

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our guests. We are glad you have joined us in worshipping our Lord and Savior. We trust you will draw strength, peace, and hope as together we hear God's Word spoken here today. So that we may serve you better, we ask that you fill out a yellow attendance card located on the back of the pew, including your address and noting that you are a visitor. If you would like information on becoming a member at St. John's, please mark the yellow card accordingly, and we will contact you.

ETERNAL CANDLE This warm steady glow encourages us to offer our thanks to our faithful Lord, especially for all who serve in special ways such as acolytes and ushers, and those who meet and greet us at church and thus make our worship more meaningful.

ALTAR FLOWERS As Lent is a solemn time of repentance and reflection on Jesus' sacrifice, we will refrain from adorning the Altar until Easter.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS *Exodus 17:3 – “But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, ‘Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?’”* Even the Israelites, who saw miracles with their own eyes, fell into unbelief and fear. From this distance we can see how foolish their worry is. How foolish will our worries appear from the distance of eternity? The Lord cared for them, and He will care for us.

BOOK OF CONCORD ONLINE! Concordia Publishing House (CPH) has announced the launch of an online version of the *Book of Concord (BOC)*, available at no cost at bookofconcord.cph.org. “The *Book of Concord*’s faithfulness to the Holy Scriptures allows it to be central to the teaching and witness of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod,” said the Rev. Dr. Jacob Corzine, vice-president of publishing for CPH. “By making it available online, we hope to encourage faithful teaching and study, and bold confession of the Christian faith.”

POBLO PRESENTATION Rev. Tim Bickle will be visiting us this weekend. On Saturday, he will be our guest preacher, and on Sunday, he will be giving a presentation of his mission work during the Bible study hour.

ALTAR GUILD St. John's Altar Guild is in need of members who wish to volunteer their time to serve God in assisting to prepare communion and to clean up after service. The Altar Guild usually only meets twice a year, and training and help is readily available. Please let Margie Schaefer, Kathy Ahrens, or Flo Moore know if you are interested in helping or have any questions.

EASTER LILIES We are once again ordering lilies to beautify our sanctuary for Easter. The cost is \$12. We need 30 plants to fill our crosses. Please make checks payable to: St. John's Altar Guild. There is a box and envelopes at the Sign-Up Station. Thank you!

LADIES LUNCHEON All ladies of St. John's are invited to lunch at the Deerfield Family Restaurant in Silvis on Thursday, March 19th at 11:30am. The more the merrier!

TRIP TO RICHMOND HILL PLAYERS Join us for a fun afternoon at Richmond Hill Players in Geneseo on Sunday, April 26th at 3pm; doors open at 2pm. Seats are general admission, so arrive early. The facility IS handicap accessible.
Plot: Storms have flooded the roads, but it takes more than a little rain to keep the Charitable Sisterhood of Pennington Gap, VA from fulfilling their mission. When these ladies meet to organize a relief effort for homeless Guatemalans, they are greeted with a mountain of community donations– and that pile of stuff is hiding a thing or two. Join us in the church basement, where our five angels of mercy will leave you breathless with laughter as they do their best to save the world, and each other. “The humorously unwieldy title...might suggest another church lady play, but the charitable sisters are more like the women of Steel Magnolias, with a few unexpected twists.”-*Richmond Times-Dispatch*.
Sign-up to reserve your ticket. \$12/ticket. Cash or check to *St. John's Lutheran Church*. Submit payment to the office or Carrie Homann. DO NOT put it in the offering plate.

VOTER'S MEETING The next voter's assembly meeting is on Sunday, March 15th following worship. We meet in the Janssen rooms with coffee and sweets!

FOOD PANTRY Thank you to everyone that participated in the Super Bowl Cereal Bowl– the Seahawks were the favorite and they won! For the month of March, we are collecting donations for an Easter dinner; any ingredients you use for your meals, we will happily accept. Thank you again for your support!

Saturday, March 7th, 2026
Third Sunday in Lent
Vespers

Prelude	
“For All the...” (vs. 1,10,3,4) 855	
Opening Versicles	229
Psalm (See Cream Insert)	
“What a Friend...” 770	
Readings (See Cream Insert)	
Responsory for Lent	231
“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”609	
Sermon—Rev. Tim Bickle	
Canticle	
“My Soul Rejoices” 933	
Prayer	
Kyrie, Lord's Prayer, Collects	233
Benedicamus and Benediction	234
“May God Bestow on...” 824	
Postlude	

The Lord's Week

Sunday, March 8th

9:00am– Worship
10:15am– Bible Study/Sunday school
10:15am-POBLO presentation with
Rev. Tim Bickle
10:15am– Confirmation Instruction

Monday, March 9th

1:30pm– Activities Room– dominoes
6:00pm– Cherub Chimers rehearsal
6:30pm– Heavenly Ringers rehearsal

Tuesday, March 10th

10:00am- Food Pantry
6:30pm– Guitar Jam

Wednesday, March 11th

10:00am– Women's Bible study
3:30pm– Fellowship Committee Meeting
5:30pm– Lent Supper-Sloppy Joes, by Boards of
Outreach and Youth & Family
6:30pm– Lent Worship

Thursday, March 12th

6:30pm– Parish Planning meeting

Friday, March 13th

6:30pm– 2nd Friday Fellowship

Saturday, March 14th

8:00am– Men's Bible study
9:30am– Choir rehearsal
5:00pm– Worship w/Communion
(Rev. Astrowski)

Sunday, March 15th

9:00am– Worship w/Communion
10:15am– Sunday school
10:15am– Voter's Meeting
10:15am– Confirmation Instruction

Bible Study Opportunities

Sundays, 10:15am

Join Pastor Anderson in the Janssen rooms following worship- we are studying the Acts of the Apostles, looking at the beginnings of the Christian Church, and how the Church two millennia later still bears the imprint of that first Church.

Holy Land Geography, Customs & History

Join Clark Stojan in the Keyl room, as he leads us to explore the world of the Bible along with select events recorded in Scripture.

Coffee with Christ– Myth or Faith? There are plenty of misconceptions about Christianity in today's society. From false rumors to biblical teachings that are heavily distorted from their subject matter, there's no lack of myths to find. Do you know how to respond to them? More importantly, do you know the **truth** backed up by God's Word and teachings?

Wednesdays, 10am

During the season of Lent, we will begin using the “*Lenten Bible Studies for God's Stewards*” by Ronald J. and Phyllis J. Chewning. These Bible studies are based on the readings in Psalms as printed in the lectionaries for Lent.

Saturdays, 8am

Men's Bible study

We are doing a chronological study of the Gospel.

Weekly Memory Verse

1 John 2:2

He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Serving the Lord this Week:

Organist: Christine Engebrecht

Greeters: ***(Sat.)*** Chuck Brokaw
(Sun.)

Ushers: ***(Sat.)*** Greg Burke, Bill Johnson, Todd Miller &
Larry Ripka

(Sun.) Glen McMillin and Stratton Churchill

Acolyte: Nathan Duffy



St. John's Lutheran Church
1450 30th Ave, East Moline, Illinois
office @stjohnsem.org
(309) 792-0755

www.stjohnsem.org

Vacancy Pastor

Rev. Steven Anderson

Music Director Christine Engebrecht

Secretary Annie Churchill

rev@focusonthegospel.com

bcengebrecht@att.net

office@stjohnsem.org

(309) 269-5276

(309) 738-2797

Psalm (read responsively)

P Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

C **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today,
if you hear his voice,

**do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,**
when your fathers put me to the test
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Readings

P The Old Testament reading is from Exodus, the seventeenth chapter.

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” And the Lord said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?” (*Ex. 17:1-7*)

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Epistle reading is from Romans, the fifth chapter.

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely

die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (*Romans 5:1-8*)

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.

[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.” Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.” Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” They went out of the town and were coming to him. . . . Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.” (*Jn. 4:5-30,39-42*)

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

ST. JOHN’S PRAYER CARD
March 7th and 8th, 2026
Please remember the following in your prayers this week...

Anniversaries

Jim & Donna Moews(58)

Sister Congregation

Rev. Jeffrey McPike
Immanuel Lutheran
Fisher, IL

Members

Ron & Cora Whipple
Mary Whipple
Nancy Williams

Missionaries Serving

Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump–
Kenya

Military Chaplains

CPT Timothy Radkey
MAJ Jonathan Lorenz

Ill & Hospitalized

Hillary Ekin– brain surgery(3/3)
Anita Freitag– Ken
Weidenbach’s sister– surgery
Kay Iwen– neck surgery(3/5)

Prolonged Illness &
Special Needs:

Joan Britton
Bev Brokaw
Chuck Brokaw
Hoa Cooper (Lucille’s daughter
– cancer)
Steve Fors
Duane Gosa
Nancy Gosa
Kevin Green– cancer
Jerry Hill
Kay Iwen
Dale Johnson
Merle Loete
Reid McDonald
RaeJean Murphy
Tom Nielsen
Robin Passman
Brenda Roggendorf
Earl Schaefer
Karen Schmidt
Kathleen Schmidt
David Sountris
Ken Weidenbach
Cora Whipple

Homebound Members:

Nancy Bonow
Ann Bowman
Don, Wanda, and Jason Cass
Darlene Dopson
Mary Ann Eckert
Rick & Sylvia Fauser
Angie Fischer
Peg Heitzman
Kathy Herron

Christopher Higgins
Ingrid Hodshire
Lori Hopkins
Mary McGee
Nancy Smart
Terry Tipsword
Barbara Veskauf