## **Third Sunday of Easter** April 13-14, 2024



Easter is here again this Sunday. The crowds may be gone and the service back to normal, but the readings still proclaim that "the Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" The Gospel records another Easter Sunday appearance, this time in the evening to the apostles and the others in Jerusalem after the report of the Emmaus disciples. There are three things to observe. First, Jesus demonstrates that He really is alive, in the flesh, by pointing to His hands and feet and by eating some fish. Then He demonstrates the significance of Easter from the Scriptures as the basis for proclaiming repentance and the forgiveness of sins. Finally, He commissions His hearers as witnesses who must, however, wait for the promise that is coming from the Father. The Epistle teaches us that the Gospel confers a new status, "children of God", and a new hope, that "we shall be like him". Because Christ has overcome sin for us, the apostle reminds us that God's children need to fight against sin and to practice righteousness. The Epistle thus echoes our Psalm. Psalm 4 reminds us that the Lord sets apart "the godly" for Himself and challenges us not to sin but to "put [our] trust in the Lord".

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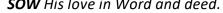
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> Equipping the family of God to joyfully and boldly make disciples of Christ as we KNOW Jesus and one another, GROW to be more like Him and **SOW** His love in Word and deed.





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

Divine Service Setting Three – LSB pg. 184

## **Kevin Vollrath – Organist**

"What Will I Look Like?" - 1 John 3:1-7

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\*(William Barclay, The Letter to the Romans [Edinburgh: St. Andrew Press, 1969] 110–111).

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

**WELCOME** 

RINGING OF THE BELL

HYMN OF INVOCATION "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" LSB 474

**INVOCATION** 

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** – LSB pg. 184

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **BAPTISMAL HYMN** "Father Welcomes" LSB 605

(Sun. 9 a.m.) HOLY BAPTISM of Makenzie Quinn Mitchell

**SERVICE OF THE WORD** 

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 189

[Today's Bible readings are found on pages 14-15 of this worship program]

FIRST READING: Acts 3:11-21

**EPISTLE READING:** 1 John 3:1-7

ALLELUIA AND VERSE LSB 190

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:36-49

(Sat. 6 p.m.) APOSTLES' CREED LSB 192

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY "The Day of Resurrection" LSB 478

SERMON: "What Will I Look Like?" - 1 John 3:1-7

OFFERTORY LSB 192

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- **P** ... let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.

LSB 196

- 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.

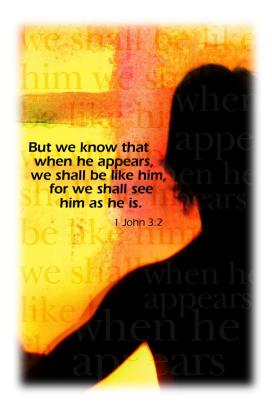
## OFFERINGS OF OUR TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES

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

BENEDICTION LSB 202

CLOSING HYMN "This Joyful Eastertide" LSB 482

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## Sunday 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service Jon Lutz, Rich Rausch & Charles Renner – Accompanists

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#### **Pre-Service Music**

## "We the Kingdom - God so Loved"

Come all you weary - Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water - Come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners - Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness - Find what you're looking for

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Bring all your failures - Bring your addictions Come lay them down at the foot of the cross Jesus is waiting there with open arms

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Praise God praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him praise Him for the wonders of His love Praise God praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him praise Him for the wonders of His love

For God so loved the world that He gave us
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The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Bring all your failures - Bring your addictions Come lay them down at the foot of the cross Jesus is waiting - God so loved the world

## Welcome and Time of Greeting

## **Time of Praise and Worship**

## "My Jesus"

Are you past the point of weary
Is your burden weighing heavy
Is it all too much to carry
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
Do you feel that empty feeling
'Cause shame's done all its stealing
And you're desperate for some healing
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

He makes a way where there ain't no way
Rises up from an empty grave
Ain't no sinner that He can't save
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
His love is strong and His grace is free
And the good news is I know that He
Can do for you what He's done for me
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And let my Jesus change your life!

Hallelujah Hallelujah Amen Amen

Who can wipe away the tears
From broken dreams and wasted years
And tell the past to disappear
Oh and let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And all the wrong turns that you would
Go and undo if you could
Who can work it all for your good
Let me tell you about my Jesus

He makes a way where there ain't no way
Rises up from an empty grave
Ain't no sinner that He can't save
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
His love is strong and His grace is free
And the good news is I know that He
Can do for you what He's done for me
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And let my Jesus change your life!

Hallelujah Hallelujah Amen Amen

Who would take my cross to Calvary
Pay the price for all my guilty
Who would care that much about me
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

He makes a way where there ain't no way
Rises up from an empty grave
Ain't no sinner that He can't save
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
His love is strong and His grace is free
And the good news is I know that He
Can do for you what He's done for me
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And let my Jesus change your life
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
Amen Amen
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah

Let my Jesus change your life!

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## **Invocation**

## **Opening Prayer**

## **Time of Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, because of Your unfailing love. Because of Your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins.

People: Our God is merciful and gracious, slow to get angry, and full of unfailing love.

Pastor: Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. For I recognize my shameful deeds—they

haunt me day and night.

People: Against You, and You alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in Your sight. You will be

proved right in what You say, and Your judgment against me is just.

Pastor: God will not constantly accuse us, nor remain angry forever.

People: I was born a sinner—from the moment my mother conceived me. You desire honesty from the

heart; teach me to be wise in my inmost being. The sacrifice You want is a broken spirit.

A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

Pastor: For the love of the Lord remains forever with those who fear Him. His salvation extends to the

children's children of those who are faithful to His covenant; those who obey His commandments.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Amen.

Worship Presentation by the SJS Preschool: "Ho Ho Ho Hosannah" & "Jesus Loves Me"

### † We Hear God's Word †

(Today's Bible readings are found on pages 14-15 of this worship program)

First Reading: Acts 3:11-21

Epistle Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:36-49

Response Song: "Revelation Song"

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Holy Holy is He!
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on Heaven's mercy seat
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Holy Holy is He!
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on Heaven's mercy seat

Holy Holy is the Lord God Almighty who was and is and is to come! With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings, You are my ev'rything and I will adore You!

Clothed in rainbows of living color, flashes of lightning - rolls of thunder Blessing and honor Strength and glory and power be to You the only wise King

Holy Holy is the Lord God Almighty who was and is and is to come! With all creation I sing - Praise to the King of kings, You are my ev'rything and I will adore You!

Filled with wonder - Awestruck wonder at the mention of Your name Jesus Your name is power, breath and living water - Such a marv'lous mystery!

Holy Holy is the Lord God Almighty who was and is and is to come!

With all creation I sing - Praise to the King of kings, You are my ev'rything and I will adore You!

Holy Holy Holy is the Lord God Almighty who was and is and is to come!

With all creation I sing - Praise to the King of kings, You are my ev'rything and I will adore You!

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Message: "What Will I look Like?" - 1 John 3:1-7

## † 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.

## t We Pray t

## **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:**

### "Because He Lives"

God sent His Son they called Him Jesus - He came to love heal and forgive He lived and died to buy my pardon - An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Because He lives I can face tomorrow! Because He lives all fear is gone! Because I know He holds the future and life is worth the living just because He lives! And then one day I'll cross that river - I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to vict'ry - I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!

Because He lives I can face tomorrow! Because He lives all fear is gone!

Because I know He holds the future and life is worth the living just because He lives!

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Because I know He holds the future and life is worth the living just because He lives!

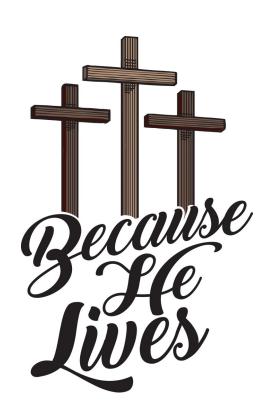
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And life is worth the living just because He lives!

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## NOTES AND NEWS

## 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.

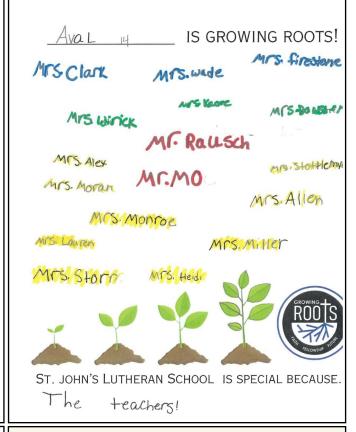
Cost is \$75 per golfer/\$300 per team. Cost includes golf, contest holes, catered lunch, drink tickets, and more.

## **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.



## Church & School Picnic

# 510 94 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 clfppg@aol.com if interested in helping valet park, or have questions.

**Altar Flowers:** Altar flowers are given in celebration of **Ellie Huber's** 13th birthday on April 23rd; by her Dad, Tiffany and Molly.

**Chancel Flowers:** Flowers have been placed in the chancel by Patty Clark's family to the glory of God and in celebration of **Patty's** 90th birthday on April 19th.

THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S APRIL 14-21, 2024		
TODAY	9:00 am	Traditional Worship Service: "Live-Streamed"
04/14/24	10:00 am	Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/
		Youth & Children Sunday School
		Youth Catechism/Modulars
		Contemporary Worship Service/Gym
	=	Sr. LYF Gathering: Devotions & Games
MONDAY	8:00 pm	Adult Open Gym Volleyball
TUESDAY	11:30 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
WEDNESDAY	<b>1</b> :30 pm	ACES/Youth House
THURSDAY	12:00 pm	Ladies Aid Quilting
FRIDAY	1:00 pm	Ladies Aid Quilting
	6:00 pm	Lutheranism 101 Workshop - Day 1
		Heritage House: 6-9 pm
SATURDAY	9:00 am	Lutheranism 101 Workshop - Day 2
		Heritage House: 9 am-3pm
	9:30 am	Central Zone LWML Spring Rally: Prince of
		Peace Lutheran Church, Columbus
	6:00 pm	Saturday Worship Service: Communion
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Traditional Worship Service: Communion
04/21/24		"Live-Streamed"
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		Youth & Children Sunday School
		Youth Catechism/Modulars
		Stephen Ministry Training/Heritage House
		Contemporary Worship Service: Communion
	6:00 pm	Jr. LYF Gathering/Youth House

## ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL I0:00 - II: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.



## **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 20-21, 2024

First Reading: Acts 4:1-12
Epistle Reading: 1 John 3:16-24
Holy Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

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

Weekly Church Attendance 6:00 pm Saturday and Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am 4/6 & 4/7: 359

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 welcome, 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 @sismarysville.org



## LWML News...

**The Central Zone LWML Spring Rally** is on April 20<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.



Sr. LYF Gathering: TONIGHT, 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 Curegiver!



Altar Flowers

### 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 lauraezeiler@gmail.com with any questions. It's sure to be a wonderful week!

### **MORE NOTES & NEWS**

### "ON THE ROAD AGAIN..."

Forty-five Golden Eagles and friends hopped on the bus last Saturday afternoon and headed out to hear one of our favorite groups, **THE TEXAS TENORS!** What they didn't know was that our



dear friend and travel agent over the last decade, Ike Reynolds, was joining us on the trip! For most, it was the first time seeing Ike since we traveled together to Wisconsin last fall, where he suffered a stroke. We lifted Ike up daily in our prayers, but one of the hardest things we've ever done was leaving Ike behind in a hospital in Green Bay as we traveled home. God has seen him through the recovery process and we were thrilled to have him back with us again!

The Texas Tenors concert was amazing as always, but we missed Marcus Collins, a favorite of ours, who was unable to appear due to illness. Nevertheless, The Golden Eagles and especially his number one fan, Lucy Eger, received a shoutout from the stage!

### MACKINAC ISLAND - SEPTEMBER 12th - 15th, 2024!



Plans are well under way for our fall trip as we set sail for Mackinaw Island and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan in September! This four-day three-night trip will take us to Mackinaw City, where we'll do some exploring and spend a total three nights. The next morning, we'll take the ferry to Mackinac Island for a horse-drawn taxi tour of this quaint island and a decadent buffet luncheon buffet at the world famous Grand Hotel!

Heading further north, we'll tour the famous Soo Locks in Salt Ste Marie and learn some fascinating history about the locks and Lake Superior. One evening's entertainment will feature a musical performance of "The Best of Gordon Lightfoot", with such favorites as "Rainy Day People", "Early Morning Rain", and "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald", a song which immortalizes the sinking of the ship in 1975, taking all 29 crew members to their graves at the bottom of Lake Superior, and ranking as one of the worst shipping disasters of all times on the Great Lakes.

We're so pleased that our friend Ike Reynolds of Reynolds Travel is back at work after his illness and has prepared this wonderful opportunity to explore a truly beautiful and historic area of Michigan. The full itinerary, which includes pricing, is available today after services. We invite you to consider joining us for this Golden Eagles experience and the opportunity to explore more of God's beautiful creation together! For more information, or if you have questions, feel free to contact Jeff (614-560-5085) or Carol (614-579-9124) Reinhard, or Annie Scheiderer (937-707-0606).



Thank you to everyone who sent me birthday cards and gave well-wishes. Thanks also to the Sunday school children for the special handmade cards. All were very much appreciated. Blessings - Sarah Vollrath

## Find God's Calling & Direction for Your High Schooler's Life!

<u>Concordia Seminary, St. Louis</u> invites 9th through 12th grade students to attend *Vocatio: High School* — a retreat that encourages high school men and women to explore many aspects of the Seminary, including worship and devotions, sessions with professors, and even some fun and recreation. <u>Registration</u> costs \$100 and closes May 24. <u>Register today</u>!



## **NOTES & NEWS ITEMS**



## Junior Youth Night

Sunday April 21st 6-8 pm

Capture the Flag!

Black Ops

## **DOGS VS FROGS**

**Beneal on God** V.S. **Fully Bely on God** 

+ Food, Fellowship and Devotions around the fire!

At Youth House - Bring a Friend

Bring a bag of

Chips to share If you have one! All 5th to 8th Graders invited!



## Announcing TWO SPECIAL DAYS for Ohio District Singles!

Two dates! Two locations!

Hiking, walking or just enjoying time together playing games.

Meeting time for both dates/locations is 1:00 p.m.

#### In the NORTH:

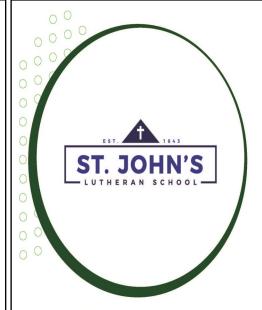
Saturday, May 4, meet at the Bonnie Park Picnic Area, Bonnie Park Drive just off the Valley Parkway at Albion in Strongsville, OH 44136.

#### In the SOUTH:

Saturday, September 7, meet at the Caesar Creek State Park, 3185 - 3465 N, Clarksville Road in Waynesville, OH 45068.

If you are a single adult and out of college, then, come enjoy some time with other adults who are Christians and most likely members of other Lutheran churches! And . . it's free! Just bring a snack to share, and your water bottle!

**EVERYONE will need to PRE-REGISTER**. . . this is the only way the group will know whether to wait for you or get started on their hike! Go to the LCMS Ohio District website to learn more: oh.lcms.org or email/call Karen Dutton at: <a href="mailto:duttonk@oh.lcms.org">duttonk@oh.lcms.org</a> 440-235-2297 ext. 123.





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<u>GriefShare – Week 9:</u> This session, titled "Grief & Your Friendships" helps participants discover: Other people can help you deal with changes; Having realistic expectations of others is important; How to talk to people who are uncomfortable with grief.

GriefShare is a Bible-based support group for people who are grieving the death of a loved one. Each GriefShare 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 3:11-21

The Book of Acts records a miracle performed by Peter and John- the healing of a man lame since birth, near the Temple. As all the people were astonished, Peter lets them know that it is Jesus' name and faith that has healed the man. And Peter points out that this is the very Jesus, the author of life, who they handed over to Pilate to be killed.

Peter tells them this all was prophesied and that they are to repent and turn to God.

<sup>11</sup>While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. <sup>17</sup>"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

**Epistle Reading:** 1 John 3:1-7

The Apostle John, in this letter writing about false teachers and salvation, writes about the great love of the Father, lavished upon us. So much so that we are children of God. He says that when Christ returns, we will be like Him. Jesus is pure and so we are also. And John states again that Jesus appeared so He could take away our sins.

He warns again about not being led astray.

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

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- C Thanks be to God.

(Sat. 6 pm & Sun. 9 am) Alleluia and Verse

LSB 190

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:36-49

Luke in his Gospel has just written about Jesus breaking bread with the two men He had met on the road to Emmaus. Jesus then appears to the disciples, who think they are seeing a ghost. He shows them His scarred hands and feet and eats with them. Jesus then opens their minds and reveals to them the scriptures. He states that the message of repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached to all nations.

- The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
- Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

