

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

711 & 805 W 5th St., Neillsville, WI 54456

Member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

*“If we walk in the
Light...
we have fellowship
with one another.”
1 John 1:7*

*Easter 3
April 14 & 16, 2024*

"Welcome Visitors & Members!"

To those who are visiting us for the first time, we extend our sincere welcome; to our friends who know us we renew our welcome; to those who seek a church home we invite you to be part of our family and enjoy fellowship with our Savior.

For further assistance in worship and information on our church, please see the back cover.

Easter: St. Paul writes, "Christ has *indeed* been raised from the dead". The resurrection is not legend. It really happened. Easter is not just a holiday. Easter is history. The reality is: Jesus is exactly what he claimed to be—the Son of God, our Lord and Savior, and Jesus' resurrection proves that "all will be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22). The reality of the resurrection does not just change our future, but the way we look at life now.

Today is Easter 3. Our focus today: Resurrection Reality: We have a meaningful message to share.

Communion: We will celebrate the Lord's Supper today using the regular style of distribution in the front pews. St. John's practices "member communion." We ask, therefore, that only those who are members of St. John's or another WELS/ELS congregation partake of the sacrament.

The church year begins here 2023

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922 *This Is the Day the Lord Has Made* CW 21



1 This is the day the Lord has made; he calls the
2 To - day he rose and left the dead, and Sa - tan's
3 Ho - san - na to th' a - noint - ed King, to Da - vid's
4 Bless - ed is Je - sus Christ, who came with mes - sag -
5 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains the Church on



hours his own. Let heav'n re - jice, let
em - pire fell; to - day the saints his
ho - ly Son! Help us, O Lord; de -
es of grace, who came in God the
earth can raise; the high - est heav'ns, in



earth be glad and praise sur - round the throne.
tri - umphs spread and all his won - ders tell.
scend and bring sal - va - tion from the throne.
Fa - ther's name to save our sin - ful race.
which he reigns, shall give him no - bler praise.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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REMAIN SEATED

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

C: **Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

M: As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

M: In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought your child to be baptized. Jesus told us: “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God’s Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

M: Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart (+) to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

Ada Mae Lindberg, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

STAND

EXHORTATION

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Ada may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: **Yes, as God gives me strength.**

M: Let us pray: Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on Ada and grant her a rich measure of your Spirit that she may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

Divine Service I CW Supplement

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis



Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - mighty God and




Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



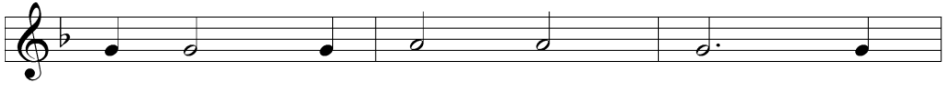
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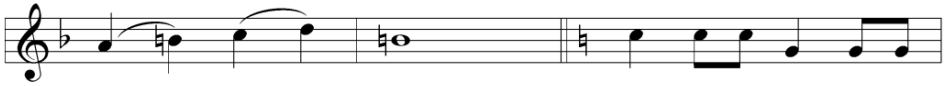
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You are seat - ed at the right hand of the




Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -



ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

M Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *(spoken)* Amen.

THE WORD

First Lesson: Acts 3:11-20

¹¹While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people came running toward them in utter amazement in the area called Solomon's Colonnade.

¹²When Peter saw this, he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this? Why are you staring at us, as if by our own power or godliness we have made this man walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and disowned in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you. ¹⁵You killed the Author of Life, whom God raised from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶And on the basis of faith in his name, it is the name of Jesus that has strengthened this man, whom you see and know. This faith that comes through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"Now brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, just like your leaders. ¹⁸But in this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through the mouth of all the prophets: that his Christ would suffer. ¹⁹Therefore repent and return to have your sins wiped out, ²⁰so that refreshing times may come from the presence of the Lord and that he may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you.

Psalm 118 CW 93

Refrain

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-joyce and be glad! This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-joyce and be glad!

Psalm tone

** * * **

The LORD is my strength and my song;*
he has become my salvation.

The LORD'S right hand is lifted high;*
the LORD'S right hand has done mighty things!

I will not die but live,*
and will proclaim what the LORD has done. **Refrain**

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;*
you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;*
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;*
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen. **Refrain****

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Second Lesson: 1 John 1:5--2:2

⁵This is the message we heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light. In him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him but still walk in darkness, we are lying and do not put the truth into practice. ⁷But if we walk in the light, just as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, 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 out to be a liar, and his Word is not in us.

My children, I write these things to you so that you will not sin. If anyone does sin, we have an Advocate before the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the whole world.

Verse of the Day: Luke 24:46,47

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations. Alleluia!

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:36-49



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷But they were terrified and frightened and thought they were looking at a ghost.

³⁸He said to them, "Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."

⁴⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While they still did not believe it (because of their joy), and while they were still wondering, he said to them, "Do you have anything here to eat?"

⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb. ⁴³He took it and ate in front of them. ⁴⁴He said to them, "These are my words, which I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms."

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He said to them, "This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from
heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures.**

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead,**

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

**who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified,**

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

459 Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

CW 21



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n a - gain; Christ has bro - ken
2 He who gave for us his life, who for us en -
3 He who bore all pain and loss com - fort - less up -
4 He whose path no rec - ords tell has de - scend - ed



death's strong chain. Hark, the an - gels shout for joy,
dured the strife, is our Pas - chal Lamb to - day.
on the cross lives in glo - ry now on high,
in - to hell; he the strong man armed has bound



sing - ing ev - er - more on high: Hal - le - lu - jah!
We too sing for joy and say: Hal - le - lu - jah!
pleads for us, and hears our cry: Hal - le - lu - jah!
and in high - est heav'n is crowned. Hal - le - lu - jah!

5 He who slumbered in the grave
is exalted now to save;
now through Christendom it rings
that the Lamb is King of kings.
Hallelujah!

6 Now he bids us tell abroad
how the lost may be restored,
how the penitent forgiv'n,
how we, too, may enter heav'n.
Hallelujah!

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SERMON TEXT: 1 John 1:5—2:2

LET'S JUST ALL GET ALONG

- I. That starts with getting along with God.**
- II. That results in getting along with each other.**



Cre - ate in me a
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.



OFFERING--*The members of St. John's have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry, but please use this QR code to fill out a short form giving us a digital record of your attendance. Visitors may also sign the guest register by the drinking fountain.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours
 now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

M Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C It is good and right so to do.

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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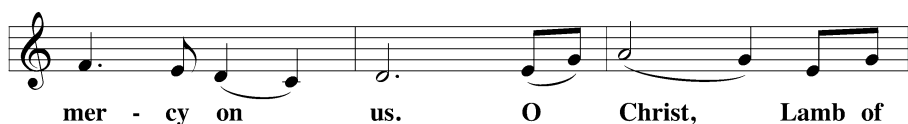
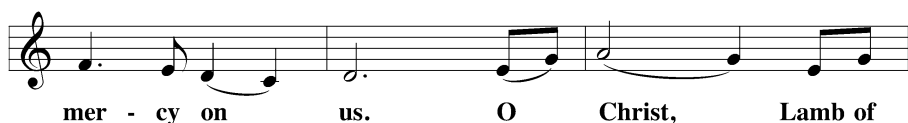
M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C *(spoken)* Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 675

Personal Prayer after communion: Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

675 *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* CW 21



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
2 Praise we him whose love di - vine gives his
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
thro' the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie.
You have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days,
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

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SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



In peace, Lord, you let your



ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my



eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for



ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the



glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C **his mercy endures forever.**

M Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C **We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

M O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **(spoken) Amen.**

M The Lord bless you and keep you.

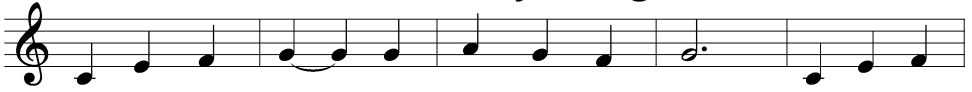
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C **(spoken) Amen.**

713 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

CW 21



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of Right - eous - ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark - ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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This Week at St. John's: Apr 14, 2024

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Greeters: Lynn Crothers & Janice Suckow

Ushers: Team 2-Verlyn Shaw's team

Altar Guild: Charlene Siebert

Donating Bulletins: Marie Meier

Donating April Website: Henry & Julie Berry

SERVING US NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Lynda Urban & Tonia Urban

Ushers: Team 3-Dick Urban's team

Altar Guild: Pat Strangfeld

~OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW & SERVE~

TODAY	9:00 AM Communion Service 10:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Class
MONDAY	9:00-10:30 Shut In Visits 1:30-4:00 Shut In Visits 6:00 PM LIGHTS
TUESDAY	10:00 AM NRC Visit 2:00-4:00 Shut In Visits 4:00 PM Church Band 6:00 PM Communion Service
WEDNESDAY	8:20 AM Chapel 3:45 PM Confirmation Class 6:00 PM Pioneers
THURSDAY	6:30 PM Choir
SATURDAY	LWMS Spring Rally
NEXT SUNDAY	9:00 AM Mission Fest Worship Service 10:00-12:00 Fundrive Item Dropoff 10:15 AM Mission Fest Presentation <i>No Sunday School or Bible Class</i> 11:00 AM Picnic Lunch Youth Group Bake Sale

Worship the Lord with Gladness:

Last Sunday: 105

Tuesday: 0

Worship with Our Care of God's Wealth:

Thankoffering Given Last Sunday:

\$6,621.50 (Home); \$1,169.50 (Missions)

Needed per week for Home: \$8,400.00.

CHURCH NEWS

Baptism Today: Ada Mae Lindberg (2/17/24), daughter of Travis & Rachael Lindberg, will be baptized today during the worship service. Sponsors are Craig Buchholz and Tessa Tix. We rejoice as another child is brought into God's family of believers!

New Member: Rachael Lindberg has been accepted as a communicant member by transfer from St. Paul in Berlin, WI. We welcome her!

Bible Class: Bible Class will be held today after the worship service. Join us in the church basement as we continue our study of 1 Peter.

Sunday School: Sunday School will be held today after the worship service. All children age 3 through 8th grade are welcome!

Church Band: Our church band will be practicing this Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. in the church balcony. All instrumentalists are welcome.

Tuesday Worship: If you know someone who isn't able to attend worship today, remind them about our Tuesday evening service, which is held at 6:00 p.m.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU: St. John's Outreach Survey: Fellow members who we see regularly, fellow members who we sadly have not seen for some time, friends who are visiting our church, or families who are using our elementary school and early learning center, we want to hear from you and value your input in this short survey. Thanks for participating!

To access this short survey go to the link:
<https://shorturl.at/jlzH4> or scan the QR code.



Several hard copies of the survey are on the table in the entryway for those who do not have computer or cell phone access.

Spring Mission Fest: Our spring Mission Festival will be held next Sunday, April 21. Professor Jacob Behnken, Dean of Chapel and Professor of Music at Martin Luther College, will be our guest preacher and will be giving a presentation on MLC after the worship service in the gym.

Our Day Camp staff will be providing a picnic-type lunch after the presentation (hamburgers, hotdogs and extras). We hope many of you can stay and enjoy learning more about MLC and also enjoy extra fellowship with each other.

To give everyone a chance to enjoy the presentation next Sunday, there will be no Sunday School or Bible Class.

Bake Sale: Our Youth Group will be having a bake sale next Sunday. Proceeds will go toward costs for attending the International Youth Rally this June in Colorado. Enjoy the opportunity to pick up something yummy and donate to a good cause!

FUNDrive Item Collection: You can drop off your items for the FUNDrive collection starting next Sunday, April 21, from 10:00-noon. A trailer will be here in the parking lot, along with volunteers to assist you. We will be collecting items all week; please see below for more details.

FUNDrive: Clear your clutter for a cause! Please bring your bags and covered boxes of unwanted household items to the collection trailer in the St. John's Lutheran School parking lot. Regular collection times are:

Sunday, April 21 from 10:00-12:00

Monday, April 22, through Friday, April 26, 7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday, April 26 from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Proceeds help make our original school bathrooms handicap accessible!

If anyone is need of large garbage bags, we have some extras available in the church entryway, as well as extra sheets giving details on the item collection and drop off.

We Are Collecting Clothes

men's, women's, & children's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, belts, backpacks, etc.

Household Textiles

bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.

Small Household Goods

kitchen items (such as pots/pans, dishes, silverware, glasses, serving pieces and hand-held appliances), home decorative items, knick-knacks, toys, games, and small electronics

Books & Media

*paperback, magazines, hard cover - all genres; *media needs to be boxed separately *no encyclopedias or text books*

Please use bags for clothes and textiles and tightly pack boxes of small household goods. Separate books from household goods and media. All items must be clean and in sellable condition.

Boxes: *If anyone is in need of cardboard boxes to pack items for the FUNDrive, we have empty boxes both here at church and at school. If you are in need of boxes, please talk to our church custodians or Linda Biebert, or stop at school during the school day.*

LIGHTS: *Our LIGHTS group will be meeting tomorrow evening at 6:00 in the school conference room.*

Pioneers: *Pioneers will be meeting this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. All children are invited.*

Call Received: *"Dear Members of St. John's, On Sunday, March 24, I received a Divine Call to serve as principal at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Beverly Hills, FL. Megan also was called to serve as their first-grade teacher. It is always a humbling experience to receive a call to serve our Lord. It is also a wonderful blessing to serve the Lord in this manner and to have the opportunity to tell children, along with their families, about the saving truths found in the message of our Savior. As we once again go through the deliberation process, please keep our family in your prayers and do not hesitate to reach out.*

The following passage provides us confidence and serves as a good reminder for everyone to keep in mind as well during this deliberation process knowing that our good Lord will work all things out in the best interest for both schools.

'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Call upon me and pray to me, and I will listen to you.'-Jeremiah 29:11-12

Serving In Christ," --Mike & Megan Allard

ELC Position Open: *Our Learning Center is still looking for someone to fill an opening beginning this summer. Summer hours are very flexible. By next September we will be needing a full-time aide to work in the Toddler Room with ages 1-3. Must be at least 18 years old, organized, a good communicator, and ready to share Jesus's love with little ones! Previous experience working with children is great but not required. Please consider this for yourself or those whom you know. Stop by the school office or contact Megan Allard 715-937-7535 or preschool@stjohnsneillville.com if interested.*

Big 10 Contest Results: *As you may recall, throughout the month of March we competed in a voting contest through Heid's Music. We took 6th place out of over 70 different entries, our highest placement yet! This year we won six ukuleles! We will be receiving the new instruments later this week. We will be making use of these to continue to encourage music in our school. Thank you very much to everyone who voted throughout the contest. God is good, all the time!*



Student of the Week: *The student of the week is Ella Biebert. Ella is in 5th Grade. She is a hard worker, participates in class, helps others participate in class, is polite and respectful, and sets a good example. Congratulations, Ella!*

Science Fair: *Our Science Fair will be held on Friday, April 26, at 6:00 p.m. in the school gym. Grades K-8 will be participating. All are invited to come.*

LWMS Spring Rally: *If you would like to attend the LWMS Spring Rally this coming Saturday, April 20th, and are interested in carpooling, there is a sign-up sheet on the table.*

Altar Guild Meeting: Altar Guild members are encouraged to stay after church this morning for a brief meeting. We will be discussing the Ascension supper.

Ascension Day Worship: Our Ascension Day worship service will be a joint service with Immanuel, Globe and St. John's, Christie. The service will be held here.

Time Change: We have been hearing, especially from families with young children, that a 6:00 evening worship service time would work better than 7:00. After approval from our church council members, Pastor Wilke, and our Altar Guild leader (about the supper), we have decided to move the Ascension supper time to 5:00, with the worship service at 6:00.

We thought this would be a good way to test the time change. We will discuss this at our semi-annual meeting in July, and if voters are in approval, we will plan to have all evening services (Lent, Ascension) at 6:00 p.m. going forward, with the meals beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Hospitalized: Bob Cords and Kathleen Quast have both returned home. Let's keep them in our prayers!

MLC In Focus: Several copies of the Spring 2024 edition of the Martin Luther College "In Focus" magazines are available in the entryway. Please feel free to pick one up.

WELS Weekly Prayer: Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary – Our risen and ascended Lord Jesus, you rule all things for the good of your church. The words you spoke to your disciples ring true still today: "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." Therefore, we ask you to send out workers into the harvest field. Keep this need for gospel ministers at the forefront of our minds and give us opportunities to encourage men of every age to consider pastoral ministry. Bless the professors at our seminary in their teaching and the students with beneficial learning in the classroom and in their early field training. Fan into flame the gifts you have given them through your Holy Spirit through regular worship in chapel and daily study of your Holy Word. We pray trusting your good and perfect will for your church. Amen.

To assist you in worship:

- ✚ Personal listening devices are available for anyone to use. Please talk to the ushers for assistance.
- ✚ Large-print bulletins available in the entryway.
- ✚ Personal Prayers: Red Hymnal (pp. 10-11); Blue Hymnal (inside front cover)
- ✚ Preparation for Lord's Supper: Red Hymnal (p. 156); Blue Hymnal (pp. 295-296)
- ✚ Luther's Small Catechism: Blue Hymnal (pp. 286-293)

We love seeing young children in church as we want families to worship together. We also love to hear children making a "joyful noise to the Lord." If you need some privacy for feeding an infant or changing a diaper, please make use of our parents' room off the north side of the entryway where you can still listen to the service.

Visitors, if you would like to know more about our church or school, please introduce yourself to our pastor. He would be delighted to speak with you and serve you in whatever way he can.

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Worship Schedule

- Sunday-9:00 a.m. (Year-Round)
- Tuesday-6:00 p.m. (After Easter through November)