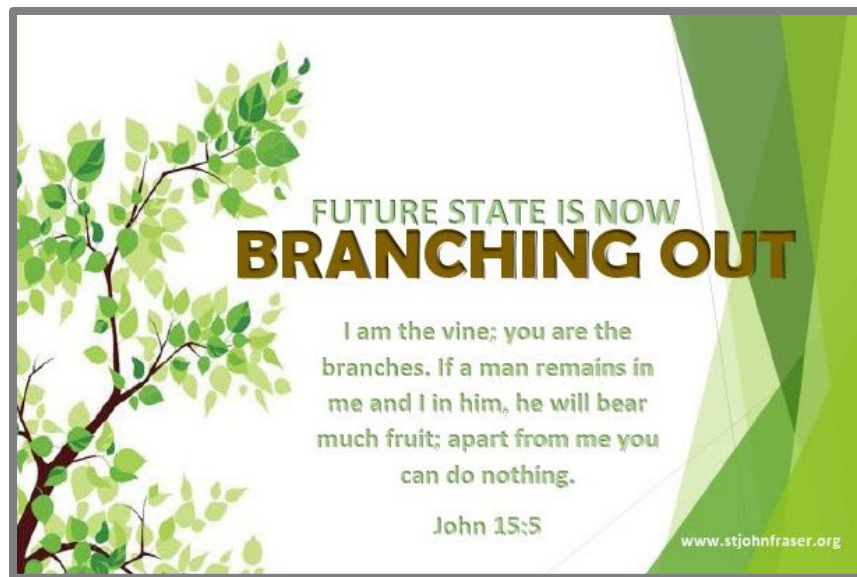


# St. John Lutheran Church

March 2020 Newsletter



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### STATEMENT OF MINISTRY

We who are redeemed by Christ gather around Word and Sacraments, strengthened to proclaim the saving Gospel to our community and the world.

Saint John is to be a caring, growing, spiritually dynamic, Bible-based Lutheran Church that is relevant to a contemporary society. Enabled by God's will and love, we will support several local, national and international mission efforts. We will also strive to develop a life-changing relationship with Jesus among our members and those without a church home in the Fraser area.

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**Lent, 2020**

Dear Follower of Jesus,

**“Taking the twelve, Jesus said to them, ‘See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man through the prophets will be accomplished. For He will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. And after flogging Him, they will kill Him, and on the third day He will rise.’ But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.”**

He took them aside as they made this last leg of the journey to Jerusalem. Here, away from others, He told the twelve what He would accomplish at the end of the journey. He had made the announcement before and here it is plainer still.

Application: During this season of Lent let us be taken aside and once more hear the plain plan to be carried out. Here in this place, which is the heart of the nation. Here the prophets of old died, here He, too, the greatest of all the prophets, must die.

**They didn’t get it.** In Luke 9:45 He said this: **Let these words sink into your ears; for the Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men.”** They were afraid to ask Him about this statement.

Application: Do we get it? Will we come during this season to our center of worship and let the words sink in?

**All things written through the prophets will be accomplished.** Some translations use the word “by.” But here we are underscoring the doctrine of inspiration. “By God through the prophets” is the Bible definition of inspiration. God was the speaker and author; the prophets were His media for transmission.

Application: We have a sure Word, says Peter, **“so we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns.”**

Jesus never foretold the Cross without foretelling the Resurrection. He knew what the malice of men could do, but He knew also what the power of God could do. He was sure of the ultimate victory. It’s how He faced the cross. He knew that without a cross there can never be any crown.

Application: How can so much be written in a little space. Come to the cross as it will be seen during this Lenten season and be assured of your own victory through faith in Him. Let me grasp what He did for me.

Standing at the cross with you and grasping the price,

Rev. R. Rahn, LHF Founder

## **+Memorials+**

*IN MEMORY OF DELANE SHIVERS – St. John*  
Carolyn Machinske

*IN MEMORY OF MAYNARD OHM – Branching Out*  
John Lembke

*IN MEMORY OF GERALDINE KOTH – Branching Out*  
John Lembke

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St. John 55+ Group

*IN MEMORY OF DICK RUFF – Branching Out*  
Sharon Gutow

*IN MEMORY OF DICK RUFF – St. John*  
Richard & Gail Burkholder  
Donna Flynn  
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## **+Deaths+**

RICHARD RUFF  
Born: 09/20/1927  
Died: 01/27/2020

### **Remember our Shut-Ins**

(Additional information about our Shut-ins is available to Saint John Members  
by contacting the church office.)

JENNY BALCERZAK  
ELA BRANDT  
FRED BRANDT  
MARIAN BUJAK  
SHARLENE EBBOLE  
GERRY FRIEDEMAN  
RUTH GUTOWSKI

KEITH HARRIS  
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RUBY SINGEL  
BEA SPRINGER  
SHIRLEY STIER  
PHYLLIS TOKARCZYK  
SALLIE WALUNAS  
MILLIE WICHMAN

# March Birthdays

Mar 1 - Sally Lawson, Ryan Monroe, Michael Rochlitz, Margaret Trigilio  
Mar 2 - Christopher Binder, Frieda Nilson, Linda Rothenberger  
Mar 3 - Alesia Nieman, Erik Schmitt  
Mar 4 - Karen Barszczowski, James Drylie, John Kitchko, Sharon Massey, Jeffrey Morley,  
Lawrence Walley  
Mar 5 - Scott Corbat, Chuck Giannetti  
Mar 6 - Bryan Cory, Elaine Shelton, Ellen Socha  
Mar 7 - Rhonda Boks, Lisa Hohnstadt  
Mar 8 - Vickie Maceri, Beatrice Springer, Allison Ziegler  
Mar 9 - Marilyn Brown, Richard Huyghe, Karl Klomp  
Mar 10 - Courtney Saunders,  
Mar 11 - Rebecca Hoerner, David Rochlitz  
Mar 12 - Jennifer Gergely, Eric Seguin, Mary Wier  
Mar 13 - Paul Bushe, Marciann Witt  
Mar 14 - Nicole Rieck  
Mar 15 - Brett Cory, Rebecca Elmore, Richard Ploeger, Marcus Spica, Laurel Waltz  
Mar 16 - Tyler Grazia, Cameron Krzewski, Annette Trudell  
Mar 17 - Declan Greene, Dennis Huser  
Mar 18 - Beverly Coppens, Victoria Eifert, Kyle Kitchko, Dale Schmaltz  
Mar 19 - Meghan Brewer, Angela Gilbert, Lynne Kennedy, Renee Kuck-Lawrence,  
Gary Stewart  
Mar 20 -  
Mar 21 - Sarah McCollum, Laura Meyers  
Mar 22 - Andrea Marble, Erin Pastorius  
Mar 23 - Brooke Berlin, Lori Johnston, Judith Wickenhiser  
Mar 24 - Grant Greyson, Margaret Hoft, Marissa Lane, Donna Popovich, Karen Webb  
Mar 25 - Emma Chrzanowski, Denise Humenny, Vernon Muehl, Timothy Roell,  
Daryl Schroeder  
Mar 26 - Nicole Schafer, Joshua Wood  
Mar 27 - Heide-Lore Alter, Mark Bushe, Marlene Jensen, Daniel Saunders, Ethan Seibel,  
Charles Vickers  
Mar 28 - Jaret Wagner  
Mar 29 - James Kennedy, Todd Meyers  
Mar 30 -  
Mar 31 - Shelley Bajorek, Erik Olson, Nancy Steinke

## March, 2020

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8/11am Worship© 9am Coffee/Fellowship 9:30am Education Hour	2  <b>7pm Worship©</b>	3 8:15am Bible Study 1:30pm Fraser Villa 6:30pm Fine Arts Fair 7pm Weeknight 7pm Altar Guild	4 8:30am K Service 10am Lenten Service 2:15pm Medilodge 5pm Soup Supper 7pm Lenten Service 8pm Elders	5 Confirmation pics 9:30am Quilters 6:30pm A/A 6:30pm HB 7:30pm Adult Choir 7:30pm Stewardship	6  12pm Merry Widows 5pm Fish Fry	7 8am Men's Bible Study
8 Spring Forward! 8/11am Worship 9am Coffee/Fellowship 9:30am Education Hour 12:15pm Assimilation 12:15pm Parish Ed. 12:30pm EC Expo	9  <b>7pm Worship</b>	10 8:15am Bible Study 6:30pm PTL Brd. Mtg 7pm Weeknight	11 8:30am K Service 10am Lenten Service 5pm Soup Supper 7pm Lenten Service	12  6:30pm A/A 6:30pm HB 7:30pm Adult Choir	13  <b>2:50pm Daisies &amp; Juniors</b>	14 8am Men's Bible Study 9am Prayer Breakfast 12pm Mother-Son Bowling
15 8/11am Worship© 9am Coffee/Fellowship 9:30am Education Hour 12:30pm Ministry Mingle	16 1:30pm Shut-in Service©  <b>7pm Worship©</b>	17 8:15am Bible Study 6:30pm MOPS 7pm Weeknight	18 8:30am K Service 10am Lenten Service 2:15pm Medilodge 5pm Soup Supper 7pm Lenten Service 8pm CDSB	19 9:30am Quilters 6:30pm A/A 6:30pm HB 7:30pm Adult Choir	20  5pm Fish Fry	21 8am Men's Bible Study
22 8/11am Worship 9am Coffee/Fellowship 9:30am Education Hour	23  <b>7pm Worship 8pm Council</b>	24 8:15am Bible Study 7pm Weeknight	25 8:30am K Service 10am Lenten Service 5pm Soup Supper 7pm Lenten Service	26  6:30pm A/A 6:30pm HB 7:30pm Adult Choir	27  2:50pm Brownies	28 8am Men's Bible Study
29 8/11am Worship© 9am Coffee/Fellowship 9:30am Education Hour 12:30pm Eggstravaganza	30  <b>7pm Worship©</b>	31 8:15am Bible Study 7pm Weeknight				



# Easter Lily Plants

**THE ALTER GUILD WILL BE OFFERING EASTER LILY PLANTS** to be purchased in honor or memory of loved ones. The plants are 2-stemmed, the cost is \$18, and the plants can be taken home after the 11am Easter Service. Deadline for orders is **Wednesday, April 1st**. Leave the form and money in the church office, or call the secretary at 586-293-0333.

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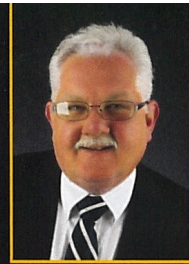


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