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#### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** **4/30/23**

**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.

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

Sermon: "The Good Shepherd and the Door," John 16:1-10  
(Pastor Mueller)

P. 5 Hymns: 279; 436; 368; 648

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

Sermon: (Pastor Jaya Bijjiga, St Louis, guest pastor)  
(Pastor Mueller preaches at Olive Branch.)

LSB 151-160 Hymns: 915; 709; 831; 835; 826

**ATTENDANCE:** (M) 233 (C) 15 Sunday School: 10 Adult Bible Class: Sunday 5

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

**REGULAR ENVELOPE COLLECTION** next Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**RIGHT-TO-LIFE ROSES** will be available to buy after the service on Mother's Day, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$3.00.

**ACOLYTES FOR MAY ARE:** Addison Knolhoff and Ava Witte.

**USHERS FOR MAY ARE:** Josh Ibendahl, Gary Maschhoff, Larry Sachtleben and Mike Witte.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** St. John's is hosting Rainforest Explorers VBS during the week of June 5-9 from 5:30-7:30 pm. A light dinner will be served each evening, and Friday evening will be the closing service with a family meal afterward. Register at [vbsmate.com/events/StJohnsNewMinden/26959](http://vbsmate.com/events/StJohnsNewMinden/26959). Please contact Jessica Spenner if you have any questions or would like to help.

**NEXT SUNDAY,** May 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be recognizing all new members from 2019-2023 in the morning's worship service. Light refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

**WELCOME & GOD'S BLESSINGS** to Billy Temme who comes to us by transfer from Trinity, Nashville. We welcome Billy as a communicant member at St. John's and pray God's richest blessings on him.

#### **CHRIST OUR ROCK SLT FLOWER FUNDRAISER**

**UPDATE:** The flowers will be available for pick-up from the school on Tuesday, May 2nd from 3:00-6:00 pm. Due to a change to the orders, we have extra flowers available for purchase. If you're interested, in a specific type of 6 pack or 4.5" pot please call the school office to reserve it. Additional flowers can be purchased during the pick-up on May 2nd. Each 6 pack is \$3.25 and each 4.5" pot is \$6.00.

## **PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF APR 30<sup>th</sup>-May 6th, 2023**

### **WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Eunice Pries (C)** at St. Joseph's, Breese

**Paul Ryterski**—friend and neighbor of Ibendahl family—had some complications after surgery

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

**Wayne & Lola Wessel**—in need of your prayers

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

### **THOSE 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

**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 they prepare to call another principal; Mr. David Manning declined the call
- TSJ as we are in need of a part-time 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher

### **We Remember:**

The People of Ukraine

The people suffering from the earthquake and tornadoes, etc.

**Welcome & God's Blessings to:**

Billy Temme who was received by transfer from Trinity, Nashville

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS:** Lori Schnitker 4-30; Chris Harper 5-2;  
Chandler Witte & Jamie Windler 5-4, Owen Maschhoff (C) 5-6

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** Chris & Christina Harper 5-1; Jonas  
& Jill Stein 5-2; Pastor & Dawn Mueller 5-6



**RISEN CHRIST HYMN FESTIVAL:** One of the hallmarks of Lutheranism has been boisterous, dedicated congregational singing. The Lutheran Church has been known as the "Singing Church!" Come continue that powerful heritage! Next Sunday, May 7, at 3:00 in the afternoon, Zion Lutheran in Mascoutah will be hosting a "Risen Christ Hymn Festival." This hymn festival is the book-end to the "Christ Triumphant Hymn Festival" held at Zion Lutheran in Belleville in November of 2022. We will be singing many of the great hymns of the Easter season. Between the hymns, we will hear commentaries from Dr. Jon Vieker, the Dean of the Chapel at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, who previously was an assistant to LCMS President Matthew Harrison and a leader of the LCMS Commission on Worship. Come sing our joy found in Christ's resurrection! Zion Lutheran Church is located at 101 S. Railway Street in Mascoutah, IL.

**OPEN TEACHING POSITION AT T-SJ:** Join a wonderful group of Christian teachers at Trinity-St. John Lutheran School. We are partners in Christ, instructing for life, and equipping students for eternity. Part-time Third Grade Teacher: Mornings, approximately 25 hours/week. T-SJ is seeking a Christian teacher to teach third grade Language Arts, Math, and Social Studies in the mornings beginning the 23-24 school year. Interested candidates should contact Principal Amy Kurtz at 618-327-8561 or [principal@tsjlutheran.org](mailto:principal@tsjlutheran.org).

**CHRIST OUR ROCK LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL'S** music department presents, "A Broadway Revue", Next Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. This is a full-length show that will include choral and instrumental music from 25 different Broadway musicals. We will also be featuring our very own "Broadway Kids" from five of the local Lutheran grade schools! You don't want to miss this fun afternoon of music!

**GRADUATES:** If you have a son or daughter graduating from college, high school, junior high, etc., please let LuAnn know name, date of graduation, from where graduating, degree received, if applicable, and future plans if any.

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**WE WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS** Pastor Jaya P. Bijjiga, of St. Louis. (After conduction the service at Covington, Pastor Mueller will be at Olive Branch for their 10:00 a.m. worship and quarterly Voters' Meeting.) Pastor Bijjiga is with the Asian Indian Mission of North America. Born in India, Pastor Bijjiga was ordained as a Pastor in India in 1976, in connection with the British Wesleyan Church / Church of South India. While serving in India he was involved in education ministry and in the production of Sunday School materials. In the 1970's many of his wife's family members immigrated to the United States, where "they are all medical doctors." Finally, in 1990, Pastor Bijjiga and his wife Pravi (which means "beautiful") also came to the United States. He resisted the urging of his relatives to become a doctor or an engineer and instead entered the colloquy program at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in order to become an LCMS Pastor. In 1992 he was called by the Northern Illinois District. Working out of St. John, Forest Park, he was charged with starting new churches and raising up leaders. Along the way he has also worked for the Missouri District and served as Counselor for Asian Indian Missions for the national LCMS. Over the years the Lord used him to start some 20 congregations all around the U.S.; he has also been instrumental in raising up six Asian Indian pastors. He still has connections with St. John, Forest Park, and also with Zion, Maryland Heights, MO, and Mt. Calvary, St. Louis. He is currently involved in a "faith ministry" – working without the security of a regular position or salary, ministering to Asian Indians, often conducting worship in the homes of Christians who have invited their non-Christian friends, seeking to bring them all into active membership in established congregations. His wife Pravi is a retired nurse. They have been blessed with two children: a son Stephen in Kansas City, and daughter Snigdhe, who is married with four children in Springfield, MO. Pastor Bijjiga continues to be a big help filling in at Olive Branch. He has earned a Doctor of Ministry degree and speaks several languages besides his native Telugu and Hindi, the national language of India. He is also a vocalist and plays 22 different instruments. Like many old German pastors, he enjoys chanting the liturgy in worship. He appreciates the faithful doctrinal position of the LCMS and says, "If we have the pure Gospel, why should we keep it for ourselves?"



**This Week: Apr 30<sup>th</sup>-May 7th, 2023**

Today 8:00 a.m. The Lutheran Hour on KSIV 91.5 FM  
12:30 & 5:00 p.m. KFUE  
1:30 p.m. Pastor Has Service at WCH Skilled Care  
2:30 p.m. Pastor Has Service at FMNH

Monday 6:30 p.m. Voters' Mtg (C) in FH  
NO GriefShare

Tuesday 8-5 Spring SID District Pastors' Conference at Red Bud  
6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday 2:30 p.m. TSJ Chapel  
6:00 p.m. Weekday Religion in Schoolhouse  
7:00 p.m. BOCE at TSJ

Thursday 8:30 a.m. Pastor at CCC  
1:30 p.m. Bible Study in FH

Saturday NO Worship

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