

3rd WEEKEND OF EASTER

“Easter People Rejoice”

April 13/14, 2024

Rejoice

For the convenience of all worshippers at St. John, we have:

- **Large-Print Bulletins and Hymnals**
- **A Quiet Room** for families needing to take their child(ren) out of Worship, located at the back (left side) of Church, with a large window and speakers, so that families may still see and hear the Worship Service
- **Restrooms** located at the back of the Church in the Narthex
- **Activity bags for children** which are available in the Narthex, hanging on “Ginny the Giraffe”. Children may take home the pictures they color. Please return books, crayons, and bags to “Ginny”.

(Please ask an Usher to direct you to any of the above)



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AS WE GATHER

Luke reports that at seeing the Resurrected Jesus, the Disciples “disbelieved for joy” (24:41). The theme of rejoicing is woven throughout the Scriptures. The Psalmist exhorts: “Shout for joy to God, all the Earth; sing the Glory of His Name; give to Him Glorious Praise!” (66:1–2). The Prophet Isaiah assures God’s people that they will have cause for rejoicing as he writes: “For the Lord comforts Zion; . . . joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song” (51:3). Paul writes to people who know of the Glorious Resurrection of Jesus Christ on that first Easter day: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice” (*Philippians 4:4*). The season of Easter is a time for joyous praise that begins now!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

SUNDAY: HANDBELLS *“The Strife is Over, the Battle Done”*

HYMN *“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”*

LSB 474

- 1 Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! *Refrain*

Refrain: Jesus is Risen and we shall arise: Give God the Glory! Alleluia!

- 2 Walking the Way, Christ in the center, telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our Blessing, our constant Surprise. *Refrain*
- 3 Jesus the Vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit, the fruit of the Tree;
Heaven to Earth, Christ to the people,
Gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain*
- 4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent: death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: “O grave, be open!”
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in Light. *Refrain*
- 5 City of God, Easter forever, Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of Life, Saints and Archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain*

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 118:24; Romans 6:9; adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8

Pastor: This is the Day that the LORD has made;

All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: Christ being Raised from the dead will never die again;

All: death no longer has dominion over Him.

Pastor: Christ has Risen from the dead.

All: God the Father has crowned Him with Glory and Honor.

Pastor: He has given Him dominion over the Works of His Hands;

All: He has put all things under His Feet.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

All: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful, and we have not always lived as Your thankful and joyful people. We have indeed turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, Gracious Father; forgive us all that is past, blot out our sins, and with the Power of the Holy Spirit, direct our lives so that we serve You in true faithfulness. Grant us steadfastness among all the changes of this world and build Your Kingdom among us here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pastor: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. May He keep you in His Grace by the Holy Spirit and grant you a victorious life on Earth and finally a triumphant life with Him in Heaven forever. As a Called and Ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As well-loved Easter people, rejoice and be glad! You are free indeed!

All: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

HYMN SEQUENCE

Pastor: The psalmist writes, “Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him” (98:1). The strains of Easter joy echo through all the services of the Easter season. Each Sunday is a “little Easter” for us to celebrate as together we sing of the victory of our God. We are amazed Easter people, and our amazement is best expressed in our songs of joy. One of the oldest hymns in our hymnbooks is “The Day of Resurrection,” written by John of Damascus in the eighth century. Together we sing stanza 1 that celebrates “the passover of gladness.”

HYMN *“The Day of Resurrection”* Vs 1 LSB 478

- 1 The Day of Resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
 the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
 From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free,
 our Christ has brought us over, with hymns of victory.

Pastor: Paul writes: “When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: ‘Death is swallowed up in victory,’ but thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (*1 Corinthians 15:54, 57*). The Victory of Christ is the Lasting Source of joy that gives hope to the grieving and assurance to all the faithful. We rejoice as we sing the second stanza of “The Day of Resurrection.”

HYMN *“The Day of Resurrection”* Vs 2 LSB 478

- 2 Let hearts be purged of evil, that we may see aright,
 the Lord in Rays Eternal, of Resurrection Light,
 and, list’ning to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 His own “All hail!” and, hearing, may raise the Victor Strain.

Pastor: John writes in the Book of Revelation: “And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire—and also those who had conquered the beast . . . standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, ‘Great and amazing are Your Deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and True are Your Ways, O King of the nations!’”

(*Revelation 15:2–3*). The celebration of the Victory of Jesus, the Lamb of God slain for our salvation, goes on throughout eternity. We join in the joyful praise as we sing the third stanza of “The Day of Resurrection.”

HYMN *“The Day of Resurrection”* Vs 3

LSB 478

3 Now let the Heav’ns be joyful, let Earth its song begin,
let all the world keep triumph, and all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord has Risen, our joy that has no end!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

FIRST READING *Acts 3:11–21*

ESV 1086

¹¹While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people were astounded, and ran together to them in Solomon’s Portico. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, Whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of Life, Whom God Raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And His Name—by faith in His Name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the Presence of the Lord, and that He may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹Whom Heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy Prophets long ago.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. ²Beloved, we are God’s Children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.

⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that He appeared to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as He is Righteous.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

Pastor: Christ has Risen from the dead.

All: God the Father has crowned Him with Glory and Honor.

Pastor: He has given Him dominion over the Works of His Hands;

All: He has put all things under His Feet.



HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 24:36–49*

ESV 1052

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁶As the Disciples were talking about these things, Jesus Himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And Jesus said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See My Hands and My Feet, that it is I Myself. Touch Me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when He had said this, He showed them His Hands and His Feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, He said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and He took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then He said to them, “These are My Words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day Rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and

forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His Name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the Promise of My Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on High.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN *“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”* Vs 1-3

LSB 480

- 1 He’s Risen, He’s Risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
 He opened death’s prison, the Incarnate, True Word.
 Break forth, Hosts of Heaven, in jubilant song,
 and Earth, Sea, and Mountain their praises prolong.
- 2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary,
 the Lord of Creation was nailed to the tree.
 In Satan’s domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
 for Jesus was slain, Whom the evil ones fear.
- 3 But short was their triumph; the Savior Arose,
 and Death, Hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
 The Conquering Lord lifts His banner on High;
 He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.

SERMON

HYMN *“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”* Vs 4,5

LSB 480

- 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
 Christ Rose, and now open is fair Eden’s door.
 For all our transgressions His Blood does atone;
 redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.
- 5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
 proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
 Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
 with Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

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SUNDAY HANDBELLS: *“Jesus Shall Reign”*

OFFERING *(received and brought to the Altar)*

APOSTLES CREED

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell. The third day He Rose again from the dead. He Ascended into Heaven and sits at the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for the whole Church, that the message of salvation may joyfully be proclaimed throughout all the world and the forgiveness of sins be celebrated around the globe. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer. (after each petition)**

Pastor: Merciful God, we bless You for having placed into our lives faithful Christian people to guide us. We remember those no longer among us on Earth, who have completed their earthly races and have received the final victory in Christ. Empower us to follow in their way, that we may rejoice together eternally with Saints and Angels. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer. Amen.**

SPECIAL HYMN SEQUENCE

Pastor: Many hymns in the hymnal contain the words “joy,” “joyful,” “joyfully,” and “rejoice.” One of these, “Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng” was inspired in part by Psalm 20:5, a psalm of David, which exhorts: “May we shout for joy over Your Salvation, and in the Name of our God set up our banners!” As a superscript to the poem from which the hymn text was taken, author Edward Plumptre wrote, “In the Name of God, we will set up our banners.” Rejoicing in our salvation, we sing the first two stanzas of “Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng.”

HYMN “*Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng*” Vs 1,2 LSB 813

1 Rejoice, O pilgrim throng! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high, the Cross of Christ your King. *Refrain*

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2 With voice as full and strong, as ocean’s surging praise,
send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days. *Refrain*

Pastor: The hymn text by Edward Plumptre, an English clergyman who lived in the nineteenth century, reminds us that we are part of the much larger assemblage of those who praise God, including “all the Angel choirs” and “all the saints on Earth.” The hymn writer sees God’s people as part of an endless procession steadfastly proceeding from the darkness of the world to the brightness of Heaven. In its final stanzas, the hymn celebrates the pilgrims reaching their final heavenly destination by God’s Grace and gives praise to “the Lord Whom we adore.” Together we sing stanzas 6 and 7 of “Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng.”

HYMN “*Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng*” Vs 6,7 LSB 813

6 At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

7 Praise Him Who reigns on High, the Lord Whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, One God forevermore. *Refrain*

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+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the Disciples and said: *"Take, eat; this is My ∇ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: *"Drink of this, all of you; this Cup is the New Testament in My ∇ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, and grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

DISTRIBUTION:

All who Commune receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, each one must take seriously the responsibility to examine oneself:

- To acknowledge oneself as a sinner and repent of one's sins.
- To trust Jesus as one's Savior for forgiveness and submit to Him as Lord.
- To believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, that His true Body and Blood are received in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine.
- To ask the Holy Spirit to assist in living a moral and obedient life to glorify God.
St. John, Cudahy is a member of the SELC District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS). Communing here implies agreement with the teachings and practices of the LCMS. Questions? Please speak with Pastor.

*[Please follow the instructions of the Usher. Exit the pew down the center aisle.
As you approach the Altar Rail, if you desire the Individual Cup of Wine, please take one with you.
Stand or kneel at the Altar Rail. Receive the Wafer, then receive the Wine either from the
Common cup or the Cup you brought. If you have selected the Individual Cup,
please discard the cup in the container on the side aisle as you return down the outside aisle to your pew.]*

SUNDAY: HANDBELLS *“Easter Bells”*



+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

HYMN *“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”*

LSB 680

- 1 Thine the amen, Thine the praise, Alleluias Angels raise,
 Thine the Everlasting Head, Thine the breaking of the Bread.
 Thine the glory, Thine the story, Thine the harvest then the Cup,
 Thine the vineyard then the Cup, is lifted up lifted up.

- 2 Thine the life eternally, Thine the promise, let there be.
 Thine the vision, Thine the tree, all the earth on bended knee.
 Gone the nailing, gone the railing, gone the pleading, gone the cry,
 gone the sighing, gone the dying, what was loss lifted high.

- 3 Thine the truly, Thine the yes, Thine the table, we the guest,
 Thine the mercy all from Thee, Thine the glory yet to be.
 Then the ringing and the singing, then the end of all the war,
 Thine the living, Thine the loving, evermore evermore.

- 4 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize, Thine the wonder full surprise.
 Thine the banquet, then the praise, then the justice of Thy ways.
 Thine the glory, Thine the story, then the welcome to the least
 Then the wonder all increasing, at Thy Feast, at Thy Feast.

- 5 Thine the glory in the night, no more dying, only light
 Thine the river, Thine the tree, then the Lamb, eternally
 Then the holy holy holy, celebration jubilee,
 Thine the splendor, Thine the brightness, only Thee, only Thee.

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HYMN *“Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing”*

LSB 737

- 1 Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing, a cheerful trust maintain;
for God, the Source of ev’rything, your Portion shall remain.
- 2 He is your Treasure, He your Joy, your Life and Light and Lord,
your Counselor when doubts annoy, your Shield and great Reward.
- 3 Why spend the day in blank despair, in restless thought the night?
On your Creator cast your care; He makes your burdens light.
- 4 Did not His Love and Truth and Pow’r, guard ev’ry childhood day?
And did He not in threat’ning hour, turn dreaded ills away?
- 5 He only will with patience chide, His rod falls gently down;
and all your sins He casts aside, in ocean depths to drown.
- 6 His Wisdom never plans in vain, nor falters nor mistakes.
All that His Counsels may ordain, a blessèd ending makes.
- 7 Upon your lips, then, lay your hand, and trust His guiding Love;
then like a rock your peace shall stand, here and in Heav’n above.

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

Grant that Your Son’s Body and Blood, O Lord, which You have given us to eat and to drink, may abide in us; and let no stain of sin remain in us, Whom this Pure and Holy Sacrament has refreshed; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His Face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you His peace.

All: Amen. Amen. Amen. (sung)

LSB 202

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Officiant: Rev. Phillip DeVries

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Sat: Neil Mahnke

Sun: Scott Lucas

Sunday Ushers:

Jim Papala

Jim Fahser

Organist:

Sat: Tom Bellis

Sun: Betty Johnson

Altar Guild:

Upkeep: Marie McGeary

Sat: Pat Mueller

Sun: Karen Erickson

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER...

- † friends of our family of Faith: Mike Wensen, Charlie Jahn, Chayse Fritsch, Chris Perry, Jamie Rick, and Carol Krakau
- † for the family and friends of Paulette Schmadl at her brother Patrick Krawczyk's passing last week.



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED – ST. JOHN DAYCARE VAN DRIVERS

Day Care is seeking volunteers to drive the van in the mornings (**7:45am-8:30am**), to take children from Day Care to Cudahy Schools, THEN also to pick up from schools in the afternoon (**2:00pm-3:30pm**), and bring to our Day Care. Volunteers must have their driving record on file in the Day Care Office. Karen Erickson, our Day Care Director, will submit your drivers license number to the state. It can take a couple weeks to get back the needed information. Contact Karen Erickson at 414-482-0554 or stop in to see her to get more information.

ST. JOHN CHILD DAY CARE AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER

How can you help? Come read stories to the children, or share a talent with the children (play an instrument, play a special game, do a cooking activity, etc.). You can share your knowledge with the children (occupation, cultural, ethnic, etc.) How about helping by fixing broken equipment or donating items from the donation tree. Any of these ideas can bring interesting new information to the children, or you can suggest something that you would want to do to help out. Contact Karen at 414-482-0554.



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE FOR LAST WEEK

Weekend Worship Service: 101

FINANCIAL POSITION FOR MARCH 2024

GENERAL FUND

	Month to Date	FY to Date
Received:	\$ 9,508.35	\$ 240,504.17
Obligations:	\$ <u>11,981.48</u>	\$ <u>219,616.54</u>
Balance:	\$ (2,473.13)	\$ 20,887.63
Beginning Fiscal Year General Fund Balance		\$ 25,000.00
YTD General Fund Balance		\$ 45,887.63

BIBLICAL GIVING – Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

SPECIAL GIFT

Parsonage Window Fund

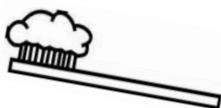
+ from Paulette Schmadl in memory of her brother Patrick Krawczyk who passed away April 5, 2024

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you do other monthly drafts? St. John offers “Electronic Giving” for those of you who wish to have your contributions transferred electronically to your church account. If you travel, this is particularly helpful in keeping up with your intended offerings and will help keep you from having to make up the difference later. Contact the Church Office for more information. (414-481-0520)

PROJECT CONCERN: APRIL: TOOTHPASTE & TOOTHBRUSHES

Project Concern serves Cudahy & St. Francis with a food pantry, clothing, and household items, personal care items, and resource referrals. You can bring your donations to the Church and place them in the designated Project Concern area located behind the Church office.



MARCH 2024 ATTENDANCE AND FINANCE NUMBERS

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Average Attendance:			
Mid-Week Lenten Service			58
Maundy Thursday			77
Good Friday			70
Saturday Worship (2024 Vigil Service)	36	41	58
Sunday Worship (2024 Easter Sunday)	49	59	108
Total Weekend Worship	85	100	98

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>End of Month</u>	<u>YTD - March</u>
	<u>03/31/2024</u>	<u>7/01/2023 –</u> <u>03/31/2024</u>
Offering and Receipts	34,838.03	265,508.10
Obligations	27,811.29	236,052.06
Balance:	7,026.74	29,456.04

PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT LOAN BALANCE: \$342,381.63

To contribute to the Property Improvement Fund, please use a designated envelope from your packet or the pew. Please label “Property Improvement Fund” and mark your Name, Envelope Number, and Amount on this envelope, so it may accurately be recorded on your end of year contribution statement.

A detailed financial report of receipts and expenses is available in the Church Office by request of any St. John member.

RAISERIGHT NEWS!!

Our St. John Day Care is part of a pilot program designed to get more people to use RaiseRight to purchase gift cards. We have been given “re-loadable” cards for Amazon, Starbucks, Pick ‘N Save, Target and Walmart. These cards will be available with instructions on how to go to the website to load them with the amount you desire. To order other cards online go to: RaiseRight.com/Enroll and enter the enrollment code: L493D3LE18725. Cards are available after our worship services. Contact Karen Erickson at 414-482-0554 if you have any questions.

OUR ST. JOHN DAY CARE HAS JOB OPENINGS – WE NEED YOU

Maybe you, or someone you know would want to teach and help children. Are you willing to be certified to work with and teach children? Part-time positions are available. Call Karen Erickson at 414-482-0554 and speak to her for more information.



WHEELCHAIR STILL NEEDED

If you or someone you know has a large wheelchair that is in good condition and is no longer needed, please consider donating it to our Church. Please contact the church office at 414-481-0520 to make arrangements. Thank you.



"DISCOVERING GOD'S VISION FOR YOUR LIFE"

A new Bible Study has started this past week on Sunday at **10:30am** and Monday at **6:30pm**. Participants started by taking a spiritual gifts inventory. The weekly classes will focus on using our Spiritual Gifts. Call Roy Lemmer at 414-810-0870 if you have any questions. These Bible Studies on Sunday at 10:30am and Monday at 6:30pm will cover the same topics.

REVELATION BIBLE STUDY: THURSDAYS AT 1:30PM

Pastor Krueger will continue the study of the Book of Revelation. There is always room for new students to join the tenured class members. Bring your own Bible or one will be provided. There will be refreshments. The first topic was Satan, the Devil, the Evil one. Join us this week April 18, at **1:30pm**.

LWML MEETING: TUESDAY, APRIL 16 @ 1:30

Ladies! We will be meeting in the multi-purpose room next to the Day Care office. We will review upcoming LWML activities, collect our mites and pledges, and pray for our Missionaries. We especially want to thank God for His protection of the Charles Ferry Family in Taiwan during the recent earthquake and many aftershocks that the island endured.

After our meeting we will be cutting material squares for quilts. Bring your scissors! If you are unable to attend you can put your Mites and/or pledges in the purple LWML box displayed in the narthex this weekend or next.

FREE CONCERT

The U.S. Air Force Band and the Singing Sergeants will present a FREE Concert at the Bradley Symphony Center on Monday, April 15, at **7pm**. Free tickets are available at: <https://usafband.ticketleap/spring-tour-concert-milwaukee/>.

STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE: APRIL 20

You are invited to join with Pastor, elected leaders, and all lay leaders on Saturday, April 20, 2024 from **8:30am to 2:00pm** here at St. John Church, to take part in “Biblical Training” and the assessment of our congregation’s stewardship culture. (*Acts 2:42 “... they devoted themselves to the apostle’s teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayers.”*) More information and sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Please register. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. Registration will allow us to practice good stewardship in providing food and drink.

LWML ZONE 1 SPRING RALLY: APRIL 20

The LWML Zone 1 Spring Rally will be held on Saturday, April 20, from **9am-11am** at Lutheran Chapel of the Cross, 3353 S. Whitnall Ave. A special presentation will be given by Deaconess Grace Rao about the ministry of “A Place of Refuge” for WOMEN who have experienced PHYSICAL OR EMOTIONAL ABUSE, or are seeking help to keep a WANTED PREGNANCY rather than ABORTION. If you are able, “Gifts From the Heart” will be collecting: “All” or “Tide” unscented laundry detergent, unscented “Bounce” dryer sheets, and select-a-size paper towels.

Pat Lemmer has offered to drive any ladies that would like a ride to the South WI District LWML Rally to be held Saturday, April 20 9:00-11:00 AM at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 3353 S. Whitnall. Please call her at (414) 690-4408 to confirm.

PROJECT CONCERN’S ANNUAL 9-PIN TAP BOWLING FUNDRAISER

Project Concern’s annual 9-pin tap bowling fundraiser will take place on Sunday, April 21, 2024 at South Shore Bowl. Join in the fun and support the pantry! Registration starts on the day of the event at **11am**, with bowling at noon. The fee is \$25 per person (up to 6 bowlers per team) and includes bowling, pizza, cash prizes, and the opportunity to participate in some great raffles. Contact Dan at South Shore Bowl by phone at 414-481-0200, or by email at southshorebowl@gmail.com to reserve your spot.

DORCAS WOMEN'S CELEBRATION SET UP: APRIL 30

Help is needed from the men on Tuesday, April 30 at **2:00pm** for set up. Also, on Wednesday, May 1, for men to help serve and clean up for our celebration.

DORCAS WOMEN'S CELEBRATION: WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

The Dorcas Women's Celebration will be held on Wednesday, May 1 starting at **5:30pm**. Tickets are \$18 for adult, and \$6 for children. They will be sold before and after Worship Services. We will be collecting food pantry items for Project Concern. Entertainment this year will be an Elvis impersonator.

The theme for the celebration will be Hawaiian.



LCEF ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

The Take Heart Scholarship was developed for Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) Young Investors (YI) Club World Changers, who are high school seniors and will soon advance to your next level of higher education. As you begin your new journey, LCEF's Y.I. Club wants to assist your transition by offering financial support through the Take Heart Scholarship with up to three awards, \$3,000, \$1000, and \$500. Visit lcef.org/scholarship to learn more.

NOUR TOUR: A TOUR OF THE HOLY LAND


You are invited to join this 26th tour of the Holy Land Nour Tour. A native of Israel, born in Nazareth on a Journey to the Holy Land for an experience of a lifetime to visit Israel for a spiritual NOUR-ishment. We will depart from Chicago on June 24 and return on July 6, 2024. During this 13-day tour, you will experience the life of the land in new ways—sounds, smells, and sights of two civilizations the old and the new. You will stand at the crossroads of history—HIS STORY and your heart will be renewed with the love and truth of Scripture. The Bible will be our map and guide. Please join in on this blessed adventure. The ***price is \$4,950.00*** p/p including: air fare from Chicago to Tel Aviv and back to Chicago, hotel accommodations (for double occupancy) tips, entry fees and all meals. For further information contact:

Rev. Nabil S. Nour, Pastor, 46448 263rd St. Hartford, SD 57033

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(Please see printout on the bulletin board in the main hallway if interested.)

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR CELEBRATION...

...of birth	...of baptismof marriage
Apr 13 Sharan Lunde	Apr 13 Mary Miller	Apr 15 Blaine & Sharon Bukowski
Apr 14 Marion Schuknecht	Apr 14 Dorrene Krueger	
Apr 16 Henry Wagner	Apr 15 Richard Vokoun	
	Apr 18 Yvonne Gast	
	Apr 19 Darrell Beckemeier	
	Fran Mahn	

If your celebration day is incorrect (or doesn't appear), please notify the Church Office at 414-481-0520

Mission Statement
St. John Lutheran Church, Cudahy WI
Our primary purpose is to share the Good News
of salvation through Jesus Christ alone.

In order to do this, we:
GROW together in our faith through word and Sacrament
DISCOVER our spiritual gifts
SHARE God's Law and Gospel
SERVE God by meeting the needs of others in mind, body and spirit, and
WELCOME all people to learn and embrace our faith

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CALENDAR: APRIL

Sat.	13	3:00p	Communion Worship Service
Sun.	14	9:00a	Communion Worship Service
		10:00a	Coffee Koinonia (<i>Fellowship Time</i>)
		10:30a	Adult Bible Study: Discovering God's Vision for your Life
		10:30a	Sunday School
Mon.	15	6:00p	Social Concerns Board Meeting
		6:30p	Adult Bible Study: Discovering God's Vision for your Life
Tue.	16	7:00a	Men's Bible Study (OC)
		11:45a	Day Care Board Meeting
		1:00p	Church Council Meeting
		1:30p	LWML Meeting
Wed.	17	9:30a	Matthews Sr. Living (SF)
Thur.	18	9:00a	OC Place Worship Service
		9:30a	Day Care Devotions
		1:30p	Bible Study: Revelation
		7:00p	Sheepshead
Fri.	19		
Sat.	20	8:30a	Stewardship Conference
		9:00a	LWML Spring Rally
		3:00p	Communion Worship Service
Sun.	21	9:00a	Communion Worship Service
		10:00a	Coffee Koinonia (<i>Fellowship Time</i>)
		10:30a	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School