



St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

and Day Care & Development Center

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- **Large-Print Bulletins and Hymnals**
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THE FOURTH WEEKEND OF EASTER

“Easter Light – Guiding Light”

April 25/26, 2026

AS WE GATHER

One of the longest lasting of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World was the Pharos Lighthouse that was constructed at the entry of the harbor of Alexandria, Egypt, in the third century BC. Although weakened by a series of earthquakes, it remained standing in part until AD 1480. Initially, its source of light was the brightness of the sun reflected in a great mirror by day and the flames of a great wood fire reflected by the same mirror at night. The gradual disintegration of the tower, initially some 330 feet in height, finally extinguished its light. As Jesus spoke with His Disciples, He described Himself as the Light that never will be extinguished. John reports: “Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the Light of Life’” (John 8:12). On our journey through this dark world, we are blessed to have the Light of Christ as our Unfailing Guide. It truly is the Light no darkness can overcome.

IN THE NAME OF OUR BLESSED SAVIOR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN *“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

LSB 711

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need Your Tender Care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Your Fold prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, Blessèd Jesus, You have Bought us; we are Yours.
Blessèd Jesus, Blessèd Jesus, You have Bought us; we are Yours.

- 2 We are Yours; in love befriend us, be the Guardian of our way;
Keep Your Flock, from sin Defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessèd Jesus, Blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.
Blessèd Jesus, Blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.

- 3 You have Promised to Receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
You have Mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and Pow’r to free.
Blessèd Jesus, Blessèd Jesus, early let us turn to You.
Blessèd Jesus, Blessèd Jesus, early let us turn to You.

- 4 Early let us seek Your Favor, early let us do Your Will;
Blessèd Lord and Only Savior, with Your Love our spirits fill.
Blessèd Jesus, Blessèd Jesus, You have Loved us, Love us still.
Blessèd Jesus, Blessèd Jesus, You have Loved us, Love us still.
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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 16:1–2, 5–6, 9, 11

Pastor: Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.

All: **I say to the LORD, “You are my LORD; I have no good apart from You.”**

Pastor: The LORD is my chosen Portion and my Cup; You hold my lot.

All: **The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful Inheritance.**

Pastor: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

All: You make known to me the Path of Life; in Your Presence there is Fullness of Joy; at Your Right Hand are Pleasures forevermore.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 85:1–2, 7

Pastor: LORD, You were Favorable to Your Land;

All: You restored the fortunes of Jacob.

Pastor: You Forgave the iniquity of Your People;

All: You covered all their sin.

Pastor: Show us Your Steadfast Love, O LORD,

All: and grant us Your Salvation.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins unto our gracious Lord.

All: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Mighty Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have not lived up to our calling as Your Peaceable People. We have not extended ourselves to bring Your Peace in our homes, our neighborhoods, and our communities. We have not done the good You demand and have not been the people You would have us be. We do repent and are truly sorry for our sins in thought, word, and deed. Have mercy on us, Merciful Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son. Forgive us all that need Your Forgiving Grace and with the Power of the Holy Spirit direct us to serve You and others faithfully all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pastor: God has Promised His Merciful Forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him in confession. He will Revive and Speak Peace to His People. In His Stead and by His Command, therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God Keep you in His Grace by the Holy Spirit, Lead you in ways of peace and joy, and finally Bring you to Live with Him Forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

INTROIT

Psalm 95:1–3, 6–7a; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

Pastor: Jesus said: I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My Life for the sheep.

All: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our Salvation!

Pastor: Let us come into His Presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

All: For the LORD is the Great God, and the Great King above all gods.

Pastor: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

All: For He is our God, and we are the People of His Pasture, and the sheep of His Hand.

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.

Pastor: I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My Life for the sheep.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, Merciful Father, since You have Wakened from Death the Shepherd of Your Sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the Voice of our Shepherd we may know Him Who calls us each by name and follow where He Leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

All: Amen

FIRST READING *Acts 2:42–47*

ESV 1082

⁴²They (those Baptized on Pentecost) devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the Breaking of Bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the

Apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the Temple together and Breaking Bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being Saved.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 23; antiphon: v. 1*

ESV 541

Pastor: ¹The LORD is my Shepherd; I shall not be in want.

All: ²He makes me lie down in green pastures. He Leads me beside still waters.

Pastor: ³He Restores my soul. He Leads me in Paths of Righteousness for His Name's sake.

All: ⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your Rod and Your Staff, they comfort me.

Pastor: ⁵You Prepare a Table before me in the presence of my enemies; You Anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

All: ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the House of the LORD forever.

EPISTLE *1 Peter 2:19–25*

ESV 1204

¹⁹For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it, and you endure, this is a gracious thing in the Sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been Called, because Christ also Suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His Steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His Mouth. ²³When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He Suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him Who Judges Justly. ²⁴He Himself bore our sins in His Body on the Tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His Wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the Door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the Door is the Shepherd of the sheep. ³To Him the Gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear His Voice, and He Calls His own sheep by name and Leads them out. ⁴When He has brought out all His Own, He goes before them, and the sheep follow Him, for they know His Voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what He was saying to them. ⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the Door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the Door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find Pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I Came that they may have Life and have it abundantly.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”* Vs 1-3

LSB 709

- 1 The King of Love my Shepherd is, Whose Goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine forever.

- 2 Where streams of Living Water flow, my ransomed soul He Leadeth,
and, where the verdant pastures grow, with Food Celestial feedeth.

- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in Love He sought me,
and on His Shoulder gently laid, and Home rejoicing brought me.

SERMON

HYMN *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”* Vs 4-6

LSB 709

- 4 In death’s dark vale I fear no ill, with Thee, Dear Lord, beside me,
Thy Rod and Staff my Comfort still, Thy Cross before to Guide me.

- 5 Thou spreadst a Table in my sight; Thine unction Grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight, from Thy Pure Chalice floweth!

- 6 And so through all the length of days, Thy Goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise, within Thy House forever!

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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

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, our Blessed
Shepherd, and for all people according to their needs:

We pray for the whole Church, that through it, the Goodness of God be
shared and the Good News of Salvation joyfully be proclaimed throughout
all the world. Gracious Shepherd,

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

Pastor: With gratefulness we remember those who already dwell in the Eternal
House of the Lord forever. They have inspired us to pass throughout our
earthly journeys with Faith and with Hope as we heed the Voice of our
Good Shepherd and follow in His Ways. Eternal Shepherd,

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. Alleluia!

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, wholesome, and proper that we give thanks to You, our Gracious Heavenly Father, for in Your Goodness You have given Your Only-Begotten Son for our Salvation. By the Guiding of Your Spirit, direct our ways that we may follow the Good Shepherd through all of our lives so that we may be gathered at the Table which He has Prepared before us. Grant that we may receive the Body and Blood of our Lord as a Guarantee, an Affirmation of our Salvation and as a foretaste of the Feast to come in Your Eternal Kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all Glory, Honor, and Praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

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.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Blessed are You, Lord of Heaven and Earth, for You have had Mercy on us and have given Your Only-Begotten Son to be our Loving Redeemer and our Good Shepherd. By Your Grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for His Sacrificial Death and His Glorious Resurrection that assure Salvation to all who believe. Grant that we may receive the Bread and Wine, that is, His Body and Blood as a Pledge of His Salvation. Graciously receive our prayers and by the Power of the Holy Spirit grant that we follow our Good Shepherd now and always.

All: 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.”*

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)

AGNUS DEI (sung)

LSB 180

**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.

*[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 *“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”*

LSB 740

- 1 I am Jesus’ little lamb, ever glad at heart I am;
for my Shepherd gently Guides me, knows my needs and well provides me,
Loves me ev’ry day the same, even Calls me by my Name.
- 2 Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my Staff and Stay.
When I hunger, Jesus Feeds me, into pleasant pastures Leads me;
when I thirst, He bids me go, where the quiet waters flow.
- 3 Who so happy as I am, even now the Shepherd’s Lamb?
And when my short life is ended, by His Angel Host attended,
He shall fold me to His Breast, there within His Arms to rest.
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HYMN *“Have No Fear, Little Flock”*

LSB 735

- 1 Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock,
for the Father has Chosen, to give you the Kingdom;
have no fear, little flock!
- 2 Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock,
for the Father will keep you, in His Love forever;
have good cheer, little flock!
- 3 Praise the Lord High Above; praise the Lord High Above,
for He stoops down to Heal you, Uplift and Restore you;
praise the Lord High Above!
- 4 Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God,
for He stays close beside you, in all things works with you;
thankful hearts raise to God!



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HYMN “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

LSB 641

*Refrain: You Satisfy the hungry heart with Gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O Saving Lord, the Bread of Life to eat.*

- 1 As when the Shepherd calls His sheep, they know and heed His Voice;
so when You call Your fam'ly, Lord, we follow and rejoice. *Refrain*
- 2 With joyful lips we sing to You, our praise and gratitude,
that You should count us worthy, Lord, to share this Heav'nly Food. *Refrain*
- 3 Is not the Cup we bless and share, the Blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one Cup, one Loaf, declare, our Oneness in the Lord? *Refrain*
- 4 The Myst'ry of Your Presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain, comes in our hearts to dwell. *Refrain*
- 5 You give Yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in Your Name, in truth and charity. *Refrain*

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and Ever-Living God, our Heavenly Father, as part of Your Loving Plan for us You have again Welcomed us at Your Table. We thank You for the Blessings of this Holy Meal. As the bread was once scattered as seed upon the fields and after being harvested was made one, so let Your Church be gathered together into One Flock from the ends of the Earth until at last we taste the fullness of Your Great Goodness in Your Eternal Kingdom, where You Live and Reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless 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 Peace.

All: Amen. Amen. Amen. (sung)

LSB 202

HYMN "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word"

LSB 488

1 He is Arisen! Glorious Word! Now Reconciled is God, my Lord;
the Gates of Heav'n are Open. My Jesus did Triumphant Die,
and Satan's arrows broken lie, destroyed Hell's fiercest weapon.
O hear what cheer! Christ Victorious, Rising Glorious, Life is giving.
He was Dead but now is Living!

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Officiant: Rev. Phillip DeVries

Elder on Duty:

Sat: Scott Lucas

Sun: Craig Hanke

Sunday Ushers:

Peter Brandstrom

Don Flemming

Organist:

Sat: Betty Johnson

Sun: Betty Johnson

Altar Guild:

Upkeep:

Sat: Laura Lucas

Sun: Julie Monson

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER...

- † for the sick and shut in of our Family of Faith: Liz & Irv Wargolet,
Gloria Lezala and Suzanne Foeckler
- † for Dean & Terri Cywinski, brother & sister-in-law of Steve Cywinski
- † Special Prayers for those with Cancer: Ray Berg, Charlie Baranowski,
Dan Gerber, John Rauch, Nate Watters, Ernie Fletcher and Barb Vensel



DAY CARE BOOK FAIR: April 26 – LAST DAY

Sunday, April 26 (after Church Service), is the Last Day of our St. John Day Care Scholastic Book Fair. You can 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.



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.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE FOR LAST WEEK

Weekend Worship Service: 123

FINANCIAL POSITION FOR APRIL 2026

GENERAL FUND

	Month to Date	FY to Date
Received:	\$ 25,612.00	\$ 286,713.43
Obligations:	\$ <u>25,386.40</u>	\$ <u>298,254.26</u>
Balance:	\$ 225.60	\$ (11,540.83)
Beginning Fiscal Year General Fund Balance		\$ 25,000.00
YTD General Fund Balance		\$ 13,459.17

Property Improvement Loan

Monthly Amount Needed	Received MTD	Balance Needed
\$2,553.24	\$2,282.00	\$271.24

*St. John Day Care contributes \$1,000 each month toward Loan Repayment.
This is in addition to the \$2,000 per month paid to the General Fund for Use & Occupancy.*

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 Judy Mathews in memory of my friend Jarka Axtell
- + from Judy Mathews in memory of my friend Marilyn Kelso
- + from Emery & Pat Mueller in memory of Ruth Hanson

Property Improvement Fund

- + from Yvonne Gast in memory of Jarka Axell, rest in peace my one time walking friend

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. Contact the Church Office at 414-481-0520 for more information.

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!

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.**

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.

CELEBRATING THE GIFT OF LIFE

May 10 (*Mother's Day*) through June 21 (*Father's Day*) we will be celebrating God's Gift of Life and honoring mothers and fathers by collecting baby items like diapers, wipes, etc. All items collected will be given to A Place of Refuge, (a crisis Pregnancy Advocacy Service,) which is a ministry of the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS. Look for the Pack-N-Play in the Narthex beginning May 10.

SAVE THE DATE:

Our annual **Voters' Assembly** has been set for **Sunday, June 7, at 10:30am.** (There will be **No Bible Study that day.**) At this meeting, we will approve the 2026-27 Church Budget, elect members to various Boards and Offices, and receive reports and updates as needed from our Boards. Please plan on attending this important meeting so we have a quorum to conduct business. Thank you for your involvement in the effective administration of our Church affairs, all to the Glory of our Lord and Savior!

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR CELEBRATION...

...of birth
Apr 25
Anne Brandstrom
Elizabeth Wargolet

Apr 26
Jacqueline Jakus

Apr 27
Maria Buttke
Gregory Seymour

Apr 28
Jean Schmidt

Apr 30
Michelle Papala

May 01
Lynne Hahn

...of baptism
Apr 28
Valerie Lezala

May 01
Lochlan Brandstrom
Scott Lucas
Sue Schaus
Angela Weber

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

...of marriage



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*.

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.

<u>ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH AND CHILD DAY CARE</u>		
CHURCH 414-481-0520		DAY CARE 414-482-0554
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CALENDAR: APRIL / MAY

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
Mon.	27	6:15pm	Handbell Practice
		6:30pm	Adult Bible Study
Tue.	28	7:00am	Men's Bible Study (OC)
Wed.	29	9:30am	AdvaCare Sr. Living SF
		6:00pm	Banner Committee Meeting
Thur.	30	9:00am	Oak Creek Place Worship Service
		9:30am	Day Care Devotions
		10:15am	AdvaCare Sr. Living OC
		12:00pm	VBS Meeting #1
		1:30pm	Adult Bible Study (<i>Join the TOUR – Know the Book</i>)
		6:30pm	VBS Meeting #2
Fri.	01	LWML-SELC DISTRICT CONVENTION MAY 1-3 IN ST. LOUIS	
Sat.	02	PROJECT CONCERN WEEKEND (<i>Hand and Bar Soap</i>)	
		3:00pm	Communion Worship Service
		4:15pm	Fellowship Dinner
		5:00pm	Bunco Night
Sun.	03	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

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.

