

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

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIHANY 2/12/23

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: "God Gives the Growth," 1 Cor 3:1-9

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

P. 15 Hymns: 234; 416; 315; 46

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

LSB 184-193 Hymns: 496; 645; 707; 921

ATTENDANCE: (M) 74 (C) 16 Sunday School: 9 Adult Bible Classes: Sunday 5 Tuesday: 9

REGULAR ENVELOPE COLLECTION at St. John's next Sunday, February 19th.

ENVELOPE COLLECTION at St. John's this morning is for the Building Fund.

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

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

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: We express our sympathy to LouAnn Foster (C) & family at the loss of her mother and to Domanick Buchholz at the loss of his grandmother, Charlotte Buchholz who departed this life on Wednesday, February 1st. Funeral services were held in New Athens on Sunday, February 5th.

JOIN US AT TSJ! PreK and Kindergarten Open House February 26, 2023, 10:30 -1:00p.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!

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.

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."

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF Feb 12th-18th, 2023

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

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

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—going back to Mayo
Clinic in March

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:

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

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 today 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

In Sympathy With:

The Family of Charlotte Buchholz

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS: Bexley Parish 2-5; Randy Langrehr 2-12; Dean Sprehe 2-13; Megan Smith & Dylan Willis 2-16; Tricia Rueter 2-18

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Dave & Cara Kurwicky 2-14

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.

CONFESSING CHRIST IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD: We confess Christ in the Rite of Confirmation, but how do we take advantage of opportunities that God gives us to confess Him before others in our daily life? St. John's, New Minden, is inviting youth (mature 6th graders on up) and adults to a day of witness training on Saturday, February 25, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The day will include Bible study, role play, free lunch, and the opportunity to take part in a canvass of the neighborhood. The most important question of the religious survey will be, "In your opinion, who is Jesus Christ?" If given permission to share, the canvassing team will use the Explanation of the Second Article (either word-for-word or in their own paraphrase): "I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me...." There is no cost for the participant. If you have questions or plan on coming, please call or text Pastor Tim Mueller (618-314-3972).

EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS... 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 teachings include: How to Save the West; Finding a Therapist; "Luther's Large Catechism with Annotations and Contemporary Applications;" 19th-Century Lutheran Theologian Wilhelm Loehe and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

ST. JOHN'S NEW MINDEN DRIVE-THROUGH ONLY CHICKEN SUPPER: German potato salad, fried chicken, green beans, applesauce and dessert at the chicken supper Sunday, March 12, from 4-7:00 p.m. Please enter by the west parking lot drive at the God's Garden sign. Cost is \$12.00. A portion of the proceeds will be supplemented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

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.

“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.

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 Trinklein 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.)

2023 Finance Report

	Home Collections(Finance Board)			Synod Collections		
	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
January	22,254	15,939	(6,315)	1,584	885	(699)
February						
March						
April						
May						
June						
July						
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October						
November						
December						
	Year-to-date			Year-to-date		
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Contribution/Offering Options

Auto Debit

If you have an account with Farmers & Merchants you have the option to set up automatic recurring contributions to St. John's. You can either contact Marla Hempen at F& M Bank or the Treasurer(Andi Hoffman) to complete a form. If you have an account at another bank and would like to setup recurring contributions, please contact the Treasurer. F&M Bank does not charge a fee for this.

Online Giving

Electronic Giving thru the Church website.

1. stjohsnewminden.org
2. Click on the (Online Giving) button on the left hand side
3. Click on the General or Mission button to setup payment OR sign up to create an account.

(this option will have fees involved to you and/ or the Church)

If you are 70 1/2 you have the option to make tax free contributions directly from you traditional IRA to the church. Please consult your IRA administrator/financial advisor if you are eligible for what steps or procedures you can take.

WALK WHERE JESUS WALKED: From January 22-February 1 of 2024, take a journey to walk in Jesus' footsteps on "A Miraculous Journey" to Israel, led by Rev. Dr. Kirk Clayton, the pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Mascoutah, IL. We will spend several days in the Sea of Galilee area, visiting Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, and other sites associated with Jesus' earthly ministry. Then, we will transition to several days in the Jerusalem area, where we will visit the Western/Wailing Wall, the Garden of Gethsemane, possible locations for Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, and other historic sites in Jerusalem. We will also visit Bethlehem and Jericho, as well as travel to the Dead Sea region. The journey will be filled with faith-strengthening opportunities to consider Jesus' words and works in the context of the location where he walked, and will also feature unique cultural experiences along the way. The journey also features an optional extension to Egypt from Feb. 1-4, 2024. For more information, or to register for this journey, please go to <https://purposefuljourneys.org/journeys/a-miraculous-journey/> or contact Rev. Dr. Kirk Clayton at kmclicuac@yahoo.com. Information packets are available upon request. Join in this journey to experience the Christian faith where it all started. **FOR THOSE INTERESTED,** an informational meeting will be held at Zion, Mascoutah, on Sunday, February 26th at 3:00 p.m.

CALL FOR PRINCIPAL: The TSJ Board of Education is recommending that Trinity Congregation issue a call today to Mrs. Jessica Bangert, of Our Redeemer Lutheran School, Dallas, Texas. Jessica's parents live in Springfield, IL; she is a sister to Pastor Joshua Theilen, who formerly served at Trinity, Hoyleton. Pray to the Lord of the harvest.

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION is hosting a drive-thru wurstmarkt dinner on Sunday, February 26th from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. \$12 per plate. Menu includes pork sausage, mashed potatoes, peas, applesauce and dessert. All proceeds to Exhibition Building bathroom remodel.

Envelopes are ordered in March for the following year so 2024 envelopes will only be ordered for people that sign up before March 1, 2023 on the sheets in the narthex, hallway by the fellowship hall or contact Marla Hempen. It was decided at the last voters meeting to have the finance board look for alternatives for ordering all the envelopes since a lot of boxes are not picked up/used and the cost of them. Alternatives include:

1. only ordering envelopes for those members actually using their envelopes for contributions and/or a sign up sheet to put your name on if you want a box of envelopes.
2. Using plain envelopes with labels and member number (lifetime member number)
3. Plain envelopes printed with the different collections for the year on one envelope and members could pick up the envelopes as needed. You would have to mark the box by the fund you wanted that money to go into.

Members can contribute on-line to the General & Mission funds or direct deposit into Church Acct (please contact Andi Hoffman or Marla Hempen)

Any other suggestions/improvements are always welcome by contacting any finance board member or Marla Hempen. We are wanting feedback from the members. The voters will be voting on the options at a later date.

This Week: Feb 5th-12th, 2023

Today 8:00 a.m. The Lutheran Hour on KSIV 91.5 FM
Presentation by Gideon Representative After Svc
12:30 & 5:00 p.m. KFUE
1:00 p.m. Voters' Mtg (C) in FH (Rescheduled)

Monday 6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Tuesday 3:15-7:30 p.m. TSJ P/T Conferences
6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday 8:30 a.m. TSJ Chapel
6:00 p.m. Weekday Religion

Thursday NO School—P/T Conferences
8:30 a.m. Pastor at CCC
6:00 p.m. LWML

Saturday NO Worship at NM

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Worship at Covington
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class
9:00 a.m. St. John's Bible Study on WNSV 104.7
10:00 a.m. Worship at NM W/HC
10:30 a.m. "Worship Anew" on DIRECT TV 377
and Channel 18 on Cable TV
Mite Box Collection After Service