

CONNECTIONS

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAR 16 - MAR 22



"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

PIE SUNDAY:

Special Thanks to everyone who bought a dessert to Pie Sunday! Let's dig in after Worship!

WOMEN OF THE ELCA:

Minnesota River Conference Event
Where: Christ the King Lutheran Church
222 Pfau St., Mankato, MN
When: Saturday, April 12, 2025
Event Starts at 8AM
Fee: \$15 Make checks payable to:
SE MN Synod Woman of ELCA
Speaker: Richard Bruvoort Colligan
Anyone who is interested should reach out to Rita Caron.

LENT 2025:

- March 19 - Supper hosted by Loaves & Fishes
 - Holden Evening Prayer (Gospel of Mark)
- March 26 - Supper hosted by Church Council
 - Holden Evening Prayer (Gospel of Luke)
- April 2 - Supper hosted by Parish Ed
 - Holden Evening Prayer (Gospel of John)

THE STORY

Have information that you would like communicated in the monthly newsletter? Please send items to Mary Larson at thestory.stjohnlutheran@gmail.com

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We Hold In Prayer

Ashlyn Bennett	Marvel Peterson
Ron Swift	Loren Peterson
Larry Albrecht	Kirsten Becker
Deb Herber	Sybil Solting
Bea Kunz	

Homebound Members

David Treanor
 Cheryl Bergemann
 Audrey Annis
 Carol Annis
 Bonnie Schultz

Hearing Device

Need a personal hearing device? Inquire with one of the Ushers and they will be able to assist you.

Event Pictures

If you have pictures from Church or Community Events that you would like to share, please email them to Anna in the Office!

Upcoming Events

- 3/16 - Sunday Worship, 9:30am
(Pie Sunday after Worship)
- 3/19 - Holden Evening Prayer
(Worship starts at 6:30pm)
- 3/23 - Sunday Worship, 9:30am

2025 MN FoodShare

When you pick the food of your land at gathering time, do not pick all the way to the corners of your field. And do not gather the food left on the ground there after you have picked. Do not gather what is left among your vines, or gather the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for those in need and for the stranger. – Leviticus 19:9-10

It's time to gear up for the largest statewide food and fund drive to help restock MN food shelves. The **MN FoodShare March Campaign** is the annual food and fund drive involving the 300 food shelves around the state. **The 2025 March Campaign will run March 1st, 2025 to April 6th, 2025** The March Campaign is the only statewide food and fund drive that raises more than half the food distributed by the 300 food shelves.

The March Campaign also matches the dollar amount donated throughout the month of March. Remember, for every dollar you donate, we can buy \$10 worth of food using our network which includes Second Harvest, Kilty's Foods and other organizations.

100% of your money stays in the Maple River area, and 95% goes directly to food.

As a reference, 46% of our clients are from Mapleton, 21% from Amboy, 18% from Good Thunder, 10% from MN. Lake.

Did you know hunger is still a problem in Minnesota?

Feeding America reports that 537,890 Minnesotans are facing hunger. 34% of these individuals are under the age of 18.

Minnesotans made an estimated record-breaking 9 million visits to food shelves in 2024.2 This is up 20% from the previous record of 7.5 million set in 2023.3 Annual visits to food shelves are now 150% higher than they were prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

95% of contributions go towards Local hunger relief.

What to collect:

Food Donations – Food shelves need all types of food, personal hygiene and cleaning products.

Cash Donations – Easier to collect and deliver. Cash also gives us more flexibility to acquire perishable items like fresh produce, meat and dairy products.

How to give:

Maple River Loaves and Fishes

PO Box 227

Mapleton, MN, 56065

Thank you!

Jon Klenk

Maple River Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf