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## TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD 2/19/23

**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: "Jesus on the Mountain Top," Matthew 17:1-9

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

P. 5 Hymns: 359; 135; 126; 657

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

LSB 184-202 Hymns: 395; 415; (631, 414, 411, 673); 680

**ATTENDANCE:** (M) 77 (C) 21 Sunday School: 11 Adult Bib  
Classes: Sunday 5 Tuesday: 13

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

**ENVELOPE COLLECTION** at St. John's next Saturday/Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>, is for the Lutheran Hour. U My Offering Envelope. All money not in an envelope will go to the home budget.

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

**"THANK YOU** for all the prayers and kind words of concern for my cousin Scott Geppert. At this time he is doing well and adjusting well to limitations with physical activities. At some point in the future he will require surgery but for now his kidney function is maintaining well. Again, thank you for all your prayers."  
Gary & Barb Maschhoff

**LWML SID 2023 Spring Retreat** will be held @ Our Savior Lutheran in Carbondale (see flyer on bulletin board by bathroom) on March 4th. Registration due by February 20th, if interested in attending, please notify Natalie Ibendahl. 618-214-0855

**GIDEONS:** A total of \$92.00 was collected at St. Luke's and \$300.00 at St. John's.

**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!

**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 27<sup>th</sup>.

**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 19<sup>th</sup>-25th, 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

**Sara Leinberger**—friend of Judy Vogt—ongoing health problems

**THOSE 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

**Jud 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 as Trinity sent a call to Mrs. Jessica Bangert of Our Redeemer Lutheran School, Dallas, TX, to serve as principal..

**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:** Jessica Linder (C) & Nichole Boester 2-19; Stephany Kroeger 2-20; Rachel Krueger 2-21; Samantha & Summer Brinkmann 2-22; Meghan Felts & LouAnn Foster (C) 2-24

**“FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS”** Come hear LCMS President Matthew Harrison on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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: Pastor plans to attend the Sunday evening concert, February 26<sup>th</sup>. He plans to leave about 2:30 p.m., eat an early supper in St. Charles, and be home by around 9:30 p.m. He has room for a couple more people in his car. If interested, give him a call.)l.)

**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.

**OPEN HOUSE:** Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School’s Second Open House for prospective students is scheduled for Monday, February 27, with tours from 6:30-8:00 p.m.. That evening families will be able to visit the school, tour the facilities, and talk with current students, parents, and teachers. Come see how Christ Our Rock can serve your family. This event is open to all prospective students and families. Transfer students and potential freshmen are encouraged to attend.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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).

**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.

**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 [kmcljcuac@yahoo.com](mailto:kmcljcuac@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 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

**THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION** is hosting a drive-thru wurstmarkt dinner on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**LWML MITE BOX COLLECTION** after the service this morning.

**SOLID, SERIOUS, SUBSTANTIVE**... 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: The Season of Lent, The Hymn "From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee," The Movie "Living," Witnessing to Homosexuals and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**CHICKEN DINNER HELP**..... There is a sign up sheet for help and for food for the Chicken dinner in the back of church. We are planning on selling 700 meals and that does take a lot of food. We need 265 pounds of peeled, cooked and sliced potatoes. We are serving cake this year and we need 58 - 9X13 frosted **WHITE** or **CHOCOLATE** cakes. If you do not want to bake cakes, we can purchase a ½ sheet cake, which is equivalent to two 9X13 pans, for \$15. Call or text Julie if you would rather purchase than bake cakes 618-367-2480.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** 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 account (please contact Andi Hoffman or Marla Hempen).

**ORDER A CUSUMANO PRODUCE BOX** and help us to raise money for our new playground! Orders can be placed through the our new dedicated fundraising website [www.cusumanoandsonsfundraising.com](http://www.cusumanoandsonsfundraising.com), or by calling 618-244-0198. You can also order by calling the school office 357-8561. We will no longer take orders via Facebook, Instagram or email. **Purchase deadline is February 24th.** The produce box contains: 8 oranges, 5 green peppers, 4 avocados, 5 pounds of potatoes, 3 pounds of sweet potatoes, 1 lettuce, 3 zucchini, 5 pounds of carrots, 3 pounds of onions, and 7 pears. Produce will be available for pick up at T-SJ Tuesday February 28th 3-5p.m.

**TRIVIA NIGHT:** The Christ Our Rock Trivia Night is set for Saturday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m. 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.) You don't want to miss out on this fun evening!

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN, OKAWVILLE,** is sponsoring a "drive-thru" breakfast on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, from 8-noon. Tickets in advance are \$9.00; \$10 at event. Advance tickets available from ILS students or at school office. Each carry-out breakfast includes: 3 pancakes; 2 sausages; scrambled eggs and 2 biscuits & gravy.

**NEW BIBLE STUDY:** St. Luke's is sponsoring a new Bible study, to meet once a month on the first Thursday afternoon of the month. We will have our first meeting Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 1:30 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall at St. John's. All members of St. Luke's and St. John's (men and women) are invited to attend. Note: you will not be expected to volunteer to read aloud or answer questions at these Bible studies, and page numbers for all that we look up in the Bible will be provided. Pastor Mueller will serve as leader. The first time we will study a short book of the Bible and then talk about what we want to study together.

**LENTEN SERIES: "PROMISED TREASURES,"** based on Jesus' promise in Matthew 13:52, "Every Scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old." God's word is a treasure chest! We Christians living in this world are like the Children of Israel wandering through the wilderness. We hope to bring out some things old and new that will help us on our way as the Lord leads us home to heaven! Evening services begin with a communion service on Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. (THIS WEEK).

**REV. DR. JAMES BANECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LCMS OFFICE OF PASTORAL EDUCATION, ASKS:** Is there a young man in your congregation you would like to encourage to consider becoming a pastor? How about someone who would be a great Lutheran school teacher, deaconess, or DCE? Jesus gives His church people who work full time in service to the Gospel. He told us to pray for such workers. Along with our prayers, the LCMS has begun *Set Apart to Serve* (SAS), an intentional effort to encourage young people to consider church work as their career. Your opinion can help improve SAS. Please take a brief survey at [lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey](http://lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey) and let us know how you think SAS can be beneficial to your congregation. Thank you.

**This Week: Feb 19th-26th, 2023**

Today 8:00 a.m. The Lutheran Hour on KSIV 91.5 FM  
12:30 & 5:00 p.m. KFUE

Monday NO School—Presidents' Day  
6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Tuesday 10-3:00 p.m. Pastors' Conference at St. John's  
6:30 p.m. Bible Study  
7:30 p.m. "David's Harp"

Wednesday 2:30 p.m. TSJ Chapel w/Imposition of Ashes  
6:00 p.m. Weekday Religion  
6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Svc (M) w/HC

Thursday 8:30 a.m. Pastor at CCC

Saturday 9-4:00 p.m. Neighborhood Witness Training  
6:30 p.m. Worship at NM w/HC

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  
10:30 a.m. "Worship Anew" on DIRECT TV 377  
and Channel 18 on Cable TV  
10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. PreK and Kindergarten  
Open House