

ANNOUNCEMENTS

State Senator Matt Blake will be with us during Fellowship Time on Sunday, February 15, for a legislative update. Representative Eddie Andrews has been invited for another date.

NEW February 22, 10:45-11:30. Dr. Sarah Myers, Executive Director of Healing to Hope, will join us by Zoom. Healing to Hope is a US-based 501(c)(3). It promotes emotional and psychological healing of Palestinian children and caregivers. Healing to Hope supports the work of their partner, Anar, a Palestinian nonprofit based in Bethlehem. In addition to continuing our Global Missions focus on Ivuga in 2026, we are focusing on learning more about Healing to Hope.

On Thursday, February 19, the Johnston Partnership has its annual One Big Table Fundraising event. It is from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn. It includes a social hour, dinner, music, and both live and silent auctions. For more information go to: www.johnstonpartnership.org/one-big-table.

Thank you to members of my St. James church family who kept my brother Bruce and family in your prayers during his illness and since his death on January 16th. Your expressions of sympathy, cards, calls and hugs have been heartwarming and uplifting to me during this difficult time.

Carol Gannon



"Marked by repentance,
Gathered in hope, Given in love."

We invite the wider Johnston community to walk this way together-across three nights, three spaces, and one shared story of grace at 7pm each night.

ASH WEDNESDAY
FEB 18TH @ ST JAMES
5665 MERLE HAY RD

MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 2ND @ FIRST BAPTIST
8250 NW 62ND STREET

GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 3RD @ ST PAUL
6426 MERLE HAY RD

LENT

THREE NIGHTS. THREE CHURCHES. ONE SHARED JOURNEY

Lutheran Day on the Hill, February 26, 2026, 9:00AM - 3:00PM!

Location: Capitol Hill Lutheran Church, 511 Des Moines Street. Register by **Wednesday, February 19th**: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/aytp9g4>

Prayer of the Day

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Psalms 99

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name.

Holy is he!

Mighty King, lover of justice,

you have established equity;

you have executed justice

and righteousness in Jacob.

Extol the Lord our God;

worship at his footstool.

Holy is he!

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,

Samuel also was among those who called on his name.

They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;

they kept his decrees

and the statutes that he gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them;

you were a forgiving God to them

but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

Extol the Lord our God,

and worship at his holy mountain,

for the Lord our God is holy.

John 9

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see...

...Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Prayers of Intercession

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home... Revealing God, your Spirit sustains the church. Strengthen the faithful with the revelation of Christ transfigured, that we may joyfully follow him in the way of the cross.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, creation is full of your majesty. Nurture in us a deep respect for the interdependence of all life, and make us wise and vigilant stewards of your good earth.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Peacemaking God, the nations are in turmoil. We pray for an end to violent conflict. Give wisdom to negotiators and sanctuary to refugees. Defend any who are in danger.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, you desire wholeness for all people. Bring healing to any who are experiencing illness, chronic pain, or mental anguish. Comfort the dying and those who grieve. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God, in our worship we glimpse your glory, hear your voice, and receive assurance of your love. Inspire all who prepare, lead, and participate in worship to serve you with reverence and joy. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Transforming God, you bring life from death. We give thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith, and we praise you for the hope we have in Christ, our Morning Star.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

What's Happening

February 11-13

- Wednesday
 - 10:30am Chair Yoga
 - 6:00-6:25pm Community Meal for all (including students, parents, congregation, visitors, etc.)
 - 6:30-7:00pm Worship service for people of all ages in Sanctuary
 - 6:30-7:00pm GROW (preschool-5th) education in classrooms
 - 7:00-8:00pm Confirmation, Adult Bible Study
 - 7:00pm Fundraiser training
 - 7:15pm ABIDE Service Project Night (Silver Cord hours available)
- Thursday
 - 9:00am Women's Coffee Group at Saint James
 - 4:00pm Hope Agency Cheer practice

February 14-20

- Saturday
 - 5:00pm Worship In-Person & Facebook Live
 - 6:00pm Valentine's Pasta Dinner
- Sunday
 - 9:30am Worship In-Person & Facebook Live
- Sunday
 - 10:30am Fellowship
- Monday
 - 9:00am Bible Study
 - 10:30am Chair Yoga
- Tuesday
 - 7:00am Men's Breakfast Group at HyVee
 - 9:00am Online Bible Study ([Connect Here](#))
- Wednesday
 - 10:30am Chair Yoga
 - 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship**
- Thursday
 - 9:00am Women's Coffee Group at Saint James
 - 4:00pm Hope Agency Cheer practice

Celebrations February 14-20:

Birthdays: Marshall Nesheim, Karleen Derry, Paul Muenzenmay, Kyle Burgess, Carlos Alarcon

Anniversaries: None

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www.StJamesJohnston.org Here you can connect to:

- Our online service and our online giving portal
- Our calendar
- Our Online Bible Study
- Our staff and much more!

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