

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

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5/21/23

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 Prays for Us," John 17:1-11

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

P. 5 Hymns: 212; 341; 413; 215

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

LSB 151-166 Hymns: 493; 525; (623, 701, 716, 730); 617

ATTENDANCE: (M) 103 (C) 16 Sunday School: 14 Adult Bible Classes: Sunday 4 Weekday: 14

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

ALTAR FLOWERS at St. John's this morning were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Esther Sprehe who went to her heavenly home 5 years ago on May 28th. These were given by her family.

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. Please contact Jessica Spenner if you have any questions or would like to help.

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.

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.

ENVELOPE COLLECTION at St. John's next Saturday/Sunday, May 27th/28, is for Pentecost missions. All money not in an envelope will go to the home budget.

VBS SIGN-UP SHEET for helpers to serve meals and/or provide snacks can be found on the table by the bathrooms. Servers needed from 5 - 7 p.m.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF May 21st-27th, 2023

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Stanley Renth undergoing tests

Bob Mueller—Pastor's brother—hospitalized with blood clot

Pastor Bill Mueller—Pastor's brother—suffered heart attack, recuperating at home

Eunice Pries (C) at Aviston Countryside Manor

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 call another pastor today
- TSJ as they call another principal—call meeting at Trinity today
- TSJ as we are in need of a part-time 3rd grade teacher

We Remember:

The People of Ukraine

The people suffering from the earthquake and tornadoes, etc.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS: Dawn Mueller & Linda Windler (C) 5-21; Kaiden Boester & Kent Schuette 5-22; Corbin Willis 4-24; Gary Maschhoff & Nancy Renth 5-27

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Kelley & Matt Kaiser 5-23

	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	22,254	17,839	(4,415)	1,584	1,215	(369)
March	22,254	29,358	7,104	1,584	815	(769)
April	22,254	19,454	(2,800)	1,584	2,730	1,146
May						
June						
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
	Year-to-date			Year-to-date		
	89,016	82,590	(6,427)	6,336	5,645	(691)

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)

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 Saturday, May 27th, at 5:00 p.m. After the service we will be having a going away party after church over at the parsonage. Rachel and I (Pastor & Mrs. Benning) 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 if you and your family will be able to make it.

ALL LADIES are invited to a Wednesday Evening Zone Bible Study of the book of Ruth: May 31-June 28th @ Trinity Hoyleton Church. (6:30 p.m. - 7:30ish)
Pastor Mueller, Zone Counselor, will lead us on May 31. June 7, 14, 21, and 28 a chapter will be read each night and then discussion will follow lead by Deb Albers. Bring a Bible, your water bottle, a pen, and something to take notes. No charge, just come. We can join in the Word and fellowship with one another! If interested in attending, please contact Natalie Ibendahl 618-214-0855.

ACTS BIBLE STUDY... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon begins a study this week on The Book of Acts. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

PERRY COUNTY LUTHERAN CHORALE summer concert June 4th at 3:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran, Mascoutah. A lot of your favorite hymns will be sung. Admission free. Free-will offering to support the chorale.

St. John Lutheran Church, New Minden
Quarterly Voter's Meeting-April 27, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dean Sprehe with 24 members present. Pastor Mueller began the meeting with opening devotion from Mathew Chapter 9 and prayer. Minutes from the previous meetings were approved as read. (January 26, 2023, and April 2, 2023)

Principal's Report: Mrs. Kurtz shared the following.

- Students walked to the State theatre to watch "SING" the movie as the result of a generous sponsor.
- Several class trips are scheduled.
- Servant Day will be May 5th @ St. John's
- Graduation is scheduled for May 15th at 6:30 p.m.
- The last day of school attendance will be May 17th.
- Friday Fun Day donations will be given to Kellsie's Hope. This was sponsored by the Junior Honor Society.
- A walk-in freezer will be installed soon; paid with COVID funds.
- T-SJ on-line auction to pay for new playground equipment will be May 12th, Lehde auction is in charge of the event. Many thanks to the Auction committee for putting it all together.
- The old playground equipment has been sold for \$7,000.

Motion made, seconded, and approved to accept the principal's report.

Pastor Mueller noted this will be Mrs. Kurtz last meeting since she will be moving to Georgia in June. The members applauded her efforts and 7 years of service to T-SJ.

School Treasurer's Report: In the absence of school treasurer Martha Polczynski, Clint Dunn presented the T-SJ school treasurer's report showing a negative balance of \$-3,167.46. It is expected to correct itself with tuition payments. Motion made, seconded, and approved to accept the School Treasurer's report.

School Board: Clinton Dunn reported that the BOCE Call committee would be generating a new list to Call a principal. In addition, there is a full-time and a part time position open at T-SJ.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Andi Hoffman reported an approximate \$3600 General account budget deficit and \$1800 synod budget deficit. The first quarter checking account balance is \$28,457.01.

Finance Board: For the Finance Board, Marla Hempen recommended going to generic stamped envelopes which could be used for any collection. Members would need to record their member number and choose which collection they were supporting. This would save the congregation several hundred dollars. Motion made, seconded, and approved to go with the Finance Board recommendation of using a generic envelope.

Pastor's Report: The radio bible study continues to be supported thru July. The recent confirmands as a group were very good to work with. As Olive Branch vacancy pastor, he has had to schedule preachers for Olive Branch. There are several vacancies in the area: Venedy/Olive Branch, Carlyle, Iuka, and Mt Vernon. Pastor Bijjiga will preach Sunday for Mission Sunday while Pastor Mueller is at Olive Branch. The 'Old Chapel' restoration is nearly complete as the result of several thousand volunteer hours; we pray it will be a Blessing for years to come. Approximately 60 people attended the Circuit Good Friday worship and shared positive comments. St. Luke's Covington has increased their annual support to \$10,000. He offered thanks to any who contributed to the "Read to Me Bible" campaign. We are encouraged to pray for the Call process for a new principal. On Saturday, May

27th, Trinity, Nashville will be having a Farewell and God's Speed service for Mrs. Kurtz. He also reported having the opportunity to baptize a 64-year-old in the hospital that was the spouse of an Olive Branch member.

First quarter statistics: Baptized members 354, Communicant members 286, Sunday service 86, Saturday service 17, Weekend 90 (pre-Covid attendance was 99 per weekend), Sunday School 8, Sunday adult Bible Class 15, 116 communed at least once, one baptism (Maylee Ibendahl), one funeral (Pearl Twenhafel). Motion made, seconded, and approved Pastor Mueller's report.

Elder's Report: Per the recommendation of the Elders:

Motion made, seconded, and approved the transfer of Kevin Kellerman to Christ the King in Lodi, Ohio. Motion made, seconded, and approved the transfer of Billy Temme from Trinity, Nashville. Motion made, seconded, and approved four Mission Projects at \$100 each (Lutheran Hour Ministries Float; Evergreen Lutheran School in Detroit, Michigan; David & Kathleen Garrett, serving with "Jews for Jesus"; and Epiphany Lutheran church, Jackson, Mississippi) with funding to come from the Mission Projects fund. Motion made, seconded, and approved five Mission Projects at \$1,000 for one year and will be addressed annually (Lutheran Braille Workers Work center #315, New Minden; Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School, East St. Louis; Dr. Hans Trinklein Missionary support; Jon & Carol Shaneyfelt, serving with Lutheran Bible Translators; and Pastor Jason & Anna Marie Stephenson, LCMS Theological Educator in Tanzania) with funding to come from the Mission Projects fund and Sunday offerings designated for those purposes..

The group from several local churches meeting as David's Harp will now be called "Christ Our Song Lutheran School of Music". The goal is to use music to proclaim the gospel by raising up organists & other church musicians for the future. Possible instructors include Pastor Eichhorn (organ), Mrs. Diane Backs (grandparents & kids), and Mike Trinklein (piano). Music materials may be purchased thru funding from Thrivent (these will also be shared with local organist Kathy Unverfehrt). So that an account can be set up, it is necessary for this group to be an auxiliary group of the church. The Treasurer must be a communicant member, Cheryl Twenhafel has agreed to this role. Motion made, seconded, and approved startup funds in the amount of \$2,000 from the Special Projects fund for Christ Our Song Lutheran School of Music as an auxiliary group of the church with Cheryl Twenhafel as appointed Treasurer.

Trustees: Nothing to report.

Cemetery Committee: Nothing to report.

Scholarship Treasurer's Report: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Motion made, seconded, and approved the proposed By-Law change regarding an Endowment Fund for the second time with a show of hands vote.

New Business: It was suggested that we might consider dropping participation in the Fall Festival and add a Fall Dinner. If we continued with participation in the Fall festival, maybe modify the menu to fewer items to prepare as it is difficult to find enough help to man the stand.

The Illinois State Historical Society (ISHS) is in the process of giving recognition to churches that have served congregations for 150 years or more and has invited St. John's to apply. Motion made, seconded, and approved to complete the application for Sesquicentennial recognition. There is a one-time fee of \$50.

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

Natalie Ibendahl

Secretary

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 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 21st-28th, 2023

Today	8:00 a.m. The Lutheran Hour on KSIV 91.5 FM 12:30 & 5:00 p.m. KFUO
Monday	6:30 p.m. GriefShare 7:30 p.m. Historical Society
Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Bible Study
Thursday	8:30 a.m. Pastor at CCC
Saturday	5:00 p.m. "Farewell & Godspeed" for Mrs. Kurtz at Trinity, Nashville Worship Service 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 4:00 p.m. CORLHS Graduation Exercises