

It was Benjamin Franklin that said there are two things that are certain in life, death and taxes. If that's the case then you can really add a third thing to that list, grief. Now I'm no expert on the grief caused by taxes, however through the years of ministry I have ministered to hundreds who are filled with the grief brought by death.

Every experience with grief is unique, but there are some things that tend to magnify the grief and make it even more intense. The death of someone who is especially close can be much more difficult. When the person is young, dies suddenly or the circumstances seem unfair are all things that can cause the grief to compound and feel even worse.

So imagine how intense the grief must have felt for the friends of Jesus. He was certainly young, probably about 33 years old. Even though Jesus had predicted it many times, none of His disciples expected Him to die when He marched into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. And talk about unfair, His death was perhaps the biggest miscarriage of justice in human history. The grief experienced by the disciples as Jesus' body was taken off the cross and laid in a tomb had to be overwhelming.

But from the depth of that despair they experienced the greatest joy imaginable – the resurrected Savior. Their lives were transformed by life in the face of death!

As we celebrate Easter it continues to bring us much joy – singing alleluias, the sound of trumpets and the message of life. We will have great joy with our families – egg hunts, baskets and family dinners. And the best news of all is that the joy doesn't end on Easter because our lives too continue to be transformed by life in the face of death.

The weeks following Easter we will celebrate the empty tomb and the difference it continues to make in our lives. On April 8 during worship, Pastor Gerald Firby will share a special message about living with terminal cancer and the Easter hope he has in Christ. Beginning on April 15 each Sunday we will hear from the disciple John. This eyewitness to the resurrection will teach us the way that Easter transforms our faith.

Issues of life in the face of death will be the topic of conversation during our Bible study time on April 8 and 15. The first week, we will look at a Christian response to living wills and care for the dying. The second week, we will celebrate life in the face of death by discussing funeral practices. Both are wonderful, practical opportunities to apply Easter to our daily lives.

Above all, we daily live in the joy of our baptism, remembering that, ***“we were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4).***

Bringing faith to life,

Pastor Steve Hayden

**SERVING THE LORD IN
APRIL 2018
AT LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN**

USHERS:

8:00:

10:30:

GREETERS:

8:00: Don & Sara Rothfuss

10:30: Bill & Lynda Keller

ELDERS:

8:00: Steve Barteau

10:30: Matt Dietrich

ALTAR GUILD:

April Yates, Julie Dietrich

Desiree Epping, Rhea Epping

VAN DRIVERS:

1 – Jim Waack

8 – Kim Rosevold

15 – Hugh Roderick

22 – John Schonarth

29 – Jim Waack

If you need to call to request a ride or cancel a ride for Sunday mornings, call **222-8579** and **leave a message at extension #408** for the Van Driver.



**April Prayer Focus –
Food Pantry**

Over 1500 people a month are served through the ministry of our food pantry. In addition to the food that people choose, they have the opportunity to receive clothing and at times others items that are donated. But above all they are welcomed and encouraged with the love of Christ. Pray for the ongoing support of this ministry that God would raise up a new administrator, that the shelves would continue to be stocked and that many would see and experience the love of God while they are with us.

ELDER LIST

Our church has eight Elders, and each Elder is assigned a portion of the congregation. The elders assist the Pastors in the spiritual life of the congregation. If you have a spiritual need or issue anytime or when Pastor Steve and Pastor Kendall are out of town, you can contact your Elder listed below.

Elder	Phone	Member Name
Paul Johnson	217-577-3669	(A-B)
Steve Barteau	660-349-8095	(C-E)
Rustin Otney	785-766-9776	(F-Hi)
Matt Dietrich	217-653-0944	(Ho-K)
John Schonarth	217-224-3375	(L-M)
Jason Watkins	217-257-2345	(N-R)
Mike Happel	217-222-2858	(S-T)
Aaron Clark	217-209-1830	(U-Z)

The Lutheran Church of St. John

Phone number: 222-8579

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Pastor Kendall Meyer –

associatepastor@lcosj.org

Marilyn – secretary@lcosj.org

Jan – christiancaregiving@lcosj.org

Website: www.lcosj.org

Church office hours: Mon.-Fri.: 8:00am-4:00pm.



The Oasis

The **Wednesday evening worship service begins at 6:00 pm in the Oasis**. This is a casual worship about 40 minutes in length. Child care is available for younger kids and the coffee is always ready. This service is a great opportunity to introduce someone to our congregation or invite someone who doesn't normally come to church..

Special Guest Preacher

On Sunday, April 8 we will welcome Pastor Gerald Firby. He and his wife Vicki have recently become members at St. John following his retirement. Pastor Firby will share a powerful message of hope as he shares the story of living with terminal cancer.



It's not uncommon today to hear claims of "fake news," which can leave you wondering what is real anyway? During the Easter season we will study the book of 1 John and what he says about *Authentic Faith* – *finding what's real in a world of fake news*. Join us each week as lives are transformed by the Easter message.

- April 15 – Authentic Faith
- April 22 – Authentic Hope
- April 29 – Authentic Victory
- May 6 – Authentic Love
- May 13 – Authentic Prayer



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Come celebrate with our youth who will be confirmed in their faith on **Sunday, April 29**.

Events for Confirmation:

Fri, Apr. 27: 7:00 pm – Confirmation Questioning in the Sanctuary, followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

Sun, Apr. 29: 9:15 am – Confirmand breakfast for the Confirmands and their families in the Family Life Center.

10:30 am – Confirmation Service, with Holy communion



2018 Confirmands

Benjamin Meyer
Elizabeth Nelson
Evan Nierman
Jesse O'Briant

Early Communion Instruction

was completed in March by the following youth:

Hunter Baker, Jacob Barnes, Charlotte Dietrich, Rowan Epping, Abbey Meyer and Benjamin Meyer

Congregational Boards

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the month of February, 2018:

Giving:	\$ 35,709.73
Total All Expenses:	\$ 37,347.23
Giving short of expense:	(\$ 1,637.50)

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



PATIENCE: God is patient. Why? Well, because God is in control and He knows how the story ends. Because of Jesus, we know how the story ends, too. Because of Jesus, WE CAN WAIT. You can trust that God is in control. You can have hope that things will work out in the end. And you can be patient because you know what God has done.

Board Of Christian Education continued.....

Week 1: Easter! Jesus is alive!

Week 2: Hanna Prays for a Baby (1 Sam.1:6-2:1)
When you think you can't wait, talk to God about it.

Week 3: Patience Proverb (Prov. 14:29) When you think you can't wait, keep your cool.

Week 4: Golden Calf (Ex. 32:1-35) When you think you can't wait, think about what's true.

Week 5: Esau's Impatience (Genesis 25:24-34)
When you think you can't wait, think twice.

"Wait for the Lord. Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the Lord." Psalm 27:14, NIV



**SUNDAY SCHOOL
MISSION FOCUS
FOR APRIL
Alaska Mission for
Christ**

Alaska Mission for Christ is the mission arm of the 14 Alaskan congregations of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. We are working together to make a bold witness for Jesus in every community in Alaska. We believe in that every Christian is called to be a part of God's mission. Therefore, we encourage volunteers to be involved in sharing the Gospel as leaders of Vacation Bible School programs, Sports Camps, hammer and nails projects and other programs that share the love of Jesus. Please join us as we work to make sure that every person in Alaska has the opportunity to know the Good News of Jesus.



MOMMY & SON GAME NIGHT APRIL 7th - 5:00pm – 7:30pm Family Life Center -Angry Bird Theme



Cost: Canned Food Item

Meal Cost: Free will donation.

Test your Mother-Son team's skills at the Life-size Angry Bird Game, or how well your aim is with a cheese puff. Contact Melissa Baker to RSVP, 217-653-9963 or melissaturner-baker@hotmail.com.

Orange Conference 2018 One Voice - We Can Do More Together

RE-IMAGINE THE POTENTIAL YOU CAN HAVE AS ONE VOICE

Our Sunday School Superintendent Kathy Roderick, and three of our great Sunday School teachers, Missy Baker, Desiree Epping and Emily Watkins will be attending the 2018 One Voice Conference in Atlanta, GA on **April 25th – 27th**. Keep them in your prayers during the conference and their travels. If you have any questions about the conference, please contact Kathy Roderick. Thank you!

CRADLE ROLL

There are twenty-seven children enrolled in the Cradle Roll. Children receive materials until age 3, that parents can share with them about God's love. If you have a child in this age range that has been baptized at St. John's, watch your church mailbox for materials that are brought for them. If you find a note, the corresponding materials will be placed on the shelf in the coat rack area, with your name on it.

April Birthdays:

Chandler Jason Watkins 3 yr. on April 29

Three Removed in March:

Logan Lee Rakers 3 yr. old March 15

Alexis Renee Taylor 3 yr. old March 21

Dalton Ivan Taylor 3 yr. old March 21

--Wilma Tieman, Nursery Roll Coordinator

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN CAREGIVING

FOOD PANTRY - In the month of February, our food pantry served 265 households. These households were comprised of 1004 individuals and of those 387 were children. We received 120 meals from the "Feed the Funnel", and non-perishables collected by the St. James Scout Troop. Thank you to all that generously share monetary donations and/or donate items for the Food Pantry.. A special thank you to everyone that helps each day the pantry is open, portions & restocks when we're closed, and hauling the different shipments and food deliveries. We do appreciate your hard work.

The Food Pantry is always looking for additional volunteers to help on a Monday or Thursday, even if for just a couple hours. Or, if you can help portion bulk items and restock shelves on other days. **PLEASE Sign up on the bulletin board** by the office so that we know that you are coming and if we need to call someone in to help when we're shorthanded. If you have questions, see Jan or any of the members on the list.

CLOSET OF GRACE –Cleaning your closets?

We always especially need clothes for babies, kids and teens. Spread the word to your family and friends too. We have also received donations from local resale shops; and we thank them all for the donations. **If you can, bring your items in on Friday, April 20th for sorting on Service Sunday.**

MANNA MEALS - If you or a loved one could benefit from having a couple of home cooked meals a week during a time of illness or after being hospitalized, please let Jim & Janet Totsch, Pastor Steve or Marilyn know and these can be arranged for 2 or 3 weeks. If you would consider taking meals to a church member in need, please let Jim & Janet know via email jtotsch@hughes.net or call 779-8603 or 779-3303. Each person usually makes 2-3 meals a year.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

2018 Contributions to the General Fund: Offerings for the General Fund through March were \$10,000 under budget year-to-date for 2018 and \$10,000 behind where we were at the same time in 2017. Please continue to pray that our income will exceed expenses throughout 2018.



Thank you so much for your continued support of the ***Hearts Overflowing Debt Reduction Campaign***. Donations of **over \$403,000 received through March have enabled us to reduce our mortgage principal from over \$666,000 at the end of May 2017 to under \$270,000** at the end of March 2018. At the end of February, we passed the mid-point of our remaining mortgage through the Campaign in just 9 months!

If you need more green Hearts Overflowing envelopes to assist you in regular giving to the campaign, additional envelopes may be found on the information desk in the Church Narthex. Using these envelopes will help the Board of Stewardship keep accurate giving records.

Thank you for your sacrificial giving to the Campaign! Please continue to pray that God would bountifully bless the Lutheran Church of St. John through this Campaign.

Communications Survey: The Board of Stewardship is conducting a survey to obtain your mode of communication preferences. If you did not fill out a survey in March, we will be continuing our collection of preferences during the week of April 8th. If you have not filled out the survey after that weekend, please stop by the Church office to complete the survey.

Board of Stewardship continued....

2018 Stewardship Events: The Board of Stewardship is planning the following events for 2018:

- **June 3-17** - With the first anniversary of the Hearts Overflowing Debt Reduction Campaign, we will be conducting a 3-week sermon series called "*Life to the Highest Power.*"
- **October 7-21** - We plan to combine the mid-point Recommitment and Re-Envisioning Event for the Hearts Overflowing Campaign with our fall stewardship emphasis. The sermon series and Bible studies will culminate with a single worship service at 10:00 a.m. on Consecration Sunday on October 21st followed by a catered luncheon.



BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Sign up now for helping in our Community on the Bulletin Board outside of the office.

HORIZON'S – Serve meals.

Volunteers are needed to help serve meals on every 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the office. Sign up for April and May. Hot meals are served 11:30am – 12:30pm.

Healthy Foods Distribution *For kids!*

Saturday, April 7th, 10:00 A.M.

Quincy Senior & Family Resource Center,
639 York Street, Quincy, IL

This food distribution for children is made possible thanks to the generosity of **Horizons Social Services.**



Service Sunday April 22, 2018

Our mission statement reminds us that we, having been filled with God's love and grace, should let God's love and grace flow out of us to the world around us. On Sunday April 22, we will have opportunity to outflow God's love and grace as we release God's people for service. We will not have a 10:30 worship service but will serve in different projects around the community. We hope families and all ages will participate.

Immediately following the 8:00am worship service, there will be a breakfast for all people. At approximately 9:45am there will be a sending of all of our people to various projects which will take place throughout Quincy. The projects will start at approximately 10:00am and continue to approximately 1:00pm or completion, if earlier, but you can come serve for as long as you are able.

We hope all of you will sign up for one of the projects below to be part of this exciting opportunity. Our goal is to have no less than 135 of our members serving in one of the projects set forth below. There are projects which can be done by all ages so families can serve together if you desire.

Illinois Veterans' Home Memorial Garden - The Illinois Veterans' Home serves almost 400 men and women who have served our country. They need assistance in their Memorial Garden. Volunteers will do some spring gardening, including weeding, mulching and possible planting. Volunteers should bring shovels, rakes and hand garden tools (mark with your name to avoid confusion). (coordinator - Janet Enroth).

City Bus Stop Shelters - Many residents of Quincy rely on public transportation. We will brighten their time waiting for a bus by cleaning up the bus stop shelters around the city. This is a good project for families. (coordinator – Mick Gooding)

Board of Evangelism continued....

Horizons Social Services - Horizons is in need of 5 people to do some interior painting. St. John's is a partner church of Horizons. Two times each month volunteers from St. John's help prepare and serve the hot lunch which is provided to those in need. (coordinator – _____)

Chaddock - Chaddock provides quality treatment and education for children who deal with the after effects of trauma. We do not know now the service they will want us to provide. On prior Service Sundays, our group has provided some light landscaping and maintenance care, washing the exterior and cleaning the interior of the vans and cars owned by Chaddock, and some interior painting. Volunteers of all ages are welcomed. (coordinator – _____).

Neighborhood - We want to be good neighbors to those who live near the church, so to show our kindness we will share potted flowers with many of our neighbors. You can help pot and distribute the flowers with an invitation to attend one of our worship services. Families and volunteers of all ages are welcome. (coordinator – _____)

BBO For Veterans at the Illinois Veterans' Home in Quincy – The Veterans' Home in Quincy is home to almost 400 veterans who have served their country. We will have an opportunity to barbecue for and serve them a special lunch at the Veterans' Home as a way of saying thanks to all of them for their service. In addition, we will also prepare a lunch for Quincy's police and fire fighters and deliver the lunches to them. We will need about 25 people to work this project. Our volunteers will cook and serve the lunch as well as visit with the veterans. In addition, some veterans will need someone to push their wheel chair from their room to the lunch and then back. Also, some volunteers will deliver the lunches to the police and firefighters. This is a great project for families and volunteers of all ages. (coordinators – Steve O'Hearn and Bill Keller).

Letter writing to Shut-ins - The group will meet in the Oasis and write notes to our shut-ins. Supplies you will need will be furnished. (coordinator – _____)

Food Pantry and Closet of Grace - Each month the Lutheran Church of St. John serves over 1500 individuals with food and clothing. We will help to prepare by folding clothes, stocking shelves and portioning items to be given away. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. (coordinator – Lynda Keller)

Grace Overflowing from Us

BOARD OF YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Senior High - join us on Sunday morning for Sunday school at 9:30am in the Youth Room with Aaron Clark as their leader Aaron has been known to stop by and pick up donuts every once in a while!

Youth Gathering Preview

Registration for the 2019 National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN is less than 6 months away. We will kick off our planning and preparation with a short preview meeting for youth and parents on Wednesday, April 11 at 7:30 pm in the Oasis. All students currently in 7th grade and older will be eligible to attend. If you want information and cannot attend please contact Pastor Steve.



HY-VEE SCRIP - Members of the Teen LYF group sell scrip. Use these cards at the Hy-Vee grocery store and at their gas stations. It's just like cash—Hy-Vee donates 5% of each card to our Teen LYF group. You can also buy Scrip during regular church office hours from Marilyn.



FAMILY PAINT NIGHT

APRIL 15th - 4:00 PM

You will be guided by Erica Perry-Broekemeier as you create your own painting of “Beautiful Grace”.

Reserve your spot and panel by filling out a reservation card and dropping off with payment in the office or give to a Board of Youth & Family member. (*Erin Dickhut, Julie Dietrich, Alyssa Hummel, Heather O’Hearn, or Michelle Soltwedel*)

Adult Panels: \$15.00; Children Panels: \$10.00 (smaller). **Painting will begin at 4:00pm.** Event is sponsored by the Board of Youth & Family. All proceeds will go toward event expenses and funding of future family events. **There are 40 spots available so sign-up early! Sign-up by April 11.**



CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS

Connection Point Café in the OASIS

Stay after worship, come early before Sunday School and Bible Class, or before worship and enjoy some coffee, tea, or hot chocolate along with some breakfast treats and a chance to meet and visit with fellow members and is a great opportunity to welcome visitors.

A sign-up sheet is on the counter in the office if you would be willing to provide some breakfast treats one morning or donations are accepted. Thrivent Action Team funds have helped to provide some coffee and supplies.



BIBLE STUDIES



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS begins at 9:30am. Grab some coffee and/or donut/treat at the Connection Point Café and join us.

April 8 – Living Wills a Christian Response

April 15 –Funerals from a faith perspective

April 22 – Service Sunday, no Bible Study

April 29 – Mission trip to Greece, shared by

Bill and Lynda Keller

KELLER MONDAY NIGHT STUDY GROUP

The Monday night Bible study group will meet at Bill & Lynda Keller’s home, beginning at 7:00pm, each Monday in March.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday morning women’s group will continue a Beth Moore study on “**DAVID**” thru April. Join us one morning if you would like to check it out, we’d love to have you. They meet at 9:30am in the Oasis.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Join us for this midweek morning Bible study. In April we will continue to study God’s Word for today as we apply the teachings of Scripture to modern day issues such as gun control, politics or near death experiences. Follow up with fellowship and join the group for lunch at an area restaurant. Everyone is welcome.

MENS BIBLE BREAKFAST

This group of men meets on Thursday mornings at 6:30am in the Family Life Center, for Bible study and breakfast, and some of the best coffee in Quincy. This group is usually finished around 7:30am to give you time to head to work or your to-do list. If you would like to join this group, either every morning or just a few, enter through the kitchen on the south side of the building. They are currently studying the minor Prophets.

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

MARY & MARTHA GUILD

All ladies of St. John are invited to our **Tuesday, April 3**, meeting at 6:30am. Bring your nominations for VP and Secretary. Serving with gladness! See you there.



LADIES' AID SOCIETY

The Ladies Aid members will on **Wednesday, April 4th at 12:30pm** for fellowship & refreshments and their meeting will begin at 1pm. Sharon Kuhlman and Mary Lynn Perry will serve on the Cheer & Social Committee. The April LWML Mission devotions will be read and Mites will be collected. We will also collect our Charity Donation.

MEN'S CLUB The Men's Club will be meeting on **April 16th at 7:00pm at St. James's**. Glenn O'Briant will be the Devotional Leader. "A Man Named Martin" Part 2, #4 will be led by Pastor Steve Hayden. Bob Hesse and Elder Hadler will serve on the Social Committee. All men of the congregation are welcome to join them and learn how this men's organization serves St. John's and St. James' and our community.

Men's Club **Spring Servant Day** will be held at the Church. This year it will be on Saturday, April 28th when the group will go to Jacksonville to do some minor repairs at the Church for the Deaf. **Volunteers will meet here at St. John's at 7:45am on Saturday, April 28th** and return around 3:00pm. They have a list of things that any age and any qualifications can do. A signup sheet is posted on the board by the office. You do not have to be a Men's Club member to participate, everyone is welcome. Feel free to bring a guest. Check with Doug Allen if you need to bring any tools.

OASIS Wednesday Evening Nursery – Allison Hollenstine is coordinating the volunteers to supervise the nursery during the 6pm-7pm worship in the Oasis. The nursery is right next door and has lots of toys and things to entertain the young children while their parents are in worship. If you would be willing to help one or more evenings, please contact Allison at ahollenstine@hotmail.com or 217-430-7844

ALTAR SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers assist with preparation for communion and clean and maintain Altar linens and paraments. If you would like to serve your church by being a part of this group, please sign up by the office. If you have any questions about the duties required, see Marilyn in the office.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Guatemala Mission

A team of 9 individuals from St. John will be joined by one individual from Seymour, Indiana as they travel to Guatemala September 1-9. As the date of their trip gets closer, watch for opportunities to help support the mission. The next team meeting is April 12 at 7 pm.



MUSIC MINISTRY

NEED VOICES - St. John's Choir and One Voice are always looking for additional Singers and Musicians for their next musical offerings. If you are interested, see Pastor Steve or Denise Percy with any questions, or stop in the church office.





MAY 6TH - Music Mayhem 6pm-8pm on Sunday evening

A fun, festive, and entertaining evening. Enjoy listening to the **One Voice singers**, **One Voice Junior singers**, join in an **Everyone Sing-along**, and all children can join in a **Children's Sing-along**.

Doors open at 5pm. Walking Tacos & Nacho Bar, and Beverages available beginning at 5pm and throughout the evening. Gift Baskets.

Watch the announcements, www.lcosj.org and on Facebook for more details. Share the event on Facebook, invite your friends and neighbors.

Donations will go toward the purchase of new music and audio equipment for the Sanctuary and the Family Life Center. **Have you marked this on the calendar yet?**



NEWS & NOTES

St. James Lutheran School News

ST. JAMES EAGLES VISION:

EVERYONE deserves our respect **ACT** with kindness
GOD'S LOVE is our greatest strength **LOVE** one another
EVERYDAY live for Jesus **SHOW OTHERS** we are Christians.

TWO TEACHING POSITIONS AVAILABLE –

St. James is currently searching for a fulltime 7th/8th grade teacher and a part-time PreK3 teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. If interested or know of someone who might be, please contact Principal Landskroener.

SPRING FLING – Thank you for supporting the 14th annual St. James Lutheran School Spring Fling. It was a great evening as we celebrated our Lutheran school. The dinner was delicious and the fellowship was much fun. It's a wonderful event to gather supporters of our school together and have fun.

St. James School of Enchantment – Similar to the Star Wars Trooper Training, this is another family fun event open to the community. It will be held at St. James on **April 21st, 9am-12pm, open to ages 4-14, cost \$10**. We will have Legacy, Elite, and an obstacle in addition to 4 Winds farm and Raptor Rehabilitation and my very own bearded dragon, axolotl, python and tarantula! This is a great opportunity for people to come check our school out. Our 7th and 8th graders will also have an opportunity to work at the event and earn money for their end of the year trip. Feel free to contact Desiree Epping at [217-257-0954](tel:217-257-0954) or deswhi@msn.com.



Call Day 2018 set for April 24

You are invited to share in the excitement of **Call Day Tuesday, April 24**, during two services in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus on campus. If you can't attend in person, you can watch the services live online. Concluding students will receive their pastoral and diaconal calls, and second-year students will receive their vicarage or internship assignments. This year, Kevin Bender will receive his vicarage assignment. We hope to get a group from St. John to go to the Seminary for call day and support Kevin. We will leave the church that day at noon, be part of the service at 3 pm, eat some dinner and return to Quincy between 8-9. If you are interested in traveling to the seminary to see the service and celebrate with Kevin contact the church office.

CALL DAY 2018 Continued....

Assignment of vicarages and internships: 3 p.m.
Rev. Gregory Walton, president of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Florida-Georgia District, will preach.

Assignment of pastoral and diaconal calls: 7 p.m. (CDT) Rev. Dwayne Lueck, president of the LCMS North Wisconsin District, will preach.

Live stream: callday.csl.edu The Seminary's Help Desk will be staffed to handle support calls at 866-333-2064 and 314-505-7231. A test stream will be available before the event so viewers may test their computers in advance. Share in the celebration on Twitter by using hashtags #CallDay2018 and #CallDayWatchParty. Send snaps to concordiasemSTL to be added to the Seminary's Snapchat story.



The Camp CILCA Lowdown

"Behold, a king will reign in righteousness, and princes will rule in justice." (Isaiah 32:1)

SPRING WORK DAY!!

"Time for some spring cleaning! Camp CILCA is having its annual **Spring Clean-Up and Work Day on April 7, 8:30am – 2pm**. On that day we will prepare the camp for spring and summer by doing many chores including raking leaves, cleaning buildings, moving picnic tables, moving other items out of storage, making minor repairs, etc. **The day begins at 8:30 am. You are welcome to come anytime. Lunch is provided. Let Marilyn know in the office if you play to go, and maybe volunteers can carpool.**

Summer 2018

Camp CILCA is a great place to get away from the ordinary & experience God's grace in His creation. Campers can get involved in a variety of activities like: hiking, games, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, archery, creek walking, crafts, basketball, softball, volleyball, disc golf, fishing, & more. Campers also

have opportunities to grow in their Christian faith through Bible studies, campfire singing & devotions.

Register by clicking on the logo above at <http://www.cilca.org/>.

Find information about all CAMP CILCA summer programs by exploring the Summer Camp FAQ'S tab.

Bring Friends! Make Friends!

Our staff is trained to help first-timers make new friends quickly. Camp CILCA is open to everyone whether they go to church or not. Non-Christian friends will find that camp is a fun way to learn more about God and His love for everyone. If you and a friend wish to be in the same cabin you BOTH must put the other's name down as a cabinmate request (for the same camp).



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

FREE Outreach Resources at your fingertips!

- Individual, self-paced learning
- Time for self-reflection and journaling
- Optional small group discussion guides for home and congregational use
- Easy access on any digital device – computer, tablet, or smart phone
- A variety of learning methods designed for the adult learner

View sample courses at <https://www.lhm.org/learn/>

Called. Equipped. Sent.



SPRING! ARE YOU A BBQ MASTER?

Hello. When God created the beasts of the earth and the birds of the air, we suspect He might have had barbecue in mind—in other words, grillin'! Some

guys wait until the kick-off of summer to stoke their grills to life. Others grill year round, no matter where they live, no matter what the temperature, no matter who's coming to dinner.

In honor of this fireside avocation, we at the Men's NetWork were batting around some of our own grill favorites. Then we brainstormed another idea: how about getting as many favorites as we could? That's where you guys come in. At www.lhm.org/men/grilling.asp you'll find some first-rate methods for cooking steaks, ribs, chops, chicken, corn, seafood and more. And the marinades, rubs, glazes and sauces these folks have concocted ... well, let's just say, you'll have plenty to keep you busy this summer (and all year long for the TRUE grillin' aficionados). So, long story short—join the fun and send us your favorite grillin' recipes! We'll post them, along with a picture you send, and you'll revel in knowing your creation is delighting hungry mouths far and wide.



4H: Hearts for the Hungry, Homeless, and Hurting - \$100,000 Christian Families United for Progress

Hurricane Katrina was the largest residential disaster in United States history. Twelve years later there is no more federal aid, and many inner-city communities are still hurting. New Orleans has the third highest homeless rate in the nation with 1,700 homeless persons every night, much of this due to the hurricane and loss of homes. Entire neighborhoods were wiped out. Many residents lost friends and family and still suffer from loneliness and depression. Six inner-city LCMS churches, their pastors, leaders, and members have come together to serve Christ by serving their neighbors and providing food and shelter. The NOLA 4H churches work closely with other organizations to support various outreach ministries such as food banks, clothing, toiletries, Bibles, prayer books, counseling, and clinics. Funds will go towards these

ministries and equipping each of the fellowship halls in the six churches to serve more people. For more information, go to www.lwml.org/2017-2019-mission-grant-8.

“Serve the LORD with Gladness”



“Make Disciples of All Nations”
Central Illinois District
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LERT (Lutheran Emergency Response Team) Volunteer Training Events

**8:00am-4:30pm: Registration begins at 8:00 am
Sessions begin at 8:30 am**

Saturday, May 5, 2018

Trinity Lutheran Church

1201 West Jackson Street, Auburn, Illinois 62615

8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Saturday, July 28, 2018

Concordia Lutheran Church

316 South Oakwood Avenue, Geneseo, Illinois

61254 - 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

The registration fee (\$35.00) includes your disaster response training manual, disaster response vest, Certificate of Completion, I.D. badge, breakfast, and lunch. Please register at least one week before the event, if at all possible. Walk-ins are welcome. Please pay with check made out to the host church.

This training is part of a Synod-wide disaster response program, facilitated by a network of District Disaster Response Coordinators and Teams, under the direction of LCMS Disaster Response.

This 6-hour training event will equip you to be an effective volunteer should a disaster strike your community. Download the Registration Forms at <http://www.cidlcms.org/news.html>.

Thank You to all TRIVENT MEMBERS who designated Thrivent Choice Dollars - \$5,372.00 thru January-March
Need Seed money for Projects??

Thrivent Action Teams may be able to help your group or organization. If you are a Thrivent Financial member or have a Thrivent Member in your group, you can apply for Thrivent funds to help with a fundraiser or to finance an event. It's easy and fun! Go to www.thrivent.com/actionteam and simply APPLY. Thrivent will provide resources to help you plan the event, promotional items, and a Community Impact Debit Card loaded with **\$250 of seed money**. To learn more you can speak to a member of the LCOSJ Thrivent Action Team Committee; Steve Barteau, Jan Fritz, Marilyn Humphrey, Denise Percy, Michelle Soltwedel, or Jim & Janet Totsch. It's a great way to help financially many of the activities that we have here at the Lutheran Church of St. John, St. James Lutheran School, or other groups that you may be involved in. Gather your "Team" and hit APPLY.

Dates to Remember:

- April 1 – EASTER SUNDAY**
- April 7 – Healthy Foods for Kids**
- April 7 – Mommy & Son Game Night**
- April 15 – Family Paint Night**
- April 22 – SERVICE SUNDAY**
- April 29 – Confirmation Sunday**

APRIL Anniversaries 

Wedding Date Years

Steve & Jerry Nutter	4/6/1977	41
Dennis & Lesa Guyer	4/8/2006	12
Steve & Joni Epperson	4/23/1988	30
Chad & Erica Scott	4/28/2007	11



April Birthdays

Jamie Boren	4/1
Jace Gibleon	4/1
Teresa Daggett	4/2
Casey Hill	4/2
Jan Fritz	4/3

Carley Mullin	4/4
Regan Tenhouse	4/5
Ryan Biesterfeld	4/7
Ava Weiman	4/7
Judah Blew	4/8
LaekannParrish	4/10
Carol Allen	4/12
Kayla Neisen	4/12
Nathan Wiley	4/13
Grady Epperson	4/14
Lynn Meyer	4/14
Whitney Baumgartner	4/15
Pastor Steve Hayden	4/15
Justin Waack	4/15
Kjersti Cory	4/16
Shane Rothfuss	4/16
Cruz Altgilbers	4/17
James Altgilbers	4/18
Tina Koontz	4/18
Brooke Barnes	4/19
Ralph Schmoll	4/19
Casey Muehring	4/20
Sheryl Sullivan	4/20
Jenna Crabtree	4/21
Mike Happel	4/21
Renee Mitchell	4/22
Rick Patterson	4/22
Pauline Allen	4/23
Schaenon Elbus	4/23
Larry Herman	4/23
Jean Merker	4/23
Logan Bauer	4/24
Cory Chew	4/24
Stefanie Johnston	4/25
Cole Zelle	4/26
Allison Hollenstine	4/28
Norm Kallner	4/28
Michelle Parrish	4/28
Mallory Sherrill	4/28
Chandler Watkins	4/29
Kayla Hightower	4/30

*If your name is not on the Anniversary or Birthday list, or if you wish your name removed, please contact Marilyn at the church office. If a date is incorrect, please let me know. **The deadline for submitting an article in the May Broadcaster is Monday, April 23.***

Dates in LCOSJ Lutheran History

- April 1837** The Lutheran Church of St. John was established in Quincy, IL
- 26 April 1847** The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod was officially organized

Our Story - Part 1: 1837

The Lutheran Church of St. John was established as the **first** German Protestant Church of Quincy. For some years prior to 1837 a small flock of German Protestants assembled regularly on Sunday afternoons in a building on Fifth between Maine and Jersey Streets, where a Pastor Hunholz would preach to them. This small flock was undecided about the exact type of church they wanted.

In spring 1837, under the leadership of Pastor John Gumpel, the group drafted and adopted a constitution and became known as "The German Evangelical-Protestant Congregation and the United Lutheran and Reformed Confessions". **This little group went forth with much enthusiasm.** John Wood and Archibald Williams donated three lots on South Seventh Street between York and Kentucky so that this group might immediately erect their own house of worship. In 1838 this goal was realized by the completion of the so-called "Hill Church".

Additional historical information can be found on www.lcosj.org under the "About Us -- Our Story"

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Great River Genealogical Society
Adams County, Illinois

The Great River Genealogical Society will gather on Thursday, **April 12, 2017**. Brent Engel will bring us "A Few Augusta Stories" for his 2016 book, a look into the history of this Hancock County town that includes murder and horror as well as comedy and famous people. The program will begin at 7:00 pm in the Lutheran Church of St. John's Family Life Center, 3340 State Street in Quincy. Refreshments will be served following the program. You do not need to be a member to attend. Go to www.gr-gs.org for more Society information and resources.

Join us for the 7th Annual **Autism Awareness Walk**

Saturday, April 7, 2018

Awareness Walk will start at 10 a.m.
Other activities to follow.

Wear blue to show your support!



We will start the Awareness walk in Clat Adams Bicentennial Park and walk to the Dock Bar and Grill and back.

We encourage one another and the community to participate in raising awareness about autism.

For more info please contact:
bmain@quincymedgroup.com
or call 217-222-6550 ext. 3365.



www.quincymedgroup.com



Quincy

Christian School will have two fundraiser Meals

Lasagna Supper on Friday, April 20

At the Faith Journey Church, 4115 N 12th Street,
4 pm – 7 pm. The Meal includes:
Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, Pie & Drinks
Free Will Donation. Dine In or Carry Out

20th Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast (and Biscuits & Gravy, too!)

Saturday, April 28, 7am-11am

At the QCS Cafeteria, 1236 N. 10th Street
Free-will Offering. Also a Silent Auction and
Scholastic Book Fair. Food, Fun, Fellowship!

MEALS on WHEELS is needing Volunteers to deliver meals to seniors. Not a day goes by that someone does not request that another needy senior be added to the program. Saying "yes" sometimes depends on whether there is a volunteer who can deliver the meal to that particular senior. The Meals on Wheels program is located at the Quincy Senior & Family Resource Center, 639 York St. It takes about an hour, you receive 2 meal tickets for the driver, and you have the opportunity to help a senior in our community who can no longer get out & about on their own. To volunteer or for more information, call 224-5031.