**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**Sunday, March 23, 2014**

**Called** as children of God

**Comforted** and **Challenged**

by the Holy Spirit

**Committed** to serveChrist in the world

Welcome to St. John’s Evangelical

Lutheran Church!

All are welcome with joy to participate in

Holy Communion every Sunday!

***Our Church Staff***

Pastor Linda McPeak – Associate Pastor of Youth and Family Ministry

Pastor Randy Romsdahl – Senior Pastor

Lois Petricka – Church Custodian

Nancy West – Office Administrative Assistant

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

***Worship Hours***

Sundays at 7:30, 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

SUMMIT Worship - Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. during Lent

**Please pray that God’s healing, comforting presence be upon:** Miah Aarstad, Rebecca Bithow, Marie Brueshoff, Nyater Chan, Tom Dawley, Jim and Marilyn Eshlemann, Joanie Hoffman, Rosemary and Ken Klass, Isabella Lea, Don Lunn, Ilene Pleckenpol, Bonnie Rubash, Dalen Shepard, Nona Solum, and Don Swart.

**“Like” St. John’s Lutheran Church - Shakopee**

***Texts for March 30th:***

Ephesians 5:8–14

Gospel: John 9:1–41

***Stewardship Thought for the Week:***

Seek always to do some good somewhere.  You must give some time to your fellow man.  For remember, you do not live a world all your own.

- Albert Schweitzer**Sunday, March 23:**

 7:30 a.m. Worship Service

 8:30 a.m. Worship Service

 9:40 a.m. Bible Study & Education Hour

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

 3:00 p.m. Sound of Music Rehearsals

**Monday, March 24:**

 7:00 p.m. Hope Circle

**Tuesday, March 25:**

**Wednesday, March 26:**

 6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich Supper

 6:15 p.m. Higher Ground rehearsal

 7:00 p.m. Summit Lenten Worship

 8:00 p.m. High School Ministry

 8:00 p.m. Sound of Music Rehearsals

**Thursday, March 27:**

 7:00 p.m. AA \*

**Friday, March 28:**

**Saturday, March 29:**

 9:00 a.m. AA\*

**Sunday, March 30:**

 7:30 a.m. Worship Service

 8:30 a.m. Worship Service

 9:40 a.m. Bible Study & Education Hour

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

 3:00 p.m. Sound of Music Rehearsals

 \* - “A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution…”

***This Week’s Servers***

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| **March 23** | DUTY | NAME |
|  | Communion Prep. | Ofstehage Family |
|  | Coffee fellowship |  |
| 8:30AM | Ushers | Team B |
| Nursery (Adult) | O’Neill Family |
| Nursery (Youth) | Charlie Koivisto |
| Scripture Reader | Nancy Sortum |
| Communion Servers | Nancy Sortum, Trevor Klippen, Bryce Knox |
| Greeters |  |
| Cross bearer | Sarah Jakovleski |
| Acolyte | Logan Johnson |
| Bell Ringer | Kelly Pudwill |
| Kids Bringing Meal  |  |
| 10:45AM | Ushers | Team 2 |
|  | Nursery (Adult) | Nascene Family |
|  | Nursery (Youth) |  |
|  | Scripture Reader |  |
|  | Communion Servers | Erin Pudwill |
|  | Greeters |  |
|  | Cross bearer | Elise Meyer |
|  | Acolyte | Josh Meyer |
|  | Bell Ringer | Bibian Rodriguez |
|  | Kids Bringing Meal  |  |
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***What is NEW?***

***NEW MEMBER WELCOME.*** Please join us for our New Member Welcoming Series that will be held **TODAY**, March 23rd and Sunday, March 30th, both from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. in the church overflow area. We will learn about the ministries of the church from some of our leaders in faith. Then complete the process at our New Member Welcome on Sunday, March 30th at the 10:45 worship celebration. Contact Pastor Randy if you have any questions or would like more information.

***TEACHER APPRECIATION TODAY***! Please gather in the Fellowship Hall following the 8:30 a.m. service today to celebrate St. John's Sunday School teachers and Confirmation leaders. Join your children and their teachers in the Fellowship Hall during their music time for cake, coffee and punch.

* 3 yr olds – 2nd grade – 9:45-10:00
* 3rd grade – 6th grade – 10:20-10:35

As a "thank-you" gift, the Sunday School office has made a monetary donation to the CAP Agency on behalf of the teachers at St. John's.

***LENTEN WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS.*** Each Wednesday during Lent, plan to join us at 6:00 p.m. for soup and sandwich supper, followed by Summit Lenten Worship at 7:00 p.m. **Wednesday, March 26th, children, youth and families of the 6th and 4th graders are asked to bring food (1 loaf of sandwiches and 1 pan of bars or cookies [1-2 dozen]) and plan to help serve and clean up.** Please have the food at the church between 5:00-5:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Janice Judd at jjudd@sacsschools.org.

***ST. JOHN’S SPRING SOCIAL – FRIDAY, APRIL 25th.*** The Spring Social will be held on Friday, April 25th from 5:15 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at America’s Best Value Inn & Suites, 1244 Canterbury Rd S, Shakopee. Dinner will be a Pasta Bar, and a cash bar will be available. We will have a silent auction, live auction and raffle. Free childcare will be provided at St. John’s from 5:00 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. The cost is $25 per ticket, and all proceeds will benefit the Raise the Roof Campaign. Tickets will be on sale between services from March 23rd through April 20th. Items, service, and basket donations for the silent auction are also appreciated, and forms are available for you to complete. See the display in the gathering area for full details, or contact Lauri Dahlberg if you have questions.

***VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – METHODIST HOSPITAL HOSPICE.*** Training sessions will be provided this spring in May and June for new volunteers. Volunteers give respite care to caregivers who are carrying for terminally ill loved ones in their own private homes. Commitment is a maximum of 4 hours per week, and training is 4 sessions. If interested, contact Libby Swanson at 952-993-5381.

***Coming up…***

***Calling all artists, all ages, all abilities!!***  Set construction and painting for Musicals with a Mission's *Sound of Music* will continue on Sunday, March 23rd from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. here at St. John's!  Everyone is welcome.  There are jobs for all talent levels!  Come and work together to help build this wonderful set and develop your own talents!!  Questions? E-mail Carolynleppala@gmail.com.

***“WHAT THE HEART WANTS” CONCERT – TUESDAY, MARCH 25TH.*** As part of their Spring 2014 Tour, the Carthage Women’s Ensemble from Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin will be performing at Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church in Prior Lake on Tuesday, March 25th at 7:00 p.m. The performance is free and open to the public. A free-will donation will be accepted to offset the cost of the tour.

***TEMPORARY COLLECTION OF CROSSES.*** Here at St. John's during Lent we are encouraging a temporary collection of crosses which will be on display in west end of the worship sanctuary. Please come by to enjoy the Lenten Cross Reflection Space, **beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 5, through Holy Week**, after which time these crosses and framed artwork will return to their respective owners and locations.  If you would like to bring in a favorite or cherished cross to display during Lent, please bring the cross to the church office with your name and contact information attached to the cross.  For more information contact Pastor Linda.

***Soup Making Enthusiasts.***Interested in sharing your favorite soup recipe?  Please sign up for a Wednesday to bring a batch of soup to feed 20 - 30 people.  Janis Judd will have a calendar in the kitchen to keep track of sign-ups and for anyone to look at if interested.  Questions, please see Janis Judd or email her at jjudd@sacsschools.org.  Thank you!

***Seeking more readers-- Consider joining St. John's book club***. The St. John’s Book Club meets every other month – we will meet again in May to discuss *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. If you are interesting in joining St. John’s Book Club or have any questions, please contact Brenda Kostelac (952) 496-2022 or bck.2005@hotmail.com.

***ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENTS!***Are you going to attend an ELCA Lutheran college for the 2014-15 school year? If so, you are eligible for a St. John’s Endowment Scholarship. Applications are available in the church office. Also, you will want to check for your school’s deadlines for matching funds and we will work with you to make those deadlines. We would like to receive applications by April 1, 2014. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Rubash, Mike Vermeulen, Bonnie Doty, Diane Randolph or Jenn Eckers, members of the Endowment Committee.

***Volunteer Opportunities***

***Lay Visitation Ministry***

Please prayerfully consider making a commitment to visit one of our home-bound elders once a month or more.  Please contact Pastor Randy for more information.

***Next Week’s Servers***

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| **March 30** | DUTY | NAME |
|  | Communion Prep. | Ofstehage Family |
|  | Coffee fellowship |  |
| 8:30AM | Ushers | Team B |
| Nursery (Adult) | Gibbons Family |
| Nursery (Youth) |  |
| Scripture Reader |  |
| Communion Servers |  |
| Greeters |  |
| Cross bearer |  |
| Acolyte |  |
| Bell Ringer | Jacob Schmidt |
| Kids Bringing Meal  |  |
| 10:45AM | Ushers | Team 2 |
|  | Nursery (Adult) | Schuler Family |
|  | Nursery (Youth) |  |
|  | Scripture Reader |  |
|  | Communion Servers |  |
|  | Greeters |  |
|  | Cross bearer |  |
|  | Acolyte |  |
|  | Bell Ringer | Luke Schmidt |
|  | Kids Bringing Meal  |  |