



THE VINE

St. John's Lutheran Church & School Newsletter
February 2019

“Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ, His followers, and His world.”

DCE Candidate Kevin Mathison

At its meeting on January 17, the Board of Directors elected to call our Youth Ministry Intern, Kevin Mathison, as Director of Youth Ministry, upon the completion of his internship. We are excited about the opportunity to add Kevin to our team and look forward to his work among us, serving the Lord, our St. John's community and beyond. Please pray for Kevin as he considers this call and seeks the Lord's will for his future in ministry.

What is the role of the Director of Youth Ministry? Kevin will be leading and coordinating ministry to young people of our St. John's community with an eye to looking beyond. His call is to serve both the church and the school. Currently this ministry includes Crew 34 (3rd and 4th grade), Club 56 (5th and 6th grade), Ablaze (7th and 8th grade), Confirmation (7th and 8th grade), and Abide (High School). But his call goes beyond that to include building relationships with youth, their parents, and throughout our church and school community, all for the purpose of leading people into growing relationships with Jesus.

WORSHIP SERIES

Walking in the Wisdom of God, Part 2

This month, we will continue to consider Paul's words to the Corinthian church, calling them to walk in the ways of God's wisdom, rather than the ways of the culture around them and the sin within them. As we saw last summer, many of the struggles of the Corinthian church are very much with us today. What can we learn from Paul's words to the Corinthians?

February 3	1 Corinthians 11:17-34	The Lord's Supper
February 10	1 Corinthians 12:1-30	One Body of Christ
February 17	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	The Greatest of These is Love
February 24	1 Corinthians 14:1-40	Spiritual Gifts

When We Need God's Love Most

When do we need God's love most? Of course we need that love every second of our lives. But at times God's love is especially precious to us, times when: we lose a loved one; life becomes so confusing that we do not know where to turn; we are dealing with a chronic illness; or life just becomes meaningless and depression sets in. At times like these, it is very important to have someone who cares. Our congregation has trained seven lay people, Stephen Ministers who offer a ministry of Christian caring for those in need. To request the ministry of a Stephen Minister, contact Pastor Mark pastormark@stjohnslutheran.net



NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

We will be soon updating our St. John's Directory. Please provide the following information that you would like listed to Christy as soon as possible.



You can:

- Mail this form to St. John's, 3521 Linda Vista Ave., Napa 94558
- Send an email with all this information to: churchoffice@stjohnslutheran.net
- Call the church office at 707.255.0119

Thank you!

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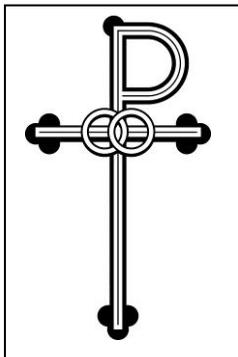
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Goodrich / Heine Wedding

Anne Goodrich
&
Pastor Mark Heine

Joyfully invite the St. John's Community to their wedding

Date: Saturday, March 9, 2019

Time: 1:30 PM

Place: St. John's Lutheran Church

Cake reception to follow in Parish Hall

Please RSVP by February 17, 2019
At heinegoodrichwedding@gmail.com
Or by calling the church office

No gifts please.

OFFERING UPDATE

Actual Offering Income for Dec:

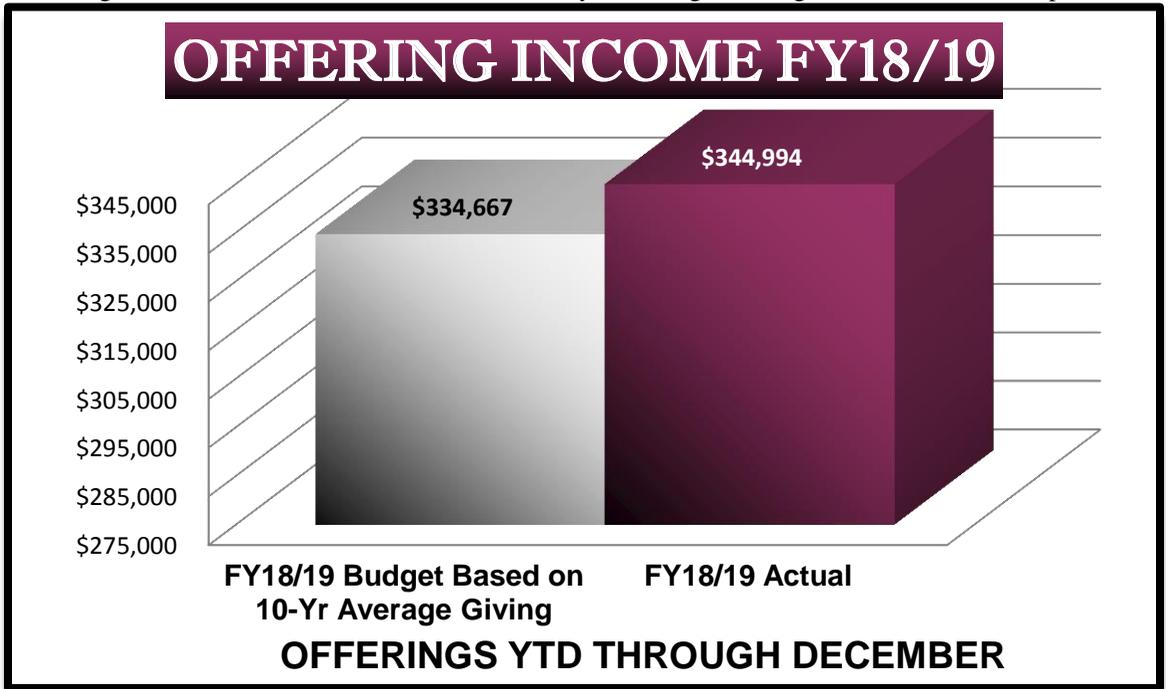
\$80,512.

Total Offerings for FY18/19 (as of 31 Dec 18):

\$344,994 which is **3.09%** or **\$10,327** above our budgeted offering income.

Total expenses remain in line with our budget and we have paid all bills received thus far.

*The budget amount shown below is based on the ten-year average offering received for that time period.



Meditation:

“For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.” (2 Corinthians 8:3-5) (ESV)

How Much to Give?

Don't we often ask: "How much should I give?" Unfortunately, from our selfish perspective, we may really be asking: "How little can I give and still call it a gift?" Giving is not something that comes naturally to most of us. By nature, we are selfish people who are only interested in our best interests, which is the accumulation of more and more comfortable and enjoyable things. Without a relationship with Jesus, our giving is nominal at best.

In contrast, the generous giving of God's faithful people is clearly written about in Scripture and is also very evident in the many faithful givers in our churches. The difference between Christians and non-Christians is that, in Christ, Christians become new creations. Our old self, with its selfish and self-centered attitude, has been replaced by the new person who is united with Christ through faith and commitment to Him. We are not perfect, but God has changed us. Out of love for Jesus, we are compelled to give generously to our churches and to those in need. As Christians, we see our time, talents, and treasures as tools that can be used to extend God's kingdom. When we faithfully use our lives and blessings in His service, He is honored and worshipped.

In our Scripture reading, Paul used the giving of the Macedonians as a model for the people in Corinth to see as Corinthians considered their gifts to the distressed Christians in Jerusalem. The Macedonians pleaded for the privilege of sharing. They did not know the people in Jerusalem personally, but they wanted to help fellow believers. The Macedonians gave beyond their ability which is giving sacrificially. They didn't give their leftovers or what they could afford. They gave to the extent that it impacted their lifestyle.

The Macedonians gave because they were new creations in Christ. Paul wrote, "*They gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will*" (verse 5). Giving came naturally after God had control of their hearts. As we spend time in God's Word and participate regularly in the Sacraments, God will grant us hearts that will plead for the opportunity to give.

Discussion Thoughts:

1. What are some indicators that our time and money are overly important to us?
2. What should we be giving?
3. In what financial condition were the Macedonians, and why were they able to give so generously?

Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, You are the owner and giver of all things. Help me to acknowledge You as the source of everything. Grant me, Lord, the same grace and faith that allowed the Macedonians to give so willingly and generously. In Your name I pray. Amen.

Adapted from "*12 Months of Congregational Stewardship*" by Ronald J. and Phyllis J. Chewning, Stewardship Advisors, Inc., 2007. Unless otherwise indicated, all Scripture quotations are from *The Holy Bible, New International Version*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1984. Scripture quotations marked (ESV) are from The ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Our Congregation's Current Mortgage Information:

Lender – Lutheran Church Extension Fund

Principal Balance Payable to Lender (as of 31 Dec 18) - \$763,290.22

Original Loan Amount (1 July, 2003) - \$1,500,000

Maturity Date – 1 March, 2029

DONOR-PREFERENCED GIFTS

We, the congregation of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, recognize that, from time to time, heart-felt and personal passion motivates some donors to give to specific ministries, projects or purposes. We respect and appreciate donor suggestions and desires as to the use of these gifts. As a matter of course, and to the extent that we are able, we use such donations exclusively for the intended charitable purpose(s). In the event that the intended ministries, projects or purposes are canceled, oversubscribed or are no longer relevant to the mission of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, we may use these gifts for purposes *"as similar as possible to the original intent of the donor, as determined by the Board of Directors."* (ref. Bylaws, Article III, Section 2, Paragraph k)

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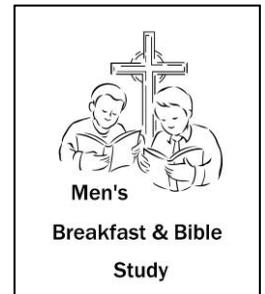
New mobile phone application makes supporting ministry even more convenient.

Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus Church" to download for free. Then enter St. John's Lutheran Church or tap "Find Churches Near Me" to start your search. Enter your desired contribution amount, card or bank information, review and select "Complete Donation." It's that easy! Please call the church office if you have questions.



Mark your calendars folks! We're having a Chili Cook-off! **On March 3rd at 4:00pm** the SJL Youth will host a Chili Cook-off as a fundraiser for their summer trip. We hope to have everybody come on out and enjoy the great food and fellowship! If you would like to bring a chili please contact Kevin Mathison.

MEN, JOIN US EVERY SATURDAY MORNING FOR FELLOWSHIP AT 7:30 AM AND BIBLE STUDY AT 8:00 - 9:00 AM IN ROOM 10. WE ARE STUDYING REVELATION. CALL RON JOHNSON FOR INFORMATION.



ATTENTION ALL CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS!!



The congregation will now accept applications for student grants for the 2019-2020 academic year. All members of St. John's, who plan to attend any of our ten synodical universities or our two seminaries, are eligible to apply. All you have to do is send a brief note to St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, ATTN: Tim Kramer, or an e-mail to tkramer@stjohnslutheran.net, announcing your intent to enroll in the 2019-2020 academic year. All applications must include the following information:

- a) Your Name
- b) School Name
- c) Student ID or Account # (if returning student)
- d) Degree you are pursuing
- e) Year and Level of study (e.g. Junior year, Undergrad; 5th year, teacher certification, or student teaching; Graduate studies)
- f) Attending Fall Term or Spring Term (or both)
- g) Briefly explain why you're attending Concordia and how you plan to use your studies/future vocation to shine the light of Christ and to witness for Jesus as His kingdom representative in the world.

Deadline for applications is March 31, 2019. Actual grant amount to each student is undetermined but will be based, in part, upon the number of students requesting assistance. So, if you are considering attending a synodical university--*even if you have not made a final decision*--please send a brief note informing us of where you are in your decision process so that we can plan accordingly.

Instruction for preparing to receive Holy Communion for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders with their parents will be held on three Tuesday evenings, February 19, 26, and March 5, 2019 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. A letter and registration form was sent out to those in the 6th – 8th grades who have not yet participated in this learning event. If you did not receive this letter, please contact Pastor Mark at pastormark@stjohnslutheran.net so that one can be sent to you. First Communion will be on Maundy Thursday, April 18th in the 7:00 PM service.





ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS! We are taking a trip this summer to Rock-N-Water! The dates for this trip are July 9th-12th. We will be hosting an interest meeting Thursday, January 24th at 7:30 pm in the Library.

CREW 34: CREW is for the 3RD and 4TH graders and will meet February 28TH at SJL from 6-7:30pm. In CREW we focus on the calling we all have to be Special Agents in God's CREW! We enjoy snacks, fun games, and interactive Bible lessons focused on Special Agents God has used. Come on out and join THE CREW!

CLUB 56: CLUB is our ministry for 5th & 6th graders! We will meet on February 5th from 6-7:30pm at SJL. CLUB is a place where friends can meet to have fun and grow in their faith together. Come on out and get in on the CLUB action!

ABLAZE: ABLAZE is for our 7th & 8th graders. We will meet on February 12th & 26th from 6-7:30pm at SJL. In ABLAZE we go a little deeper than the other groups as we discuss our faith and things that are going on in their lives today. Come out and hang with us!

ABIDE: ABIDE is our high school group. We meet every Thursday night from 7:30-9pm typically at the Hoff's house. We dive into the word, hang out, and play games each week! Oh, and the snacks are always fantastic! Join us next week at ABIDE!

Soup Supper Volunteers

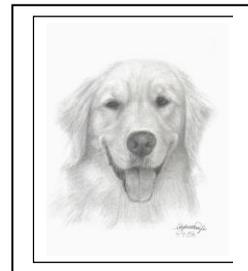
It will soon be time to enjoy the fellowship of our Lenten soup suppers. We are looking for groups / couples / families to volunteer to host one of the six Wednesday suppers. (March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10) Please contact Teresa Schmid, or the church office if you are willing to help.

LCC K-9 COMFORT DOG MINISTRY UPDATE

“Walking Together / Serving as One”

To God be the Glory!

The new year has already brought new opportunities for Team Aaron. In January, I began visiting with students at Northwood Elementary School. I enjoyed meeting new friends and being read to by students. Another fun fact about Northwood: their school mascot is the eagle, just like St. John’s Lutheran School!



Recently, I was able to share in the excitement of the Light of the Valley congregation in Elk Grove as they prepare to receive their LCC Comfort Dog. My team and I were invited to attend their “puppy shower.” While there we were able to offer encouragement and share with them all the behind-the-scenes opportunities there are to get involved in this “pawsome” ministry. Some of my handlers are hoping they receive a girl dog to put this “big boy in his place,” but I think having another boy dog on the west coast to roll and tumble with would be fun, too. We are all very excited to welcome the newest comfort dog to California!

Reuben Comfort Dog and I continue to offer comfort to those impacted by the recent fires. We were blessed to attend the Camp Fire Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner in Chico. It is always humbling to spend time with those who sacrifice so much to keep us safe.

Thanks for your support and prayers! Please check out Facebook, Instagram, and my website for all the latest news. napavalleycomfortdogs.org

Aaron Comfort Dog 

Remember, it is LCC’s and our policy to only go where invited. So if you would like Aaron to visit, please contact Tim or Christy Kramer at the church office. We would be happy to schedule a visit! 707.255.0119

Serving in Worship February 2019

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SOUND TECHS</u>	<u>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
February 3 Epiphany 4	8:30 AM HC Traditional	Cassie Richardson	Ron Johnson, Bill Clark Mike Newton, Gary Virkus	Bill & Susan Clark
	10:15 AM Blended	Wyatt Irwin		Ron & Lois Johnson
February 10 Epiphany 5	8:30 AM Traditional HC	Michael Fitzgerald		The Miller Family
	10:15 AM HC Blended	Whitney Powers	<i>Team Leader:</i> <i>Joel Wahlers</i> Tim Bouchet Todd, Natalie, & Samantha Yoder	The Mason Family Boy Scout Troop 83
February 17 Epiphany 6	8:30 AM HC Traditional	Kyle Ebeling	<i>Liturgist: Tim Kramer</i> Bill Clark, Ron Johnson Gerry Schneider, Ben Wilson	Sharon Mitchell
	10:15 AM Blended	Rachael Fitzgerald		The Meissenhalter Family
February 24 Epiphany 7	8:30 AM Traditional	Jack Carey		Nancy Gressinger
	10:15 AM HC Blended	Laney Irwin	<i>Team Leader:</i> <i>Andy Schweiger</i> Pam Barker, Dove Bain Paula & Megan Schweiger	The Bresee Family

SHOPPING ON AMAZON?

Please consider using “Amazon Smile” when you place your orders, designating St. John’s Lutheran Church fund. (There is no additional cost to you!) Just go directly to: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-6001864>



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Serving in Worship February 2019

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>LAY READERS</u>	<u>ACOLYTES</u>
February 3 Epiphany 4	8:30 AM HC Traditional	The Santora Family	Sarah Kramer	Mike Newton
	10:15 AM Blended	The Hammond & De Young Families	Jennie Lovie	Aidan Cushing Grayson Cushing
February 10 Epiphany 5	8:30 AM Traditional	Bev & Clint Holdsworth	Gail Vandeburgt	Tim Kramer
	10:15 AM HC Blended	Boy Scout Troop 83	CarlJohn Meissenhalter	Boy Scout Troop 83
February 17 Epiphany 6	8:30 AM HC Traditional	Bob Klein, Gerry Schneider, Bill Clark, Ben & Amy Wilson	Susan Clark	Gary Virkus
	10:15 AM Blended	Suzzette & Matthew Heathcote Ron Irwin, Tyler Koen Missy Loban	Ella Powers	Grant Menzel Soren De Young
February 24 Epiphany 7	8:30 AM Traditional	Curtis Schoenfeld Marlen & Gary Virkus	Lois Johnson	Sam Schneider
	10:15 AM HC Blended	The Cremen & Perna Families	CarlJohn Meissenhalter	Eva Winkler Samantha Carey



DATE	Pre-1st	2-4th
February 3	Erika Boudreaux Teresa Schmid	Jenny Gass
February 10	Diane Barbosa Lisa Thornton	Kristi Carey Danielle Irwin
February 17	Janet Gates Ramona Kaufmann	Sarah Santora Scott Zimmerman
February 24	Joy Dahl Lindsey Engelbracht	Jenny Gass

Daily Bible Readings for February

	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
1	Psalm 18:37-45	2 Chronicles 3:1-5:1	Acts 18:8-21
2	Psalm 18:46-50	2 Chronicles 5:2-6:23	Acts 18:22-19:5
3	Psalm 71:1-6	Jer. 1:4-10	1 Cor. 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30
4	Psalm 19:1-6	2 Chronicles 6:24-7:22	Acts 19:6-20
5	Psalm 19:7-14	2 Chronicles 8:1-9:12	Acts 19:21-31
6	Psalm 20	2 Chronicles 9:13-10:19	Acts 19:32-20:3
7	Psalm 21	2 Chronicles 11:1-12:12	Acts 20:4-16
8	Psalm 22:1-8	2 Chronicles 12:13-22	Acts 20:17-31
9	Psalm 22:9-21	2 Chronicles 14, 15	Acts 20:32-21:4
10	Psalm 138	Isaiah 6:1-13	1 Cor. 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11
11	Psalm 22:22-28	2 Chronicles 16, 17	Acts 21:5-16
12	Psalm 22:29-31	2 Chronicles 18	Acts 21:17-30
13	Psalm 23	2 Chronicles 19:1-20:19	Acts 21:31-22:2
14	Psalm 24	2 Chron. 20:20-21:17	Acts 22:3-16
15	Psalm 25:1-7	2 Chron. 21:18-23:21	Acts 22:17-29
16	Psalm 25:8-22	2 Chronicles 24:1-25:4	Acts 22:30-23:11
17	Psalm 1	Jer. 17:5-10	1 Cor. 15:12-20 Luke 6: 17-26
18	Psalm 26	2 Chronicles 25:5-26:15	Acts 23:12-24
19	Psalm 27:1-6	2 Chronicles 26:16-28:8	Acts 23:25-24:3
20	Psalm 27:7-14	2 Chron. 28:9-29:119	Acts 24:4-16
21	Psalm 28	2 Chron. 29:20-30:27	Acts 24:17-27
22	Psalm 29	2 Chronicles 31	Acts 25:15
23	Psalm 30:1-5	2 Chronicles 32	Acts 25:16-26:1
24	Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40	Gen. 45:3-11, 15	1 Cor. 15:35-38, 42-50 Luke 6: 27-38
25	Psalm 30:6-12	2 Chronicles 33:1-34:7	Acts 26:2-14
26	Psalm 31:1-5	2 Chronicles 34:8-33	Acts 26:15-27
27	Psalm 31:6-9	2 Chronicles 35	Acts 26:28-27:8
28	Psalm 31:10-20	2 Chronicles 36	Acts 27:9-20

SJLC 10th Annual Ladies' Tea

Join us for tea, light lunch, friendship and entertainment

Saturday, March 2, 2019

11 AM—2 PM

St. John's Lutheran Church Parish Hall
3521 Linda Vista Avenue, Napa



This year's theme:

MISSION POSSIBLE

Making a Difference Around the World

Presented by our very own

Caitlin Newton

Caitlin, 26 year old Napa native, graduated from Napa High School and Concordia University Irvine. After returning home from college, she embarked on a mission trip called the "World Race" with Adventures in Missions where she traveled to 11 countries in 11 months, living out of a backpack and serving the communities in a variety of ways. The experiences she had and the people she met made a powerful impact on her and changed her for the better. Her adventures will make you laugh, cry and appreciate the good our younger generation is doing to make this a better world.

Musical Entertainment from:

Heidi Newman & Steve Rock

Violin & Guitar

We will be enjoying a light lunch and desserts with our tea. Please bring a sweet or savory finger food to share for the buffet. And bring along a friend too!

If you would like to "Set a Table" for 8, please contact Gail Vandeburgt:

gailvandeburgt@gmail.com

We will be have a drawing for a handmade quilt created by "Focused on Him" quilting group.

Several other prizes will be available as well.

All proceeds from the drawing will be given to CNH Disaster Relief Fund for the victims of the Northern CA Wildfires.

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Please RSVP to:

Lois Johnson: vikingwater@yahoo.com 707-815-7036

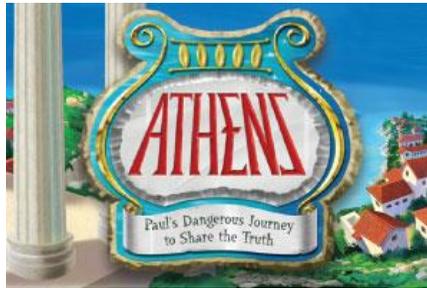
Larraine Ewing: ljewing@aol.com 707-738-4128

Special Thanks to our sponsor:

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SAVE THE DATE!!!
JUNE 17 - 21, 2019
Vacation Bible School



Escape to Athens With Paul!

*Imagine leaving a life of privilege and power to face angry mobs, painful imprisonment, and chain-breaking earthquakes—all to spread the **life-changing truth** of God's love. Learn the **jaw-dropping story** of the Apostle Paul... straight from Paul himself! In an ancient "anything goes" culture, Paul will inspire kids to share the truth of God's immeasurable love today!*

More information to come soon!

Would you like to join our team? We would love to have additional help for our monthly day at **“The Table.”** We serve the second Friday of each month.

Specific needs are:

- Someone to shop for food one day a month
- Someone to oversee cooking and serving on our day

Janet Peterson and Michele Arnold are leading the team, but need a third person to help lead. If you can help, please contact Janet Peterson, or the Church Office.



We also ask for **dessert treats** to be donated on our Friday at “The Table.” Please drop them off at the Church Office by 9:00 AM on **February 8th**.

Our food needs are:

- Canned chicken
- Large Velveeta
- 32 oz. boxes of chicken broth
- Creamed soups,
- 10 pound bags of rice

Please note: All donations for “The Table” and the Napa Food Bank need to be **unopened and not beyond their “best by” date.**

(The Food Bank does not accept expired food.)

February 10, 11:30 Room 10: Celebrate Valentine's Day at the Potluck! Bring any dish that has something red in it! Red potatoes, red meat, red berry pie, red salad.....so many possibilities! Or bring whatever you'd like to share. For questions contact Ron and Lois Johnson, John and Pam Foottit, or Neill and Pam Barker.



So what's new at the Farm?

Submitted by Ted Zimmerman



Wow! Lots of new things to talk about this month. First, I hope you got to see the front page article in the Sunday, January 6 issue of the *Napa Valley Register*. It featured the volunteers at and purpose of the Mission Farm. Nice picture of some of the American Beauties on our team picking tomatoes (OK, so we were salvaging the green tomatoes in the rain). A few others were partly visible. The article was nicely done, and with correct information for the most part. The article also received some coverage on *Facebook* as people posted the picture and article to their friends. Pastor Mike said the other day that St. John's is mostly known in the community through its school, its Comfort Dog Ministry, and the Mission Farm. Glad to be doing our part.

We also participated in the *2018 Napa Valley Give!Guide* effort this year, and once again were blessed to receive some significant contributions for our Mission Farm. Total realized through our participation this year will be approximately \$7000. We thank God for that, but are also heartened to realize that many in our community believe and are willing to support what we are doing. For your gifts, whether they came through the NVGG effort, or by Designated Gifts placed in the offering plate, we thank God and we thank you. What do these gifts go for? Money to buy seeds, fertilizer, soil amendments, sprays, irrigation materials, fuel for feeding Mr. Kubota and a roof over his head, hand tools as well as tractor attachments. The gifts given go a lot farther because all our laborers are . . . well, how should I say it . . . “good for nothing”?

The total raised and sent to the Food Bank for distribution this year was 13,161.5 lbs. Things are on the quieter side right now, but I hope you will give some thought of joining us this spring when we get ready for a new summer crop season. Our volunteers may indeed be “good for nothing”, but we are a lot of fun to work with. And what we do together makes a big difference for a lot of people! In Jesus' name.

February Birthdays

- 3 Lisa Thornton, Terry Peterson, Katya Kampton
- 4 Jenece Como
- 5 Donald Guinn
- 6 Janet Ose, Jerry Zachry, Bret Skillings
- 7 Steven Rock, Tim Bouchet
- 8 Lauren Guinn, Lorraine Ewing
- 9 Andrew Schluter, Stephen Santora
- 10 Karen Schoenfeld, Carson Dahl
- 11 Stephen Dierker, Sarah Franklin
- 15 Clayton D'Angelo, Kimberly Uffmann, Teresa Schmid
- 16 Kim McGrath
- 18 Ruth Peterson
- 19 Tessa Mello
- 20 Cliff Burmester
- 21 Jakob Chaudhary, Leonard Bommersbach
- 22 Erin Wilson
- 23 Gisela Chaudhary, Debby Sutton, Tom Carey, Lucas Wedding, Steve Jeffery
- 24 Sal Zaia
- 25 Jeffrey Craft
- 27 Cindy Zeller, Mark Zeller
- 29 Elizabeth Munoz



February Anniversaries

DATE	COUPLE	YEARS
1	David & Kathy Fitzgerald	33
13	Douglas & DeDe Messner	26
14	Tom & Elaine Hoff	32
14	Michael & Ginny Thomas	37
25	Sandra & Stewart Mehrens	35





Women's Ministry

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” *Galatians 6:9-10*

Come join us! No matter what our situation or season in life, we all need discipleship, fellowship, encouragement, and opportunities to serve. St. John's has many options in all of those areas, and we are always open to new ideas!

“The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.”

LWML MITES

The big blue wooden LWML box is in the Narthex (church entryway) for you to drop your loose change (or checks designated “Mites”) in.

Goal: Help fund LWML projects in the US and around the world.

Info: www.lwml.org.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Thursday afternoons from 1-2:30 PM in the Sanctuary. We will be studying the book of James, and our first meeting will be on January 17th when we will hand out the study guides. Contact Lauren Huss for questions.

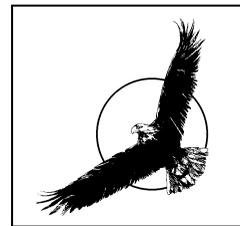
LADIES' TEA

We are busy working on the newest “Tea Quilt”. It will be in blue and yellow, so if that is your favorite colors, be ready to buy tickets at the Ladies Tea. The Tea is on the calendar for March 2nd, in the Parish Hall. There is a new committee working on pulling things together, so expect a really wonderful Tea.



SCHOOL NEWS

By Joel Wahlers



This is a busy time at St. John's Lutheran School. We are in the middle of reenrollment, and we have a number of activities going on.

This past month we held our annual Hauch Invitational Tournament with teams from around the area competing in basketball! It was a great event! Thank you to our athletic director, Matt Uffmann, for all his work on this tournament. The tournament is named for former teacher, athletic director, and coach, Bob Hauch. Mr. Hauch passed away in 2010.

This past month, we had some major improvements to the Parish Hall. A new Heating and Air Conditioning system was installed thanks to a generous grant of \$50,000 from our Association of Parents and Teachers (APT). We also had refurbished light fixtures and led bulbs installed in the Parish Hall as well. I want to thank two awesome volunteers, Bob Klein and Bill Clark, for their long hours and hard work making that happen.

Over Presidents' Day weekend (February 14-16), our 5-8th graders, teachers, and families will be traveling to Portland for the Lutheran Elementary School Tournament (LEST) at Concordia University. This annual tournament invites twenty Lutheran schools from around the Northwest and Northern California. Students will participate and compete in basketball, swimming, dance, cheer, academic events (math, knowledge bowl, science, chess, spelling), choir events (Choraliers, handbells, tone chimes), music events (vocal, vocal ensemble, piano, violin), drama, robotics, art, writing, and technology (video production). This is a great experience for our kids, and it is one that allows our students to showcase their gifts and talents and enjoy fellowship with other Lutheran school students.

We continue to search and interview for a new 6th grade teacher. We know God will lead us to the right person for this important position.

As always, please keep St. John's Lutheran School in your prayers! For ongoing information on what is happening at St. John's, please pick up our weekly newsletter in the narthex or visit our website at www.stjohnsnapa.org.



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February 3

"Slow Solution"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Some problems can be quickly resolved. Others require us to interact with people, take time to know them, get involved with them. The Gospel is the answer to the hidden problem that separates us from God and from each other.

(John 20:21)

February 10

"Where Heaven Meets Earth"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus is the place where heaven and earth overlap and intersect. So what does this mean for us? It means that the night is over and it's time to stop snoozing and wake up!

(John 3:1-21)

February 17

"Arise"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook

(1 Cor. 15:12-20)

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