



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

MARCH AT A GLANCE

- Mar 4 Ladies Evening Bible Study
6:00 pm
- Mar 5 Pastors Conference
- Mar 6 WkDay/Conf. 6:00 pm
Lent Worship 7:00 pm
Elders Meeting following
- Mar 9 Confirmation exam practice
- Mar 10 Exam Part 1, Daylight Savings time
begins
- Mar 11 Bible, Blessings and Beyond
1:00 pm
- Mar 13 WkDay/Conf. 6:00 pm
Lent Worship 7:00 pm
- Mar 16 Confirmation exam practice
- Mar 17 Exam Part 2
- Mar 18 Men's Bible Study 6:00 pm
- Mar 20 WkDay/Conf. 6:00 pm
Lent Worship 7:00 pm
- Mar 23 Easter egg Hunt, 2:00 pm
- Mar 24 Palm Sunday, Confirmation
Basement Reserved
- Mar 27 Babbtown Maundy Thursday Eve.
7:00 pm
- Mar 28 Maundy Thursday, Seder 6:00 pm
Worship 7:30 pm
- Mar 29 Good Friday Worship, Babbtown,
6:00 pm, Schubert 7:30 pm
- Mar 31 Easter Day, Easter Breakfast 8:45am

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

The Apostle Paul addresses the church in Corinth with a message to remind them of what they need to believe and hold fast to.

I Corinthians 15:3-8, "3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

God—through the apostle Paul tells us of the most important facts of the Salvation that God has provided for you and me and the whole world. It is simple and straight forward.

Jesus died for our sins, was buried, rose again on the 3rd day and appeared to many witnesses all in accordance with the Holy Scriptures.

My friends, this is what we always preach and is exactly what we are concentrating upon during the whole month of March as we observe Lent, Holy week and Easter. This is the essence and foundation of our faith what we believe, teach and confess.

Don't—miss out on these solemn observances. We repeat them, lest we tragically forget or even worse fail to teach them to our children or fail to proclaim this message to a dying world.

Don't—miss out on every opportunity to assemble in worship and in Bible Study and in Sunday school. You cannot hear the good news too often, you cannot afford to be led astray by false teachings. You dare not give this treasure second place in your life.

Come let us give thanks and glory to our Crucified and Risen Saviour —remembering all that He has done to rescue us from our Sins.

In Christ's Love

Pastor

HOLY WEEK BEGINS MARCH, 24, 2024

SPEAKING FOR LIFE

“God loves everybody. God loves people that are big and small. God loves people that are every age. God loves people no matter where we live. All people are special to God. The Bible says, ‘For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand’ (Ephesians 2:10).

God has good things for each of us.” *Timothy, a sixth grader from southern Minnesota, who has Down syndrome*
– *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

EVANGELISM UPDATE

Coming up for the Evangelism Committee:

- April 13th: Shine Event,
- April 21st: St. John’s T-shirt Sunday, Potluck, Dessert Auction to benefit Chaplain Mueller
- May 19th: Senior Member Sunday.

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

We will observe these special events in the life of Christ

MARCH 24TH, Palm Sunday—with Confirmation-
(Schubert)
(Jesus enters Jerusalem to be crucified)

MARCH 27TH, (Babbtown) Maundy Thursday
evening worship/Holy Communion 7:00 pm

MARCH 28TH, (Schubert) Maundy Thursday Seder
6:00 pm, worship 7:30 pm

MARCH 29TH, Good Friday, Babbtown Worship
6:00 pm
Schubert worship 7:30 pm

Tenebrae Service—Meditation—on the seven words
from the cross

MARCH 31ST, The Resurrection (Easter)
Babbtown: worship 8:00 am
Easter breakfast to follow worship
Schubert: Easter breakfast 8:45 am
Worship 10:00 am

Come to all the services to meditate on all these
scenes from the Passion of Jesus.
Invite your friends and families.



*Baptism Birthdays that are unknown are celebrated on Easter Sunday: James Backman, Crystal Baker, Amos Barnabas, Andrew Beach, Matt and Karen Belcher, Kody Biesemeyer, Pam Bohl, John and Jeanne Brodnex, Jeanette Essen, Emma Fichter, Brendan and Karen Gehl, Steven and Cherie Gunn, Skylor Haslag, Robert Henderson, Bill and Julie Hisle, David Jones, Jean Jordan, Kim Kollmeyer, Amanda Kremer, Beverly Krummen, Scott, Sheila, and Taylor Larkins, Lauren Lofton, Dale and Rhonda Ludwig, Dennis and Ginger Luetkemeyer, Gene Mall, Tyler Marble, Larry, Rachel, Riley, and Landon Marion, Shelley Meyer, John Meyer, Wilhelm and Sarah Michel, Cassidy Minor, Stephen & Carolyn Nagel, Grace, Lily and Gabrielle, Susan Nienhueser, Dieter Palmer, Kimberly Payne, Deborah Phillips, Rod Prohaska, Keely Ross, Carolyn Schroeder, Celia Schroeder, Dennis and Carolyn Schubert, Rachel Skelly, Robin Tipton, Robert Toerper, Carol Wieberg, and Berry Wiggins.

* If your name appears on the list and you know your baptism birthday, please contact Pastor so we can get your name on the calendar on the appropriate date.

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: _____

EASTER BREAKFAST, MARCH 31ST, 8:45 A.M.

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

Everyone is invited to come.

Name: _____

We thank Kathleen Stroup and Pam Bohl for coordinating this event.

Many helpers are needed

Breakfast Casseroles: (we need 10-12) _____

Bakes Items:

Breads, Rolls, Muffins, Donuts, etc. _____

Fruit: _____

Mild: _____

Juice: _____

Helper _____

SIGN UP FOR SEDER RESERVATION

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 March 28th, at 6 pm

____ Number attending: Name: _____

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: _____

Call Committee

Update

Members of St. John’s Schubert and Babbtown:

The Reverend Dr. R. Lee Hagan, LCMS Missouri District President, will be the guest preacher at St. John’s, Schubert, on April 14. This date also coincides with the next regularly scheduled voter’s meeting at Schubert.

Following the service and prior to the voter’s meeting, President Hagan will provide information on the Call Process, the responsibilities of the Intentional Interim Pastor (IIP) both Schubert and Babbtown will be receiving when Pastor Scheperle retires at the end of June, and other important information to help us navigate the changes our congregations will be experiencing.

This will be a special service and an important meeting to attend.

For now, please mark this date on your calendar and look for more information about President Hagan’s visit in the coming weeks.

In Christ,
Allan Forbis
Chairman, St. John’s Call Committee

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

March 2024

THIS MONTH IN CLASS

All four classes studied perhaps one of my top 5 favorite stories in the Bible: Daniel in the Lions Den. The lion is one of the fiercest and scariest beasts in the entire world. When Daniel was thrown into a den of hungry lions (much like Christians in a world of unbelievers) he was not afraid, he simply trusted the power of God, the one who created these fierce creatures. The story of Daniel is a timely one for us Christians. We’re living in a time when the world is not so friendly to those who believe in God. There are people who want us to shut our mouths about our faith. In Sunday School, from the very beginning classes we try and teach our students to speak up for their faith and what is right. True, no one is ever likely to threaten you with being tossed into a den of lions, but peer pressure can be a very very difficult challenge to overcome - not just as a child but for all of us adults as well. This lesson taught us that God is mighty enough to save us and will save us when we are faithful.

CLASSROOM COMMENTS

Why didn't the lions eat the guards?
Daniel had a sleepover with the lions.
-Harper
“You are old, Ms. Molly. you were born in the 1900s.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday School, every week 9:15am
- Easter Eggstravaganza, March 23
- Palm Sunday, March 24
- Easter Sunday, March 31



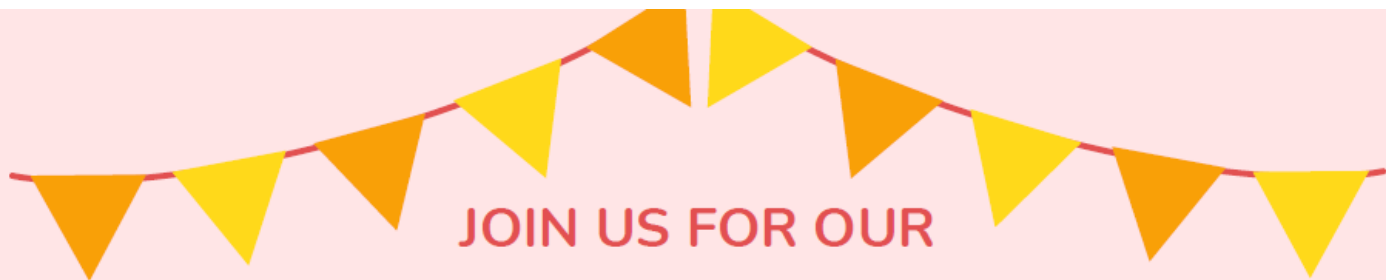
Thanks to Richard Germain (See Daniel 6) 08-07-20
I WOULDN'T YOU JUST KNOW IT ... AS
DON AS WE START OUR FAST THEY THROW US
HIS TASTY LOOKING GUY

VERSE OF THE MONTH

His miraculous signs are great. His wonders are mighty. His kingdom is forever. His rule will never end. Daniel 4:3

For more information on Sunday School:

**CALL/TEXT MORGAN
573.338.0505**



JOIN US FOR OUR

Easter Eggstravaganza

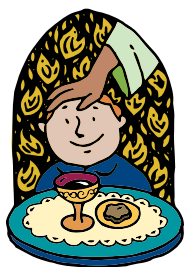
MARCH 23 | 2PM

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
4409 SAINT JOHNS RD. JC, MO 65101

EGG HUNT BEGINS AT 2PM ON THE MAIN
CHURCH LAWN WITH GAMES AND ACTIVITIES
TO FOLLOW. LIGHT DINNER OFFERED WITH
FREE WILL OFFERING

Questions or to
reserve your spot,
call/text Morgan at
573.338.0505





Meet Our Confirmands

This year we are privileged once again to witness the Rite of Confirmation of Claire Prohaska and Haley Titus.

March 10th and 17th will be Sundays of Examination and Palm Sunday, March 24th, is Confirmation.

We remember these young ladies in our prayers as we rejoice in their profession of Faith and vows of Faithfulness to Jesus Christ.



We are planning on using Easter lilies to decorate the Sanctuary for the Celebration of the resurrection. If you would like to provide a lily please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate or call Pastor.

The price range will most likely be similar to last year. We are getting them through Westlakes—probably \$7-9 range.



CONCORDIA MUSIC CONSERVATORY

Enroll now for Summer Music Camps!

Choir Camp
June 3-7
For ages K-8th grade

Orchestra Camp
June 10-14
For ages 4th-12th grade

Register online at cmc-music.org

REGISTER BY MARCH 31 FOR THE EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT!
Early enrollment is \$135 per child.
Regular enrollment April 1-May 15 is \$160 per child.
After May 15 late enrollment is \$225 per child

*Camps are daily from 9am to 4pm on the campus of SPLHS in Concordia, MO
*Lunch & Snacks are provided
*Closing concert on the Friday of each camp at 2pm



As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord let us not forget to observe Good Friday. You cannot have one without the other.

We observe a form of the ancient service of Tenebrae, a service where the church is darkened as each of the last words of Christ from the cross are read.

Here we observe the severe consequences of our sin as well as the deep love of God for sinful mankind.

Be sure to bring your children and explain to them what is happening and why we observe Good Friday. Invite your friends to join us also.



Easter Breakfast

Our Easter Fellowship Breakfast is being planned again this year. Kathleen Stroup and Pam Bohl are coordinating the event.

See the signup sheet if you would like to provide food. It is a wonderful way to gather in the name of our Risen Saviour.

The Seder is planned again on Maundy Thursday, March 28th, at Schubert.

We invite everyone but need to know who is planning on attending so we can prepare enough places and symbolic foods for the occasion.

There is a signup sheet for attendance and a place to sign up if you want to donate the symbolic foods.

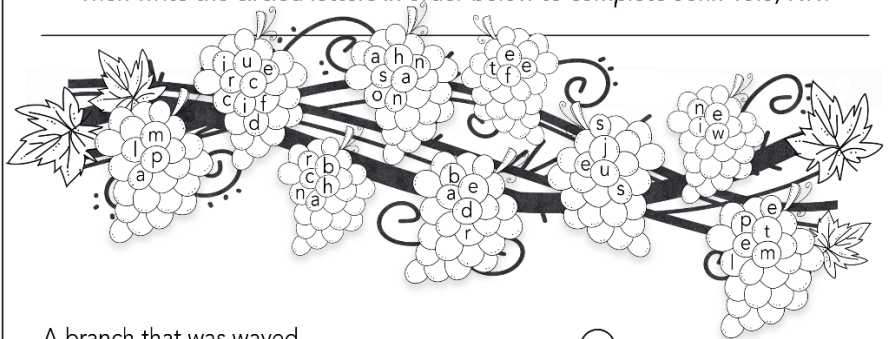
Bring your children for the unique experience of connecting the Passover to Jesus!



A LASTING LESSON

Before dying on the cross, Jesus teaches the disciples an important lesson.

Directions: Use the clues to unscramble the letters in each grape cluster. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete John 15:5, NIV.



- A branch that was waved _ _ _ _ ○
- How Jesus was put to death _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _ _
- A stick attached to the vine _ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _
- People shouted this to Jesus _ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _ _
- Jesus washed these _ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _
- This was broken and eaten _ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _
- The Messiah _ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _
- A drink from grapes _ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _
- Jesus drove the money changers from here _ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _ _

"I am the vine; you are the branches.
If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear _____ ;
apart from me you can do nothing." *John 15:5, NIV*

Answer: palm, crucified, branch, hosanna, feet, bread, Jesus, wine, temple, much fruit

Greetings in the Name of Jesus Our Redeemer,

The deadline is quickly approaching for high school seniors to apply for the Leonard Wallenmeyer award given by Lutherans For Life of Missouri. See details below:

Leonard WALLENMEYER Award

Each year LFL of MO recognizes high school students who, through their actions, have been Gospel motivated voices for the sanctity of life.

Applicants for the \$250 award should meet all of the following criteria:

- Member of the 2024 Senior Class of a high school (Lutheran, Public or home school) in Missouri
- Member of a Lutheran Church
- Recommended by a Pastor, Principal or Lutheran Pro-Life Organization Sponsor

Commitment to “pro-life” Activities: Such life affirming activities may include visiting nursing home residents, volunteering at a homeless shelter, assisting with Life Sunday events, Pro-Life walks, diaper drives, being an active member of a student Life group, or any other activities that advocate the sanctity of and respect for all human life.

- Complete the Award Application, found at lflfmo.org.

Application deadline is Friday, March 15, 2024.

Send application to:

Leonard Wallenmeyer - Life Award

8806 N Richland Rd

Willard, MO 65781-9556 or

kdeluce3@gmail.com

Some Life Thoughts for this Lenten season:

March 17 – Lent V – Jesus Christ embodies the God who abides beside us in our ailments and frailties. Our incarnate and crucified Savior suffers with and for those who cannot sustain or save themselves. He regards even human beings beset by weakness or sickness high enough to take on our condition Himself (Hebrews 5:7-9). The Gospel just leaves no room for abortion or assisted suicide.

March 24 – Palm Sunday/Passion of Our lord – Sinful nature prizes popularity, property, and power. It despises dependence and discards aging or gestating neighbors because of it. But Jesus proves that God has designed humankind to rely on Him and each other. His salvation comes about by humbly and happily entrusting oneself to an Almighty Father (Philippians 2:6-8). We need not take life and death into our own hands when we can rest upon His.

In Christ, who laid down His life for you and rose again to give you life eternal,

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.

Usher Schedule

Mar 3 Russ Titus
Andy Beach

Mar10 Russ Titus
John Hanes

Mar17 Russ Titus
Mike Forbis

Mar24 Russ Titus
Matt Belcher

Mar31 Russ Titus
Justin Householder

Communion Assistants

Mar 3 Allan Forbis
Mark Russell

Mar10 Allan Forbis
Jim Forbis

Mar17 Allan Forbis
Gary Stroup

Mar24 Allan Forbis
Gene Walkenhorst

Mar31 Allan Forbis
Jim Forbis

Acolyte

Mar 3 Carson Bohl

Mar10 Brantly Carver

Mar17 Sawyer Dippold

Mar24 Matt Kollmeyer

Mar31 Graham Boeckmann

Greeters

Mar 3
Linda Brenner, front
Mary Vida, side

Mar10
Mary Kuhlmann, front
Dorece Coulter, side

Mar17
Jennifer Hanes, front
Lynn Lofton, side

Mar24
Linda Brenner, front
Mary Vida, side

Mar31
Mary Kuhlmann, front
Dorece Coulter, side



Mar 1 Keith Bohl

Mar 6 Carson Bohl
Kennady Grothoff

Mar 9 Roger Schroeder

Mar11 Haley Kelly

Mar13 Mason Mistler

Mar15 Linda Brenner
Haylee Toerper

Mar16 Jay Forbis

Mar17 Elizabeth Isenhart
Trisha Mistler

Mar21 Donna Skelly

Mar22 Corra Lofton
Tristan Marble

Mar23 Mary Kuhlmann

Mar24 Taylor Isenhart

Mar25 Devin Dippold

Mar26 Sara Baldwin

Mar27 Jack Biesemeyer

Mar30 Lathe Willson

Sunday School Offering

Mar 3 Kennady Grothoff

Mar10 Kaelynn Haslag

Mar17 Presley Haslag

Mar24 Henry Householder

Mar31 Gabe Marble

MARCH, 2024

CHURCH CLEANING

Terry Walkenhorst
Bethany Marble
ALTAR GUILD
Linda Brenner

APRIL, 2024 Newsletter

Items are due

MARCH 24, 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.