



St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

and Day Care & Development Center

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THE FIFTH WEEKEND OF EASTER

“Easter Light – Eternal Light”

May 02/03, 2026

AS WE GATHER

Since 1986, voice actor Tom Bodett has had his career defined with a one-line promotion for the Motel 6 hotel chain. He always ends his commercials for the company with a simple line stating “We’ll leave the light on for you.” Having an assured place to be going to can be encouraging and comforting. As Jesus speaks with His Disciples, we hear Him reassure them and us that He will be in His Father’s House, the Heavenly Place where lights are not even necessary. In the Revelation to John, we have this insight about our God’s Eternal City: “And the City has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the Glory of God gives it Light, and its Lamp is the Lamb” (Revelation 21:23). In “Jerusalem the Golden,” medieval monk Bernard of Cluny writes of the “Radiancy of Glory” and the “bliss beyond compare” that are in store for God’s Redeemed People there (*LSB* 672:1). As we share in the foretaste of the Feast to come through our worship, we can only imagine what joys still await us.

IN THE NAME OF OUR BLESSED SAVIOR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN “*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing*” LSB 475

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the Triumph of our King!
To all the world Glad News we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 The Lord of Life is Ris’n this day; bring flow’rs of song to strew His way;
let all the world rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Praise we in songs of Victory, that Love, that Life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Your Name we bless, O Risen Lord, and sing today with one accord,
the Life Laid Down, the Life Restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
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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 27:1; 147:11; 104:24a, 31a; Isaiah 2:5b

Pastor: The LORD is my Light and my Salvation; whom shall I fear?

All: The LORD is the Stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Pastor: The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,

All: in those who hope in His Steadfast Love.

Pastor: O LORD, how Manifold are Your Works!

All: In wisdom have You Made them all.

Pastor: May the Glory of the LORD endure forever.

All: Come, let us walk in the Light of the LORD.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As penitent people, we ask God for His Grace and Mercy.
Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His Forgiveness.

All: O Almighty God, most Merciful Father, I, a repentant sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. By nature, I am a sinful creature. In thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your Law. For this I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of the Sufferings and Death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be Gracious and Merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the Power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life and bear fruit in keeping with true repentance.

Pastor: God be Gracious to you and Strengthen your Faith.

All: Amen.

Pastor: As you believe, so let it be. 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 +

INTROIT

Psalm 30:1–5; antiphon: Psalm 149:1

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, His praise in the Assembly of the godly!

All: I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

Pastor: O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You have Healed me.

All: O LORD, You have Brought Up my soul from Sheol; You Restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Pastor: Sing praises to the LORD, O you His Saints, and give thanks to His Holy Name.

All: For His anger is but for a moment, and His Favor is for a Lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. 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: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, His praise in the Assembly of the godly!

KYRIE

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 their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

All: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your Faithful to be of One Will. Grant that we may love what You have Commanded and desire what You Promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through 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 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60**ESV 1086*

¹Now in these days when the Disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ²And the Twelve summoned the full number of the Disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the Word of God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the Ministry of the Word." ⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of Faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and

Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶These they set before the Apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷And the Word of God continued to increase, and the number of the Disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the Priests became obedient to the faith.

⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . .

²And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

⁵¹You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the Prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the Coming of the Righteous One, Whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the Law as delivered by Angels and did not keep it." ⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into Heaven and saw the Glory of God, and Jesus standing at the Right Hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, "Behold, I see the Heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the Right Hand of God." ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he [Stephen] said this, he fell asleep.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Peter 2:2–10*

ESV 1204

²Like newborn infants longing for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is Good. ⁴As you come to Him, a Living Stone rejected by men but in the Sight of God Chosen and Precious, ⁵you yourselves like Living Stones are being built up as a Spiritual House, to be a Holy Priesthood, to offer Spiritual Sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a Stone, a Cornerstone Chosen and Precious, and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame." ⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The Stone that the builders rejected has become the Cornerstone," ⁸and "A Stone of stumbling, and a Rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the Word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a Chosen Race, a Royal Priesthood, a Holy Nation, a People for His Own Possession, that you may proclaim the Excellencies of Him Who

Called you out of darkness into His Marvelous Light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's People; once you had not received mercy, but now you have Received Mercy.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



HOLY GOSPEL *John 14:1–14*

ESV 1070

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

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. ²In my Father's House are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the Way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the Way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. ⁷If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also. From now on you do know Him and have seen Him.” ⁸Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know Me, Philip? Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The Words that I say to you I do not speak on My Own Authority, but the Father Who dwells in Me does His Works. ¹¹Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me, or else believe on account of the Works themselves. ¹²“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will He do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in My Name, this I will do, that the Father may be Glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask Me anything in My Name, I will do it.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN *“At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing”* Vs 1-4

LSB 633

- 1 At the Lamb's High Feast we sing, praise to our Victorious King,
Who has Washed us in the Tide, Flowing from His Piercèd Side. Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, Whose Love Divine, gives His Sacred Blood for Wine,
gives His Body for the Feast—Christ the Victim, Christ the Priest. Alleluia!
- 3 Where the Paschal Blood is poured, death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go, through the Wave that Drowns the foe. Alleluia!

- 4 Praise we Christ, Whose Blood was shed, Paschal Victim, Paschal Bread;
with sincerity and love, eat we Manna from Above. Alleluia!

SERMON

HYMN “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” Vs 5-8 LSB 633

- 5 Mighty Victim from the Sky, Hell’s fierce pow’rs beneath You lie;
You have Conquered in the fight, You have Brought us Life and Light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall;
You have Opened Paradise, and Your Saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter Triumph, Easter Joy! This alone can sin destroy;
from sin’s Pow’r, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!
- 8 Father, Who the Crown shall give, Savior, by Whose Death we live,
Spirit, Guide through all our days: Three in One, Your Name we praise. Alleluia!
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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.**

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 \dagger of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has Taught us and Freely Promised to hear us.

God, our Father in Heaven, look with Mercy on us, Your needy children on Earth, and Grant us Grace that Your Holy Name be hallowed by us and all the world through the Pure and True Teaching of Your Word and the fervent Love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your Precious Name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your Great Mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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 all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have Graciously Blessed us through the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who has Come in the

Flesh and for our sake Died on the Cross and Rose from the Dead to put an end to death. Rejoicing in our Baptism, which creates Faith in our hearts and daily renews us, we laud and magnify Your Holy Name. With joy we join in the unending praise of the Angels and Archangels and all who rejoice in Light Eternal.

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, O Lord our God, King of all Creation, for You have had Mercy on us and have showed Your Gracious Power to us through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. We give You thanks that in His Most Holy Supper You Nourish us that we may grow in grace. Grant that we receive the Blessings of Forgiveness, Life, and Salvation that come to us in His Body and Blood as we gather at His Command.

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 “Jerusalem the Golden”

LSB 672

- 1 Jerusalem the Golden, with Milk and Honey blest—
the Promise of Salvation, the Place of Peace and Rest—
we know not, oh, we know not, what Joys await us there:
the Radiance of Glory, the Bliss beyond compare!
- 2 Within those walls of Zion, sounds forth the joyful song,
as Saints join with the Angels, and all the Martyr throng.
The Prince is ever with them; the daylight is serene;
the City of the Blessed, Shines Bright with Glorious Sheen.

3 Around the Throne of David, the Saints, from care released,
raise loud their songs of Triumph, to celebrate the Feast.
They sing to Christ their Leader, Who Conquered in the fight,
Who Won for them forever, their Gleaming Robes of White.



4 O Sweet and Blessèd Country, the Home of God's Elect!
O Sweet and Blessèd Country, that faithful hearts expect!
In Mercy, Jesus, bring us, to that Eternal Rest,
with You and God the Father, and Spirit, Ever Blest.

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HYMN *“Thine Forever, God of Love”*

LSB 687

- 1 Thine forever, God of Love! Hear us from Thy Throne Above;
Thine forever may we be, here and in Eternity!
- 2 Thine forever! Oh, how Blest, they who find in Thee their Rest!
Savior, Guardian, Heav'nly Friend, O Defend us to the end!
- 3 Thine forever, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earthly strife.
Thou, the Life, the Truth, the Way, Guide us to the Realms of Day.
- 4 Thine forever! Shepherd, keep, these Thy frail and trembling sheep;
safe alone beneath Thy Care, let us all Thy Goodness share.
- 5 Thine forever! Thou our Guide, all our wants by Thee Supplied,
all our sins by Thee Forgiv'n; Lead us, Lord, from Earth to Heav'n.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Holy Father, we ask You now, by this Blessed Food and Drink, to deliver Your Church from every evil, to Teach it to love You perfectly, and make it Truly One, even as this Bread was made from many grains of wheat to become the carrier of the Body of our Savior Jesus Christ and the Wine was drawn from the fruitfulness of many grapes. Grant us to ever abide in the Word, Christ Himself, 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 Peace.

All: Amen. Amen. Amen. (sung) LSB 202

HYMN *“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”* LSB 722

1 Lord, take my hand and Lead me, upon life’s way;
Direct, Protect, and Feed me, from day to day.
Without Your Grace and Favor, I go astray;
so take my hand, O Savior, and Lead the way.

2 Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear,
for You, the Rock of Ages, are always near.
Close by Your Side abiding, I fear no foe,
for when Your Hand is Guiding, in peace I go.

3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen, and night has come,
I know that You will Strengthen, my steps toward Home.
Then nothing can impede me, O Blessèd Friend;
so take my hand and Lead me, unto the end.

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Officiant: Rev. Phillip DeVries

Elder on Duty:

Sat: Scott Lucas

Sun: Jim Fahser

Sunday Ushers:

Carolyn Krueger

Ethan Van De Hey

Organist:

Sat: Betty Johnson

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: Irv & Liz Wargolet and Gloria Lezala
- † for friends of our family of Faith: Joey Lannert
- † Special Prayers for those with Cancer: Ray Berg, Charlie Baranowski, Dan Gerber, John Rauch, Nate Watters, Ernie Fletcher and Joe Mathew
- † For all those with damaged homes and other property from the recent storms, that God would provide all they need as they rebuild and recover



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE FOR LAST WEEK

Weekend Worship Service: 120

FINANCIAL POSITION FOR APRIL 2026

GENERAL FUND

| | Month to Date | FY to Date |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|
| Received: | \$ 35,808.00 | \$ 296,909.43 |
| Obligations: | \$ <u>30,059.84</u> | \$ <u>302,927.70</u> |
| Balance: | \$ 5,748.16 | \$ (6,018.27) |
| Beginning Fiscal Year General Fund Balance | | \$ 25,000.00 |
| YTD General Fund Balance | | \$ 18,981.73 |

Property Improvement Loan

| Monthly Amount Needed | Received MTD | Balance Needed |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|
| \$2,553.24 | \$3,586.46 | \$0 |

Thank you for your donations this month. Money received above the "amount needed" will go towards paying down our principle.

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 Greg & Jackie Jakus in memory of Jarka Axtell
- + from Ann Truchta in memory of Jarka Axtell
- + from Julie Zettel in memory of Jarka Axtell

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.

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.



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, serving 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: May 6 at 5:30pm

Dorcas will be hosting its annual Women's Celebration on Wednesday, May 6, at 5:30pm. Thank you to all who signed up for this festive occasion, and we are looking forward to seeing you all there.

MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL: 5201 S. 76th St. Greendale

Their annual Spring Concert will be Friday, May 8, at 7:00pm in the Worship/Fine Arts Center entitled **From Screen to Stage** featuring a wide variety of music. Tickets are available at the door, by using the QR code on the poster in the Church hallway, or by calling 414-421-4000. A Student Art Exhibit and raffle baskets will be presented by the Art Department.

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.

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 your groups 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*.

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.

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR CELEBRATION...

...of birth
May 04
Robin Johnson
May 05
JoAnna Barton
Hudson Jonas
Carolyn Krueger
May 06
Sierrah Tomko
Zachary Tomko

...of baptism
May 03
Anne Brandstrom
Katelyn Papala
May 05
Charles Blinka
May 08
Mallory Schneider

...of marriage
May 06
Lloyd & Chris Buttke



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

SAVE THE DATE:

Our annual **Voters' Assembly** has been set for **Sunday, June 7, at 10:30am.**
(There will be No Bible Study or Adult Information Class 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!

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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| ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH AND CHILD DAY CARE | | |
| CHURCH 414-481-0520 | | DAY CARE 414-482-0554 |
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CALENDAR: MAY

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| Sat. 02 | LWML-SELC DISTRICT CONVENTION MAY 1-3 IN ST. LOUIS PROJECT CONCERN WEEKEND <i>(Hand & 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 |
| Mon. 04 | 6:15pm Handbell Rehearsal |
| | 6:30pm Adult Bible Study |
| Tue. 05 | 7:00am Men's Bible Study (OC) |
| | 2:00pm Set up for Women's Celebration |
| | 5:30pm Elders Board Meeting |
| Wed. 06 | 9:30am AdvaCare Sr. Living SF |
| | 5:30pm Dorcas Women's Celebration |
| Thur. 07 | 9:00am Oak Creek Place Worship Service |
| | 9:30am Day Care Devotions |
| | 10:15am AdvaCare Sr. Living OC |
| | 12:00pm Evangelism & Stewardship Meetings |
| | 1:30pm Adult Bible Study <i>(Join the TOUR – Know the Book)</i> |
| | 7:00pm Sheepshead |
| Fri. 08 | |
| Sat. 09 | ARMED FORCES DAY |
| | 3:00pm Communion Worship Service |
| Sun. 10 |  MOTHER'S DAY  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE |
| | 9:00am Communion Worship Service |
| | 10:00am Coffee Koinonia <i>(Fellowship Time)</i> |
| | 10:30am Adult Bible Study: <i>(JESUS SAID WHAT?)</i> |
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