

Second Sunday of Easter

April 6-7, 2024



Easter is not a one-day festival. Unlike Christmas or Pentecost, the Sundays following Easter Sunday are not “after” Easter but “of” Easter. The proclamation of our Lord’s resurrection cannot be confined to one day but goes on through an entire season of seven Sundays. Every Sunday is a “little” Easter, but the Sundays at this time of year are even more “Easter” than the others. This is evident in both the Gospel for today (the story of “Doubting” Thomas) and the Epistle (John’s personal testimony to the incarnate Word of life). Thomas proclaims the risen Jesus “my Lord and my God” (Jn 20:28), and John describes his ministry as a testimony and proclamation of “the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us” (1 Jn 1:2). Both lessons offer examples of the apostolic witness to which our preaching text, the First Reading, refers: “And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus” (Acts 4:33). Indeed, Easter has even crowded out the Old Testament Readings from this Sunday and the rest of the season that follows. They have been replaced by those readings from Acts that show the power of our Lord’s resurrection in the lives of the first Christians.

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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. Blended Worship Service

Steve Bumgarner – Accompanist

“Telling Others Our Good News” - 1 John 1:1–2:2

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WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

Opening Song:

“Above All”

Above all powers, above all kings, above all nature and all created things;
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man, You were here before the world began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, above all wonders the world has ever known;
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth there’s no way to measure what You’re worth.

Crucified, laid behind the stone; You lived to die rejected and alone’
Like a rose trampled on the ground, You took the fall and thought of me above all.

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Invocation

Confession and Absolution

1 John 1:5:10; 2:1b–2

P This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

C But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

P If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. Therefore as a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Baptismal Hymn

“God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

LSB 594

Holy Baptism of Harper Lynn Van Gorden

Service of the Word

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection

C may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God;

P through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

[Today's Bible readings are found on pages 15-16 of this worship program]

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Epistle Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2

Verse

Romans 6:9; John 20:29b

P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

C Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

“You Are The Vine”

You are the vine! We are the branches! Keep us abiding in You!

You are the vine! We are the branches! Keep us abiding in You!

And we'll go in Your love and we'll go in Your name

That the world will surely know that You have power to heal and to save!

Keep us abiding in You!

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Message: “Telling Others Our Good News” - 1 John 1:1–2:2

Prayer of the Church

P Lord in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

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.”



Service of the Sacrament

Preparation for Holy Communion [as found on page 16 of this worship program]

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
P It is truly good, right . . . Your glorious name.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Distribution

Distribution Hymns

Worship Presentation by Laney Kieffer, "Alleluia, Alleluia Hearts to Heaven"

Worship Presentation by Steve Bumgarner, "Jesus King of Angels"

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P** Let us pray. We give You thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Sacrament.
C We pray that You would strengthen us by it to use each day to praise Your gracious name and pass Your love on to those whom we meet;
P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Benediction

Closing Song:

"Thy Word"

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
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When I feel afraid and I think I've lost my way - still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near - Please be near me to the end *Chorus*

I will not forget Your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side - I will love You to the end *Chorus*

Sunday 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Divine Service *Setting One* – LSB pg. 151

Kevin Vollrath – Organist

“Telling Others Our Good News” - 1 John 1:1–2:2

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WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING HYMN

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

LSB 474

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION – LSB pg. 151

BAPTISMAL HYMN

“I Am Jesus' Little Lamb”

TLH 648

I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need, and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.

Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my Staff and Stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.

Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.

HOLY BAPTISM of Rory August Flagg

SERVICE OF THE WORD – LSB pg. 152

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 156

[Today's Bible readings are found on pages 15-16 of this worship program]

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

EPISTLE READING: 1 John 1:1-2:2

WORSHIP PRESENTATION by the SJLS 3rd & 4th Grades, **“Cornerstone”**

Teachers, Ashley Monroe & April Firestone

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

HOLY GOSPEL: *John 20:19-31*

SERMON: “Telling Others Our Good News” - *1 John 1:1-2:2*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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C Hear our prayer.

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.”

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT – *LSB pg. 160*

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION (as found on page 16 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*

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.

PAX DOMINI *LSB 163*

AGNUS DEI *LSB 163*

DISTRIBUTION *LSB 164*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Worship Presentation by Laney Kieffer, “Alleluia, Alleluia Hearts to Heaven”

“O Sons and Daughters of the King” *LSB 470*

“In Thee Is Gladness” *LSB 818*

THANK THE LORD *LSB 164*

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT *LSB 166*

BENEDICTION *LSB 166*

CLOSING HYMN “This Joyful Eastertide” *LSB 482*

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Sunday 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

Steve Bumgarner – Accompanist

“Telling Others Our Good News” - 1 John 1:1–2:2

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Welcome and Time of Greeting

Time of Praise and Worship

“Above All”

Above all powers, above all kings, above all nature and all created things;
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man, You were here before the world began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, above all wonders the world has ever known;
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth there’s no way to measure what You’re worth.

Crucified, laid behind the stone; You lived to die rejected and alone’
Like a rose trampled on the ground, You took the fall and thought of me above all.

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Invocation

Opening Prayer

Time of Confession and Forgiveness

† We Hear God’s Word †

(Today’s Bible readings are found on pages 15-16 of this worship program)

First Reading: *Acts 4:32-35*

Epistle Reading: *1 John 1:1-2:2*

Holy Gospel: *John 20:19-31*

Response Song:

“You Are The Vine”

You are the vine! We are the branches! Keep us abiding in You!
You are the vine! We are the branches! Keep us abiding in You!

And we'll go in Your love and we'll go in Your name
That the world will surely know that You have power to heal and to save!

Keep us abiding in You!

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Message: “Telling Others Our Good News” - 1 John 1:1-2:2

† We Respond to God’s Word †

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. 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 Celebrate the Lord’s Supper †

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

We Prepare (as found on page 16 of this worship program)

Words of Institution

Distribution

Music During Communion: “Jesus King of Angels” by Steve Bumgarner

† We Depart in Peace †

Benediction

Closing Song:

“Thy Word”

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

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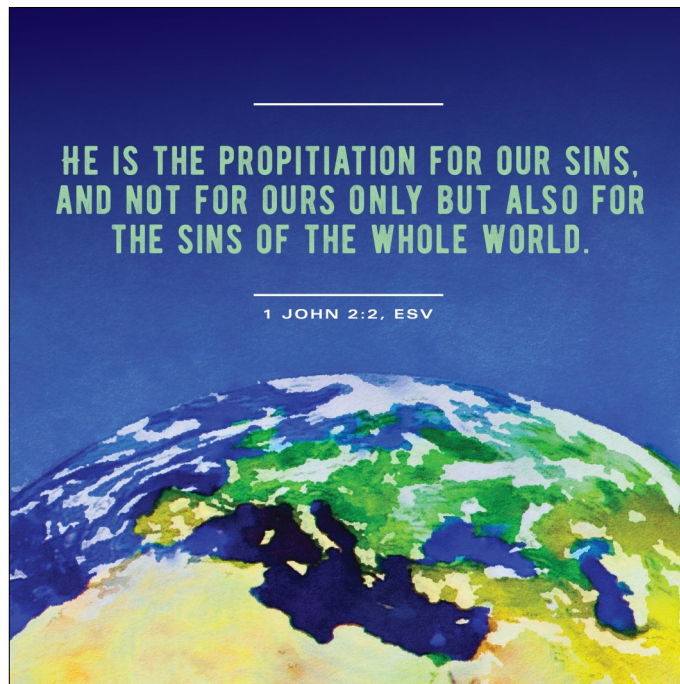
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NOTES AND NEWS

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING

Sunday, April 7, 2024, 1:30 pm in the Gymnasium

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss and vote on the opportunity to Call Drake Matthew Peterson for our Associate Pastor position. We will also discuss and vote on the amount of rent to impose on an Associate Pastor if they choose to live in the parsonage (Heritage House).

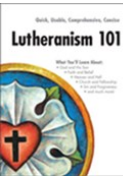
If you have any questions, please contact any Call Committee member or Elder.

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>

2024 LEAP Golf Outing

July 13, 2024 at The Ridge
Four person scramble



Register at www.leapstjohns.com or scan the QR code provided.

Please reach out for sponsorship or volunteer opportunities. This year, you can pay in advance on Vanco. A link will be sent when registered.

Cost is \$75 per golfer/\$300 per team. Cost includes golf, contest holes, catered lunch, drink tickets, and more.

Luke

IS GROWING ROOTS!



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL IS SPECIAL BECAUSE.

We can learn more about God.

Church & School Picnic

5.19.24
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!

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: Altar flowers are given in thanksgiving to God and in celebration of **Ada Jane Anderson's** birthday on April 1, by her grandparents.

THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S APRIL 7-14, 2024

TODAY 04/07/24
 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service: Communion
 "Live Streamed"
 10:00 am Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/
 Youth & Children Sunday School
 10:00 am Youth Catechism/Modulars
 11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service: Communion
12:00 pm VBS Leadership Team Meeting/Cafeteria
1:30 pm Special Voter's Meeting/Gym

MONDAY **School Closed**
 8:00 pm Adult Open Gym Volleyball

TUESDAY 11:30 am Ladies Aid Quilting
 7:00 pm **Board of Administration Mtg./Heritage House**

WEDNESDAY 1:30 pm **ACES/Youth House**

THURSDAY 12:00 pm Ladies Aid Quilting

FRIDAY 1:00 pm Ladies Aid Quilting

SATURDAY 6:00 pm Saturday Worship Service

SUNDAY 04/14/24
 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service: "Live-Streamed"
 10:00 am Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/
 Youth & Children Sunday School
 10:00 am Youth Catechism/Modulars
 11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service/Gym
6:00 pm Sr. LYF Gathering/Youth House



ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 - 11:00 am

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: 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

6:00 pm Saturday and Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am

3/30 & 3/31: 562

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:

April 13-14, 2024

First Reading: Acts 3:11-21

Epistle Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

Holy Gospel Reading: Luke 24:36-49

Congregational Tithes—4th Qtr. Mission Opportunities of Fiscal Year 2023-24

LCMS Ohio District - 50%;
 Member Mission Outreach - 10%;
 Higher Things - 20% (online classes used for Sunday School & Catechism);
 Preborn - 20%



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 lwmloho.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.



Sr. LYF Gathering: Sunday, April 14th
Devotions/Games at the Youth House,
6:00 p.m.

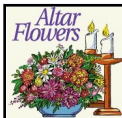


Greetings from St. John's Stephen Ministry!

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 Caregiver!



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.



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 laurazeiler@gmail.com with any questions.

It's sure to be a wonderful week!

MORE NOTES & NEWS



“ON THE ROAD AGAIN...”

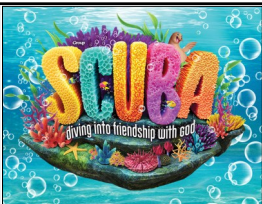
Mackinaw Island - This September!

Everyone is always asking... “Where are we going next?”

Well, mark your calendar and be ready to travel with **THE EAGLES** as we set sail for Mackinaw Island and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan Thursday, September 12th through Sunday, September 15, 2024. Highlights of this fun trip include:

- * Touring beautiful Mackinaw City, located at the northernmost point of Michigan’s Lower Peninsula, it’s history and it’s people! This will be our home base for three nights!
- * Ferrying across to Mackinac Island where we’ll enjoy a horse-drawn taxi tour of the island, shopping, and a decadent luncheon buffet served in the dining room of the world famous Grand Hotel in operation since 1887!
- * We’ll travel by motor coach to the famous Soo Locks in Sault Ste Marie, where we’ll enjoy a boat tour of the locks and learn the fascinating history of the locks and Lake Superior, along with an opportunity for little shopping and people-watching!
- * A buffet dinner at Audie’s Restaurant, followed by a very popular performance featuring “The Best of Gordon Lightfoot”, with such favorites as “Rainy Day People”, “Early Morning Rain”, and “The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald”, which immortalizes the sinking of the ship in 1975, taking all 29 crew members to their graves at the bottom of Lake Superior, one of the worst shipping disasters of all times on Lake Superior.
- * Our return trip home on Sunday, will provide us with the opportunity to worship at St. John’s Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Cheboygan, Michigan.

We’re so pleased that Ike Reynolds of Reynolds Travel is back at work after his illness and is preparing a wonderful itinerary filled with opportunity to explore this beautiful area of Michigan. Watch the Notes & News for a more complete itinerary and pricing information coming soon! We invite you to consider joining us for this Golden Eagle experience and the opportunity to explore and enjoy more of God’s beautiful creation together!



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 **TODAY, 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

NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



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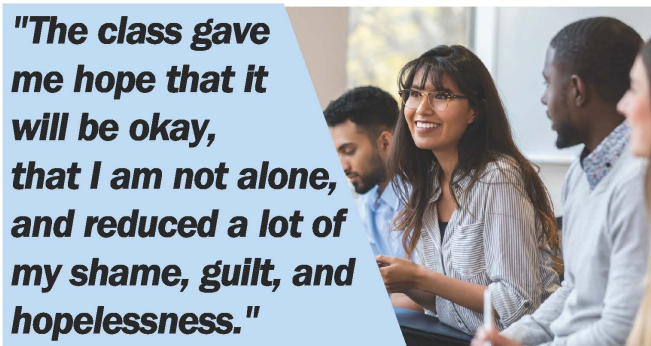
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Dear Members of St. John's, NAMI Family to Family Classes began a week ago. In our first class, those attending suggested that additional information could be helpful for those considering the class but not sure if it was for them. Family to Family class is for anyone that is concerned about a loved one, family member, or friend that could be experiencing symptoms, or struggles, with a mental health condition. As a fellow member of St. John's, working at NAMI, and attending the class, I invite you to reach out if you have questions or would like to talk more about the class. New participants can join the class through the 3rd session. In His Service, Holly Novak - holly@notaloneohio.org



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:



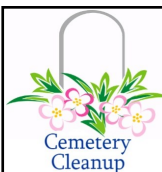
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A free educational program for family, partners, and friends of those with mental health conditions. With lived experience, our instructors understand and remind you that **you are not alone**. Research shows that our program significantly improves 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.



Cemetery Clean Up

Mowing season of the church cemetery will be starting soon. Please remove Christmas or old decorations from your loved ones gravesites in the next few weeks to allow the mowers easier access. We appreciate your assistance. Any questions, please contact the Board of Properties.



GriefShare – Week 8: This session, titled "Grief & Your Household" helps participants navigate the challenges their household may be facing. They'll discover: How to deal with secondary losses; What to do with your loved one's possessions; Helpful tips for parenting grieving children & teens. GriefShare is a Bible-based support group for people who are grieving the death of a loved one. Each session includes a 30-minute video, small group discussion, and participant guide study. There is a \$20 suggested donation, which covers the cost of all materials.

To register, please visit www.griefshare.org or text Deaconess Janet Nicol at **614-561-7411**. If you are still struggling with or have questions about your grief, we encourage you to check out GriefShare.

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

In this description in the Book of Acts of the early Christian church, the believers are described as living in unity, with no one being in need of material possessions. God's grace was on powerful display as the apostles testified to the resurrection of Jesus. They were all of one heart and one mind.

³²The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2

The Apostle John in this letter writes with two purposes, to expose false teaching and to assure believers of their salvation. John testifies and proclaims what he has seen and heard- eternal life, fellowship with each other and with the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. He writes of sin and that Jesus is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and indeed is now advocating for us with the Father.

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Sun. 9 am) Alleluia and Verse

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HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The Apostle John writes of Jesus appearing to His disciples the first week after His resurrection. He meets them where they are, hiding behind locked doors, and blesses them. He gives them the Holy Spirit and sends them out. Thomas who is not present refuses to believe that Jesus has risen. Jesus appears a week later and allows Thomas to touch His wounds. Jesus blesses all those (Us!!) who would believe without seeing. Jesus has performed many other signs in the disciple's presence. John writes so that all may believe and have eternal life.

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the

sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.”²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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.

