



WEEKEND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lent 1—February 21 & 22, 2026

Welcome to Worship!

We are glad you are here!

- Please turn off phones or silence them.
- St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! Christ is present and you are welcome! Young children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. We offer gluten-free & regular wafers, grape juice and wine options. If you are unable to come forward, please remain seated and tell the ushers you'd like communion in your seat and it will be brought to you. The ushers will direct all during communion.
- Feel like you're ready to join us? If you are interested in more information about membership or joining St. Mary's Lutheran Church, please call the church office and Beth will set up an appointment with Pr. Jordan!

Coffee Kringle Mingle this weekend is hosted by your Church Council Members! Extra special treats and a chance to chat with our church leadership in Fellowship Hall.



2026 St. Mary's * Easter Garden Memorials

Courtesy of Sunnyside Florist
PLEASE RETURN THE FORM TO CHURCH OFFICE BY Monday, March 16th, 2026.



You can mail, drop off, or scan and email to info@stmaryslutheran.org

Include \$ for each potted plant ordered. Lilies are white. All others are various colors. Gold foil on each pot.; bamboo basket for Dutch gardens Pick up your plant(s) following the Easter service on Sunday, April 5th or on Tuesday, April 7th (church office is closed on Easter Monday, 4/6). We do not deliver these flowers. Forms are available online & in the Narthex until March 16th.

LENT 2026

Wednesdays in Lent [2/25, 3/4-11-18-25], St. Mary's will gather at 6:00pm in the sanctuary for worship:



"TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD"

a Lent resource from A Sanctified Art.

The "TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD"

devotional reflections will be emailed out each Friday of Lent. This is addition to the Lectionary worship each weekend in Lent.



Come & join St. Mary's Youth for Soup Suppers in Lent beginning at 5:00pm, to help raise funds for their mission trip. Free Will Offering. Soups all homemade by Gretchen Rasch!

THIS MONDAY—2/23—LENTEN TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE

Sisters' Chapel at the Siena Retreat Center in Racine * Monday, February 23, 2026 * 6:30pm

You are invited for a reflective, ecumenical prayer service. No registration is required; free-will offering will be accepted.

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*The altar flowers this weekend are given in loving memory of Mark Paul and Robert & Bonnie Erickson by the Paul/Erickson family.*

### CHOCOLATE & COFFEE SALES

this weekend around our worship times, St. Mary's Church in Society team will be selling the Equal Exchange Fair Trade products in Fellowship Hall! Thank you for your continued support!



*A very special "Thank You" from Leona Luckason to the members of St. Mary's—especially my friends at the Saturday service—all your prayers and well wishes are greatly appreciated.*

**SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

- 9:00am-3:00pm Office Open**
- 9:00am** St. Mary's Community Quilters (G)
- 5:30pm** Jubilate! Rehearsal (S)
- 6:30pm** FISH Confirmation Group (YR)

**Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup>:**

- 9:00am-3:00pm Office Open**
- 9:00am-3:00pm** AARP Tax Aide (FH)
- 4:00pm** SMLC Staff Mtg. (Lo)

**Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup>:**

- 7:00am** Prayer Breakfast (Marina Garden)
- 11:00am** The Friendly Center (FH)
- Noon-6:00pm Office Open**
- 5:00pm** Lenten Soup Supper (FH)
- 6:00pm** Lent Worship (S)
- 6:30pm** BSA Mtg. (1W)
- 6:45pm** Adult Choir (CR)
- 7:00pm** FUSION (YR)

**Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup>:**

- 9:00am-3:00pm Office Open**
- 4:30pm** Gonnie's Exercises (G)



**Friday, 27<sup>th</sup>:**

- 9:00am-Noon Office Open**

**Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup>:**

- 4:00pm** Holden Evening Prayer
- SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS SING**
- (no communion, no pastor)
- Coffee afterwards.

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>:**

- 9:00am** Traditional Worship. Pastor Jordan preach/preside. Coffee Kringle afterwards.
- 9:00am** Jubilate! and Adult Choir in worship today
- 10:15am** Sunday Morning Book Study (Lo)
- 4:00pm** Good Friday Reh. (S)
- 6:00pm** Southport 12x12 (1W)

***Deadline for the MARCH SPIRIT NEWSLETTER is Monday, February 23***  
**February Council Connection is Andrea Beer**  
**945-5901 or [beerski222@aol.com](mailto:beerski222@aol.com)**

**Worship Attendance—2/14 & 2/15: 131**

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***A Message from Bishop Erickson  
 Court Blocks Unlawful Immigration Raids at  
 Houses of Worship***

"The good news is that, earlier today [2/16], the judge granted a preliminary injunction, at least partially granting our request! Here is a brief portion of the ruling: "In substance, the preliminary injunction will prohibit warrantless enforcement actions—absent exigent circumstances—inside a church, at the entrance to a church, at a religious education facility (such as a Sunday school), at a religious social-service facility (such as a day-care center), or on adjacent church property (such as the west parking lot entrances 80th St. & 80th Pl. and east parking lot entrances 80th St. & 80th Pl.) It will also prohibit such enforcement within 100 feet of the entrance to a church, absent exigent circumstances or supervisory approval. And it will prohibit law enforcement from knowingly setting up checkpoints to interrogate persons on their way to or from a church."

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***The Friendly Center meets next Wednesday—  
 February 25th here at  
 11:00am. Call the church  
 office if you didn't get a  
 phone call yet—RSVPs are  
 required! We'd love to see  
 anyone—you do not need to  
 be a member of St. Mary's—  
 just someone older than 55!***



***FISH MONDAY NIGHTS Middle Schoolers  
 meet at 6:30pm down stairs in the  
 Youth Room***

***FUSION WEDNESDAY NIGHTS High  
 Schoolers at 7pm for Fusion!***

***GOOD FRIDAY REHEARSALS ON SUNDAYS!  
 In the sanctuary—check your schedules!!  
 MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE PALM  
 SUNDAY BREAKFAST—MAR. 29, 2026***