



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 with Holy
 Communion

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 WkDay/Confirmation 6 pm
Lenten Worship 7 pm
Church Council, Schubert 8 pm
- Apr 6 Voters Meeting after worship
And Pancake lunch
- Apr 7 Men's Bible Study 6 pm
- Apr 9 WkDay/Confirmation 6 pm
Lenten Worship 7 pm
- Apr13 Confirmation at Schubert
- Apr16 No WkDay/ Confirmation
Maundy Thursday Eve worship
at Babbtown, 6pm
- Apr17 Maundy Thursday worship at
Schubert 7 pm (No Seder)
- Apr18 Good Friday, Babbtown worship
At 5 pm, Schubert 7 pm
- Apr20 Babbtown worship at 8 am,
Easter Breakfast following.
Schubert 8:45 Easter breakfast,
Worship at 10 am
- Apr22 Women's Bible Study 10 am
- Apr23 WkDay/Confirmation 6 pm
- Apr29-30 Call Days for Seminaries

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

As we continue the days through the Lenten Season,
 Palm Sunday and Holy Week, we will hear Jesus saying “It is
 finished.” On the cross “He bowed his head and gave up his
 spirit.” — John 19:30

Now, if this is where the Christian story stops, we would not
 be living as people of the resurrection. We would not know
 who we are or where we were going. “If Christ has not been
 raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.”
 - 1 Corinthians 15:14

But thanks be to God that is not where our story ends, that is
 just the beginning. God does something miraculous through
 Jesus Christ, so we are able to shout with joy-filled hearts on
 Easter Sunday, “CHRIST IS RISEN!” God, who became a
 human life for us, has restored his body forever, and us with
 him.

(The angel said) “He is not here; for he has been raised.” —
 Matthew 28:6

Our Church, our faith, and our life with Jesus goes on –
FOREVER!

SPEAKING FOR LIFE

“Perhaps as our culture seems to be increasingly more challenging, it may help to think of hope as the complete opposite of despair. Hope is not optional for the believer. Our hope is secure because, as we all say again, ‘Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!’” John Stonestreet – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Prayer Chain Tree

Prayer requests,
please text

Molly Boeckmann at
573-338-4309.

VOTERS MEETING - ST. JOHN’S – SCHUBERT is Sunday, April 6th after worship (stay for the Pancake Lunch served by the Youth!) One of the items on our agenda will be consideration of the Multi-Parish Agreement with St. John’s in Babtown. The proposed agreement is available in the church lobby, so please take one if you wish to review it, as we hope to vote to discuss ratifying it at the meeting.

EASTER LILIES at Schubert – There is a sign-up sheet for donating an Easter lily in the church lobby – we appreciate all those who would gift the congregation with a lily for Easter Sunday.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL at Schubert will meet this Wednesday, April 2nd after the Lenten Service. Thanks to all for your continued leadership.

EACH FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH everyone is invited to come before Sunday school and adult Bible study for some treat, courtesy of the Bohls and the Haslags. This month’s Sunday will be April 6.

MEN’S BIBLE CLASS – Men’s Bible Class will meet Monday, April 7th - 6:00 PM at St. John’s in Schubert. Everyone from both congregations are welcome to join us for supper and a look at God’s Word, in the story of Philemon.

WOMEN’S BIBLE CLASS meets Tuesday, April 22nd at 10am in Schubert. We will consider how Jesus’ disciples felt about telling Jesus’ life to others after the resurrection, and the good news we continue to be able to share.

LENTEN WORSHIP continues April 2nd and April 9th - Wednesdays at Schubert, 7:00 PM as we continue remembering that the suffering and death of Jesus during Lent is a time to look ahead to the joy of our salvation.



New life defines the season of spring. Make this Easter craft that symbolizes rebirth.

What you need:

- Brown paper lunch bag
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Jellybeans



What you do:

1. From the bag's bottom, cut two 2-inch circles. Set aside.
2. From the sides, cut two 10-inch circles.
3. Draw a thin spiral on each large circle and cut along the lines. Crinkle spirals gently.
4. Starting at the center, wrap one spiral into a nest. Glue every few inches to hold it.
5. Glue one small circle to the bottom of the nest.
6. Repeat with the other spiral. Fill nests with jellybeans and give to a friend!

EASTER BREAKFAST planning – We appreciate all members of the congregations as they work together to plan and carry out breakfasts on April 20th. We hope everyone will “join hands” as we enjoy the day. There is a sign-up sheet in the church lobby. Be ready to serve, donate and assist on Easter weekend.

PASTORAL CALL – We continue to pray for our Pastoral Call Process, there are Prayer brochures at the church if you would like one. Our application for a Seminary graduate will be acted on by the end of April, when our seminaries have their “Call Days” to inform students and congregations of placements.

If we are matched with a seminary candidate, we will be informed by the end of April, and the candidate would defer acceptance until graduation day at the seminaries on May 16th. Thanks to all who have been involved in the process of this Call, and we always trust that it is a “Divine Call” that God himself is leading a shepherd to the congregations.

CONGREGATION SURVEYS were done in December, and our Missouri District has compiled a summary of the survey information. There were 68 responses, and a copy of the summary is available if you wish to take one from the tables in the churches. Thanks to all who participated.

MEMBER INFORMATION – We will be asking all our members to update our records by providing current addresses, phone numbers, emails and membership data. Please be ready to assist the church office as we refresh our congregational information on our membership.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY is April 13th, Palm Sunday at Schubert. We are pleased to welcome into our communicant membership Mason Mistler, as he prepares to confirm his faith among us.

Baptism Birthdays

Celebrated at Easter

Schubert:

James Backman, Crystal Baker, Andrew Beach, Matt and Karen Belcher, Kody Biesemeyer, Pam Bohl, John and Jeanie Brodnex, Jeanette Essen, Emma Fichter, Brendan and Karen Gehl, Skylor Haslag, Robert Henderson, David Jones, Jean Jordan, Kim Kollmeyer, Beverly Krummen, Scott, Sheila, and Taylor Larkins, Lauren Lofton, Dale and Rhonda Ludwig, Dennis and Ginger Luetkemeyer, Gene and Lori Mall, Tyler Marble, Larry, Rachel, Riley, and Landon Marion, Shelley Meyer, John Meyer, Cassidy Minor, Wilhelm and Sarah Michel, Stephen, Carolyn, Grace, Lily and Gabriel Nagel, Susan Nienhueser, Dieter Palmer, Kimberly Payne, Deborah Phillips, Rod Prohaska, Keely Ross, Carolyn Schroeder, Celia Schroeder, Dennis and Carolyn Schubert, Rachel Skelly, Robert Toerper, Carol Wieberg, and Berry Wiggins, Bob and Cassidy Williams.

Babbtown:

Derek Kolb, Jason Kolb, Jerry Luecke, Mitzi Luecke, Chip Rabold, Dennis Rabold, Kathy Rabold, April Schubert and Ashley Wolf.

*If you know your baptism birthday, please let Pastor know so we can get them on the right dates.

MIDWEEK and CONFIRMATION Wednesdays will “wrap up” with a Confirmation Recognition night with students and families, as we review what we have learned this year and have some family fellowship time celebrating Christian Education. There will be no Midweek or Confirmation during Holy Week on April 16th.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Mark your calendars with the activities and worship for Holy Week this month

- April 13- Palm Sunday and Junior Confirmation Sunday at Schubert
- April 16 – 6:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Eve Service at Babbtown
- April 17 – 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship at Schubert
(Note that we will not be having a Seder Meal)
- April 18 – 5:00 PM Good Friday Worship at Babbtown
- 7:00 PM Good Friday worship at Schubert
- April 20 – Easter Worship 8:00 AM Babbtown – 10:00 AM Schubert
(Both congregations will have Easter Breakfast)

APRIL

Usher Schedule

Apr 6 Gary Stroup
Andy Beach

Apr13 Gary Stroup
John Hanes

Apr20 Gary Stroup
Skyler Haslag

Apr27 Gary Stroup
Matt Belcher

Communion Assistants

Apr 6 Gene Walkenhorst
Mark Russell

Apr13 Jim Forbis
Allan Forbis

Apr20 Gene Walkenhorst
Mark Russell

Apr27 Jim Forbis
Allan Forbis

Acolyte

Apr 6 Sawyer Dippold

Apr13 Hayden Smasal

Apr20 Haley Titus

Apr27 Claire Prohaska

Greeters

Apr 6 Jennifer Hanes, front
Robert and Donna Skelly, side

Apr13 Linda Brenner, front
Lynn Lofton, side

Apr20 Mary Vida, front
Mary Kuhlmann, side

Apr27 Jennifer Hanes, front
Robert and Donna Skelly, side

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

(Schubert)

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 Verdot

Apr21 Elaine Fennwald

Apr25 Kayla Haslag

Apr26 Ron Vida

Apr27 Lin Bauer

Apr29 Martha Brenner

(Babbtown)

Apr 3 Alex Nilges

Apr 5 Ethan Mueller

Sunday School Offering

Apr 6 Henry Householder

Apr13 Gabe Marble

Apr20 Isabelle Marble

Apr27 Ariana Skelly

**APRIL
CHURCH
CLEANING**
Karen Forbis
Linda Brenner
ALTAR GUILD
Karen Forbis
Deb Rademan

**MAY , 2025
NEWSLETTER Items
are due
APRIL 20, 2025**
Newsletter items may be
placed in Jan's mailbox.

Or they may be e-mailed to
stjohnslutheranjcmo@gmail.com

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