

4th Weekend in Lent
“Makes You Want to Sing!”
March 29/30, 2025



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

Traditionally, the Fourth Sunday in Lent has been known as Laetare Sunday, from the Latin Introit *Laetare Jerusalem*: “Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for Her” (Isaiah 66:10). Though still in the penitential season of Lent, this Sunday is a relaxation from normal Lenten discipline. Today’s service is inspired by the Old Testament Reading of Isaiah, the First Song of Isaiah: “Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the Earth” (Isaiah 12:5). Today we take that admonition literally as not only the liturgy is sung but also the Readings are expanded with hymn stanzas. “Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel” (Isaiah 12:6). In the joy of the faithful father in Jesus’ parable of the prodigal son, the forgiveness of our sin and reconciliation with God as His Baptized sons and daughters, well, it just makes you want to sing! So we shall!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”* Vs 1,4,6,7 *LSB 528*

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing, my Great Redeemer’s praise,
 the Glories of my God and King, the Triumphs of His Grace!

- 4 He breaks the pow’r of canceled sin; He sets the pris’ner free.
 His Blood can make the foulest clean; His Blood avails for me.

- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid; the Lamb of God was slain.
 His Soul was once an Offering made, for ev’ry soul of man.

- 7 To God all Glory, Praise, and Love, be now and ever giv’n,
 by Saints below and Saints Above, the Church in Earth and Heav’n.
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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 *Isaiah 12:2*

Pastor: Behold, God is my Salvation;

All: I will trust, and will not be afraid;

Pastor: for the LORD GOD is my Strength and my Song,

All: and He has become my Salvation.

INTROIT FOR LENT 4 *Psalm 51:2–6*

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your Steadfast Love; according to Your Abundant Mercy blot out my transgressions.

All: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

Pastor: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

All: Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your Words and blameless in Your Judgment.

Pastor: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

All: Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 167

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

All: Most Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your Will and walk in Your Ways to the Glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

LSB 167

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a Called and Ordained servant of Christ, and by His Authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your Children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your Merciful Goodness, give thanks for all Your Benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 12:1–6*

ESV 684

¹You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though You were angry with me, Your anger turned away, that You might comfort me. ²“Behold, God is my Salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my Strength and my Song, and He has become my Salvation.” ³With joy you will draw water from the Wells of Salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon His Name, make known His Deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His Name is exalted. ⁵“Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the Earth. ⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 5:16–21*

ESV 1148

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard Him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a New Creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, Who through Christ reconciled us to Himself, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ, God was Reconciling the World to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the Message of Reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake He made Him to be sin Who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the Righteousness of God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32*

ESV 1039

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the Scribes grumbled, saying, “This Man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³So Jesus told them this parable: . . .

“There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against Heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against Heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN *“You Are the Way; through You Alone”* Vs 1,2 *LSB 526*

1 You are the Way; through You alone,
can we the Father find;
in You, O Christ, has God revealed,
His Heart and Will and Mind.

2 You are the Truth; Your Word alone,
True Wisdom can impart;
You only can inform the mind,
and purify the heart.

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SERMON

HYMN *“You Are the Way; through You Alone”* Vs 3,4 *LSB 526*

3 You are the Life; the empty tomb,
proclaims Your conqu’ring arm,
and those who put their trust in You
not death nor Hell shall harm.

4 You are the Way, the Truth, the Life;
grant us that Way to know,
that Truth to keep, that Life to win,
Whose Joys Eternal Flow.

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OFFERING *(received and brought to the Altar)*

OFFERTORY

LSB 159

All: **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and will call on the Name of the Lord.
I will take the Cup of Salvation, and will call on the Name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord, now in the presence of all His people,
in the Courts of the Lord’s House, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

NICENE CREED

All: **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 ✝ of the world to come. 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. You are God; we praise You.

All: You are the Lord; we acclaim You,

Pastor: You are the Eternal Father;

All: all creation worships You.

Pastor: To You all Angels, all the Powers of Heaven, sing in endless praise.

All: The Glorious Company of Apostles praise You.

Pastor: The noble fellowship of Prophets praise You.

All: The white-robed army of martyrs praise You.

Pastor: You, Christ, are the King of Glory, the Eternal Son of the Father.

All: You became Man to set us free,

Pastor: You overcame the sting of Death and opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

All: You are seated at God's Right Hand in Glory.

Pastor: Lord God, we pray for Your whole Church on Earth. Grant that Your Life-Giving, Life-Sustaining Word be rightly proclaimed and firmly believed, that many may come to repentance and faith and the Eternal Life of Your new Creation. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For Your whole Creation, we praise and glorify You, Almighty God. Let Your blessing be upon seedtime and harvest, commerce and industry, and all the realm of our life together as a nation. Preserve us, O Lord, in justice and honor that we may live in peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For all who are in any need, the sick, the hospitalized, the homebound; for the lonely and abandoned; for the oppressed and the afflicted, come to all with healing, hope, and restoration of freedom and health. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Other intercessions may be added here.

Pastor: Throughout the world the Holy Church acclaim You:

All: Father, of Majesty unbounded;

Pastor: Your True and Only Son, worthy of all worship;

All: and the Holy Spirit, Advocate and Guide.

Pastor: Come then, Lord Jesus, and help Your people, bought with the Price of Your Own Blood,

All: and bring us with Your Saints to Glory Everlasting. Amen.

+ 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 up to the Lord.



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

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

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.”*

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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: Amen. (sung)

LSB 163

AGNUS DEI (sung)

All: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
grant us Peace.



LSB 163

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.

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[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.]

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

HYMN *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

LSB 686

- 1 Come, Thou Fount of ev’ry Blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy Grace;
streams of Mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory, fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore Thee; may I still Thy Goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy Help I’ve come;
and I hope, by Thy Good Pleasure, safely to arrive at Home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand’ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His Precious Blood.
- 3 Oh, to Grace how great a debtor, daily I’m constrained to be;
let that Grace now like a fetter, bind my wand’ring heart to Thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy Courts Above.
- 4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy Lovely Face;
clothed then in the Blood-washed linen, how I’ll sing Thy Wondrous Grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; take my ransom’d soul away;
send Thine Angels soon to carry, me to Realms of endless day.

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HYMN *“What Wondrous Love is This”*

LSB 543

- 1 What Wondrous Love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What Wondrous Love is this, O my soul!
What Wondrous Love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
- 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, beneath God’s Righteous Frown,
Christ laid aside His Crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His Crown for my soul.
- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

- 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing His Love for me,
and through Eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through Eternity I'll sing on.

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POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is Good,

All: and His Mercy endureth forever.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God, our Heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the Feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's Body and Blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the Day of His Coming, we may, together with all Your Saints, celebrate the Marriage Feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

HYMN "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LSB 805

Praise God, from Whom all Blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him Above, ye Heav'nly Host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Officiant: Rev. Phillip DeVries

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Sat: Betty Johnson

Sun: Betty Johnson

Altar Guild:

Upkeep: Pat Mueller

Sat: Laura Lucas

Sun: Julie Monson

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER...

- † the sick and shut-in of our Family of Faith: Dorrene Krueger
- † friends of our family of Faith: Steven Schmadl, Linda Polcin, Debbie, and Tom Grant
- † for the family of Sylvia Laufenberg (Day Care Cook) at the death of her brother Bob Reich on March 21, 2025



EASTER LILY SIGN UP: DEADLINE IS NEXT WEEKEND!!

Sign up in the Narthex to sponsor your Easter Lily to help beautify our Altar for Easter weekend. **\$14.00 each.** Deadline to sign up is Sunday, April 06. Your Easter Lily can be picked up after Easter Sunday 10am Service, or during the following week.



VOLUNTEER FOR ST. JOHN CHILD DAY CARE AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Come read stories to the children, share a talent with the children, play a game, or do a cooking activity. You can share tell them of your occupation, cultural or ethnic backgrounds, etc. How about helping by fixing broken equipment or donating items from the donation tree. Any of these ideas can help out.

Contact Karen at 414-482-0554.

ST. JOHN VBS - SAVE THE DATES!!

St. John will be holding Vacation Bible School (VBS) this year. The dates will be: July 22-26. More information to follow. Contact Pat Lemmer if you have any questions at 414-810-0870.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE FOR LAST WEEK

Weekend Worship Service: 98

Midweek Lenten Service: 55

FINANCIAL POSITION FOR MARCH 2025

GENERAL FUND

	Month to Date	FY to Date
Received:	\$ 25,211.00	\$ 244,202.98
Obligations:	\$ <u>22,717.24</u>	\$ <u>257,299.31</u>
Balance:	\$ 2,493.76	\$ (13,096.33)
Beginning Fiscal Year General Fund Balance		\$ 25,000.00
YTD General Fund Balance		\$ 12,403.67

Property Improvement Loan

Monthly Amount Needed	Received MTD	Balance Needed
\$2,491.67	\$4,191.33	0

Thank you for your donations this month.

Money received above the amount needed will go towards paying down our principle.

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.

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 who wish to have your contributions transferred electronically. 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)

TRINITY HOPE

Last summer our VBS children donated mission offerings to Trinity Hope, an organization that feeds the children in Haiti who attend Christian Schools and hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Those offerings were matched by St. John Church. We were able to provide around 1350 meals for the children of Haiti.

Keith Logan, Executive Director of Trinity Hope, will be at St. John Church to tell us more about their work on Saturday, March 29 at **2pm** and Sunday, March 30 during **Adult Bible Study**. Refreshments will be provided.

SIGN UP SHEETS ARE IN THE NARTHEX. Please indicate when you would be attending so refreshments can be planned.

DORCAS MEETING

The next Dorcas meeting will be Wednesday, April 1, 2025 at **6:00pm** (*a new time*). We will be talking about our Women's Celebration that will be held on May 7, 2025 at 5:30pm. Our hostesses' will be Alice and Jean. Come and enjoy the time of fellowship with the ladies of St. John.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, IS WI STATE VOTING DAY!

On the ballot are State Supreme Court Candidates, Dept. of Public Education (DPI) Candidates and a state referendum question on Photo Voter ID inclusion in the State constitution. Candidate Comparison sheets, as a resource, are FREE for the taking. Look for them in the Church Narthex by the "bubblers".

LENTEN DINNERS

Come and join your family and friends for dinner prior to the Wednesday Lenten Worship Services. Dinner will be served starting at 5:15pm. A big thank you goes out to the groups who have graciously offered to sponsor the dinners! The schedule and sponsors are:

Apr. 02: Social Concerns & Handbell Choir – Pulled Pork & Pulled Chicken
Sandwiches & Sides

Apr. 09: Buttke Family – Spaghetti from *That's Amore*

LWML MEETING

Our next LWML meeting will be held at **10am** on April 15. The Activity will be cutting fabric squares to provide for volunteers to sew into quilts for Mission Outreach to those in need. This is an OPEN INVITATION for anyone interested to help with our Mission Projects. LWML Members are reminded to bring your "MITES FOR MISSIONS". May God bless **all our efforts to support our GOSPEL OUTREACH AROUND THE WORLD!**

DORCAS WOMEN'S CELEBRATION

On Wednesday, May 7, 2025, Dorcas will host its annual Women's Celebration. The event is open to All women and their guests. Ticket prices will be \$18 per adult, and \$6 per child 6–12 years old. Tickets will be on sale before and after Church services.

PROJECT CONCERN

For the second year, Project Concern is organizing the Hunger Rumble 5k run/walk community event. The race is scheduled for June 21 at **9:00am**. Flyer inserts can be found in the Narthex. There is also a larger poster on the bulletin board outside the Church office.

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR CELEBRATION...

<p>...of birth Mar 29 Dan Reynolds Mar 31 Fran Mahn Dawn Monroe</p>	<p>...of baptism Mar 30 James Barton Rachel Page Apr 01 Virginia Antonia-Quintantilla Jean Schmidt Apr 02 Payton Lucas Apr 04 Gene Kroll Pastor Carl Krueger</p>	<p>....of marriage Mar 29 Patrick & Judith Jozwiak Mar 30 Adam & Allison Christian</p>
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If your celebration day is incorrect (or doesn't appear), please notify the Church Office at 414-481-0520

UPCOMING HOLY WEEK SERVICES

At the **April 12 (3pm)** and **April 13 (9am)**
 Palm Crosses will be shared at both Worship Services.

April 12: Palm Saturday

- Worship Service at 3:00pm

April 13: Palm Sunday – Sunday of the Passion

- Worship Service at 9:00am
 - Bell Choir will play



April 17: Maundy Thursday

- Worship Service at 6:30pm
 - Bell Choir will play
 - Traditional Communion Liturgy
 - The Stripping of the Altar

April 18: Good Friday

- Worship Service at 6:30pm
 - The full Scripture report of Jesus' condemnation, suffering and death

April 19: Easter Saturday

- Worship Service at 3:00pm

April 20: Easter Sunday – Alleluia!! He Is Risen!!

- Easter Breakfast 8:30am
(Registration for breakfast is appreciated)
- **Easter Worship Service at 10:00am**



CALENDAR: MARCH / APRIL

Sat.	29	3:00pm	Communion Worship Service
Sun.	30	9:00am	Communion Worship Service
		10:00am	Coffee Koinonia (<i>Fellowship Time</i>)
		10:30am	Adult Bible Study, Sunday School & Confirmation Class
Mon.	31	6:15pm	Handbell Practice
		6:30pm	Adult Bible Study
Tue.	01	7:00am	Men's Bible Study (OC)
		5:30pm	Elders Board Meeting
		6:00pm	Dorcas Society Meeting (<i>NEW TIME</i>)
Wed.	02	9:30am	Matthews Sr. Living (SF)
		5:15pm	Lenten Dinner
		6:30pm	Lenten Worship Service
Thur.	03	9:00am	OC Place Worship Service
		9:30am	Day Care Devotions
		1:30pm	Bible Class
		6:30pm	Evangelism & Stewardship Meetings
Fri.	04	<i>PROJECT CONCERN WEEKEND</i>	
Sat.	05	3:00pm	Communion Worship Service
Sun.	06	9:00am	Communion Worship Service
		10:00am	Coffee Koinonia (<i>Fellowship Time</i>)
		10:30am	Adult Bible Study, Sunday School & Confirmation Class

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