News and Notes

- From the week of April 13 -

Holy Week Worship Schedule:

Holy Thursday Worship April 17th @ 6:30pm

Good Friday April 18th: Children's Worship @ 1:30pm; Service of Darkness @ 6:30pm Easter Sunday April 20th: Sunrise Worship @ 7am; Festival Worship @ 10am Please plan to join us for these special services!

Invite Others to Join Us This Easter!

We are asking everyone, young and old, to embrace the privilege and responsibility of sharing Christ with unchurched friends, relatives, and neighbors. A simple way to do that—invite them to come with your family to our Easter worship services! Postcard invitations are available today! We ask for you to take some time to help us distribute these invites. You can do that through the following ways: Take a few Easter invites handed out to you after worship and personally deliver them to people you know; Take the invites that have placed into door-hanging-bags and distribute them on your block where you live; Pray for the Lord to give you courage and opportunities to invite the people in your life to hear the good news of Jesus.

2025 Soccer Camp – June 9-13

A great team of volunteers is the key to making our soccer camp a success. Currently we have capped the enrollment for our camp this summer. We are looking for additional head coaches so that we can add campers from the wait list. There are a variety of ways to help out; team leaders, assistant helpers, check in helpers and other helping hands. Scan the QR code or check out the volunteer board in the back of the church today to see where you can help!



Easter Breakfast - The teens will be serving Easter Breakfast between services on April 20th A free-will donation basket will be available. We are asking the congregation to help again this year by providing a dozen fully cooked egg bakes, fruit, and hard-boiled eggs on Easter morning. A sign-up sheet along with aluminum pans for easy clean up is available today in the kitchen.

The April Teen Night will consist of setting up for Easter Breakfast, a meal, and a short devotion on Saturday April 19th from 4-6pm. All teens grades 7-12 are invited!

Called Home to Heaven

Mary Muench was called home to glory this past Monday. There will be a funeral service held at St. John's on Tuesday, April 15, @ 11:30am. Visitation will take place from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 14, at Starkson Family Life Celebration Chapel, 3075 Vermillion St, Hastings, MN 55033, and again on Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the church. A reception will follow the service at the church.

Quarterly Meeting – APRIL 27

The Quarterly Voters Meeting will be held between services on April 27th beginning at 9:15am. All members of the congregation are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Confirmation Sunday – May 4th

On Sunday, May 4th, Clara Hochmuth, Riley Klebe, Lyla McClellan, and Cora Schweich will confirm their faith during the 10:30am worship service. Examination will be held on Friday May 2nd at 6pm. As a congregation, let us guide and encourage them to remain faithful to their risen Savior!

Sound system

After much waiting, the new sound board has been installed in the balcony. We are in process of adjusting the settings. Please share feedback on how you can hear when you are at church or at home watching via livestream. Training is available for anyone interested in learning the system.

Worship Seating

We encourage everyone to sit where they feel comfortable in church. However, we do want to keep the back "short" pews open for those with special needs. We also encourage those who are able to sit closer to the front to move forward to allow for those who need may need to access restrooms (etc.). Again, please sit where you are comfortable, but for those able to move forward a few pews- "Thank you!"

Service Animals

Did you know that service animals play an important role in the lives of many people? At times they can even save the life of their owner. We respect those who need these trained dogs for health and safety reasons and welcome them at St. John's. Let our leaders know if you have any questions about service animals!

Easter Vigil Service – April 19 at St. Croix Academy

The WELS Minnesota District Worship Committee and skilled choral and instrumental musicians from the area are presenting an Easter Vigil service on Holy Saturday, April 19. An introduction to the service will take place at 7:30 pm. The service begins at 8:00 pm in the beautiful chapel of St. Croix Lutheran Academy in West St. Paul, MN.

This week at St. John's:

Today:	8:00 AM	Passion Sunday Worship Service
	9:15 AM	Family Bible Hour
	9:40 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Passion Sunday Worship Service
Monday:	6:30 PM	God & Me
Tuesday:	11:30 AM	Funeral – Mary Muench (visitation beginning at 10am)
Wednesday:	6:30 AM	Grow Group – Dunn Bros.
	1:00 PM	Grow Group – Bierstube
	6:30 PM	Midweek Lenten Worship
	6:30 PM	Sunday School Good Friday Rehearsal
Thursday:	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Holy Thursday Worship
Friday:	1:30 PM	Good Friday Children's Service
	6:30 PM	Good Friday Service of Darkness
Saturday:	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study @ El Mexican
	4:00 PM	Teen Night and Easter Breakfast Set-up
Next Sunday:	7:00 AM	Easter Sunrise Service
	8:00 AM	Easter Breakfast served by the Teens
	10:00 AM	Easter Festival Worship

Upcoming Greeters -

April 13: Rich & Linda Myklebust (8am); Carol Berneche & Marilyn Lee (10:30am) April 20: Henry & Jean Hoeft (7am); Rita Bremer & Shirley Munger (10am) April 27: Deb Grenstein & Kristi Murtaugh (8am); Tony Johnson & OPEN (10:30am)

Upcoming Ushers -

April 13: Rich & Linda Myklebust (8am); Tony Johnson & Jacob Johnson (10:30am) April 20: Henry Hoeft & Dorothy Wiltermuth (7am); Jeanne Schumann & Charlotte Pierce (10am) April 27: Deb Grenstein & Randy Wills (8am); Tony Johnson & Myron Milbrandt (10:30am)



Upcoming Junior Ushers -

April 13: Riley Klebe & Oliver Wirth (8am); Lena Bauer (10:30am) April 20: Grady Schweich & Lakyn Hoeft (7am); Clara Hochmuth (10am) April 27: Wendi Bustamante & Livie Schmidt (8am); Mya Bauer (10:30am) Scan the QR code for the full schedule and to sign-up for other serving opportunities!