

St. John Lutheran Church, New Minden, Illinois
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St. Luke Lutheran Church, Covington, Illinois

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIHANY 2/5/23

WELCOME in the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ! We are happy to have you worship with us this morning. Visitors are invited to sign our guest book at the church entrance.

Sermon: "Nothing Except Christ & Him Crucified," 1 Cor 2:1-6

St. Luke's, 8:30 a.m.

P. 5 Hymns: 371; 390; 297; 394

St. John's, 10:00 a.m.

LSB 184-202 Hymns: 583; 560; (618, 563, 411, 702); 617

ATTENDANCE: (M) 101 Saturday: 13 (C) Sunday School: 7
Adult Bible Classes: Sunday 5 Tuesday: 9

REGULAR ENVELOPE COLLECTION at St. John's this morning.

ENVELOPE COLLECTION at St. John's next Sunday, February 12th, is for the Building Fund.

THE 2023 OFFERING SCHEDULE was included in the February "Herald." Extra copies are in the bookcase in the narthex.

THE FLOWERS ON THE PIANO at St. John's this morning were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Seth Lange who would have been 26 years old today and in honor of the first Baptismal Birthday of Bexley Parish. These were given by Grandpa and Grandma Vogt.

TREASURERS of all organizations (M) & (C), please get your year-end report to LuAnn as soon as you have it.

JOIN US AT TSJ! PreK and Kindergarten Open House
February 26, 2023, 10:30 - 1:00 p.m. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4CA9AF2DA7F49-prekand2> Or call the school office at 618-327-8561 Families will sign up for a 30 minute time slot and will meet the teacher, learn about their class, have a snack, and tour the school. We look forward to making friends and building lifelong relationships!

FAMILY GAME NIGHT AT TSJ (GYM): Wednesday
February 8, 2023, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Games, snacks, and fun!
Invite friends, bring a game (not required), and enjoy an evening of fellowship.

BENEFIT BRUNCH TODAY 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. T-SJ Gym: Conner Pratt, T-SJ sixth grader, lost his dad, Ryan Pratt, unexpectedly Friday January 13th. T-SJ will hold a benefit brunch for the Pratt family, Ryan's wife Chrissy and their children, Carly and Conner, to assist them with living expenses.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS: If you haven't directed your choice dollars for 2022, you may still so. For assistance: call 1-800-847-4836 and say Thrivent Choice at the prompt.

YOUTH HUDDLE: All high school youth are asked to meet after church this morning to begin planning the Easter Egg Hunt and other activities. Eighth graders are more than welcome to attend also.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF Feb 5th-11th, 2023

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Dan Stoppenhagen of Austin, TX,—brother of our former teacher Laurie Eubanks , receiving intense treatment for lymphoma

Riley Watkins, six-month-old granddaughter of Jennifer Watkins-Gallatin (C), Hospitalized in Oregon

Keith Kraus—brother of Judy Vogt—recovering from heart attack

Marvin Miessner at Carlyle Healthcare Center Assisted Living

Dorothy Windler at Washington County Hospital, in a “swing bed”

Curt Brinkmann—at Centralia Manor

Tom Anderson—friend of the Hausler’s—awaiting a lung transplant

Hannah Mueller—Pastor & Dawn’s granddaughter—has begun treatment with auricular neurostimulator

Wayne & Lola Wessel—in need of your prayers

Scott Geppert—cousin of Barb Maschhoff—diagnosed with kidney disease

Sara Leinberger—friend of Judy Vogt—ongoing health problems

HOSE RECEIVING TREATMENTS/OTHER SERIOUS AILMENTS

Gayle Klitzing—friend of Hausler’s—undergoing radiation for pancreatic cancer

Rosemary Miller—sister of Howard Weihe—starting new chemo treatment

Duane Miller—brother-in-law of Howard Weihe—diagnosed with pancreatic cancer

Bud Gill—friend and neighbor of Dave & Natalie Ibendahl—diagnosed with lung cancer.

Amie Evans--sister-in-law of Jesse Krawiecki—diagnosed with cancer

MISSION PRAYERS:

- LCMS World Missions
- Ministry to inactive members.
- Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School, East St. Louis, our Sunday School Mission Project
- Centralia Correctional Center

We Remember:

- St. Salvator, Venedy, and Olive Branch as they prepare to call another pastor
- TSJ Board of Christian Education as we prepare to call a principal. A call meeting at Trinity is scheduled for February 12th.

We Pray that the people of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Bristol, TN would be God's tools to fulfill God's mission in Bristol.

We Remember:

The People of Ukraine

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS: Haley Lister & Kelsey Brink 2-6; Robin Rhine 2-7; John Agnew, Jr. 2-9; Kendall Sprehe 2-10

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Gary & Lila Luttrell (C) 2-5

READY, SET...PLAYGROUND! Silent Auction, Food Truck Frenzy, and Live Auction Event May 12th, 2023 @ T-SJ Donations Wanted! **T-SJ FAMILIES AND FRIENDS,** We need you to help us to make this year's auction amazing! Each auction year many congregation members, school families, and community members donate wonderful items to our auction. We appreciate each and every donation. What can you donate? There are so many options and ideas: gifts, services, vacation rentals, homemade decor, homemade food, gift cards, designer purses, toys, experiences, parties, etc. The list could go on and on. Please email us at auktion@tsjlutheran.org or send a donation into the church/school office by April 24th, 2023! Thank you, T-SJ's Auction Committee

YOU ARE INVITED to attend a concert put on by the Symphony Orchestra of Concordia University, Irvine, CA, which is touring our area next month. Our own John Trinlein is a member of the orchestra. Selections from Bach, Rouse, Copeland, John Williams, and also a concertato setting of "For All the Saints" are included. Performances include: Saturday, Feb. 25, 3:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd, Collinsville
Sunday, February 26, morning worship services at Peace Lutheran Church, St. Louis
Sunday, February 26, 6:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, St. Charles (Harvester)
Tuesday, Feb. 28, 9:30 a.m. chapel and post-chapel concert at Concordia Seminary
Tuesday, February 28, 7:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, Kirkwood
(Note: If you are interested in riding along with Pastor Mueller, please give him a call.)

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT is offering a blood work special 2023. All blood draws are done by appointment only. See bulletin board for list of tests and dates for appointments.

REMEMBER the last time you got to be in a room of friends having fun? Good chance it was our last Trivia Night at Christ Our Rock! This year's Trivia Night is set for Saturday night March 4, 6:30. Please mark this on your calendar and save the date. Location will be at the Centralia Museum. Call the school to reserve a table. \$100 for a table of 8, \$15 a chair if you come without a full team. (We'll get you a table at which to sit.) Call Dan or Denise at COR, 618-226-3315.

THE SID LWML PRAYER SERVICE/SPRING RALLY will be held on April 22, 2023, in Ferrin. Registration at 8:30 – Prayer Service beginning at 8:45. The ingathering will be for the Matthew 25 Food bank in Carlyle. Suggested items for the ingathering are personal hygiene items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, body wash, shampoo and socks (over the ankle in white or black) or money. A collection box is located in the hallway by the bathrooms.

LWML members your dues of \$15 are due and can be given to Dawn Mueller or Natalie Ibendahl.

LWML meeting date has changed to the 3rd Thursday of each month. Mites are collected in church on Sunday following the third Thursday meeting date.

MITE boxes can be for anyone. If you don't have a MITE box, feel free to pick one up (table by the bathrooms or North window) and fill it with your loose change. When it is full bring it back to church; MITE box collections take place after the service on the Sunday following the 3rd Thursday. MITES support LWML Mission grants.

BENEFIT FOR PASTOR ROBERT (BOB) HEIMGARTNER:

A benefit for Pastor Heimgartner, a double amputee, will be held at Salem Lutheran Church, 1401 Hawthorne Rd, Salem, IL, today from 11:30 - 2:00 p.m. Donations can be made to the Heimgartner fundraiser and mailed to Salem Lutheran Church, ATTN: Pam Bergmann. Benefit will consist of chili, potato soup, hot dogs, deserts and all the fixings, for free-will donation. See poster on bulletin board for more information on the Heimgartner family and their medical needs.

“FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS” Come hear LCMS President Matthew Harrison on Saturday, February 25th, at 9:00 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hamel, IL. President Harrison will report on the state of the Synod and offer encouragement for our future in Christ. Q and A will follow the presentation. The morning will begin with Matins at 9:00 a.m. with President Harrison preaching, followed immediately by his presentation. St. Paul's physical address is 6969 W Frontage Rd, Worden, IL.

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL, St. Peter, Illinois is seeking a 1st and 2nd Grade teacher beginning in the 2023-2024 school year. St. Peter's Lutheran is a Christ centered LCMS school, Biblically based, and state recognized. For more information, please contact Principal Dr. Larry Wooster. (lwooster@stpeterstpeter.org) by either e-mail or in the school office (618-349-8888; 701 E 3rd St, Saint Peter, IL 62280)

“READ WITH ME BIBLE:” We would like to put a copy of this excellent children's Bible in every pew (M), 30 downstairs and 10 upstairs. The text is simple but accurate and the pictures are very engaging—perfect for kids to look at during the sermon. If you would like to donate one or more copies, see the sign-up sheet in the hallway by the restrooms. Each book costs \$13. If you wish, you may donate a copy in honor/memory of someone. Once you signup, just put the envelope with your donation in the collection plate or in the deposit slot in the door of the sacristy.

OLD THEOLOGY, NEW TECHNOLOGY... Issues, Etc. is a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Mental Illness in the Lutheran Congregation, The "He Gets Us" Ad Campaign, True Tolerance, Church Discipline and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUD, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

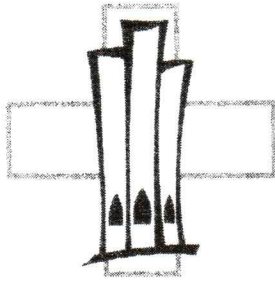
A NEW MICROWAVE has been purchased for the schoolhouse kitchen. Anyone who would like to have the old, used microwave, help yourself.

THE FINANCE BOARD is looking to cut some costs on envelopes for 2024. If you would like to receive a box of envelopes, please sign your name on the sheet in the narthex or on the table by the fellowship hall. Please sign up by February 27th.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH is a small mission church in Bristol, Tennessee. Last summer they sent out an appeal to a thousand LCMS congregations when unforeseen expenses threatened their building project. Others stepped forward to help and their new church was dedicated in October. Vicar Timothy Winslett has asked that, instead of financial assistance, we pray for them, specifically that the people of Holy Trinity "will be God's tools to fulfill God's mission in Bristol."

FINANCE BOARD REPORT FOR JANUARY 2023: Home Budget--\$15,042.00; Missions--\$885.00; Building Fund--\$706; Lutheran Witness--\$602.00; Olive Branch Bulletins--\$300.48; Kitchen Committee--\$150.00; Memorials for Pearl Twenhafel Historical Society--\$250.00, Braille \$40.00, & God's Garden--\$50.00; Basement Rental--\$35.00; Luncheon for Pearl Twenhafel--\$300.00; Received from St. Luke's--\$3,163.92; "Read with Me Bible"--\$546.00; Radio Broadcast--\$500.00; Received from SID for Prison Ministry--\$850.00; Cemetery Upkeep--\$3,993.64; Giving Foundation--\$378.42; Cemetery Collection--\$701.25

Christ Our Song School of Music



Joyfully Offers the Opportunity
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Organ Lessons

For several months, pastors and lay people from Southern Illinois District Circuit 7 (Carlyle, Hoffman, Ferrin, Centralia) and Circuit 8 (Hoyleton, New Minden, Nashville, Okawville, Venedy) have met at St. John's/New Minden to discuss how to train and encourage a new generation of church musicians to serve in our congregations. This discussion has given birth to Christ Our Song School of Music. Christ Our Song's first step in its goal of training and encouraging is the offering of organ lessons.

Teacher: Rev. Dr. Art Eichhorn, LCMS Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Eichhorn holds Master of Arts, Doctorate of Education, and Master of Arts in Teaching degrees from Concordia University – Chicago, Webster University, and California Coast University. He is a veteran church musician and accomplished organist.

Students: Youth (7th grade or older) and adults demonstrating intermediate piano skills

Lesson Days: Tuesday or Thursday afternoons or early evenings; schedule is negotiable

For location information, costs, and for more information
Call Rev. Eichhorn at 314-882-1983

St. John Lutheran Church, New Minden
Quarterly Voter's Meeting-January 26, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Sachtleben with 36 members present. The meeting began with opening devotion from Matthew Chapter 4 and prayer. Minutes from the previous meetings were read and approved.

School Treasurer's report: Martha Polczynski reported that T-SJ had a balance of \$43,393.10 at the end of the year (December 31, 2022). Motion made, seconded and approved to accept the School Treasurer's report

Principal's Report: In the absence of Principal Kurtz, School board member Clinton Dunn reviewed her notes-sharing the following highlights:

- **Partners in Christ**-Nascote is lending T-SJ 2 freezers; a private donation was made to deep clean the gym floor; T-SJ's Kindergarten class collected 306 canned goods for BCMW in honor of the 100th day of school.
- **Instructing for Life** Dana Haertling has joined the staff as afternoon 3rd grade teacher; January 23 – March 3 grades 1 thru 8 will be participating in an Accelerated Reader Contest; PreK/Kindergarten Open House is scheduled for February 26th, 10:30 – 1:00.
- **Equipping for Eternity** T-SJ's Christmas Service/Program was well attended; 2021-2022 enrollment was PreK (26) and K-8 (92). Total (118); 2022-2023 current enrollment PreK (25) and K-8 (94). Total (119)

School Board: At the request of retiring School Board member, Clinton Dunn; a motion was made, seconded, and approved to allow Clinton Dunn replace Jenn Dunn on the School Board to complete her term (2023-2024).

Election of Officers The ballot was approved as presented by Chairman Sachtleben with no nominations from the floor. The Ballot Counting Team of Betty Sachtleben, Nancy Renth, and Terri Witte was approved. Elected Officers for 2023 are:

Chairman	Dean Sprehe	Finance Board	Sherrie Borowiak
Elder	Terry Lange		Beth Ballantini
School Board	Jill Stein		Doug Knolhoff
Trustee	Mark Meinert		Stephany Kroeger
Cemetery Comm	Donald Miessner		
	Carl Schuette	Kitchen Comm	Phyllis Jack
Cemetery Treasurer	Barb Maschhoff		

Installation of Officers will be January 29, 2023.

Elders Report: Motion made, seconded, & approved the following recommendations from Elder Danny Brinkmann; Pastor Mueller salary be increased 3% (\$70,352), Organists will continue to receive \$40 per service, and the Secretary's salary will increase to \$13/hour according to State minimum wage guidelines. Motion made, seconded, and approved the transfer of Justin Seeger to Trinity, Hoyleton. Motion made, seconded, and approved the release of Andrew Garrison to Mt. Vernon. Motion made, seconded, and approved the nomination of Rev Matthew Harrison and Rev Peter Lange for Synod President. Motion made, seconded, and approved the nomination of Rev. Peter Lange and Rev. Chris Esgett For Synod Vice President. Motion made, seconded, and approved Natalie Ibendahl as Lay Voter to cast Electronic Ballot for Synod President.

Pastor's Report: Due to a severe case of laryngitis, Pastor Mueller's report was distributed in print with the following highlights:

- The small church in rural Tennessee has received sufficient funding for their project and request prayers for their small congregation. St. John's will pray for them in the February services.
- He thanked the congregation for the 35th anniversary gathering, for their support, prayers, and encouragement in the past. He wants to keep on "Telling the Good News of Jesus" as long as he can and willing to see "what kind of mileage" God can get out of him.
- The radio bible study is funded thru Easter.
- David's Harp/"Christ Our Song School of Music"-several congregations have been meeting to try to establish a 'school' that will help raise up church musicians for the future.
- St. Salvador & Olive Branch-Pastor Mueller is still 'vacancy pastor' for Olive Branch and responsible to schedule the pastors who serve there. Please pray that the Lord will bring a faithful pastor soon.
- Old Church: "Jesus Sends You Missionary Chapel"-please take a peek inside. Pastor Mueller is excited about the ways it can be used in future mission and ministry.
- Lenten Services "Promised Treasures"-God's word is a treasure chest! Evening services begin with a communion service on Ash Wednesday, February 22, at 6:30 p.m.
- Afternoon Good Friday service- We will be hosting a *Tre Ore* service from noon to 3 p.m. on April 7, 2023. People can come & go during the interludes; stop in for a segment or two (or more if able).
- "Ongoing Confessors of Christ"-Saturday February 25th, youth and adults will be invited to St. John's to help conduct a canvass of our community.
- Weekday religion class has moved from Thursday evenings back to Wednesday evenings.
- Please pray for our Confirmands planning to be confirmed on Palm Sunday, April 2nd.
- Lights in the front of the church (chancel) have been replaced. Thank you to the Trustees and J&R Appliances for making this happen.

- The PTL at T-SJ is working on plans for some major playground renovations. They are planning an auction for May 12th to help cover the cost.
- Thank God for faithful stewards sending St. John into the new year with a positive balance in the checkbook.

As of December 31, 2022, St. John's had 358 baptized members and 289 communicant members. For the year, Sunday morning attendance 73; Saturday evening 18; Weekend 83; Sunday School 8, and Adult Bible class 11. One hundred sixty-seven members communed at least once in the first nine months.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Andi Hoffman presented the 2023 budget; motion made, seconded, and approved the 2023 budget. An approximate \$9510 is anticipated in interest income for recent investments. She pointed out a significant increase in the budget was the cost of utilities. Unlike last calendar year, the budget shows a positive balance of \$37,576.91. Andi Hoffman shared that it would take approximately \$22,500/month to make budget. Contributions and budget information will continue to be shared in the bulletin and newsletter.

Finance Board: Marla Hempen reported that envelopes for contributions cost approximately \$900. She shared alternatives for the 2024 ordering of envelopes for each church member. Alternatives identified included: only ordering envelopes for those members actually using envelopes for contributions, encouraging members to contribute on-line or direct deposit, using plain envelopes with labels and member number (lifetime member number). Motion made, seconded, and approved that these alternatives are to be shared in the bulletin and newsletter to be voted on later.

Trustees: The lights in the Chancel area have been cleaned and replaced; thank you to J&R Appliances for their assistance in this project.

Cemetery Committee: Gene Schuette shared bids to trade in and replace the lawnmower. Motion made, seconded, and approved to accept the bid from Sievers Equipment, Hoyleton for \$9839 (including trade in). Motion made, seconded, and approved the Cemetery Treasurer's report given by Barb Maschhoff.

Scholarship Committee: Motion made, seconded, and approved the Scholarship Treasurer's report given by Barb Maschhoff.

Old Business: Elder Dave Ibendahl asked the membership to consider the Mission projects outlined in Pastor Mueller's report so that at the next Voter's meeting projects could be voted on and funded via the "Mission Projects Fund".

New Business: Becky Brinkmann was appointed as Auditor (3years). [Marla Hempen 2 years remaining, Dave Ibendahl 1 year remaining]. Motion made, seconded, and approved to have a

Chicken Dinner on the second Sunday in March (03/12/2023). It will be an evening meal; drive thru only. Julia Karmeier and Robert Langrehr agreed to coordinate the dinner. Julia Karmeier presented the proposed By-law changes to establish an Endowment fund. Motion made, seconded, and approved the proposed By-law changes by a unanimous vote. Proposed By-law changes must be approved at two meetings. Members of the Endowment fund Committee are Danny Brinkmann, David Ibendahl, Julia Karmeier, Pastor Timothy Mueller, and Larry Sachtleben.

Motion made, seconded, and approved to adjourn. The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Natalie Ibendahl, Secretary

Friday	8:00 a.m. The Lutheran Hour on KSTV 71.5 FM 10:30-1:00 p.m. TSJ Benefit Brunch for Family Ryan Pratt Youth Huddle After Service 11:30-2:00 p.m. Benefit for Pastor Robert Heimgartner 12:30 & 5:00 p.m. KFUE 1:00 p.m. Voters' Mtg (C) in FH
Monday	6:30 p.m. GriefShare
Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Bible Study
Wednesday	2:30 p.m. TSJ Chapel 6:00 p.m. Weekday Religion 6-7:30 p.m. TSJ Family Night
Thursday	8:30 a.m. Pastor at CCC
Saturday	NO Worship at NM
Sunday	8:30 a.m. Worship at Covington w/HC 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class 9:00 a.m. St. John's Bible Study on WNSV 10 10:00 a.m. Worship at NM 10:30 a.m. "Worship Anew" on DIRECT TV 1 and Channel 18 on Cable TV