

April 2024 Newsletter

Pastor's Message:

Dear Witnesses to our Living Lord:

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! (And as a dear late seminary professor/poet used to say: *"And it had better be true!"*)

I usually try to offer a thoughtful reflection in this paragraph. This time around, let me make you three offers-one of which I hope will be too good to refuse!

Offer #1 ***Bible for Dummies*** is one of those actual 'yellow' 'for dummies' books, that gives some good insights into the books of the Bible, and what they're about. I would love to start a group in this either Monday April 15 or Thursday April 18...maybe 6:30-7:30 pm? We could get about 4 weeks in this spring, and then pick it up again in the fall. *This would be a great entry point for young adults, new members, and any of your friends or acquaintances who might like to start digging into this most important and most challenging of books! Let me know if you're interested!*
You could join by Zoom as well as in-person.

Offer #2 We've just come through the season of Lent, facing our own mortality, and Jesus' death on the cross. We're prepared to live in the light and hope of Christ's resurrection! ***Would you be ready to talk about your end-of-life plans? Questions? Hopes? Fears? Ideas for your funeral? Thoughts on your estate?*** At my own stage of life I'm realizing how much there is to think about and how easy it is to put off these thoughts or conversations. One of our local funeral directors could join us for an information session. A colleague of mine and his church created a great video series as well. We could offer a group session, or I could meet with you individually!
To those of you who have been praying and thinking about these things, let me say "thank you" on behalf of your loved ones (and your pastor!)

Offer #3 It's time to begin a ***Grief Support Group*** here, for ourselves and for the wider community. I know that some of our neighboring churches would be interested too. Let me just invite you who might be interested to gather on Monday April 8 at 6:30. A core group of us could decide how often to meet, and what kind of resources to use.

Remember the promise of our risen Lord *"I am with you always to the end of the age!"*

-Pastor Paul

+***Did you know*** that while interest rates on savings are fairly high, you can lock in great rates and support the work of the wider church through our ***ELCA Mission Investment Fund?*** (12-month=4.85%, 3 year=5%) These funds are loaned to churches doing building projects or expanding ministries. They work like a CD. They do not have FDIC insurance, but are low-risk investments (and no one has lost money in these accounts since their inception in 1988.) They are easy to sign up for as well, on line, or through the mail. <https://www.mif.elca.org/rates>

+***Greetings*** from our young marine recruit, Logan Lemberger, who will finish basic training this month, and who has appreciated notes from us at St. John's. He says he can't wait to be at worship with us again!

Year to Date as of March 1

+YTD General Fund

Receipts: \$ 14,899.78

Expenses: \$ 17,105.30

+YTD Building & Grounds Fund:

Receipts: \$ 3,103 Expenses: \$ 330

+YTD ELCA Benevolence:

\$ 3,978 Goal for 2024 TBD

Thank you for your regular offerings and to those who have signed up for electronic giving. We sure did generous giving in 2023!

+YTD Missionary Sponsorship:

\$ 1,285 Goal for 2024 \$8,000

+YTD Good Samaritan

\$ 2,255 Goal for 2024 \$ 8,000

What's Happening at St. John's



Crossways Camps Registration is open! Students finishing 6th, 7th, 8th grades are encouraged to come to Confirmation Camp the week of July 7-12. Other ages can sign up for a half-week or full week of camp at Imago Dei Village, Pine Lake, or Waypost camps. *If you have a younger kid who is eager to go, let's find a date and encourage some others to register as well!* Campers can start after 1st grade, for a two-night stay! We'd also like to get some of you families signed up for "Family Camp Weekend" at Pine Lake, June 28-30. Talk to Christy Abt or Pastor about that. www.crosswayscamps.org.

Monday Study at 9am meets with Pastor in the Upper Room. We could include you at home via Zoom as well, if you'd like to participate that way! Let Pastor know.

A new Community Engagement Group is forming for those interested in projects and activities that reach out into our area where help is needed, while sharing our message and all we have to offer at St. John's. We'll gather on April 12 at 1pm, and you can also talk with Leanne Ports, if you'd like to be part of this!

Who would be willing to attend our Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly May 17-18? It will be Friday late afternoon to Saturday afternoon at the Italian Community Center in Milwaukee. It's a great chance to experience how we're part of the wider church, and there's always great worship as well!



Work on the Prairie Garden continues. The garden design has been finished by Kyle, the Eagle Scout, and plants have been ordered. Watch for more exciting news as the project continues, and how you can be a part of helping our garden grow.



Getting to Know You!

Each month we'll feature St. John's members so we can all get to know each other better.

Getting to Know You:

The Scott and Jenny Trick and Muller Family

JavaScript, Python ... whichever programming language was popular at the time, the language of love won out when Scott and Jenny Trick met on Match.com. After hitting it off immediately, followed by several weeks of chatting, they met face to face, eventually fell in love, and decided to get married at St. John's, where Jenny had been a member for more than a decade. The happy occasion was celebrated by their entire family and lots of friends.

Over the 11 years since, Jenny and Scott have volunteered together at St. John's, handling some of the church's technology needs: installing the PowerPoint capabilities for the services, launching and monitoring the church's Facebook page, and working through the pandemic so St. John's could virtually reach members through its Facebook Live services – all forms of outreach that are still going strong today!

Computer guru Scott works as a software developer for Michels Corp., so is more than qualified for his STJ's tech contributions. Jenny works as an administrative assistant at The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Washington County. The couple's blended family includes Jenny's two children from her first marriage – Luke and Ashlyn Muller – their daughter together, Josie, and dog Stormy. The human kids were all baptized at St. John's, and Luke and Ashlyn confirmed here, while Josie loves going to Sunday School. Luke just moved back home from Iowa and will return to Potawatomi, where he deals cards. Ashlyn is a hair stylist at Wildheart Salon in Mequon, and Josie is a busy second-grader active in basketball, dance, and gymnastics – as well as soccer like her older sibs were throughout their growing-up years. The family loves spending time together cheering on the kids' activities, as well as all the Wisconsin sports teams. Outside the state, their favorite vacation spot is St. Pete's Beach, Florida. Code: FAMILY FUN!

Fun Facts:

- Scott's passion for sports extends to collecting baseball cards. Even better: the real deal in person. He went trick or treating at Robin Yount's house, and "the Kid" himself opened the door!
- A couple of the more interesting places Jenny has traveled to are Japan, Germany, and Australia – but she has *lived* in Guam. Of them all, her greatest experience was scuba diving in the Great Barrier Reef (Australia) – twice (it's not named "Great" for nothing!).
- Luke's mad card shark skills were sparked by playing poker as a youngster.
- Ashlyn is a FAN-tastic sports FAN-atic and will watch with her mom and Scott, and attend sporting events.
- Squishmallows take the cake in Josie's world. She has over 40 of them and even had a Christmas tree full of Squishmallow ornaments.

Those Who Serve April 2024

		4/7/2024	4/14/2024	4/21/2024	4/28/2024
Readers	8:00	Laura Bartelt	Brennan Family	Lee Anne Runnels	Kim Guslick
	9:45	Amy Reid	Rueben Heidtke	Laura Hahn	Mary Jost
Communion Assistants	8:00	Laura Bartelt	Brennan Family	Lee Anne Runnels	Joel Wolf
		Staci Bohling	Brennan Family	Jenny Brandt	Eileen Mack
	9:45	Sarah Stoecker	George Liberatore	Jim Hahn	Scott Kinter
		Peter Uhlig	Dianne Liberatore	Laura Hahn	Darleen Wanta
Ushers	8:00	Skip Bartelt	Brennan Family	Joel Heidtke	Bukovics
		Staci Bohling	Brennan Family	Tim Kiernan	Bukovics
	9:45	Keith Heidtke	George Liberatore	Jamie Reidy	Kelly Strnad
		Judy Henrichs	Joe Liberatore	Staci Benz	Will Strnad
Greeters	8:00	Lambergs	Brennan Family	Pam Stahl	Wendy Wolf
	9:45	Darlene Wanta	DeChants	Perry Benz	Nancy Kinter
Power Point	8:00	Wendy Wolf	Wendy Heidtke	Wendy Heidtke	Sharon Kiernan
	9:45	Ed & Sam	Scott DeChant	Scott DeChant	Ed & Sam



Happy April Birthdays!

- April**
- 2 Don Artz
Wells Becker
 - 4 Jacob Bukovic
Roger Hansen
 - 5 Jaxon Schwieger
 - 6 Laura Reisinger
Hallie Stockhauser
 - 7 Andy Jones
 - 8 Eileen Mack
Chelsea Thomas
 - 10 Jereme Bohling
Scott DeChant
 - 12 Noah Seatz
 - 13 Scott Lang
 - 14 Hank Dieringer
 - 15 Nick Abt
 - 17 Elliott Groth
Ellery Groth
 - 18 Don Meyerpeter
 - 19 Matthew DeChant
Amelie Dohl
Rick Loehrl
 - 22 Matt Cefalu
Mary Novotny
 - 23 Deann Abel
Travis Prost
 - 24 Sandy Bernau
Sean Brennan
Alexa Pietenpol
Jeremiah Rustad
 - 25 Hannah Micksch
Mary Lynn Prost
 - 27 Johnathan Friess
Cassidy Goniu
Pat Wichmann
Cade Willis
 - 28 Irv Brandt
John Breest
William Lease
Finnegan Stern
 - 29 Chris Ayers
Kelly Strnad

Welcome to Spring!



Congratulations!
Happy Anniversary!

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| April 5 | Dennis & Maryrose Leist | 49 years |
| April 11 | Rick & Tracey Corlett | 32 years |
| April | Ron & Pam Dhein | 60 years |
| April 12 | John & Cindy Breest | 38 years |
| April 16 | Scott & Angela Bins | 8 years |
| April | Robert & Ann Glorioso | 36 years |
| April | Randy & Hope Groth | 13 years |
| April 20 | John & Lisa Dyson | 33 years |
| April | Carl & Ann Radloff | 39 years |
| April 23 | Sean & Kristen Mickie | 19 years |
| April 24 | Dave & Kathy Williams | 31 years |
| April 28 | Gregg & Brittany Rathke | 6 years |
| April 29 | Steve & Julie Korneli | 35 years |

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At St. John's we're privileged and challenged to *Welcome, Worship, and Witness* in Christ's name. Thank you for being part of this faith community and for the serving you do to the glory of God!

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Worship Services: Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8 & 9:45 am with Holy Communion

Facebook Live at 9:45 am on Sunday

