Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 36:22-28

²²"Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my just decrees. ²⁸You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God."

GRADUAL

During the celebration of Easter and Pentecost, the Gradual is omitted and the Verse is expanded.

DAILY READINGS

May 13: Num. 14:1-25; Luke 18:18-34; 14: Num. 14:26-45; Luke 18:35-19:10; 15: Num. 16:1-22; Luke 19:11-28; 16: Num. 16:23-40; Luke 19:29-48; 17: Num. 16:41-17:13; Luke 20:1-18; 18: Num. 20:1-21; Luke 20:19-44; 19: Num. 20:22-21:9; Luke 20:45-21:19.

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Epistle: 1 Peter 4:12-14 Suffering as a Christian

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

Holy Gospel: John 15:26-16:4

²⁶[Jesus said:] "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:1}"I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ²They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. ⁴But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you."

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† The Seventh Sunday of Easter † Exaudi May 13, 2018

VERSE: Alleluia. God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I am going away, and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia. (Ps. 47:8; John 14:18a, 28; 16:22b)

PRAYER: O Christ, You fill heaven and earth with Your reign of righteousness and peace. By Your Holy Word fill our hearts, minds, and lives as Your Body, the Church, with Your Spirit of truth and grace Amen.

Sermon: "The Moment Has Arrived, With Its Before and After, and For Which We Pray"
(John 16:1-4)

Preacher: Pr. Matthew Johnson
Liturgist: Pr. Matthew Moss
Kantor: Dr. Crystal Rossow

Prelude: Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ (Alfred Fedak & Sam Eatherton)

Offering: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (Scott M. Hyslop)
Postlude: Heut' triumphieret Gottes Sohn (J. S. Bach)

Altar Guild: Arlene Rogge & LuAn Schutte

Worship Assistants: 8:00 am: Erik Preus

10:30 am: Ed Kemna

Acolytes: 8:00 am: Adam Kiesow & Benjamin Kiesow

10:30 am: Nate Miest & Jake Miest

Ushers: 8:00 am: Joe Koehler, Philip Koehler,

Dan Orbin, Mike Orbin, Jerry Rogge

10:30 am: Marvin Cummins, Tim Lodholz,

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Dean Noren, Wayne Schutte

Money Counters: Scott Brockberg, Scott Kulberg,

Courtney Oakland, Deb Weinand

THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for To All Generations District Campaign and Concordia University, Saint Paul.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for Property & Grounds Deacons Kevin Pomerenke & Dan Holthus and the Board Members, and our Maintenance Manager John Draskovich, and also for our Kitchen Managers, Heather Bursch & Lynn Schutte, along with all of the lunch helpers.

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.

TWO LARGE PRINT LSB HYMNALS NOW AVAILABLE: (4 NOTE-

BOOKS) Please ask the ushers about the notebooks that are now available for those who have difficulties with small print hymns.

<u>PARENTS</u>: 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. 27:1, 11a, 12; antiphon: Ps. 27:7a, 8b, 9a

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud. Alle- | luia.*

Your face, Lord, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alle- luia.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?*

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

Teach me your way, | O Lord;*

give me not up to the will of my adver- | saries;

for false witnesses have risen a- | gainst me,*

and they breathe out | violence.

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.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud. Alle- | luia.*

Your face, Lord, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alle- | luia.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

† The Seventh Sunday of Easter †

- •Since the Lord's Supper is testimony of our unity in the faith, the Sacrament is reserved for members in good standing of congregations of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.
- •Visitors from sister LCMS congregations who agree with our doctrine and practice should announce your desire to commune to a pastor before joining us at the Lord's Table.
- •Members may prepare by reading Luther's "Questions & Answers for those who intend to go to the Sacrament" (LSB 329 330).

OPENING HYMN: LSB 769

CONFESSION: LSB 151

INTROIT: (bulletin)

KYRIE: LSB 152

HYMN OF PRAISE: LSB 155

SALUTATION:

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

COLLECT: bulletin

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Gradual is omitted

Responses: LSB 156

Alleluia Verse: LSB 266

HYMN OF THE DAY: LSB 539

SERMON

TE DEUM: LSB 223

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY: LSB 159

COMMUNION LIT: LSB 160ff

DIST HYMNS: LSB 842

LSB 469

CLSG CANTICLE: LSB 164

("Thank the Lord")

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 484

BIRTHDAYS THE WEEK OF May 13 – May 19

May 13 - May 17						
THURSDAY						
Barbara Grambart						
Paul Kemna						
Betty Jo Millen						
Jeramiah Phillips						
Mitchell Schmidt						
Philip Schutte						
FRIDAY						
Nora Jacobsson						
SATURDAY						
Colin Burfeind						
Stu Glock						
Thomas Holland						
Janice Maurer						
Bruce O'Hern						
Tobin Priebe						

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

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!

COURSAGE SALE: TODAY, May 13 ---- Mother's Day corsage sale

YOUTH GROUP LOCK-IN: The end of the year party will be a lock-in on Saturday, May 19 starting at 6:00 pm going through Sunday, May 20 where we will go to 8:00 service together. The Youth will sing in both services for Youth Sunday. We will have food, games, fellowship and devotions. There will be adult chaperones at all times and good, safe fun. All 5th-12th grade youth (church members, school kids and/or friends) are invited!

YOUTH SUNDAY: May 20th...Sing in church, Presentation/slide show in Bible Class
BIBLE CLASS TOPICS: 5/13... What is the highest form of worship we can give
God? You may ask your parents and see what they say but don't ask the pastors; that
would be cheating. 5/20... Youth Sunday

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

† The Seventh Sunday of Easter † May 13, 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, Pam Linton (daughter of LaVerne & Arlene Bagne), Doris Gangelhoff, Katie Titler (daughter of Joe & Cilla Nadeau), and Troy Eder. 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.

<u>Our homebound members</u> are Linda Bredenberg, Dorothy Cooper, Sue Erickson, Audrey Hansen, Marlys Johnson, Inez Koehler, Steve Orbin, Gerald Oswald, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, Betty Schmiege, and Ilene Shepherd.

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—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), 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), the family of Alex Hansen, the family of William Dodds, and the family of Caroline Lucht.

And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones —the family of Dorothy Schutte, Paul & Diane Radintz (at the loss of their son Bill), John Malikowski & family (at the loss of his mother Francis), Cindy Cook & family (at the loss of her sister Jackie), and the family of William Cahlander.

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!

763-420-2426 email: secretary@stjlutheran.org

† Announcements †

ALTAR FLOWER ARRANGEMENT is provided by Joel and Rocky Johnson in memory of the mothers they miss and to honor all mothers everywhere.

ROSES ON THE ALTAR: are given by various members in memory of mothers, or mother-figures, that have passed away and are celebrating Mother's Day in Heaven this year: Marilyn Dale, Charlotte Gust, Blanch Hans, Ellen Hidde, Joan Holmes, Paula Kruse, Catherine Mazurowski, Barb Oakland, Doris Pruhs, Darlene Schalo, Mildred Sturm, Joan Teichrow, Agnes Teichrow, Helen Wenzl and Nora Wilson. (If you purchased a rose in memory of someone, feel free to take the rose with you after Sunday services.)

THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE! Easter is not one, single day. It's a **season!** A great feast that lasts seven weeks! This Sunday, we call out (**exaudi**) to our God and Savior not to forsake us but to aid us by sending His Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth.



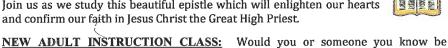
SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR MOSS: In our study of the Book of Exodus, we have reached the Exodus (Exit) itself. The children of Israel are leaving, Pharaoh and his hosts will be judged at the Red Sea, Baptism is pre-figured, and the people will Sing THE Song that starts the Singing Church.

This week: The Church's First Song (Exodus 15)

Next week: When Salvation Is Not Enough (Exodus 16)

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.



NEW ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS: Would you or someone you know be interested in our Adult Instruction classes that lead to membership at St. John's? Please let Pastors Moss or Johnson know what days or times you would be able to attend if we offer a course this Summer.

MARRIAGE RETREAT – UPDATE: After printing the "Save the Date" in the May Newsletter, the venue had to call and cancel our reservation for July 13-14 due to needed maintenance at their facility. All their remaining weekends were booked, so we are resuming the search for a suitable and affordable venue. Please bear with us patiently. Thank you!

BAPTIZED IN THE PAST YEAR: The Risen Lord Jesus commanded that His disciples, eyewitnesses of His resurrection and "ear-witnesses" of His teaching over three years and now following His own resurrection, were to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations by baptizing in the Triune Name of God and teaching the baptized all things He had commanded and given. Please pray for those baptized at St. John's since last Easter: Charles Orbin, Adalynn Stewart, Jack Ashland, August Anderson, Jacob Briel, Isabella Lewis, Landon Essig, Paisley Hamilton, Piper Peterson, Nia Bredenberg, Regina Thomford, Louis Thomford, Emma Pulju, Micah Sumstad.

<u>ACOLYTE TRAINING:</u> Pr. Johnson will be offering training for 5th-7th grade students, especially the 5th graders who will be newly of acolyte age as 6th graders in the fall, *NEXT* Sunday May 20th after both services – please meet in the sanctuary for a session.

This Week at St. John's Lutheran

TODAY	7:30 am: 8:00 am: 9:15 am: 9:30 am: 10:30 am: 4:00 pm:	Mother's Day Coursage Sale Divine Service with Lord's Supper Sunday School Bible Study Divine Service with Lord's Supper Adult Open Gym
MON:		
TUES:	9:00 am: 7:00 pm:	Adult Bible Study (Auxiliary Rm) Board Meetings
WED:	6:15 pm: 7:00 pm:	Brass Practice Choir Practice
THUR:		
FRI:	8:00 am:	Chapel ~ 4th Grade Sings
SAT:	6:00 pm:	Youth Lock-in to Sunday 8am service
SUN:	8:00 am: 9:15 am: 9:30 am: 10:30 am: 4:00 pm:	Divine Service (HS Grad Rec/Youth sing) Sunday School Bible Study Divine Service with Lord's Supper(Youth Sing) Adult Open Gym

Those Serving Next Week, Sunday, May 20th (Pentecost & Youth Sunday):

Those Serving Next \	<u>Week, Sunday,</u>	May 20th (Pentecost & Youth Sunday
Altar Guild:		Arlene Rogge & LuAn Schutte
Worship Assistants:	8:00 am: 10:30 am:	Jerry Rogge Dean Noren
Processional:	8:00 am:	Crucifer~ Maddy Gangelhoff Torchbearer~ Jasmine Brockberg Torchbearer~ Justine Saltzman
	10:30 am:	Crucifer~ Nicholas Klesk Torchbearer~ Sam Brustuen Torchbearer~ Mackenzie Coombs
Acolytes:	8:00 am: 10:30 am:	Noelle Dolan & Alexis Brockberg Allie Cate & Dalton Cate
Ushers:	8:00 am:	Joe Koehler, Philip Koehler, Dan Orbin, Mike Orbin, Jerry Rogge
	10:30 am:	Marvin Cummins, Tim Lodholz, Dean Noren, Wayne Schutte
Money Counters:		Randy Bredenberg, Cindy Kiekow, Mike McFerrin, Nicole Schilling

LWML PROJECT: We will be assembling Baby Kits for this project from items received through June 24th. Please place your generous donations in the collection playpen located in the narthex. Appreciated items include:

Unscented Baby Lotion, Baby Shampoo, Baby Wash, Baby Wipes

Baby Nail Clippers, Combs, or Brushes

Onesies: NB-24 months, Receiving Blankets Diapers: NB-size 5/6, Pull-ups, & Swimmers

Formula

New Pack and Play sheets

New Baby Clothing: NB - size 3T

Christian Storybooks & Lullaby CDs

New Mom Christian tracts, devotions, etc.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Sunday, May 6th: 8:00 am: CT: 157 CM: 124 10:30 am: CT: 266 CM: 166 7



FINANCIAL UPDATE	<u>Last Week</u> 05/06/18		_	<u>Year-to-date</u> since 07/01/17	
Offerings Received	\$	14,287	\$	621,826	
Amount Needed	\$	13,635	\$	613,575	
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$	652	\$	8,251	
% Ahead (-Behind)		5%		1%	



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.



VETERAN'S BOOKLETS: In preparation for Memorial Day, please notify the church secretary of any needed updates to our Veteran's Booklets by THIS Friday, May 18th. Copies to review are on the narthex table. Thank you!

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY service of prayer and thanksgiving is Monday, May 28 at 10:00 am in the church cemetery. The apostle Paul

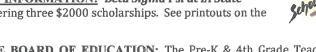
writes in Romans 13 "give honor to whom honor is due." Every year we give thanks to God for all who currently serve in the armed forces of our nation and remember all veterans after their service. Each year we focus on a member of our congregation who has died in Christ and is buried in our church cemetery. This year we give thanks to God for Harold Bauermeister, who served our nation as a paratrooper during the era of the Korean War.

PROPERTY & GROUNDS: We are starting to plan the parsonage window and door replacement project. We'd like to give any members who do this type of work professionally the first chance of bidding on this job. Contact one of your deacons if you'd like to discuss this. We are also in need of ~\$20,000 to pay for this project and we'd like to fund it through individual contributions rather than adding it as a line item in the budget. If you'd like to make a contribution to this project, please mark your envelope as such or contact one of your deacons. ~Kevin Pomerenke/Dan Holthus

CHURCH WORKER SCHOLARSHIP FUND: This St. John's fund assists students with a career path towards being a full-time church worker (future pastors, teachers, DCEs and deaconesses) with their college tuition. Disbursements are awarded each year from the interest earned on this fund. The application is available on our St. John's website. The deadline for application submission is May 31. Turn in completed applications to any member of the SEWAC Board or the church secretary. To make a donation to this important fund, write "Church Worker Scholarship Fund" on your offering envelope.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION: Beta Sigma Psi at IA State

University is offering three \$2000 scholarships. See printouts on the narthex table.



THE BOARD OF EDUCATION: The Pre-K & 4th Grade Teacher call committee has narrowed our candidate list in both categories. The Candidates are as follows:

Pre-K Teacher: Mrs. Alicia Oldre (Minneapolis, MN), & Mrs. Brittany Strohschein (Orlando, FL); (9) candidates were considered.

4th Grade Teacher: Ms. Miriam Preus (Maple Grove, MN), Mrs. Kayla Marty (Las Vegas, NV), Ms. Heidi Scheck (Wausau, WI), Mr. Timothy Stewart (Cape Girardeau, MO), Ms. Sarah White (Jonesboro, AR), & Mrs. Hannah Incitti (Maple Grove, MN).

We are still working through our candidate list for the Jr. High Social studies/K-5th Grade Resource Teacher. If you have any specific comments or concerns with these candidates listed, feel free to contact Brian Callahan at 763-242-3837. or brian.callahan@centurylink.com

LITURGY WORKSHOP 2018 will be held at Glory of Christ Lutheran Church THIS Saturday, May 19 from 8:30 am (Matins) until 3:00 pm with speaker Rev. Peter Brock. Registration is \$25 per person; materials/refreshments/lunch provided. 763-478-6031 (www.gloryofchrist.org)

CROSS...FOOD NEEDS: Each month CROSS collects food items to be donated to the needy. Items desired from STJL during the month of MAY are: Salad Dressings and Toilet Paper. Thank you for helping when you can; your contributions placed in the narthex area are greatly appreciated.

<u>CROSS SPECIAL DRIVE</u> will be collected during the month of May, grocery bags are awaiting your generous donation in the narthex area.

CROSS GOLF OPEN: The 23rd Annual Derby Day Golf Open for CROSS takes place at the Sundance Golf Course **NEXT** Sunday, May 20th. See flyers for details.

FUNDRAISING NIGHT: Join the West Lutheran High School Trap Shooting Team for a night of fun at Culvers in Maple Grove on Monday, May 14th from 5-8pm. See you there! Pass it on! ~ D.J. Schilling

EAGLE FAMILY FUNDay RESULTS: We were blessed with a beautiful day! We exceeded our goal and raised \$43,082 for safety enhancements at St. John's School! Praise be to God! Thank you!





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: VBS is scheduled June 18th-21st, 9am-12pm. We had a fantastic turn out last year and are hoping for the same this year, so spread the word. We need LOTS of volunteers, if you are able to help in anyway, please contact Tara Eder at: tara.eder@gmail.com

INVITATION: The congregation is invited to a high school graduation open house for Emma Holthus, Ben Kemna, and Danny Schilling. Sunday, May 20th from 3:00-6:00pm. Located at St John's Fellowship Hall. We would love to see you there! Any questions contact Nichole Schilling 763-486-5650

HEARTFELT THANK YOU: Thank you for the words of comfort & support during the recent loss of husband & father Bill Cahlander. A special thank you to Pastor Johnson for his visit at the hospital and for his inspirational service. Thank you to Dr. Crystal Rossow for providing the beautiful music and to the wonderful people who helped with the luncheon. With gratitude, ~Diana Cahlander and Family

THE GIFT OF LIFE Prolife Committee from St. Johns will be setting up a display of crosses which represent the number of babies lost to abortion since Roe vs. Wade. Each cross represents 250,000 babies aborted. We have set *THIS* Saturday, May 19th, at 10:00 as a work day to set up the display. We are in need of helpers that morning, so if you are available for a couple of hours that day, we would greatly appreciate your help.

STILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY: If you were unable to get your picture taken while Lifetouch was here at St. Johns, you can still submit a picture...please call Sue Reznecheck at 763-477-4959. The cut-off is May 14th; our goal is to have printed directories available by the beginning of July.





RECOGNIZING OUR 2018 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

We have several St. John's members graduating this year; they will be recognized on Youth Sunday, May 20th at the 8am service. Each week we will take time to acknowledge a couple of these special young members. Look for information on the graduates to be displayed in the narthex soon. Please keep these young members in your prayers, or feel free to send a card or email to them directly.

ADMINISTRATOR CALL: After prayerful consideration, a Call has been approved by the Board of Deacons and extended to Mrs. Krista Nagy to serve as the new Administrator of St. John's. Please keep Krista, her husband Scott, and their two children in your prayers as she considers this Call over the coming weeks.

YOUTH GROUP LOCK-IN: Do you have a youth in grades 5-12? Then they're invited to the youth group's end of the year party. Even if they've never come to a youth group event, they won't want to miss this one!! It's a lock-in *THIS* Saturday, May 19 starting at 6:00 pm going through Sunday, May 20 where we will go to 8:00 service together and the youth will sing a song (no memorization or practice needed). We will have food, games, fellowship and devotions. There will be adult chaperones at all times and good, safe fun. All 5th-12th grade youth (church members, school kids and/or friends) are invited!

SAVE THE DATES: September 15th–Golf Tournament and November 9th-Gala. Look for an Oktoberfest date coming soon!

TRINITIY FIRST MUSICAL: Performances of an original presentation of the Biblical story of Esther, "Teen Queen God Used to Redeem" will be held on May 23rd and 24th at the E.M. Pearson Theater at Concordia University in St. Paul. All ages/free-will offering. Contact their office with questions, 612-871-2353.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Items received by midnight Wednesday will be included in the Sunday bulletin. Please submit your request timely to ensure your announcement gets published as needed. email: secretary2@stjlutheran.org