



April 2018

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church April Newsletter



...Pr. Matthew V. Moss

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Worship Schedule

Sundays:

- 8:00 am Divine Service
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Bible Study
- 10:30 am Divine Service

Address Updates:

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Special points of interest:

- April Birthday's
- Monthly Calendar
- Pastoral Inspiration
- Education Report
- Worship and Those who Serve Schedules
- Minutes of the Deacon Council Meeting
- Financial Updates
- Misc. Information about our church and events



Please remember...

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, it is up to YOU to find someone who will take over for you.

The Gifts of God versus the Liar's Lies

I once heard a veteran pastor say something very memorable, "The devil wants us to think that we have been to Church when we haven't." He may have been quoting Martin Luther or some other Church Father for all I know, I honestly cannot remember. I cannot even remember who the pastor was or what conference I was at when I heard it. Regardless, the importance and truth of those words remains. Christ has truly wonderful gifts to give us in His Divine Service and the devil does not want us to have them. So the old, satanic foe seeks to work us woe by tricking us into *thinking* we have "been to church" when in truth we have not actually received those gifts that Christ wants to give us – those things that make church Church.



In the Lutheran tradition we have called those gifts of Christ "the Marks of the Church" and also "the Means of Grace". What are they? What are these gifts and marks that we are gathering together to receive from the hand of Christ? These gifts of grace are things like the Preaching of the Gospel, the Sacrament of Baptism along with Confession & Absolution, and the Sacrament of the Altar. Without these marks the church is not what Christ would have it be! When these are administered to you faithfully, in accord with Christ's institution, you receive the gifts Christ wants to give you. You can recognize them where they are present and find them where they are offered each week. Without them your faith will starve.

A starved, half-dead faith is what the devil wants! He certainly does not want us to have the gifts of Christ! So you can see why the devil would want us to *think* we have "been to church" when we have not actually heard the true Gospel, been forgiven in holy absolution, and received the Lord's true body and blood. For that roaring lion, the devil, no prey is easier to devour than one who thinks he is safe and secure when he is actually sick and decaying. And so the devil wants us to *think* we have been to Church when we haven't. There are two chief routes he uses to achieve this spiritual malnourishment:

Forgetfulness: Our own human forgetfulness actually assists the devil in his hopes of pulling off this ruse. For anyone who is not in the habit of attending the Divine Service every Sunday it is *very* easy to forget when you last attended. "Was it a week ago or two weeks ago? Surely it can't be *that* long ago. I can stay home again." What feels like two weeks or three weeks since your last visit to Church may actually be closer to six or eight weeks. Your human forgetfulness has aided the devil in making you *think* you've been to Church when you haven't been. So the first step to counter this deficiency is to disregard your memory altogether. It does not matter if it's been two weeks or two years. Say to

Pastor Moss' article continued:



yourself, "Is this Sunday a Sunday? Then it's time to get back to Church!" Come every Sunday! Christ has gifts to give you! However long it's been, He stands eagerly waiting to pour out His grace.

Deceitfulness: We (or the devil!) tell ourselves, "Any 'church' will do." Parents or grandparents may blissfully say, "At least they're going *somewhere*." But wait! Will *any* or *every* "church" have the Marks of the Church? Probably not. Does going "somewhere" guarantee that your grandchildren are receiving the gifts Christ wants to give them? Certainly not! The devil has been a liar and a murderer from the beginning (John 8:44). If he wants us to *think* we've been to "church" when we haven't been, then there is no better way to fool us than by setting up "churches" where the Gospel is *not* preached in truth and purity, where baptism is *denied* or *not* done in accord with Christ's command, and where the Lord's Supper is *not* given according to the words of Christ.

Oh, the building's sign may say "Church", and a steeple may tower over an ornate sanctuary. Inside you might find an altar, font, a pulpit and a preacher jabbering away in it. But if the Marks of the Church- the gifts of Christ Jesus- are not present then it is not *His* Church. The devil is an expert at deceiving well-intentioned people. So, look for the Marks of the Church as Christ has given them. Where they are found- that's where you want to be! The pure Gospel of Jesus Christ- that's what you want to hear! The true body & blood of the Lord, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins- that's what you want to eat and drink! Baptism and the baptismal life of dying and rising through confession & absolution- that's the life Christ wants for you, now and everyday.

I'll see you Sunday!

~Pastor Matthew V. Moss

Christ
is
Risen!



Deacon Meeting

Date: March 6, 2018

Attendees:

<u>Present?</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>
	Greg	Christopher
X	Peter	MacMillan
X	D.J.	Schilling
X	Dan	Kappel
	Steve	Kruse
X	Dan	Holthus
X	Kevin	Pomerence
X	Rich	Oakland

<u>Present?</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>
X	Tom	Eversman
X	Mike	Gaffer
X	David	Huth
X	Stu	Glock
X	Tom	Gardner
	Pastor	Johnson
X	Pastor	Moss
X	Gary	Volberding

1. Meeting was called to order by Peter MacMillan at 7:00am. Greg Christopher was absent.
2. Pastor Moss led us in an opening prayer. Pastor Johnson was not there, he was meeting with new members in class.
3. Pastor Moss led us in a theological study of the Large Catechism, specifically the 4th Commandment as it relates to the Resolution for Pastor Briel to be bestowed Pastor Ameritas.
4. Deacon minutes from the February 8th meeting were reviewed and approved.
5. Church Secretary: Report in Packet. Reviewed New Members/Transfer Out List. We need to add Bill & Lee Wacker to "Transfer Out" list. They are going to church closer, Monticello.
6. Pastor's Report: Report in Packet. This month, added engagements to report.
7. Board of Education: Report NOT in Packet, supplied later. Enrollment #'s for next year look promising.
Update on Administrator Call Committee. Candidates coming on-site for interviews.
8. SEWAC Board: Report in Packet.
9. Board of Administration: Report in Packet. Update on Church Treasurer search. Joe Koehler has expressed interest. BOA Deacons will follow up on this.
Preparation for upcoming Congregational Assembly.
10. Parish Education: Report in Packet. In need of Sunday School teachers: Nursery is up & running.
Youth "Feed My Starving Children" event had 120 members. Packed enough food for 103 kids for 1 year.
Candy Gamble coming up 3/17
Working Easter Breakfast

11. Principal: Report in Packet. St. John's Tech Team went to State.
Sent Paperwork to universities requesting teaching candidates.
Accreditation Team will be doing on-site evaluation/tour 4/11-4/13

12. School Marketing & Admissions: Report NOT in Packet.

13. Property & Grounds: Report in Packet. Resolution to bring in New Business.

14. Technology Board Report: Report in Packet. Tom hired a outside contractor to fix narthex speaker.
Discussed adding speakers in gym, fellowship hall, etc for school safety.

15. Congregational President: Discussed Congregational Assembly coming up Sunday 3/11.

16. OLD Business: Lunch Provided for Congregational Assembly by way of some Thrivent grants.

Chili & cornbread are being served.

Potential Deacons Candidate search discussed. Recruit and give names to Greg/Peter.

Approve Board member list. Motioned, 2nd, Approved. Installation was scheduled for Sunday 3/18 at either service. Please inform ALL your board members.

17. NEW Business: BOA-Discussion on monthly transfer of funds from 3rd Source funding to General fund. BOE will work with BOA on this and report back.

This Thursday, 3/8, BOA & BOE will meet to discuss financial impact on splitting kindergarten.

BOA-Compensation Responsibility Matrix discussed. Process of going over compensation with church/school employees and completing staff contracts.

Property & Grounds brought the following resolution:

Be it resolved that up to \$7,000 be spent to pay for the insulation work that has been reviewed & approved by the Property & Grounds board." These funds will be coming out of the gift by Donna Preus estate, but may need to use other funds, paid back when that gift comes through. Multiple bids were received for this job. Motion was made, 2nd, and Approved.

18. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

**St. John's Lutheran Church & School
Financial Report
February 2018**

Endowment Fund

Endowment Fund Balance Beginning of Month	\$ 223,917.32
Income / Receipts:	
Missions Offerings	\$ 4,229.50
Improvement Fund	1,655.00
Mercy Fund (f/k/a Kindness Fund)	20.00
Memorial Fund	120.00
Principal Paydown	2,980.00
Interest	128.90
Disbursements:	
Mercy Fund (f/k/a Kindness Fund)	(1,283.50)
Principal Paydown	(2,980.00)
Endowment Fund Balance End of Month	<u>\$ 228,787.22</u>

Fund Balances:

Fund Purpose / Notes

Altar Guild Fund	\$ 3,210.74	Fund administered by Altar Guild and used for altar paraments, communion ware, altar gowns and vestments and the like.
Confirmation Banquet	535.76	
Elementary (K-8) Scholarship Fund	76,764.86	Fund administered by Scholarship Fund Committee reporting to BOE. Used to grant needs-based tuition assistance to member families of St. John's Lutheran School.
School Endowment Fund	75,344.14	Fund administered by BOE.
Improvement Fund	11,692.70	Funds administered and approved by Board of Property & Grounds and used for capital improvements and major repairs of property and grounds (above \$500). Costs above \$2,500 also require Board of Deacons approval. Not to be used for smaller, normal operati
Church Library Fund	4,463.78	Fund administered by Church Library Committee. Consists of designated memorial money to be used for the purchase of books, materials and software for the Church Library.
Memorial Fund	26,070.05	Fund administered by Board of Administraion, funded by memorial contributions from individuals and estates and used for capital improvements and special purposes. Expendiutres must be recommended by BOA for approval by Board of Deacons.
Mercy (f/k/a Kindness) Fund	1,603.86	Fund used for immediate emergency assistance to people in need. Administered by Marv Cummins and Gretchen Kliche.
Youth Fund	15,988.41	Fund administered by Youth Director(s). Fund consists of youth-sponsored fundraiser dollars allocated to individual youths and used to offset the costs of youth trips and events, which are not funded from the General Fund.
Mission Programs-Undistributed Offerings:		
Synod Missions	2,312.65	
Issues, Etc.	5,040.67	
Nigeria- Rev. Wokoma	3,828.55	
Japan - Jastram	1,626.60	
Lutherans for Life	304.45	
Endowment Fund Balance End of Month	<u>\$ 228,787.22</u>	

Note: Except where specified, all Endowment Fund expendiutres > \$5,000 require Board of Deacons approval.

Mortgage balance as of February 28, 2018 = \$648,399.17



† SERVICES AND PROGRAMS †

EASTER SUNDAY (April 1): 6:00 am – Sunrise Divine Service with Communion
7:00 am – 10:00 am Easter Breakfast Served
8:00 am – Divine Service with Communion
10:30 am – Divine Service with Communion



NEW MEMBERS- SUNDAY (April 8): New Member Reception



EASTER LILIES: If you purchased an Easter Lily through the Altar Guild, it will be used to decorate the Church on Easter Sunday, and may then be picked up after the last Easter Service and enjoyed by you in your home. Thank you for helping to beautify the church for the celebration of our risen Lord.

EASTER BREAKFAST: will once again be served by the St. John's Youth Group from 7:00 - 10:00 AM on Easter morning!

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Pastor Moss is taking the class through the Book of Hebrews. We meet Tuesdays at 9am in the Auxiliary Room. You can also watch live online using Facebook Live; just go to St. John's Facebook page. Join us as we study this beautiful epistle which will enlighten our hearts and confirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Great High Priest.



NEW MEMBER SUNDAY: will be celebrate St. John's new members that were recognized on March 31st and others who have been recognized since February 2017 with a reception on Sunday, April 8th.

GALA COMMITTEE: Looking for additional Gala Committee Members from STJ Church & School to join our planning team for the 2018 Gala on 11/9/18 at Rush Creek Golf Club. We meet the first Tuesday of the month. Don't hesitate to contact Liz Glock with any questions about the Committee or the Gala! Please call or email if interested, we'd love for you to join our fun Committee! Liz Glock 612-247-4794, lizzystu@aol.com

EAGLE FAMILY FUNDAY SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH: Many donations are needed to make this annual school fundraiser a success, and we need your help! You may donate gift baskets, items, services and talents for the silent auction. Simply fill out the online form www.stjluthेरanschool.org, click on Giving, Eagle Family FUNDAY. Or contact Lori Kiesow.



CROSS...FOOD NEEDS: Each month CROSS collects food items to be donated to the needy. Items desired from STJL during the month of **APRIL** are: Dish Soap & Cleaners (Toilet Bowl Cleaner, All-purpose, Etc.). Thank you for helping when you can; your contributions placed in the narthex area are greatly appreciated.



SUNDAY SCHOOL: We are 4/8/18 thru 5/20/18. Please the children. All materials and cess. Please contact Tara Eder



looking for teachers for the final Sunday School term starting consider giving a little of your time and sharing your faith with tools are provided. We need your help to make this year a suc- 763-203-4095 or email tara.eder@gmail.com



CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS: Lifetouch photographers will be at St. John's taking photos for the Church Directory. They will be here April 3rd – 7th, and then again April 11th – 14th. Please sign up in the narthex on Sunday mornings after each of the services, or go to the St. John's website (<http://www.stjlutheranchurch.org>) and look for the sign-up picture on the front page to schedule your session.



Jr./Sr. High Youth

GET CONNECTED: Are you in 6th-12th grade? Are you a parent of a youth in 6th-12th grade? If you answered yes to either of those questions, then I want to hear from you! We have many youth group events throughout the year and I want to make sure YOU know about them. Please email me (Jayme Kruse) so that I can put you on the email list and keep you informed throughout the year! - jayme.kruse@gmail.com Also, be sure to request to join the "St. John's Youth Group" private group on FB!

EASTER BREAKFAST: Easter Sunday (April 1), we will serve breakfast from 7:00 am - 10:00 am. We will need youth to arrive at the STJL kitchen at 6:30 am that day and stay past 10:00 am to help clean up. Be sure to mark this on your calendar!

SATURDAY, APRIL 21:

Whirly Ball MG (Parents responsible for transporta-
1:00 – 2:00 pm
\$8.00 per person and waivers necessary



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SCHEDULING CHURCH AND SCHOOL EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S! Please remember to check with the church/school secretary about scheduling any event! The Secretary keeps a main calendar and all church and school events need to be coordinated through this main calendar!





Those Who Serve In April

Altar Guild

Beth Giefer 763-425-1594
LeAnn Cummins 763-420-2317

Money Counters

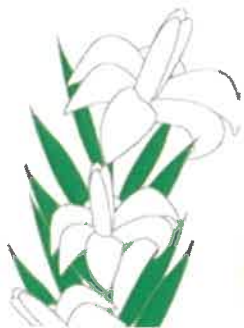
- 04/01 Randy Bredenberg, **Dave Giefer**,
Cindy Kiekow, Nichole Schilling
- 04/08 Ruth Droogsma, Paul Radintz,
Craig Schutte, Mark Schutte
- 04/15 **Scott Kulberg**, Tim Lodholz,
Bob Stashenko, Jack Wold
- 04/22 **Mike McFerrin**, John Meyer,
Bob Radintz, Bill Walters
- 04/29 Mike DeSplinter, Paul Dolan,
Dave Giefer, Russ Reznecheck

8 am Ushers

Myron Cooper, Sam Kulberg, Al Mazurowski,
Mark Radintz, Dennis Schwecke

10:30 am Ushers

Dan Holthus, Dan Picotte, Ernest Underwood



Worship Assistants 8:00 am

- 04/01 Erik Preus
- 04/08 Jerry Rogge
- 04/15 Tom Eversman/Greg Christopher
- 04/22 Joe Koehler/Dan Kolander
- 04/29 Kevin Pomerence/Jerry Rogge



Worship Assistants Special Service:

- Easter Sunday, April 1st**
- 6:00 am Dan Kolander
 - 8:00 am Erik Preus
 - 10:30 am Ross Meyer

Acolytes 8:00 am

- 04/01 Adam Kiesow/Ben Kiesow
- 04/08 Maddy Gangelhoff & Jake Gangelhoff
- 04/15 Andrew Wandersee & Faith Grant
- 04/22 Matthew Koosman & Christian Burfeind
- 04/29 Mackenzie Coombs & Bradley Kruse

Acolytes 10:30 am

- 04/01 Allie Cate/ Dalton Cate
- 04/08 James Wicht & Evan Pulju
- 04/15 Colin Vetsch & Alex Vetsch
- 04/22 Jada Clifford & Emma Kanz
- 04/29 Gabriel Lodholz & Kristian Lodholz

Acolytes Special Service: Easter Sunday, April 1st

- 6:00 am Naomi Schilling/Eric Toelle
- 8:00 am Adam Kiesow/Ben Kiesow
- 10:30 am Allie Cate/ Dalton Cate

PROCESSIONALS

Easter Sunday, April 1st

- 6:00 am Crucifer ~ Mitchell Schmidt
Candlebearer ~ Madi Schmidt
- 8:00 am Crucifer ~ Lucas Kiesow
Torchbearer ~ Gavin Blanck
Torchbearer ~ Kyle Holland
Candlebearer ~ Caiden Cooper
- 10:30 am Crucifer ~ Josiah Brynjulfson
Torchbearer ~ Jack Stoffels
Torchbearer ~ Hunter Nygren
Candlebearer ~ Brandon Peterson



Worship Assistants 10:30 am

- 04/01 Ross Meyer
- 04/08 Jack Wold
- 04/15 Dean Noren/Ed Kemna
- 04/22 Ross Meyer/Dan Holthus
- 04/29 Barron Cate/Jack Wold



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April Showers
Bring May Flowers



WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

- Al Brackeen
- Laura Kaiser
- Jason & Emily Priebe(& family)
- Pastor Moss & Katie Moss
- Harlan Peterson
- Kyle Gaffaney
- Kyle Gardner
- Richard & Stephanie Haver
- Tiffanne Wolter
- Mark Tillman

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Andrew Kmeck	2 Jossica Anderson Al Brackeen Caden Gilmore	3 Megan Bode Thomas Bruce Donna Kliche Hunter Weide Lucas Weide	4 Sandy Giesler Linda Schutte	5 Mason Jester Casey Philipp John Purdes Roger Schalo	6 Christina Webster-Reiner	7 Becky Bredenber Grady Mathwig Dennis Schwäcke
8 Kevin Pomeranke	9 Anwika Dufault Todd Haag Krista Mellum	10 Kyle Bode Peter MacMillan Kristina Ramer	11 John Elavsky Donald Kalk Coralyn Koehler Michael Minnhan Daniel Procto	12 Mark Ellinger Nicoleen Meyer	13 Derek Goerke Victoria Nifen	14 Jasmine Brockberg Jill Gehl Diana Stockfach
15 Adalyn Baltes Carla Bebau	16 Brian Kothredo Adalynn Stewart	17 Drew Anderson Bredy Kappel Jared Rainey D.J. Schilling	18 Marie Lindblad Senuel Weishaar	19 Ryan McArthur Rosa Meyer Paige Timm	20 Darcy Wanderssee Leslie Weide	21 Sean Clemens Tara Eder
22 James Beck James Holthus Dylan Kleek	23	24 McKenzie Burke Joseph Burns Renec Day Ashley Kmeck Karl Schutte	25 Kimberly Fritz Morgan Slauson Iris Thels	26 Trent Nelson Sam Soy	27	28 Diane Haag Ronald Mead Crystal Rossow
29 Edward Murschel	30 Dan Burleind Dave Hebart					





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SPRINGS

*Monthly events are subject to change

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Easter Sunday 6:00 am /Sunrise Div Svc Breakfast served 7-10am 9:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Divine Service 4:00 pm Adult Open Gym	2 No School	3 School Resumes 9:00 am Adult Bible Study Church Photos scheduled	4 Church Photos scheduled 6:00 pm Public School Catechism	5 Deacon Reports Due-noon Church Photos scheduled 6:30 Individual Confession/Absolution	6 8:00 am Chapel~7 th Sings Church Photos scheduled	7 Church Photos scheduled 7:00 pm Ladies Bunco Party
8 8:00 am Divine Service 9:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am New Mbr Reception 10:30 am Divine Service 11:30 am Pr.Briel Presentation 4:00 pm Adult Open Gym	9	10 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm PTL Meeting	11 Church Photos scheduled 6:00 pm Public School Catechism 6:15 pm Brass Practice 7:00 pm Choir Practice	12 Church Photos scheduled Life Team Meeting 7:00 pm Deacons Council Meeting 7:15 pm Table Tennis	13 Church Photos scheduled 8:00 am Chapel~8 th Sings	14 Church Photos scheduled
15 8:00 am Divine Service 9:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Divine Service 4:00 pm Adult Open Gym	16	17 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm Board Meetings	18 6:00 pm Public School Catechism 6:15 pm Brass Practice 7:00 pm Choir Practice	19 DEADLINE FOR MAY CHURCH NEWSLETTER 7:15 pm Table Tennis	20 8:00 am Chapel~ Family Groups 10:00 am Quilting	21
22 8:00 am Divine Service 9:00 am K-8 Sings @ GOC 9:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Divine Service 4:00 pm Adult Open Gym	23	24 9:00 am Adult Bible Study	25 Admin Prof Day 6:00 pm Public School Catechism 6:15 pm Brass Practice 7:00 pm Choir Practice	26	27 8:00 am Chapel~6 th Sings	28 9:00 am Eagle Family FUNDay
29 K-8 Sings both svcs 8:00 am Divine Service 9:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Divine Service 4:00 pm Adult Open Gym	30					

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Divine Services on Sundays are 8:00 am and 10:30 am
Bible Study is at 9:30 am



THE SERVICE OF INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION is available the first Thursday of every month in the sanctuary from 6:30 until 7:00 pm or by appointment. Take advantage of this opportunity to hear God's Word of forgiveness spoken to you individually in Jesus' Name. "If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

LAST ONE OUT, PLEASE REMEMBER TO LOCK THE DOORS, PICK UP AFTER YOURSELVES.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!