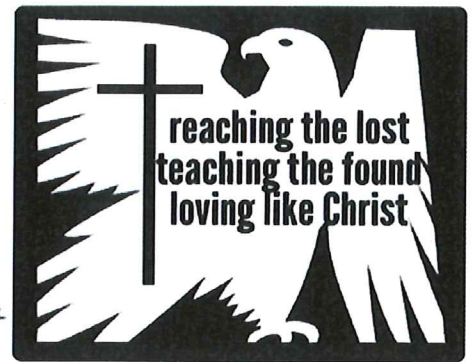
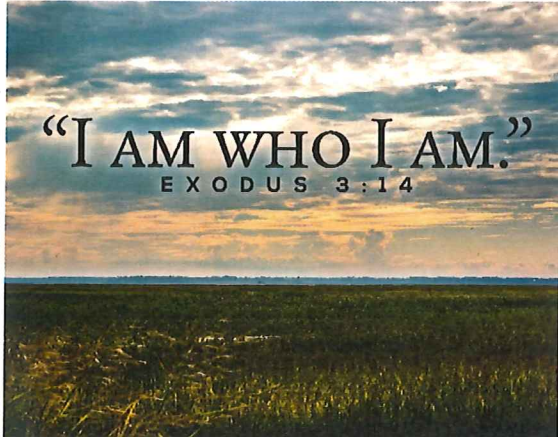


# St. John Journal



March 2020



## LENTEN SCHEDULE

**February 26:** Ash Wednesday w/Holy Communion, 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM - "Before Abraham was, I AM." John 8:58

**March 4:** Midweek I, 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM - "I AM the Light of the World" John 8:12

**March 11:** Midweek II, 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM - "I AM the Good Shepherd" / "I AM the Gate" John 10:11

**March 18:** Midweek III, 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM - "I AM the Resurrection and the Life" John 11:25

**March 25:** Midweek IV, 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM - "I AM the Way, the Truth

and the Life" John 14:6

**April 1:** Midweek V, 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM - "I AM the Vine" John 15:5

**April 9:** Maundy Thursday, w/Holy Communion, 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM - "I AM the Bread of Life" John 6:35

**April 10:** Good Friday service at 1:00 PM and Tenebrae service at 7:30 PM

**April 12:** Easter Sunrise service at 6:00 AM; Easter Celebration w/Holy Communion at 8:00 and 10:30 AM.

**We hope to see you at service as we come together to Proclaim the Name of Christ the Lord!**



You are invited to share in a meal and Christian fellowship each week before the evening Lenten service. The meals are served from 4:30-5:45 PM. A freewill offering will be taken each week to help support the different ministries here at St. John.

Here is a tentative menu for the upcoming Lenten meals. This menu is still subject to change.

**February 26:** Italian Turkey Vegetable and Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches

**March 4:** Cheesy Vegetable and Chili, Hot Dogs, and Chili Cheese Dogs

**March 11:** Beefy Vegetable and Hook 'n Ladder Soup, Breads, Cheese

**March 18:** Taco and Chicken Wild Rice Soup, Hot Rolls

**March 25:** Chicken Noodle and Chili, Rolls

**April 1:** Spaghetti



Reminder: Our Lenten services will be broadcast on Bluejay 730AM each Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM, Maundy Thursday at 7:00 PM and Easter Sunday. As of the time of this printing, we are still in need of 4 sponsors for these broadcasts. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact the church office. The cost is \$235. These broadcasts are an excellent way to commemorate a birthday, anniversary, memory of a loved one or just to express gratitude for God's blessings.





## BAPTISMAL GIFTS

*"We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4)*

Baptism is a tremendous stewardship concept. Lutherans often don't tend to talk about it much, but our stewardship is driven by our baptismal identity. What makes this even more remarkable is that it takes us back to a point in time when our first parents were NOT faithful stewards.

Re-read Genesis 3. Bible scholars call this chapter the fall into sin. Really, it is more like the first stewardship crisis. Adam and Eve were made for the purpose of stewarding the creation that God had spoken into existence. They didn't own it. They were to serve God by serving as caretakers of creation. But in a beguiling blink of an eye, it all changed. They reached out and took-not just the fruit from the forbidden tree, but they attempted to steal God's place. With this rebellion comes death.

Driven out of the garden, Adam and Eve were never relieved of their duties of stewardship. The work of stewardship would bring only death. That is, until Christ came to do the work that we could never do. He was the PERFECT steward of God's Word and will. His death on the cross and tomb-robbing resurrection changed everything!

Baptism restores our place. Death no longer can hold us. We have new life. This new life is manifest in our stewardship of all things! Our new baptismal life in Christ is a restoration in our stewardship! Baptized into Christ, we live like no one else. As baptized stewards, we then can give of ourselves freely because our ultimate fear, death, has been done away with!

As you remember your Baptism today, remember its call and promise that you have been restored for His purposes as stewards of all things! This is both freeing and purposeful all at the same time!

*PRAYER: Lord Jesus Christ, as a perfect steward of God's Word and will, You have opened the door to a restoration of our relationship with the Father. This relationship of stewardship is the one for which we have been created. Grant us Your grace in Holy Baptism to live like redeemed stewards, free from fear and full of generous life for the sake of the Gospel. Amen.*



**SAVE THE DATE!** Our Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 13-17 this year. The theme is "Rainforest Explorers: Jesus lead the Way!" so mark your calendars.

## A SEASON OF HOPE

Lenten Season has begun and we are again asking for donations of personal care items for **THE LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PERSONAL CARE KIT** campaign. Last year we reached an all time high of 167 kits. With your help, we hope to exceed that amount this year.

Personal Care kits give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations. A collection box will be located in the north narthex for your donations. Monetary donations may also be made to purchase needed items.

*Clip the list below to carry with you while shopping*

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Each Personal Care kit includes:

- One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27") dark color recommended
- Two or three bath-size bars of soap totally 8 to 9 oz. any brand in original wrappers
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One STURDY comb
- One metal nail clipper







## Guatemala Mission Trip

As you read this, we will have come and gone from Guatemala teaching them about Jesus and loving our experience to share His good news.

over. We all help set up a few are some cement bleacher, like steps, in the park on the west side of a building so there will be some shade. The kids don't mind the bright warm sun. We are so much closer to the equator and we notice how bright and warm the sun is. We appreciate any shade available. With the water shortage we are appreciating all the 'wet wipes' we brought along to refresh ourselves after a day in the sun and dust. After setting up our lesson supplies, we welcome the kids and read to them. We bring a book of Spanish and English story books. We read to them and they also read to us. We teach each other words of English and Spanish. Unfortunately, I do not recall any of the words since i don't speak it. I still immensely enjoy the interaction with the kids. They just want someone to be there and give them hugs. It is very rewarding. Mission groups have sent Frisbees and soccer balls, and the some of the kids expend their energy playing with those. They return them when lessons begin.

We are two blocks away from the adult lessons and must remain where we are. It is not safe to walk anywhere without a Guatemalan missionary. We see gang signs on many buildings, abandoned buildings and many people loitering about. The people are very respectful of the faith groups as many of their children and wives attend. While older men attend, many of the younger men have yet to attend. Our American missionary, Kevin, says he is seeing a shift in that as the young boys who had been attending faith lessons are now young adults and are coming to the adult lessons.

We are all escorted back and forth during the afternoon to experience the adult faith lessons. There must be as many adults as there are children in our group! They are singing, praying and reading Bible verses. One of our pastors and a Guatemalan missionary are overseeing the service. They are getting adults to participate by reading Bible lessons and leading prayers. There are not many adults who can read, but some are learning with their kids and as kids grow into adults, more are able to read.

We are also escorted to see the clinic. Our doctor and two nurses have quite a crowd of people waiting. They are patiently attending to each person and at end of day, we wait for them to finish patients before going home. They are exhausted and looking forward to using 'wet wipes' also. We found much humor all week in not having water. God does provide for all our daily needs.

Our lessons went well with the volume of kids. Oscar (Oh-scar) has recruited a few of the older kids to assist. They help quiet the kids, separate squirming kids and help distribute their craft. We are grateful for their help as then we can spend time doing our lesson and helping the kids. They are so proud of their coloring and are excited to take them home. As the kids leave, we greet them at park entrance, give hugs, a sandwich, juice box and vitamins.

We are tired, hot and ready for the van ride back home. We look forward to a delicious meal prepared by Ginny, just the way we like it. That is Kevin's slogan all week. Your meal is served 'just the way you like it.' And we do! We brought Wisconsin cheese along and we have that with hot pasta, a sauce, plenty of vegetables and salad. Yum.

After supper and clean up, we assemble our lesson plans for next day and have our devotions. A very hot day but so rewarding. God is good.

Until next month, Praise and Thanks to God.

Sandy Berndt



*Sandy with Mario Fernando.  
The Ladies Aid sponsors Fernando!*





The annual St. John Carnival will take place on **Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**. As always, **food** will be served **starting at 5:00 PM**. Anyone interested in donating a pie for the food stand can drop it off the night of the carnival by 5:00 PM.

**Carnival games** will run **from 5:30-8:00 PM** in the gym. We will have a variety of games as well as the ***Bounce House*** and ***Cake Walk***! You don't want to miss this. If you would like to donate a cake or plate of cookies, please bring it the night of the carnival before 5:30 PM. We will be having new games and bringing back some from the past. ***Face painting*** will be available throughout the evening. Donations of stuffed animals (in good, clean condition) are needed for the popular ***Wheel of Fortune***. Donations can be brought to the school office the

week of the carnival.

Don't forget to buy a ticket to win one or more of the awesome themed **Gift Baskets** in the Basket Raffle. There will be a ***Dogs, Kids Movies*** and a ***Chocolate Basket*** just to name a couple! The drawing will take place **at 7:30 PM** and you need not be present to win. Baskets will be on display in the hallway between the gym and church basement. We are also looking for donations of new items for those baskets. Those donations may be left in the school office. If you have questions about basket donations please contact Julie Gehrmann (715-536-7045).

Bring the whole family --- there is something for every age --- at the Carnival on **Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**. A great night of fun and fellowship. All proceeds will go toward financing class field trips and items on the schools wish list. If you can help in a carnival booth or the food stand for a half hour or more, please contact Krissi Schultz (715-351-0093).

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## FEED YOUR SOUL; COOKIES MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE



Mothers' Club is once again sponsoring a cookie sale fundraiser. We will be selling baked, ***unfrosted***, cut-out cookies from M&M bakery in Athens. Cookies will be sold and packaged by the dozen; shapes include eggs, bunnies, and ducks. White frosting is also available to purchase. Price is \$5 per dozen of cookies. Frosting is \$3 for a 12 oz. container. **Orders need to be placed by March 11, 2020.** Orders may be placed in the box located in the north narthex, brought to the church office or placed in an envelope in the offering plate labeled cookie sale. ***Payment must be included with the order.*** If paying by check, please make the check payable to St. John Mothers' Club.

Cookie pick-up will be Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 3:00-6:00 PM at Soup Supper

If you have questions, contact Jennifer Podeweltz at 715-571-4598.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Dozen unfrosted cutouts @ \$5/dozen

\_\_\_\_\_ # of 12 oz. frosting containers @ \$3/container

Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

***\*PAYMENT IS DUE AT TIME OF ORDER.*** Orders may be placed in the box in the north narthex, brought to the church office or placed in an envelope in the offering plate labeled cookie sale. If paying by check, please make the check payable to St. John Mothers' Club.



# PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Bless has started regular office hours for the purpose of individual Confession and Absolution, Pastoral Counseling and care or if you simply need to talk to a pastor for any other reason. You can stop by at any of the following times or arrange an appointment at another time that may work better for you.

Office Hours are: Monday: 10 AM – noon; Tuesday: 1-3 PM; Wednesday: 10 AM – noon; Saturday: 10 AM – noon.



## CREATION MUSEUM / ARK ENCOUNTER BUS TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

will be held on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Payments for the trip are due by Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Checks should be made out to St. John. If you were planning on going but have not yet signed up, please contact Laurie Runge at 715-571-0987. Space is limited.



**\$510,000.00** those are the profits that the St. John Dollars program has generated thus far. Are you doing your part by participating in this simple fundraising mission. It costs you nothing, only the time to stop and pick up the gift cards. You pay face value and profits come from the businesses that participate. So, if you haven't adopted the St. John Dollar habit or have gotten away from it, make it a point to join us and raise some much needed money for Our Church.



- A gift to the General Fund in memory of Anthony Voigt from Rich and Jane Poirier and the CM Group family.
- A gift to the Altar Guild in memory of Amber Schmidt by Quinten & Linda Ament.
- A gift to the General Fund in memory of Anthony Voigt by Gene & Phyllis Voigt, family & friends.
- A gift to the Tuition Assistance fund in memory of Ronald Nutter by Robert & Isabelle Hoff.
- A gift to the General Fund in memory of our daughter, Nancy Podgorski, by LeRoy & Connie Fischer.
- A gift to the General Fund in memory of Anthony Voigt by LouAnn Grund.
- A gift to the Debt Fund in memory of Anthony Voigt by Shannon & Brenda Herdt & family.
- A gift to the General Fund in memory of Anthony Voigt by Jeff & JoAnn Brandenburg.
- A gift to the General Fund in memory of the 51<sup>st</sup> Birthday of Joel Schultz.
- A gift to the General Fund in memory of Jim McGarigle by family & friends.
- A gift to the Ladies Aid in memory of Dorothy Schneider
- A gift to the IMC in memory of Bruce Hass by Dennis & Barb Hintze
- Adopt a Bill: Small Catechisms and Milk Cooler Repair by Mike & Sandy Berndt.
- Adopt a Bill: Ipad Keyboards and Strength for the Day by St. John Mothers' Club.
- Bills Adopted anonymously: Ipad Keyboards, Computer Back Up, Toner Cartridge, Handbell Gloves, Flash drives, Sancto Lights, Baumgart Waste Removal, Communion Wine, Trash Can Liners.
- Adopt a Bill: Milk Cooler Repair from the Noisy Offering.
- My Blessings for faithful employees by Craig Nienow



There will be a Lasagna, Chicken Soup & Salad Bar Lunch and Bake Sale on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Irma to benefit Bob & Sharon White who lost their home, their cat and all their belongings in a devastating house fire on November 11, 2019. Donations of cash & gift cards will be accepted to help the family replace their belongings. Please contact Jeremy Lee at 715-536-2477 with any questions or if you can't attend but would still like to help the family.



# National Lutheran Schools Week-March 2-8, 2020

Joy:Fully Lutheran -1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Monday – Joy:Fully	Tuesday – Thank:Fully	Wednesday – Peace:Fully	Thursday – Faith:Fully	Friday – Hope:Fully	Sunday – Grace:Fully
<p>“And the angel said to them, ‘Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord.’” Luke 2:10-11</p> <p><b>“Cozy Clothes”</b> Get comfy by wearing your favorite cozy clothes including pajamas or sweats for the day</p> <p><b>“Muffin Monday”</b> All are welcome to join their child for a muffin breakfast from 7:30am-8:15am as we begin our school day</p> <p><b>All School Devotion</b>  <b>St. John Cinema</b> in the afternoon. Students will be able to select 1 of 4 theaters to attend at our very own cinema, complete with popcorn and beverages!</p>	<p>“Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice, and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks.” Luke 17:15-16A</p> <p><b>“Super Hero” Day</b> Dress up as your personal positive hero – this can include anyone real or character based</p> <p><b>All School Devotion</b>  Afternoon <b>VOLLEYBALL EXTRAVAGANZA!</b> 8<sup>th</sup> Grade vs. Faculty Epic Battle while the rest of the school cheers them on!</p>	<p>“I have said these things to you that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart, I have overcome the world.” John 16:33</p> <p><b>“Dress Your Best” Day</b>  10am Lenten Worship Service</p> <p><b>Community Outreach Project</b></p>	<p>“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship and to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” Acts 2:42</p> <p><b>“St. John Apparel or School Colors Day”</b>  Chapel Service with Trinity Lutheran School</p> <p><b>Board Game Morning</b> with Trinity Lutheran School. Bring your favorite games to play with each other after our joint school devotion!</p>	<p>“So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy; and ran to tell his disciples.” Matthew 28:8</p> <p><b>“Whiteout/Neon Day”</b> Wear white or bright neon colors so you “glow” for morning bowling at Les &amp; Jim’s Lincoln Lanes</p> <p><b>Afternoon All School Scavenger Hunt</b> with Chapel Families</p>	<p>“And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.” John 1:16</p> <p><b>10:30am Worship Service Celebration!</b>  All students PK-8<sup>th</sup> grade will be singing in this service, and some students will be playing handbells</p> <p>Picture slideshow displayed in church before the service begins</p>

As a reminder, clothing for all of our special dress days should be school appropriate. Please make sure to follow standard school dress code. Thanks to the St. John Lutheran School Board and to our fall fundraising efforts, there is no additional charge for any Lutheran School Week activities this year, including our bowling trip.



# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1	Ruth Krugler Diana Wendt
March 2	Ruthann Breitwisch Ethan Schenzel
March 3	Paige Byer Tyler Cannon Kole Dudek Isaiah Heyel Linda Schultz
March 4	Travis Baacke Marion Buntrock Isabella Heyel Jeff Schmeltzer Judith Schultz Taylor Zuelsdorff
March 5	Kaiden Ratzlaff Ava Rothmeyer Pat Taylor
March 6	Amber Schreiber Claudia Vincent Rebekah Walker
March 7	Eric Koch Jon Kollmer
March 8	Janelle Bless Carmen Kleinschmidt Katelynn Krueger Barb Meyer Jim Meyer Kathy Wendorf
March 9	Trevor Pike
March 10	Mason Heldt Mark Moravec
March 11	Kelsie Belfiori Jenny Woller
March 12	Steve Hintze David Kampmeyer Gloria Lemke Miriam Marquardt Chris Riebe Ralph Voigt, Jr.
March 13	Skylar Lorbiecki Brianna Morris Mallory Reader

March 14	Lloyd Jacobson Wanda Meyer Brian Samuelson Peter Smith
March 15	Hunter Heldt Michelle Plautz Drew Polak
March 16	Ed Bollery Tom Curran Donna Kampmeyer Tammy Kautz Jason Lorbiecki Penny Pehlke
March 17	Gail Haig Dana Kidder Aaron Skoviera
March 18	Dawn Jameson Troy Pike Amanda Schmidtke
March 19	Nathan Hoff Kayleen Peeters April Scott
March 20	Kathy Seubert
March 21	Karla Dudek LaVerne Voigt, Sr.
March 22	Peter Breitwisch John Casper Jaxon Foss Jacob Schmeltzer
March 23	Chris Sprague
March 24	Ben Anderson Randy Jaeger Jerry Leistikow William Myszka
March 25	Morgan Benedict Mary Ek Ralph Schulz
March 26	Andrew Gille Molly Kleinschmidt Rebecca Kleinschmidt Lisa Krueger Mylie Kufahl Dan Lokemoen Kristina Schultz
March 27	Addilyn Mulrooney Dick Pehlke Kim Reinhardt Marissa Schlueter Anna Wiesneski

March 28	Kristopher Baguhn Keeley Benedict Darcy Dalsky Erin Lemke Ed Schmidt
March 29	Jessica Byer Earl Hinz Sandy Hoogland
March 30	Brendon Herdt Austin Kleinschmidt Tammie Rothmeyer
March 31	Mary Jo Beyer Shirley Hinz



March 2	Mitchell & Lisa Pester	7 <sup>th</sup>
March 5	Mike & Laura Heller	38 <sup>th</sup>
March 7	Bruce & Lorie Anderson Willy & Tara Schelbert	33 <sup>rd</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup>
March 8	Ron & Malinda Burrow	62 <sup>nd</sup>
March 11	Dave & Jan Black	48 <sup>th</sup>
March 16	Kevin & Jamie Bentz	18 <sup>th</sup>
March 18	Dick & Penny Pehlke Chris & Tracy Schmeltzer Gabe & Jessica Steinagel	48 <sup>th</sup> 31 <sup>st</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup>
March 19	Todd & Deniale Steffen	15 <sup>th</sup>
March 23	Jeff & Kerri Zamzow	29 <sup>th</sup>
March 25	Rex & Lee Buehler	32 <sup>nd</sup>
March 30	Chris & Andrea Marlowe	24 <sup>th</sup>



# ST. JOHN DOLLAR IN STOCK ORDER FORM

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GIVE CREDIT TO:

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GIFT CERTIFICATE

SELLER'S INITIALS

RETAIL-SPECIALTY-MAIL ORDER

TOTAL GROCERIES-GAS-RESTAURANTS

TOTAL

ACE HARDWARE	4%			\$25	\$100	\$	COUNTY MARKET	5%		\$25	\$50	\$100	\$
ANA BLAIR'S	5%			\$25		\$	PICK 'N SAVE , ROUNDY'S, KROGER	4%			\$50		\$
BARNES & NOBLE	8%		\$10	\$25		\$	TRIG'S	3%			\$50		\$
BATH & BODY WORKS	13%		\$10	\$25		\$	GOLDEN HARVEST	3%		\$25			\$
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COSMO	10%	\$5	\$8			\$	BP	1.5%			\$50		\$
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DEDICATED MOTORS	10%	TELL THEM WHEN YOU PAY				\$	HOLIDAY	5%		\$25	\$50		\$
DICK'S SPORTING GOODS	8%			\$25	\$100	\$	KRIST	10%		\$25	\$50	\$100	\$
FLEET FARM	5%	\$10	\$25	\$50	\$100	\$	KWIK TRIP	5%	\$5	\$25	\$50	\$100	\$
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JOANN FABRICS	6%			\$25		\$	SHELL	10%		\$25	\$50	\$100	\$
JOHNSON Gifts & Collectibles	10%	\$5				\$							
KOHL'S	5%	\$10	\$25	\$50	\$100	\$							
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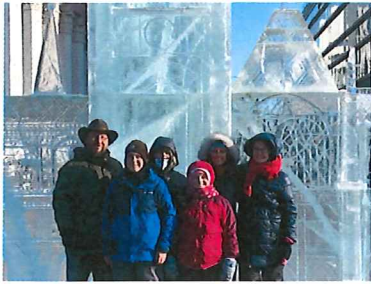
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DAVID, RACHEL, JULIA, TIMOTHY,  
DANIEL & ESTHER BAKER



**SERVING THE LORD  
WITH THE LCMS IN CENTRAL ASIA**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- ★ Please pray for J & M, a young couple in our church, who have had a rocky start to their marriage. Please pray that M would be open to counseling, and that the Lord would heal their wounds and preserve them from divorce.
- ★ Praise the Lord for our elder, named "Peace." Pray that the Lord would build up Peace and other young leaders as they step out in leadership of their families and church.
- ★ Please pray for Peace's son who was severely beaten by a group of local boys last month. Pray that justice would be done, and that his concussion and other injuries would be completely healed.
- ★ Much of Mongolia is quarantined because of bad local flu strains and fear of the coronavirus. Pray for both health and ministry needs at this time.

# THE BAKER BULLETIN

JANUARY 2020

## Not "Bad"

A bit of a rascal when he was younger, one of our elders has had the unfortunate nickname of "Bad" since his childhood. To this day, many people in his own family don't know his real name! Several years ago, when Bad first began attending church, I suggested that Bad should lead worship music at church with his dombira. The other leaders looked at me as if I were crazy and asked what kind of "bad" worship music? As it turns out, "Let 'Bad' lead worship music," and "Let (him) lead *bad* worship music," are exactly the same in Kazakh! As the meaning of my unintended pun dawned on me we had a good laugh together. From that day on I have insisted on using Bad's real name—"King of Peace" or "Peace" for short—not only to avoid confusion, but also feeling that his real name is more suitable for a follower of Jesus.

Peace is one of the few leaders in our church who is financially independent, thanks to another missionary who helped Peace and his wife turn their artistic abilities into a business, making handcrafted leather bags and sandals to sell to the throngs of tourists that come to Mongolia each year. Peace and his wife invite the other church leaders to meet at their house each week for prayer, often making a meal for their grateful brothers and sisters. I told them that they don't have to go all out if it is a financial burden on them, but they insist that the Lord has blessed them, and they want to serve in this way as the Lord has enabled them.

In addition to hosting the prayer meeting and other leaders' meetings in their house, twice a month Peace goes to a nearby village with our ministry assistant to do evangelism and care for the young house church there, and beginning this month Peace and two of our other elders are working together to start new home groups in different neighborhoods of their town.

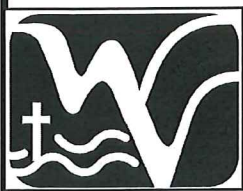
Earlier in January, Peace lead the children's message using our newly translated "Children's Garden of Bible Stories" and has taken the lead in distributing this needed book to the families of our congregation, encouraging other family leaders to have Bible reading and prayer time together each day in their families. (Thanks to the Lutheran Heritage Foundation for making the translation and publication of this wonderful resource possible!) In case you are wondering, yes, Peace also uses his dombira to lead some of the music at church. To say that it is not BAD would be an understatement!



<—Peace  
leading a  
Children's  
Message

Leaders—>  
gathered in  
their home to  
plan ministry





# Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School

Invites you to attend:



## Spring Fling 2020

### Showers of Blessings

Come dressed in your floral attire!

**Saturday, April 18, 2020**

Registration 4:30pm-5:30pm

Dinner 6:00pm—prepared by the Trinity Prime Ribbers

Silent Auction 4:30pm-7:00pm

Live Auction and Special Music

**All ages are welcome!**



## Mount Olive Lutheran Church

6205 Alderson St, Weston

**Ticket prices:**  
\$40 per person  
\$75 per couple  
\$250 per table of eight

**Bring your friends, have fun and help us CELEBRATE God's blessings!**

Reservations required: Return reservation form below with menu choice and payment to WVLHS  
no later than April 6, 2020.

If you have questions, please contact Carmen Zuelsdorff ([zuelsdorffc@trinitynet.org](mailto:zuelsdorffc@trinitynet.org))

Detach and Return with payment to WVLHS, 601 Maple Ridge Rd., Mosinee, WI 54455 Att: Jamie Wehrs

**Reservations must be received no later than April 6, 2020**

**INCLUDE MENU CHOICE BELOW!!**

☐ Individual \$40

☐ Couple \$75

☐ Table of eight \$250 (list guests below if known)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ number of Chicken Cordon Bleu w/ Beurre Blanc Sauce

\_\_\_\_\_ number for Prime Rib w/ Au Jus Sauce





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Divine Service I w/Holy Communion <b>9:15 AM</b> Sunday School & Bible Classes <b>10:30 AM</b> Prayer & Preaching	<b>2</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Bible Class @ First Street Coffee Station <b>6:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts PLC <b>6:30 PM</b> Boy Scout Troop	<b>3</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> Volleyball Extravaganza <b>1:30 PM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>5:00 PM</b> Youth Board <b>5:30 PM</b> Stewardship/Evangelism <b>6:00 PM</b> Day School Board <b>6:30 PM</b> Trustees <b>7:00 PM</b> Elders	<b>4</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Lenten Worship <b>4:30 PM</b> Soup Supper <b>6:00 PM</b> Lenten Worship <b>6:00 PM</b> WNA <b>7:00 PM</b> Adult Choir <b>8:00 PM</b> Senior Youth	<b>5</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Bible Class @First Street Coffee Station <b>8:30 AM</b> Chapel w/Trinity <b>12:30 PM</b> Bible Class <b>1:30 PM</b> Ladies Aid	<b>6</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Junior Youth	<b>7</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Blended Worship
LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK						
<b>8</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Prayer & Preaching <b>9:15 AM</b> Sunday School & Bible Classes <b>10:30 AM</b> Prayer & Preaching / Lutheran Schools Weeks Service	<b>9</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Bible Class @ First Street Coffee Station <b>6:00 PM</b> Boy Scout Elections <b>7:30 PM</b> Mothers' Club	<b>10</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>4:30 PM</b> Board of Christian Ed	<b>11</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Lenten Worship <b>Mothers' Club</b> Cookie Orders Due <b>4:30 PM</b> Soup Supper <b>6:00 PM</b> Lenten Worship <b>6:00 PM</b> WNA <b>7:00 PM</b> Adult Choir <b>8:00 PM</b> Senior Youth	<b>12</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Bible Class @First Street Coffee Station <b>12:30 PM</b> Bible Class <b>2:30 PM</b> Jenny Towers Service	<b>13</b> <b>CARNIVAL</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Bethesda Thrift Store	<b>14</b> <b>NOISY OFFERING</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Blue & Gold Banquet <b>5:30 PM</b> Blended Worship w/Holy Communion
<b>15</b> <b>NOISY OFFERING</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Divine Service III w/Holy Communion <b>9:15 AM</b> Sunday School & Bible Classes <b>10:30 AM</b> Matins <b>12:30 PM</b> Ark Encounter and Creation Museum Trip Meeting	<b>16</b> <b>JOURNAL ARTICLES DUE</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Bible Class @ First Street Coffee Station <b>6:00 PM</b> Boy Scout BOR, Leader Training <b>6:30 PM</b> Boy Scout Committee	<b>17</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Executive Board	<b>18</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Lenten Worship <b>4:30 PM</b> Soup Supper <b>6:00 PM</b> Lenten Worship <b>6:00 PM</b> WNA <b>7:00 PM</b> Adult Choir <b>8:00 PM</b> Senior Youth	<b>19</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Bible Class @First Street Coffee Station <b>12:30 PM</b> Bible Class	<b>20</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> Pine Crest Service <b>6:00 PM</b> Junior Youth	<b>21</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Shower <b>5:30 PM</b> Blended Worship
<b>22</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Matins <b>9:15 AM</b> Sunday School & Bible Classes <b>10:30 AM</b> Divine Service III w/Holy Communion	<b>23</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Bible Class @ First Street Coffee Station	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Lenten Worship <b>4:30 PM</b> Soup Supper <b>6:00 PM</b> Lenten Worship <b>6:00 PM</b> WNA <b>7:00 PM</b> Adult Choir <b>8:00 PM</b> Senior Youth	<b>26</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Bible Class @First Street Coffee Station <b>12:30 PM</b> Bible Class	<b>27</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Bell Tower Service	<b>28</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Bethesda Thrift Store <b>5:30 PM</b> Blended Worship w/Holy Communion
SPRING BREAK – NO SCHOOL						
<b>29</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Divine Service IV w/Holy Communion <b>9:15 AM</b> Sunday School & Bible Classes <b>10:30 AM</b> Divine Service IV w/Holy Communion	<b>30</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Bible Class @ First Street Coffee Station <b>6:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts PLC <b>6:30 PM</b> Boy Scout Troop	<b>31</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> Women's Bible Study	Looking Ahead to April April 5 – Palm Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade First Communion at 10:30 AM April 9 – Maundy Thursday worship at 10:00 AM & 6:00 PM April 10 – Good Friday Worship at 1:00 PM and Tenebrae at 7:30 PM April 12 – Easter Worship at 6:00, 8:00 and 10:30 AM			