \$153.41 for this past quarter. *Wow, thanks for your support!!*



*Elk chili and smashing pins!
 We had it ALL at last
 week's Fun Day.
 Thanks to our PTO board for
 organizing an old-fashioned potluck and
 bowling for us all to enjoy!*

Thrivent Choice Money Received

Thanks to Mr. Michael Heins for designating our school to receive his Thrivent contribution of \$25.00. Thanks for supporting our school!

BoxTops Payout Received

We received a check for \$407.70 for Mrs. Sell's most recent grouping of Box Tops submitted. Thanks Mrs. Sell, for organizing this program. *Remember to download the app and capture your Box Tops receipts!! Much easier than clipping and counting, same great payout! Need help? Contact the school office: 651-388-2611*



OH MY, A FLYING PIE!

Our PTO-sponsored Pie-The-Principal raised \$190. That's a nice amount for our PTO playground fund. *Thanks, Mr. Avila, for taking a pie to your face for a good cause!*

**Love your pastors,
 faculty and staff??**
 Treat them to a PTO Candy Gram that will be delivered to them on Feb. 14.
Candy Gram \$1 each.
 Forms are available in the back of church. Orders must be received by Wed. Feb. 12. Money received will go towards the playground fund. This is a PTO sponsored event.

Young People's Society (Grade 7 through 1st year of college)

Game Night

Saturday, February 15th, 6:30-9:00 pm

The Klatt's House

Bring a snack to share!



YPS News

Youth Rally—June 22-26, 2020

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN All YPS confirmed through 1st year of college invited to register. Please sign up by **March 1**. For more information contact Pastor Engel and go to wels.net/youthrally



Lenten Suppers



Lenten Suppers

Lent begins on February 26th. Simple suppers will be provided on Wednesday evenings before worship for 6 weeks. Please sign up your group to serve by

February 9th. After this date a Ladies Serving Group will be assigned to any of the remaining open dates. Questions? Contact the church office at 651.388.2149 or at

churchsecretary@stjohnsredwing.org.

**Lenten Suppers
Wednesdays
February 26-April 1
5:45-6:45 pm**

Voters' Meeting NEWS



News from 1/29

1. The 2019 Endowment Fund Grant of \$54,431.33 will be divided as follows: \$10,000-Students Assistance Fund and \$44,431.33-General Fund.
2. New Councilmen: Kyle Klatt-Secretary (Incumbent), Dave Hanson-Elders, Jared Dicke-Worship
3. The voters decided to move forward to set a date with Riehle Decorating for July 2021 to paint the sanctuary.

Gifts & Memorials (December & January)

ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Orrin Nordenskjold given by Lori & Keith Schlichting \$ 50.00

GENERAL FUND

Gift from Wise Penny Thrift Store \$ 1,000.00

Gift from Family Foundation (Anonymous) \$ 5,000.00

Retirement Account Distribution \$ 2,500.00

In memory of Jody Volkman given by Jeff & Janet Gehlhar \$ 25.00

In Faith Community Foundation \$ 16,000.00

GOD'S CHILDREN FUND

Gift From Wise Penny Thrift Store \$ 1,000.00

LUTHERAN CHAPEL OF THE AIR

In memory of Jody Volkman given by Ken & Vivian Budensiek \$ 40.00

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Contact the church office at 651.388.2149
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Pastors' Report December 2019

SUNDAY CHURCH ATTENDANCE: 1,007
Average for the Month: 201 (-59 Nov '19, -13 Dec '18)

SPECIAL SERVICE ATTENDANCE: 961

COMMUNION ATTENDANCE: 357

BIBLE CLASS ATTENDANCE: 118

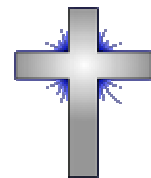
MEMBERSHIP: **11/30/19** BAPTIZED: 460 COMMUNICANT: 385
MEMBERSHIP: **12/31/19** BAPTIZED: 459 COMMUNICANT: 384

DIVINE CALLS

DATE	NAME	STATUS	POSITION
12-11-2019	Chris Avila	Received	Principal/Teacher at Christ Lutheran in Eagle River, WI

TRANSFER

DATE	NAME	IN/OUT
12-10-2019	Haag, Jessica	OUT to Our Savior's, East Wenatchee, WA



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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

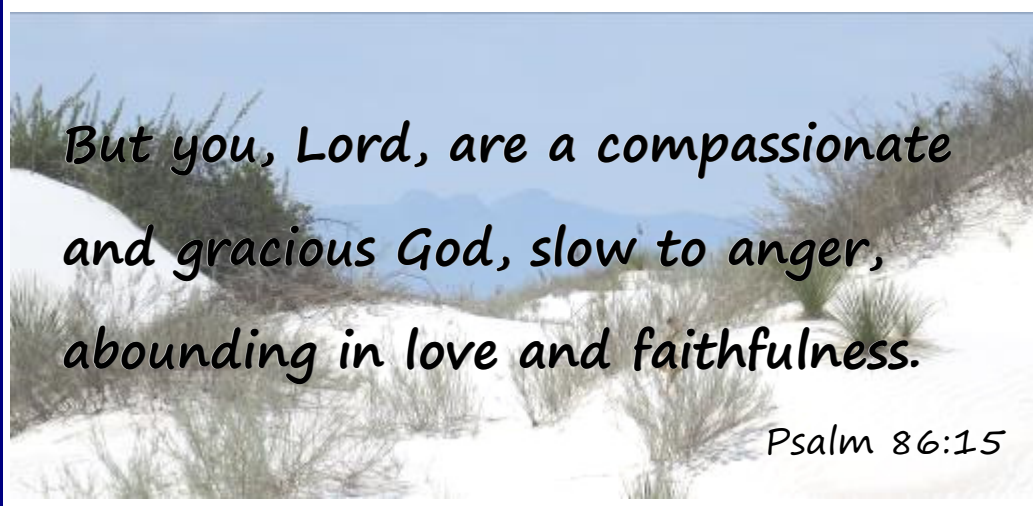
are at 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNION is served on the

2nd & LAST

Sundays of the month.

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*But you, Lord, are a compassionate
and gracious God, slow to anger,
abounding in love and faithfulness.*

Psalm 86:15

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FEBRUARY 2020

St. John's
Church & School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><i>We love because he first loved us.</i> <i>1 John 4:19</i></p> 						1 8:15 am Mailing Committee
2 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Bible Class 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	3 9:30am-2 pm Piano Lessons 3:15 pm Faculty Meeting 7:00 pm Worship 7:00 pm Bball Games at Goodhue 7 pm-B Team 8 pm-A Team	4 10 am-1:45 pm Piano Lessons 10:15 am Scoliosis Screening for Gr. 5-8 3:15-4:30 pm Bball practice at YMCA (No Special Communion)	5 7:10 am Faculty Meeting 8:20 am Chapel 10:00 am Bible Class 3-4 pm Cheer Practice 4:00 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm LES Committee	6 12-1 pm Band Lessons 6:00 pm Bball Games at St. John's, Lake City 6 pm-B Team 7 pm-A Team	7	8 9 am-3 pm Goodhue Basketball Tournament
9 8:00 am Worship (Communion) 9:15 am Bible Class 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship (Communion)	10 9:30 am-2 pm Piano Lessons 7:00 pm Worship (Communion)	11 8:30 am-4 pm Pastors' Conference in Zumbrota 10 am-1:45 pm Piano Lessons 3:15-4:30 pm Bball practice at YMCA 4:30 pm Jesus Cares 7:00 pm Women of St. John's	12 7:10 am Faculty Meeting 8:20 am Chapel 10:00 am Bible Class 4:00 pm Catechism Class 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	13 12-1 pm Band Lessons 1:00 pm LWMS Board 3:15-4:30 pm Bball practice at YMCA 6:00-9:00 pm Celestial Threads (basement)	14 6:00 pm Bball Games vs. Zumbrota at Sunnyside 7 pm-A/B Team TBD 	15 9 am-4 pm B-Frozen Tournament at Lake City 6:30-9 pm YPS Game Night at The Klatt's

FEBRUARY 2020

St. John's
Church & School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>16 8:00 am Worship</p> <p>8:00 am Councilmen Installation</p> <p>9:15 am Bible Study</p> <p>9:15 am Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p> <p>11:30 am Youth Rally Planning Meeting</p>	<p>17 8:10 am-2:50 pm School In Session- Parent Transport Day (No Bus)</p> <p>9:30 am-2 pm Piano Lessons</p> <p>3:15 pm Faculty Meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm Worship</p>	<p>18 10 am-1:45 pm Piano Lessons</p> <p>1:30 pm Wise Penny Board Meeting</p> <p>3:15-4:30 pm Bball practice at YMCA</p>	<p>19 Qtr 3 Midterm</p> <p>7:10 am Faculty Meeting</p> <p>8:20 am Chapel</p> <p>10:00 am Bible Class</p> <p>3:00 pm Cheer Practice</p> <p>4:00 pm Catechism Class</p> <p>6:00 pm Elders' Meeting</p> <p>6:30 pm Women's Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 pm Church Council</p>	<p>20 12-1 pm Band Lessons</p> <p>1:30 pm Pep Fest at YMCA</p>	<p>21 No School</p> <p>11:30 am Ladies Luncheon at Wisteria Twig Cafe</p>	<p>22 No School</p>
<p>School Spirit Week—Feb. 17-20</p>						
<p>23 8:00 am Worship (Communion)</p> <p>9:15 am Bible Class</p> <p>9:15 am Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 am Worship (Communion) Sunday School Gr. PK-8 Sing</p>	<p>24 No School</p> <p>Teacher SMART Conference in Rochester</p> <p>7:00 pm Worship (Communion)</p>	<p>25 Articles Due for March Reporter</p> <p>10 am-1:45 pm Piano Lessons</p> <p>4:30 pm Worship at the Cross (Engel)</p>	<p>26 Ash Wednesday</p> <p>7:10 am Faculty Meeting</p> <p>8:20 am Chapel</p> <p>10:00 am Bible Class</p> <p>4:00 pm Catechism Class</p> <p>5:45 pm Lenten Supper</p> <p>7:00 pm Ash Wed. Worship (Communion)</p>	<p>27 11:15 am- 2:30 pm Band Rehearsal at St. Croix TBD</p> <p>12-1 pm Band Lessons</p>	<p>28 6:00 pm Bball Awards Night at Sunnyside</p>	<p>29 8:15 am Mailing Committee</p>

New Ulm Basketball
Tournament
Feb. 21-23

