

# St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church & School

(Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod)

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Lent 4 + + + March 11, 2018

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**Prayer:** “All blessing, honor, thanks and praise, To Father, Son, and Spirit, The God who saved us by His grace – All glory to His merit! O triune God in heav’n above, You have revealed Your saving love; Your blessed name be hallowed!” Amen. (Hymn #390, v. 6)

### The Service of the Word

(The Hymnal, page 38.)

**The Hymns:** 402 – 391 – 126, v. 5 – 392 – 399.

Organist: Linda Nottling.

**The Old Testament Reading:** Numbers 21:4-9 – The history of Israel is a history of their sin and God’s grace. Here we see Israel impatient with God’s ways, grumbling about God’s blessings. God justly punishes their sin, yet in His grace provides a way of deliverance.

**Psalm 38**, page 81.

**The Epistle Reading:** Ephesians 2:4-10 – “Sola Gratia” – “by grace alone” – is one of the watchwords and treasures of the Christian faith. It is by God’s grace alone that we are Christians and that we live as Christians.

**Worship Note:** During Lent we omit the “Verse of the Day.”

**The Gospel Reading/Sermon:** John 3:14-21 –

### God’s Love in Jesus – Universal and Personal

I. Universally and personally needed.

II. Universally given.

III. Personally received by faith.

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### This Week at St. John’s

Monday	9:30 a.m.	Circuit Pastor’s meeting
Tuesday	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	6:30 p.m.	CPT meeting
Wednesday	<b>3:15 &amp; 7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lenten Vespers</b> (Jr. Choir sings early)
	5:45 p.m.	Ladies’ Choir practice

Thursday

6:30 p.m.

Church Council meeting

Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Worship (Holy Communion)

9:15 a.m.

Sunday School/Fellowship

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**Last Week:** 195 (117+78) gathered around God’s Word to grow in their faith and praise their Savior. 26 came to Sunday School and 57 came to Bible class. Offerings received:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget year to date</u>
Needed:	\$7,802	\$280,872
Received:	\$8,779	\$281,811

This includes \$2,135 in tuition. We also received \$14 for Madison chaplains.

**Hospital Report:** Sophie Kircher came home last Wednesday.

**Next Sunday** we will have a guest preacher (Pastor and Linda will be in Minnesota for a wedding). As is our custom, we will take a door collection after each service to thank him for his help.

**The Ladies’ Choir** would like to have a few more voices for our last songs, especially for Easter. If you are interested, we practice at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday nights. Thanks for your help!

**Special Choir:** We would like to have a high school/young adult group sing for the Lenten service on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. We will practice today after 1<sup>st</sup> service. Please sign-up in the fellowship hall. Any questions, contact Linda Nottling. See you there!

**Lenten Vespers:** 97 (81+16) people used our Lenten services to gather at the foot of our Savior’s cross. There is room for even more – for ALL – even as Jesus died for us ALL. May we ALL use this special opportunities to grow closer to Him who loves us so much.

**Luther Preparatory School** will have their Sacred Spring concert today at 2:00 p.m.

**St. Stephen’s OWLS** will be hosting a musical program by St. Stephen’s students this Tuesday for seniors 55 and older. The program begins at noon with a potluck meal (please bring a dish to pass) followed by the presentation.

**Play:** The Winnebago Lutheran Academy drama department will present Agatha Christie’s “A Murder is Announced” this Friday at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday at 2:00 & 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5:00 (adults) and \$3.00 (students) (\$2 more at the door). Tickets are on sale in the WLA office or at [hometowntickets.com](http://hometowntickets.com).

**Adult Softball League:** Looking for some fun recreational softball this summer? We are looking for men and women to play softball again this summer. If you are interested, please check out the sign-up sheet on the table in the fellowship hall.

**“Seniors on the Go”** We are thinking about having interested members join us for our twice-a-month school hot lunches. If you are interested in attending our school hot lunch, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. No decisions have been made yet; we are trying to get an idea of how many would be interested. More information will be coming depending on interest.

**Easter Lilies/Plants:** If you will have an Easter lily or plant that we can use for our Easter altar please have it here the day before Easter (by 1:00 p.m.).

**Easter Breakfast:** In the fellowship hall are sign-up sheets for items needed for our Easter breakfast. Please look over the list and indicate how YOU will help. There is also a sheet to sign up to help prepare for the breakfast (on **Saturday morning** at 9:00 a.m.) or on Easter morning with serving and cleaning up. Please have all donations here by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. Thanks!

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