

# 100 Days of Prayer

A Prayer a Day  
For God's Blessing on Our Congregation  
And Our Capital Campaign



**PAID IN FULL**

February 15, A.D. 2016  
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

## **Imagine if each Member Prayed One Prayer a Day...**

Each St. John's household is receiving this booklet as part of the *Paid in Full* capital campaign. Imagine what would happen if every church member prayed the simple daily prayer in this booklet each day. That would be over 760 prayers a day asking God to bless our church and this campaign and to help us better proclaim His Word to our members, the community and the world.

We ask that you put this booklet on your nightstand, near the dinner table, on your desk at work or wherever it will be convenient for you to take a moment and pray these daily petitions.

The petitions were written specifically for our congregation and for this capital campaign. In fact, St. John's staff and members wrote most of the prayers. You will note that the same prayer is repeated each Monday. This is the prayer that specifically asks for God to be merciful to our campaign. We know that each of these prayers will be a blessing to you. We also hope that if you are not in the habit of daily prayer, this will inspire you to keep praying even when the campaign is over.

The prayers are organized around the different themes of the different weeks of the campaign. Some weeks the prayers will focus on spiritual renewal, other weeks on stewardship, and other weeks on celebrating the gifts that are coming forward during this campaign.

## **This Booklet is Also a Helpful Campaign Calendar Tool**

Interspersed in the gray boxes are reminders of all the meaningful events and projects going on during the campaign.

If you want extra booklets you can pick them up in the narthex at church.

Blessed Praying,

Campaign Spiritual Renewal Team

**Monday, February 15 Day 1** – Heavenly Father, we thank You for the many blessings You have given to St. John’s Lutheran Church. Our history is filled with pastors who preached the pure gospel and steadfast members who sought to carry on the traditions of the Lutheran Church throughout the past and into this present day. We come to You now to ask for Your blessing upon our capital campaign. Open our hearts to the spiritual growth that comes only from Your Word and Sacraments. Move us to take on the debt that burdens us. Help us all to find the joy in giving back to You, knowing that we have the one thing needful—Your Son Who paid our debt in full. Amen.



**Tuesday, February 16 Day 2** – Dear Heavenly Father, You are our light and our salvation. We pray that you will enrich our financial campaign so that our debt is paid and our resources used to further Your Kingdom in other ways. As the familiar hymn expresses:

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord to Thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect and use, every power as Thou shalt choose. Thank you, Dear Lord, for all You do for us. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

**The first *Paid in Full* Newsletter was mailed with this booklet. Be sure to read it cover to cover for important information about how St. John’s will be raising funds to pay down our debt.**

**Wednesday, February 17 Day 3** – Dear Heavenly Father, in Baptism you gave us Your name to mark us redeemed by Christ the crucified. As we continue to live in our Baptism, create new hearts within us to grow in grace and truth and in the knowledge of You. Bless our growth even now during our Paid in Full campaign as we hallow your name in our love and service to each other through the Gospel. In your name we pray. Amen.

**Thursday, February 18 Day 4** – Lord of Glory, You have bought us with Your life-blood as the price, never grudging for the lost one that tremendous sacrifice. Give us faith to trust You boldly, hope to stay our souls on You; but, oh, best of all Your graces, with Your love our love renew. Amen. (LSB 851, v. 4)

**Friday, February 19 Day 5** – Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for our church family at St. John’s Lutheran Church. While we live north, south, east and west, and spend our lives in great busyness, encourage us to be mindful of our fellow members in prayer and encouragement. May Your love for us spur

us on to sharing love with our brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as our neighbors. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Saturday, February 20 Day 6** – Heavenly Father, please forgive me my sins and guide me in continuing the journey “to tell the next generation” through our capital campaign. Thy will be done in Jesus' Name. Amen.

**Sunday, February 21 Day 7** – O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild! Joy fills the world which sin defiled. Whatever we have belongs to You; O keep us faithful, strong, and true. Amen. (LSB 546, v.3)

**Monday, February 22 Day 8** – Heavenly Father, we thank You for the many blessings You have given to St. John's Lutheran Church. Our history is filled with pastors who preached the pure gospel and steadfast members who sought to carry on the traditions of the Lutheran Church throughout the past and into this present day. We come to You now to ask for Your blessing upon our capital campaign. Open our hearts to the spiritual growth that comes only from Your Word and Sacraments. Move us to take on the debt that burdens us. Help us all to find the joy in giving back to You, knowing that we have the one thing needful—Your Son Who paid our debt in full. Amen.



**Tuesday, February 23 Day 9** - Heavenly Father  
Evening and morning, Sunset and dawning,  
Wealth, peace and gladness, Comfort in sadness.  
These are thy works; all the glory be Thine!  
Times without number, Awake or in slumber,  
Thine eyes observe us, From danger preserve us,  
Causing Thy mercy upon us to shine. (LSB 726)

We thank You for your continual and everlasting presence in our life. Amen.

**Wednesday, February 24 Day 10** – Heavenly Father, Your Son our Lord, Jesus, told us to “Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet Your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they.” Help us to always remember that You provide all that we need in this body and life. In Your Name. Amen.

**Thursday, February 25 Day 11** – —“Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.” (Psalm 26:8) Heavenly Father, You have entrusted us with our local church. We come to praise, worship and glorify You. We come to be taught and to learn. Now we ask that You bring us together in our endeavor to pay our debt. Help us to overcome our fears about giving and to have faith in Your promise to provide what is needed. We thank You, Lord, for what You have done, for what you are doing, and what You will do. In faith, Lord we offer this prayer, Amen.

“I have held many things in my hand and have lost them all, but whatever I have placed in God’s hand I still possess.” Martin Luther.

**Friday, February 26 Day 12** – Dear heavenly Father, by Your grace we have increased the size of our educational and fellowship space so that Your Gospel may reach many more people. We pray that You will bless our Paid in Full campaign so our debt will be reduced. Thank You for all the blessings You have bestowed on our congregation. Amen.

**This Sunday we begin three weeks of special sermons and Bible studies on spiritual renewal.**

**Saturday, February 27 Day 13** – Dear Father in heaven, how blessed we are to have spiritual leaders to guide our congregation. We ask for Your continued guidance and blessings on the Paid in Full campaign leadership to help us open our hearts and minds to give generous pledges as we go about the task before us. In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.

**Sunday, February 28 Day 14** - O Lord, You spoke through the prophet Isaiah, “Say to those who have an anxious heart, ‘Be strong, fear not.’” As we prepare for the vigil on Saturday, give us faith to believe Your promise and to trust that You will hear our prayers. Amen.

**Monday, February 29 Day 15** – Heavenly Father, we thank You for the many blessings You have given to St. John’s Lutheran Church. Our history is filled with pastors who preached the pure gospel and steadfast members who sought to carry on the traditions of the Lutheran Church throughout the past and into this present day. We come to You now to ask for Your blessing upon our capital campaign. Open our hearts to the spiritual growth that comes only from Your Word and Sacraments. Move us to take on the debt that burdens us. Help us all to find the joy in giving back to You, knowing that we have the one thing needful—Your Son Who paid our debt in full. Amen.



**Tuesday, March 1 Day 16** – Lord of all power and might, Author and Giver of all good things, instill in our hearts the love of Your name, and impress on our minds the teachings of Your Word. Increase in our lives all that is holy and just; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (Collect for Proper 4 Series A) (found in the LSB)

**Wednesday, March 2 Day 17** – Dear Heavenly Father, we live in a world that looks inward for truth and pleasure. Fix our eyes on Your cross, for in You there is no one else on earth to defend us. Forgive us for neglecting to fix our eyes on our neighbors in need of mercy during hard times. Forgive us for finding joy in

worldly things that starve the soul, and instead feed us, Your children, with your gifts from heaven that nourish our soul. Bless us during this time of spiritual growth in You. Amen.

**Thursday, March 3 Day 18** – Lord, sanctify us in Your truth; Your Word is truth. Amen.

**Have you signed up for a time at the Prayer Vigil this coming Saturday? Join your fellow members for an hour of prayer, asking God’s blessing on St. John’s and the *Paid in Full* campaign.**

**Friday, March 4 Day 19** – Almighty and gracious Father, Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; bright with Thine own holiness, glorious now, we press toward glory, and our lives our hope confess. Give us lips to sing Thy glory, tongues Thy mercy to proclaim, throats that shout the hope that fills us, mouths to speak Thy holy name. Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send fill our songs with alleluias, alleluias without end! Amen. (LSB 578, vv. 3, 5)

**Saturday, March 5 Day 20** – Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! ... Be gracious to me and hear my prayer. Amen. (from Psalm 4)

**Sunday, March 6 Day 21** – Our Dear Heavenly Father, how blessed we are to have the freedom to worship You each Sunday and other designated days. Help us to rejoice in honoring You with the Son and the Spirit, the Triune God, at each worship service. May Your Word provide us spiritual growth, peace and understanding of your generous forgiveness. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

**Did you get Newsletter #2? If not, call the church office for a copy and be sure to read it cover to cover for important information on the campaign including your spiritual renewal checklist.**

**Monday, March 7 Day 22** – Heavenly Father, we thank You for the many blessings You have given to St. John’s Lutheran Church. Our history is filled with pastors who preached the pure gospel and steadfast members who sought to carry on the traditions of the Lutheran Church throughout the past and into this present day. We come to You now to ask for Your blessing upon our capital campaign. Open our hearts to the spiritual growth that comes only from Your Word and Sacraments. Move us to take on the debt that burdens us. Help us all to find the joy in giving back to You, knowing that we have the one thing needful—Your Son Who paid our debt in full, Amen.



**Tuesday, March 8 Day 23** – Dear Heavenly Father, I pray for the Holy Spirit to guide me in doing my part in the church debt reduction campaign. May each member of the congregation remember Your daily blessings and respond with thankfulness in a monetary act according to Your gifts. Let each member examine the heart and be guided to give freely for our dear brothers and sisters in need. In Jesus’ Name I pray with thankfulness for dying to forgive my sin. Amen.

**Wednesday, March 9 Day 24** – Dear Lord, You breathed life into Adam and gave Him and Eve stewardship over your creation. Through Christ You breathed life into the Church and gave her the blessings of your cross. Take our life, hands, feet, and mouths to be Your own as they move according to Your love and are filled with the message of Your Word, so that all creation may be blessed by the fruits of your Spirit and the gifts we can offer in our talents, offerings, financial pledges, and love for others. You are our true life and treasure. Amen.

**Thursday, March 10 Day 25** – O Lord, with the Apostle Paul, help me to remember, “I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.” For Jesus’ sake. Amen.

**Friday, March 11 Day 26** – Dear Father in heaven, You supply seed for the sowing and bread for food. Help us to trust in You, so that we will be enriched to be generous in our giving, and thus in us produce thanksgiving to You. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

**Bring your Spiritual Renewal Pledge Sheet to church this weekend and be ready to be inspired! It’s time to celebrate our Spiritual Renewal!**

**Saturday, March 12 Day 27** – Merciful Father, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that Your will be done in us in this campaign. For Jesus’ sake. Amen.

**Sunday, March 13 Day 28** — Lord, You have entrusted us each with different gifts. Help us to use those gifts to serve one another as good stewards of Your grace. For we know that whoever serves, does so by the strength that You supply. In everything may You be glorified, Your people edified, and Your Gospel multiplied, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Monday, March 14 Day 29** – Heavenly Father, we thank You for the many blessings You have given to St. John’s Lutheran Church. Our history is filled with pastors who preached the pure gospel and steadfast members who sought to carry on the traditions of the Lutheran Church throughout the past and into this present day. We come to You now to ask for Your blessing upon our capital campaign. Open our hearts to the spiritual growth that comes only from Your Word and Sacraments. Move us to take on the debt that burdens us. Help us all to find the joy in giving back to You, knowing that we have the one thing needful—Your SON Who paid our debt in full, Amen.



**Tuesday, March 15 Day 30** – Almighty God, You have promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in Your Son’s name. By Your mercy, hear our prayers for the successful completion of our Paid in Full capital campaign, our spiritual and stewardship growth. Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings. As Paul reminds us, “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord, and not for men.” (Colossians 3:23) Lord, grant that those things we have faithfully asked according to Your will, may be received and bring glory to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Remember to respond to your Home Gathering invitation. If you have not received an invitation please call the church office: 785-354-7132.**

**Wednesday, March 16 Day 31** – Dear Lord, You won for us paradise on the cross, our true treasure that comes to us by Your Son and that gives us eternal life in heaven. Give us hearts to treasure this gift above any treasures this world may hold, and may we give back to Your Church the blessings you have given to us. Give each member the strength to spend their time, money, and talents in service to You as a reflection of the life and love You continue to give to us. Bless us as we live in Your grace. Amen.

**Thursday, March 17 Day 32** – Gracious and loving Father, Your promises are true. You promise to be present wherever two or three are gathered together in Your name. As we prepare for our home gatherings, give us Your Spirit who calls, gathers, and enlightens the whole Christian Church on earth. Unite us in love and give us a willing spirit. Amen.

**Friday, March 18 Day 33** – I am thankful to You, Lord Jesus Christ, that You have established your church on earth. You bless me and our congregation with love and mercy through Word and Sacraments. As we go about paying off the debt on our addition, may we be reminded of our eternal forgiveness and peace through Jesus. Use our congregation for the building of Your kingdom and make

it a power for good in our community. Bless our efforts to bring Your saving Gospel to the unchurched to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**Saturday, March 19 Day 34** – Almighty and everlasting God, You always provide Your Church with all that it needs to strengthen and preserve the faith of those You have called to Your side, and to reach those who are lost. You have blessed the congregation of St. John’s Lutheran Church with a long history of faithful pastors who have proclaimed Your Word faithfully and administered Your Sacraments rightly. You have given these pastors faithful parishioners who have supported them in their ministry in all ways spiritual and material. Since the earliest days in the history of the Kansas District, You have also called St. John’s to a leadership role in the Kansas District, and St. John’s has responded faithfully to that call for over a century. Today You have blessed us with a gifted shepherd in Pastor Bruss to guide our congregation, a faithful District President in Rev. Lange, and wonderful facilities that can be used in service not only to the congregation, but also to the District as a whole. Our church at 901 Fillmore has been built with the sacrificial giving of generations of saints called to this place. Please help us who are blessed to be in this congregation to use the resources that You have provided. We ask for Your help and guidance through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Palm Sunday, March 20 Day 35** – Almighty and everlasting God, You have caused Your beloved Son to take our nature upon Himself, that He might give us an example of humility and suffer death upon the cross for our sins. Mercifully give us a believing knowledge of this. Grant us to follow the example of His patience. And make us partakers of the benefits of His sacred Passion and death; through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

**Monday of Holy Week, March 21 Day 36** – Almighty God, in this life we live in many adversities and often fail through our own weakness. We pray You to restore us through the Passion and intercession of Your only-begotten Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.



**Tuesday of Holy Week, March 22 Day 37** – Almighty and everlasting God, by Your grace may we pass through this holy time of our Lord’s Passion and obtain the pardon of our sin; through the same, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

**Remember all the extra opportunities to grow in faith and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus through Word and Sacrament during this Holy Week on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Vigil of Easter, and Easter Sunday. Check the website or your newsletter calendar for special service times.**

**Wednesday of Holy Week, March 23 Day 38** – Almighty God, we are continually afflicted for our evil deeds. We pray You mercifully to relieve us by the Passion of Your only-begotten Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

**Maundy Thursday, March 24 Day 39** – O Lord Jesus Christ, we give You thanks. Of Your infinite mercy You have instituted Your Sacrament. And in it we eat Your body and drink Your blood for the forgiveness of our sins. We pray You: as we come to the services of Your house on this holy day, by Your Holy Spirit cause us to confess our sins, to remember Your agony and death, to believe the forgiveness of sin, to receive this Sacrament worthily, and day by day to grow in faith and love, until we obtain eternal salvation; through You, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

**Good Friday & the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25 Day 40** – O Triune God, today we bow before You in unfathomable thanksgiving for the sacrifice of Your Son on the Holy Cross. We thank You, Lord God the Father, that You have given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. We thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, that You have borne in Your sacred body all our sins, and by Your blood have blotted out all our transgressions. We thank You, Lord the Holy Spirit, that You have created in our hearts such faith, that we know of nothing to trust for our salvation save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. Grant us, O God, Your grace, that we may perfectly believe that all our sins are forgiven for the sake of the Passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. And so enlighten us by Your Holy Spirit, that, in the power of our Redeemer's death, we may day by day put off sin, and never forsake the Lord Jesus until we see Him face to face in life eternal. We ask it all in Christ's name. Amen.

O Almighty God, of Your great mercy You caused Your Son to be conceived by the Holy Spirit and become incarnate in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as the angel announced. Grant us Your grace, we pray, that our sinful conception may be purified by His holy conception; through the same, Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

**The Vigil of Easter, Saturday, March 26 Day 41** – O God, You enlightened this most holy night with the glory of our Lord's resurrection from the dead, and on this Vigil we recall our Baptism into His death and resurrection, our adoption as sons. Preserve in all Your people that spirit of adoption. At the Divine Service this evening, the Vigil of Easter, renew us in body and soul, that we may serve You in all purity; through the same, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, now and forever. Amen.

**The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord, Sunday, March 27 Day 42** – Lord God, our heavenly Father, You have delivered Your Son on account of our transgressions and raised Him again on account of our justification. This is the day that You have made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Send us Your Holy Spirit to rule and govern us according to Your will. Graciously keep us in the true faith. Defend us from all sins. And after this life raise us to eternal life; through the same, Your beloved Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Jesus Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

**Monday of the Easter Octave, March 28 Day 43** – O God, in the resurrection of Your Son, You restored all creation. Continue to send Your heavenly gifts upon Your people that we may walk in perfect freedom and receive eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



**Tuesday of the Easter Octave, March 29 Day 44** – Almighty God, through the resurrection of Your Son You have secured peace for our troubled consciences. Grant us this peace evermore that, trusting in the merit of Your Son, we may come at last to the perfect peace of heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Wednesday of the Easter Octave, March 30 Day 45** – Almighty God, we have celebrated our Lord's resurrection. In the power of our baptism into His death and resurrection, renew Your Holy Spirit within us all. May we Your servants rise again daily with Christ from our death of body and soul and walk in newness of life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Thursday of the Easter Octave, March 31 Day 46** – O Lord, in Your infinite generosity You did not spare Your only-begotten Son, but gave Him up, a Ransom for us all. Ransomed by His death, may we live in the generosity You have shown us in Your Son. And risen with Him through our baptism, we may walk in newness of life. Create a new heart in us. And for His sake, bless our congregation and give success to our capital campaign, that we may day by day magnify Your glorious generosity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

**Friday of the Easter Octave, April 1 Day 47** – In Jesus’ name

Our work must all be done  
If it should compass our true good and aim  
And not end in shame alone.  
For every deed,  
Which in it doth proceed,  
Success and blessing gains  
Till it the goal attains.  
Thus we honor God on high  
And ourselves are blessed thereby;  
Wherein our true good remains.  
In Jesus’ holy name. Amen.

—“I Jesu Navn skal al vor Gjerning ske,” J. Frederiksen (1603-41);  
trans. G.A.T. Rygh (1860-1942)

**Saturday of the Easter Octave, April 2 Day 48** –

O Jesus, what blessed joy overflows my spirit,  
Because Your wondrous grace to me was given!  
Complete Your work, that I may inherit  
Eternal life at last with You in heaven!

—“O, at jeg kund min Jesus prise,” Princess Eugenie of Sweden  
(1830-1889); trans. P.A. Sveeggen (1881-1959), alt.

**Quasimodogeniti Sunday, April 3 Day 49** – O Lord, our heavenly Father,  
Your grace is beyond description! We thank You that for the sake of Your Son,  
You have given us the holy Gospel and instituted the blessed Sacraments.  
Through them You comfort us and give us the forgiveness of sins. We pray You,  
send us Your Holy Spirit. Cause us to believe Your Word from the heart, and  
establish our faith day by day through Your Sacraments, until we at last obtain  
eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You  
and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

**Monday, April 4 Day 50** – Heavenly Father, we thank You  
for the many blessings You have given to St. John’s  
Lutheran Church. Our history is filled with pastors who  
preached the pure gospel and steadfast members who sought  
to carry on the traditions of the Lutheran Church throughout  
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Move us to take on the debt that burdens us. Help us all to find the joy in giving  
back to You, knowing that we have the one thing needful—Your Son Who paid  
our debt in full, Amen.



**Tuesday, April 5 Day 51** – Our Father, who from heaven above, bids all of us to live in love, as members of one family, and pray to You in unity. Teach us no thoughtless word to say. But from our inmost hearts to pray.

Amen, that is, so shall it be, make strong our faith in You that we may doubt not, but with trust believe, that what we ask we shall receive. Thus, in Your name and at Your Word, we say, “Amen, O hear us, Lord.” (LSB, 766)

We ask, dear Lord, for Your blessings on the successful completion of our *Paid in Full* campaign and for the spiritual growth of our congregation. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

**Don't miss the St. John's video starring your fellow members! It is showing at the Home Gathering Meetings. If you did not get a Home Gathering invitation call the church office: 785-354-7132.**

**Wednesday, April 6 Day 52** – Dear God, we thank You for all that You have given us as members of St. John's Lutheran Church. We are blessed to have such a wonderful church in which to worship, study, and play. We are blessed to have such a beautiful facility to share with not only our church family, but with the people in this neighborhood. Thank You, also, for giving us amazing people to lead us!

We ask Your blessing on this congregation as it carries out a financial campaign to pay off the current building loan. We know that there are many ways we could be an asset to the people in the Topeka community as well as people in other parts of the world. Bless our charitable giving to this campaign so that we may use our finances toward other endeavors. And always keep us mindful of the many blessings we already have as Your baptized children, especially salvation through Your Son. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

**Thursday, April 7 Day 53** – Our heavenly Father, grant that in Christ we may be faithful in all we do and that our efforts for our unbelieving brothers and sisters and strangers yield fruit unto salvation. In Your Name I pray. Amen.

**Friday, April 8 Day 54** – Heavenly Father, Paul tells us, “I can do all things through him who strengthens me.” (Philippians 4:13) Likewise strengthen us to have confidence in Your promise through Paul who also tells us, “And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19) as we undertake this campaign to raise enough funds to completely repay the debt on our building. Give us the confidence richly to support this financial effort, and to dedicate this support to Your glory. Bless this campaign, Lord, and give it success. Enable thus Your church in this place more freely to bring the Good News of our salvation in Jesus Christ, Your Son,

to those who have not heard it. In all things Lord, we ask that Your will be done. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

**Saturday, April 9 Day 55** – Heavenly Father, as we think about supporting this financial campaign to retire our building debt, remind us of Your words, “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.” (Matthew 6:24 ESV) Help us to be more devoted to You, and to remember, “the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils.” (1 Timothy 6:10) Relieve our anxiety about providing generous financial support to the campaign by reminding us, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? (Matthew 6:24-25 ESV) Lord, bless and strengthen our efforts to be generous with Your treasure that You have placed in our care. Help us to use Your treasure to retire this building debt so we, unencumbered by it, may better be about spreading the Good News of our Salvation in your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, to the world. We pray that in this, as in all things Lord, Your will be done. Amen

**We are now in the Stewardship phase of the *Paid in Full* campaign. We will have three Sundays of sermons and bible studies that focus on Biblical stewardship.**

**Sunday, April 10 Day 56** – O Lord, our God, how blessed are we! Open our eyes so that we may know Your grace and in firm confidence receive it. Keep us in faith and grant that members of St. John's recognize the great treasures that they possess. Hear us for the sake of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

**Monday, April 11 Day 57** – Heavenly Father, we thank You for the many blessings You have given to St. John's Lutheran Church. Our history is filled with pastors who preached the pure gospel and steadfast members who sought to carry on the traditions of the Lutheran Church throughout the past and into this present day. We come to You now to ask for Your blessing upon our capital campaign. Open our hearts to the spiritual growth that comes only from Your Word and Sacraments. Move us to take on the debt that burdens us. Help us all to find the joy in giving back to You, knowing that we have the one thing needful—Your Son Who paid our debt in full, Amen.



**Tuesday, April 12 Day 58** – Father in heaven, we come before You with a request for grace and courage to reduce our church debt and that each member would prayerfully consider ways they could be involved. We thank You daily

for Your untold blessings and providential care that You bestow on us. We also daily petition Your grace and mercy for forgiveness of our sins. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

**Wednesday, April 13 Day 59** – Heavenly Father, as we look around us, You have once again shown us all Your blessings. We know that You have provided much more than just our daily needs. We thank You for so generously giving us Your Son, our Lord. Through Him You have showered us with the blessings of forgiveness, a purpose in life, and eternal life in paradise—no strings attached. For all these blessings, may we truly be thankful, dear Lord. Amen.

**Come and join your fellow members at an intimate Home Gathering Meeting. If you still need to find a Gathering that fits your schedule, call the church office and we will find you a meeting to attend. The Gatherings continue until April 16.**

**Thursday, April 14 Day 60** – Dear Jesus, by Your living, dying, and rising You have changed the world. You have changed me. Send Your Holy Spirit to continue to change my sin and selfishness to service. Grant me wisdom, courage, and compassion to give as You have given to me. Amen.

**Friday, April 15 Day 61** – Bless us, Father, with Your presence and direction as we gather in homes to learn about the Paid in Full campaign, share our thoughts, hear Your Word and pray to You. Grant us all a willing spirit and a contrite heart. Amen.

**Saturday, April 16 Day 62** – Blessed Lord and Savior, keep us mindful that You provide all things for us here at St. John's. Teach us to open our hearts financially to give back to You so we may reduce our debt as a congregation and spread the good news of Salvation to our community. In Your holy name we pray. Amen

**Sunday, April 17 Day 63** – In the Name of the Triune God, we pray for grace to help reduce the church debt. Guide and direct us in using the gifts You have given to reduce the debt so that our congregation may free up money for other needed missions. We thank and praise You for Your mercy and goodness to us. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

**Monday, April 18 Day 64** – Heavenly Father, we thank You for the many blessings You have given to St. John's Lutheran Church. Our history is filled with pastors who preached the pure gospel and steadfast members who sought to carry on the traditions of the Lutheran Church throughout the past and into this present day. We come to



You now to ask for Your blessing upon our capital campaign. Open our hearts to the spiritual growth that comes only from Your Word and Sacraments. Move us to take on the debt that burdens us. Help us all to find the joy in giving back to You, knowing that we have the one thing needful—Your Son Who paid our debt in full, Amen.

**Tuesday, April 19 Day 65** – Glorious and loving Heavenly Father, we thank You for the countless blessings You share with us. We are so fortunate that members who preceded us blessed us with a beautiful sanctuary in which to worship You and the surrounding facilities for youth education and congregational fellowship. In recent years You have additionally blessed us with the enlargement of our facility area. May we remember the sacrifices of St. John’s members before us whose vision and efforts established our church in its current location and look to You for wisdom as we consider our contribution to the current capital campaign. We thank You also for our personal blessings of health and home. May Your generosity lead us to be good stewards with our time and talents. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

**Wednesday, April 20 Day 66** – Dear heavenly Father, You are the creator of all that is in this world! You have given people the intelligence, resources and desire to carry out the work necessary to do productive things for the human race. But without You holding it all together, we would die instantly and the world would cease to exist. Even the evil that occurs every minute does not escape Your watchful eye, and we trust that You, who made us and all things, know far better than we the outcome of evil and why You allow it. We know that You see the past, the present, and the future, and that You understand things we will never comprehend. So it is with childlike trust that we now come to You today, asking You to bless us to give generously to the continued work of St. John’s in paying off our debt.

It is only through the love You have already shown to us that we have such a worthy place to meet with You and our fellow believers—where we can receive Your forgiveness, partake of Your holy body and blood, be baptized, worship, study Your Word, celebrate, mourn, eat, laugh, and support one another. We ask that You would bless our giving for the work You would have us to do. We know that Your eye is ever watching and that Your hand is always protecting us. For all that You have given to us, let us now give back a portion to You. We ask this in Your Holy Name. Amen.

**Thursday, April 21 Day 67** – Gracious Lord, teach us to make our pledge and gladly give generously to pay off our debt, so that, using the gifts that You have given us, we may help spread the sweet Gospel to our neighborhood, our community, and the world. May sinners come to repentance and receive the free salvation in Christ; in whose name we pray. Amen.

**Friday, April 22 Day 68** – Jesus, our one and only Savior, we are not worthy of Your love. We are not worthy of Your goodness. We are not worthy of Your

blessings. But forgive our sins, not because we deserve it but because You are a merciful Savior who paid for our sins with Your own blood. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. Teach us to give with thanksgiving. Amen.

**Saturday, April 23 Day 69** – Dear Savior, thank You for Your suffering and dying for us on Calvary’s cross. We thank You for taking the guilt, the curse, and the punishment for our sins. We thank You for Your victory over the grave and all it brings to us. We thank You, Lord, for Your perfect substitution. Now help us appreciate the blessings we have because of Your death and resurrection. Help us demonstrate our thankfulness by our actions and service—not just our words. Help our actions direct others to You, their Savior. Amen.

**Sunday, April 24 Day 70** – Dear God, the source of all our blessings, material and spiritual, we pray that You would guide and direct us in this effort to eliminate our building debt through the Paid in Full campaign. Give us thankful hearts for Your endless blessings and forgiveness of our sin. Grant us grateful hearts as we prepare to complete this project. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.

**Monday, April 25 Day 71** – Heavenly Father, we thank You for the many blessings You have given to St. John’s Lutheran Church. Our history is filled with pastors who preached the pure gospel and steadfast members who sought to carry on the traditions of the Lutheran Church throughout the past and into this present day. We come to You now to ask for Your blessing upon our capital campaign. Open our hearts to the spiritual growth that comes only from Your Word and Sacraments. Move us to take on the debt that burdens us. Help us all to find the joy in giving back to You, knowing that we have the one thing needful—Your Son Who paid our debt in full, Amen.



**Make plans to join your fellow congregation members for the Pledge Event this weekend.**

**Tuesday, April 26 Day 72** – Christ, our good and faithful Shepherd, watching all Your lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheepfold, never-failing vigil keep. When we stray, Good Shepherd, seek us, find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of God, our Shepherd, keep us; let us hear Your voice alone. Amen. (LSB 540, v. 4)

**Wednesday, April 27 Day 73** – God of grace, give me grace to view my present circumstance with humble gratitude. Teach me the secret of contentment. Keep me from murmuring against Your will, and help me break the habit of envying

the blessings others receive. Give me the satisfaction that comes from being sure of having eternal life in Jesus. Amen.

**Thursday, April 28 Day 74** – Merciful God, we thank You for blessing us when we do not deserve it or even recognize it. Forgive us for our ingratitude. Guide each member of this congregation to prayerfully make a pledge to help reduce our debt and courageously follow through, trusting Your providence. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

**Friday, April 29 Day 75** – Gracious Lord and Savior, in ourselves we are nothing, and we can do no good. Send us Your Holy Spirit to grant spiritual and stewardship growth through hearing Your Word and receiving Your Body and Blood. Give us a thankful and generous heart. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**See you at the Pledge Event!**

**Saturday, April 30 Day 76** – — Gracious Lord God, You have laid claim to us and have set us apart as Your own. Help us not to think too highly of ourselves, or to seek glory by personal merit. Rather, help us to rest our faith and hope in You alone. In all things, let us remain strong in faith, and lead us by Your Spirit at work in Your Word. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

**Sunday, May 1 Day 77** – — Lord God, You have sent us into the world to be Your witnesses. Thank You for making us ambassadors for Christ. In the short time that we have in this world, help us not to miss the opportunities You have given us to speak and testify, so that when our earthly lives are ended, Your Word will continue throughout all generations to proclaim the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, in which we pray. Amen.

**Monday, May 2 Day 78** – Heavenly Father, we thank You for the many blessings You have given to St. John's Lutheran Church. Our history is filled with pastors who preached the pure gospel and steadfast members who sought to carry on the traditions of the Lutheran Church throughout the past and into this present day. We come to You now to ask for Your blessing upon our capital campaign. Open our hearts to the spiritual growth that comes only from Your Word and Sacraments. Move us to take on the debt that burdens us. Help us all to find the joy in giving back to You, knowing that we have the one thing needful—Your Son Who paid our debt in full, Amen.



**Tuesday, May 3 Day 79** – Holy Lord, You are the Ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, and are the Rock of our Salvation. We thank You for setting us apart as Your own, to serve as messengers of Your Gospel. Give us Your Holy Spirit, so that we may affirm the testimony of faith upon which You have built Your Church — the body whose head is Jesus Christ our Lord. In His name we pray. Amen

**Wednesday, May 4 Day 80** – Holy Father, You have sent us into the world with the promise of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Thank You for claiming us as Your own in the message of the Gospel. By Your Holy Spirit, lead us to speak Your same faith-creating Word to others, bearing witness to the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Use our offerings to this end. Amen

**There is still time to turn in a *Paid in Full* pledge card. If you are not in a position to make a financial pledge at this time, please complete a card indicating that you will support the campaign in prayer.**

**Thursday, May 5 Day 81** – Heavenly Father, You have called us from among the peoples and nations of the world to be Your own, and serve You with our lives. We pray that You would keep us steadfast in faith. As we look for the day when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord, may we kneel before You in prayer and boldly confess Your name every day of our lives. To You be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

*While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. Luke 24:51*

**Friday, May 6 Day 82** – Heavenly Father, through water and the Word, You have washed away our sins and given us a promise in which we can trust. We thank You for laying claim to us in our Baptism, and adopting us as Your own. Help us to live lives of trust and repentance. Drown the sinner in us each day, and give us new life by the work of Your Spirit within us, in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**Saturday, May 7 Day 83** Holy Father, You have invited us to the banquet of Your Son. We thank You for this gift of grace and for Your promise of forgiveness. Lead us to Your altar with humble and repentant hearts, so that we may hear Your Word for us. Make us mindful of Your presence with us as we share in Communion with You and one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Pledge Day was last weekend. If you have not joined the rest of the congregation in making your pledge, be sure to turn in your card to the church office.**

**Sunday, May 8 Day 84** – Almighty God, it is by Your Word through Your Spirit that all things are accomplished. Open our minds and hearts to hear Your Word. Grant us success in the Paid in Full campaign according to Your will. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

**Monday, May 9 Day 85** – Heavenly Father, we thank You for the many blessings You have given to St. John's Lutheran Church. Our history is filled with pastors who preached the pure gospel and steadfast members who sought to carry on the traditions of the Lutheran Church throughout the past and into this present day. We come to You now to ask for Your blessing upon our capital campaign. Open our hearts to the spiritual growth that comes only from Your Word and Sacraments. Move us to take on the debt that burdens us. Help us all to find the joy in giving back to You, knowing that we have the one thing needful—Your Son Who paid our debt in full, Amen.



**Tuesday, May 10 Day 86** – Gracious Father, You have called us into Your household of faith, and made us brothers and sisters in Christ. We thank You for ordering our lives and providing for our needs. Guide us by Your Word, that our homes and places of work may reflect the diligence, respect, and faithfulness You have called us to. Help us by Your Spirit to see the everyday opportunities we have to serve You by loving our neighbors. We ask in the name of Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen.

**Wednesday, May 11 Day 87** – Heavenly Father, You have called us to abide in Your Word and remain steadfast in faith. Thank You for sowing Your Word in our hearts, and giving growth by Your Spirit. Deepen the roots You have given us, so that by Your power we would stand strong and never be moved from the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**Thursday, May 12 Day 88** – Thank You, heavenly Father, for the pledges that have been made so far toward our Paid in Full campaign. May this money be used to Your glory and to the spread of your kingdom in Christ; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

**Friday, May 13 Day 89** – Gracious Father, You have promised to hear the prayer of Your children. We thank You for giving us the privilege of bringing to You our needs and concerns, even as we acknowledge that You know us better than we know ourselves. Help us always look to You as the source of our help and our hope, trusting that You care for us. We pray in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**Saturday, May 14 Day 90** Lord God, Ruler of all, You have called us from among the peoples and nations of the world to be Your own. We praise You for the love that You have shown us by setting us apart for Your service. By Your Spirit, help us to live and to give as people who are in but not of the world, that we may be light to the nations and bring You glory and honor, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Sunday, May 15 Day 91** – Thank You, Lord, for blotting out all our sins by the blood of Your Son, for bringing us to the knowledge and confidence that our sins are forgiven, and for letting us praise You today. Fill us with Your love, and keep it bright throughout the coming week. Watch over us and our loved ones, and bless our work, rest, and activities in the days ahead. Amen.

**Monday, May 16 Day 92** – Heavenly Father, we thank You for the many blessings You have given to St. John’s Lutheran Church. Our history is filled with pastors who preached the pure gospel and steadfast members who sought to carry on the traditions of the Lutheran Church throughout the past and into this present day. We come to You now to ask for Your blessing upon our capital campaign. Open our hearts to



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**Tuesday, May 17 Day 93** – Heavenly Father, You have given us Your Word as both Law and Gospel. Use Your Word like a hammer and break our hard hearts so that they may be filled with the Good News of Your Son, Jesus Christ. By Your Spirit, open our mouths to speak and teach Your Word and its benefits to all generations. Cause us to open our pockets to give generously to the Paid in Full campaign. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen

**Wednesday, May 18 Day 94** – Holy Father in heaven, You rule over all things, and have made Your Son, Jesus Christ, the head of the Church. Thank You for making us citizens in His kingdom. By the power of Your Spirit, may all that we do reflect our faith and allegiance to You, that our lives may bring You all honor and glory, in the name of Your Son, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**This coming Sunday we will announce our pledge total and celebrate the Lord’s blessings.**

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without which we would have nothing to say. Give us the courage You gave to the early Reformers, that in our time we may confess our faith in Your Son Jesus Christ, in whose gracious name we pray. Amen.

**Friday, May 20 Day 96** – Almighty God and Father, we thank you for your bounteous gifts to your people here at St. John’s Lutheran Church. Thank you for blessing our *Paid in Full* stewardship campaign with loving responses from the members of this congregation. Please continue to bless us with wisdom and patience during the next three years as we strive to meet the goals of the campaign. With thanks and praise and all glory to you. Amen.

**Saturday, May 21 Day 97** – Dear God, I pray for the lost and hurting people in this world. We are all surrounded by greed, malice, strife, conceit, pride, and many other horrible, evil things. Father, I pray that You would use me to spread Your Good News to someone today. It grieves me to know many who have died without Jesus. I am eternally grateful for the cross, and Jesus’ blood shed for me. Father, I thank you for Your love for me. Amen.

**Sunday, May 22 Day 98** – Gracious Father, You alone deserve our worship and praise. We thank You for the opportunities You provide for us to hear Your Word and for bringing people into our lives to give voice to Your promise in Christ. Help us look to You and not to ourselves as the source of grace and strength to live each day; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.

**Monday, May 23 Day 99** – Heavenly Father, we thank You for the many blessings You have given to St. John’s Lutheran Church. Our history is filled with pastors who preached the pure gospel and steadfast members who sought to carry on the traditions of the Lutheran Church throughout the past and into this present day. We come to You now to ask for Your blessing upon our capital campaign. Open our hearts to the spiritual growth that comes only from Your Word and Sacraments. Move us to take on the debt that burdens us. Help us all to find the joy in giving back to You, knowing that we have the one thing needful—Your Son Who paid our debt in full, Amen.



**Tuesday, May 24 Day 100** – O gracious God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry; when I have work, help me to remember the jobless; when I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all; when I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer, and in my remembering, destroy my complacency; stir up my compassion and concern enough so that I may help by word and deed those who cry out for what I take for granted. Amen.

**Wednesday, May 25 Day 101** – Our Father in heaven, our *Paid in Full* campaign will soon begin its active phase where we give what we have pledged. Help us to be faithful. May each member of St. John’s continue in prayer, in the Word, and in communion with You and one another. Amen.

**Thursday, May 26 Day 102** – Gracious Lord, You created a real world as a place for us to dwell, and ourselves as physical creatures. We thank You that You come to us through earthly, natural means, to confirm Your Word and accomplish Your will. We ask that You would help us appreciate and honor the Sacraments as the tangible evidence of Your promise. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Thanks be to God for His blessings upon St. John’s!**

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Your spirit has produced growth in faith and unity in spirit. Help us to keep praying without ceasing, for You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.

**Saturday, May 28 Day 104** – The 100 days of prayer have ended, but may the prayers of Your people continue. For You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. May we always come before You with all boldness and confidence, trusting Your mercy for Christ’s sake. Amen, amen. ‘Yes, yes, it shall be so.’ Even so, come Lord Jesus, Amen!

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