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Dear Friends in Christ,

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! When the women went to the tomb on the first day of the week to care for a dead man's dead body, they were perplexed to find the stone rolled away and the body gone. Then two men in dazzling apparel said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." (Luke 24:5b-8).

He has done it. It is finished. Christ has triumphed. He is risen from the dead. And because He has, you seek the living. So remember what He told you. Remember how He told you on Maundy Thursday, "This is my body given for you; this is my blood of the new covenant shed for you; take, eat; take, drink; do this for my remembrance." Remember how He told you on Good Friday, hanging upon the cross of your salvation, "Your sins are forgiven; it is finished; all this I do for you." Remember how He told you throughout the Lenten season now past, how He prayed with you and for you those penitential Psalms, how He answered the plea of those prayers by becoming your sin, by dying your death, by defeating your devil, by rising again as the firstfruits of life. Remember how He told you. You seek the living.

Remember how He told you that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise. He is true to His Word. Everything He said and taught is true. That means you can trust the rest of what Jesus said throughout His life. So remember how He told you that whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. Remember how He told you to, "Take, eat, His body given for you. Take, drink, His blood shed for you for the forgiveness sins." Remember how the risen Lord Jesus breathed on His apostles and gave them authority to forgive and retain sins in His stead and by His command. And therefore remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy, holding all of these words of God and their preaching sacred, gladly hearing and learning it. You seek the living, and He is here, in His holy house, for you.

With the faith He has given us, we delight in Jesus' invitation and exhortation to gather together in corporate worship, remembering the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy, wherein God serves us with His Word and Sacraments. The month of May is a wonderful time for the worship life of our congregation, filled with opportunities to receive and rejoice in the gifts of our Savior's cross and resurrection that heal all our ills and feed our faith. Indeed, the month of May includes several very significant days both for the church year and for our life together at St. John, Bingen.

On **Sunday, May 5**, our 8th-grade children will have the opportunity publicly to confess their faith through the **Rite of Confirmation**. Confirmation links the catechumens to their Baptism, celebrates the reception of the Lord's Word among them, and, according to the local custom here at St. John, welcomes them to the Lord's Table in Holy Communion. The Rite of Confirmation emphasizes God's work in Baptism (where *God makes us* to be members of His holy Christian Church), the gift of faith, and the benefits of the Lord's Supper for all who believe. The reception of catechumens to the Sacrament of the Altar assumes that ongoing instruction in the faith is the way of life for the faithful Christian. Not only the catechumens themselves, but parents, sponsors, and all of us should ponder sincerely the sacred vows these children of God make to their Lord on Confirmation Day:

- 1) *to hear the Word of God and to receive the Lord's Supper faithfully;*
- 2) *to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death; and*
- 3) *to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it.*

On **Sunday, May 12**, we give thanks to our gracious Lord specifically for His wonderful gift of faithful and loving mothers. Although this is not a holy day on the church's calendar, Jesus, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, so highly esteemed His mother that even as God incarnate He dutifully honored and cherished her. He even invested what remained of His dying breath to make sure she was cared for by the beloved disciple after His death, resurrection, and ascension. We, then, likewise give thanks to our heavenly Father for the blessing of our earthly mothers, and rejoice that Christ's Easter makes certain a joyful reunion with those who have fallen asleep in their Savior.

Sunday, May 19 is the first of our two **Mission Festivals** in 2019. Mission Fest I offerings are designated to support the Lord's work at Westfield House in Cambridge, England. Please see the Mission Fest I explanation in this newsletter for more information.

Thursday, May 30 is **The Ascension of Our Lord**. In both the Apostles' and the Nicene Creed, we confess that 40 days after Christ rose from the grave on Easter Sunday, He "ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty." Though, regrettably, many have lost interest in this festival in recent times, Ascension Day is one of the chief feasts of the Christian church year, always observed on the 6th Thursday of the Easter Season. Simply put, the Ascension of our Lord is a big deal, foundational to our confession and belief that He is with us always through Word and Sacrament, that He rules and reigns all things for our eternal good, and that He is coming back to raise the dead and welcome those who love Him home to heaven.

"Ascension Day is the coronation celebration of our Lord as He is proclaimed to be King of the universe. Jesus' ascension to the Father is His entrance to the greater existence beyond the confines of time and space, being no longer bound by the limitations of His state of humiliation. Jesus now sits at the right hand of God, which Luther correctly taught is everywhere, having again taken up the power and authority that were His since before time. Yet our Lord is present with us who remain bound by time and space. He is with us as true God and true man, exercising His rule in the Church through the means of grace which He established: His Word and Sacraments. In those means of grace, we mortals can grasp the King of the universe and receive a foretaste of the feast to come" (*Treasury of Daily Prayer*).

Jesus' bodily ascension took place visibly before the eyes of the disciples in order that the truth of the ascension might be historically established for the disciples and, indeed, for the whole Christian Church. The Scriptural truth that Christ "ascended to the right hand of God" means that His ascension is not a mere "seat of honor" nor a "seat of rest," but the heavenly throne of Christ's exalted humanity. The Lutheran Confessions describe it like this: "He did not merely ascend to heaven as any other holy person, but, as the Apostle testifies [Eph. 4:10], he ascended far above all the heavens, truly fills all things, and now rules everywhere, from one sea to the other and to the end of the world, not only as God but also as a human being...It is nothing other than the almighty power of God, which fills heaven and earth...On the basis of this communicated power, he can be and truly is present with his body and blood in the Holy Supper according to the words of his testament, to which he has directed us through his Word." The following Scripture passages are helpful for understanding this most blessed confession concerning the Ascension of Christ:

Acts 1:1-11

Mark 16:19

1 Peter 3:22

Romans 8:18-39

Ephesians 1:20-23; 4:10

Hebrews 1:3; 4:14; 7:26; 8:1

Psalms 110

Grounded firmly in these sacred Scriptures, the Ascension Hymn of the Day, *See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph*, strongly confesses its significance for us today: "He has raised our human nature / On the clouds to God's right hand; / There we sit in heav'nly places, / There with Him in glory stand. / Jesus reigns, adored by angels; / Man with God is on the throne. / By our mighty Lord's ascension / We by faith behold our own."

The Lord's Divine Service to us begins at 7 p.m. We'll see you then.

In Christ's baptismal waters, by His faith-creating Word, and with His sin-forgiving body and blood in the Lord's Supper, there is a victorious way through the Lent of our life to that glorious Easter Resurrection. I pray that this Easter season that runs through May fills your heart and your mind with the peace that Christ was born to bring you, with the comfort and assurance of the forgiveness of sins that He died to give you, and with the hope and joy that Christ rose to fulfill for you. To be sure, throughout this festive month of May, Christ will be right where He has promised to be - in His Word and blessed Sacraments - forgiving sins, preaching the Gospel, and feeding His flock with Himself.

In Christ,

Pastor

Upcoming Youth Events

Middle School Youth Event

Sunday, May 19; 1-5 p.m. – Putt-Putt Golf, Go-Go Karts, Yum-Yum Snacks

You know the drill. Meet in Bingen's parking lot at 1 p.m. Bring a parent to drive and \$10 to play. Caddies provided. Seatbelts required. Injuries optional. Tell Pastor Putter if you're going by Wednesday, May 15. (pastorbrock@gmail.com; 260-301-1640). If it's raining, we'll try again in June.

High School Youth Activities

Sunday, May 5 – Crash a Confirmation Party

Ask your pastor for a list of locations. Arrive unannounced. Eat their food. Tell them the clergy sent you.

Sunday, May 12 – Hug Your Mother

All day long. She'll love it at first. Then it'll just be annoying...and weird. #win-win

Sunday, May 19; 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Spring Cleaning at Parsonage 1

Because that credenza is not going to dust itself. We'll also vacuum the windows and wash the carpets. If it's nice, we'll have a fire. If it's not, we'll have a fit. Bring your mother's cleaning supplies and a definition of the word "credenza."

Sunday, May 26 – Memorial Day Eve – No Youth Gathering

A.D. 2020 – 175th Anniversary of St. John, Bingen

✠ *One LORD, One Faith, One Future* ✠

175th Mission Offering

In thanksgiving for 175 years of God's grace at Bingen, we have designated a 175th Anniversary Mission Offering with the goal of raising \$175,000 by December 26, 2020 to support the church's mission and mercy work in Tanzania, Africa and for international students studying at Concordia Theological Seminary. Members and friends of St. John, both past and present, are invited to show forth their thankfulness to the Lord by supporting this special mission project from now through 2020. Further information and forms for "purchasing" a "brick" for the church model are available in the entry of the church.

Historic Display

The 175th Committee has set up an historic display in the Parish Hall. The two cases of historic items are updated monthly, with one case filled with new items and the second case containing the items from the previous month. If you have any historic, Bingen-related items of interest (such as pictures, documents, or artifacts) that you would like to loan for the display, please contact committee chairman Lynn Selking or archivist Linda Abdon. All items are kept in a locked display case and returned when the display is changed. Please be sure to give Lynn or Linda your contact information along with a description of the item you are loaning, so we may be sure to return it to you.

Historic notes from congregational minutes:

Feb. 6, 1910	Trustees are authorized to provide a hog barn and fences at teacherage.
Jan. 29, 1911	Resolved: Add a hog pen to pastor's barn and repair barn roof.
Feb. 12, 1911	Resolved: Pay teacher \$5 for addition he built to chicken barn.

Spring Church Potluck –April 28 – 12:00 noon

In thankfulness for the many blessings God continues to provide to our church, we would like to invite you and your families to join us at our Spring Church Potluck. We will warmly welcome our 2019 confirmands and newest members. The potluck is hosted by the St. John Bingen Evangelism and Social Committee, and it will be held in the Parish Hall directly following our 10:30 service. Drinks, table service and cake will be provided, just bring your favorite dish to share.

Saturday, May 11th – Two-EE's Winery - Wine Tasting

The Social Committee is planning to meet at Two-EE's Winery in Roanoke on Saturday, May 11 at 5:00 p.m. For those of you who wish to carpool, we will be meeting in the church parking lot at 4:30 p.m. Jazz musician, Joe Lisinchia, will be performing and JB's Cuisine Machine and Ziffle's food trucks will be available. The wine tasting room is open until 7:00 p.m., after that wine is available to purchase. It is always a fun night, and we hope that you will join us!

Sunday, May 19th – The Lutheran Chorale Concert – 2:00 p.m. @ Zion, Friedheim



Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Friedheim, is hosting a hymn and choir service under the theme, *All God's People Sing*, on Sunday, May 19th, at 2 p.m. The service will feature the Lutheran Chorale, under the direction of Deb Miller, and a mixed choir from St. John, Bingen; St. Paul, Preble; and Zion, Friedheim. All are welcome to sing the praises of Jesus. Invite your family and friends!!

✠ Christian Stewardship ✠

Stewardship is not just about giving money to the church. It includes this, to be sure, but it is not limited to it. Stewardship involves our whole life – everything we have and everything we are.

Let us not, though, fall into the trap of thinking that because we give of ourselves in one area we can neglect giving in another. Stewardship is not stealing from Peter to pay Paul. It is not a game we play whereby we justify ourselves in not giving a tenth of our income because we have given in some other way. This is why our Lord warns:

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.” (Matthew 23:23)

We are given to do both – tithe of ourselves and what we have. And so it is that St. Paul makes his appeal to us:

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:1-2)

We are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God. We are not to have the mind of the world, where we exchange equal weight of this for an equal weight of that, and then think that we have done what God has required.

Our whole life is given over for service in and for the Church of God. This is to be done in thanksgiving for what God in Christ has accomplished for us. This is our spiritual worship, the reasonable response to what He has done for us – not one for the other, but all in all.

But what does this look like? St. Paul never lays down a general principle without also giving us some practical application of what shape that principle is to take concretely. He gives the general principle that our bodies are to be living sacrifices to God, and, after admonishing those who have been given particular gifts of grace to serve the church, St. Paul then speaks generally of what is expected of all. He says:

“Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.” (Romans 12:9-13)

This is what it looks like to present your bodies as living sacrifices. This is how we live out the grace of God here in time.

Let us then heed the apostle’s teaching. Let us present our bodies – everything that we have and everything that we are – as living sacrifices to God, our reasonable response to what God in Christ Jesus accomplished for us by His death and resurrection.

Through God’s sacrifice and service to us, we have forgiveness of sins, a new life in Christ, and eternal salvation. And through this worship, the grace of God is made manifest in His saints – for the church and the world.



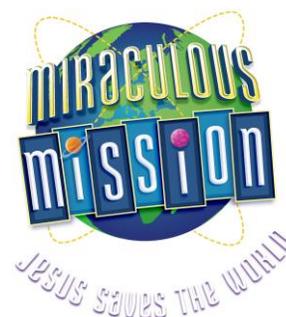
***Miraculous Mission* Vacation Bible School**
@
Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School
June 23-27, 2019

5:15 p.m. – Supper for the whole family
6-8 p.m. – VBS for the whole family

- ✓ Kick-Off Carnival; Sunday, June 23 @ 3 p.m.
- ✓ Supper is served every day at 5:15 p.m. for the whole family!
- ✓ VBS activities for early childhood, elementary, youth, and adults!
- ✓ Bible Storytelling, Bible Challenges, Bible Applications, & Crafts!

Register Online: www.vbsmate.com/wyneken

Vacation Bible School is a high energy week of hearing, singing, and rejoicing in God's Word! At *Miraculous Mission* VBS this year, we will learn about God's miraculous mission to save us! The Bible accounts we will hear of God's mission for us tell of how God made the universe; His promise of a Savior to Abram; the birth of Jesus, our Savior; Jesus' death and resurrection; and Jesus' ascension. Our Key Bible Verse is **John 3:16** – "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." Registration is open for potty-trained children, ages 3 – entering 6th grade.



We need **MANY ADULT AND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS** to make our VBS successful and safe. Please register to volunteer online or by contacting Pastor Brock – pastorbrock@gmail.com / 260-301-1640.

Ladies Aid - Quilting every Wednesday from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Families are like quilts: love pieced together; stitched with smiles and tears; colored with memories; and bound with love. Why not join the family of Ladies Aid quilters? Young and old, experienced or non-experienced, come for fellowship and work a few stitches on the beautiful pieces of fabric that has been sewn into quilts. Bring a sack lunch and join us on every Wednesday of May.

Cancer Pads - Next sewing date: **TUESDAY**, May 21st from 8 – 11 a.m., Contact person is Marilyn Kiess.

Ladies Guild - All ladies of our congregation are welcome to join us the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Date: May 21, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Parish Hall

Roll Call: Mother's Favorite Hobby

Program: Tea Party by Marcia Selking

Serving: Glenna Rhymer and Fay Koenemann

Dogs-n-Suds Stand at Hoagland Days, June 13th-15th - The Ladies Guild will be coordinating our church booth (Coney Dogs, Hot Dogs and Root Beer Floats) at Hoagland Days. They will need Eckrich hotdogs and A&W root beer (diet and regular cans) donations. So please watch for sales on these items and bring to the storage room in the Parish Hall. Thank-you! Also, we will need many bodies to man the booth. The Hours will be Thursday 4-10 p.m., Friday 4-10 p.m. and Saturday 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Shifts will be in two-hour increments. Families, couples or friend groups should consider working a time slot. Please volunteer your time by contacting Danelle Westrick 260-615-1019, nellie_mc@yahoo.com or Judy Bultemeier 260-610-1143.

LWML

The LWML Mite box will be available after church services on the 4th Sunday of each month. Through your giving sixteen ministries will be blessed through the LWML Indiana District Mission Grants.

Feel free to pick up the Lutheran Woman's QUARTERLY.

Continue to trim your cancelled stamps leaving ¼ inch margin and place in collection box on shelf across from the Family Resource Center and Nursery. Proceeds go to missions.

June 20 – 23, 2019 - 38th Biennial National LWML Convention, Mobile, Alabama

May 9, 2019 - Card Games - Every 2nd Thursday of the month @ 1:30 p.m. we meet in the Parish Hall for cards, snacks and fellowship. **All are welcome to join us!**

Saturday May 11th, 2019 - Work day at Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School. Many hands are needed to move lockers from the stage area to the north wing of the school. In addition to hands; please bring drills/drivers, wrenches, hand trucks, etc... to help with the move and installation. Start time will be 8:00 am; we will meet at the main school entrance. Please contact Michael Rabel, Chris Caston, or Brian Bulmahn with any questions.

Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School Summer Work Days:

- **Tuesday, May 28th** – all school cleanup and moved furniture out of grades 7 & 8 classrooms, kitchen & cafeteria – 5:00 p.m. start.
- **Saturday, June 8th** – move furniture back into grade 8 and cafeteria. Move out PS – 2nd grade furniture – 8:00 a.m. start.
- **Friday, June 14th** – move furniture back into PS – 2nd grade classrooms and move out grades 3 – 6 classrooms – 5:00 p.m. start.
- **Saturday, June 22nd** – work day/painting day – move grades 3 – 7 back into classrooms – 8:00 a.m. start.
- **Saturday, July 27th** – work day/painting day/mulch the playground – 8:00 a.m. start.
- **Sunday, August 4th** – kitchen cleaning day – 2:00 p.m. start.

Please plan to volunteer some of your time and talent on these days listed above as you are able – the more people we have the quicker it will go. Please contact Michael Rabel, Christ Caston, Brian Bulmahn, or Mr. Gavrun with any questions. Thank you in advance for your support of the school.

Wyneken School Board

Flower Sales – Now through Mother’s Day, May 12th. Wyneken’s Class of 2020 will sell Gift Certificates from: The Grainery in Decatur (\$20), Heller’s in Preble (\$20), and Mains in New Haven (\$10 & \$20). The Bingen 7th Graders are: Hailey Cole, Job Hoffman, Andrew James, Arebelle Laurent, Taylor Louis, Carly Oetting, Emma Scheumann and Jordan Strickler.

Nelson’s Chicken on Mother’s Day, May 12th - The Wyneken Class of 2021 are selling tickets on Sundays between services through May 5th. Chicken halves are \$8 and can be purchased from any Wyneken 6th grader. The Bingen 6th graders are: Alex Flower, Khiana Foreman, Eden Hoot, Meryl Kukelhan, Gwen Laurent, Dane Lenegar, Reese Loshe, Carson McBride, Lauren McMahan, Tessa Melcher, Carissa Selking and Evan Selking. Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts for our trip to Washington D.C.

Praise Be to God & Congratulations! We celebrate with Mr. Marvin Drier (computer/8th grade teacher) for 35 years of faithful service and Mrs. Janine Albert (Pre-K teacher) for 20 years of faithful service in the teaching ministry. In addition, we rejoice with Mrs. Colleen Fuhrmann (Childcare staff) for 10 years of faithful service and Mrs. Mabelle Bradbury (Bookkeeper) for 5 years of faithful service at Wyneken. Praise be to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ for devoted teachers and staff members who serve at Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School!

Emmaus Lutheran Preschool at 8626 Covington Road is searching for a part time Pre-Kindergarten teacher. Hours would be Monday-Friday from 7:45-11:45 a.m. All applicants must be a member of an LCMS Church and have a B.A. in either Early Childhood Education or Elementary Education. For more information please call Joann Olsen, Emmaus Lutheran Preschool Director at 260-459-7722, ext. 1012.

Community Events in May

May 2nd, 3rd and 4th – Lutheran Life Villages - Bargain Bonanza Extravaganza Fundraiser

We need your help to make it a success! In each of the past two years, our annual bargain sale has raised over \$15,000 to support the residents living in our communities. That is amazing, but we are fully confident that we can do better this year, with a little help from our friends!

This is an almost entirely volunteer-run event, and we can always use an extra set of hands, please let us know!

As it stands, we currently have a bit less merchandise compared to recent years. If you or anyone you know has anything (aside from clothing) that they would like to donate, please contact us to arrange a pickup or delivery. We will make it easy for you! Questions? Contact the Volunteer Department at 260-447-1591 ext. 2116

May 2nd & 3rd – Emanuel Lutheran Church, New Haven – Spring Rummage Sale. Thursday 9 a.m. -7 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

CTSFW – Upcoming Events

MUSIC & WORSHIP SERVICES

- **April 28, 4:00 p.m.** Easter Evening Prayer; *Kantorei*
- **May 17, 3:00 p.m.** Graduation Day Organ Recital; *Kantor Kevin Hildebrand*

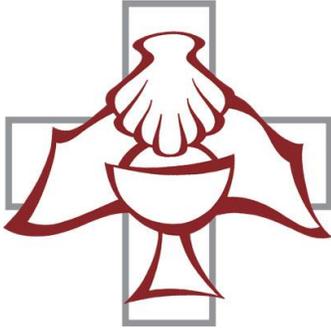
CALL & ASSIGNMENT SERVICES

- **Vicarage and Deaconess Internship Assignment Service** - Monday, April 29, 7:00 p.m.
- **Candidate Call Service** - Tuesday, April 30, 7:00 p.m.

Services will be available for live viewing at callday.ctsfw.edu. As the day approaches, this site will also include a list of all those receiving assignments or calls, and then will be updated with the calling congregations and vicarage or internship locations following their announcement in the service.

GRADUATION DAY

- **FRIDAY, MAY 17th**
 - 10:00 a.m. **Baccalaureate**
 - 3:00 p.m. **Commencement Organ Recital**
 - 6:00 p.m. **Graduation Exercises**



2019 Confirmation Class - May 5th

Henry Martin Kukulhan - Colossians 2:6-7; *Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.*

Elijah Louis Laurert - Matthew 6:33; *But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

Kyle Joseph McBride - Joshua 1:9; *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.*

Clair Victoria Nelson - Philippians 4:6; *do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

MaKenna Jean Saalfrank - Psalm 62:5-7; *For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.*

Lucas Andrew Schlemmer - John 13:34; *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.*

Emily Ruth Schwartz - Psalm 73:26; *My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.*

Benjamin Thomas Sprague - Proverbs 3:5-6; *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*

Madeline Rose Wilder - Psalm 144:1; *Blessed be the LORD, my rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle;*


Sola Scriptura
SCRIPTURE ALONE


Sola Fide
FAITH ALONE


Sola Gratia
GRACE ALONE

May *Baptismal Birthdays*

Meg Amstein
Louann Augustyniak
Tyler Augustyniak
Emary Bender
Kim Bergman
John Bixler
Don Boenker
Roxana Boenker
Marah Bradbury
Lloyd Brenneke
Sharon Brenneke
Gregory Bultemeier
Judith Bultemeier
Ludella Bultemeier
Patty Buuck
Sonia Croucher
Donald Dressler
Constance Embler
Tari Emehiser
Zander Emehiser
Diana Fuelling
Paul Fuelling
Marlene Fuhrman
Austin Fuhrmann
Rae Lynn Fuhrmann
Bentley Fullenkamp
Josiah Gavrun
Sophia Gilreath
Christopher Hartman

Stanley Heckman
Abigail Hoffman
Adam Hoffman
Benjamin Hoffman
Dean Hoffman
Jonis Hoffman
Jordan Hoffman
Austin Holt
Cynthia Holt
Jill Holtzclaw
Myron Huffman
James Hull
Ava Johnson
Madison Johnson
Michael Kiess
Gregory Krauss
Frederick Krey
Gwen Laurent
Holly Laurent
Taylor Lepper
Steven McBride
Emma Norder
Kathryn Palacios
Olivia Palacios
Xavior Palacios
Cody Peters
Jennifer Reese
Alvina Sauer
Quinton Sauer

Barbara Scheumann
Dietrich Scheumann
Drake Scheumann
Janine Scheumann
Melanie Scheumann
Michael Scheumann
Nathan Scheumann
Robert Scheumann
Chris Schieferstein
Jennifer Schieferstein
Kylene Schieferstein
Arnita Schroeder
Marvin Schroeder
Scott Schroeder
Douglas Schwartz
Theo Schwartz
Alyssa Selking
Caleb Selking
Oscar Selking
Angela Smock
Jennifer Sprague
Cheryl Stockman
Robert Thorn
Lynnda Wilson
Jeff Witte
Piper Witte
Christian Zwick
William Zwick

May *Wedding Anniversaries*

5/1 Roger & Lisa Hormann
5/8 Roy & Theresa Hammond
5/8 Ron & Cynthia Holt
5/11 Nathan & Kelly Hyde
5/12 Ronald & Judith Bultemeier
5/14 Rick & Kelly Johnson
5/14 Carey & Camille Oetting
5/14 Andrew & Samantha Scheumann
5/16 Art & Dawn Norton
5/17 John & Kalene LaFuente
5/18 Kurt & Amy Frecker
5/18 Dale & Kendra Heckman
5/18 Michael & Patricia Scheumann
5/19 Douglas & Cynthia Bennett
5/19 Roger & Fay Koenemann

5/19 Kenneth & Julie Long
5/19 Timothy & Robin Peters
5/19 Darin & Gwen Scheumann
5/20 Rev. Christopher & Bethany Maronde
5/21 Thomas & Misty DeBolt
5/22 Trent & Jane Kleine
5/22 Jeffrey (Scott) & Linda Knowlden
5/23 Keith & Joan Bultemeier
5/23 Grant & Laura Kukelhan
5/24 Arthur & June Krauss
5/26 Jeff & Carolyn Kiess
5/28 Nathan & Kendra Shelton
5/29 Jared & Heather Bultemeyer
5/30 Stephen & Meg Amstein

We celebrate with those who have their Baptismal Birthday or Wedding Anniversary this month. If we have left you out, please know it was not intentional, but that our membership records do not reflect your special dates. We invite you to forward your dates to us so that we may recognize you and yours in the future. As the office continually reviews our membership household information, we will make requests of this type of info so that we don't leave you out in the coming year. Please feel free to e-mail churchoffice@stjohnbingen.com or contact the church office (639-6178) with your dates. Thank You!



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May 2019

May 5, 2019 – Third Sunday of Easter

Psalm 30:1-5, 10-12; Epistle: Revelation 5:8-14; Gospel: John 21:1-14

“From Grief to Gladness” - Sermon Text: Psalm 30:1-5, 10-12 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

Grief is a very real part of our life. Each of us to a certain extent is mourning, for various reasons. The good news is that Christ came to change our grief to gladness.

May 12, 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 23; Epistle: Acts 20:17-35; Gospel: John 10:22-30

“The Voice of the Shepherd” - Sermon Text: John 10:27-28 - Rev. Thomas Eggold

Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, came to call us with the Gospel. He came to lay down His life for the sheep. He came to "seek and save that which was lost," and in the voice of our Good Shepherd, we are drawn to the Father.

May 19, 2019 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 148; Epistle: Revelation 21:1-7; Gospel: John 16:12-22

“Hearts Will Rejoice!” - Sermon Text: John 16:20 - Rev. Shayne Jonker

“You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.” You will have sorrow because this is a fallen world. But your sorrow will turn into joy because Jesus has taken your sorrow into Himself on the cross and to the grave. But He is risen, victorious over sin, death and the devil, and yes even your sorrow.

May 26, 2019 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 67; Gospel: John 16:23-33

“Plain Talk” - Sermon Text: John 16:23-33 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

It is refreshing when a leader gives a clear, plain, understandable answer to a question. Too often we hear nuanced responses and are left wondering what was really said, if anything at all. Jesus speaks plainly. His word and meaning are clear. So what does He have to say to you?

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