



THE VINE & BRANCHES

19 APRIL 2026

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“You shall be holy to me, for I the Lord am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine.” Leviticus 20:26

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Through Christ Jesus’ blessing, all members of St. John’s Ev. Lutheran Church enjoy growing in faith. Our living faith is shown by our teaching, reaching out and serving. (John 14:6)

“WELCOME!” TO OUR VISITORS

As brothers and sisters in Christ, the members of St. John’s appreciate having you join us for the Divine Service this morning. We offer to you our sincere greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please, if you have not done so already, take a moment to sign our guest registry located at the back of the sanctuary. We give thanks to God for having this time of worship together this morning and ask that you come back soon and visit us again. God richly bless your time with us today.

CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONICS

As God’s people, we are extremely blessed that God calls us through His Word and Sacraments in His Church. He does not, however, promise to reach us directly via our cell phones and other electronic devices during the service. *Please be so kind as to take time to make sure yours is **turned off** before the start of the Divine Service.*

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

“Jesus answered, ‘The most important [commandment] is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.’” (Mark 12:29-31)

ISSUES, ETC.

BOOK OF 2 TIMOTHY BIBLE STUDY... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon recently started a study on the Book of 2 Timothy. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, Tune In, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

The Lutheran Hour may be heard each Sunday morning on KGWO (89.5 FM) beginning at 8:00 a.m., and every Sunday on KJLT (97.5 FM/970 AM) at 5:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m., or you can call and listen to the Lutheran Hour. The number to call for listening via your phone is 1-855-JOHN-316, the prompt is # 3. Next Sunday, April 26, 2026, Rev. Dr. Zeigler—speaker of the Lutheran Hour, gives the message entitled, “**Second Chances and First Impressions.**”

God is the God of second chances, not for Himself but for others. (1 Corinthians 15:47-49)

ASSISTING THIS MONTH AT ST. JOHN'S

Head Elder

Dale Johnson

Ushers

Evan Wecker

Tom Spahn

Acolytes

Tyler Markussen

John Stanley

Greeters

5 — Tom & Vicki Spahn

12 — Ken & Diana Armknecht

19 — Ray Burklund

26 — Pastor & Darla Stubenrouch

Fellowship

Errol & Patty

Nordhausen

Altar Guild

MaryBeth Sanchez

Jill Markussen

Adalida Warta

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY is the deadline to submit suggestions for the theme of our 100th Anniversary celebration that begins January 1, 2027. They will be compiled and presented before the congregation. The box is located on the table under the LWML bulletin board.

NEXT SUNDAY, the St. John's LWML will be wrapping up the collection for non-perishable food/items that will be donated to the Big Springs, Ogallala, and Paxton Food Pantries. If you could possibly bring an item it sure would be a huge blessing to others in need.

The next quarterly voters meeting of St. John's will be held NEXT SUNDAY immediately following the Divine Service. All current, active members are encouraged to attend. "Voting members are confirmed members who have reached the age of twenty-one (21) years, and have been received by the Voter's Assembly." *The Constitution of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church.*

The St. Paul's ladies invite you to attend their annual Salad Luncheon on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 from 11:00 am—1:00 pm. Proceeds are used to support the Vacation Bible School. \$10 / person for the meal.

Our church website is (www.stjohns-trinity-lcms.org). You will also find a link under Livestream for our Sunday morning service. The link to our YouTube Channel is also available.

All members who are watching the Sunday morning LiveStream (i.e., if you are ill or on vacation) are asked to email the church office so that an accurate weekly attendance can be recorded in Shepherd's Staff. Thank you.

If you or a family member are hospitalized, undergoing treatments, etc., Please be sure to contact Pastor Dickmader so that he is aware and can schedule a time to visit when appropriate.

If you have a church related announcement for The Vine & Branches, either send an email to: stjohnsbrulecms@gmail.com with the word "Announcement" in the subject line or please leave a note in the binder outside of Pastor's study.



ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY PLANNER

Today	8:30 am.....	Divine Service w/ Holy Communion
	9:45 am.....	Fellowship
	10:15 am.....	Sunday School
M.....	1:30 pm	LWML Bible Study and Meeting
T.....	8:00 am.....	Devotions
W.....	8:00 am.....	Devotions
Th.....	10:00 am.....	Pastor's Office Day @ Trinity
	6:00 pm	Elders Meeting
Next Sunday.....	8:30 am.....	Divine Service
	9:45 am.....	Quarterly Voters Meeting (Fellowship after)
	10:15 am.....	Sunday School

MEMBERS IN PRAYER

Don Pedersen

Laura Stanley

Val Wood

PRAYER REQUESTED FOR...

John Armknecht

Rev. Birtell

Taylor Crandall

Larry Dickmander

Angie Fisher

Kevin Hughes

Ed Kilgore

Shirley Morris

Mike Nielson

Sharon Oetting

Luke Richards

Jeremy Struckman

Kip Suhr

Ed Smith

Sadie Stephens

Jean Timm

Circuit Congregation in Vacancy

St. John's—Ogallala, NE

Missionaries & Seminarians

Rev. Herb & Markie Burch

Dcs. Sandra Rhein

Makia Adler

Sem. Cooper Reed

Sem. Carter Thorman & Family