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ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Rejoice! He Lives!

For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”, Jeremiah 29:11.

Greetings and Happy Easter! As we reflect on such a crazy, stressful, and sometimes lonely year with the current pandemic of Covid-19, we are encouraged by the promise our Lord Jesus has given us. We are given hope that these difficult times will pass and we can rejoice in the greatest Gift of all! Easter reminds us of the forgiveness of our sins through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Halleluiah!

One of the topics the elders will be reviewing and discussing is the by-laws of the church. Does anything need to be revisited? Does anything need to be updated? As you can imagine, this will be a big undertaking. Stay tuned as we will keep everyone updated on this process!

Also, we will be looking into our current processes of our church services and the Covid-19 Pandemic. Are we at the point where we can now combine services? What things can we do that can accommodate everyone and continue to worship in the safest manner possible? Please see your elected elders if you have any thoughts or concerns. This may be a work in progress as we navigate through this pandemic.

We wish you all are able to enjoy all the beautiful moments that springtime has to offer! Happy Easter! **He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Halleluiah!**

God's Blessings to you, The Elders

PLEASE HAVE ALL INFORMATION OR ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER TO CHRIS HOLLMAN BY 25TH, THANK YOU!

THANK YOU!

A special thank you to the Board of Education for sponsoring the Easter Egg Hunt this year. Also, thanks to all who volunteered to help and donated supplies for the special day for the children. A good time was had by all!



LWML INVITE

St. John LWML will host a Zone workshop on Saturday, April 17, from 10:00am to 12:00 noon with registration beginning at 9:30am. Featured speaker will be Rev. Steve Sirek from Orphan Grain Train. Ladies of the congregation are invited to attend as guests.

THANKYOU.....

Thank you to the following Board Members for volunteering to be contact person:

Todd Hoyer—Elders

Carol Brinkmeyer—Evangelism

Dave Eggert—Trustees

Kaylie Brethouwer—Board of Education



April BIRTHDAYS & BAPTISMS

BIRTHDAYS

1 Kian Morris
 2 Lilian Underwood
 3 Jennifer Meinke
 7 Cari Henning
 8 Victoria Slama
 11 Charlie Slama
 12 Amy Hollman, Lillan Kubicek, Debra Wendelin
 13 Jessica Trautman
 14 LaShalle Hughes, Kaylie Brethouwer
 16 Donna Hillgren, Christopher Ladman, Brandee Samples, Sami Weber
 17 Lee Miller
 20 James Haufle, Christina Rezac

21 Kristi Reetz
 22 Dean Prochnow
 23 Dominick Hensley
 26 Shawna Heusinkvelt
 27 Dan Underwood
 28 Kourtlynn Reetz
 30 Pastor Maynard Toensing

BAPTISMS

1 Linda Eggert, Verna Schultz
 2 Jolene Reetz
 3 Addilyn Brethouwer
 4 Bradley Jr., Hugo, & Olivia Pomajzl, Susan Vosika
 6 Haylee Jarchow

7 Cindy Hoesche, Steven Toensing
 9 Isaac Meinke
 12 Marla Musil, Kurt Reetz
 13 Bruce Miller,
 15 Amy Hollman, Travis Shore
 16 Cheryl Langfeldt
 17 Maggie Wohl
 20 Jerry Ferguson
 21 Marlow Meinke
 22 Jordyn Adam
 24 Donna Hillgren, Drew Trautman
 26 Kian Morris
 29 Alice Poole, Jaxon Trautman, Rylyn Trautman
 30 Brandee Samples

OUR MISSION Share the Joy of His News by growing inward through God's Word, Sacraments and fellowship and by growing outward through words, actions, and mission outreach.



**That All May
Know Him**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER GROWTH

Schedule at a Glance

Worship Services (Sundays 8:30 am & 10:00 am)
 Sunday School (Sundays 9:30 am to 10:15 am)
 Midweek/ Confirmation Classes (Wednesdays 6:30 pm)
 Maundy Thursday Worship (April 1 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm)
 Good Friday Worship (April 2 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm)
 Easter Worship (April 4 6:00 am, 7:15 am, 8:30 am, 9:45 am)
 Evangelism Committee Meeting (April 5 at 1:30 pm)
 Elders' Meeting (April 6 at 6:30 pm)
 Church Council Meeting (April 12 6:30 pm)
 Quilting Group (April 13 at 9:30 am to 2:00 pm)
 LWML Zone Workshop (April 17 10:00 am to 12:00 noon)
 Quarterly Voters' Meeting (April 19 6:30 pm)
 Ladies Aid Meeting (April 28 at 2:00 pm)

LADIES AID MINUTES

St. John Ladies Aid met on March 31, 2021, with Deb Walker as hostess. Pastor Toensing led us in prayer and a Bible study entitled, "Heroes of the Faith: *Apollos*" and then we sang "Baptized into Your Name Most Holy".

Roll call was taken with 8 members present. The minutes of the February 2021 meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given.

A thank you card from Olga Weidner was passed around.

The hostess list was passed around.

We were all invited to place Easter Lilies on the altar for Easter.

A thank you card was signed by all the members to show appreciation to Shirley Reetz for all her years of service as secretary.

The call list for funerals was discussed. This list needs to be updated so when COVID-19 has ended, we will start contacting members to see if they would be willing to be put on the list to bring food for funerals. It was brought up that the refrigerators may need to be cleaned out periodically. Diane Kahle and Janice Reetz will work on cleaning up the kitchen and after every meeting the refrigerators will be checked to see if any food needs to be thrown away. It was mentioned to put up a sign on the refrigerators that state after 30 days food left in there will be thrown away.

Deb Walker celebrated a birthday in March. The birthday song was sung.

Janice Reetz will be the hostess for April.

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and the common Table Prayer.

Deb Walker, Secretary