



**MESSENGER NEWSLETTER**  
**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

“The small church with a BIG heart: Ordinary people  
 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

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**MARCH AT A GLANCE**

- Mar 1 WkDay/Conf 6 pm  
Lenten Worship 7 pm
- Mar 5 Evangelism meeting, Choir practice following worship
- Mar 6 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm
- Mar 7 Pastors Conference
- Mar 8 WkDay/Conf 6 pm  
Lenten Worship 7 pm
- Mar12 Choir practice following worship  
Daylight Savings begins
- Mar13 Bible Blessings and Beyond  
Bible Study 1 pm
- Mar15 WkDay/Conf 6 pm  
Lenten Worship 7 pm  
Elders following worship
- Mar19 Exam, Part 1
- Mar20 Babbtown Bible Study 7 pm  
Spring begins
- Mar21 Basement Reserved, Evening
- Mar22 WkDay/Conf 6 pm  
Lenten Worship 7 pm
- Mar25 Easter egg Hunt, 3-7 pm
- Mar26 Exam, Part 2, Confirmation, Choir  
Practice following worship
- Mar27 Men’s Bible/Supper 6 pm
- Mar29 WkDay/Conf 6 pm  
Lenten Worship 7 pm

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

Last night I had a dream, in my dream I saw something that made me think to myself that it would be a great example to use for this month’s newsletter article. There is only one slight problem, while I remember the dream and the thoughts about writing this article—I cannot remember what it was that I thought would be a good subject to use!

So it reminds us that we cannot rely on dreams—they are, at the best, a fleeting reality. It reminds us of the words of St. Peter (which we heard on Transfiguration Sunday.) We “do not follow cleverly devised myths”.

We have something much more wonderful to proclaim than a dream. We have the word of the prophets, the inspired word of God, which declares both the judgement upon sin and the redemption of God given through the suffering death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Instead of telling you about my dream that I forgot—I am able to tell you about the Passion of Christ Jesus and to proclaim the life and salvation that Jesus earned for each of us upon the cross of Calvary.

This Lenten season, I invite each of you to set your hearts and minds on the Sacrifice of Jesus and to be drawn to a closer walk with Jesus our Savior, our Lord, and Our Friend.

In Christ’s  
Love Pastor

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS**

***SPEAKING FOR LIFE***

“The God who chose to give us life at the moment of fertilization is the same God who chose to rescue us and redeem us and give us salvation. And He did it by sending His Son, Jesus, to experience every stage of human life so we could be forgiven and given life everlasting with Him!”  
Rev. Craig Michaelson,  
Faith Community  
Lutheran Church, Las Vegas, Nevada – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •  
[lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

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YOU'RE INVITED TO A  
**COMMUNITY  
EASTER EGG  
HUNT**  
HOSTED BY  
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
**MARCH 25 | 3-7PM**  
EGG HUNT (AGES 1-10)  
INFLATABLES  
ART ZONE  
BBQ DINNER  
4409 SAINT JOHNS ROAD  
JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65101  
RSVP TO MORGAN AT  
573.338.0505

## Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ God's sacrifice for us,

The Lenten season is a time of reflection and contemplation of our sins, and the sacrifice God made to rescue us from our sinfulness. We are rescued to rescue others by sharing the Gospel, the message of Christ's death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and salvation. Marie MacPherson writes about the sacrifice in the following article entitled "*The Sacrifice*".

**"To (love God) and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices"** (Mark 12:33)

Remember the good old Golden Rule: **"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"**? It's a rule that we like to think we keep as Christians, and keep well. However, when we carefully examine our own thoughts, words and deeds toward our neighbors--from little neighbors in our homes who keep us from our own agendas to big neighbors in our communities whom we scorn, rather than pity and grieve---we might quickly conclude that a burnt offering and a sacrificial system would be much easier than perfection on this matter of the Golden Rule!

The passage above was asserted by a scribe in response to Jesus summarizing the most important commandment, quoting from Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and Leviticus 19:18. Essentially, Jesus condensed all of the Old Testament into a single phrase, "Love God and love your neighbor." While a goodly bulk of the Old Testament prescribes a sacrificial system we no longer follow in modern times, that system was instituted by God to point believers to Christ, who was to come, and was, in fact, now in their midst. This side of Heaven, we will never perfectly love our neighbors, yet our good God has provided for us, His children. Hebrews 9:13-14 declares, **"For if the blood of goats and bulls...sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit, offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God."** In joy for that purification, may God make us all into sacrificial lovers of our neighbors, small and great, beginning in our homes and overflowing into our communities.

*"My heart must Thou have solely, My Savior and my God! Come, Jesus, take it wholly, And make it Thine abode! "Mold it to Thy control, That I, Thy Word receiving, May find, in Thee believing, Salvation for my soul."*

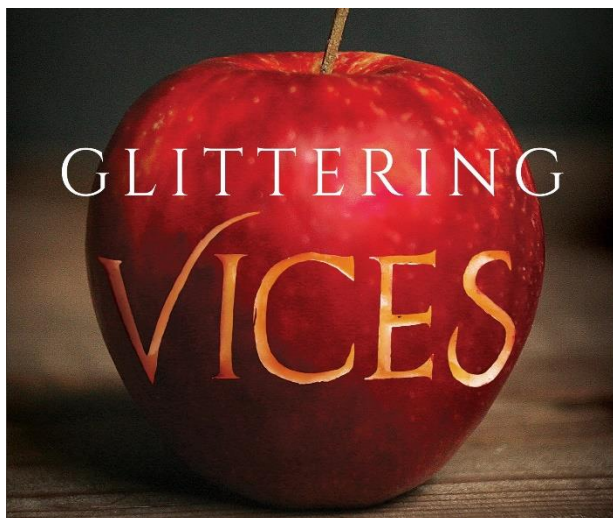
[(EL 259:7; T.H.Kingo, translated by C. Doving) (The Sacrifice, by Marie MacPherson, LifeDate, Winter 2022)]

**SAVE THE DATE! Plan to attend!** The annual meeting of Lutherans For Life of Missouri will be held on May 6, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbia, MO from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. Rev. Scott Licht, the CFO/COO of Lutherans For Life, will speak about 'care at the end of life'. The essay and poster contest winners and the recipients of the Leonard Wallenmeyer award will be announced at that time. Registration begins at 9:00 am. The registration fee of \$10 includes morning snacks and lunch. Everyone is invited to this central location in MO. For planning purposes, please contact Diane Albers (lflofmo@yahoo.com) (314-240-2018) or Sylvia Glenn (glennhaven.mo@gmail.com) (573-592-7866) by May 1st if you plan to attend. **Hope to see you there!**

Also, please encourage any young person you know to participate in this year's Lutherans For Life essay or poster contest. The essay contest is for grades 6-12 and is based on the theme **"Just As...I Am" from Ephesians 2:10 (For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.)**. The poster contest is for grades 3-5 and celebrates all life God has created and can be based on a Bible passage, hymn verse or Sunday school song. Won't you help the young people in your life take advantage of these opportunities to be Gospel-motivated voices for life, loving God and loving neighbors? In Christ, our Sacrifice,

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, toll-free 888-217-8679, or [www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org).



February 22nd is Ash Wednesday. This marks the beginning of the Lenten season. This is a special season in the church year which affords us the opportunity to take time to meditate, pray, worship and reflect upon the great sacrifice of Jesus for our sin and the sin of the world.

We have 6 Wednesday evening worship services (At Schubert) then we have Holy Week worship in both congregations before we join in the great celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!

Our Lenten theme this year is Glittering Vices. The worship service is planned for Feb 22 (Ash Wed), March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.

**A SERIES OF SERVICES FOR THE SEASON OF LENT**

**GLUTTONY, GREED, PRIDE, SLOTH, ENVY, ANGER  
ABOUT “GLITTERING VICES”**

Vices are habitual dispositions of the sinful heart that show forth the reality that we, as people of God, fail to fear, love, and trust in God above all things. In place of God, vices cling to the self, or the things of this world, in an attempt to secure our own good. We seek justice, and don’t trust God to provide it, so we take justice into our own hands and lash out in anger at our enemies. We want status, but instead of seeking our worth in knowing Jesus, we envy others and tear them down. Indeed, vices “glitter” with appearance of providing “do-it-yourself” shortcuts to happiness. But while they look good on the surface, in the end, they turn out to be idols that fail us every time.

In the passion account of our Lord, we find these vices manifesting themselves time and time again as broken people live their sinful lives. The disciples show their *greed* when the Lord is anointed with expensive perfume and they label the money “wasted.” Judas betrays our Lord for the false security of silver he can hold in his hands. *Prideful* Peter boasts his faith is so strong he will never betray the Lord. *Slothful* disciples slumber in Gethsemane, unable to watch with our Lord even a single hour. Scripture says it was out of *envy* the Pharisees and Sadducees delivered up Jesus for crucifixion.

When we do endeavor to fear, love, and trust in God above all things, we increasingly free our hearts from the grips of idolatrous vice, and are enabled to pursue holy habits—habits that run intentionally counter to our unholy penchants. Instead of being greedy, we strive to be generous. In place of pride, we learn humility. Rather than be slothful and lazy, we pursue the tasks of the Kingdom with diligent zeal. Instead of hating our enemies in anger, we forgive them, pray for them, and even serve them in Christian love.

As we journey through the passion account once again this Lenten season, we invite you to peer into the story through the lens of virtue and vice. As you do, examine your own sinful heart to recognize the vices that dwell deep within. Then, listen in for how you might learn holy habits, the virtues that grow and bear fruit from hearts that trust in the reality that the Lord provides for every need of body and soul.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Theme</i>	<i>Passion Story</i>	<i>Scripture</i>
Mar 1	Greed and Generosity	Jesus Anointed and Betrayed	Matthew 26:1-16
Mar 8	Pride and Humility	Peter’s Denial	Matthew 26:30-35, 69-75
Mar15	Sloth and Diligence	Jesus Prays in Gethsemane	Matthew 26:36-46
Mar22	Envy and Kindness	The Crowd Chooses Barabbas	Matthew 27:15-28
Mar29	Anger and Forgiveness	Jesus’ Crucifixion with Criminals	Luke 23:32-43





**EVANGELISM REPORT:**

The Evangelism Committee met in February to discuss upcoming activities.

>Greeters will begin at the front and side entrances In March. (If you would like to be a greeter, please let us know.).

>The prayer chain will begin again, look for sign-up sheets in the near future.

>The committee is working on a visitor packet/pamphlet and a new member packet.

>The committee will provide Arch Books for children attending church during Easter.

>The committee is planning a Mission Sunday on May 7th, with a guest speaker and a basket dinner. More information will be coming in the next few weeks.

The next Evangelism meeting will be March 5th after church, all members are welcome to attend.

**EASTER LILY SIGN-UP**

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to place a lily in church for the celebration of the Resurrection.

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

Optional, I memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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**EASTER BREAKFAST, APRIL 9TH, 8:45 A.M.**

If you would like to prepare something, please sign below.

Everyone is invited to come.

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

Breakfast Casseroles: (we need 10-12) \_\_\_\_\_

Bakes Items:

Breads, Rolls, Muffins, Donuts, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Fruit: \_\_\_\_\_

Mild: \_\_\_\_\_

Juice: \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Helper \_\_\_\_\_

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**SIGN UP FOR SEDER RESERVATION—BACK AGAIN!**

(The Lord Willing)

Please complete this form and place it in the offering plate, hand it to Pastor or call **573-395-4591** to reserve for the Seder.

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will be attending the Seder, Thursday April 6th, at 6 P.M.

\_\_\_\_ Number attending: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FOOD DONATION FOR SEDER**

**THERE IS NO COST TO ATTEND THE SEDER BUT WE DEPEND ON FOOD DONATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR SYMBOLIC FOOD.**

**ALL ARE SELCOME!**

**PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS**

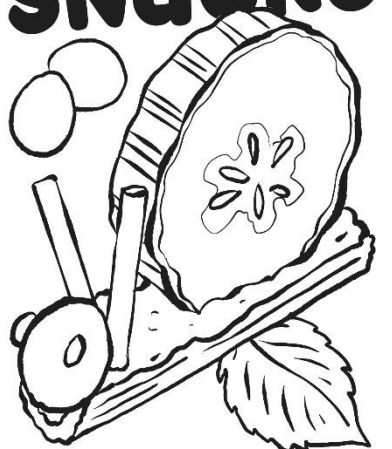
Parsley\_\_\_\_ Hard Boiled Eggs\_\_\_\_ Celery \_\_\_\_ Apples(Red)\_\_\_\_

Grape Juice (Red Sparkling) \_\_\_\_ Fruit (For Table Decorations)\_\_\_\_

Horseradish\_\_\_\_

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

# SPRINGTIME SNACKS



Whip up a plate of these cute, healthy treats!

### What you need:

- Celery sticks
- Cherry tomatoes
- Cucumber circles
- Olives
- Cream cheese spread
- Fresh basil leaves (optional)
- Adult help

### What you do:

1. Have an adult help you wash and cut the veggies.
2. Spread cream cheese inside the celery rods.
3. Place a cucumber circle upright in the cream cheese to make a bug body.
4. Add the tomato as a head.
5. Arrange basil leaves on a plate and place the veggie bugs on them.
6. Making different-shaped bugs with your favorite veggies. Enjoy!



## A seasonal reminder

Signs of spring remind us of God's promises.

*Directions: Use the picture code and clues to complete Isaiah 61:11, NIV.*


 plants grow here

 to coil and jump  
(also a season of the year)

 to expand and get bigger




 seeds are planted in this

 when watered, these make plants

 another word for seedling

For as the \_\_\_\_\_ makes the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_   
come up and a \_\_\_\_\_ causes

\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  to \_\_\_\_\_ , so the

Sovereign LORD will make righteousness

and praise \_\_\_\_\_ up before all nations.



ISAIAH 61:11, NIV

Answer: soil, sprout, garden, seeds, grow, spring

**BABBTOWN NEWS**

**LWML BOARD MEETING**

March 18th, 8:30-12:00 Noon  
St. John's, Stringtown

**LWML SPRING RALLY**

Saturday, April 29, 2023, 8:30 A.M.  
Faith Lutheran Church  
Jefferson City, MO.  
(Breakfast will be served. No lunch.)

**LWML CONVENTION**

June 22-25, 2023  
Milwaukee, WI

Need info: Contact Dianna Schubert 573-229-8829



**Schubert**

**Usher Schedule**

Mar 5 Jerry Bartel  
Andy Beach

Mar12 Jerry Bartel  
John Hanes

Mar19 Jerry Bartel  
Mike Forbis

Mar26 Jerry Bartel  
Matt Belcher

**Communion Assistants**

Mar 5 Allan Forbis  
Mark Russell

Mar12 Allan Forbis  
Gary Stroup

Mar19 Allan Forbis  
Mark Russell

Mar26 Allan Forbis  
Gary Stroup

**Acolyte**

Mar 5 Isabella Larkins  
Mar12 Mason Mistler  
Mar19 Claire Prohaska  
Mar26 Matthew Kollmeyer



- Mar 1 Keith Bohl
- Mar 6 Carson Bohl  
Kennady Grothoff
- Mar 9 Roger Schroeder
- Mar11 Haley Kelly
- Mar13 Mason Mistler
- Mar15 Linda Brenner  
Haley Toerper
- Mar16 Jay Forbis
- Mar17 Elizabeth Isenhart  
Tricia Mistler
- Mar22 Corra Lofton  
Tristan Marble
- Mar23 Mary Kuhlmann
- Mar24 Taylor Isenhart
- Mar25 Devin Dippold
- Mar26 Sara Baldwin
- Mar27 Jack Biesmeyer
- Mar30 Lathe Willson

**Greeters**

- Mar 5 Mary Vida, Front Entrance  
Linda Brenner, Side Entrance
- Mar12 Lynn Lofton, Front Entrance  
Jennifer Hanes, Side Entrance
- Mar19 Mary Vida, Front Entrance  
Linda Brenner, Side Entrance
- Mar26 Lynn Lofton, Front Entrance  
Jennifer Hanes, Side Entrance

**APRIL, 2023 Newsletter**

Items are due

**MARCH 19, 2023**

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

Or they may be e-mailed to

Pastor Scheperle—

[st.jshubert@outlook.com](mailto:st.jshubert@outlook.com)

Any announcement:

Weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, personal notes, pictures or church related business are welcome.

**MARCH 2023**

**CHURCH CLEANING**

Terry Walkenhorst  
Bethany Marble

**ALTAR GUILD**

Linda Brenner

