

Newsletter

ST. JOHN NORRONA NEWSLETTER

April 2026 Newsletter

Please have any reports or information to be included in the newsletter, submitted by the 24th of each month to stjohn.norrone@sasktel.net Thank you.

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Scripture Lessons

April 5, 2026:

Acts 10:34-43
Colossians 3:1-4

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24
Matthew 28:1-10

April 12, 2026:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
1 Peter 1:3-9

Psalms 16
John 20:19-31

April 19, 2026:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
1 Peter 1:17-23

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19
Luke 24:13-35

April 26, 2026:

Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 2:19-25

Psalms 23
John 10:1-10

May 3, 2026:

Acts 7:55-60
1 Peter 2:2-10

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16
John 14:1-14

May 10, 2026:

Acts 17:22-31
1 Peter 3:13-22

Psalms 66:8-20
John 14:15-21

May 17, 2026:

Acts 1:6-14
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35
John 17:1-11

May 24, 2026:

Acts 2:1-21
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b
John 20:19-23

May 31, 2026:

Genesis 1:1-2:4a
2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Psalms 8
Matthew 28:16-20

Bishop A. Tote

The two councils of St John Norrona Parish met with Bishop A. Tote on March 7th at St John for a discussion on a number of topics. Following is a summary of the

questions he addressed and the discussion that followed. We appreciate Bishop Tote for taking the time to attend this meeting with us.

Corey Nordal, Secretary

Summary of Bishop Tote comments re: vision for the synod/church

1. What is Bishop Ali's vision for the church/synod?

- a. What would Jesus do? The Church should be embracing fully the fundamental love Jesus had for people. "It's never about you". We are called to do our best, especially when things are tough. It's easy when things are going well and not easy when life and events are not going according to how we desire. Remember the ten commandments and use them as the basis for congregational leadership in the community.
- b. Be a Welcoming church. Celebrate events as a welcoming church in that, for example, a baptism is a welcoming event. Welcoming is only a means to open the doors. We must learn that a welcoming event is only the start and that "Hospitality" must follow the welcome. Hospitality becomes an expression of love. We can not love from a distance; we must live it out with people around us. That is what keeps them coming. Keep an eye open for opportunities to invite, to seek new ways to ask people to come, to renew past relationships with those who have not been present in our congregational lives for some time. Look with fresh eyes on situations that have given you a nudge to ask why someone may want or need a personal invitation.
- c. Focus on Children, Youth, and Young Adult ministry to see where we are failing over the next few years. The process started with a survey across the

synod and table conversations at synod convention last year. This led to preparation of a draft strategy. Each section starts with a theological aspect to ground it in Lutheran understanding followed by key components of the ministry strategy, vision and mission statement, values, strategic priorities and objectives. Synod Youth Coordinator, Sean Bell is working to develop and oversee a program that strengthens youth engagement across our Synod. Child, Youth and Young Adult strategy is underway with emphasis on the Youth at this point and then will incorporate children and young adult ministries.

- d. There will be some events starting in the Fall of 2026. By educating while younger, leadership then comes about naturally.

2. What impact has Covid had on the church in Saskatchewan?

- a. Initial impact was a decrease; numbers are starting to rebound.

3. What steps are the church/synod taking to strengthen Lay Leadership?

- a. The Synod is developing a Lay Leadership Training program that will consist of four modules including Preaching, Worship Leadership, Congregational Care, and Christian Education.
- b. Hospitality: Create a situation where folks feel welcome and grow to a sense of belonging, especially when included in decision making. Note that this does not necessarily mean a spot on council.

4. What is the church stance regarding lay leaders leading communion?

- a. Synod is working on that topic. We need leaders to serve locally.

- b. Lay leadership program is being revised.
Bishop Tote is working on revising the program.

Parish Council

Marvin Kelln
Gerald Munholland
Corey Nordal
Bev Decker
Jan Schulz
Vicki Cornwell
Brenda Small
Karen Flavel

Norrna Council

George Flotre Jr.
Teresa Kuski
Corey Nordal
Brenda Small
Corri Gorrill
Chad Kuski

Worship Services at the Last Mountain Pioneer Home

Pastor Rick will be leading worship at the Last Mountain Pioneer Home on the following Wednesday Mornings from 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

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| - April 8 th | - August 26 th |
| - May 6 th | - September 23 rd |
| - June 3 rd | - October 21 th |
| - July 1 st | - November 18 th |
| - July 29 th | - December 16 th |

Worship Committee Report

Thank you to Orva Kelln for leading the lay service on March 1, Linda Lanigan on March 15 and the Worship Team on March 29, Palm Sunday at Norrona. Well done and greatly appreciated!

Service Leaders for the next few months:

Please note communion Sunday change in June.

- Apr 2 - Pastor Rick - Maundy Thursday "Souper Supper" at 6:15 pm followed by communion service at 7:00 pm
Apr 3 - Pastor Rick – Good Friday Tenebrae service 9:30 am
Apr 5 – Pastor Rick – Easter Sunday communion services: Norrona 8:30 am followed by breakfast; St John 10:00 am hot cross buns & service 11:00 am
Apr 12 – Bernie Josephson – lay service
Apr 19 - Pastor Rick – communion service
Apr 26 – Pastor Lois – lay service

May 3 – Pastor Rick communion service
May 10 - Jan Schulz – lay service
May 17 – Pastor Rick - communion service
May 24 - James Hoffman – lay service
May 31 - Krista Loydl – 5th Sunday lay service at Norrona 9:30 am

- June 7 – Pastor Rick - communion service
June 14 – Brenda Small – lay service
June 21 – Vicki Cornwell - lay service
June 28 – Community Worship Service at the hall

If you are interested in leading a lay service, please contact Brenda Small, Carol Schultz, or Pastor Rick.

On April 2, Maundy Thursday, there will be a "Souper Supper" at 6:15 pm followed by the service at 7:00 pm. Please RSVP Carol Schultz by Monday, March 30.

Save the date for St. John's 120th Anniversary celebration on Sunday, July 5, 2026. We are pleased Bishop Ali is able to attend. Following the service there will be a BBQ lunch at 11:30 am and program at 1:00 pm at the Lions Park. The committee currently consists of: Carol Schultz, Jan Schulz, Brenda Small, James Hoffman and Rhonda de Hoop.

The next Worship Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 1:30 pm at St. John (no meeting in April). Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

Rhonda de Hoop, Worship Committee Secretary

St. John Lutheran Church **Monthly Financial Summary** **February 2026**

Revenue

Total regular offering (includes for our church CLWR, Benevolence, Kinaseo and preauthorized monthly giving)	10,510.00
Total other revenue (e.g. rental property,	

donations, interest, etc.)	3,102.87
Total revenue	\$13,612.87

Expenses

Pastor Payroll (e.g. salary, benefits, EI, mileage, etc.)	6,082.64
Missions (e.g. Benevolence, Sask. Synod, etc.) Fundraising	5,715.00
Worship and services (e.g. Pulpit Supply, travel time, mileage, worship and office supplies, Organist, Secretary, Treasurer, Envelope Secretary, etc.)	3,127.38
Church properties (e.g. power, telephone, natural gas, bank service charges, line of credit, insurance, church maintenance, etc.)	1,555.54
Total expenses	\$16,480.56
Net LOSS	(-\$2,867.69)

Note: If you would like a full report, please request it through stjohntreasurer@sasktel.net

St. John Lutheran Church

Monday, April 13th 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm at St. John.

Tuesday, April 14th 9:30 am - 12:00 pm band and choirs session is at William Derby School gym.

Tuesday, April 14th 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm at St. John.

Wednesday, April 15th 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at St. John.

Admission: Free will donation at door.

Final concert **Friday, April 17th** at 7:00 pm at St. John. Silver collection.

Monthly Charity

For the month of April, we will be accepting donations for the Last Mountain Pioneer Home Foundation. Please let us know if you have a suggestion for a charity.

Lamp

If anyone would like to donate to LAMP (LAMP is a cross-cultural ministry sharing Jesus Christ with God's people in remote areas of Canada), this can be done by mailing cheques payable to LAMP to 4966-92 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB T6B 2V4 or visit www.lampministry.org.



Last Mountain District Music Festival at