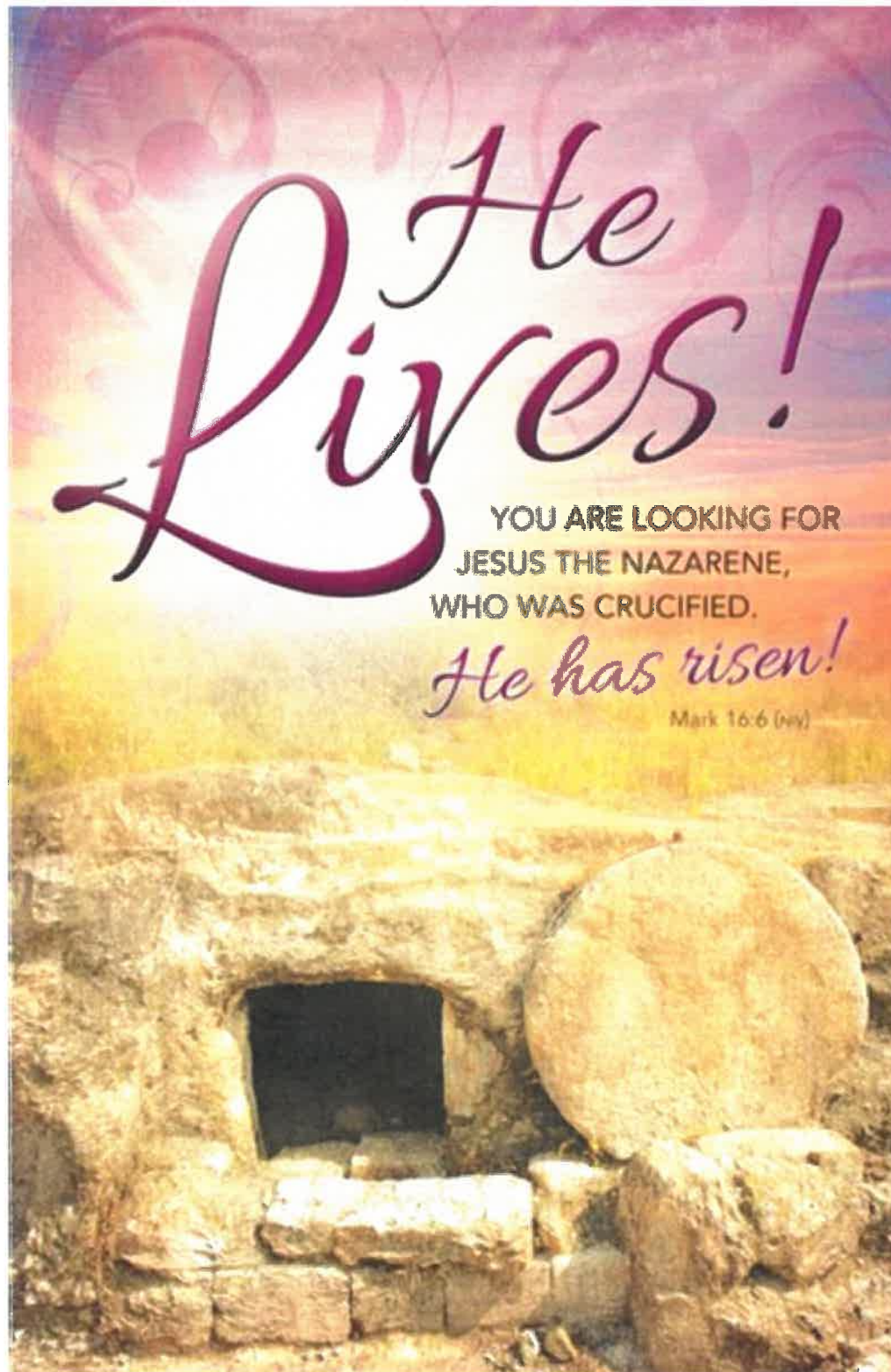


CHRIST IS RISEN!

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR ALL THOSE WHO PURCHASED EASTER LILIES TO HELP MAKE OUR CHURCH SO FESTIVE THIS EASTER DAY.

Gerald & Julie Anderson Family given in memory of dear loved ones
The Baltes Family given in memory of loved ones who have passed
Marvin & LeAnn Cummins given in honor of Jesus Christ, our Savior
Larry & Marcy Dalchow given in memory of Len Dalchow
Rick & Lois Foggia given in memory of Nathan Foggia and Ray & Ellen Hidde
Abbie & Kyle Gaffaney, Noah MacMillan, & Emma MacMillan given in honor of our parents' 30th wedding anniversary and in thanks for faithful parents and grandparents
Mike & Theresa Gaffer given in honor of our crucified and risen Savior
Darlean Goskey & Family given in memory of Lyle Goskey
Leslie McLeod Jackson given in memory of parents Matthew & Evelyn McLeod
Larry & Carol Jobes given in memory of loved ones
Ray & Lori Kaiser and Family given in memory of John G. Kaiser (father and grandfather) and Raymond Kinzler (father and grandfather)
Ed & Sally Kemna given in memory of grandsons Billy Harper and Nathan Schilling
Mariys Kothrade given in memory of Edwin Kothrade Jr.
The Kruse Family given in memory of Paula Kruse
Bradley, Jackson, Robert, Faith, Kaylee, and Della, given in memory of Grandma Kruse
Scott & Ruth Kulberg Family given in honor of our risen Lord
The MacMillan Family given in thanksgiving for faithful parents and grandparents
The Oakland Family given in memory of loved ones
Tom Parduhn given in memory of Victor Parduhn
Mary & Mark Pruhs given in memory of Helen Wenzl and Bud & Doris Pruhs
Paul & Diane Radintz given in memory of loved ones
DJ, Nichole, Danny, Naomi, & Diana Schilling given in memory of Nathanael Schilling
Paul & Gayle Schlueter given in memory of Daniel
Marian Tillmann given in memory of Louis Tillmann and Kay Oliver
Gary & Debbie Volberding given in memory and celebration of family

✠ A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD FOR THEIR HELP DURING HOLY WEEK ✠



Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
⁸ He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
⁹ It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

GRADUAL Ps. 118:24, 1

This is the day that the | Lord has made; *
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for | he is good; *
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The Resurrection of Christ

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Holy Gospel: John 20:1-18

The Resurrection

¹ Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher).

¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

DAILY READINGS

April 1: Ex. 14:10-31; Heb. 7:23-8:13; **2:** Ex. 15:1-18; Heb. 9:1-28; **3:** Ex. 15:19-16:12; Heb. 10:1-18; **4:** Ex. 16:13-35; Heb. 10:19-39; **5:** Ex. 17:1-16; Heb. 11:1-29; **6:** Ex. 18:5-27; Heb. 12:1-24; **7:** Ex. 19:1-25; Heb. 13:1-21.

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† Easter Morning †

(Sunrise)

The Feast of Our Lord's Resurrection

[NOTE: this service completes last night's Easter Vigil service which has four parts: a) the service of light; b) the service of readings; c) the service of Baptism; and d) the service of the Lord's Supper. Last night's service ended with the service of Baptism and the exhortation, “Return now to your homes on this most holy night to watch and pray. At the light of the morning return to greet your risen Lord under the forms of bread and wine in His Holy Supper and celebrate His glorious resurrection from the dead! Go in God's peace.” This service continues and completes the Vigil]

A READING FROM MARK 16

EASTER ACCLAMATION:

P: The Lord is Risen!

C: HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

THE BELLS ARE RUNG

PROCESSIONAL: LSB 464

EASTER ACCLAMATION:

P: The Lord is Risen!

C: HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Gospel Canticle Between Readings
(LSB 266)

HYMN OF DAY: LSB 458

SERMON

CREED

PRAYERS

THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: LSB 955

(“Let the Vineyards”)

[The Lord's Supper is reserved for members in good standing of congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod]

COMMUNION LIT: LSB 160ff

DISTRIBUTION: LSB 457; LSB 633

CANTICLE: LSB 164

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 461

vss. 1, 2, 7, 8

† **Easter Sunday – The Feast of Our Lord’s Resurrection** †
April 1, 2018

SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: *no special feast days this week.*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort— Rick Bymark (wife Jackie, son Hank), Lynn Slauson, Bill Radintz (son of Paul & Diane), Bill Wacker, Pam Linton (daughter of LaVerne & Arlene Bagne), Doris Gangelhoff, Katie Titler (daughter of Joe & Cilla Nadeau), Troy Eder, and Vivian Kuns. Our Lord Jesus, who reached out to heal and comfort the sick and dying, continues to reach out with His healing Word through us. Cards, phone calls, and prayers are always appreciated. If you know of someone who is sick or hospitalized, please inform your pastors.

Our homebound members are Linda Bredenberg, Dorothy Cooper, Sue Erickson, Audrey Hansen, Marlys Johnson, Inez Koehler, Steve Orbin, Gerald Oswald, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, Betty Schmiede, Ilene Shepherd, and Bill Wacker.

All those serving in our Armed Forces—Agena Christophersen (Oklahoma), Nicholas Malikowski (California), Kevin Mazurowski (Idaho), Nathan Mazurowski (Texas), Brian and Veronica Pruhs (Hawaii), Joseph Radintz (home), Marty Schiltz (home), and Andrew Zupfer (home).

Those who have lost loved ones during the past year—Lori Kaiser & family (at the loss of her father Raymond Kinzler), Ed Kemna & family (at the loss of his brother Ted), the family of Marcella Faue, the family of Elaine Underdahl, Katy Briel & family and Erik Preus & family (at the loss of their mother Donna Preus), Dan Kolander & family (at the loss of his father Donald), Marv Cummins & family (at the loss of his brother Larry), Gloria Burns & family (at the loss of her mother LaVonne Richert), the family of Caroline Christophersen, Mark Coombs & family (at the loss of his father Paul), Karen MacMillan & family (at the loss of her mother Yvonne Johnson), Scott Gehl & family (at the loss of his father William), and the family of Alex Hansen.

And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones—The family of William Dodds, the family of Caroline Lucht, and the family of Dorothy Schutte.

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)

EACH QUARTER: FIVE COPIES OF LARGE PRINT PORTALS OF PRAYER will be available to share with those who need this magazine in larger print.

“LUTHERAN HOUR” this week on WCCO 830 AM at 6:00 a.m., WWJO 98.1 FM at 7:30 a.m., and KRWC AM Buffalo at 9:30 a.m.

SCHEDULING CHURCH AND SCHOOL EVENTS AT ST. JOHN’S:

Please remember to check with the church/school secretary about scheduling any event; all church and school events need to be coordinated through this main calendar. Thank you!
email: secretary@stjlutheran.org

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Those Serving Next Week, Sunday, April 8th:

Altar Guild: Beth Giefer & LeAnn Cummins

Worship Assistants:

8:00 am: Jerry Rogge

10:30 am: Jack Wold

Acolytes:

8:00 am: Maddy Gangelhoff & Jake Gangehoff

10:30 am: James Wicht & Evan Pulju

Ushers:

8:00 am: Myron Cooper, Sam Kulberg,
Al Mazurowski,
Mark Radintz, Dennis Schewecke

10:30 am: Dan Holthus, Dan Picotte,
Ernest Underwood

Money Counters:

Ruth Droogsma, Paul Radintz,
Craig Schutte, Mark Schutte



TWO LARGE PRINT LSB HYMNALS NOW AVAILABLE: (4 NOTEBOOKS) Please ask the ushers about the notebooks that are now available for those who have difficulties with small print hymns.

PARENTS: We’re happy you’ve brought your children to worship today. Jesus says, “The kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” If you must leave during the service for any reason, please be aware that there are also exits at the front of the sanctuary to the left and right; that you will be able to hear the service over loudspeakers in the entrance area and in the upper room to the left of the sanctuary; and that there is a changing table in the restroom near the elevator.

THE DIVINE SERVICE The *Divine Service* is the time when God serves His people with His forgiving grace in Word and Sacrament. It is not a time to be entertained. To show she is not a sect or cult the Lutheran Church retained the historic liturgy as much as was possible. The liturgical service makes no attempt to meet current cultural norms or personal needs but is the time when God comes in Word and Sacrament to meet our deepest spiritual needs. The Lutheran Church uses an ordered liturgy so that God’s holy “priesthood” can participate and “declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9). The Augsburg Confession concludes, “It is quite clear that among us nothing in doctrine or ceremonies has been accepted that would contradict either Holy Scripture or the universal Christian Church (AC, Conclusion).”

INTROIT Ps. 8:1, 5-6, 9; antiphon: Luke 24:5b-6b

He is risen! Alle- | luia!*

Why do you seek the living among the dead? Alle- | luia!

Remember how he told you, Alle- | luia,*

that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise.

Alle- | luia!

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!*

You have set your glory above the | heavens.

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings*
and crowned him with glory and | honor.

You have given him dominion over the works | of your hands;*
you have put all things under | his feet.

O | Lord, our Lord,*

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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Alle- | luia!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord’s resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

† **Easter Morning (Sunrise)** †
The Resurrection of Our Lord
April 1, 2018

VERSE: Alleluia. Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia. (1 Cor. 5:7b-8a,c)

PRAYER: Risen Lord Jesus, Although it was our sins that crucified You, You rise and call us "Brothers". Send us Your Holy Spirit through Your Holy Word & Sacraments that we may be cleansed of sin and walk in newness of life with You as our Brother and Your Father as our Father. Amen.

Sermon: "Reasonable Faith & Effective Grace" (1 Cor. 15 & John 20)

Preacher: Pr. Matthew Moss

Liturgist: Pr. Matthew Johnson

Kantor: Dr. Crystal Rossow

Offering: Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands (J. S. Bach)

Postlude: I Know That My Redeemer Lives (Jan Bender)

Altar Guild: Beth Giefer & LeAnn Cummins
Worship Assistants: 6:00 am: Dan Kolander
8:00 am: Erik Preus
10:30 am: Ross Meyer
Processional: 6:00 am: Crucifer~ Mitchell Schmidt
Candlebearer~ Madi Schmidt
8:00 am: Crucifer~ Lucas Kiesow
Torchbearer~ Adam Kiesow
Torchbearer~ Benjamin Kiesow
Candlebearer~ Gavin Blanck
10:30 am: Crucifer~ Carter Cate
Torchbearer~ Jack Stoffels
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Cindy Kiekow, Nichole Schilling

BIRTHDAYS THE WEEK OF
April 1 - April 7

SUNDAY	THURSDAY
Andrew Kmecik	Mason Jaster Casey Philipp John Purdes Roger Schalo
MONDAY	FRIDAY
Jessica Anderson Al Brackeen Caden Gilmore	Christina Webster- Renner
TUESDAY	SATURDAY
Megan Bode Thomas Bruce Donna Kliche Hunter Weide Lucas Weide	Becky Bredenberg Grady Mathwig Dennis Schwecke
WEDNESDAY	
Sandy Giefer Linda Schutte	

If you notice an update is needed, kindly advise the church secretary to make sure we have the correct information to publish.

Ir./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: TODAY Easter Sunday (April 1), we will serve breakfast from 7:00 am - 10:00 am. Youth arrive at the STJL kitchen at 6:30 am day and stay past 10:00 am to help clean up.

BIBLE CLASS TOPICS 4/1 Easter Sunday - No Bible Class today
4/8 Christians have been persecuted since the beginning of Christianity. Where are some "hot spots" today? Why is this happening? What can we do about it?

Please lock all doors before leaving this building.
If you unlock to enter, please lock as you leave!

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Items received by the end of the day on Wednesday will be included in the Sunday bulletin. If there is an accompanying flyer or insert, kindly provide the information by the Monday before to allow processing time to accommodate your request. Thank you! email: secretary2@stjlutheran.org

Please keep in your prayers:



CONFIRMANDS: The Risen Lord Jesus taught His disciples to see the fulfillment of all the writings of the Old Testament in Him (see Luke 24). May His teaching continue to be passed on to the confirmands of this congregation as they prepare for the day when they will publicly confess their faith in Christ and their confidence in God's Word--and

Luther's doctrine drawn from it. Please keep the following youth in your prayers: Alexis Brockberg, Michael Brown, Samantha Brustuen, Allison Cate, Dalton Cate, Mackenzie Coombs, Noelle Dolan, Madelyn Gangelhoff, Faith Grant, Emma Kanz, Adam Kiesow, Benjamin Kiesow, Kristian Lodholz, William Schutte, Jack Stoffels, Eric Toelle, and Colin Vetsch.

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This Week at St. John's Lutheran

TODAY 6:00 am: Easter Sunrise Divine Service(Easter Brkfst 7-10)
 8:00 am: Easter Day Divine Service with Lord's Supper
 9:15 am: Sunday School
 9:30 am: Bible Study
 10:30 am: Easter Day Divine Service with Lord's Supper
 4:00 pm: Adult Open Gym

MON: No School~Spring Break (resumes Tues Apr 3rd)

TUES: 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study (Conference Rm)

WED: 6:00 pm: Public School Catechism
 6:00 pm: No Brass Practice & No Choir Practice

THUR: 6:30 pm: Individual Confession/Absolution
 7:15 pm: Table Tennis

FRI: 8:00 am: Chapel ~ 7th sings

SAT: 7:00 pm: Ladies Bunco Party

SUN: 8:00 am: Divine Service with Lord's Supper
 9:15 am: Sunday School
 9:30 am: New Member Reception
 10:30 am: Divine Service with Lord's Supper
 11:30 am: Pr. Briel's Nigeria Presentation
 4:00 pm: Adult Open Gym

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday, March 25th: 8:00 am: CT: 210 CM: 138
 10:30 am: CT: 110 CM: 86

FINANCIAL UPDATE	<u>Last Week</u> 03/25/18	<u>Year-to-date</u> since 07/01/17
Offerings Received	\$ 12,107	\$ 540,208
Amount Needed	\$ 13,635	\$ 531,765
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ (1,528)	\$ 8,443
% Ahead (-Behind)	-11%	2%



Please contact BOA Deacon Mike Gaffer, BOA Deacon Tom Eversman, or Church Treasurer Chad Brown if you have any questions on St. John's financial condition.

THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School, Corcoran, and Pastor Matthew Moss and Pastor Matthew Johnson.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for ESP Program Director Julie Zemke and Assistants Heather Bursch, Kaitlyn Eder, Leah Johnson, Karen Orth, Lynn Schutte, and Logan Zemke.

SCHEDULE FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER: At the Reformation the Lutheran Churches celebrated the Lord's Supper "every Sunday and on other festivals" (Apology XXIV, 1). We follow this fine custom and so offer the Lord's Supper every Sunday at both morning Divine Services. Individual glasses are used in the 8:00 a.m. Divine Service on the first Sunday in the month and in the 10:30 a.m. Divine Service on the second Sunday in the month. All other celebrations use the chalice.

† Announcements †

EASTER BREAKFAST: will once again be served by the St. John's Youth Group from 7:00 - 10:00 AM **TODAY Easter morning.** Thanks for supporting our Youth!



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR MOSS: In our study of the Book of Exodus, we have reached a heightened *drama!* God is about to show His mighty wonders and signs. The Ten Plagues on Egypt are about to ensue! Pharaoh will repeatedly repent, but without faith God's merciful removal of each successive plague only serves to harden Pharaoh's heart.

This week: Easter Breakfast

Next week: New Member Reception and Nigeria Overview

Video Recordings Available at: <http://tinyurl.com/lutheranbiblestudy>

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.

IN APPRECIATION: The Deacons and Pastors would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the Lindblad family for hosting the Deacon retreat. We sure enjoyed your amazing hospitality and delicious breakfast and being able to spend a few hours discussing various topics and an excellent bible study.



CHURCH TREASURER: Want to become more involved at St. John's? The church's current Treasurer, Chad Brown, is not seeking re-election when his term is up in September 2018. Consequently, the Board of Administration is seeking a qualified volunteer for this role. A strong financial accounting background and/or experience with Quickbooks is highly desirable. The time commitment is estimated at 8-10 hours per month. Activities would include preparing monthly financial reports and projections, reviewing financial transactions and budgets, performing bank reconciliations, communications with the congregation and other financial-related volunteers, working with the church bookkeeper, and coordinating proper treatment and acknowledgement of larger gifts and donations. If interested and for more information on the Church Treasurer role at St. John's, please contact Deacons Mike Gaffer (mtgaff@comcast.net) or Tom Eversman (Theversman@gmail.com).

EAGLE FAMILY FUNDAY SAT. 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.stjlutherschool.org, click on Giving, Eagle Family FUNDAY. Or contact Lori Kiesow: 612-201-5090, lorikiesow@gmail.com





NEW MEMBER RECEPTION: there will be a reception celebration of all St. John's new members that have been recognized since February 2017 NEXT Sunday, April 8th, at 9:30 am.

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.



PROPERTY & GROUNDS will be hiring a part-time worker to assist the janitor during the summer months. Duties include cleaning, maintenance, and painting. We prefer someone of college age. Please contact one of the P&G deacons or the church office if you are interested in applying.



CEMETERY RESTORATION: P&G is looking for volunteers who would like to lead an initiative to do some restoration work in the cemetery. We would like to clean and restore the grave markers and record the names and dates on them before the information on the older stones is lost due to further decay. Please contact one of the P&G deacons if you are interested in helping.



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

InFaith Community Foundation is offering 3 scholarships of \$9,000 each through the Immanuel Evangelical Church of Minneapolis Scholarship Program.

Beta Sigma Psi at IA State University is offering three \$2000 scholarships. For further details, please refer to the information available on the narthex table.



NIGERIA: I have just returned from my trip to Nigeria to teach at the Jonathon Ekong Lutheran Seminary of the Nigerian Lutheran Church. While my schedule was grueling (I taught seven hours straight every day, preached every Wednesday at the seminary chapel and every Sunday in different villages) I had a most delightful and profitable time. I taught three courses over four weeks in elementary Hebrew, God and Creation, and the book of Genesis. I look forward to sharing more details of my work there and some of the fascinating photos I took. I would like to thank everyone who supported me with your financial gifts and prayers. The men at the seminary are in desperate need of books (Hebrew and Greek testaments, dictionaries, dogmatics texts, etc.). I promised them that I would purchase some of these books for them. If there are not sufficient funds in the "Africa account" I would hope that some of you might step forward again and contribute to this most worthy mission cause. God's blessings to each and every one of you. To God alone be all glory! ~Pr. Briel

PASTOR BRIEL'S PRESENTATION: Join us after the second service next Sunday, April 8th, when we will provide a light pizza lunch for Pr. Briel's presentation of his fascinating trip and mission work in Nigeria.



SUNDAY SCHOOL: We are looking for teachers for the final Sunday School term starting 4/8/18 thru 5/20/18. Please consider giving a little of your time and sharing your faith with the children. All materials and tools are provided. We need your help to make this year a success. Please contact: tara.eder@gmail.com 763-203-4095

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.



LWML: Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) has its mission event Saturday, April 7, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. at Eternal Hope Lutheran Church, 10508 Douglas Drive in Brooklyn Park. The speaker is former missionary to Africa Coral Rose. Tickets cost \$10 which includes breakfast. Get tickets from Gretchen Kliche, Sally Kemna, or LeAnn Cummins. Need a ride? Call Gretchen. All girls, teens, and ladies invited.



ADMINISTRATOR CALL COMMITTEE is still continuing our search as we're committed to finding the best long-term fit for St. John's. While we've had some visits in recent weeks, at this time we are not ready to start the Call process. If you have any names you'd like for us to consider, please feel free to contact David Huth at 763-242-7103 or david.huth@bsci.com.

RETIREMENT RECOGNITION: After 41 years of being an educator, Mrs. Julie Preus is retiring at the end of this 2017/18 school year. We would like to thank Julie for her service here at St. John's as its 4th Grade Teacher and the many other responsibilities she has shouldered throughout the years. Please join us, in concert with PTL, for a retirement celebration in Julie's honor, Thursday, May 31st after Closing Service/8th Grade Graduation. Congratulations Julie!



BOARD OF EDUCATION: Is seeking candidates for two positions for the 2018/19 school year (1) Full time, 4th Grade Teacher and (1) Full time, Jr. High Social Studies /K-5th Grade Resource Teacher. The Board is pursuing the fulfillment of these positions via multiple, in concert efforts, to capture the best field of candidates for these positions. These positions have been accounted for in the recently passed 18/19 budget. If you are aware of someone that we should consider, please pass their contact information onto Board Chair, Brian Callahan. Thank you! brian.callahan@centurylink.com 763-242-3837