

Palm Sunday

Youth Confirmation Sunday 2024

March 23-24, 2024



Intrigue, deception, and betrayal are present around Jesus from Palm Sunday through Good Friday. It begins with angry voices whispering under the singing of children. It ends with murder. The Introit is based on one of the psalms Jesus quotes from the cross. The Collect asks God to help us follow the example of Jesus' great humility—a theme that reminds us of the injustice of everything that happened to Jesus, except for the unfeigned praise of little children, and is appropriate for either Palm or Passion Sunday. In today's Epistle Reading, the apostle Paul manages to capture the mystery and majesty of this day in one simple sentence: "And being found in human form, [Jesus] humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross". The humility of Jesus is also accented through the preaching of Zechariah in today's Old Testament Reading. There Zechariah looks ahead with joy to the coming of Zion's king: "Righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey".

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Equipping the family of God to joyfully and boldly make disciples of Christ as we

KNOW Jesus and one another, **GROW** to be more like Him and

SOW His love in Word and deed.



Saturday 6 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Services

Divine Service *Setting One* – LSB pg. 151

Dale Scheiderer – Organist
Jackson Firestone & Cody Gallmeyer – Confirmation Acolytes
Jeremiah Pender – Confirmation Crucifer
Mark Moran – Lector

“Having the Mind-set of Christ” - *Philippians 2:5–11*

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna to the Son of David.

PRAYER

HOLY GOSPEL: *John 12:12-19*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **PROCESSION OF PALMS by our 2024 Confirmation Class**

HYMN OF INVOCATION

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

LSB 442

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION – LSB pg. 151

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **2024 CONFIRMATION CLASS HYMN “Go Tell It on the Mountain”** LSB 388

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **2024 RITE OF CONFIRMATION** (See Confirmation Information - starting on pg. 15)

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 156

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Zechariah 9:9-12*

Zechariah told of the coming humble King riding on a donkey, symbolizing peace and salvation for the people. This King would proclaim freedom for prisoners and restore God’s covenant with His people.

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

[L] This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: *Philippians 2:5-11*

At the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that He is Lord. God exalted Jesus above all. Glory to God!

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

[L] This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

(Sat. 6 p.m.) **HYMN OF THE DAY “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”**

LSB 443

SERMON: “Having the Mind-set of Christ” - *Philippians 2:5-11*

APOSTLES’ CREED

LSB 159

[C] I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P . . . let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, hear our prayer.

(Sat. 6 p.m.) **LORD'S PRAYER**

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **2024 CONFIRMATION AWARDS**

OFFERINGS OF OUR TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES

"Lord, we are yours. This represents our heart, our attitude, our spirit, and our willingness to recognize and submit to you as our Lord."

(Sun. 9 a.m. ONLY)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT – *LSB pg. 160*

2024 CONFIRMATION CLASS - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION (as found on page 5 of this worship program)

PREFACE *LSB 160*

SANCTUS *LSB 161*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *LSB 161*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *LSB 162*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *LSB 162*

LORD'S PRAYER *LSB 162*

G 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.

PAX DOMINI *LSB 163*

AGNUS DEI *LSB 163*

DISTRIBUTION (Confirmands & their families will be served first) *LSB 164*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" *LSB 441*

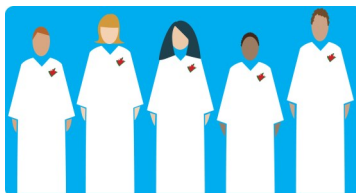
"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" *LSB 443*

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT *LSB 166*

BENEDICTION *LSB 166*

CLOSING HYMN "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" *LSB 438*

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Kudos to Our Confirmands

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. 1 Corinthians 11:27-29

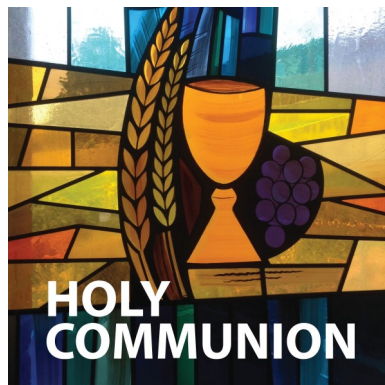
The following is a summary of what we believe and teach as Missouri Synod Lutheran Christians. Because we care for you, we ask that you carefully review the following statements:

1. I have been baptized into the name of the one true God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:16-20*
2. I have been instructed concerning the meaning of Holy Communion, understand the importance of self-examination prior to coming to the Lord's Supper and have made my confirmation of faith.
1 Corinthians 11:27-29
3. I confess that I am a sinner in need of forgiveness. I am sorry for my sins. *1 John 1:8-9*
4. I believe that Jesus Christ, God's Son, is my Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil.
Romans 3:21-24
5. I believe that the body and blood of Jesus Christ are really present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, and I desire to receive Christ's body and blood, given and shed for my forgiveness.
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
6. If possible, so far as it depends on me, I seek to live peaceably with all. *Romans 12:17-19*
7. By the power of the Holy Spirit, I desire and intend to lead a more Godly and Christ-like life, trusting in God's promises and obeying His commands. *Galatians 5:22-24*

If you unreservedly agree with the seven points above, you are invited to come to the Lord's Supper. If you do not agree with one or more of the seven points, please refrain from participating in Holy Communion lest you sin against the body and blood of the Lord. If you agree with the seven points above but are not a member of St. John's, we welcome you to the Lord's Table and invite you to give prayerful consideration to joining our partnership in the Gospel. You are encouraged to speak with a pastor or elder prior to communing regarding any point(s) of disagreement and/or regarding the process of joining St. John's.

Gluten-Free Communion Wafers: A gluten-free communion wafer option is now available for those who are allergic. They are located in the brass cup in the middle of the communion plate.

Communion Wine: For those who have health related, or other issues with drinking alcohol, please take the purple individual communion cup. It contains all water with one drop of wine.



Sunday 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

Jon Lutz, Mark Moran, Rich Rausch & Charles Renner – Accompanists

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Pre-Service Music

“Your Grace is Enough”

Great is Your faithfulness, oh God - You wrestle with the sinners' heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy and nothing can keep us apart.

So, remember Your people! Remember Your children! Remember Your promise, oh God!

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough! Your grace is enough for me!
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough! Your grace is enough for me!

Great is Your love and justice, God - You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation and all Your people sing along.

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Welcome and Time of Greeting

Time of Praise and Worship

“At The Cross (Love Ran Red)”

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies
There's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide
All the love I've ever found comes like a flood comes flowing down
At the cross at the cross I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You I owe all to You!

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless
Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness
All the love I've ever found comes like a flood comes flowing down

At the cross at the cross I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You I owe all to You!

Here my hope is found! Here on holy ground!
Here I bow down here I bow down!
Here arms open wide! Here You saved my life!
Here I bow down here I bow!

At the cross at the cross I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You I owe all to You!
I owe all to You I owe all to You!
Jesus Savior of the world! Jesus Savior of the world!
Your love ran red! Your love ran red!

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Invocation

Opening Prayer

Time of Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Lord, we confess to You now and receive the forgiveness offered only through Jesus Christ.

People: **Forgive us, Lord, and give us fresh hearts, eyes, and minds to receive and believe Your Word. Give us feet to stand in the name of Jesus Christ in Your truth. May our courage in You be stronger. Forgive us, Father, for we have sinned. Forgive us our wayward ways and lead us into Yours. May we have unwavering faith in You. In Jesus' name, amen.**

† We Hear God's Word †

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Response Song: “Great Are You Lord”

You give life, You are love - You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore ev'ry heart that is broken and great are You Lord!
It's Your breath in our lungs so we pour out our praise - We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs so we pour out our praise to You only!
And all the earth will shout Your praise! Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
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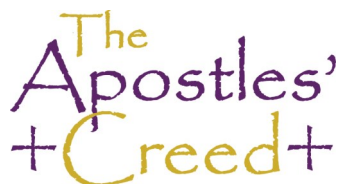
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Message: “Having the Mind-set of Christ” - *Philippians 2:5-11*

† We Respond to God’s Word †

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



† We Pray †

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Offerings of Our Time, Talents & Treasures

"Lord, we are yours. This represents our heart, our attitude, our spirit, and our willingness to recognize and submit to you as our Lord."

† We Depart in Peace †

Benediction

Closing Song:

"Jesus Messiah"

He became sin who knew no sin that we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross - Love so amazing love so amazing

Jesus Messiah Name above all names Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners - The Ransom from heaven - Jesus Messiah Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine - Broken and poured out all for love
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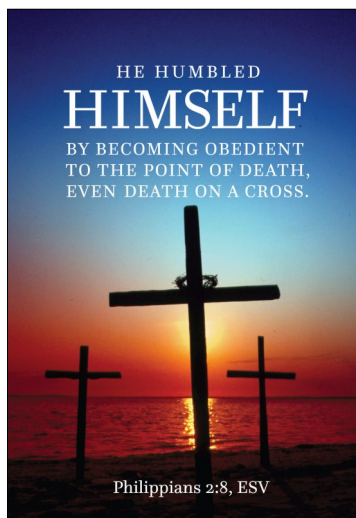
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All our hope is in You - All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God - The Light of the world

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Jesus Messiah - Lord of all - The Lord of all - The Lord of all!

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NOTES AND NEWS



2024 Prayer Vigil Sign Up Many Slots Still Available!

Our Prayer Vigil will be held again this year, **praying** in the **Marie Pfarr Room** or in your own **home** (or, anywhere!), starting at 8:00 p.m. on Good Friday, March 29, and will go until Saturday 12:00 a.m. Midnight on March 30. Reserve a time to focus - praising God, thanking Him for His many blessings and sharing our concerns! Enjoy the closeness of a precious hour of time to pray, perhaps with your entire household, for our current situation, our nation, our church, our church family, our own family, those we know, or who/whatever the Lord lays on your heart.

The Signup Genius link is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040845A8AA22A2FB6-stjohns#/>

Please email prayer requests to Regina Bullerman, Church Secretary, at rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org. Any questions, please contact Regina by email or call 937-644-5540.

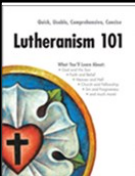


LAST WEEKEND FOR EASTER LILY ORDERS



The Flower Committee will take the **last orders** for Easter lilies this weekend through **March 24, 2024**. The lilies will be displayed in church Easter weekend. The cost of each lily is \$11.25. Please use the order form included in the Notes & News to order lilies and place it along with payment in the flower box in the Marie Pfarr room. Contact Charlotte Blumenschein at (937) 644-4111 with any questions. Lilies may be picked up after either service on Easter Sunday or the following weekend.

Thank you for supporting the Flower Committee.



Thinking about joining St. John's, or interested in learning more about the Lutheran faith?

If so, please join us for our Lutheranism 101 **two-day** weekend workshop.

Friday, April 19, from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm AND Saturday, April 20, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Heritage House

Please join us for our Lutheranism 101 weekend workshop if you are considering joining St. John's, are a current member, or a guest who would like to learn more. Lutheranism 101 examines the Lutheran beliefs and heritage. If you are a life-long Lutheran searching for more information, or new to Lutheranism looking to understand what we believe, then please join us! **We ask that you please register by Monday, April 15, 2024.**

Contact Regina Bullerman in the church office.

(Email: rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org or Direct Number: 937-240-3004), or use the Sign-Up Genius Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040845A8AA22A2FB6-lutheranism>

Detailed brochures are available for pick up on the counter in the Marie Pfarr Room.

St. John's Lutheran Church 2024 Holy Week & Easter Worship Service Schedule and Activities



Holy Week Worship Services March 24-March 30

Palm Sunday Services: *March 24*

9:00 am: 2024 Youth Rite of Confirmation & 1st Holy Communion - Sanctuary
11:00 am: Contemporary - Gym

Maundy Thursday Service: *March 28*

7:00 pm with Communion

Good Friday: *March 29*

Tenebrae Service: "Service of Darkness", 7:00 pm
Prayer Vigil: Starts at 8:00 pm - Marie Pfarr Room

Holy Saturday Service: *March 30*

6:00 pm with Communion

Easter Sunday Services: *March 31*

9:00 & 11:00 am with Communion: Both in the Sanctuary

No Sunday School Classes, but please attend:

10:00 am: Easter Egg Hunt for All Ages up to 6th Grade
(Meet on the softball field)

10:15 am: Our Family Easter Breakfast
hosted by the Cafeteria Bible Study Group

Please Join Us — All Are Welcome!

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

Welcome to St. John's! Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We pray that you will encounter Christ, the Living Word, and in a new way experience His mercy and grace today. We ask if you are a visitor, please fill out the **blue card** located in the pew rack in front of you. Then drop the card in the offering box as you leave worship. If you would like to know more about our ministry, please call the church office at 937-644-5540.

The Lutheran Hour is on the radio Sunday mornings at **7:00am on WLW (700 AM)**. Log on to **www.lhm.org** for more information and channels. Jim Vandre, LHM Ambassador.

St. John's Radio Program airs Sunday mornings at **8:00am** on local channel **WQTT (1270 AM & 98.7 FM)**.

Valet Parking: Available at the 9:00 am service. Contact Charlie Fisher at 614-370-5495 or clfpagg@aol.com if interested in helping valet park, or have questions.

Altar Flowers: To the Glory of God and in celebration of today's **9 Youth Confirmands** from the **2024 Confirmation Class**, flowers have been placed on the altar by their families.

THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S MARCH 24-31, 2024

		HOLY WEEK 3/24-3/30
TODAY 03/24/24 Palm Sunday	8:00 am	Youth Confirmation Breakfast Reception/Gym
	9:00 am	Class of 2024: Rite of Confirmation Service & 1st Holy Communion: "Live-Streamed"
	10:00 am	Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/ Youth & Children Sunday School
MONDAY	11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Service/Gym
		School Closed: Spring Break 3/25-4/1
TUESDAY	8:00 pm	Adult Open Gym Volleyball
	11:30 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
	6:30 pm	Endowment Committee Meeting/Heritage House
WEDNESDAY	7:00 pm	All Boards Meet-Breakout/Cafeteria-Classrooms
	1:30 pm	CANCELLED: ACES/Youth House
THURSDAY	12:00 pm	Ladies Aid Quilting
	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service: Communion
FRIDAY	1:00 pm	Ladies Aid Quilting
	7:00 pm	Good Friday: "Service of Darkness"
	8:00 pm	Easter Prayer Vigil Begins
SATURDAY	2:30 pm	Sr. LYF: Egg My Yard/Cafeteria
	6:00 pm	Holy Saturday Worship Service: Communion
SUNDAY 03/31/24 Easter Sunday		ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES CANCELLED
	9:00 am	Traditional Easter Service: Communion "Live-Streamed"
	10:00 am	Easter Egg Hunt
	10:15 am	Our Family Easter Breakfast/Gym
	11:00 am	Contemporary Easter Service: Communion
		CONTEMPORARY SERVICE MOVED TO THE SANCTUARY

ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 - 11:00 am

(Fall-Winter-Early Spring Schedule)

3 Years-Kindergarten—Church Basement

1st-5th Grades—Meet together in the gym with Teacher Mark Moran, and then move to school classrooms.

6th Grade—Mrs. Ashley Monroe's Classroom

7th & 8th Grade Youth Catechism Class—Mrs. Susie Miller & Mrs. Jayme Allen's Modular Classroom

High School Youth "Cornerstone Discipleship"—Youth House

Women's Bible Study—Classroom (below the school loft):

Topic - "Where Love Abides." Bible study based on John 15:1-17, written by Donna Snow.

Adult Bible Study—School Cafeteria: New Topic - "Book of Concord". Led by Gage Garlinghouse (6 weeks).

New Bible Study—Teacher Leigh Wade's Classroom (#3017). Topic - "This is the Day" by Tim Tebow. Led by Rich Rausch (6 weeks). For Dad's & Kids.

If you have questions, please contact the Sunday School Superintendent, Lisa Arnold at 937-205-1802 or arnoldlisa50@yahoo.com

Weekly Church Attendance

4:00 pm Saturday and Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am

3/16 & 3/17: 347

Weekly Worship Bible Readings

We have provided next weekends Bible readings for those of you who would like to read and study the Word ahead of next weekends worship services:

March 30-31, 2024

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Holy Gospel Reading: Mark 16:1-8

Congregational Tithe—3rd Qtr. Mission Opportunities of Fiscal Year 2023-24

LCMS Ohio District - 50%;

Youth Mission Outreach - 10%;

Armed Forces Ministry - 40%



NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



Those who are visiting with us today, please feel free to take a blue visitor "welcome" bag located in the back of church or on the tables in the gym at 11:00 am worship service.

Weekly Notes & News Deadline

Please submit articles by no later than Tuesday at noon to Regina Bullerman, Church Secretary. Call 937-240-3004, mail to the church office, or email to rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org



LWML News...

The Central Zone LWML Spring Rally is on April 20th at

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Columbus. Registration will begin at 9:30am and the event will start at 10am. The cost is \$15 the day of the Spring Rally. The theme is A Time for Others. Heba Beshai and Dorene Henschen will be speaking on Cultural Awareness. They will discuss the meaning of culture, cross-cultural skills, and the importance of being open to differences in cultures to build bridges with understanding and acceptance of others. Ingathering will be monetary donations for POBLO. We will also be collecting shower and laundry items for the Columbus Dream Center. The Dream Center is a Christian Ministry dedicated to bringing Hope. Their facility is equipped with showers and laundry machines for their homeless guests to utilize.

The Dream Center has an Amazon Smile Wish List at <http://a.co/3h28c6n> which has items such as trial size body wash, toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner, washcloths, wet wipes, and individually wrapped razors. Please RSVP to Stephanie Petee at 614-588-4187 (call or text) or email slpetee@hotmail.com by **April 14th**.

The Ohio District LWML Convention will be held on June 21st and 22nd at the Holiday Inn in Canton Ohio. The registration forms are available at lwmlohio.org as well as in the Spring 2024 ODE that is on the website. If you plan to attend the convention please stop by the LWML store which Stephanie Petee's District Committee is in charge of. We have lots of new LWML apparel and items.

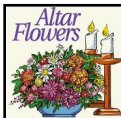


Greetings from St. John's Stephen Ministry!

We are so excited to announce that we have a great class starting in April. We do have room for a few more. Our classes will start Sunday, April 21, from 10 am (after church) to 12:30 pm. This schedule will run until May 19, and at that time we will move to a summer schedule.

For more information on Stephen Ministry, please contact **Doug Doellinger** at 937-644- 0576, weaverwood8@gmail.com or **Marie Van Gorden** at 614-736-7162, marievangorden@gmail.com

We are the caregivers, Christ is the Curegiver!



2024 ALTAR FLOWER DATES

Flower dates can be reserved for the altar or chancel flowers by contacting Charlotte Blumenschein at (937) 644-4111. Chancel flowers are available almost every weekend. Dates available for altar flowers through the month of September are the following:

May 12	July 14	August 11	September 8
June 23	July 28	August 18	September 15
July 7	August 4	September 1	September 22

Many dates are also available in October, November, and December.

The Flower Committee thanks you for your support.

EASTER EGG HUNT

MARCH 31ST, 2024

To follow 9 am service. Approximately 10 am meet at the grass between church and gym



MORE NOTES & NEWS



THANK YOU!

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined us last Wednesday for our annual **Old Fashioned Brats and Sauerkraut Supper!**

Your love and support for **The Golden Eagles Senior Ministry**

continues to encourage and lift us up. God's blessings and joy at this most holy Easter Season!

TEXAS TENORS CONCERT UPDATE - APRIL 6, 2024 - TWO SEATS AVAILABLE!

Since winning America's Got Talent in 2009, **The Texas Tenors** have rocketed to a successful career, performing over 2,000 concerts and recording five studio albums, earning them three Emmy Awards! A mix of Christian and Patriotic music and accompanied by breathtaking stage videos, this performance will not disappoint! The concert sold out within days, but as luck would have it, we find ourselves with two extra tickets! Price is \$125 per person, which includes motor coach transportation, dinner at Basil's on Market Restaurant in Troy, Ohio and the unrivaled fun and frivolity you have come to expect when traveling with **The Golden Eagles!** **Contact Jeff or Carol Reinhard at 614-560-5085 as soon as possible to grab these tickets before they are gone!**

Church & School Picnic

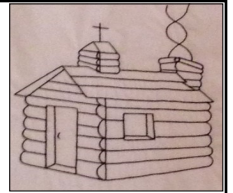
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Save the Date!

Join us following the 11:00 service from noon to 3pm in the
St. John's Gym and Cafeteria
for a potluck, games, music,
and prizes!

See you there!

Expedition Unknown-- St. John's History Search

With a 185 year history, every detail of our past has been recorded, discovered, and explored--or has it?



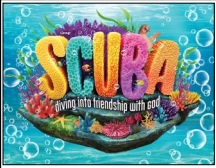
- Our St. John's ancestors are buried in the three cemeteries associated with the church, including the one now Trinity's; or are they?
- What are Lebenslaufs and what previously unknown information do they reveal?
- The location of the first church has been described; do we really know where it was located?
- What history has been uncovered recently, and how is it accessible?

To find the answer to these and other questions, please **join us at Ladies Aid on April 4 at the Heritage House at 1 pm.**

Nina Boerger will answer all those questions and more. Expedition Unknown has been hard at work.

Retirement of Former St. John's Teacher: Former teacher and coach, Mr. Stephen Eggold, will be retiring after 40 years of service in LCMS schools. His first call was here at St. John's. Members, students, and former staff are asked to send cards and share pictures and memories. This is a surprise. Please send your cards or other items to his sister, Ann Eggold, either by regular mail or by email: Ann Eggold, 15905 Bent Tree Forest Circle, Apt. 2056, Dallas, TX 75248. Cell: 972-415-3393 and Email: Eggoldann@att.net

NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



Are You Ready to Dive Right In?!?!??

The VBS leadership team met a couple of weeks ago – and some very important plans are developing for this year's VBS to help accommodate the same increased attendance we experienced last summer. If you've been considering helping with VBS, but weren't sure – this is your year 😊!

The leadership team has some needs now, as well as an increase to 18 crew leaders that we will be signing up in May. The openings we need to fill now are:

- 2 Bible story station leaders
- 1 games station leader
- Preschool Leader / visionary
- Actors and actresses

The team will meet again **Sunday, April 7th at noon** in the cafeteria. If you would be interested in one of these jobs, please join us that day!

If you aren't sure, or have questions about what it entails – please contact Amanda at 937-243-7471 or AmandaDavisAnd2Littles@gmail.com / vbs@sjsmarysville.org

Join St. John's LYF on their Annual Mission Trip this Summer!

June 16th-22nd, LYF is headed to Fredericksburg, Maryland to serve. While on the mission trip, youth and leaders will serve the elderly, disabled, and impoverished with home repairs, while most importantly, shining and sharing Christ's light to all! Eligible youth are entering 9th grade this fall and up. Cost to attend is \$225 per youth. We are also looking for adult leaders (specifically female) to attend.

Registration forms can be found at www.tinyurl.com/LYFMissionTrip2024. Please reach out to Laura Zeiler at 913-549-0057 or lauraezeiler@gmail.com with any questions. It's sure to be a wonderful week!



Upcoming Sr. LYF Events

Saturday, March 30th - Egg My Yard Fundraiser - Meet at 2:30pm in the school cafeteria to stuff Easter eggs, followed by delivering/hiding eggs in yards around town! Funds raised go towards LYF events/mission trip.

Sunday, April 14th - Devotions/Games at the Youth House, 6pm.



"The class gave me hope that it will be okay, that I am not alone, and reduced a lot of my shame, guilt, and hopelessness."



March 25th – May 13th

6:00pm - 8:30pm
(Every Monday for 8 weeks)

St. John's Lutheran Church, Heritage House
16561 Kandel Rd., Marysville, OH 43040

For more information or to register:



NotAloneOhio.org

A free educational program for family, partners, and friends of those with mental health conditions. With lived experience, our instructors understand and remind you that **you are not alone**. Research shows that our program significantly improves the coping and problem-solving abilities of those closest to those with a mental health condition. Join us better to understand your loved one's diagnosis and its impact. Questions? Contact Makayla at Makayla@NotAloneOhio.org or (740) 815-1767.

NAMI Mid Ohio receives funding from and is a provider for the Delaware-Morrow Mental Health & Recovery Services Board, the Mental Health & Recovery Board of Union County, and SourcePoint: Thrive After 55.

Evalyn IS GROWING ROOTS!

3 year old
Preschool

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL IS SPECIAL BECAUSE.
my teachers love me!

2024

Youth Confirmation Class

Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024



Jesus promises:

“Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.”

(Revelation 2:10b)

Megan Marie Bowsher

Noah Lee Burns

Lilly Marie Davisson

Jackson James Firestone

Cody Michael Gallmeyer

Stephenie Allison Headings

Tesslynn Fay Moore

Jeremiah David Pender

Sara Grace Sivko

Our 2024 Youth Confirmands have expressed their desire to become God’s workers here at St. John’s Lutheran Church. They have participated in two years of Small Catechism study; homework including Bible Study, Catechism workbooks, Catechism videos, community and/or church and school service projects, and an Interview with the Pastor, Catechism Team, and Church Elders. Each confirmand prepared a “Confirmation & Me” PowerPoint presentation that incorporated the Six Chief Parts of the Christian Faith which was presented during their interview and served as the basis for Q&A's.

Megan Marie Bowsher

Daughter of Chris & Monica Bowsher

Born: November 21, 2009

Baptismal Sponsors: Marla Smith and Brad Fox

Baptized: January 17, 2010



Confirmation Verse: *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1 (ESV)*

I chose this verse because it reminds me that God is my strength. Whenever I feel weak, I remember that God is always there whenever I need Him.

Confirmation Blessing: *Megan*, we see the gifts and presence of the Holy Spirit in you! May you always find Jesus to be your strength, especially when you don't feel strong. Jesus has been with you in the past and He will be with you in the future! Amen.

Megan is recognized for her "Exemplary Christian Commitment."



Noah Lee Burns

Son of Trevor & Michelle Burns

Born: March 24, 2010

Baptismal Sponsors: Michael and Cory Thrush

Baptized: May 16, 2010



Confirmation Verse: *"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)*

I chose this verse because it shows me that I do not need to be anxious, for He is with me always. When I need help, I know my God will be there to strengthen me and support me in everything that I do.

Confirmation Blessing: *Noah*, you are a very disciplined and fine student. We see this strength in your work in class in the tons of sticky notes in your catechism! We pray that the Holy Spirit's gift of knowledge and study of His Word and teaching will support you and calm all your stress and fears in the future. Amen.

Noah is recognized for his "Exemplary Christian Commitment."

Lilly Marie Davisson

Daughter of Dale & Margaret Davisson

Born: January 18, 2010

Baptized: March 14, 2010

Baptismal Sponsors: Richard Ryan and Lori Reed



Confirmation Verse: *“Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble. The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies. The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.” Psalm 41:1-3 (KJV)*

I chose this verse because it reminds me that God is there when you need Him the most. It also reminds me to be thankful for what I get in life and be grateful.

Confirmation Blessing: *Lilly*, God has revealed His compassion and concern for the weak and the sick very clearly in His Word. Be confident that Jesus cares for you in all situations. By the power of the Holy Spirit, continue to trust His compassion even when you feel weak and afraid. Amen.

Lilly is recognized for her “Exemplary Catechism Class Attendance.”

Jackson James Firestone

Son of Adam & April Firestone

Born: June 18, 2009

Baptized: August 28, 2022

Baptismal Sponsors: Rich and Kristine Rausch



Confirmation Verse: *“Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.” Psalm 37:5 (ESV)*

I chose this verse because it gives me a better understanding of the great opportunity the Lord gives you so He can act in you.

Confirmation Blessing: *Jackson*, we are so tempted to take “some” of the credit when we respond to Jesus in action. As you so clearly stated in your confirmation presentation on the Lord’s Prayer – it is NOT an “if/then” response. It is rather “Because” God has acted and we respond to His promises. I pray that you continue to consider “acting” in Jesus through professional church work in the future! Amen.

Cody Michael Gallmeyer

Son of Dan & Kelly Gallmeyer

Born: July 6, 2009

Baptized: September 6, 2009

Baptismal Sponsors: Michael Miller and Jon Gallmeyer



Confirmation Verse: *"I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed." Psalm 34:4-5 (ESV)*

I chose this verse because it reminds me that as long as I have the Lord by my side I have nothing to fear.

Confirmation Blessing: *Cody*, as you started your presentation you asked all present to join you in prayer. That is not only a great way to start a confirmation presentation, but it is a pattern to accomplish all that your confirmation verse proclaims! Jesus truly is by your side, have no fear! Amen.

Stephenie Allison Headings

Daughter of Dennis & Rebekah Headings

Born: October 24, 2009

Baptized: December 27, 2009

Baptismal Sponsors: Kendra Horn and Priscilla Shanmugham



Confirmation Verse 1: *"And they said, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.'" Acts 16:31 (ESV)*

I chose this verse because of one of my father's best friends, Stephen Gruenbaum. Just a few short weeks before his death in 2009, he talked with my father while sharing the joys of being a father to only girls. He jokingly asked my dad, "Do you think that your next baby will be a girl?" When my parents discovered that they were going to have another baby girl, they decided to honor the memory of their friend by naming me after Stephen. The spelling of my name was suggested by my sponsor, Stephen's sister, Kendra Horn. This verse reminds me that I too will be saved if I believe in the Lord Jesus. And like Stephen, I want this for my entire family, my parents, my sisters, my cousins, and someday my spouse and children.

Confirmation Verse 2: *"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand." John 10:27-28 (ESV)*

My sponsor is Kendra Horn. She shares a special place in my family as a very good friend. She also helped to name me by suggesting that my name be "Stephen with an I - E," to honor Stephen. Like Kendra, I love animals. I have been raised with a menagerie of cats, dogs, cows, and yes-even sheep. This verse reminds me that I am saved by THE Good Shepherd. By following Jesus, I will have eternal life.

Confirmation Blessing: *Stephenie*, it is by Grace Alone that we are saved. The Grace that Jesus won for us, and is received by the Faith that the Holy Spirit creates in your heart through His Word and Sacraments. May this truth flow through all your relationships at home, at work and in your callings to the blessing of all who know you. Amen.

Tesslynn Fay Moore

Daughter of Seth & Amanda Moore

Born: March 10, 2010

Baptismal Sponsors: Julie Owens and Sarah Kocher

Baptized: March 3, 2019



Confirmation Verse: *"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want." Psalm 23:1 (ESV)*

I chose this verse because it was my Great-Grandma Vandre and Grandpa Vandre's confirmation verse. It reminds me that the Lord is there for me, and that I don't need anything else.

Confirmation Blessing: *Tess, Jesus, our Good Shepherd, has given us a great gift in prayer. The Lord's Prayer was the first thing you memorized; I pray that it sets the outline of not only your prayers to Jesus, but also the guide to your life in Him. Amen.*

*Tesslynn is recognized for her
"Exemplary Catechism Class Attendance."*

Jeremiah David Pender

Son of Jarrod & Chelsea Rutan

Born: August 27, 2009

Baptismal Sponsors: Caleb Pender and Kelly Ponton

Baptized: April 4, 2010



Confirmation Verse: *"Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD." Psalm 31:24 (KJV)*

I chose this verse because it makes me think that I can do it all with the Lord with me.

Confirmation Blessing: *Jeremiah, you have great insights into the ways the Holy Spirit leads us closer to Jesus. You told me that even the Law of God is a demonstration of His love for you! Continue to grow in your learning and in building relationships with others that Jesus has and will use to keep you close to Him. Amen.*

Sara Grace Sivko

Daughter of Matt & Gloria Sivko

Born: April 21, 2010

Baptismal Date: April 21, 2024

Baptismal Sponsors: Susie Miller and Connie & Tom Fishbaugh



Confirmation Verse: *“Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life, righteousness, and honor.” Proverbs 21:21 (ESV)*

I chose this verse because it has a promise. If we love God, do what is right, and show kindness to others, we will have a successful life that brings honor and glory to Him.

Confirmation Blessing: *Sara*, when we look for what is right, when we seek to show kindness, when we desire a successful life – Jesus Christ receives all the honor and glory as we point people not to ourselves, but to Jesus alone. May you grow in this pursuit every day! Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE CONFIRMANDS

God of the ages, who time and again reached out to Your people in love and mercy, receive into Your grace and heart these confirmands who this day have reached out to You by faith, through their promise to love and serve You. Bless their journey through the gift of life and vocation with which You have blessed. Uphold them by Your grace. Keep the evil one from their path that they may continue to know the joy of true fellowship with You. Bless all those who have nurtured them up to this day, those who have provided physical and spiritual support. Bless their parents who have been an example to them of Christian love, and their sponsors who continue to be partners on their journey. Let this congregation be a worthy example of love and service in Your name. Keep peace and unity among us that together we will work to advance Your Kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven to Your Glory and the service of our community in Your name. Amen.

