Our mission is to glorify God as we seek to make disciples of all nations by bringing the gospel of Jesus Christ to all people within and outside of the one holy Christian Church.

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The Third Sunday of Epiphany

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> The Sermon: "The Call" The Text: Mark 1:14-20

Anthem: "He Knows My Name" Bell Choir

"Today Your Mercy Calls Us" LSB 915 The Opening Hymn:

The Sermon Hymn: "Listen, God is Calling" LSB 833

The Communion Hymns: "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" LSB 685

"O Christ Who Called the Twelve" LSB 856

The Closing Hymn: "Hail, O Source of Ev'ry Blessing" LSB 409

+Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 10:30 a.m. service today. Guests, it is our desire for you to commune with us. In the Lord's Supper, in with and under the bread and the wine, we receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. You should also know that when you commune with a group of Christians, you are saying you agree with the teachings of that church body. If you are a member of a different church body, please use this time for prayer and reflection upon God's Word. We then invite you to speak with one of the pastors about how you, too, can share in this wonderful gift. If you believe what Christ says about His supper and share the beliefs we have at St. Johns, an LCMS congregation, you are welcome to join us for communion. Gluten free wafers are available. If you prefer a gluten free wafer please let the pastors know.

This Week at St. Johns

Monday	Staff Meeting	8:45 AM	
Monday	Scouts	5:45 PM	
Tuesday	Bible Study	8:30 AM	
Tuesday	TOPS	9:00 AM	
Wednesday	Release Time	8:25 AM	
Wednesday	Bible Study	10:30 AM	
Wednesday	Communion Service	NOON	
Wednesday	Confirmation	3:30 PM	
Wednesday	Bell Choir	5:00 PM	
Wednesday	Youth Meal	5:30 PM	
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Worship (Comm.)	8:00 AM
Sunday School	9:15 AM
Bible Class	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Board Games	2:00 PM
Scouts	4:00 PM

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The lesson for today is "Ruth." Just a reminder, our offerings are collected each week to assist in raising funds for Lutheran Island Camp to purchase a new Lily Pad and other waterfront equipment. We welcome parents to join Bible Study in the social hall during the Sunday School hour. Substitute teachers are needed. THE 2024 FLOWER CHART is posted in the front lobby. If you would like to provide flowers for the altar on one or more Sundays, please sign up on the chart.

<u>USHERS FOR 2024</u> are needed. Please sign up on the sheet by the choir loft stairs.

<u>LISTEN</u> to the Lutheran Hour Sundays on KPRM 870 AM at 9:30 a.m., or KTIG 102.7 and 95.9 FM at 5:00 p.m. You can also listen on Sirius XM Family Talk Channel 133 on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. or any time on lhm.org/sentradio. Today's sermon is "The Battleground of Forgiveness" with speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Dr. Michael Zeigler discusses God's forgiveness covers our sins-but it's not a coverup! (Psalm 32:1)

ON MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH: Rev. Jim Lamb, Lutheran Family Service, Fort Dodge, Iowa, presents the message: "The Trinitarian Value of Human Life" based on Isaiah 43:1. "This Is the Life": "Live Option" - A 15-year-old pregnant daughter and her mother disagree on the future of her child. Main Street Living is broadcast Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on KVRR Fargo-Moorhead or watch online at www.mainstreetliving.com, "North(Fargo)." Join us on Giving Hearts Day (Feb 8th) with a donation to Main Street Living. You can pre-schedule a donation at www.GivingHeartsDay.org

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPE PACKETS are available in the front lobby. Please note that envelope numbers were reassigned this year as we decreased the number of packets we purchase. If you cannot find yours, please check with the church office. **2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** are available in the front

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A SPECIAL OFFERING will be taken today following the services for the Pregnancy Resource Center for Sanctity of Life Sunday. IT'S TIME TO RENEW or start a new Lutheran Witness subscription. The cost is \$27.65 and is due by January 27. There is a special Lutheran Witness envelope in your offering packet. Please put your name and address on the back of the envelope to help us double check for correct address information.

CHECK OUT children's church at the 10:30 a.m. service. Just before the sermon, parents of children ages 2-6 will be invited to bring their children to the nursery for a time of faith focused videos and activities. This time lasts about 20 minutes, while the parents have an opportunity to return to worship. A small snack is often provided. Please let the facilitator know if your child has any dietary restrictions. We are looking for at least 4 pairs of volunteers to staff this time. You will be provided with materials to use. Contact the church if you are willing to volunteer for this new ministry.

TUBING AT DETROIT MOUNTAIN: Due to the cold weather last Sunday, tubing at Detroit Mountain was rescheduled for today. We will be leaving the church at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome! CRAZY FOR CRIBBAGE is becoming a twice a month event on the first and third Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. If you are new to cribbage and would like to learn how it's played, we'll teach you.

BOARD GAMES: Next Sunday we will have an afternoon for family fun while enjoying board game competition. We have a variety of games for various ages. People are invited to bring their favorite game. Please join us next Sunday from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. The youth group will be providing appetizers for a free will donation. This donation will go toward the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2025.

YOUTH MEALS will continue on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. for high school students through February 7. They will resume after Easter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Att. - 15. Offering - \$12.00.

LAST SUNDAY: Att.: 8:00 - 89. 10:30 - 68. Total - 157.

Offering: Unified: \$6,806.00. Unified Electronic - \$814.63. Plate - \$366.40. Healthy Balance - \$20.00. Lutheran Witness -

\$82.95. Total - \$8,089.98.

NOON COMMUNION SERVICE: Att: 29.