

## Community Events

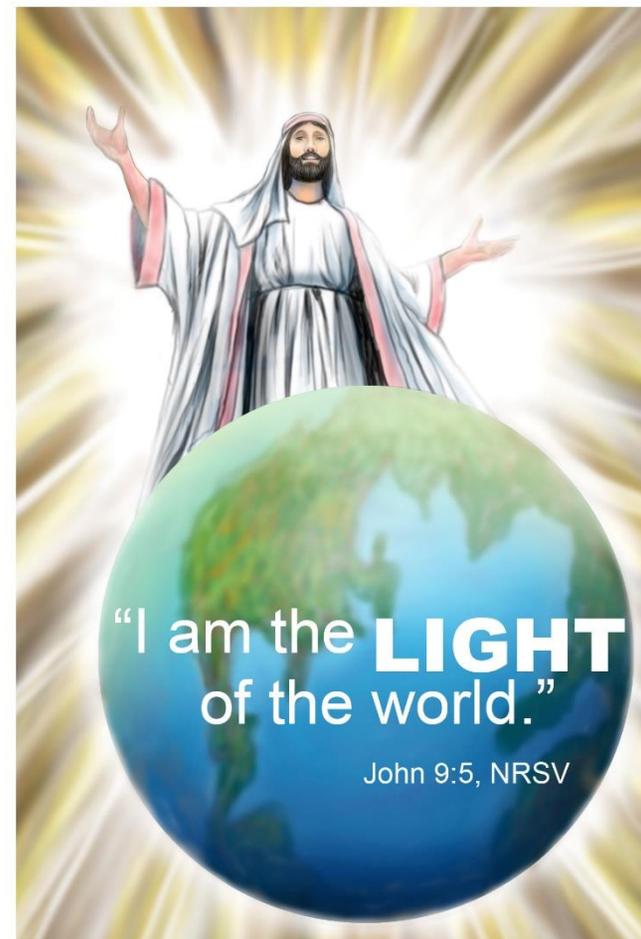
The American Red Cross now faces a severe blood shortage due to an unprecedented number of blood drive cancellations during this coronavirus outbreak. Healthy individuals are needed to donate now to help patients counting on lifesaving blood.

Donating blood is a safe process and people should not hesitate to give or receive blood. But please postpone your donation for 28 days following travel to China and its special administrative regions, Hong Kong and Macau, as well as Iran, Italy and South Korea, or if you've been diagnosed with or have had contact with anyone with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19.

Right now, eligible and healthy donors are strongly urged to make an appointment to give soon. **Live Life. Give Life. Donate Blood** during the Luxemburg-Casco Community Blood Drive which will take place in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, March 23, from 11 am - 5 pm. Donors are needed! For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767.

**The Porkie Pancake breakfast** scheduled for March 22, 2020 at St. Therese Parish-Pilsen sponsored by the Catholic Order of Foresters has been canceled due to the Corona Virus health concerns and for everyone's safety. The event has not been rescheduled at this time. We are sorry for any inconvenience and hope this virus does not affect any of you or your families. Thank you

**Gentle + Exercise Cancelled due to the Coronavirus:** We want to keep our community safe & prevent the spread of the coronavirus the State Dept of Health recommends that you shouldn't go to any places that have 50 or more People. Now the president suggests "Don't go to functions with 10 or more people". So that being said We will Cancel ALL the Gentle + Exercise and Water exercise classes until further notice. We will get through this however we have to be very Cautious since the elderly are at the highest risk.



**Welcome to**  
**St. John Lutheran Church**  
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod  
**Rev. Carl Brewer**  
**Vicar: Craig VanPay**

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**Baptized into the Faith:** We welcome into the body of Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Amelia Jane Schneider, daughter of Cory & Anna Schneider.

*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20*

**Easter Sunday Choir Practice:** Due to the concern of CoVid 19, choir practice has been cancelled indefinitely.

**Please Note: Lenten Soup Suppers, Palm Sunday Brunch and Polka Service are cancelled at this time.**

**We will still decorate the Sanctuary** for the celebration of Easter! We are accepting monetary donations toward the Easter Flower Fund. Donations can be made “in memory of”, “in honor of”, “in celebration of” or “anonymously”. Please be sure to designate your wishes. Donations can be mailed to St. John – Attn Easter Flowers; 700 Heritage Road, Luxemburg, WI 54217.

**Board of Education is looking to try something new for Vacation Bible School this year.** We are looking to create a committee of individuals that would be interested in volunteering to organize and teach Vacation Bible School. If interested, please email Shelly Piesler at [shellypiesler13@gmail.com](mailto:shellypiesler13@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for volunteering!

**GOD’S POWER AMONG US**

**Service Attendance**

Sunday, March 15	8:00 a.m.	138 Attended
	10:30 a.m.	97 Attended
Monday, March 16	7:30 p.m.	25 Attended

**Secretary Hours for the week of March 22:** Due to COVID 19, Secretary hours will vary for the time being. The church voice mail system will continue to be monitored, and calls will be returned as soon as possible. Please call (920) 845-5250 to leave a message for a church secretary or feel free to send an email: [stjohnlux@centurylink.net](mailto:stjohnlux@centurylink.net). To contact a church secretary directly: Candy Ph: (920) 606-0903 / Sue Ph: (920) 255-2186. To contact Pastor Brewer directly: Cell at (920) 536-1041 or via email: [brewercj@centurytel.net](mailto:brewercj@centurytel.net).

**Update from Pastor Brewer regarding CoVid19**

Here is the newest update for our church practices because of the new 9 person or less gathering restrictions from the state. We will not have in person church services until these restrictions are lifted. The Elder’s of our congregation have decided to cancel our Wednesday evening Lenten services and will only offer a streaming service at 8am Sunday mornings. You will be able to watch and participate in that service live at 8am on the church’s Facebook site, or you can watch a recording of the service after 9am on the sermon and Facebook Live tabs of the church’s website [www.stjohnlux.com](http://www.stjohnlux.com). We will not be streaming the separate services at 10:30 or on Monday night since you can watch the recorded service instead. I will try to have a Lenten devotion on Facebook and the website in place of the Lenten services. We will have an emergency elder’s meeting On Thursday, March 19 to figure out how to handle Holy Week services and communion services going forward.

We are looking at several options to offer members on to give people more options for worship who do not have access to the internet. One possibility would be to set up an FM transmitter at church that will cover only the parking lot and have people worship in their cars on their radios. We could then also do communion in the parking lot under the covered porch one car at a time. We’re looking at all our options right now.

On a practical note to keep the church going we are also bringing back online giving so that people can support the church through this time of upheaval. You can also mail in offerings if you prefer. I realize a lot of people are being impacted financially by this crisis, I’m just putting this information out there if you are in a position that you can still do offerings at this time.

I have added to the website and our Facebook page a daily devotion called Five Minutes of Hope to just refocus us on the cross in the midst of this crisis and try to help combat the sense of panic that can set in from it. Please encourage each other as much as you can throughout these times. If you know of a member who doesn’t have email or access to the internet please call them and let them know what we are doing and possibly invite them over to watch with you if you can. We will be sending letters out to the congregation on Friday after the Elders and Council meeting with an update in addition to an email.

Throughout these times please feel free to call me on my cell phone at 9205361041 or email me at [brewercj78@gmail.com](mailto:brewercj78@gmail.com). I’m praying for all of you.

Your brother in Christ,  
Pastor Brewer