

St. John Lutheran Church, New Minden, Illinois  
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## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**5/7/23**

**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, the Father, and Us," John 14:1-14

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

P. 5 Hymns: 465; 355; 338; 47

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

LSB 151-166 Hymns: 912; 526; (633, 722, 411, 687); 726

**ATTENDANCE:** (M) 58 (C) 20 Sunday School: 8 Adult Bible Classes: Sunday 6 Weekday: 13

**ENVELOPE COLLECTION** at St. John's next Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, is for Armed Services. All money not in an envelope will go to the home budget.

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

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

**CONGRATULATIONS & GOD'S BLESSINGS TO** Lacy Gill and Austin Edge who were united in holy matrimony yesterday afternoon, May 6<sup>th</sup>, in New Harmony, IN. May the Lord ever be their guide as they walk the path of life together.

**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.

**THIS MORNING** we give special recognition to all our new members from 2019 to 2023.

**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).

**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.

*Read with Me Bible:* See pages 366 and following.

**FINANCE BOARD REPORT FOR APRIL:** Home--\$18,407.07; Missions--\$195.00; Building Fund--\$408.25; Easter Missions--\$1180.00; Mission Sunday--\$1355.00; Christ Our Rock--\$350.00

*Farm Safety!*

**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF May 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Eunice Pries (C) at Aviston Countryside Manor

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
- 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.

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**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS:** Sherrie Borowiak, Diane Rueter, Nicole Setzekorn & Christine Bevil 5-7; Bob Langrehr 5-8; Jennifer Watkins Gallatin (C) 5-12; Robert Boester, Jr., & Jacob Martin (C) 5-13

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** Charles & Judy Vogt 5-8; Dennis & Marla Hempen 5-9; Keely & Tommy Washam and Kyle & Jessica Linder (C) 5-12



### **NASHVILLE CROSS OVER HOOPS CAMP**

**When?** Tuesday, June 20 **Where?** Trinity St. John Lutheran School (680 W Walnut St, Nashville, IL) **Who?** Boys and Girls in Grades 3-8 (open to players from any school) **Times?** 2:30-4:30 Grades 3-5, 5:00-7:00 Grades 6-8 **Cost?** \$40 (includes t-shirt) **Deadline?** June 6 (to receive t-shirt) **Register Online!** <https://www.crossoverhoops.org/trinity-st-john>

**FAREWELL AND GOD SPEED:** As you may have heard we will be having a Farewell And GodSpeed recognition of Amy's time here at TSJ and the work she has been called to do in Georgia during the Saturday Night Service at Trinity on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May. After the service we will be having a going away party after church over at the parsonage. Rachel and I will be providing the meat, drinks, and tableware. We are asking if you all would bring a dish to share. Thank you for your help in celebrating this new chapter and call in the Kurtz's Family Life. You may drop off your dish to share before the service. Please RSVP to [pastorb@tsjlutheran.org](mailto:pastorb@tsjlutheran.org) if you and your family will be able to make it.

**TRUTH, GOODNESS & BEAUTY...** 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 Vocation of Elder; The U.S. Constitution & Natural Law; C.F.W. Walther's Law & Gospel Theses; The Marks of the Church 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](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**PRISON MINISTRY WORKSHOP:** Prison Ministry volunteers from around the district will be getting together on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at the St. John's, New Minden, schoolhouse. The morning of this will focus on our "Reaching In" volunteers. "Reaching In" provides an opportunity for volunteers to correspond with inmates and witness to them without ever going into a prison. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the program and the expectations. In the afternoon, we'll be working with our regular volunteers. It's a fantastic day to learn about Prison Ministry in our district and see where you can help. We'll be starting at 9:00 with opening devotions and lunch at around noon. If you are interested in attending, please let either Pr Jeff Nehrt ([jeffnehr84@gamil.com](mailto:jeffnehr84@gamil.com)) or Jon Hohgreffe ([jhohgreffe@gmail.com](mailto:jhohgreffe@gmail.com)) know by noon on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, so we can have a count for lunch.



## NEW MEMBERS AT ST. JOHN'S SINCE EASTER, 2019

*The Holy Spirit "calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the Holy Christian Church." We members at St. John's are simply sheep gathered to hear the voice of our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. We praise God that He has been at work gathering more to His little flock here at St. John's. How has He been at work? Note the works of God on the following dates:*

+++ **2019** +++

July 31, 2019

**Robert Willis III** transferred in from St. Peter Lutheran Church, Vincennes, IN. Robert was born in Vincennes to Lisa (Rueter) and Robert Willis, Jr. (Robert is the grandson of the late Bob and Valeria Rueter.) He was baptized at St. John, Vincennes, and confirmed at Our Savior, Lawrenceville, IL. He works as an Ag Technician at Riechmann Brothers in Breese, and helps at the Rueter-Langrehr Dairy. He makes his home on the farm on IL-127 south of New Minden, with Terry Rueter and Tricia Rueter.

October 6, 2019

**Madelyn Grace Brink**, daughter of Kyle and Kelsey (Zapp) Brink, was baptized into Christ.

October 13, 2019

**Owen Dean Stein**, son of Jonas and Jill (Sprehe) Stein, was baptized into Christ.

+++ **2020** +++

March 1, 2020

**Bailee Rose Dinkelman** and **Charlee Ann Dinkelman**, twin daughters of Ryan and Stacey (Moore) Dinkelman, were baptized into Christ.

April 21, 2020

**Ada Jane Spenner**, daughter of Ryan and Jessica (Ibendahl) Spenner, was baptized into Christ. (Public attestation of this private baptism was given in worship April 25, 2021.)

April 28, 2020

**Huck Rhine Moore**, son of Kody and Courtney (Rhine) Moore, was baptized into Christ.

May 28, 2020

**Courtney Gerstenecker** (now **Ibendahl**) transferred from Trinity Lutheran, Henderson, KY. Courtney's parents, Robert and Tamra Gerstenecker, live on the farm near Shattuc, IL, where Robert raises horseradish, corn, and soybeans. Courtney was baptized and confirmed at Bethlehem, Ferrin. She attended Carlyle High School, Kaskaskia College, and Murray State University. She first taught at Webster County High School in Kentucky, and now teaches Ag for 8<sup>th</sup> grade through high school (with her mom!) at Carlyle High School. She married Joshua Ibendahl here at St. John's on October 17, 2020. They have been blessed with two children (Gavin and Maylee) and have built a home just north of New Minden.

+++ **2020, continued** +++

August 2, 2020

**Emmett Scott Schnitker**, son of Scott and Lori (Hanenberger) Schnitker, was baptized into Christ.

August 2, 2020

The "COVID" Class was confirmed in the faith, thereby becoming communicant members:

**William Pete Ballantini**, son of Sean and Beth Ballantini

**John William Blumhorst**, son of Ryan and Amy Blumhorst

**Zachary Ryan Brinkmann**, son of Ryan and Becky Brinkmann,

*received by Jesus Himself into membership of the Church Triumphant on August 13, 2021.*

**Keeghan Renth**, daughter of Shaun and Shannon Renth

**Isabel Lister**, daughter of Bob Lister and Kathy (Rueter) Lister

**Connor Stanley Davis**, son of Mike and Sarah Davis

August 5, 2020

**Charlotte Emma Grace McQuaid**, daughter of Amanda McQuaid, was baptized into Christ.

October 25, 2020

**Mila Bryce Rettinger**, daughter of Jon and Keisha (Setzekorn) Rettinger, was baptized into Christ.

+++ **2021** +++

March 28, 2021 (Palm Sunday)

**Bennet James Witte**, son of Michael and Jill Wille, became a communicant member through the Rite of Confirmation.

May 23, 2021

**Elsie Mae Barton**, daughter of Joseph and Alexis (Rooneo) Barton, was baptized into Christ.

July 4, 2021

**Cordi Kay Moore**, daughter of Kody and Courtney (Rhine) Moore, was baptized into Christ.

September 12, 2021

**Gavin Joshua Ibendahl**, son of Joshua and Courtney (Gerstenecker) Ibendahl, was baptized into Christ.

+ + + **2022** + + +

February 5, 2022

**Bexley Alexander Parish**, daughter of Caleb Parish and Abbi Lange, was baptized into Christ.

March 27, 2022

**Finley Gen Krawiecki**, daughter of Jesse and Kerri (Ibendahl) Krawiecki, was baptized into Christ.

April 9, 2022

**Allen Martin** was received into communicant membership by Affirmation of Faith. Allen was born in Pinckneyville, the son of John and Mary Jo (Mohr) Martin. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Bruno Catholic Church, Pinckneyville. He married Sandy Spenner on April 1, 1995, and they have two children: Jacob and Jamilyn. Allen has been a truck driver for over 30 years, and currently drives for Walmart Transportation. He has a rotating weekend, on the road six days and then off three days.

April 10, 2022 (Palm Sunday)

The following were confirmed in the faith and thereby became communicant members:

**Lucas Walter Dunn**, son of Clint and Jennifer Dunn

**Dakota Renee Hanenberger**, daughter of Rodney Hanenberger and Amy Hanenberger

**Evan John Kroeger**, son of John and Stephany Kroeger

April 23, 2022

**Nora Marie Brink**, daughter of Kyle and Kelsey (Zapp) Brink, was baptized into Christ.

July 17, 2022

**Kody James Moore**, was baptized into Christ and thereby became a communicant member, since he had completed the adult instruction class and affirmed the faith. Kody was born in Flora, IL, the son of Butch and Peggy (Jones) Moore. He attended grade school in Salem, IL, and graduated from Salem Community High School. He married Courtney Rhine on June 29, 2019, and they have been blessed with two children: Huck and Cordi (see above). Kody and Courtney built a new house on Wren Road, just past Butch and Robin Rhine (Courtney's parents). Kody works for the City of Nashville as a Utility Operator.

July 28, 2022

**Rosalie (Redeker) Rice** transferred in from Immanuel, Okawville. She is the daughter of Wilbert and Alvera (Kuhlenengelken) Redeker. She was baptized and confirmed here at St. John's. She has three children: Gabriel (Heather), Andrew (Amanda), and Tiffany (Mrs. Jim Lehde). Rosie married Alan Rice on February 19, 2012. She has been blessed with four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. In addition, Heather and Amanda between them have five children and six grandchildren. Rosie is now retired from nursing. She and Alan are officially residents of Cadiz, KY, but spend most of their time in New Minden, taking care of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also works for her son-in-law, auctioneer Jim Lehde. Regarding her transfer back to St. John's, she says: "It is good to be back home."

November 27, 2022

**Tessa Caroline Sprehe**, daughter of Tyler and Courtney (Ganz) Sprehe, was baptized into Christ.



+++ **2023** +++

January 29, 2023

**Maylee Belle Ibendahl**, daughter of Joshua and Courtney (Gerstenecker) Ibendahl, was baptized into Christ.

April 2, 2023 (Palm Sunday)

The following were confirmed in the faith and thereby became communicant members:

**Samuel Ryan Rocco Blumhorst**, son of Ryan and Amy Blumhorst

**Samantha Rose Brinkmann**, daughter of Ryan and Becky Brinkmann

**Summer Elizabeth Brinkmann**, daughter of Ryan and Becky Brinkmann

**Ava Christine Witte**, daughter of Michael and Jill Witte

April 23, 2023

**Hudson Lee Schnitker**, son of Scott and Lori (Hanenberger) Schnitker, was baptized into Christ.

April 27, 2023

**Billy Temme** transferred to St. John's from Trinity, Nashville. Billy is the son of William T. and Ruth (Eigenrauch) Temme. His mother had many relatives in Washington County, including Nashville, Addieville, and New Minden. His father was a firefighter in St. Louis. Billy was born in St. Louis (St. Mary's Hospital on Clayton Road) and baptized Billy Wayne Temme on August 12, 1945, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church (by Calvary Cemetery) in north St. Louis. He attended St. Matthew Lutheran School and was confirmed at St. Matthew on Pentecost, May 17, 1959. He rode the Bi-State Transit bus every day to attend O'Fallon Technical High School (across Manchester), from which he graduated in June, 1963. He worked for the Braznell Ink Company and then Concordia Publishing House. In 1965 he got the notice that he was being drafted into the U.S. Army, so he enlisted into the United States Navy. His father died very suddenly on March 18, 1966, which eventually led to his discharge in February 6, 1967, due to family hardship. He went back to working at Concordia, eventually working as a plate-maker (preparing photographs for publication). In 1971 he and his mother moved to Nashville, where he continued to commute to CPH for a time and then worked several years at Washington County Hospital and at various print shops and BCMW.

+++ **Children Baptized into Christ Who Were Transferred** +++

November 21, 2021

**Rosie Marie Ravanese**, daughter of Scott and Allie (Borowiak) Ravanese, was baptized into Christ. She was transferred to St. Paul, Addison, IL, on December 2, 2021.

December 26, 2021

**Mina Rose Maloy**, daughter of Kevin and Emily (Spenner) Maloy, was baptized into Christ. She was transferred to Trinity, Reed City, MI, on January 20, 2022.

July 17, 2022

**Luke Thomas Adams**, son of Christopher and Annie (Borowiak) Adams, was baptized into Christ. He was transferred to Our Savior, Fenton, MO, on July 17, 2022.



# SMALL CHURCH SUMMIT

**Concordia Lutheran Church  
2300 E. Wilshire Rd.,  
Springfield, IL 62703**

[Please note the change of location. This is different from what is advertised in the May *Lutheran Witness*.]

**Date: June 3, 2023**

**Time: 10:00am to 2:30pm**

Small Church Summit provides churches of any size a free opportunity to gather with folks from other small Central Illinois District and Southern Illinois District churches, to share encouragement and plans, learn together, and hone in on priorities for your church.

The featured presenter will be **Pastor Todd Kollbaum**, Director of LCMS Rural and Small Town Mission. He will talk about resources and cooperation.

There will be an ice cream social upon the conclusion of the formal proceedings, at 2:30.

You may reach out to Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb at [kschurb@cidlcms.org](mailto:kschurb@cidlcms.org) with any questions.

Please register at <https://forms.gle/PPzJpC72NJhCZqME8>

If interested in attending, please contact Pastor Mueller (618-314-3972). This event is designed especially for churches like St. Luke's and Olive Branch.

**This Week: May 7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Today     | 8:00 a.m. The Lutheran Hour on KSIV 91.5 FM<br>12:30 & 5:00 p.m. KFUE<br>2:00 p.m. CORLHS "A Broadway Revue"                                                                                                                                            |
| Monday    | 6:30 p.m. GriefShare                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Tuesday   | 6:30 p.m. Bible Study                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Wednesday | 2:30 p.m. TSJ Chapel<br>6:00 p.m. Weekday Religion in Schoolhouse                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Thursday  | 8:30 a.m. Pastor at CCC<br>6:30 p.m. "David's Harp" in FH                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Friday    | 4-9:00 p.m. TSJ Auction                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Saturday  | NO Worship                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Sunday    | 8:30 a.m. Worship at Covington w/HC<br>9:00 a.m. Sunday School<br>9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class<br>9:00 a.m. St. John's Bible Study on WNSV 104.7<br>10:00 a.m. Worship at NM<br>10:30 a.m. "Worship Anew" on DIRECT TV 377<br>and Channel 18 on Cable TV |