

*On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"*

— John 21:19

Dear Friends,

If you check out the church ads on the religion page of the Saturday edition of this area's newspaper, you will find some impressive sounding places of worship. There, with sleek graphics and catchy phrases, a few select churches boast of their assets -- their choirs, their friendliness, their powerful preaching, their singles ministries, their ample parking, their sensitive child care, and their compassionate spirit. Some churches, it seems, have it all.

Other churches, however, appear by contrast to have nothing, absolutely nothing. Take, for example, the church depicted in the text I chose for this month. Here, we get our first glimpse of the disciples gathered together after the resurrection, the first glimpse, in other words, of the church in its earliest days, and, all in all, it is not a very pretty picture. Near the end of His life, Jesus had carefully prepared His disciples to be a devoted and confident fellowship of faith. They were to be a community of profound love with the gates wide open and the welcome mat always out, but here we find them barricaded in a house with the doors bolted shut. They were to be the kind of people who stride boldly into the world to bear fruit in Jesus' name, a people full of the Holy Spirit performing even greater works than Jesus Himself (John 14:12), but here we find them cowering in fear, hoping nobody will find out where they are. In short, we see here the church at its worst -- scared, disheartened and defensive.

If this little sealed-off group of Christians were to place one of those church ads in the Saturday newspaper, what could it possibly say? "*The friendly church where all are welcome*"? Hardly, unless one counts locked doors as a sign of hospitality. "*The church with a warm heart and a bold mission*"? Actually more like "*The church with sweaty palms and a timid spirit.*"

Indeed, John's gospel gives us a snapshot of a church with nothing - no plan, no promise, no program, no perky youth ministry, no powerful preaching, no parking lot, nothing. In fact, when all is said and done, this terrified little band huddled in the corner of a room with a chair braced against the door has only one thing going for it: the risen Christ. And that seems to be the main point. The risen Christ pushes open the bolted door of a church with nothing. The risen Christ enters the fearful chambers of every church. The risen Christ enters scared, disheartened, and defensive hearts and fills them with His own life. This risen, victorious Jesus comes to us and says, "Peace be with you!"

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

A servant of the risen Christ,



Pastor Kendall Meyer

**SERVING THE LORD IN  
MAY 2019  
AT LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN**

**USHERS:**

**8:00:**

**10:30:** Baumgartner Family

**GREETERS:**

**8:00:**

**10:30:**

**ELDERS:**

**8:00:** Paul Johnson

**10:30:** Peter Hummel

**ALTAR GUILD:**

Lana Huber, Destany Schafer

**VAN DRIVERS:**

5 – Kim Rosevold

12 - Hugh Roderick

19 – John Schonarth

26 – 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.



## May Prayer Focus

### Service Sunday

Our mission prayer focus for the month of May is our service Sunday. On May 19, over 100 people will go out to the community to serve as part of at least 10 service projects. Pray that God would raise up willing volunteers. Pray that these acts of service would bear witness to God's love and inspire our volunteers to live a life of service. Pray for those whom we serve that God would not only provide for their daily needs, but also reveal His love to them through our acts of service.

## 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.

<b>Elder</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Member Name</b>
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)
Doug Allen	217-885-3129	(L-M)
Jason Watkins	217-257-2345	(N-R)
Peter Hummel	217-617-0063	(S-T)
Aaron Clark	217-209-1830	(U-Z)

### *The Lutheran Church of St. John*

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Melannie – [christiancaregiving@lcosj.org](mailto:christiancaregiving@lcosj.org)

**Website:** [www.lcosj.org](http://www.lcosj.org)

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



## The Oasis

Our regular Wednesday night worship service has returned to the Oasis. Join us at 6 pm for a devotional service and a cup of coffee. We will begin the month of May focusing on the hope that continues to fill our lives from the empty tomb of Easter.

## NEW SERMON SERIES Beginning MAY 5<sup>th</sup>!



When we hear the term “going viral” we’re likely to think of a YouTube video that’s been viewed millions of times, or some other video, website, or idea that has spread rapidly. Often when something “goes viral” it greatly impacts people’s lives as it gains influence.

The church is still God’s plan for advancing the gospel. The Book of Acts challenges us to “go viral” with the gospel in our world. This book instructs and encourages us to take the gospel across various cultural contexts with missionary intent and commitment. **Join us starting May 5<sup>th</sup> as we begin our journey through the Book of Acts.** We will see that we can accomplish this mission through the power of the Holy Spirit by serving others through the church and by boldly proclaiming a gospel witness.

### UNIFIED WORSHIP

On Sunday, May 19 at 9 am, prior to being sent out for service our congregation will join in one united worship service. Everyone is encourage to join us for this profession of unity and time of opportunity to be filled prior to being sent for service. There will be a breakfast at 8am followed by worship at 9.

### ASCENSION DAY WORSHIP

St. James Lutheran Church at 900 South 17<sup>th</sup> Street will host this year’s joint **Ascension Day Holy Communion Service** on **Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.** We thank and praise Him for reigning in glory and ruling in our lives. Don’t miss this important church holiday! <https://blogs.lcms.org/2010/the-forgotten-holiday-5-2010/>



## TREASURER’S REPORT

**For the month as of March 31, 2019:**

Income: \$ 36,325.11

Total All Expenses: \$ 42,054.46

**Expenses over income: ( 12,648.63)**

Through March our expenses exceeded income by over \$12,600. Although expenses were under budget by over \$3,600, the offerings & income were also under budget by more than \$11,000, January 01 to March 31.

## Congregational Boards

### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Come join us on Sunday morning at **9:30am in the Discovery Den.** We would love to have you be a part our Sunday mornings.



### **PERSEVERANCE:**

Refusing to give up when life gets hard

**GOD VIEW: THE CONNECTION BETWEEN PERSEVERANCE AND GOD’S CHARACTER, AS SHOWN THROUGH GOD’S BIG STORY**

**FAITH:** I believe in Jesus and will continually trust Him even when life doesn't make sense.

Throughout history, GOD has offered strength to help people persevere through even the worst situations. JESUS persevered through death itself to make us right with GOD. We can have perseverance because of what GOD has done through JESUS.

**Week One: Great Commission and Spread of Gospel**

*Matthew 28:16-20, Acts 1 and 2*

Bottom Line: *Keep going because God is with you.*

**Week Two: Paul and Silas in Prison**

*Acts 16:16-40*

Bottom Line: *You can choose joy when life gets hard.*

**Week Three: Cloud of Witnesses**

*Hebrews 12:1*

Bottom Line: *God can help you let go of what is holding you back.*

**Week Four: Fix Your Eyes on Jesus**

*Hebrews 12:2-3*

Bottom Line: *Keep going because of what Jesus did for you.*

**Memory Verse**

*"But those who trust in the Lord will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak."*

Isaiah 40:31, NIRV

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
MISSION FOCUS FOR MAY**

***Ruth from Guatemala***

The donations help purchase school supplies and her uniforms to enable Ruth to attend school and receive an education.

**CRADLE ROLL**

There are twenty-three 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.

**No additions in April**

**May Birthdays:**

Kolbie Jean Schutte 3 yrs. on May 5  
Waelynd Raye Mauck 2 yrs. on May 24  
Karsyn Adaline Marie Fortney 3 yrs. on May 29

--Wilma Tieman, Nursery Roll Coordinator

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN CAREGIVING**

**FOOD PANTRY**

During the month of March we served 293 households for a total of 1168 people, 192 being children. We were blessed to have our Pantry very stocked for our patrons this month due to donations from Pack 2 Boy Scouts at St. James Lutheran School, the Souper Bowl of Caring, DOT Foods, and several private donations.

We received a Thrivent Grant which was used to supplement the missing personal care items for our Emergency Kits that we had been working on for foster children. We filled 22 bags along with numerous other totes of supplies. They were presented to Lutheran Child and Family Services for them to offer to those who are placed into foster care without time to gather their own belongings.

Happy Spring to everyone,  
Melannie Covey

**SAVE YOUR PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY! Please flatten them out.**

**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 CATO and Jeanne’s Shop in March; and we thank everyone all for the donations. We accept gently worn shoes as well.

**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](mailto:jtotsch@hughes.net) or call 779-8603 or 779-3303. Each person usually makes 2-3 meals a year.



**MOBILE FOOD PANTRY**

Have you heard that St. John’s is starting a Mobile Food Pantry (“MFP”)? The idea of the MFP has been discussed over the last few years, but at the 2017 Leaders Retreat, the church leaders encouraged exploring the feasibility of creating the MFP and setting its creation as a goal. A committee was formed and in summer of 2018 the church applied for a grant from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (“LCEF”) to start the MFP. We were notified around November 1, 2018 that St. John had been selected as one of eight applicants to receive a grant. Our grant is in the amount of \$98,000, which covers the full cost of the vehicle and approximately seventy-five percent of the estimated costs for food, fuel, insurance, wages for the MFP Administrator and other miscellaneous expenses for two years.

We decided to have two populations benefit from the MFP, one being four rural communities and the other being housing complexes operated by Quincy Housing Authority. After research, we selected Bowen, Rushville, Mendon and Liberty as the four rural communities and Frederick Ball and Indian Hills Apartments as two of three locations operated by Quincy Housing Authority. One additional Quincy Housing Authority location will be selected.

The first food delivery and distribution will be to Bowen on April 27. We anticipate providing food to 37 families comprising 152 people. The following distributions will be to Rushville on May 11, Bowen on June 22, Mendon in July and Liberty in August. We hope to begin delivering food to Frederick Ball in July and Indian Hills Apartments in August. When the MFP is fully operational, we will be taking food to people in each of the four rural communities three times each year and to each of the three Quincy Housing Authority locations four times each year.

We are partnering with a church or other organization at each location to provide volunteers on site to help promote the date of the food distribution, register people to receive food, unload the van, set up and clean up. We will have volunteers from St. John’s who will load and drive the van, but at the site of the food distribution, we will be relying mostly on the local volunteers.

Our main goal of the MFP is to let God’s grace overflow from St. John’s to those who will benefit from the food. We want to create good relationships with our partner churches and organizations and with individuals at each location. We also will take any available opportunities to proclaim the Gospel and pray with the people at the locations.

Our Food Pantry Administrator, Melannie Covey, has been working hard to assist the committee and to determine the proper amount of food to order for distribution. Melannie will be attending the first distribution at each location so she can offer any suggestions for a more efficient food distribution.

Our committee consists of Pastor Steve, Pastor Kendall, Jim and Janet Totsch, Jan Fritz, John Schonarth, Melannie Covey and Bill and Lynda Keller. The new name for both of our food pantries is "Open Hands". We will soon be displaying the name and logos at our church food pantry and on the cargo van for the MFP.

We welcome any questions you may have and your continued support of our food pantries.

## **BOARD OF EVANGELISM**

### **HORIZON'S – Serve meals.**

Volunteers are needed to help serve meals on every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the office. Sign May and June. Hot meals are served 11:30am – 1:30pm. They are located at 224 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!**

The board has set **May 19<sup>th</sup> as our next Service Sunday**. There will be a meal at 8 am followed by a united worship at 9 am before we are sent out at 10 am for our service to the community. You can sign up and find a complete list of service opportunities when you come to worship.

**VOLUNTEERS** – Volunteers can serve in many different ways at LCOSJ. Your help with the Worship services as Ushers, Acolytes, Greeters, Nursery/Toddler Rooms, and the Altar care gives you an opportunity to not only serve the church but also to serve God. Serving meals at Horizon's or in our Food Pantry enables us to serve others in our community. Please consider putting your name down for service on one or several of the sign-up sheets by the office.

### **VAN DRIVERS**

If you would like to help with transportation to and from worship for some of our non-driving members, you can talk to John Schonarth or the office on what licensing is required to drive the church van.

## **BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP**

### **2019 Contributions to the General Fund:**

Offerings for the General Fund through April 21st were **\$4,000 under budget** year-to-date and \$2,000 ahead of giving at the same time in 2018. Please continue to pray that our income will exceed expenses throughout 2019.



Thank you so much for your continued support of the **Hearts Overflowing Debt Reduction Campaign**. Donations of **\$591,810 received through April 21st have enabled us to reduce our mortgage principal from over \$666,000 at the end of May 2017 to \$60,700 after our April payment**. We have reduced our debt by **\$605,500** since the Campaign started in May 2017!

During the October 2018 Recommitment & Re-envisioning Event, the Board of Stewardship challenged the Congregation to make this the next goal of the Campaign: **PAY OFF THE MORTGAGE BY MAY 2019...a full year early for the Campaign!** Please consider making an early donation to the Campaign in 2019 to enable us to meet this goal! **We only have \$60,700 to go!**

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.

**BOARD OF YOUTH & FAMILY**  
**MINISTRIES**

**GOLF SCRAMBLE**



**Friday, June 14**

**Sign up your team or sponsor a hole along the course, preferably by June 1,** for the annual **GOLF SCRAMBLE** – Our Youth will sponsor their annual **Golf Scramble on Friday, June 14th** to raise funds they need for upcoming activities and the 2019 National Youth Gathering. Watch for ways you can pray for and support our youth in this important activity. **The Scramble is just a little more than a month away. On June 14<sup>th</sup>, registration at Arrowhead Golf Course in Camp Point is at 11:30am and TEE Time is 12:30pm. Sign up a team and enjoy a Friday afternoon on a sunny green putting for a great cause.**

**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!



**National Youth Gathering**

The next meeting for the 2019 Youth Gathering in Minneapolis is **Sunday, May 19th at 6 p m.**

**SCRIP** - Members of the Teen LYF group sell scrip as a fundraiser for their activities. **Hy-Vee Cards:** 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. Other Gift Cards are now available for **Applebee's, Home Depot, Kohl's, Panera Bread and Starbucks.** All of them make great gifts. You can

also buy Scrip during regular church office hours from Marilyn. **They will also have tickets available for the Our Redeemer Youth's Applebee's Pancake Breakfast on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 8am - 10am.**



**MUSIC MAYHEM #2**

**May 5, 2019**

**5:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

A fun, festive, and entertaining evening. Enjoy listening to the **One Voice Singers and Musicians.** Doors open at 5pm. Walking Tacos & Nacho Bar, and Beverages available to purchase beginning at 5pm and throughout the evening. Gift Baskets. **A Youth Service Auction.** A description of the Service items will be available next week.

Watch the announcements, [www.lcosj.org](http://www.lcosj.org) and on Facebook for more details. Share the event on Facebook, invite your friends and neighbors. Donations will help the Youth with their upcoming trip to the National Youth Gathering in July. **Have you marked this on the calendar yet?**



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
FOR THESE UPCOMING FAMILY  
EVENTS!!!**

**June 16<sup>th</sup> – Quincy Gems Night at the ballpark**

**July 21<sup>st</sup> – Swim Night at Sheridan Swim Club**

**Watch your announcements and the June-July Newsletter for more details.**

## CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS

### VOTERS MEETING NEW TIME/NEW PLACE

The second quarter **Voters' Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, in the Oasis**. The meeting will come to order at 9:30am. You do not have to be a current Voter to attend the meeting. Voter Packets will be available for pickup on the Information Center.

### SERVICE SUNDAY May 19, 2019

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 May 19 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.

At 8:00am, there will be a breakfast for all of our people, followed by a 9:00am unified worship service. Immediately following the worship service there will be a sending of all of our volunteers to various projects which will take place throughout Quincy. The projects will start at approximately 10:15am and continue to approximately 1:15pm 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 below projects to be part of this exciting opportunity. Our goal is to have no less than 125 of our members serving in one of the projects. There are projects which can be done by all ages so families can serve together if you desire.

There is a separate sign-up for the breakfast so please sign-up indicating how many in your family will be attending.

The following are the projects available on May 19:

#### **Donuts and Sing Along With Veterans at Smith Hall 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 serve and have donuts, coffee, milk and juice with them at Smith Hall at the Veterans' Home as a way of saying thanks to all of them for their service. In addition, some veterans will need someone to push their wheel chair from their room to Smith Hall and then back. Since this will be a smaller hall than the location of prior BBQs, we will need only 8 to 10 people. This is a great project for families and volunteers of all ages. We will also have a Sing-Along. Gerry Lunt will play the banjo and all of us can sing with the veterans. (coordinator – Bill Keller).

**Chaddock** - Chaddock provides quality treatment and education for children who deal with the after effects of trauma. We will do some landscaping and maintenance care to the grounds and gardens. Volunteers of all ages are welcomed. (coordinator – \_\_\_\_\_).

**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 mulching, planting, and routine clean -up. If you have any, volunteers should bring work gloves, 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 the bus stop shelters around the city. This is a good project for families. (coordinator – Rustin Otney).

**Neighborhood** - We want to be good neighbors to those who live near the church. To show our kindness, we will deliver a container of cookies to many of our neighbors. You can help distribute the cookies with an invitation to attend one of our worship services. Families and volunteers of all ages are welcome. (coordinator – \_\_\_\_\_).

**Horizons Social Services** – Horizons serves a hot meal at noon on week days and Sunday evenings to people in need. St. John's is a partner church of Horizons and several of our members help with the preparing, serving and clean-up on the second and fourth Mondays of every month. The volunteers will be working on whatever their staff needs. Horizons is located at 224 South Eighth Street. (coordinator – Lynda Keller).

**Quincy Park District.** The Quincy Park District maintains many parks for people to use for recreation and miscellaneous outdoor activities. The volunteers will paint parking lines in one or more parks operated by the Quincy Park District. (Coordinator – Mick Gooding).

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

**Food Pantry and Closet of Grace** - Each month St. John's serves 1200 to 1500 individuals with food and clothing. We will help to prepare by folding clothes (if needed), stocking shelves and portioning items to be given away. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. (coordinator – Melannie Covey).

***GRACE OVERFLOWING  
IN SERVICE TO  
OUR COMMUNITY***

## **Connection Point Café**

*Located 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. This is a great opportunity to welcome visitors. Sign-up in the office if you would be willing to provide some breakfast treats one week. **Sunday, May 5th** will be Donut Sunday.



## **BIBLE STUDIES**

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** begins at 9:30am in the Oasis. Grab some coffee and/or donut/treat at the Connection Point Café and join us. Join us every Sunday or one.

**KELLER MONDAY NIGHT STUDY GROUP**  
The Monday night Bible study group will meet at Bill & Lynda Keller's home, beginning at 7:00pm. They will finish their studies on May 13<sup>th</sup> for the summer break and will meet again after Labor Day.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**  
The Tuesday morning women's group will be studying Genesis 1-11, through a book entitled "God of Creation", by Jen Wilkin. Join us one morning; we'd love to have you. They meet at 9:30am in the Oasis.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING** Adult Bible Study will meet in the Oasis at 10:00am. Join us this week as we study of Book of James.

**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. Enter through the kitchen on the south side of the building.

**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.

## SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

### MARY & MARTHA GUILD

The Mary/Martha **members** will meet on **May 7th** at 6:30pm at Sprout's Inn for dinner. If you would like to come see what this group does, or have any questions about the LWML organizations, this would be a good time to check it out.



### LADIES' AID SOCIETY

The Ladies Aid members will meet on Wednesday, **May 1st at 12:30pm** for fellowship & refreshments and their meeting will begin at 1pm, weather permitting. Pauline Allen and Becky Woodward will serve on the Cheer & Social Committee. Mites will be collected. **Serving the Lord with Gladness for 140 Years.**

**Sunday, May 12th**, the Ladies invite you to join them as they celebrate their organization's founding in 1897. Stop in the Oasis for some delicious homemade goodies served with your coffee or juice.

**MEN'S CLUB** The Men's Club will meet on **May 20th at 7:00pm at St. John's**. Les Kaufman will be the Devotional Leader. "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" is the Opening Hymn for the evening. Pastor Meyer will lead the topic of "Prayer" #2". Paul Johnson and John Schonarth will serve on the Social Committee.

Men's Club members and additional volunteers have set their **Servant Day at the Church of the Deaf in Jacksonville IL on Saturday, May 11**. Anyone that would like more information or to help, contact Doug Allen. 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.



### VOLUNTEERS for ALTAR SERVICE

Volunteers assist with preparation for communion and washing & putting away communion ware, clean and maintain Altar linens, paraments and flowers. If you would like to serve your church by being a part of this group, or helping out for one or two Sundays, join us at the meeting or sign up by the office. If you have any questions about this service, please see Marilyn in the office.

## MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



On June 1 we have a team of servants traveling to assist with the work of Groundwork Guatemala. Everyone can participate in the mission through donations that will be used to support the ongoing work in Guatemala. Visit the display in the narthex to find items that you will be able to donate. Cash donations are also accepted. We ask all **donations be returned by May 19th**. If you have any questions about donations speak with Bill Keller.

*"Make Disciples of All Nations"*

### Central Illinois District

*The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod*

### **Partnership in the Gospel**

The mission dollars your congregation gives to our LCMS Central Illinois District supports all these ministries of our District:

Spanish Outreach: Cristo Bay (Christ the King)  
Lutheran Church, East Moline  
St. John Lutheran Church, Beardstown  
Campus Ministry at University of Illinois, Urbana-  
Champaign

Illinois State University, Normal  
Western IL University, Macomb  
Eastern IL University, Charleston  
Bible studies at University of Illinois – Springfield  
Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield

Special Missions:

Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Jacksonville  
Lincoln Correctional Center, Lincoln  
Logan Correctional Center, Lincoln  
Pittsfield Work Camp, Pittsfield  
Greene County Work Camp, Roodhouse  
Western Correctional Center, Mt. Sterling

Go online to watch a 30 minute video on the Lord's  
work in the Central Illinois District:

<http://www.cidlcms.org/partnershipvideo.html>

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### MUSIC MAYHEM #2

**May 5, 2019**

**6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**Doors open at 5:00 PM**

*Join us in helping the Youth with their trip to the  
National Youth Gathering in July.*

**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  
Pearcy with any questions, or stop in the church  
office.



## St. James Lutheran School News

**ST. JAMES BLOCK PARTY** to kick off  
Dogwood weekend in Quincy will be **Friday, May  
3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30-8 pm.** Good food, music and  
fellowship is on the menu! Please come and joins us  
for the ribbon cutting at 6:00 pm and have a fun  
evening! The theme for this year's Blessing Health  
System and GatesAir THEME: "Party Like it's  
1969: Celebrating 50 Years of Dogwood"

**SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES AND BOOK  
FAIR** is **Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 6:30 pm.**

Everyone is invited to attend and see the wonderful  
projects our students have completed.

**Wednesday, May 8th, from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm** -  
Panera night for the 7th grade and 8th grade  
Chicago trip fundraiser - please bring a paper or  
digital voucher to give the cashier.

The Youth of St. James Lutheran Church invite you  
to participate in their fundraiser to help raise funds  
for the LCMS National Youth Gathering that will  
be held in July. **Panera Bread, 3738 Broadway,  
on Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm – 8:00pm.** Take a  
copy of the flyer on the bulletin boards or a digital  
picture of it with your phone and show it to the  
cashier when you place your order, and Panera will  
donate a portion of the proceeds from your  
purchase. If you order Online, enter the promo  
code "PRFUND". St. James has 11 youth members  
who will be attending this event. The Gathering  
theme is "A Real and Present God".

**LIFE IS SWEET 5K** – St. James is hosting a *Life  
is Sweet 5K Run/Walk* on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at  
8:00 am. We are looking sponsors and  
runners/walkers to support this activity along with  
volunteers to help on race day. Additional  
information will be upcoming. Call the school  
office with any questions you may have.

## NEWS & NOTES

### *Many Thanks*

My family and I would like to thank you for the outpouring of support at the loss of my brother. The flowers you sent to the service, the cards and the special offering you collected were an overwhelming show of love. Words cannot even express how much we appreciate all you have done and the comfort God has brought through your encouragement. Thank you.

*Pastor Steve and family*

**SCHOOL ACCREDITATION** – St. James Lutheran School is in the process of becoming accredited through the National Lutheran School Accreditation. We are currently in a self-study to evaluate the actual conditions that are related to school quality which are evaluated and measured in seven specific areas. This is important for our school and we solicit your prayers and help in completing this process. Please talk to Principal Landskroener for ways you can become involved. Thank you!



**BOXTOPS AND UPC LABELS** – Please continue to save General Mills Box Tops, Hy-Vee UPCs and Tyson A+ labels throughout the school year. They help support our school library! Thank you!

**COLLECTING LIDS** – We have a lot of caps, but will continue collecting more! Thank you for your efforts to collect caps and help up purchase a new 6-foot bench for our hallway at school. We will collect lids until we have at least 200 pounds (the more the better). You can bring them into the church or school office. The lids must be clean!! **Unacceptable caps** include metal lids or trash, soap/lotion pumps, grocery bags, K-Cups, straws, fast food drink lids, plastic pieces that are not a lid. **Acceptable caps** include caps from medicine bottles, milk jugs, detergent, hair spray, toothpaste, deodorant, apple sauce pouch, drink bottle (soda, water, juice, sport drinks), flip-top (ketchup), spout (mustard), spray paint, ointment tube, baby food, shampoo/conditioner, cottage cheese container, mayonnaise jar, yogurt, peanut butter jar, ice cream bucket (under 8 inches), Cool Whip container, coffee can, cream cheese container, butter container and Pringles lids. Remember, the lids must be clean! Thank you for helping us purchase another bench!



### *WRAPPED IN HIS LOVE*

We've started a new group at St. John's called "Wrapped In His Love!" We are looking for beginner to experienced sewists to meet twice a month with the goal of making comfort or prayer quilts. We would also welcome knitters and crocheters to join us for the evening and donate blankets for our cause. If you are interested please come to our next meeting **THURSDAY, May 9, 6:00pm in the Oasis.** Contact Cheryl Kestner if you have any questions. 217-223-7659.



### **DID YOU KNOW???**

The Lutheran Church of St. John is a Stephen Ministry congregation. It's an important way we care for one another. If you are going through a difficult time, consider having a Stephen Minister. If you know someone else who is facing difficulties, suggest that he or she request Stephen Ministry. Make use of it. Stephen Ministry belongs to you!

## Care Net's Baby Bottle Blitz!

Take home an empty baby bottle from the laundry basket in the Narthex on Mother's Day, **May 12th**. This is CareNet Pregnancy's biggest fundraiser – this organization helps women who are experiencing crisis pregnancies. Please consider filling the bottle with your donation or spare change and **return it to the basket in a month on Father's Day, June 16th**. Or, you can drop them off in the church office any time in between.



### The Great Central IL Campout Memorial Day Weekend May 24-27

- ❖ **Camp out for the holiday weekend.**
  - **Bring your camper or tent, or rent a cabin**
- ❖ **Activities for the whole family.**
  - **Swimming, boats, hiking, games, trading post, & more!**
- ❖ **Nightly devotions.**
- ❖ **Sunday Hog Roast.**
  - **11:30-2:30**
  - **Meet the summer staff**
  - **Tour the newly renovated cabins**



**SUMMER PROGRAM 2019 Flyers are available on the Information Center**



## FLOWER CHART

The *Altar Flowers*, each week, are a welcome offering to our worship. *Flowers* are alive. They are of God's creation. They are a symbol of new life in Christ. *Altar flowers* can be and are more than mere ornaments. They are the expression of our love for God as well as a means of glorifying His name in all the earth. Altar flowers may be dedicated to commemorate a special event, like a birthday or anniversary, or in remembrance of a loved one.

Donations of \$17.50 covers the cost of one vase and \$35.00 covers the cost of both vases.

For all of these reasons, we give thanks to everyone who is moved to give toward *flowers* on a particular Sunday. You can sign up on the Flower Chart on the bulletin board outside of the Sanctuary, or notify Marilyn in the office. Dedications are listed in our worship bulletin.

### Dates to Remember:

**May 12 - Mother's Day**

**May 18 - Armed Forces Day** - a day to pay special tribute to the men and women of the Armed Forces

**May 27 Memorial Day** – a day to quietly reflect on the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country

**May 30 Ascension Day Worship Service**  
at St. James Lutheran Church at 7:00pm  
The celebration of Christ ascending into heaven, 40 days after Easter.



## May Anniversaries

	Wedding Date	Years
Tracy & Tiffani Hanlin	5/2/1998	21
Steve & Melanie Schertel	5/3/2003	16
Cory & Whitney Baumgartner	5/7/2010	9
Josh & Jenna Crabtree	5/9/2009	10
Brad & Brittney Cirrincione	5/13/2017	2
John & Sharon Kuhlman	5/14/1965	54
Dennis & Kay Ripper	5/14/1961	58
Rusty & Katherine Rawson	5/17/2014	5
Brad & Carol Zelle	5/17/1997	22
Bill & Mary Kay Schlegl	5/19/2001	18
Tyler & Alexis Willing	5/19/2012	7
Larry & Joye Baker	5/20/1978	41
Steven & Kate Barteau	5/20/1995	24
Larry & Tanja Hucklenbrick	5/20/1989	30
Rick & April Yates	5/20/1983	36
Cory & Jesslyn Chew	5/26/2012	7
Scott & Missy Baker	5/28/2005	14
Joel & Erin Dickhut	5/28/2016	3
Phil & Nancy Featheringill	5/29/1971	48
Bobby & Ashley Anders	5/30/2009	10



## May Birthdays

Samantha Backoff	5/1
Amy Bangert	5/1
Elexis Carpenter	5/1
Lynda Keller	5/1
Larisa Neisen	5/1
Cadence Epperson	5/2
Adam Patterson	5/2
Luke Freiburg	5/3
Bennett Soltwedel	5/3
Drew Gastler	5/5
Kolbie Schutte	5/5
Elizabeth Nelson	5/6
Kim Rosevold	5/6
Adahlia Mangold	5/7
Kate Barteau	5/8
Mary Lynn Perry	5/10
Olivia Dietrich	5/11
Rhonda Johnson	5/11
Pat Manlove	5/11
Tanya Belknap	5/12
Presley Campbell	5/12
Jack Mitchell	5/12
Joie Baker	5/13
Darrell Kline	5/14
Don Houghton	5/16
Jarred Mauck	5/16
Sandy McElhoe	5/17
Blaine Soltwedel	5/17
Claire Happel	5/18
Azaylla Scott	5/18
Carter Epperson	5/20
Cindy Harrison	5/20
Brenda Hill	5/20
Becca Ruggiero	5/20
Mat Perrine	5/21
Harry Ruth	5/21
Steve Schertel	5/21
Camele Zimmerman	5/21
John Marshall	5/22
Sophia Soltwedel	5/22
Xavier Duschinsky	5/23

Austin Ray Goellner	5/23
Cheyenne Manker	5/24
Waelynd Mauck	5/24
Kendall Meyer	5/24
Stuart Roderick	5/24
Lesa Guyer	5/25
Isabelle Williamson	5/25
Olivia Dingserson	5/26
John Evans	5/26
Lavonne Evans	5/26
Dawn Nierman	5/26
Collin Tenhouse	5/26
Teresa Barnes	5/27
Emma Hayden	5/28
Karsyn Fortney	5/29
Alyssa Hummel	5/29
Marilyn Kaufman	5/29
Jared Reichert	5/29
Kelsey Reichert	5/29
William Gibleon	5/30

*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 June-July Broadcaster is Friday, May 24.***

## COMMUNITY EVENTS



### **“Party Like It’s 1969: Celebrating 50 Years of Dogwood.”**

#### **Thursday, May 2**

- 7:00 p.m., Little King and Queen of Dogwood Pageant, [Quincy Mall](#) Center Court.

#### **Friday, May 3**

- Noon – 1:15 p.m., Concert in the Plaza, First Mid-Illinois Bank Plaza next to St. Boniface Church
- 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Hope for Horizons, Quincy Country Club, 2410 State St.
- **6:00 p.m., Ribbon Cutting to kick off Dogwood, St. James Lutheran Church, and Block Party.**

## Saturday, May 4

- 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., [Quincy Farmer's Market](#)
- 8:30 a.m., Breakfast on the Lawn, First Christian Church, 1415 Maine
- 9:20 a.m. Blessing Health System/GatesAir Dogwood Parade, 24th and Maine, goes west to 6th
- 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Lincoln in the District, Washington Park.
- 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., QUEST Derby Party in the Country, 7007 N. 12th, Quincy.
- 7:00 – 10:00 p.m., [Free Fallin – Tom Petty Tribute Concert](#), Morrison Theater, 100 S. 14th St. Proceeds from the concert will go toward the renovation of the Washington Theater. For more information, visit <http://www.quincywashingtontheater.org/>
- 11:00 p.m., Amateur Night, [The Cab – Quincy](#), 124 N. 5th St. Open to any performer who wants to entertain a crowd. Must be 21 or older. For more info, <https://www.facebook.com/thecabquincy>

## Sunday, May 5

- Noon – 4:00 p.m., Log Cabins Open House, Quinsippi Island.



Great River Genealogical Society  
Adams County, Illinois

The Great River Genealogical Society will hold their Annual Dinner Meeting on **Thursday, May 9, at 6:30pm. Reg Ankrom will present "Illinois – 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary beginning at 7:00 pm.** The meeting will be at the Lutheran Church of St. John, in the Family Life Center. Call Marilyn by May 2<sup>nd</sup> to make reservations. Meal is \$15.00 per person, Grilled Chicken, Au Gratin Potatoes, Layered Lettuce Salad, Green Beans, Rolls, Assorted Desserts, Coffee, Tea, or Water. You do not need to be a member to attend, bring your friends. For more information about GRGS, go to [www.grgs.org](http://www.grgs.org) or Facebook.

## RUMMAGE SALE

**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4pm-7pm and May 4<sup>th</sup>, 8am-2pm.** Sponsored by LWML Evening Ladies Aid. Proceeds benefit Mission Projects here and abroad.



## The 27th annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger<sup>®</sup> Food Drive is on Saturday, May 11.

The Food Drive is held each year on the second Saturday in May with letter carriers in more than 10,000 cities and towns across America collect the goodness and compassion of their postal customers, who participate in the NALC Stamp Out Hunger National Food Drive — the largest one-day food drive in the nation.. If you can help, just place a box or can of non-perishable food next to your mailbox before your letter carrier delivers mail on **Saturday, May 11th** and the carrier will do the rest.

## Tour to the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany in 2020

David and Lois Mahsman will be hosting a tour in September 2020 to the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. After giving it some thought, we decided to do that and to add visits to some of the great cities in central Europe as well as an optional extension to some of my favorite places, the various German towns and places associated with Martin Luther and the Reformation.

As you may know, the people of Oberammergau stage the Passion Play only once every 10 years, which is why this is a rather rare opportunity. Before going to the play, we will visit Vienna, Prague, and Salzburg, all remarkable and historic cities in their own right. And after seeing our Lord's passion, death and resurrection vividly

portrayed in the Passion Play, there's the added opportunity to see places where God used Martin Luther to restore the Good News about Jesus to the Church and to the world. That includes Wittenberg, where Luther spent his entire career as professor of Bible and reformer, and where I spent seven years as an LCMS missionary.

Our tour is set for Sept. 15-29, 2020, including the Lutherland extension. The attached PDF has the full itinerary, other details, and a registration form. Have a look if you're interested, and please let me know if you have any questions. It would be great to have you along!

See Marilyn for a copy of the complete itinerary and rate information, if you are interested.



### Concerts in the Plaza

First Mid Bank & Trust Plaza  
(Maine between 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Streets)  
On Fridays, 12:00pm – 1:15pm.

May 3: Kyle Trudell,            May 10: Kayla Obert  
May 17: Noah McNally

Hit up [The Butcher Block](#) food truck, something to go from your favorite restaurant in The District, or bring your lunch and have a picnic with local live music. Sponsored by [First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust Quincy Main](#), [Second String Music](#) and [The District](#)

### Quincy Farmer's Market - Washington Park, Sam – 1pm, Every Saturday: May – October

The Quincy Farmers Market is truly a community event, that brings people together from the region to buy directly from local Tri-State Area vendors/producers and enjoy the bounty of the locally grown produce, delicious baked goods, flowers/plants and beautifully hand crafted items.

The Quincy Medical Group provides children's activities every Saturday **for free** from 9:30- 12 p.m. Educational herb, fruit and vegetable cards and recipes for families in addition to the free activities.



## 6th Annual "Fight Hunger. Spark Change." campaign!

April 27 through May 20

This year's campaign will run until May 20 at all Walmart and Sam's Clubs stores. Customers are able to support the campaign by purchasing certain products, donating at the register or donating online. The list of participating products is too lengthy to include here, however you can go online at this link: [https://www.walmart.com/browse/fighting-hunger/0?\\_be\\_shelf\\_id=4460&cat\\_id=976759&facet=shelf\\_id%3A4460](https://www.walmart.com/browse/fighting-hunger/0?_be_shelf_id=4460&cat_id=976759&facet=shelf_id%3A4460) Or, see the list on the hallway bulletin board. You can online at [feedingamerica.org/walmart](http://feedingamerica.org/walmart).



... to my club, my community, my country, and the world.

### "MEATING" THE NEED!

Help the Central Adams Firecrackers 4-H Club members to "Meat" their goal of 1,100 pounds of Ground beef for the Community for Christ Assistance Center in Camp Point. Purchase ground beef at Bent's during May and Bent's will deliver it to the center or join the 4-H's on Memorial Day (May 27) for lunch at the Shelter House in Paloma IL, as they raise funds to purchase more ground beef. Serving grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks, side dish, strawberry pie & other desserts. Free-will donation. Over the past 12 years they have helped the Center to receive just over 8,900 pounds.

### REMINDER:

**The Church office and the Food & Clothing Pantries will be closed on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, for Memorial Day.**