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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY **1/28/24**

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: Pastor John Lukomski

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

P. 5 Hymns: 134; 294;; 285; 46

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

LSB 184-193 Hymns: 394; 583; 523; 588

ATTENDANCE: (M) 89 Saturday: 13 (C) 11 Sunday School: 14
Adult Bible Class: Sunday: 4

REGULAR ENVELOPE COLLECTION at St. John's next Sunday, February 4th.

ENVELOPE COLLECTION at St. John's this morning is for the Lutheran Witness. Cost this year is \$26.50.

THE 2024 DIRECTORY will be updated soon. If you have any address change, phone number change or change to cell phone, please let LuAnn know.

ELECTION ERROR: A clerical error of the election results was discovered after the voters' meeting this past Tuesday. The elder elected was Charles Vogt. Our apologies for the confusion. Chairman Dean Sprehe

THE OFFICERS WERE ELECTED: Elder—Charles Vogt; Secretary—Sandy Martin; Trustee—Tim Brinkmann; School Board—Craig Finke; Finance Board—Christine Bevil, Becky Brinkmann, Marla Hempten, & John Krueger; Cemetery—Jim McQuaid & Gene Schuette; Kitchen Committee—Trudy Windler. We give thanks for those who so faithfully served these past years: Danny Brinkmann, Roger Vogt, Mark Sachtleben, Natalie Ibendahl, Shaun Renth, Butch Rhine, Larry Rueter, Kent Schuette, Jim McQuaid, Gene Schuette and Julia Karmerier.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY: The next afternoon Bible Study will be Thursday, March 7th, at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Mueller will lead a study of a Lenten hymn and, as time allows, continue with the Book of Esther. We meet monthly and all are welcome.

A LIST OF DATES FOR BLOOD WORK SPECIALS is on the bulletin board.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN, CARLYLE, Annual Pork Chop Dinner Fundraiser! Today, Sunday, January 28, 10:30am-1:30pm at the Fellowship Hall, 13th & Kane, Carlyle. \$13.00 includes smoked pork chop, green beans, twice baked potato, applesauce and dessert. Dine-In or Carry Out / Curbside available.

THE TSJ WARRIOR PRAISE (PreK-Grade 8) are singing at Trinity, Nashville, this morning.

HE 2024 OFFERING SCHEDULE was included in the February "Herald." Extra copies are available in the bookcase in the narthex.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF Jan 28th-Feb 3rd, 2024

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Lauren Aussieker—mother of one of our PreSchool students—taking chemo

Gloria Hictan—niece of Wayne Wessel—diagnosed with breast cancer

Brynlee—great niece of Don & LouAnn Foster (C)—home and doing wonderful. Thanks for the prayers.

Carol Krueger—sister of Nancy Renth—hospitalized at Barnes

Mike Curry—friend of Charles Vogt—dealing with cancer

Albert Gallatin (C) recovering at home

Butch Spenner—father of Sandy Martin—medication is working—thanks be to God

Cathy Redeker slowly getting better; still lots of pain, awaiting physical therapy

Jane Weihe prayers needed for complete healing

Vickie Emery—wife of former teacher Glen Emery—had another surgery to remove more tissue, will undergo radiation

Sandy Martin radiation begins Monday, January 29th

Larry Brinkmann ongoing medical needs

Lorna Kottmeyer (C) at home recuperating from neck surgery

Amanda Garrison—daughter-in-law of Rosalie Rice—has health issues

Danny Brinkmann on kidney dialysis

Tom Anderson—friend of the Hausler's—health issues

Wayne & Lola Wessel—doing as well as they can; thanks for the many prayers

Sara Leinberger—friend of Judy Vogt—ongoing health problems

THOSE RECEIVING TREATMENTS/OTHER SERIOUS AILMENTS:

Stanley Renth undergoing chemotherapy

Bob Jack undergoing radiation

Rosemary Miller—sister of Howard Weihe—starting new experimental drug

Duane Miller—brother-in-law of Howard Weihe—diagnosed with pancreatic cancer—holding his own

Amie Evans--sister-in-law of Jesse Krawiecki—diagnosed with cancer. We give thanks that she received a good cat scan report.

Rev. G. Robert Heimgartner—retired in Texico, IL—chemotherapy

We Remember in our prayers:

Pastor Ron Rall--friend of the Hauslers—traveling this month to Papua New Guinea to assist our sister church there in building unity

MISSION PRAYERS:

- LCMS World Missions
- Ministry to inactive members.
- Missionary Micah Wildauer & Family serving in Belize, our Sunday School Mission Project
- Centralia Correctional Center
- Pastors Timothy & Jacob Mueller serving in Uganda

We Remember:

-St. Salvator, Venedy, and Olive Branch are requesting a seminary graduate

TSJ: Pray that God would guide the Board of Christian Education as we seek a principal and a replacement for Mrs. Janice Lange (kindergarten teacher)

We Remember:

The People of Ukraine and Israel

The people suffering from the earthquakes, tornadoes, floods, fires, etc.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS: Julia Karmeier 1-28; Larry Rueter & Maylee Ibendahl 1-29; Melissa Winterman & Bob Hoffman 1-30; Jacob Rounds 1-31; Amara Grimes & Marilyn Stevenson (C) 2-3

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Deb & Dane Chwascinski 2-2

PHOTO SHOOT RESCHEDULED: Lee Rohlf, the photographer from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund, has decided to reschedule his visit to St. John's for Sunday, February 11th. He plans to take pictures of Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. and in worship at 10:00 a.m. He is doing a story about the charter members of Synod and how they are doing today.

ACOLYTE FOR FEBRUARY IS: Addison Knolhoff.

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY ARE: Chad Brinkmann, Kent Schuette, Dean Sprehe and Chandler Witte.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, September 8, 2024, has been designated as the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Trinity-St. John Lutheran School. Rev. Dr. Jeffery Schrank has agreed to be the guest speaker for a Sunday morning joint service at Trinity, Nashville. TSJ officially began as "Washington County Lutheran School" on July 1, 1974. The first day of class was August 23, 1974. In 1976 the *Solemn Agreement* was officially adopted by Trinity and St. John's Congregations along with the name "Trinity-St. John Lutheran School." (This celebration will replace the annual joint service on the 4th Sunday of June.) If you would like to volunteer to be on a committee planning the celebration, please contact the School office or one of the pastors.

HOFFMAN TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL will be hosting the annual **Valentine Pork Chop Dinner and Auction on February 11th**, so get your Sweetheart and take them out for lunch, February 11th between 10:45 am -1:00 pm to get your yummy Smoked Pork Chop, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Cinnamon Applesauce, and a delicious dessert all for only \$14.00. That is a good price for such a tasty meal. Tickets for children 2-10 will be \$6.00. All checks should be made payable to Trinity PTL. We will also have carry-out dinners available for \$14.00.

THE ANNUAL AUCTION (TRINITY, HOFFMAN, FEBRUARY 11TH) will begin at 1 p.m. in the gym. Bidding for the silent auction will be during the mealtimes, however some may close early, so check back on your bids. If you wish to see what will be on the auction, please use the Facebook site <https://fb.me/e/33QLgLxg4> or search for it on FB using "Trinity Lutheran Hoffman 2024 Pork Chop Dinner & Auction." All proceeds will go toward the PTL and will be used for the continued education of the students at the school, in the areas of technology, Physical Education, classroom materials, and school wide projects, just to name a few. If you would like to donate an item to the auction, please contact the school by January 30th. Perhaps giving a monetary gift is more of what you want to do, we would appreciate that too; just contact the school office at 618-495-2246. Thank you for your continued support! Trinity Lutheran Hoffman PTL

LENTEN WORSHIP: Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 14th. Our theme this year is “Boasting in the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ,” based on Galatians 6:14. In fact, we will be reading through the entire Book of Galatians (six rather short chapters) from Ash Wednesday through the Easter sunrise service, along with the Passion Account from St. Mark. Pastor Mueller plans to report on his trip to Uganda in these Lenten services. Wednesday evening services begin at 6:30 p.m. at St. John’s.

EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST... 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: Responding to the Cliches of Pop American Christianity, The Epiphany Hymn “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise,” An Update on an Attempt by Concordia University Texas to Reject the Governance & Oversight of the LCMS, The Benefits of Liturgical Worship 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, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod or your favorite podcast provider.

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Lutheran Service Book—Divine Service, Setting Three

HYMN: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" *LSB 394*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *LSB 184-185*

PSALM: Psalm 111 *spoken responsively* *LSB 111*

KYRIE *LSB 186*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *LSB 187-189*

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(Sing:)* **And with thy spir - it.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(Sing:)* **A - men.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

P: ¹⁵“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—¹⁶ just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’¹⁷ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he

shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰ But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

P: ¹ Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. ² If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³ But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴ Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵ For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"—⁶ yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷ However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸ Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹ But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹ And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹² Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding

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their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

TRIPLE ALLELUIA *(Sing:)*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st chapter.

C: *(Sing:)* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

P: ²¹ And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²² And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴ "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸ And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(Sing:)* **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 192 or inside back cover

HYMN: "God Has Spoken by His Prophets"

LSB 583

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SERMON

HYMN: "O Word of God Incarnate"

LSB 523

OFFERING

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE WORD *[LSB inside front cover]*

P: Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *[LSB 202]*

P: The Lord Bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: *(Sing:)* **Amen, amen, amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: "Jesus Loves Me"

LSB 588

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This Week : January 28th-Feb 4th, 2024

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

Monday NO GriefShare

Tuesday NO Bible Study

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Weekday Religion

Thursday 7:00 p.m. CORLHS Foundation Board

Friday TSJ 6th Grade Visit Day at CORLHS

Saturday NO Worship Svc

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Worship at St. Luke's
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
Presentation by Gideon Representative