



MESSENGER NEWSLETTER
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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 With an extra ordinary message!
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

BABBTOWN

Sunday Worship

8:00 A.M. Worship

(Holy Communion 2nd & 4th Sunday)

Bible Study and Sunday School 9:10
 A.M.

SCHUBERT

Sunday Worship

Sunday school

9:15 A.M.

Bible study 9:30 A.M.

10:00 A.M. Worship with

(Holy Communion)

Also Streaming on Vimeo and Facebook

APRIL AT A GLANCE

- Apr 2 Diane Schubert, funeral, 10 am
- Apr 3-5 Pastor out of town.
- Apr 8 Bible, Blessings and Beyond, 1 pm
Ladies Eve Bible Study, 6:30 pm
- Apr 9 Elders, 7 pm
- Apr 10 Chapel, Honey Creek Council, 7 pm
- Apr 13 Shine Event
- Apr 14 President Hagan to preach.
Basket Dinner
Voters and discussion following
- Apr 15 Men’s Bible Study/Supper 6 pm
- Apr 17 Chapel, Calvary 10:30 am
- Apr 21 Newsletter Items due.
- Apr 28 T-Shirt Sunday and Dessert Auction

Dear Friends and Members of St. John’s Congregations, Brothers and Sisters in Christ Fellow Redeemed,

Christ is Risen!

This newsletter is being distributed on Easter Sunday, of course the subject must be the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

St. Paul clearly reminds us that without the resurrection, we would remain in our sins and we would be the most pitied people having a false hope.

Paul does not let his readers wonder very long about the resurrection. I Corinthians 15 verse 20 states:

“But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.”

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead teaches us four important facts.

- 1. It tells us that Jesus is who He claims to be; the Messiah-Immanuel (God with us).
- 2. It tells us that Jesus’ teaching is the truth.
- 3. It tells us that the Father has accepted the sacrifice of His Son.
- 4. It teaches us that we also will rise bodily from the grave on the last day.

The day of resurrection brings us much joy, and hope and reason to tell the whole world about what Jesus has done for everyone.

Christ Is Risen Indeed

Alleluia

In His Love,

Pastor

SPEAKING FOR LIFE

“In the resurrection we find solace in our mourning, in our uncertainty, and in our troubles. Our longing for escape finds its hope in the resurrection of Christ. It is God’s approval upon the redemptive work of His Son. It is the assurance that as He was raised from the dead, so shall we, and all who have ‘fallen asleep in Him’ shall be raised to life eternal.” Pastor Robert Fleischmann, Christian Life Resources – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

EVANGELISM UPDATE

Coming up for the Evangelism Committee:
April 13th: Shine Event,
April 28th: St. John’s T-shirt Sunday, Potluck, Dessert Auction to benefit Chaplain Mueller (See flyer for T-shirt Sunday.)
May 19th: Senior Member Sunday.

**Prayer Chain Tree
Prayer requests,
please text Molly
Boeckmann at
573-338-4309.**

Call Committee Update

Brothers and sisters in Christ, members of St. John’s Schubert and Babbtown:

As you hopefully already know, District President Hagan will be coming to our respective congregations to preach on **APRIL 14.**

Following the service at Babbtown, we anticipate he will stay a few minutes to offer brief comments before traveling to Schubert. At the conclusion of the service at Schubert, there will be a basket dinner and additional remarks from President Hagan prior to the regularly scheduled Voter’s Meeting.

Call Committee members met a few weeks ago with Pastor Whittle to develop questions and items of concern to send to President Hagan in advance of his visit to hopefully guide his presentation and ensure he discusses things we want to know more about. Ultimately we think this will be a valuable opportunity to learn how the Intentional Interim Pastor (IIP) will serve both congregations following Pastor Scheperle’s retirement, what we need to do to prepare for the IIP, and what expectations will be placed on each congregation moving forward.

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT EVENT!

Through it all, we encourage everyone to continue to pray for our congregations, for Pastor Scheperle and Paula as they make this transition in their lives, and for the IIP God will provide to serve our congregations while helping us to prepare for and call a new Pastor in the future.

In Christ,
The Call Committee

Greetings in the name of Jesus, our risen Savior,

Assuming that you are still basking in the glow of Easter, the following seems appropriate as we consider just what the Resurrection means to us. The article is taken from the Lenten devotion published by Lutherans For Life entitled *Christ the Life of All the Living*.

Resurrection (John 5:24-29)

By Rev. Richard J. Serina, Jr.

“Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming, when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out.”

(John 5:28-29a)

A tomb sounds strange to us. You don't see them much. We are more accustomed to graves or, where I live on the East Coast, urns or a columbarium. Whether we are talking tombs, graves, urns, or columbaria, however, the symbolism is the same---death, loss, and grief.

Yet your Lord promises something more. He promises life again in the body for all those who die in the faith. He promises that the mortal bodies we have---bodies that die justly and rightly because of sin---will be made alive and will live and reign with their Lord forever. Yes, the same God who breathed the breath of life into Adam and created him out of dust, the same God who fashioned Eve out of a rib from Adam's side, the same God who has been giving life since the garden of Eden, promises that He will give life to your dead bodies.

If you need confirmation of that, look no further than the empty tomb on Easter. As you gather for worship and hear the stories of the women and Peter finding that stone rolled away and Jesus' body no longer there, imagine yourself in that tomb and finding the grave clothes laid aside and Jesus's once-dead body gone. Know that this Lord, the One through whom all things were made, will raise your bodies just as surely as He rose again from the dead. It doesn't matter if it is a tomb, grave, urn, or columbarium. Jesus is victorious over death, and He will be victorious over yours, too.

Prayer: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as Jesus was raised from the dead, bring us at last to where He is, that we might live forever with Him. Amen.

(Christ the Life of All the Living – Devotions for Lent was conceived and developed by Rev. Michael Saleminck, Executive Director, Lutherans For Life)

Some **Life Thoughts** from Lutherans For Life for the church year:

Knowing that Jesus laid down his life for us and rose again to give us eternal life with Him gives each person inestimable value now and forever. Surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis come with risks and costs. But as with the ancient Israelite serpent infestation, the real enemy is neither one's neighbor nor the Maker (Numbers 21:8). Only impaling the snake (not terminating each other) brought deliverance, and the antidote called for faith instead of death. Christians insist God has sent us His Son for extending lives and not ending them (John 3:17).

The Scriptures do not limit the sanctity of human life to a few isolated passages. Almighty God has made survival and salvation, abundant and everlasting, the point of the whole story. He intends His resurrection to encompass and affect every member of our race and every moment of our existence, from fertilization to forever. This is nothing less than the Gospel of the Lord (1Corinthians 15:1-4)

In Christ, who laid down His life for you to give your life value now and rose again to give you life eternal with Him,

Sylvia Glenn

Feel free to call (573-592-7866) for information or concerns about life issues. For those who have had an abortion, there is a word of hope! "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3). For confidential post-abortion referral, counsel, and reconciliation call **WORD of HOPE**, 888-217-8679, or visit

www.word-of-hope.org.



Hey, let's all "dress up" for a family photo, have lunch and help a friend in need!



St. John's
T-SHIRT
SUNDAY
FELLOWSHIP LUNCH
and
WORLD FAMOUS
Pie
AUCTION
is
APRIL 28



A great way to spend some quality time with your Family in Christ!

Wear your new St. John's t-shirt for some group photos.

Stay for lunch (it's all provided...no need to bring anything) and enjoy some fellowship!

Donate your favorite pie OR special dessert for the auction.

Bid on some of the best treats in town to benefit Chaplain Mueller.

See you there!

Sponsored by St. John's Evangelism Committee

PREGNANCY HELP CENTER

OF CENTRAL MISSOURI

presents

BUBBLES & BOUNCES 5K WALK/RUN

PREGNANCY HELP CENTER

**BUBBLES
and
BOUNCES**



SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

Memorial Park, Jefferson City - 8:30 a.m.

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

April 4 for **FREE** T-shirt: **\$30** (16 & above)

Children 9 and under: **Free**

Children 10-15: **\$15**

On-site registration: **\$35**

FAMILY DISCOUNT:

2 adults and all children in the family: **\$70**

CORPORATE TEAM DISCOUNT:

\$350 for 10 participants and sponsorship

PRE-REGISTER AT:

www.friendsofphc.org or call (573) 644-6635



FUNDRAISING PRIZE PROGRAM

- Earn a **\$200 gift card** after raising \$1000
- Earn a **\$100 gift card** after raising \$500
- Earn a **\$25 gift card** after raising \$100

- LIVE BAND
- FREE BREAKFAST
- BOUNCE HOUSE
- BUBBLE FUN

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Usher Schedule

Apr 7 Gary Stroup
Andy Beach

Apr14 Gary Stroup
John Hanes

Apr21 Gary Stroup
Mike Forbis

Apr28 Gary Stroup
Matt Belcher

Communion Assistants

Apr 7 Allan Forbis
Russ Mueller

Apr14 Allan Forbis
Jim Forbis

Apr21 Allan Forbis
Russ Mueller

Apr28 Allan Forbis
Gene Walkenhorst

Acolyte

Apr 7 Mason Mistler

Apr14 Sawyer Dippold

Apr21 Landon Marion

Apr28 Claire Prohaska

Greeters

Apr 7
Lynn Lofton, front
Jennifer Hanes, side

Apr14
Mary Vida, front
Linda Brenner, side

Apr21
Dorece Coulter, front
Mary Kuhlmann, side

Apr28
Lynn Lofton, front
Jennifer Hanes, side



Apr 2 Emery Barg
Kay Forbis
Apr 6 James Forbis
Apr 7 Piper Spurgeon
Apr 8 Hadley Schroeder
Mark Schroeder
Apr 9 William Goldberg
Apr11 Kathleen Stroup
Apr12 Michelle Barg
Apr14 Ryan Forbis
Apr15 Dylan Bellamy
Pamela Haynes
Wesley Titus
Apr17 Patrick Mistler
Apr20 Jessica Verdott
Apr21 Elaine Fennewald
Apr25 Kayla Haslag
Apr26 Ron Vida
Apr27 Lin Bauer
Apr29 Martha Brenner
Apr30 Benaiah Lofton

Sunday School Offering

Apr 7 Gabe Marble

Apr14 Isabelle Marble

Apr21 Ariana Skelly

Apr28 Kennady Grothoff

**APRIL, 2024
CHURCH
CLEANING**

The Russell Family
ALTAR GUILD
Karen Forbis
Deb Rademan

**MAY, 2024 Newsletter
Items are due
APRIL 21, 2024**

Newsletter items may be placed in either Pastor's or Jan's mailbox.

Or they may be e-mailed to Pastor Scheperle—
st.jschubert@outlook.com
Any announcement:
Weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, personal notes, pictures or church related business are welcome.