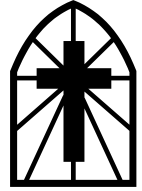


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# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Dear St. John Saints,

I have enjoyed working through the book of Job for our Lenten services. I, myself, have learned about patience and dealing with affliction. I have been encouraged more to trust God in things I cannot fully grasp. I have been strengthened in my faith that all things are in God's hands. And yet, I do continue to struggle that though many terrible things happen in this world we still don't get clear and full understanding from God about why these things are allowed to be. But I do know the comfort I find in God and in His promises. He is with us—always—even when we feel like He isn't. I know because His Word says so. So, I will believe God's Word regardless of how I feel.

I think we can be blessed by our fellow believers as well. It is a blessing when we are surrounded by our brothers and sisters in the faith and we see how they handle their afflictions in faith. David S. Smith, St. Louis, MO, writes in Concordia Pulpit Resources:

"Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial" (James 1:12). We all have trials. I can certainly remember mine. There was first a seven-hour brain surgery. The surgery went fine. Then every complication the doctor mentioned happened. I was in the hospital four times for a total of sixteen days. In the midst of that time of trial, I remember that I wasn't angry with God because of what was happening to me. I don't even remember asking why this was happening to me. What I was asking was this: "God, where are you?" In times of trial, which we know will come, we wonder where God is and what he's doing to help us through that particular trial. Then it dawns on us. At the cross! That's where he is. At the cross! Jesus suffered the trials of the whole world when he hung on the cross, and his death has reconciled us to God so that he's always with us. At the cross is where we'll find our God during our time of trial. There we will find his comfort, his understanding, his power, and his victory.

Of course, this isn't always easy to grasp. But God is with us and we know His love in the sacrifice of Jesus that purchased eternal life for us. God is with us now and always and we will be with God forever. This what our hope holds on to. Jesus knows our suffering for He Himself suffered. Jesus was forsaken by God so that we never have to be apart from God presence. The thing to remember is this: take God at His Word. He promises that He is with us. So He is. He says so and He keeps His Word. When you don't feel God's presence—and often we don't feel it—we nevertheless know that He is present because He promises to be. And that is faith—trusting in God and taking Him at His Word. Jesus says, "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20b ESV). Pastor Toensing

Maundy Thursday, March 29, 7pm

Good Friday, March 30, 7pm

Easter Sunrise Worship, April 1, 6:30am

Easter breakfast follows worship

Easter Worship, April 1, 9am

## QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING

St. John Lutheran Church

Quarterly Voter's Meeting January 29, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by President Troy Henning. Pastor Toensing led us in a short reading from Proverbs and prayer. The minutes were read and approved.

### Treasurer's Report

|                            |              |             |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Balance Forward 10/01/2017 |              | \$80,903.10 |
| Plus Regular Receipts      | \$38,070.87  |             |
| Plus Mission Receipts      | \$2,138.00   |             |
| Balance Plus Receipts      | \$121,111.97 |             |
| Less Regular Disbursements | \$44,766.53  |             |
| Less Mission Disbursements | \$4,156.07   |             |
| Ending Balance 12/31/2017  |              | \$72,189.37 |

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Elders' Report: Head Elder Brent Wohl reports the following statistics for the quarter:

|  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Baptisms:                              | 1 Petra Grace Dewey on October 8      |
| Confirmations:                         | 1 Erin Lawyer (Adult) on November 19  |
| Weddings:                              | No Weddings                           |
| Funerals:                              | 1 Elmer Willard Dittmer on October 18 |
| No Transfers in or out for the quarter |                                       |

Summary statistics for the year 2017:

|                         |                             |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Baptisms:               | 6                           |
| Confirmations:          | 5 (two of which were adult) |
| Weddings:               | 4                           |
| Funerals:               | 3                           |
| New Members:            | 1                           |
| Letters of Transfer In: | 3                           |
| Releases Out (non-LCMS) | 1                           |

Brent reports that he, John Reitz, and Terry Reetz will be stepping down. James Walker will take over as head elder. Brent reports all is going well with communion and use of common cup. We average 30-40 people using the common cup. Also have added option of gluten-free wafer.

Pastor Report: Pastor Toensing reports all areas are going well. He has one couple in a premarital class and two men in confirmation instruction. Pastor continues to visit shut-ins and does other visitations. He conducts devotionals for Lambs of Christ preschool.

Pastor noted that Thanksgiving Day worship was wonderful with a large number in attendance. Christmas services were well attended except for the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Pastor and Elders decided to change the worship time to 10:00 p.m. this next Christmas Eve. Lenten services are coming up with Ash Wednesday on February 14.

5 weeks paid vacation

Pastor plans on installation of officers this coming Sunday. Pastor states he wants to visit delinquent members and other members in 2018. His short term and long term goal is to update some of our procedural notes and work on education regarding child safety. We are in the process of putting windows in the doors of the classrooms and office areas. Pastor wants to clean things up in the church office and closets. He will be talking to different groups about items to make sure nothing is thrown out that members still use or consider valuable to keep.

Board of Education Sunday School: Cathy Hollman thanks all who made the Christmas Program a success. Support was appreciated. She says we continue to use the rotation schedule for Sunday school but are having a hard time recruiting volunteers. If you are willing to help on Sunday mornings to lead a rotation, even for a short period of time, please contact Cathy Hollman, Marla Musil, or Tammy Homolka. The children really enjoy the rotation schedule. We need to see more volunteers for this type of Sunday School to continue. MidWeek: Pastor is looking for parent volunteers to stay during the Midweek time to sit in with Tim's class. Confirmation is April 22. Essay readings will be the Sunday before. Other: The Board of Education is continuing their efforts to clean out the storage under the stairs. The preschool Sunday School room has been converted into a Resource Room/Supply room. A free standing shelf will be put up. VBS planning will begin soon, pending new Board of Education member. Dates will be selected and shared soon. The Board of Education thanks you for your continued support!

Trustees Report: Dean Prochnow reports normal maintenance replacements over the quarter. Noted the light bulb in the elevator is on order. They will be scheduling a spring cleaning day for inside the church and outside. Dean stated that there are a couple of trees that will be removed in February.

Cemetery: Brian Persing reports that some headstones are in need of repair. He will consult with Lee Miller and Kuncel's.

Brent Wohl shared surveys that SCC had done. Their map shows an overview of elevation only. He reports that the two drive-ways off of 114<sup>th</sup> into the cemetery now have the arches installed.

Youth Group: Adam Hughes-Hardt reported on several activities of the youth. In October the LYF held a lock-in and sponsored Trunk or Treat. In November they made pies for Thanksgiving. In December, they made treat bags and there was decorating for Christmas. Valentines dinner is coming up and the Easter activities including the Easter Egg hunt and breakfast. They are discussing a plan to reserve Sunday mornings for devotion time and planning activities at a different time of the week.

Memorial Committee: No Report.

Evangelism Committee: Tim McDermott reports that the committee is still studying the book "Five Things You Can Do To Witness Christ." Anyone is welcome to join the group. The Time and Talents surveys have been turned over to the church secretary so she can put the information into the data base "Servant Keeper." Tim also offered their assistance to Chris with the input. They have tried to distribute results to many different groups, such as Ladies Aid, LWML, Trustees, etc. He stated that when new members come to St. John, they will be given a sheet to complete. Evangelism committee has been in discussion with the Elders for a second group of greeters on Sunday mornings. They are looking to do another picture directory at a good time in the next few years. Lifetouch has updateable features that they can then redistribute updated directories. The website is being updated with Pastor providing audio version of his sermon. Tim mentioned advertising in newspaper articles and other publications such as the NPPD newsletter, yearbooks, and others. He brought up idea of doing a photo collage to be posted somewhere in narthex of our members.

Building committee: Tim McDermott reported on their meetings and asked for voter instruction to move forward. He showed a power point presentation on the survey that have been received back. 50% returned information. He presented two concepts regarding the building expansion. Both possibilities presented building a fellowship hall, one to the south one to the north. It was moved and seconded that the Building Committee move forward with contacting the District architect from LCEF to do a feasibility study of costs and possibilities. Roger Koch added that we have them do a demographic study as well. Motion carried. A summary of the survey responses is being filed as an addendum to the minutes.

Unfinished Business: A trip is being planned to Mission Central in Mapleton, Iowa, on February 17<sup>th</sup>, leaving at 7:00 a.m. and returning by 7:00 p.m. Pastor currently stated that there are 10-12 people planning to go. It was moved and seconded that the cost to rent a 15 passenger van be covered by the church. Motion carried.

The District Convention will be held June 15 and 16 in Kearney, NE. It was moved and seconded that Gary Meinke serve as our lay delegate with Roger Koch being the alternate. Motion carried.

New Business: It was requested that people keep track of what is spent on each board in order to properly budget in the future.

Results from the election of officers were as follows:

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| President           | Troy Henning (reelected for second term)             |
| Vice President      | Mitch Homolka  |
| Secretary           | Marianne Tesar (reelected for second term)           |
| Financial Secretary | Wayne Eggert   |
| Finance Committee   | Terry Stehlik (reelected for second term)            |
|                     | Joy Kouba  |
|                     | Missy Persing  |
| Elder               | Ken Tesar (reelected for second term)                |
|                     | Todd Hoyer   |
|                     | Gary Meinke  |
|                     | Roger Koch   |
| Trustee             | Dave Eggert  |
|                     | Mike Langfeldt                                       |
| Evangelism          | Bonnie Bleich  |
|                     | Deb Walker   |
|                     | (There was a tie so it was decided both could serve) |
| Board of Education  | Cathy Hollman (reelected for second term)            |
| Cemetery            | Brian Persing (reelected for second term)            |
|                     | Harry Meinke (reelected for second term)             |

It was moved and seconded to increase salary of organists and janitor 3%. Motion carried. Organist will be paid \$69 per service. Janitor will be paid \$488 per month

The probation period for Chris Hollman, church secretary, was lifted. She will now be paid \$700 per month which is a 3% increase.

Pastor Toensing salary, 2018: A motion was made and seconded to follow the 2018 guidelines put out by the district. Motion carried. Details follows:

Base salary (per 2018 Synod guidelines) = \$35,645

Years of service – 15 years @ \$400 per year = \$6,000

11 Years (in excess of 15) @ \$300 per year = \$3,300

Total years of service + base = \$44,945.00

Suggested additions to base:

Congregation size = 300 to 500 baptized

(add up to 5% of base + years of service) 5% of \$44,945 = \$2,247

Total Base plus suggested additions: \$44,495 + \$2,247 = \$47,192

**Benefits:**

Housing/furnishing allowance = \$6,480 annually paid monthly @ \$540

Education allowance = up to \$500 annually (paid as reimbursement with receipt/documentation from Pastor)

HSA = \$6,900 annually (paid as lump sum as early in year as possible)

Concordia Plan, Package 2 = Option HDHP

Mileage reimbursement = paid at current IRS rate (2018 .545 per mile) with documentation from Pastor

5 weeks paid vacation

Other items regarding 2018 salary:

Pastor has requested that an additional \$1,520 annually (\$126.67 monthly) be deducted from his base salary to be used at his discretion for "housing/furnishing" costs paid by him. Motion was made and seconded to allow this. Carried.

Pastor has requested that \$1,200 annually (\$100.00 monthly) be deducted from his base salary to be used at his discretion for "professional expenses." Motion was made and seconded to allow this. Carried.

These last two amounts (\$1,520 & \$1,200) will remain the same each year as long as Pastor Toensing remains at St. John unless he requests a change in the amount.

Roll call showed 44 members present.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Marianne Tesar, Secretary

### **RECIPES OF THE MONTH**

With St. Patrick's Day just around the corner, I had to share this treasure I've found! This is homemade sauce to use for Ruedens and believe me, the BEST RUEBEN I'VE EVER ATE IS BECAUSE OF THIS SAUCE!

#### **Thousand Island Sauce for Ruedens**

½ cup mayonnaise

3 Tbsp. finely diced dill pickles

2 Tbsp. ketchup

1 tsp brown sugar

½ tsp. onion powder

¼ tsp. pepper

2 dashes Louisiana-style hot sauce

Dash garlic powder

Source: Taste of Home, February-March Issue 2018

**Submitted by Cari Henning**

#### **Vegetable Soup submitted by Shelley Toensing**

1 1/3 cups carrots, sliced

1 cup onion, diced

4 cloves garlic, minced

6 cups beef broth, fat-free

1 can green beans

3 cups green cabbage, diced

2 Tbsp tomato paste

1 tsp dried oregano

1/2 tsp salt

1 cup zucchini, diced

Spray a large saucepan with nonstick cooking spray.

Sauté the carrots over low heat for 5 minutes. Add onion, and garlic and continue to sauté until softened.

Add broth, cabbage, beans, tomato paste, basil, oregano, and salt; bring to a boil.

Reduce heat; simmer about 15 minutes or until beans are tender.

Stir in the zucchini and heat for another 3-4 minutes or to desired tenderness. (For chicken flavor, rather than beef, switch to chicken broth and omit tomato paste.)

Our thanks to Cari and Shelley for sharing with us! Two recipes in one month!

**PLEASE HAVE ALL INFORMATION OR ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER TO CHRIS HOLLMAN BY 25TH, THANK YOU!**

#### **CLOTHING FOR ORPHAN**

**GRAIN TRAIN:** We can once again send used clothing to Orphan Grain Train. When leaving clothes at the back door, please mark them for either OGT or PCM (People's City Mission).

## **HEALTHY HABITS:**

So what is the buzz about **Norovirus**?

Norovirus is a virus of the intestinal tract and is HIGHLY contagious. This virus causes inflammation to the stomach and intestine which is called gastroenteritis. It can be very miserable for a person as it causes abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. Some people will mistake this for food poisoning as the symptoms can be very similar. Symptoms usually develop 12-48 hours after exposure and in most people, usually lasts 1-3 days. Believe me folks, this is not a fun thing to have. Those affected feel extremely ill and can throw up and have diarrhea many times throughout the day. And since this is so contagious, it's like a domino affect to your family. And you know what the crazy part is? It can live in your stool for 2 weeks after your symptoms are gone and you are feeling better. The seriousness of this virus is that it can cause severe dehydration. So, how do we prevent this you ask? Wash your hands with soap and water before eating, preparing meals, and most certainly after toileting. Don't substitute alcohol hand gel for good soap and water. Wash and cook your meats and vegetables thoroughly. If you become one of the unlucky folks to get this, do not prepare food for others until 48 hours after the last symptoms of the virus has subsided. Clean and disinfect contaminated surfaces. Wash your clothes thoroughly with hot water and dry them in the dryer, don't hang them wet to dry. Drink plenty of fluids to keep hydrated. If you think you or someone you are caring for is severely dehydrated, contact your doctor immediately.

**Reference:** <https://www.cdc.gov/norovirus/about/index.html>

## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS & BAPTISMS**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

1 Deb Ourada  
6 Jacob Meinke, Conner Slama  
8 Deb Nyhoff, Deb Walker  
10 Eric Dewey, Addilyn Brethouwer  
11 Tessa Miller, Ryan Strufing  
13 Braxton Hartman, Butch Mehl  
15 Taylor Reetz, Chris Williams  
17 Andrew Ellingson, Marlow Meinke, Lane Wendelin  
19 Larry Pomajzl, Jolene Reetz  
20 Bradley Pomajzl, Jr.  
21 Sandra Reiss, Steven Toensing  
23 Cindy Hoesche, Isaac Meinke, Maggie Wohl  
25 Jerry Ferguson, Cathy Hollman  
27 Marla Musil, Alice Poole

29 Dennis Kattau

31 Cheryl Langfeldt, Kurt Reetz,  
Whitney Tesar

### **BAPTISMS**

2 Tory Dello  
5 Logan Adam  
6 Angie Louch  
8 Shelley Toensing  
9 Ryan Meinke  
11 Nick Hollman  
12 Dave Eggert, Jerry Ferguson Jr.,  
Dolyn Meinke, Allan Reetz  
13 Camryn Adam, Del Reiss  
14 Steve Schultz  
15 Megan Korbel

16 Jace Ourada

17 Kade Nelson

19 Deb Walker

21 Peggy Bojanski

24 Noreen Wild

25 Glen Louch, Jacob Meinke, Blythe  
Dewey

26 Deb Ourada

29 Matt Ellingson, Ken Kahle

30 Joe Ellingson, Dan Underwood

**OUR MISSION** Share the Joy of His News by growing inward through God's Word, Sacraments and fellowship and by growing outward through words, actions, and mission outreach.

#### **BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Building Committee will continue to meet at irregular times throughout the next few months. Meeting times will vary in relation to the progress and process needed to discuss and continue developing forward movement to obtain useful information for our congregation. We hope soon to invite the congregation to a presentation meeting that will allow the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) to display demographic information helpful in our moving forward with a building project involving a ground-level Fellowship Hall, new enlarged kitchen, expanded lower-level space for education, storage and other related meeting/project rooms. Stay informed as this committee posts meeting synopsis information on the church website, [www.stjohnkramer.org](http://www.stjohnkramer.org).

## **LWML NEWS**

**Mark your calendars for another fun evening of "Adult Coloring" on Tuesday, March 20th at 7:00 PM.** We will open with a devotion and then get right into coloring. We will be working on Easter cards and once completed you will be welcome to take your cards home to share with your family and friends. And if you don't want to color you can opt for helping to tie quilts. Karen's Orphan Grain Train trip is earlier this year... they leave mid-April so we need to scurry and get as many quilts completed as possible to send with her and her group. Everyone is invited!! Hope to see many of you there as we join for a fun evening of fellowship.

**LWML PROJECTS...** The LWML has a box in the narthex labeled Crete Cares. This will be an ongoing food gathering. We ask that you contribute to this project as often as you would like. Those in need will receive this special gift. Thank you from the ladies of the LWML.

**WE ARE ADDING** another opportunity to help with the quilts on Tuesday, March 13th. This gives us three days to make as many quilts as possible for Karen Tiedeman to take to Russia in April. Come any time between 9:30 am and 2:00 pm. Bring a scissors and something small to share at lunch. No sewing experience necessary! Mark these days on your calendar: March 1, March 13, April 5. Thank you so much!

#### **LAMBS OF CHRIST PRESCHOOL**

**Grandparents Day** The children have invited their Grandparents to a day of preschool on Monday, March 19th for the M/W/F class and Tuesday, March 20th for the T/Th class. The grandparents will gather at 9:30 for a chapel service followed by snack in the fellowship hall and time spent in the preschool classroom. The Young 3's class (Tuesday afternoons) will not be participating in Grandparents Day

**Thank you!!!!** We would like to thank everyone who supported our Chili Feed and Raffle Fundraiser. We would like to thank all businesses and individuals who donated prizes for raffle. Plus we would like to thank everyone who came and bought tickets and enjoyed the soup. Funds raised will be used to meet program expenses.

#### **JANUARY LADIES AID MINUTES**

. John Ladies Aid met on January 31, 2018, with Shirley Reetz as hostess. The meeting opened by singing the hymn, "I Lay My Sins on Jesus", Pastor Toensing led us in the Bible Study on Psalm 139:23-24. Roll call was taken with thirteen members present. Since there was no business meeting in December, the minutes of the November were read and approved. The treasurers' report was given and approved. Janice handed out a financial summary for 2017.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Diane Kahle has offered to take over the Cradle Roll from Marilyn Nast. A flower chart has been ordered for 2018. Anyone wishing to place flowers on the altar is welcome to sign the chart. Flowers may be placed on the altar during Lent on Sundays, but not during the week. We also passed around a sign up sheet for visiting shut-ins. It was suggested that we clean the kitchen cupboards and the tables. We will discuss this more at our next meeting. If there are any ladies that would interested in learning more about Ladies Aid, please feel free to come to a meeting. We meet at 2:00 on the last Wednesday of the month. Anniversaries in January were celebrated by Marvin and LaVonne Nitzel, Larry and Linda Pomajzl and Dave and Deana Eggert. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and the common table prayer.  
Shirley Reetz, secretary

**FROM THE ELDERS**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Elders would like to thank the L.Y.F for another wonderful Valentine's dinner. They did a great job! The congregation is Blessed to have this group put on these activities. We are grateful to their leaders that are helping these young adults mature in their Christian faith. Lenten services have begun and are being held every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and in the evening at 7:30 p.m. leading up to Holy week. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday evening services will be at 7:00 p.m. As March goes out like a Lamb and we welcome April on Easter Sunday, we look to the true lamb of God who with his ultimate sacrifice has given us the gift of forgiveness and eternal life. This is a good opportunity to invite friends and family on Easter Sunday to enjoy worship and the L.Y.F breakfast. God Bless, The Elders

**LYF NEWS**

The LYF sponsored Easter egg hunt will be held Saturday, March 31 at 10 am at St John Church, with a cookie social to follow. We are looking for candy donations from the congregation, as in the past years, with no loose candy like M&Ms and jelly's beans. The LYF members will have to be at the church at 8 am Saturday, March 31, in order to hide eggs and get ready for the hunt. The LYF will also sponsor the Easter breakfast after sun rise service on Easter Sunday. LYF members and helpers will need to be at church at 5:30 am to prepare for this. This is a busy time for us but ALWAYS worth the work! Thanks for your support!

**EVANGELISM COMMITTEE REPORT**

The March Evangelism Committee meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2018. Members of St. John continue to be invited to attend as we continue working through the book, "5 Things You Can Do to Witness Christ". Join us for reading and open discussion. This book encourages each of us to realize what we have in Christ and to see that our witnessing is part of our daily walk in life – as we each have 'evangelism' to do. We find "witnessing" when living out the gracious gifts God gives us in our connections with others and in helping build new relationships where we can share the love of Christ. There are a few more of these \$8.00 books still available when you join us.

**FEBRUARY LADIES AID MINUTES**

St. John Ladies Aid met on February 28, 2018, with Darleen Dittmer as hostess. We opened the meeting by singing, "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed". Pastor Toensing led us in Bible Study on "The Sermon on the Mount".

Roll call was taken with ten members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and the Treasurer's Report was given.

Old Business: We had more discussion on Ladies Night Out. Diane Kahle and JoAnn Renner are going to check into what would be available to us at The Brew House. We will have more discussion next month.

New Business: Irene Reiss is retiring from decorating our church. We thank Irene and Del for all the work they have done for our church. We are looking for volunteers or ways to continue this work.

Our next Fish Boil will be held July 8, 2018.

Carol Brinkmeyer has made up lists for calling for funerals. The ladies that will be calling are: JoAnn Renner, Janice Reetz, Darleen Dittmer and Carol Brinkmeyer.

JoAnn has ordered Palms for Palm Sunday.

It was discussed about whether we want to do another church cookbook. We will have more discussion on this next month.

Celebrating birthdays in February were: Bonnie Bleich, Shelley Toensing and Linda Eggert. Hostess for March is Irene Reiss. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and common Table Prayer.

Shirley Reetz, Secretary



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OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER GROWTH

**Schedule at a Glance**

|                                      |                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Worship Service (Sundays)            | 9:00 a.m.              |
| Sunday School (Sundays)              | 10:30 a.m.             |
| Bible Class (Sundays)                | 10:30 a.m.             |
| Lenten Services (Wednesdays)         | 10:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. |
| Midweek Classes (Wednesdays)         | 6:30 p.m.              |
| Elder's Meeting (March 5)            | 6:30 p.m.              |
| Men's Bible Study (March 13)         | 7:00 p.m.              |
| Lutheran Women in Mission (March 20) | 7:00 p.m.              |
| Ladies Aid Meeting (March 28)        | 2:00 p.m.              |

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

The St. John Men's Bible Study group continues with a Martin Luther based video series, "A Man Named Martin". The men will begin the second part of this historical, interesting series: "Part II - The Moment".

Martin Luther's Spirit-inspired grasp of justification through faith was the cornerstone of the Reformation. This second part of the series examines the errant teachings and wayward traditions of the Late Medieval Church that eventually sparked the Protestant Reformation, a theological overhaul set in motion most notably by Martin Luther's nailing of the 95 Theses to the church door at Wittenberg.

As a follow-up Bible study to the first, "A Man Named Martin-Part 1: The Man", this three-session Bible study takes a close look at the widespread teachings of the late Medieval Church that were superfluous to the Bible or not scripturally grounded. Among them were purgatory, penance, celibacy, prayers for the dead, transubstantiation, the treasury of merits of Christ, devotion to Mary and the rosary, the institution of the papacy, and the one most often linked to the Reformation: the sale of indulgences.

The men's group meets at 7:00 p.m. each 2nd Tuesday of most every month. Our door is always open to new members, with guests equally welcomed. See you guys on Tuesday, March 13th!

**THOSE SERVING DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH**

| DUTY            | March 4   | March 11   | March 18  | March 25  |
|-----------------|---|--|---|---|
| <b>Organist</b> | Jolene Reetz  | Jayne VanAsperen                                 | Jolene Reetz  | Jayne VanAsperen  |
| <b>Elders</b>   | Terry Dittmer   | Gary Meinke                                      | Ken Tesar   | James Walker  |
| <b>Greeters</b> | Carol Brinkmeyer,<br>Marilyn Nast, Mr &<br>Mrs Roger Brunelle | Mr & Mrs Troy<br>Henning, Mr &<br>Mrs Todd Hoyer | Mr & Mrs Roger<br>Koch & Mr & Mrs<br>Mike Langfeldt | Darleen Dittmer,<br>Diane Gropp,<br>Chris Hollman,<br>Diane Kouba |
| <b>Acolytes</b> | Nick Hollman &<br>Hugo Pomajzl                                | Elliott Reitz &<br>Rylee Pospisil                | Mersadies Kvas-<br>nicka & Jordyn<br>Adam           | Maggie Wohl,<br>Katelyn Novak &<br>Elliott Reitz                  |

**LENTEN - MAUNDY THURSDAY - GOOD FRIDAY - EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE DUTIES**

**Lenten Service March 7 10:30 am & 7:30 pm**

Pianist: Ellen Miller

Elder (7:30 pm): Ken Tesar

Greeters (7:30 pm): Mr & Mrs Terry Dittmer

Acolytes (7:30 pm): Aaron & Jacob Meinke

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE 6:30 am**

Organist: Jolene Reetz

Elder: to be announced

Greeters: Mr & Mrs Todd Hoyer & Mr & Mrs Terry Dittmer

Acolytes: Elliott Reitz, Madison Persing, Rylee Pospichal

**Lenten Service March 14 10:30 am & 7:30 pm**

Pianist: Ellen Miller

Elder (7:30 pm): Todd Hoyer

Greeters (7:30 pm): Mr & Mrs Tim McDermott

Acolytes (7:30 pm): Madison Persing & Colton Homolka

**EASTER SERVICE 9:00 am**

Organist: Jolene Reetz

Elder: to be announced

Greeters: Mr & Mrs Roger Koch & Mr & Mrs Troy Henning

Acolytes: Maggie Wohl, Ted Muff, Jordyn Adam

**Lenten Service March 21 10:30 am & 7:30 pm**

Pianist: Ellen Miller

Elder (7:30 pm): Todd Hoyer

Greeters (7:30 pm): Mr & Mrs Glen Louch

Acolytes (7:30 pm): Nick Hollman & Jacob Meinke

**Maundy Thursday March 29 7:00 pm**

Organist: Jayne VanAsperen

Elder: Terry Dittmer

Greeters: Mr & Mrs Brent Wohl

Acolytes: Mara & Skye Hoyer

**Good Friday March 30 7:00 pm**

Organist: Jolene Reetz

Elder: Roger Koch

Greeters: Mr & Mrs Gary Meinke

Acolytes: Colton Homolka & Hugo Pomajzl