

MAY 2026

THE VINE

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ, His followers, and His world.

Worship in May

During the month of May, we celebrate something special each week. We conclude the Easter Season with four important celebrations that serve to define our life in Christ today.

May 3 - Confirmation Sunday

Confessing Jesus

Jesus said, "I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges Me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God" (Luke 12:8). Every day, each of us is called upon to confess Jesus by what we say and what we do. On Confirmation Sunday, we rejoice as five young people publicly acknowledge Jesus and are confirmed and blessed in their faith.

May 10

Always Be Prepared

Peter calls on his readers to be prepared for opportunities to share with others the reasons for the hope that they have. Are we prepared? Are we ready to share with others our hope?

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Worship in May

May 17 - Ascension Sunday

You Will Receive Power



Can you imagine what the disciples felt like as Jesus withdrew from them? He had given them the task of making disciples of all the nations. And then left. But that's not the whole story. He had given them power. He had promised them His Holy Spirit. And with that power and by that Spirit, they changed the world. That same power and Spirit are given to us as well. What is Christ calling us to do as He calls us to make disciples?

May 24 - Pentecost

Filled with the Spirit



On Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. On the first Pentecost, the disciples were "filled with the Holy Spirit" and began the work the Lord gave them to do as His church. Does the Holy Spirit still "fill" the disciples of Jesus today? What does it mean to be "filled with the Spirit"?

May 31 - Trinity Sunday

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit



Jesus instructs His church to baptize in the name of the Triune God. Why is this important? What does it mean in our lives that God is triune? What does it mean that the name of this Triune God has been placed upon us?

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Please join us on Sunday, May 3 to rejoice with the following young people who will be confirmed in our worship service that day:

Jaxson Hicks
Charlotte Holdsworth
Isaiah Johnson
Ari Knutson
Brookelynn Roberts

The confirmands will share their personal testimonies of the goodness of God and how He is at work in their lives. Please join us in praying for and supporting each of these students in their continued walk with Christ far beyond Confirmation Sunday.

2026
Confirmation
Class

BIBLE CLASSES AND STUDIES



Pastor Mike's Bible Class

Angels and Demons

On May 3 and 10, we will conclude our study of what God's Word says about angels and fallen angels. On these Sundays, we will look at the appearance of angels in the Gospels and Acts, along with selected references to angels in the Epistles. We will study what God's Word says, comparing and contrasting with the views of popular culture, and what it means for us today. We meet in Room 10 each Sunday after worship at 11:00 AM.



Men's Bible Study

The Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study is currently studying the Epistle to the Ephesians. All men are welcome to join us every Saturday morning in Room 10. Breakfast will be at 7:30 AM, and the Bible study will be from 8:00-9:00 AM.



Women's Bible Study

The Women's Monday Morning Bible Study will be studying the Epistle to the Philippians this month. All women are welcome to join us every Monday morning in the Sanctuary from 10:00-11:30 AM. After this month, we will break for the summer and resume in the fall with a study of Genesis. All study materials will be handed out when we meet. For more information, please contact Judi Rock at goalyce2041@gmail.com.

Right Now Media

Right Now Media is an online resource providing Christian videos for all ages - children's resources, Bible studies, lectures and more. As a congregation, we have subscribed to Right Now Media, so access is free for all in our St. John's family. If you haven't already signed up for Right Now Media, you can find a link to sign up in the weekly E-Vine.



Every week is an opportunity to invite someone to join with us in worship, whether in person or online. The first step, though, is to pray for those who you may invite. Who can you pray for? **Who will you invite?**



BIBLE CLASSES AND STUDIES



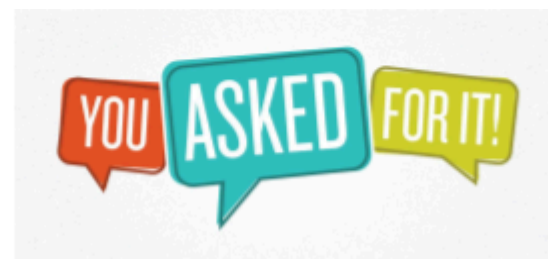
Pastor Mike's Bible Class

A Study of the Book of Revelation

The final book of the Bible offers a powerful message of hope to God's people in challenging times. Yet its vivid images, metaphors, and symbols can leave us wondering what they mean. In February we began a three-part study of Revelation that will continue over the coming months.

We looked at Revelation 1-3 in our Transfiguration and Lenten worship services, and starting on **May 17**, our Sunday Bible class will turn to the remainder of Revelation, beginning with the heavenly vision in Chapter 4. This extended study will continue for several months. Everyone is warmly invited to join us.

SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES



Summer Worship Series: *You Asked for It!*

Is there a topic you would like to see addressed in a sermon?

- A point of theology?
- Living as a Christian in today's world?
- A Christian response to a contemporary concern?
- A Bible question?



Beginning **June 7**, Pastor Mike will be preaching on topics submitted by the people of St. John's. You can submit your topic electronically by scanning the QR code above, or you can fill out one of the paper forms available in the narthex. Please provide your name so that Pastor Mike can contact you if there is need for clarification.

Join Us For Children's Church!

All children ages preschool through 5th grade are invited to join us for Children's Church, an age-specific time of teaching and fellowship during the main worship service every Sunday morning.



The children will spend the first part of the service in the sanctuary, then join their teachers for Children's Church in one of the classrooms. The children then rejoin their families for the last part of the worship service. We are also looking for more adults and teens to help lead these classes, so if you are interested, please reach out to Kevin at kevin@stjohnsnapa.org.

June 15-19 - Vacation Bible School

Join us for an adventure to Rainforest Falls this summer! St. John's Lutheran Church is hosting VBS for preschoolers through rising 4th graders on **June 15-19 (Monday-Friday) from 9am-Noon**. Each day our campers will be reminded of God's immense love for them as they travel through Rooted Bible Adventures, run and play at Wild Rainforest Games, create memorable take-homes with Rainforest Crafts, and enjoy some of the tastiest treats the Falls has to offer.



There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Don't hesitate to invite a friend! In order to offer this awesome week of fun we rely on numerous volunteers and we would love you to consider joining the team this year. Please register using the link in the E-Vine!

Confirmation Classes

Congratulations to our 2026 confirmands! Our confirmation classes have wrapped up for this school year, but any current 6th and 7th graders who are interested in participating in confirmation classes in the fall can reach out to Kevin Mathison for more information.



Tuesday Night High School Hangouts

Tuesday is Youth Night! We're kicking things off with an apologetics series to better prepare ourselves for sharing our faith. Join us as we dive into the Word and have a little fun while doing so! Invite a friend and come join us! We'll meet on Tuesday nights from 7:00-8:30 PM in the SJL Library. For more information, please contact Kevin Mathison.



May 4-September 23 - Support SJLS at a Giants Game

Support St. John's Lutheran School by joining the Giants at Oracle Park for one of their select fundraising games! There are 28 game dates available from May 4 to September 23. Bleacher and View Reserve tickets are only \$15, and \$5 of each ticket purchased will be donated back to our school by purchasing through the QR code in the flyer on the left.

Join the Worship Preparation Team!

Do you ever wonder who prepares the church for our services? Our Worship Preparation Team works quietly to make sure everything is ready for our Sunday and special services. We are currently looking for new members to join us. It is a wonderful way to serve, meet fellow members, and learn about the liturgical life of the church. If you are interested, please contact Doris Klein or Kristy in the church office.



May 10 - Napa Women's Center Baby Bottle Drive

Napa Women's Center (NWC) helps women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy by providing free resources, such as pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, baby clothes and diapers, pregnancy and parenting education, and abortion pill reversal referrals. All services are free and confidential. The NWC director will be joining us at our worship service on Mother's Day, May 10. We invite you to visit her ministry table in the narthex to pick up and take home a baby bottle to fill with cash, change and checks. Please drop off filled bottles at the Father's Day worship service on June 21. Thank you for being a part of this life affirming ministry! For more information, visit www.napawomenscenter.com or call 707-266-1741.



Missions Update from Kaelin Peralta

In February we had the pleasure of having Kaelin Peralta of Bethany Lutheran Church in Vacaville join us to talk about his work as the regional communication specialist for the LCMS Africa region, based in Kenya. Kaelin arrived in Africa a few weeks ago and is off to a great start in his new role.

Kaelin has created a YouTube channel that will share insights on life in Africa as an LCMS missionary. To view and subscribe to his channel, please visit this link: https://www.youtube.com/@The_Mission2026



St. John's Lutheran Scavenger Hunt and Pizza Party!

Scavenger Hunt & Pizza Party

May 17 | 3 to 5 pm | Patio

Get ready for an afternoon of clue-finding, picture-snapping, and pizza-eating fun for the whole family. Clues will range from easy for the littles to tricky enough to keep the older kids and parents guessing.

This is a family event. Kids play, adults stay. Think of it as supervised chaos with pizza at the end.

Register here:

<https://bit.ly/SJLCSavengerHunt>

Or...scan the QR Code and the Adventure is unlocked.



June 14 (tentative) - Annual Summer BBQ

Our Annual Summer BBQ is tentatively planned for June 14, happening on the patio from 12:30 to 2:30 PM. Come enjoy good food, good company, and a relaxed start to summer. A sign-up and full event details will be available in the coming weeks.



The St. John's Lutheran Church App is coming!

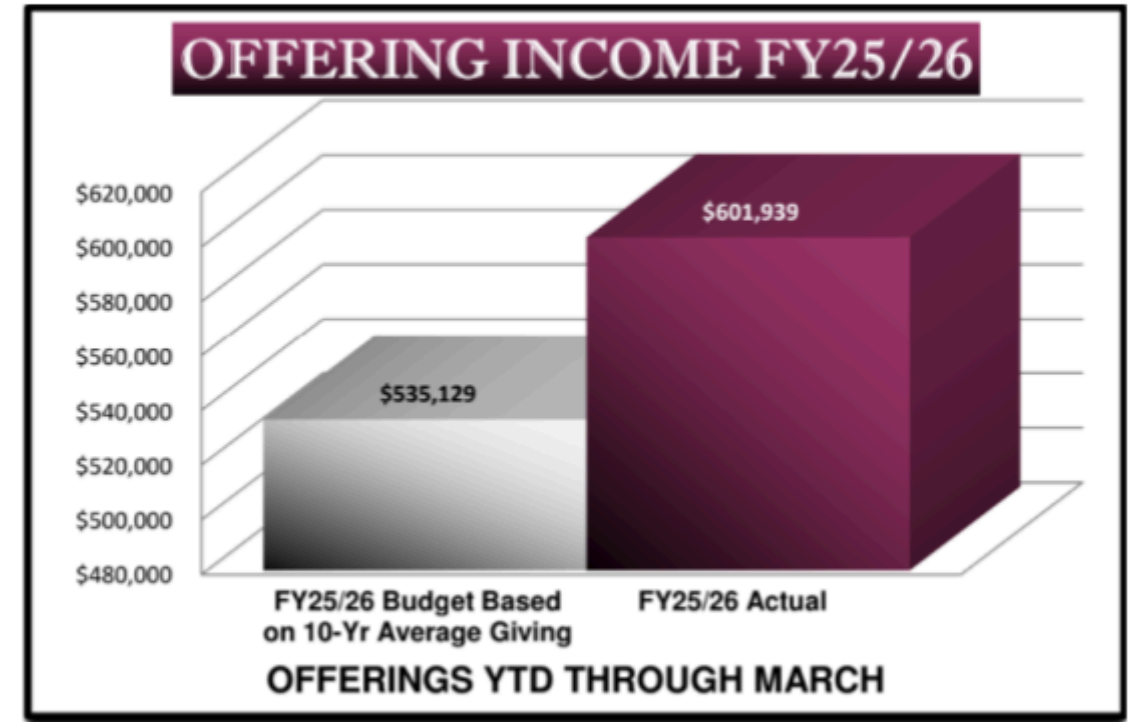
We are happy to introduce a new tool to help us stay better informed and connected at St. John's. This is an app for your phone or pad called the "Church Center" App. It will give you one easy place to find events, groups, giving, and updates from St. John's.

The Church Center App for St. John's builds on what we already use. Church Center is part of Planning Center, which our staff and many volunteers already use on Sunday mornings for all the ways people serve each week, as well as planning the worship service itself. Event registrations, like *Wine and the Word*, will be quick and simple. You can update your own contact information, manage giving, and stay connected throughout the week. The app also includes an optional, privacy-friendly church directory. You choose what information you share -it's a great way to learn names and build community. More details coming soon, including how to download and use the app and how to join the directory.

OFFERING UPDATE

Actual Offering Income for March:	\$71,015.
Total Offerings for FY 2025-26 (as of Mar 31, 2026):	\$601,939 which is 12.48% or \$66,810 above our budgeted offering income.

Total expenses appear to be relatively in line with our budget, and we paid all bills received. *The budget amount shown below is based on the ten-year average offering received for that time period.



Meditation:

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:1-2)

At Whom Are You Looking?

The disciples were thrilled. They had their Lord back in their presence once again. Since His Resurrection, He had appeared to them and others several times. They were still a little confused, though, when He talked about *"wait[ing] for the gift [his] Father promised"* (Acts 1:4), and then, *"...he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight"* (Acts 1:9).

You can imagine their bewilderment. He had died and been buried and then had risen from the dead! He had walked among them and taught them again, and now... He is taken up into the clouds. No wonder they stood there – probably with mouths agape – looking into the sky where they had last seen Him.

It took *"two men dressed in white"* (Acts 1:10) to bring them back to their senses. *"Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven'"* (Acts 1:11).

Back they went to Jerusalem. Their eyes were no longer on the clouds, but they were still looking at Jesus. They waited. They prayed. They chose another disciple. And they waited some more – all the while looking at Jesus.

At whom are you looking? Yes, Jesus has ascended. We can only imagine His joyful, triumphant return as all the hosts of heaven welcomed back the risen, victorious Savior. Because He is that Savior, because He is the author and perfecter of our faith, let us "[fix] our eyes on Jesus" (Hebrews 12:2). Through His Word and Sacraments, He will lead us in His ways; He will teach us obedience and self-sacrifice; He will teach us love for our neighbors. With joyful and generous hearts, we celebrate the new life that Easter brings us by sharing the message of the Cross and the Empty Tomb with all who will listen. Keep looking at Jesus until in heaven you see him face to face!

Prayer:

Dear Lord, You endured so much suffering, pain and even death for my sake. Keep me steadfast in faith and help me to focus on You, my Ascended Savior. Use me to spread the Good News of victory in Jesus. In His name I pray. Amen.

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Many blessings to you and your family from St. John's Lutheran School.



During the week of May 4-8, we will be celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week! We at SJL are so blessed to have faculty and staff that are dedicated to the academic, emotional, physical, social, and most importantly, spiritual growth of each and every student. *"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."* - 1 Peter 4:10 (KJV)

We are also blessed to have a very active Association of Parents and Teachers (APT) who come together throughout the year to support educational and enrichment opportunities here at SJL. Many thanks to all who participated in the APT's annual Main Event fundraising evening last month, which was a great success. The APT also hosted a Father-Daughter Dance in the gym in February, and on Friday, May 8, the APT will host a Mother-Son Picnic here on our athletic field.



SJL will be the host of the California-Nevada-Hawaii Elementary School Knowledge Bowl on Friday, May 15. The Knowledge Bowl allows academically gifted students the opportunity to match their intellectual skills against others of comparable ability and provides an avenue for fellowship among CNH participants.

Track and field has begun and is huge here at SJL. Students in grades 1-8 practice during their morning recess in running events, relays, high jump, broad jump, shot put, and long jump. A huge thank you to Mr. Uffmann, Coach Johnny, Mr. John Cortese, and all of the coaches who are helping our students practice and learn new skills.



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL



Our 13th annual Triathlon will take place on Friday, May 15. This is a unique opportunity for our middle school students to do three sports at a time - SWIM + BIKE + RUN = TRIATHLON! It is a super fun event that challenges the students and is a HUGE accomplishment.

We are currently in the final stage of enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year and have limited openings in our school. If you are interested in enrolling your child in our school, please do not hesitate to contact the school office at 707-226-7970.



Since our beloved Mr. Newton is retiring at the end of this school year after 50 years of teaching at St. John's, we are looking for a new **Fifth Grade Teacher** starting this fall. We are also looking for a **Music Teacher** to provide classroom instruction for Preschool - Grade 5 and choir direction for Grades 6-8. If you know of someone who might be a good fit for either of these roles, please have them contact Principal Christy Wood at cwood@stjohnsnapa.org.



Thank you for always including St. John's Lutheran School in your prayers!

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MISSION FARM



Submitted by: Farmer Ted, AKA Pastor Ted

We recently were notified that St. John's Mission Farm has been nominated to receive a Compassionate Heart Award from the Napa Valley Center for Spiritual Living. Each year the Center presents awards to several individuals and sometimes organizations or ministry teams active in providing exceptional services to people in the community. The award will be presented on Saturday, May 2, at 3 p.m. at the Center's facility located at 1249 Coombs St.



I'd like to invite you all to attend the presentation, but it is a ticketed event, and I will only receive tickets in the number enabling any members of the team to attend. But I know that you would like to know that the Mission Farm continues to gain recognition within our community for the service we provide to improve the life of people in need in our community. We do it, of course, not to glorify ourselves but to let the Light and Compassion of Christ to shine in the world.



To the left is a picture of some of the many volunteers that joined us at a recent "Planting Party" at the Farm.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



The After People

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." - Romans 15:13

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

Stephen Ministers are there...after the phone call you hoped you'd never get.

Stephen Ministers are there...after the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.

Stephen Ministers are there...after the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.

Stephen Ministers are there...after the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."

Stephen Ministers are there...after the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."

Stephen Ministers are there...after the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away – and the house suddenly seems empty.

Stephen Ministers are there...after the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.

Stephen Ministers are there...after the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.

Stephen Ministers are there...after you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.

Stephen Ministers are there...after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the *After People*. They are ready to come alongside you – or your friends or relatives – and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

If you, or someone you know, would like to learn more about connecting with a Stephen Minister, please contact Penni Cremen (707-483-9321) or Pastor Mike in the church office (707-255-0119).

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Please join us producing Bibles for people all over the world with sight impairments

We meet in room 10
9:00-11:00 a.m.
Every Monday and Friday

RESOURCES AND CONTACT INFORMATION



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Website Resources

Our weekly sermons are available on the **church website** at church.stjohnsnapa.org.

Visit our **school website** at school.stjohnsnapa.org.



Our **facilities calendar** can be viewed at teamup.com/ks059311afd6a21c57.

Social Media Resources

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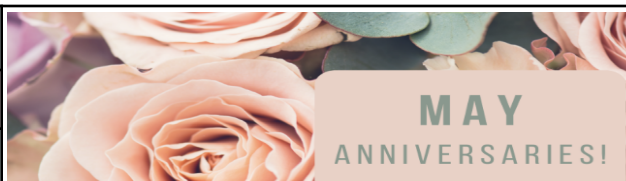
BIRTHDAYS

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

		14	Meghan Eisberg, Debbie Stanhope
		15	Orion Boudreaux, Henry Eisberg
		16	Donald Hatfield, Donovan Messner
		17	Jack Goller
1	Jeff Mello	18	Walt Gmelch, Sherlene Mulsoff
2	DeDe Messner	21	Brett Carey
3	Andrew Biggs, Penni Cremen	22	Alex Bommersbach, Alex Rollin, Rebecca Vitkus, Sofie Watkins
4	Bill Cochran	24	Lauren Frey
5	Jean Gonzales, Hoag Husted	25	Bill Clark, Aaron Craft, Hadrian Newman
6	Samantha Carey, Raegan Lloyd	26	Dan D'Angelo, Jameson Mehrens, Sharon Quick, Kelsi Snyder
8	Chad Alexander, Jax Rodriguez	27	Lisa Chaudhary, Ashley Cloud
9	Tom Hoff, Missy Loban	29	Doris Klein, Megan Mathison
11	Hezekiah Hutchins, Ari Knutson, Kenneth Van Houten III	30	Anthony Munoz, Christopher Vaziri
13	Rachel Frisinger, Naomi Knutson, Sarah Santora	31	Carson Mooers

	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
1	Psalm 56:9-13	Leviticus 23:23-24:9	Mark 7:24-37
2	Psalm 57:1-6	Leviticus 24:10-25:17	Mark 8:1-13
3	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16		John 14:1-14; Acts 7:55-60; 1 Peter 2:2-10
4	Psalm 57:7-11	Leviticus 25:18-55	Mark 8:14-21
5	Psalm 58	Leviticus 26:1-35	Mark 8:22-38
6	Psalm 59:1-9	Leviticus 26:36-27:15	Mark 9:1-10
7	Psalm 59:10-17	Leviticus 27:16-Numbers 1:16	Mark 9:11-29
8	Psalm 60	Numbers 1:17-54	Mark 9:30-37
9	Psalm 61	Numbers 2	Mark 9:38-50
10	Psalm 66:8-20		John 14:15-21; Acts 17:22-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22
11	Psalm 62	Numbers 3:1-32	Mark 10:1-12
12	Psalm 63	Numbers 3:33-4:14	Mark 10:13-31
13	Psalm 64	Numbers 4:15-49	Mark 10:32-45
14	Psalm 65:1-8	Numbers 5	Mark 10:46-52
15	Psalm 65:9-13	Numbers 6	Mark 11:1-11
16	Psalm 66:1-7	Numbers 7:1-35	Mark 11:12-26
17	Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35		John 17:1-11; Acts 1:6-14; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
18	Psalm 66:8-15	Numbers 7:36-71	Mark 11:27-12:12
19	Psalm 66:16-20	Numbers 7:72-8:4	Mark 12:13-17
20	Psalm 67	Numbers 8:5-9:14	Mark 12:18-34
21	Psalm 68:1-6	Numbers 9:15-10:36	Mark 12:35-44
22	Psalm 68:7-18	Numbers 11	Mark 13:1-13
23	Psalm 68:19-27	Numbers 12:1-13:16	Mark 13:14-27
24	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b		John 20:19-23; Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
25	Psalm 68:28-35	Numbers 13:17-33	Mark 13:28-37
26	Psalm 69:1-12	Numbers 14	Mark 14:1-11
27	Psalm 69:13-21	Numbers 15:1-31	Mark 14:12-31
28	Psalm 69:22-29	Numbers 15:32-16:27	Mark 14:32-42
29	Psalm 69:30-36	Numbers 16:28-17:13	Mark 14:43-52
30	Psalm 70	Numbers 18:1-24	Mark 14:53-65
31	Psalm 8	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	Matthew 28:16-20; 1 Corinthians 13:11-13

ANNIVERSARIES

1	Matthew & Kelsey Uffmann (15 years)		
9	Bob & Lisa De Young (34 years)		
11	Bob & Linda Harvey (35 years)		
12	John & Pam Foottit (47 years)	28	Carl & Susanna Crowe (38 years)
21	Brian & Nina Montes (16 years)	30	Matthew & Elizabeth Munoz (27 years)
25	Brian & Casie Wood (12 years)	31	Ron & Lois Johnson (22 years)