ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

experience, live and share the love of Jesus Christ

February 1, 2015

Welcome to St. John's

We give thanks that the Holy Spirit has gathered us together on this day. We pray that in this time of worship you will EXPERIENCE the good news of God's love, so that together we might be sent out into the world to LIVE as DiSCIPLes and SHARE the love of Jesus Christ.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

The story has barely begun, and already the battle is joined. Jesus sides with humanity against every force that would bring death and disease. These forces recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. This, however, is only the first fight. The war will go on much longer.

HOLY COMMUNION: All the baptized are welcome at God's table. We will be communing at four stations – the ushers will direct you. As you come forward, if you want to receive the wine pick up an empty cup. If you prefer grape juice, pick up one of the pre-filled cups. Upon receiving the bread, move to receive the wine… then place your empty cups in the baskets provided. Gluten-free wafers are available—go to one of the pastors, raise your index finger to indicate a gluten-free wafer is desired. Those not communing are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

To enhance your worship experience several items are available on table near the Usher's Cart at the entrance of the Sanctuary:
-- Activity bags and bulletins for children, SPARK Bibles-NEW!
-- Large print bulletins
-- Hearing enhancement devices (available at the Sound table)
-- Large print Bibles

Attended Nursery
An attended nursery is available for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. It is located down at the end of the hall to the left of the sanctuary as you enter the building (southwest corner of the building).

Restrooms
Are located down the hall to the left of the sanctuary as you enter the building (southwest corner of the building).

Welcome pads are at the end of each pew. Please fill them out completely and pass them to those sitting next to you.

Offering Envelopes
For your convenience, general offering envelopes are available at the Usher's Cart.

Bibles
Members and friends are encouraged to utilize the pew Bibles that are available in worship. If you do not have a Bible, please visit our Welcome Center and St. John's will be happy to give you one.

Bulletin Board & Tract Rack
Available on the Bulletin Board / Tract Rack in the hallway (and free for your taking) are the current Good News Newsletter, The Lutheran magazine, and Christ in Our Home devotional booklets.

Welcome Center
We invite our first time guests to stop by the Welcome Center near the front doors where each family will receive a gift from our congregation.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy refreshments with others in the Gathering Area after each service.

Our Website
Information regarding St. John's, a list of upcoming events, and sermon podcasts can be found at www.stjohns-annandale.org.

Serving Today:
Ministers—All the baptized
Lead Pastor—Dave Nelson
Pastor—Tom Heyd
Accompanist— Orma Lou Jacobsma (8:15)
Becky Unger (10:30)

Acolytes (8:15am) Joslyn Marquette, Abigail Molldrem
(10:30am) Riley Niedzielski, Brianna O'Brien
Readers (8:15am) Diane Barkley
(10:30am) Vicki Greene
Greeters /Welcome Center
(8:15am)
(10:30am)

Nursery Attendant—Tila Darling
Altar Guild— Bev Sorensen, Donna Jacobson
Ushers
(8:15am) John and Diane Swanson
Dan and Sue Nelson
Dave and Mary Holmgren
Bev Orson
10:30am) John and Shelly Mikel and family

Audio/Video Techs
(8:15am) Mike Miller, Diane Nelson
(10:30am) Erik Jacobson, Justin Sawatzke

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

February 1, 2015 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

8:15 Service

Prelude
Welcome (please pass and sign the welcome pad)
Confession and Forgiveness
Entrance Song: "You Are Holy" ELW #525
Greeting
Prayer of the Day
Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 8: 4b-6
(New Testament p.131 in pew Bible)
Kids' Time
Gospel Acclamation:
"Halle, Hallelujah" ELW #179
Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 21-28
(New Testament p. 27 in pew Bible)
Sermon
Song of the Day: "Rise, Shine, You People!" ELW #665
Prayers of Intercession
Sharing of the Peace
Offering
Offertory: "Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am" ELW #814
Offertory Prayer
Words of Institution
Lord's Prayer
The Meal
Songs during Distribution:
"Here is Bread" ELW #483
"As the Grains of Wheat" ELW #465
"Eat This Bread" ELW #472
Post Communion Prayer
Installation of Leaders
Announcements
Blessing
Sending Song: "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" ELW #538
Dismissal

Next week's readings: Isaiah 40: 21-31;
Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23;
Mark 1: 29-39

10:30 Service

Gathering Songs
Welcome (please pass and sign the welcome pad)
Installation of Leaders
Confession and Forgiveness
Entrance Song: "You Are Holy" ELW #525
Greeting
Prayer of the Day
Chancel Choir: "Perfect Love" by Jane Marshall
Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 8: 4b-6
(New Testament p.131 in pew Bible)
Kids' Time
Gospel Acclamation:
"Halle, Hallelujah" ELW #179
Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 21-28
(New Testament p. 27 in pew Bible)
Sermon
Song of the Day: Responsive Prayer Song
"Heal Us, Lord"
Prayers of Intercession
Sharing of the Peace
Offering
Offertory: "Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am" ELW #814
Offertory Prayer
Words of Institution
Lord's Prayer
The Meal
Songs during Distribution:
"Come to the Table" ELW #481
"With This Bread"
"Oh, Sing to the Lord" ELW #822
Post Communion Prayer
Announcements
Blessing
Sending Song: "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" ELW #866
Dismissal

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Today's JOLT!: at 9:30 am in the Library: **February 1st:** final part of Bonhoeffer series: *Filmed on location in Germany, New York Times best-selling author Eric Metaxas will take us on a journey with Dietrich Bonhoeffer and why he has inspired so many people's faith.* **February 8th:** Praying Outside the Lines—Marge Lundeen will share ideas and resources. Bring a favorite prayer, if you wish, to share.

Sunday School: classes meet Feb. 1, 8 & 22 (NO Sunday School 2/15) **D-Way Classes:** Meet Feb 4 & 11; students are expected to attend Ash Wednesday services on Feb 18 and Lenten service Feb 25 with their families.
Powder Ridge Snow Tubing: Saturday, Feb. 21st from 9-11am—minimum of 25 people needed, please sign up at the Welcome Center or email Jenny at jaleckson@stjohns-annandale.org.

Souper Bowl of Caring: is TODAY! Sunday school students will be taking a collection to help "tackle" hunger in our community. Last year we were able to collect ***$804.00*** in donations, which went to our local Annandale Food Shelf.

Installation of Elected Leaders: at both services today—please keep our new Council members: Denny Abernathy (2nd term), Nancy Berg (2nd term), Bill Berry, Penny Hogberg, Kris Townsend, Madeleine Duret and the entire Council in your prayers.

First Communion Meeting for Parents: on Sunday, ***Feb. 8th*** there will be a brief meeting in the church office, following each worship service, for all parents of children who want to prepare for their First Communion (parents only). We strongly encourage that every child would begin communing in either third or fourth grade. The meeting outlines the process and gives you materials to work through with your child. Contact the church office if you have any questions.

February 14th—Save the Date: St. John's Valentines' Day Dinner at Southbrook on Saturday, Feb. 14th at 6:30pm —details and sign-up sheet are located on the Welcome Center desk.
Valentine's Day Babysitting Offered: Are you going out to dinner either at Southbrook or somewhere else? Or maybe want a quiet evening in? Either way, the kids attending the ELCA Youth Gathering are here to help! On Saturday, February 14th from 5-9pm, the youth will provide babysitting and a meal for $15.00/child. Proceeds will go to fund their trip to Detroit, MI for the Gathering. Please sign up at the Welcome Center desk by February 8th—see Jenny if you have any questions.

Lydia/Naomi Circle: will meet at Barb Tasa's in Buffalo on Wednesday, February 11th

Writing Memories: will meet in the Library from 1-3pm on Thursday, Feb. 19th. Please note the change of date for this month only.

New Bible Study: on Feb. 25th at 1pm in the Library a new Bible study entitled ***BELONG*** will begin, and runs through April 1st. Pre-registration is necessary, and the deadline to sign up is Feb. 15th—sign-up sheet is available at the Welcome Center. Please contact Bev Sorensen at 274-8271 with any questions. All Are Welcome!

WELCA Circle Booklets: are available at the Welcome Ctr. See what our circles are active in, and consider joining a group!

Thank you for your participation with serving coffee/treats in 2015! A complete list of servers for 2015 will be kept in the kitchen cupboard, and lists people who are willing to serve as subs.

Attention Thrivent Members: if you have not designated your Thrivent Choice dollars, you may do so until the end of February. Also, there are potential seed monies available to members with Thrivent products—up to $500/member/calendar year ! - please call the church office with any questions.

Equipping Congregations Day—Sat., Feb. 28th, 8:30a-3:30p in Willmar, MN—see bulletin board for full details, including information on the dynamic speaker Nadia Bolz-Weber. As their annual retreat, this year's Church Council will participate in our Synod's "Equipping Congregational Leader's Day" on Saturday, February 28th at Vinje Lutheran Church in Willmar. **We can bring additional participants … so if you are interested in attending, please contact the church office.** For more information regarding the event – please go to http://www.swmnelca.org and then click on "Events" and then scroll down to "Equipping Congregational Leader's Day". We will be carpooling to and from the event.

Red Cross Bloodmobile: will be at St. Ignatius Catholic Church on Thursday, February 26th between 1:00-7:00pm. Please contact ***Valerie Kaz at 320-274-5531*** with questions or to make an appointment to donate. Approximately every TWO seconds someone needs a blood transfusion. Each donation can help to save up to THREE lives.

Mission Trip Fundraising: Mission Trip Youth will continue to collect ALUMINUM CANS- no used aluminum foil please- during the year. There is a collection area for bagged cans in the outdoor garbage area. We will be collecting COBORNS/CASH WISE POINTS throughout the year; there is a collection bucket located outside of the office. THANK YOU!

Driver Requested: to transport a gentleman to St. John's worship services (lives a few miles south of church off 5) —please call the church office if you can help.

This Week's Event Calendar

Today	**Souper Bowl of Caring; Installation of Elected Leaders**	
	8:15 am	Traditional Worship with Communion
	9:30 am	JOLT!/Sunday School
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship with Communion
	3:00 pm	Cub Scouts Meeting-Education Bldg
Monday	8:30 am	Precious Gifts Preschool 8:30-12:00 noon
	6:00 pm	Boy Scouts
	6:30 pm	Cub Scouts
	7:00 pm	Sarah Circle
Tuesday	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	8:30 am	Precious Gifts Preschool 8:30-12:00 noon
	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
	1:00 pm	**Bible Study –AWARE**
	1:30 pm	Mary Circle
	3:15 pm	3rd-4th D-Way
	5:00 pm	5th-6th D-Way
Wed. (cont'd)	5:40 pm	7th-9th D-Way
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	AA Meeting
Thursday	9:15 am	Annandale Improvement Club Mtg.
	6:00 pm	Girl Scouts
Friday	8:30 am	Precious Gifts Preschool 8:30-12:00 noon
	1:30 pm	Communion Service at Annandale Care Ctr.
Saturday	8:00 am	Pre-Marriage Workshop
Sunday		**Spiritual Sunday**
		1st Communion Parent Mtg. after each worship service today
	8:15 am	Traditional Worship with Communion
	9:30 am	JOLT!/Sunday School
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship with Communion
	11:30 am	New Member Gathering
	2:00 pm	Crow River Conference Assembly
	6:00 pm	Youth Group
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts

Congregational Care Ministry

Condolences

***Pam & Charles Lamb*—**at the death of their week old nephew, Alex; prayers for Alex's parents

Healing-Members of St. John's

- ***Dave Carlson*—**recovering from heart surgery in AZ

***Elma Peterson*—**broke her leg after a fall
Dianne Graphenteen—receiving chemo treatments for recurring cancer
Lynn Seagraves—recovering from surgery at home
Jerry Katka—hospitalized
Dale Williamson **–**recovering from successful back surgery; thankful for prayers and grateful for skilled surgeons
Beryl Geisinger—receiving chemo treatments
***Gayle O'Hern*—**recovering from ankle surgery at home; grateful for prayers from St. John's
***Richard & Sally Mozingo and family*—**prayers for Richard and family at his diagnosis of bone and prostate cancer
***Pr. Ed Groop*—**at home now—health concerns
Juanita Butterfass—recovering at home
***Peggy Bodell*—**health issues
Dick Winchell—health concerns
***Pat Dahl*—**Harvey Dahl's wife, Candy Nyren & Kelly Rosha's mother, cancer has spread, receiving chemo at Coborn Cancer Center
Jennifer Maurer-health concerns
Pastor Dave-health concerns
Angel Hagstrom-recovering
Larissa Wadman-medical concerns
Tom Johnson-recuperating at home from a stroke
Al Jorgenson-health concerns
Laverna Anderson-health concerns

Assisted Living/Care Center Facilities

***Penny Anderson*—**at Centennial Villa; undergoing further tests
Bernadine Buranen—at Centennial Villa
Evelyn Carlson **-**at Annandale Care Center
Betty Freeman—assisted living
Charles Fisher—at Hillcrest of Wayzata, MN; multiple myeloma
***Harry Gunnerson*—**at the Veteran's Home, Fergus Falls, MN
Carole Hausken—at CentraCare Nursing Home, Monticello; health concerns
Don Hausken—at Guardian Angels in Albertville, MN; health concerns
Ella Johnson—at Annandale Care Center, recovering from stroke
Helen Kangas—at Annandale Care Center
Laverna Rundblade– at Annandale Care Center
Barb Tasa—at Park Terrace of Buffalo, health concerns
Alice Thompson-at Annandale Care Center

Healing-Family & Friends of St. John's

***Kathy Ruphrecht*—**Nicki Neumiller's mother, prayers for strength as she undergoes chemo, and for remission

- ***Rev. Warren Diskerud*—**brother of Clayton Diskerud; doing better, recovering at home

***Helen Zabloski*—**David Zabloski's (see below) mom; kidney problems and other health concerns
***Richard Oldham*—**Samantha Duret's father; at home on hospice
Norma Carins—Kathy Mader's mother, prayers of healing
***Brenda Boettger*—**niece of Eloise Stram, diagnosed with breast cancer; Brenda undergoing radiation treatments
Terry Bodell—health concerns
Jake Martell-nephew of Moreen Martell and cousin of Alyssa Lipsiea; Jake 's cancer has spread
David Zabloski-son-in-law of Bev Sorensen, recovering from stroke
Bonnie Peterson-Larry Peterson's sister-in-law, stage 4 cancer
Merle Sprague-father of Duane Sprague, failing health
Alex Hesse-Tarham-Bob & Carol Hesse's daughter, recovering
Andy Beuning-son of Roger & Peg Beuning, diagnosed with multiple sclerosis
Judy Olson-daughter-in-law of Dave and Betty Olson—recovering
Linda Tomlinson**-**niece of Larry Greene, receiving treatment for a brain tumor

Support We remember our military men and women during this time of uncertainty and to those who have been called to active duty -
Scott Grossinger-husband of Krista (Jacobson) Grossinger, San Diego, CA
Christopher Behrends-Patty Behrends nephew, U.S. Army
Christopher Borders-son of Jeff and Lisa Borders– Minot, ND-Air Force

New /updated people are indicated by the "•"
Note: We strive to list the prayer requests and names correctly, if a correction is needed or you would like a name removed or added please inform the church office. In an effort to keep the list current and accurate, we will be updating prayer requests on a monthly basis; please contact ldietrich-blocker@stjohns-annandale.org with updates. Thank you!

Please drop any prayer requests in the offering plate or the slot by the office—Thank you!

Worship attendance January 25th: 247