

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 AND SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Third Weekend after Epiphany



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Worship Services: Saturdays at 5:00pm • Sundays at 9:45am

*Parish Education: Sunday School - Grades Pre-K to 6th - 8:30am • Adult Forum - 8:30am
Confirmation - Grades 7 & 8 - Wednesdays 6:30pm*

Church Office Hours: Tues-Thurs 9am-2pm • Fri 9am-12pm

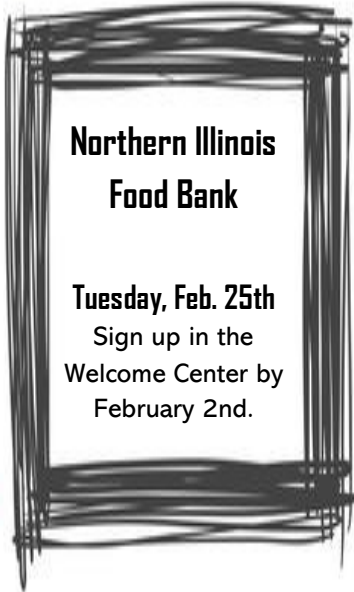
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UPCOMING EVENTS

for the week of
Jan 26 - Feb 2

Sunday	8:30am Sunday School & Adult Forum 9:45am Worship
Tuesday	10:00am Reading Buddies
Wednesday	6:30pm Confirmation @ Salem
Thursday	9:00am Bible Study
Saturday	5:00pm Worship
Sunday	8:30am Sunday School & Adult Forum 9:45am Worship



**Northern Illinois
Food Bank**

Tuesday, Feb. 25th
Sign up in the
Welcome Center by
February 2nd.

Growing Hope Globally Gala



Formal Plated Dinner Service
prepared by
The Traveling Chef
\$150.00 per plate

Saturday, February 22, 2025

*See Flyer in Welcome Center for
more info and to sign up by Jan. 31st.

THE COMMUNITY FEAST IS COMING TO ST. JOHN'S!

FEBRUARY 25TH, 2025

4:00-6:30PM

COME ONE, COME ALL, COME HUNGRY!



Offering 1/18 & 1/19	Received	Received YTD
General Fund	\$2,998.00	\$10,355.10
Capital Fund	\$211.00	\$433.50
Altar Flowers	\$45.00	\$45.00
Community Feast	\$250.00	\$250.00
Disaster Assistance - fires	\$100.00	\$100.00
Outreach	\$120.00	\$295.00
Worship	\$95.00	\$95.00



**ADDRESS FOR JIM GLETTY;
PRAIRIE CROSSING LIVING
AND REHABILITATION CENTER
ROOM 25
409 W. COMMANCHE AVE,
SHABONA, IL 60550**

**HE WOULD LOVE TO
RECEIVE NOTES OR CARDS
WISHING HIM WELL.**

Prayer Requests

Marilyn Abbott
Mary Bark
Family of Barb Christopher
Lance Davenport
Lee Gehrke
Gianna
Dean Gibson
Jim Gletty
Sharon Goode

Family of Margaret
Hardekopf
Mary Ann Hulon
Jen
Karen
Rhea Lumsden
Linda Martin

James Moris
Lonnie Murray
Sharon Rhea's son, Jeff
Shelly
Lynn Skryzpiec
Jack Smith
Jackie Wendland
Susan White

Dates to Remember

Month	Date	Occasion
JANUARY	26	ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY	28	READING BUDDIES
FEBRUARY	22	GROWING HOPE GALA
FEBRUARY	25	COMMUNITY FEAST @ ST. JOHNS

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ✚ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn ELW 314 Arise Your Light Has Come

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

Prayer of the Day

P: Blessed Lord God,

C: **you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

A: The **First Reading** for this 3rd weekend of Epiphany comes from the Book of Nehemiah Chapter 8 selected verses

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

A: Our Psalm today is **Psalm 19**

¹The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

- ² **One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
³ Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,
⁴ **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**
⁵ It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
⁶ **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**
⁷ The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
⁸ **The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**
⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
¹⁰ **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**
¹¹ By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.
¹² **Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**
¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
¹⁴ **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

A: The **Second Reading** comes from 1st Corinthians Chapter 12 verses 12-31

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 4th Chapter

C: **Glory to you O Lord.**

Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 715 Christ Be Our Light

Apostle's Creed

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of
the Father, and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

P: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: ... God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C: **Amen.**

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The congregation may shake one another's hand. If you do not wish to shake hands, please hold your hands in a prayer position and bow to the other person.

Offering

Please stand as you are able.

Offering Prayer

P: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

C: **Amen.**

Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh
you have opened the eyes of faith
to a new and radiant vision of your glory,
that, beholding the God made visible,
we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
(Holy, Holy, Holy words on screen)

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, ...
...be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

Please be seated. The usher will direct you when to come forward for Holy Communion.

Holy Communion is served

Communion Hymns W&P 33 Come to the Table
W&P 156 What Have We to Offer

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

A: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

C: **Amen.**

Blessing

P: The Spirit of the triune God ✚ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ELW 866 We Are Marching in the Light

Dismissal

C: **Thanks be to God.**



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