

THE THIRD WEEKEND OF EASTER CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

“Easter Light – Gladsome Light”

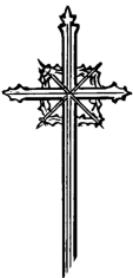
April 18/19, 2026



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- **Large-Print Bulletins and Hymnals**
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- **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

Whether we will admit it or not, many of us are logophiles, which means that we love words. All of us have far more words in our vocabulary than we use in our daily conversation. We know what the words mean but for some reason we do not say them much. Words come into and go out of fashion and usage. One of those words that are not used much anymore is *gladsome*. It appears in several hymns of the Christmas season and is in the first line of the ancient evening hymn “O Gladsome Light, O Grace” (LSB 888), which dates back to the fourth century AD and was originally in the Greek language. It describes Jesus as being the Ultimate Gladsome Light with these words: “O Gladsome Light, O Grace of God the Father’s Face, Eternal Splendor wearing: Celestial, Holy, Blest, our Savior Jesus Christ, joyful in Thine appearing!” (LSB 888:1). Jesus, the Risen Lord, is the Light that brings gladness to each hour of the day. We are blessed in that we can always rejoice in His Brightness!

IN THE NAME OF OUR BLESSED SAVIOR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN *“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”*

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.
- 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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INVOCATION

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

All: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 113:1–4; 56:12–13

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the Name of the LORD!

All: Blessed be the Name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

Pastor: From the rising of the Sun to its setting, the Name of the LORD is to be praised!

All: The LORD is high above all nations, and His Glory above the Heavens!

Pastor: I must perform my vows to You, O God; I will render thank offerings to You.

All: For You have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the Light of Life.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us come before God in true repentance, seeking His Mercy and Forgiveness.

O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.

All: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

Pastor: We confess that we have not lived as Your followers but have sought to go our own ways in directions that have not brought Glory to You or blessing to others.

All: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

Pastor: We confess that Your Love has not reached others through us in every situation, admitting with guilt that there have been times in which we have been loveless, thoughtless, and judgmental toward others, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

All: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

Pastor: We confess that Your Will has not always been our priority and that we have not always been defenders of the weak and helpless in our circle of family, neighbors, and friends, and beyond.

All: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

Pastor: We confess that we have not used every opportunity given to us to witness to the Resurrection Faith that is ours and have at times been slow to speak of the Hope that is ours in Christ.

All: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, and by the Command of our Lord, I, a Called and Ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: May the God of Peace sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He Who calls you is Faithful, and He will do it.

All: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

RITE OF CONFIRMATION (SUNDAY)

LSB 272

KYRIE

LSB 168

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the Peace from Above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: 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.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this Holy House and for all who offer here our worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, Save, Comfort, and Defend us, Gracious Lord.

All: Amen.

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 2:14a, 36–41*

ESV 1081

¹⁴Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them . . .

³⁶“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus Whom you Crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be Baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the Forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the Promise is for you, and for your children, and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words Peter bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his Word were Baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Peter 1:17–25*

ESV 1203

¹⁷If you call on Him as Father Who Judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were Ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the Precious Blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was Foreknown before the Foundation of the World but was made Manifest in the Last Times for your sake, ²¹who through Him are believers in God, Who Raised Him from the Dead and Gave Him Glory, so that your Faith and Hope are in God. ²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the Truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the Living and Abiding Word of God; ²⁴for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵but the Word of the Lord remains forever.” And this Word is the Good News that was preached to you.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

All: Glory to You, O Lord.



¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. ¹⁷And He said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered Him, “Are You the only visitor to Jerusalem Who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And He said to them, “What things?” And they said to Him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a Man Who was a Prophet Mighty in Deed and Word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our Chief Priests and Rulers delivered Him up to be condemned to Death, and Crucified Him. ²¹But we had hoped that He was the One to Redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the Third Day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the Tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find His Body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of Angels, who said that He was Alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the Tomb and found it just as the women had said, but Him they did not see.” ²⁵And He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the Prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His Glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if He were going farther, ²⁹but they urged Him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So He went in to stay with them. ³⁰When He was at table with them, He took the Bread and Blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. And He vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has Risen Indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the Breaking of the Bread.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN “*Stay With Us*” Vs 1-3

LSB 879

- 1 Stay with us, till night has come: our praise to You this day be sung.
Bless our Bread, open our eyes: Jesus, be our great Surprise.
- 2 Walk with us, our spirits sigh: Hear when our weary spirits cry,
feel again, our loss, our pain: Jesus, take us to Your Side.
- 3 Walk with us, the road will bend: make all our weeping, wailing end.
Wipe our tears, forgive our fears: Jesus, lift the heavy cross.

SERMON

HYMN “*Stay With Us*” Vs 4,5

LSB 879

- 4 Talk with us, till we behold, a joyful life You will unfold:
heal our eyes, to see the prize: Jesus, take us to the Light.
- 5 Stay with us, till day is done: no tears nor dark shall dim the Sun.
Cheer the heart, Your Grace impart: Jesus, bring Eternal Life.

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OFFERING (*received and brought to the Altar*)

OFFERTORY (*sung*)

LSB 176

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.

APOSTLES’ CREED (SATURDAY)

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 joyfully be told throughout all the world and the Easter Victory of Jesus Christ 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. On this day we remember those no longer among us on Earth who have completed their earthly races and have received the Final Victory in Christ. Lead us to follow in their way, that we rejoice together Eternally at Your Table and in Your Mansions. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer. 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.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for in Christ You have given us the victory over sin, death, and the power of the devil. Pour out upon us the Gift of Your Spirit, that we may receive Your Blessings with true thanksgiving. Grant that we may receive the Body and Blood of our Lord as a Guarantee of our Salvation and as a foretaste of the Feast to come in the Gladsome Light of Your Eternal Kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all Glory, Honor, and Praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

SANCTUS *(sung)*

LSB 178

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of Pow'r and Might:
Heav'n and Earth are full of Your Glory.
Hosanna in the Highest.
Blessed is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the Highest.**

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."*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim the Lord's Death until He Comes.

All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your Body and Blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your Holy Cross and Passion, Your Blessed Death, Your Rest in the Tomb, Your Resurrection from the Dead, Your Ascension into Heaven, and Your Coming for the Final Judgment. So remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

LSB 180

All: Amen. *(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,
 grant us peace.

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.

The Confirmation Class will Commune first.

[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. (Non-alcoholic individual cups are available in the center of the trays.)

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 “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

1 Christ has Arisen, Alleluia.
 Rejoice and praise Him, Alleluia.
 For our Redeemer burst from the Tomb,
 even from Death, dispelling its gloom. *Refrain*

*Refrain: Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
 death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.
 Our sin forgiving, Alleluia! Jesus is Living, Alleluia!*

2 For three long days the grave did its worst,
 until its strength by God was dispersed.
 He Who gives life did death undergo;
 and in its conquest His Might did show. *Refrain*

- 3 The Angel said to them, “Do not fear!
You look for Jesus Who is not here.
See for yourselves the Tomb is all bare;
Only the Grave Cloths are lying there.” *Refrain*

*Refrain: Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
death’s fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, Alleluia! Jesus is Living, Alleluia!*

- 4 “Go spread the news: He’s not in the grave;
He has Arisen this world to save.
Jesus’ Redeeming Labors are done;
even the battle with sin is won.” *Refrain*

- 5 Christ has Arisen; He sets us free;
Alleluia, to Him praises be.
Jesus is Living! Let us all sing;
He Reigns Triumphant, Heavenly King. *Refrain*

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HYMN *“Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread”*

LSB 625

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-giving Bread, may I in grace possess You.
Let me with Holy Food be fed, in hunger I address You.
Prepare me well for You, O Lord, and, humbly by my prayer implored,
give me Your Grace and Mercy.
- 2 To pastures green, Lord, safely guide, to restful waters lead me;
Your Table well for me provide, Your Wounded Hand now feed me.
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak, refuge in You alone I seek,
to share Your Cup of Healing.
- 3 O Bread of Heav’n, my soul’s Delight, for full and free Remission,
I come with prayer before Your sight, in sorrow and contrition.
Your Righteousness, Lord, cover me, that I receive You worthily,
assured of Your Full Pardon.
- 4 I do not merit favor, Lord, my weight of sin would break me;
in all my guilty heart’s discord, O Lord, do not forsake me.
In my distress this comforts me, that You receive me graciously,
O Christ, my Lord of Mercy!

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Blessed are You, Heavenly Father, for once again we have been served at Your Table through our receiving of the Body and Blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord in this joyful Eastertide. Strengthen us through this Sacrament so that we continue to be Your Rejoicing People who tell of Your Love to all as we await Your Eternal Kingdom, where You Live and Reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

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 Peace.

All: Amen. Amen. Amen. (sung)

LSB 202

HYMN *“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”*

LSB 923

- 1 Almighty Father, Bless the Word,
which through Your Grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the Precious Seed take root,
spring up, and bear abundant fruit!
- 2 We praise You for the Means of Grace,
as homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who Worshiped here,
may all at last in Heav’n appear.
- 3 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

Elder on Duty:

Sat: Scott Lucas

Sun: Mark Baggenstoss

Sunday Ushers:

Jim Fahser

Jim Papala

Organist:

Sat: Tom Bellis

Sun: Betty Johnson

Altar Guild:

Upkeep:

Sat: Laura Lucas

Sun: Karen Erickson

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER...

- † for the sick and shut in of our Family of Faith: Janelle Stella, Gloria Lezala, and Val Lezala
- † friends of our family of Faith: Shari Rios
- † Special Prayers for those with Cancer: Ray Berg, Charlie Baranowski, Dan Gerber, John Rauch, Nate Watters, and Ernie Fletcher
- † for the Jan Cywinski family – death and funeral of a family member



ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the Altar this week are placed to the Glory of God in honor of the **2026 St. John Confirmation Class**.

DAY CARE BOOK FAIR: April 20-24 & 26

Starting April 20-24, (8:30am-5:30pm) and then on Sunday, April 26 (after Church Service), our St. John Day Care will host a Scholastic Book Fair to buy books for any child in your family or for friends. If you'd simply want to help our Day Care Ministry, you can donate \$ by using the **ALL FOR BOOKS** box located on the Church Office counter. Buying books allows our Day Care to earn Scholastic Dollars, which we use to purchase books as Christmas Gifts for every child. Thank you for your support.

LWML MEETING: Tuesday, April 21 at 10:00AM

The LWML meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall. We will collect mites, update on upcoming activities and do inventory of our fabric supplies. The mite box is in the Narthex for donations if you are unable to attend the meeting.

BANNER COMMITTEE MEETING

A start up meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 29, at 6:00pm. Let's get together and plan our new projects! Call Pat Mueller with any questions: 414-426-8422.

VBS COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a VBS Meeting on Thursday, April 30 at NOON and/or 6:30pm. Contact Pat Lemmer if you have any questions at 414-690-4408.

THURSDAY: 1:30PM BIBLE STUDY

JOIN THE TOUR: KNOW THE BOOK. The "TOUR" of all 66 Books of the Bible has begun each Thursday at 1:30pm. All former "TOUR" members – bring your 3-ring binders and your Bibles. All NEW TOUR members – all materials will be available; bring your own Bible or one will be given to you. ALL ABOARD!

DINNER & BUNCO NIGHT

Join Social Concerns on Saturday, May 2, for an evening of food and fun! A baked potato bar will be served at 4:15pm, followed by Bunco (FUN group dice game) at 5:00pm. Sign up by Thursday, April 30, on the sheet in the Narthex. We look forward to seeing you there!

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE FOR LAST WEEK

Weekend Worship Service: 100

FINANCIAL POSITION FOR APRIL 2026

GENERAL FUND

	Month to Date	FY to Date
Received:	\$ 21,629.00	\$ 282,730.43
Obligations:	\$ <u>15,183.91</u>	\$ <u>288,051.77</u>
Balance:	\$ 6,445.09	\$ (5,531.34)
Beginning Fiscal Year General Fund Balance		\$ 25,000.00
YTD General Fund Balance		\$ 19,678.66

Property Improvement Loan

Monthly Amount Needed	Received MTD	Balance Needed
\$2,553.24	\$2,045.00	\$508.24

BIBLICAL GIVING - 2 Corinthians 9:7 Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

SPECIAL GIFT

General Fund

+ from Charlie & Carolyn Baranowski in memory of Jarka Axtell

LWML Fund

- + from Paulette Schmadl in memory of Jarka Axtell
- + from Paulette Schmadl in memory of Marilyn Kelso
- + from Dorcas Society in memory of Marilyn Kelso

ELECTRONIC OFFERINGS FOR ST. JOHN

The Easter season presents a wonderful opportunity for St. John to thank those individuals and families that support the Church throughout the year with their time, talents and financial contributions. We hope that you will be generous with your time and financial support. To assist everyone in making consistent offerings that are so important to St. John, we offer the option of giving electronically. Please contact the Church Office for more information.

HELP NEEDED FOR SET UP AND SERVING THE WOMEN'S CELEBRATION

The Dorcas Women need assistance from our strong men to help set-up tables and chairs on Tuesday, May 5, at 2pm, and also to help with the set-up, serve and clean up on Wednesday, May 6, at 5pm. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. We are very grateful for your help.

DORCAS WOMEN'S CELEBRATION

On Wednesday, May 6, at 5:30pm, Dorcas will host its annual Women's Celebration. The event is open to All women and their female guests. *Ticket prices are \$18 per adult, and \$6 per child 6–12 years old.* Tickets are on sale before and after Church services. **Deadline for tickets is Sunday, April 26.**

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR CELEBRATION...

...of birth

Apr 22

Scott Lucas

Apr 24

Don Flemming

Erika Wolffersdorff

...of baptism

Apr 18

Yvonne Gast

Apr 19

Darrell Beckemeier

Fran Mahn

Apr 20

Julie Monson

Apr 21

Marion Schuknecht

Apr 24

Janet Gerloff

...of marriage



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(or doesn't appear),
please notify the Church Office
at 414-481-0520.*

MINISTRY FAIR 2026

On May 16 & 17 we will celebrate the Blessings God continues to give us by having a Ministry Fair. Each Board, Committee, and Group is invited to request a table or two for you to set up a display to show and tell how they continue to be God's instruments to share His Love with our Church, community and the world. Table request forms are in the Narthex. Tables should be set up by Friday, May 15. All items will remain on display through our *Voters' meeting on June 7*.

QUARTERLY 2026 SUMMER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: SUNDAY, MAY 10

The deadline for the Summer Evangelist is approaching quickly. Please submit your articles for the upcoming events that will happen during the summer months (June-July-Aug) to: seavisionten0r@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE: V.B.S. JULY 20 - 24

Please join in the fun of sharing Jesus with our "Emerald Crossing" team members. We are highlighting Psalm 23 with an Irish theme.

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CALENDAR: APRIL

Sat.	18	<i>LWML ZONE SPRING RALLY: Trinity, Downtown</i>
	3:00pm	Communion Worship Service
Sun.	19	<i>CONFIRMATION SUNDAY</i>
	9:00am	Communion Worship Service
	10:00am	Coffee Koinonia (<i>Fellowship Time</i>)
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study: (<i>JESUS SAID WHAT?</i>)
	10:30am	Adult Information Class
	10:30am	NO Sunday School Today
Mon.	20	
	5:30pm	Social Concerns Meeting
	6:15pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	6:30pm	Adult Bible Study (<i>Book of John</i>)
Tue.	21	
	7:00am	Men's Bible Study (OC)
	10:00am	LWML Meeting
	10:30am	Day Care Meeting
	1:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Wed.	22	
	9:30am	AdvaCare Sr. Living (SF)
Thur.	23	
	9:00am	Oak Creek Place Worship Service
	9:30am	Day Care Devotions
	10:15am	AdvaCare Sr. Living (OC)
	1:30pm	Adult Bible Study (<i>Join the TOUR – Know the Book</i>)
	7:00pm	Sheepshead
Fri.	24	
Sat.	25	
	3:00pm	Communion Worship Service
Sun.	26	
	9:00am	Communion Worship Service
	10:00am	Coffee Koinonia (<i>Fellowship Time</i>)
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study: (<i>JESUS SAID WHAT?</i>)
	10:30am	Adult Information Class
	10:30am	Last Day of Sunday School

HELP WANTED

St. John Day Care is looking for someone to work with school-age children for the summer. Call Karen for more information at 414-482-0554.