

News and Notes – March 29, 2026

Holy Week Worship Schedule:

Passion (Palm) Sunday Worship March 29th @ 8am and 10:30am
Holy Thursday Worship April 2nd @ 6:30pm
Good Friday April 3rd: Children's Worship @ 1:30pm; Service of Darkness @ 6:30pm
Easter Sunday April 5th: Sunrise Worship @ 7am; Festival Worship @ 10am

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. Please consider grabbing some individual cards or door hanger invitations to personally deliver to a family member, friend, coworker, neighbor, or acquaintance that needs Jesus or doesn't have a church home. Pray for the Lord to give you courage and opportunities to invite the people in your life to hear the good news of Jesus. And pray that he will bless our efforts as individuals and as a congregation.

Planting Workshop – April 18 (Registration Required – DEADLINE TODAY)

Sharing Christ with others in our culture has a different look and that starts with growing relationships that are genuine, personal, and supportive. Our planting workshop is an opportunity to do just that! Consider inviting someone you'd like to know better to our Planting Workshop on April 18th at 10am. More information and registration forms is available today in the back of the sanctuary. Registration deadline – TODAY March 29th.

Easter Breakfast

The teens will be serving Easter Breakfast between services on April 5th. 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 teens will meet on Saturday April 4 at 4pm to prepare for the breakfast.

Call Received

Pastor Harbach received a Call to serve St. John's Lutheran Church in Waterloo, Wisconsin. The congregation, located near Madison, also has an elementary school and preschool. Your comments and prayers are welcome.

Sunday School Children Good Friday Worship

The Sunday School Children will edify our worship service at 1:30pm on Good Friday April 3. They will rehearse on Wednesday, April 1 at 6:30pm-7:00pm. On Good Friday, the children should meet in the gym at 1:20pm to warm-up and line up.

Called Home to Heaven

Myron Milbrandt was called home to glory on March 20th, 2026. A service will be held at Starkson's Chapel on Wednesday, April 1st at 2pm with visitation beginning one hour prior. John Anderson was called home to heaven on February 4, 2026. A graveside service will be held on April 18 at 11am at Zion Cemetery in Goodhue, MN.

Easter Vigil Service – April 4 @ SCLA

The WELS Minnesota District Worship Committee, along with skilled choral and instrumental musicians from the area, are presenting an Easter Vigil service on Holy Saturday, April 4. An introduction to the service will take place at 7:00 pm. The service begins at 7:30 pm in the beautiful chapel of St. Croix Lutheran Academy in West St. Paul, MN. The historic service begins in candlelight in an atmosphere of solemn anticipation with the Service of Light. The Service of the Word highlights the account of Creation and Old Testament readings of deliverance. The Service of Holy Baptism identifies baptism as an act of deliverance applied to each individual Christian. The liturgy builds to a crescendo at the proclamation "Alleluia, Christ is risen," and the dramatic transition from darkness to light in the Service of Holy Communion. Make this service a part of your Holy Week observance.



2026 Soccer Camp – June 8-12 – Registration is Open!

Visit our church website for all the details: www.StJohnsLutheran.com/soccercamp/ In order to run the best camp possible, registration will be capped! Don't delay, scan the QR code to sign up now to secure your spot!



Please remember, we are unable to hold this event without your support! Consider where you may help! There are volunteer opportunities for everyone! Coaches/assistants, Field Prep, Registration, Snack helpers, Picnic Planners, Follow Up, Your Promo, Your Prayers! Scan the QR code or sign up on the board in the Fellowship Hall.

Holy Week devotions

"Of First Importance: Christ's Death and Resurrection for Us" is the newest digital devotion book available from MLC. It contains a devotion for each day of Holy Week, March 29-April 5, written by MLC faculty. This Holy Week, walk with us through one of the Christian church's earliest creeds ever written, 1 Corinthians 15:3-11. Through eight devotions, from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, we will meditate on the historical foundation and testimony of Christ's death and resurrection. Each step of the creed reveals both the humility of Christ's cross and the certainty of his empty tomb. Visit: <https://mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions/> to read them online or to request a daily email.

This week at St. John's:

Today:	8:00 AM	Worship Service
	9:15 AM	Family Bible Hour
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Monday:	6:30 PM	God & Me
Tuesday:	6:30 PM	NEW Landscape Committee – Everyone is welcome!
	7:30 PM	Maintenance Committee
Wednesday:	6:30 AM	Grow Group – Dunn Bros.
	1:00 PM	Grow Group – Bierstube
	6:30 PM	Children's Good Friday Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
	6:30 PM	St. John's Squad
Thursday:	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday:	1:30 PM	Good Friday Children's Service
	5:45 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Good Friday Service of Darkness
Saturday:	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study @ El Mexican
	4:00 PM	Teen Night – Easter Breakfast Prep
Next Sunday:	7:00 AM	Easter Sunrise Worship
	8:15 AM	Easter Breakfast
	10:00 AM	Easter Festival Worship



Scan the QR code for the full schedule and to sign-up for other serving opportunities!

Upcoming Greeters –

Mar 29: Rich & Linda Myklebust (8am); Deb Grenstein & OPEN (10:30am)
Easter April 5: Jean & Henry Hoeft (7am); Jeanne Schumann & Charlotte Pierce (10am)
April 12: Dorothy Wiltermuth & Kristi Murtaugh (8am); Tony Johnson & Deb Grenstein (10:30am)

Upcoming Ushers –

Mar 29: Rich & Linda Myklebust (8am); Tony Johnson & Deb Grenstein (10:30am)
Easter April 5: Henry Hoeft & Dorothy Wiltermuth (7am); Jeanne Schumann & Charlotte Pierce (10am)
April 12: Dorothy Wiltermuth & Randy Wills (8am); Tony Johnson & Deb Grenstein (10:30am)

Upcoming Junior Ushers –

Mar 29: Finn Larson & Riley Klebe (8am); Clara Hochmuth & Mya Bauer & Lena Bauer (10:30am)
Easter April 5: Grady Schweich & Lakyn Hoeft (7am); Jackson Walter & Jacob Wood (10am)
April 12: Paisley Bechel & Lily Herrmann (8am); Cora Tessmer & Laney Tessmer (10:30am)