

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School (LCMS)

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Important Announcements

For those who watch services on Live-Stream during the Coronavirus Pandemic

Stay Home when Sick: If you are sick or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 please stay home. If you start to experience symptoms while in attendance at a service or out anywhere else, please go home immediately. If at a service, notify a Safety Team member on your way out so we may direct our cleaning and communication efforts.

Singing (updated): MDH has gone from requiring no congregational singing to “not recommended” but does say that if a congregation sings masks and distancing are required. Please tune in early and stay late for the preludes, postludes, and sing with us the hymns that will be provided in the online bulletins.

Maintaining Piety when Worshiping at Home: The best way to get the most out of this temporary set-up is to keep things in your household as regular as possible:

- Print the bulletin or use your hymnals
- Dress like you would dress for church
- Stand when we stand, sit when we sit
- Sing along with the hymns
- Watch at the live time, Sunday morning, setting it aside as first priority instead of looking for whatever time is most convenient for you
- Limit the distractions, toys, and tech so that the time is truly "sacred" (set-apart) for Christ and His means of grace

These ideas can help you focus on the Service of the Word and will also help you prevent bad habits from developing during our temporary suspension of Divine Services.

Quasimodo Geniti

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

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

Special Note for the Live Stream: Because the Absolution and Communion are sacramental acts that require the in-person interaction of penitent & pastor and communicant & pastor, we will not Live Stream those portions of the Divine Service. If you desire a more detailed explanation of the status of the controversies in Christianity and the LCMS around these acts that have led us to this decision on this practice, your pastors are more than willing to discuss it with you.

Service of the Word

472 These Things Did Thomas Count as Real



1 These things did Thom - as count as real: The
2 The vi - sion of his skep - tic mind Was
3 His rea - soned cer - tain - ties de - nied That
4 May we, O God, by grace be - lieve And



warmth of blood, the chill of steel, The grain of wood, the
keen e-nough to make him blind To an - y un - ex -
one could live when one had died, Un - til his fin - gers
thus the ris - en Christ re - ceive, Whose raw im - print - ed



heft of stone, The last frail twitch of flesh and bone.
pect - ed act Too large for his small world of fact.
read like braille The mark - ings of the spear and nail.
palms reached out And beck - oned Thom - as from his doubt.

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Introit

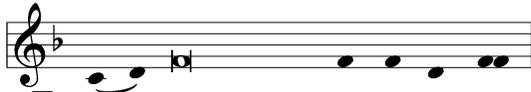
Psalm 81:1, 7a, 10, 16b; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2a

Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,*
long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alle- | luia.
Sing aloud to | God our strength;*
shout for joy to the God of | Jacob!
In distress you called, and I de- | livered you;*
I answered you in the secret place of | thunder.
I am the | LORD your God,*
who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.
Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it;*
and with honey from the rock I would sat- | isfy you.
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.

Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,*
long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alle- | luia.

Kyrie

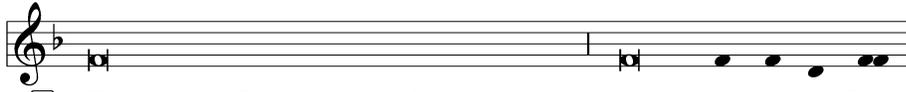
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



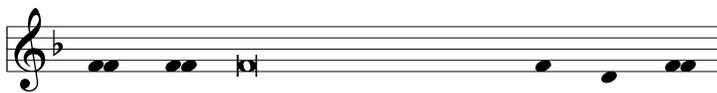
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men.

This Is the Feast

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.
 Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1–14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

During Eastertide the Gradual is omitted and the Alleluia is expanded

Epistle

1 John 5:4–10

⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

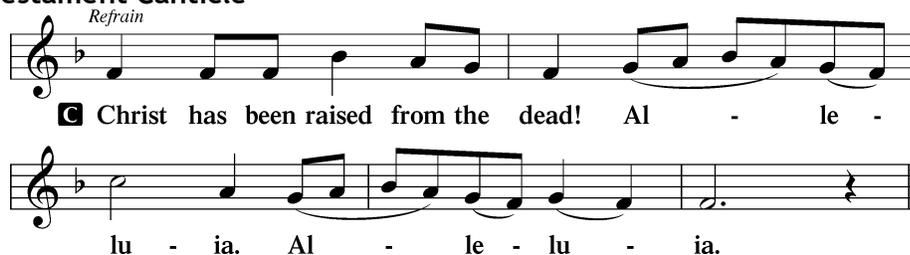
⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

New Testament Cantic

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Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.
 Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.
 Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain
 Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
 lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He
 lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to
 sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Refrain
 Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
 lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 20:19–31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

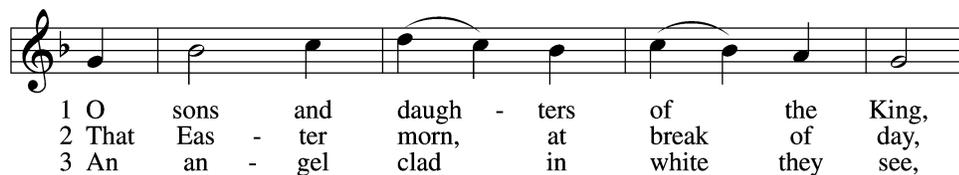
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

471 O Sons and Daughters of the King



The Refrain is repeated after st. 9.



4 That night the apostles met in fear;
Among them came their master dear
And said, "My peace be with you here."
Alleluia!

5 When Thomas first the tidings heard
That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia!

6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be."
Alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;

“You are my Lord and God!” he cried.
Alleluia!

8 How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia! Refrain

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Sermon: *What Newborns Need (John 20:19-31)*

Stand

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Following the prayers, the Live Stream ends and the Service of the Sacrament begins.

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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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), Ilene Shepherd, Brigitte Ritter, Dr. Crystal Rossow, Charice McDowell, Mavis Kalk, Joyce O’Hern, Melvin Haag, Ramona Von Ende, Justin Brynjulfson, Doris Gangelhoff, Barb Grambart, Dick Rau, Randy Goerke, Diane Haag, Sandy Meyer, Elwyn Manthei, and Harlan Peterson. 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 John Barrett, Sue Erickson, Inez Koehler, Steve Orbin, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, and Ilene Shepherd.

All those serving in our Armed Forces— Agena Christophersen (Belgium), Emily Giefer (Georgia), Kevin Mazurowski (Alaska), Nathan Mazurowski (Arizona), Isak Preus (Florida), Brian Pruhs (Germany), Joseph Radintz (home), and Danny Schilling (home).

Those who have lost loved ones during the past year— Dan Kappel & family (at the loss of his father Francis), Joellyn Wicht & family (at the loss of her mother Frances Spielman), Larissa Alvarez & family (at the loss of her grandmother Luci Correa), the family of Fred Hunt, the family of Diane Lawrence, Gerald Anderson & family (at the loss of his father Dale), Joyce O’Hern & family (at the loss of her father-in-law Marland), Arlene Rogge & family (at the loss of her father George Hackler), Lois Foggia & family (at the loss of her brother-in-law Tom Hooker), the family of Vivian Kuns, Stephanie Haver & family (at the loss of her brother Brandon), Char Abraham & family (at the loss of her brother Russell), the family of Linda Bredenberg, the family of Tracey Rosso, Cindy Cook & family (at the loss of her brother, Daniel Anderson), the family of Gerald Oswald, Kyle Gaffaney & family (at the loss of his grandfather Bill Reese), Jim Day & family (at the loss of his sister), Heidi Brackeen & family (at the loss of her father Dennis Anderson), the family of Marlys Johnson, the family of Harold Grambart, and the family of Courtney Meine.

And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones— Marlys Kothrade & family (at the loss of her great-grandson Lukas Bouska), Bob and Char Abraham (at the loss of their daughter-in-law Debra Abraham), Tony Stadler & family (at the loss of his brother Ted), the family of Bruce Hansen, the family of Arleen Barrett, and Ty Holthus & family (at the loss of his father Patrick Oberle).

All expecting families and their unborn children— especially Stephanie & Noah Heidorn, Martha & Aaron Reseburg, Jenna & Leighton Spaulding, Ashley & Nick Baltes, and Jamie & Jim Peterson. If you would like to announce your pregnancy to the Church that we might pray for you, please contact one of our pastors.

THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for Rev. Lucas Woodford, our District President, and all of our elected officers and board members in the MN South District.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for all our Families with School-Aged Children.

† Announcements †

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

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY (1st Peter): Faithful Christians should expect trials and suffering in this life. Our Lord promised it. In Peter’s first epistle he strengthens the Church for such suffering and trials. It is a message of great hope and the promises of glory for those who endure the fiery trials. Join us at 9:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall as we take up this great Book of Holy Scripture.

Apr. 11 – *Jude – False Teachers and False Doctrine Undermine Christian Hope*

Apr. 18 – *2 Peter 2:1-22 – Christian Hope Includes the Eventual Condemnation of False Teachers!?!?*

PREPARING FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Parents with hands full in the pews on Sunday morning sometimes need a little *time with the texts* in the week leading up to a Service. People new to Lutheranism sometimes need more context to the Service. Some members simply look for more in-depth study of the appointed readings. We encourage you to follow Issues, Etc. on your podcasting App or at their website, especially using Pastor David Peterson’s “Looking Ahead to Sunday Morning (the 1-Year Lectionary).” Next Sunday April 18th you will hear: *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 1 Peter 2:21-25, and John 10:11-16.*

NOTICE OF CHURCH MEMBER'S PASSING: It has pleased Our Heavenly Father to call home devoted church member Bruce Hansen on April 1st, 2021. The Funeral Service and Christian Burial at St. John’s took place Tuesday. Please keep his family in your prayers.

NOTICE OF CHURCH MEMBER'S PASSING: It has pleased Our Heavenly Father to call home devoted church member Arleen Barrett on April 2nd, 2021. The Funeral Service and Christian Burial at St. John’s took place Wednesday. Please keep her family in your prayers.

SUNDAY PASSENGER: A member of our congregation is seeking a ride to church. Dale Avenson has returned to the Twin Cities area (Minnetonka) from the southwestern United States. Please contact one of the pastors with questions and for contact information if you might be able to be of assistance.

GREEN PARAMENTS & VESTMENTS: Our current green paraments and vestments are over 20 years old and are showing a bit of wear, therefore a new green set has been selected. The cost for the new set is approximately \$6700. If you would like to contribute towards this purchase, you may place your donation in the offering plate with the memo "Altar Guild Replacement Green Paraments". The purchase will include the following items: Altar Superfrontal, Chalice Veil and Burse, Bible Marker for the Lectern, Pulpit Fall, Chasuble, and 3 Stoles. Should questions arise, please contact Julie Mazurowski at 763-519-1160 or julie.mazurowski@gmail.com

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: Jude Knutson, Jordan Ashland, Amelia Kaiser, Myles Windsperger, John Koosman, Aiden Stewart, Daphne Schumann, Louis Gaffaney, Evelyn Klatt, Hunter Peterson, James Peterson, and Logan Peterson.

UPCOMING NUPTUALS: Carrie Mock and David Weigman are to be united in Holy Matrimony this Friday, April 16th. May our Lord Jesus bless Carrie and David as they begin their life together as husband and wife.

HEARTFELT THANK YOU: Sincere appreciation to the members of St John's and Pastors Johnson and Moss for your prayers, concern, and words of comfort throughout the illness and passing of my husband Bruce Hansen. A special thank you to Pastor Johnson for his numerous visits and for his inspirational service. Thank you to Mr. Duane Esterly for providing the spiritual music and to the wonderful supportive people who attended the beautiful service. With gratitude, ~The Family of Bruce Hansen

THE SERVICE OF INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION is available this month by appointment only. 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)

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK...

Holy Week Meditations Mon, March 29th: Total 20
Holy Week Meditations Tues, March 30th: Total 14
Holy Week Meditations Wed, March 31st: Total 31
Maundy Thursday, April 1st: Total 110 CM 91
Good Fri Chief Svc of the Word, Apr 2nd: Total 153
Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers, April 2nd: Total 86
Easter Vigil Saturday, April 3rd: Total 38 CM 34
Easter Sunday, Apr 4th : Total 378 CM 250

FINANCIAL UPDATE	<u>Last Week</u> 04/04/21	<u>Year-to-date</u> since 07/01/20
Total General Fund Receipts-All Sources	\$ 124,443	\$ 1,375,365
Amount Needed	\$ 24,109	\$ 1,310,064
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ 100,334	\$ 65,301
% Ahead (-Behind)		5%

Current Building Mortgage Balance (March 31, 2021): \$ 188,974

Amount Needed above includes all budgeted revenues, including offerings, school tuition and third-source income, for the current budget year beginning July 1, 2020. There was no cumulative deficit as of July 1. Questions can be directed to Church Treasurer Mike Gaffer (mtgaff@comcast.net)

POSITIONS AVAILABLE: St. John's Lutheran School is seeking to hire individuals for the following positions to start in the 2021-2022 school year:

- Resource/Special Education Teacher (contracted with LSEM)
- Hot Lunch Coordinator (part-time or full-time)
- Teacher Assistants (potential part-time or full-time help in PreK, 1st grade, 3rd grade)
- ESP Aides (after-school care positions available)
- Music Teacher (part-time, primarily grades 5-8)
- Substitute Teachers (any availability)
- We are also interested to know if anyone has or is willing to attain a bus driving license to be hired as needed for help with school activities and transportation.

If you or anyone you know has interest in one of these roles, please contact Gretchen Dolan at the school office 763-420-2426 or gretchen.dolan@stjlutheranschool.org.

POSITION FILLED: We are thankful to God that Anna Fuhrman, alumna of St. John's, has accepted the position as a PreK teacher in our school starting this fall. She will replace Brittany Strohschein who is moving to WI in June. Anna will be an incredible asset and blessing to our students, faculty, and families. Praise be to God!

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT UNDERWAY: *Invite your friends and family to check out St. John's Lutheran School!* We are actively enrolling students at St. John's for the 2021-22 school year and are especially eager to expand our Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes. Please spread the word to your family and friends! Some classes currently have waitlists, but call us to learn about availability in grades 1-8. We'd love to grow our St. John's family! Contact admissions@stjlutheran.org or call 763-420-2426 for more information.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: (April 11 – April 17) ***Sunday-*** Donald Kalk/Coralyn Koehler/Daniel Picotte/Mackenzie Sumstad, ***Monday-*** Mark Ellinger/Nicoleen Meyer, ***Tuesday-*** ..., ***Wednesday-*** Caitlin Ashland/Jasmine Brockberg/Jill Gehl, ***Thursday-*** Adalyn Baltes, ***Friday-*** Brian Kothrade/Stephanie McCutcheon/Adalynn Stewart, ***Saturday-*** Drew Anderson/Brady Kappel/D.J. Schilling

PLEASE CALL FIRST: In order to better protect you, our students and staff, we are limiting foot traffic through the building during the day. Please make an appointment with one of our secretaries to pick up any church items. Your materials can be placed in a holding bin located in the vestibule, between the double doorway for pick up at your designated appointment.