



God accomplishes this mission in us and through us in weekly worship, Bible Study and other fellowship opportunities. God comes to us in the Word and the Sacraments to show us the love and new life he has for us in Jesus Christ. He gives us the opportunity to serve others and reach out with his love.

April 2022 Newsletter

Join Us ~ Service times:

Traditional Worship:
Saturday 6:00pm
Contemporary worship: 9:00

Education Hour~ Sunday 10:30 am

Sunday School 3 years –Grade 4
Confirmation Grade 5 –8
High School Youth 9-12
Adult Bible Study

Wednesday Bible Study:

Men's –Parish Hall– 9:00 am
Women's—Parish Hall -9:30 am

About Us: St John Ministries

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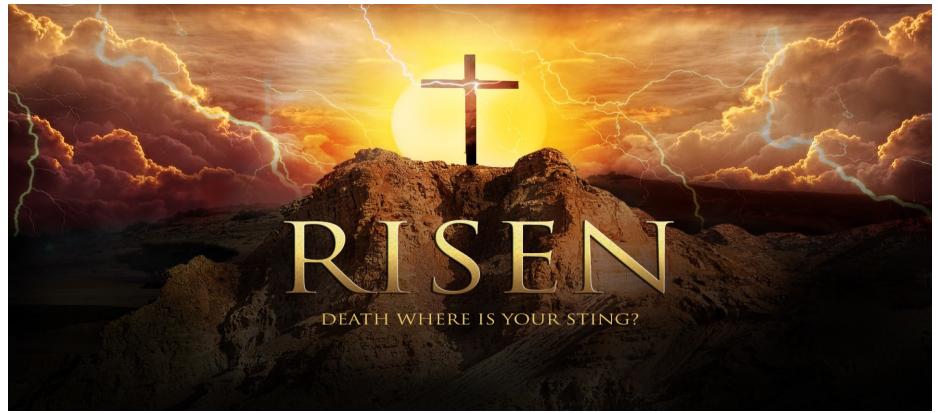
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Easter Eggs in Lent

Have you ever heard about the “Hidden Mickeys” at Disney World? Hidden throughout the Disney World property there are images, silhouettes, and other representations of Mickey Mouse and his iconic ears. Folks have fun hunting for these hidden pictures all over the parks.

During the season of Lent we take “Alleluia” out of our worship language and the somber services seem to be devoid of the praises to we are accustomed to singing. Have you ever hunted for hidden messages of the resurrection in Lenten worship? Much like finding an unexpected mouse-head in the coils of a hose on the ground, an unexpected hint or reminder of the Easter joy lingers throughout this season of preparation.



Lenten hymns bring some of the obvious hidden gems. Ash Wednesday's “Savior, When in Dust to Thee” concludes in stanza 4: “By Thy deep expiring groan, by the sad sepulchral stone, By the vault whose dark abode held in vain the rising God, O, from earth to heaven restored, mighty rescended Lord, bending from Thy throne on high, hear our penitential cry!”

The forboding hymn “Go to Dark Gethsemane” takes us from the garden of betrayal to the judgement hall and Calvary's hilltop before “Early hasten to the tomb where they laid His breathless clay; all is solitude and gloom. Who has taken Him away? Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Savior teach us so to rise.”

We are often careful not to jump over Lent to get to Easter. I have even said, “We need Good Friday before we need Easter.” You may remember hearing last month, “sweet isn't sweet until you've tasted bitter; and light isn't light until you've seen the dark.” One might even say (or may have said) that the joy of the resurrection isn't joyful without the agony of Good Friday.

At our pastors conference just a few weeks ago the speaker said something that changed my approach to this topic. It was early on a Monday after a long drive to Kearney, and it may have been recently doubled in impact by the news of my grandmother's passing, but our presenter said the opposite of what I had said not too long ago. He said, “Easter gives Good Friday meaning.”

Without Good Friday, God still lives. His promise to redeem and save are there, but they are always in the future, beyond our vision. Good Friday brings a day of atonement, sin is paid for and death rears its ugly head. But death is always present in our human lives. Ever since the fall, death has seemed to be victorious. We lost count, but I believe the record before Jesus was somewhere in the millions to 2 when it comes to death. But Easter changes that.

Easter gives meaning and value to Good Friday. God is faithful, even to His Son, even to the one who BECAME SIN (2 Corinthians 5:21). Everyone dies, but Jesus opens the graves. Looking for this not-so-hidden prize, the empty tomb, and a victorious Savior brings great joy.

May you have the joy of finding all of these Easter Eggs hidden in the Lenten season and all the more as we celebrate the resurrection together Easter morning.

Sanctified to Serve,
Rev. B.J. Fouts



What is Worship? (April 2022)

Worship is Comforting & Disturbing

What happens in worship? As you have been reading these monthly explorations into the topic of worship we have seen that worship is about God and us. Mostly about God serving us followed by our opportunity to respond. This month we explore some of our feelings in and after worship.

On one side, worship is Comforting: after all in worship God serves us with the pure Gospel, whether that is through a baptismal remembrance, holy absolution, the hearing of the Word or the breaking of the bread, God is serving up forgiveness, hope, salvation, redemption and deliverance. Worship is comforting. It is comforting to hear that I am beloved and saved.

On the other hand, worship ought also be disturbing. In Isaiah 6, the prophet gets a glimpse of the Lord in the throne room with seraphim flying around, smoke and thunder filling the room, and Isaiah says, "Woe is me." In worship we are coming face to face with our holy God, and in His presence, our sinfulness is rightly disturbed. As the adage goes, "A sinner sweatin' in church."

If I come to worship and find no comfort, no good news, then we need to examine why the Gospel is omitted from the service, and sometimes we need the touch of personal absolution so Satan can cause no doubt in our comfort.

If I come to worship and am not disturbed, I need to reexamine if my life is as holy and perfect as I thought it was, or if the preacher is "pulling punches" to keep us from being confronted with the law.

In worship this month, ask yourself these questions:

What components or themes in the worship service today comforted me?

What components or themes in the worship service today disturbed me?



Reminder: Confirmation will be held on
Reformation Sunday, October 30, 2022.

Easter Worship Schedule & Times:

- April 1- Maundy Thursday: 7:00 pm
- April 2- Good Friday: 7:00 pm
- No Saturday Worship
- April 4 -Easter Sunrise Worship: 6:30 am
Easter Fellowship Breakfast: 7:30 am
Easter Worship: 9:00 am



Jews For Jesus

St John Ministries will be hosting Missionary Avi Snyder on Monday, April 4 in the Parish Hall.

Meal at 6:00 pm Main dish provided bring a dish to share. Presentation 6:30 pm

Christ in the Passover: An Exploration of Passover, the Last Supper, & Your Communion Experience.

Join us for an explanation of the beautiful symbolism of the Jewish ceremony called a seder. We'll weave the story of the exodus and freedom from slavery together with the messianic hope realized in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. The words "do this in remembrance of me" will take on an even deeper meaning to Christians as we learn the significance of the tradition Jesus observed the night before He died and give us a closer look at the very Jewish life He led.

Jewish or not, religious or not—all are welcome for this unforgettable, thought-provoking experience.



Fellowship

Thank you to all who took the time to work and plan the Lenten meals or donated food. It is a great tradition that continues because of your generosity!

If you would like to help us decorate our Chancel with Easter Lilies, place \$10.00 in a marked envelope. If in memory of a loved one, include the name and drop off at the church office or the collection plate. Make checks payable to the Altar Guild.

Deadline is April 4



Baptisms



Miles Douglas Loftis

Rod & Laura Loftis was baptized into the Lord's family on March 12. Sponsors are Kevin & Holly Loftis.

Funerals

Rodney Norman Schmeckpeper

Rod went home to be with his Lord on March 7. His funeral was here at St. John.

In Loving Memory

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:4

Thank you!

The IGNITE Auction event was absolutely amazing! With nearly 200 guests, delicious food, hilarious entertainment, generous pocketbooks, and top-notch music from the band, we were able to pay down a huge portion of our building project debt.

Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, St. John church members, Battle Creek area community members, businesses, and alumni from around the US worked together to raise \$121,726!

Thank you for your prayers, donated items, generous contributions, and encouragement. Your support for St. John School is inspiring!

IGNITE

Investing Generationally Now and Into The Future.



Help our Ministry grow through EGiving

Electronic giving is a convenient, easy way to support St. John Ministries.

By giving electronically, you can:

- Give anywhere, anytime from your computer, smartphone or tablet .
- Donate to one of our special project funds.
- Set up recurring payments and never worry about bringing your checkbook or cash again.

Get started today! Visit our donations page to set up your online contribution: stjohnbc.net -church page – Give Now button.



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If so, you may be eligible to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars to benefit St. John Ministries. Each year Thrivent will distribute some of its charitable funds to registered non-profit organizations. You can call 800-847-4836 or log into your Thrivent account and direct your Choice Dollars to St. John Lutheran Church or St. John Lutheran School today!! **The deadline to direct where your Choice Dollars for 2022 should go is March 31.**

St. John has received over \$106,000 in Thrivent Choice Dollars since the inception of the program in 2010. *Log into your Thrivent account or call 800-847-4836 to determine your eligibility.*

In effort to keep you informed on our Building Foundations of Faith Capital Campaign we will be posting the numbers monthly in the newsletters and bulletins.

As of March 22, 2022

Total Expense: \$1,200,444.60

Total Raised: \$926,100.62

Interest Paid: \$26,149.50

Total Campaign Debt Remaining: (\$299,834.33)

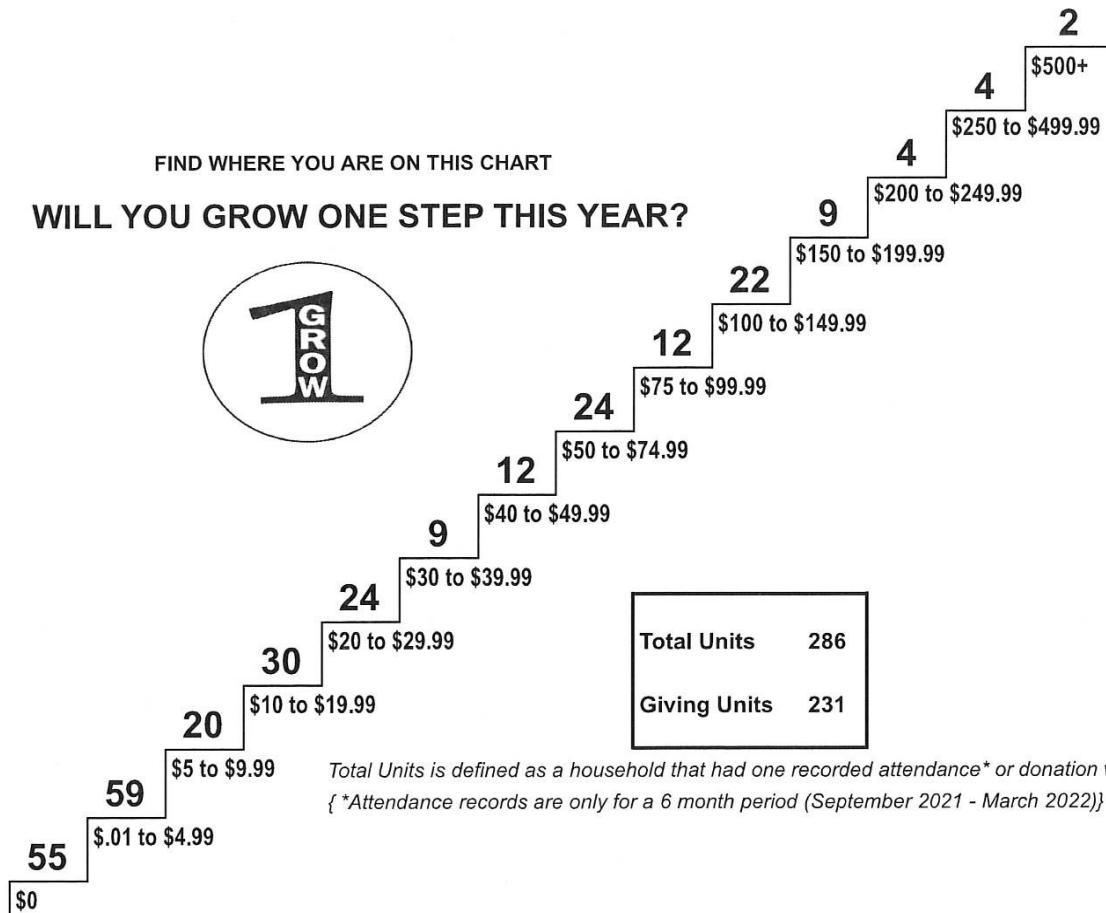
Ministry Operating Debt: (\$115,500)

BUILDING FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH



St. John Lutheran Church Average Weekly General Fund Giving for 2021

FIND WHERE YOU ARE ON THIS CHART
WILL YOU GROW ONE STEP THIS YEAR?



Total Units	286
Giving Units	231

Total Units is defined as a household that had one recorded attendance or donation within the last year.
{ *Attendance records are only for a 6 month period (September 2021 - March 2022)}*

****Dollar amounts are calculated using the 52 week average of the total general fund contributions made in 2021 for each household.**

“Connecting People in the Heart of Jesus”

That is the mission statement of St. John Ministries. The mission itself can be challenging, but it would be even more difficult to achieve without staff, volunteers, donations, and beautiful facilities. That is why it is essential for you to support the operational needs of St. John.

Stewardship starts with acknowledging God’s role in providing for us. We praise, honor, and worship God, the giver of every good and perfect gift. Financial stewardship is taking what God has given you and giving it back to Him through your financial contributions to the church.

St. John Ministries is thankful for every gift received. This past year, however, has been financially challenging. St. John currently owes the bank \$115,500 in operating debt. If the operational needs of the ministry are not met, it further hinders the work we do for God.

This chart provides giving information for calendar year 2021 and only considers the gifts given to the general fund. If you gave \$500 to the building project and \$500 to the general operating budget for calendar year 2021, then you would be on the \$5 to \$9.99 per week step. Contact Katie (675-3155 or business@stjohnbc.net) if you would like to personally know where you are on the chart. No gift to the Lord is too small. That’s true whether through monetary giving or volunteering your time. If every giving household gave \$5 more per week, there would be over \$60,000 added to the annual budget. We are asking you to prayerfully consider how you might contribute to the needs of St. John.

St. John Lutheran Church, Battle Creek, NE Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 21, 2022

In Attendance: Jeff Borchers, Matt Unkel, Colby Kolm, Nick Onnen, Tim Wragge, Brad Prauner, Kelsey Schnoor, Heather Whitney, Dave Praeuner, Rodney Nicolay, Celia (Ginger) Howser, Randy Howser, Rod Zohner, Katie Schnitzler, Tresa Prauner, Pastor Joe Leech

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Borchers at 8:06 pm. Jeff opened with a devotion and prayer.

Tim Wragge made a motion to approve the January 17, 2022 council meeting minutes. Second by Rod Nicolay. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report by Katie Schnitzler. General fund giving continues to increase, but not at the same rate as ministry operating costs. Katie thanked the ministry-wide staff, boards, and volunteers that do everything they can to minimize expenses. The childcare was awarded a \$10,000 grant from Nebraska DHHS. The IGNITE auction was a huge success, raising just over \$122,000 for the remaining debt owed for the school building project. Katie made a \$110,000 principal payment leaving the balance of the construction note at \$325,834.33. The current General Fund balance is \$6,277.63 with one more pay period to fulfill before the end of March. Operating debt remains at \$115,500. Dave Praeuner made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Second by Rod Zohner. Motion carried.

Trustees Report by Matt Unkel. The trustees reviewed bids for fertilizing services campus wide. Zach Westerman will be considered for mowing services for the ministry again. An adjuster came to inspect the roof a couple weeks ago. The insurance company will contact Katie once the adjuster's report is submitted.

Elders Report by Dave Praeuner. The elders discussed the Easter worship schedule. There will be no Saturday night service. Easter Sunday will have a 6:30 am service, breakfast at 7:30 am, and a 9:00 am service. Elders reviewed their budget items for the 2022-2023 fiscal year and looked at gathering names to serve on the elders board. Transfers OUT include: Jim Wennekamp to Our Savior, Norfolk, NE, Tom Ziehmer to Our Savior Norfolk, NE, and Rick & LeAnn Cherington to St John Yankton, SD. Dave Praeuner made a motion to approve the transfers out. Second by Randy Howser. Motion carried.

Evangelism Report by Heather Whitney. Evangelism reviewed the costs of mugs and finalized what they would like to order for members to purchase. They discussed the upcoming Lenten meal they will be serving and different activities in the community they would like to do. The coffee, snacks, and fellowship after church is still not getting many more people to stick around. Evangelism is asking other church leadership and board members to stick around if they can and see if that helps get others to stay also.

Parish Ed Report by Tresa Prauner. Parish Ed discussed the upcoming Lenten meal they will be serving with Evangelism. Proceeds from the meal will go towards t-shirts for VBS. They did more planning for VBS in July. VBS kickoff registration will be May 1st after Sunday School. They will soon be making calls to get the volunteers needed for VBS.

Parochial Ed by Tim Wragge. IGNITE was a successful event. The plant sale is underway through May 2nd. Proceeds from the plant sale will go toward the building debt and playground updates. The St. John Hawks finished their season 20-3, returning from Nationals in Indiana making it to championship Sunday. Thank you to everyone who had a hand in making the trip happen. The girls, coaches, and parents represented St. John well.

Childcare Report by Brad Prauner. Childcare is still having issues retaining staff. The board is looking at sitting in on staff meetings to get feedback from employees. The childcare board is also considering making some positions “called”. Laura Johns has submitted her resignation from the childcare board. Brad will contact someone they had in mind to see if they would be willing to finish out her term. The board reviewed their budget and discussed names for nominations.

Stewardship Report by Rod Zohner. Stewardship reviewed the monthly checks written. The board finalized details for the Lenten meal they will serve on April 6th. There was one application received for the St. John High School Senior Scholarship. Stewardship reviewed and awarded \$500 to Richard Brauer. Once again there will be a scholarship money available for those students attending LHNE next school year. The LHNE scholarship application deadline is May 15th. All boards should have their final budgets returned to Katie by April 15th.

Old Business:

Nominations Committee – A meeting will be scheduled in the next couple of weeks.

All boards need to turn in any new names for nominations to Jeff Borchers.

New Business: None

Next Meetings:

Wellness Committee will meet March 28 at 6:00 pm

Council will meet on April 18 at 8:00 pm

Tim Wragge made a motion to adjourn. Second by Dave Praeuner. Motion carried.

Closing prayer by Pastor Joe.

Minutes submitted by Katie Schnitzler.

St. John Men's Retreat

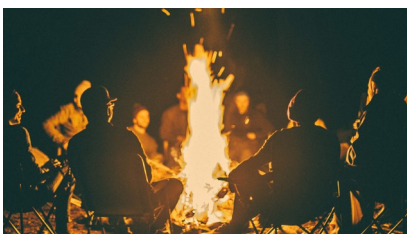
The St. John Men's Retreat will take place beginning in the early evening on Friday, May 6, and run through the afternoon of Saturday, May 7.

Over the course of the Men's Retreat, all participating men will engage in opportunities for fellowship and service, while also taking time to spend in God's Word, growing as Men of God in community with one another.

The Men's Retreat will take place at Camp Luther of Nebraska. A full and detailed schedule will be released at a later date. Registration information can be found at www.stjohnbc.net/men.

Any questions, please contact Pastor Fouts or Mr. Whitney.

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& Power
Tools**



Janelle Miller Camp Luther Campership

Janelle Miller was an alumnae of St. John Lutheran School and an active camper and staff member at Camp Luther of Nebraska. She was blessed by the ministry experiences she had at Camp Luther and in her memory her family would like more students to receive these blessings.

- Applicants must be a student at St. John Lutheran School or a member of St. John Lutheran Church – Battle Creek
- Submit a response to the following: Have you attended Camp Luther in the past? If yes, how did your attendance impact you? If no, what are you hoping to take away from this experience?
- Return application to St. John Lutheran Church, Attn: Pastor Fouts, PO Box 87, Battle Creek, NE 68715 or email to churchsecretary@stjohnbc.net

WINGS—Women In Gods Service

Monthly News and Activities



Mission Statement: WiNGS exists to honor and worship God, encourage and support women, grow in our faith together as we share the gospel and use the gifts He has given us to serve Him and others.

WiNGS met on February 24, 2022. Gladys Juhlin led devotions on the origin of the song, "Jesus Loves Me", and then played the piano while the ladies sang along.

The Pen Pal program with 17 St. John members at CPCC continues with the help of Mrs. Onnen and the 4th grade class at St. John School. WiNGS will be adopting 14 shut-ins who are members of our congregation.

Homemade mexi-burgers, potato salad, and desserts were served for the Lenten meal on March 16. The free will offering of \$591 was given to LIGHT to help with the National Youth Gathering expenses.

Please continue collecting stamps from your letters and your Mite offerings. Drop them in the boxes provided on the LWML table in the Narthex.

Our next meeting date is Thursday, April 28, at 1:30pm. All women are welcome to join us.

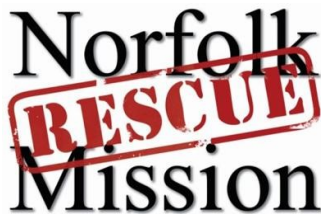
WiNGS Recipe of the Month:

Carrie's Coconut Cake
1 – Vanilla Cake Mix
1 – 7oz bag Sweetened Coconut Flakes

Prepare cake as directed on box. Add ½ the bag of coconut to mix. Pour batter into 9 x 13 pan. Bake as instructed on box. Let cake cool. Frost with your favorite buttercream frosting and sprinkle with remaining coconut.



Evangelism Collection for April



The Norfolk Rescue Mission offers a variety of services to help with one or more meals, a place to sleep, clothing, food, counseling, or one of their programs to help individuals to get their lives back on track.



You can help out by:

Providing food, shelter and guidance to those in need. Needs include donations of your time, skills, food items, housekeeping supplies, toiletries, financial support, and prayer.

1 Virginia Klug	8 Norma Wiedeman	18 Roger Borchers	24 Kris Smith
1 Kiarrah Moore-Rath	9 Abby Nelson	19 Beckett Uecker	24 Caitlyn Zohner
2 Rexx Uecker	9 Larry Prauner	19 Dale Donner	24 Lauren Freudenberg
2 Austin Hurlburt	10 Barrett Prauner	19 Marcheta Long	25 Judy Warneke
2 Tiffany Pokorny	10 Gladys Juhlin	19 Colin Weber	25 Genny Zohner
3 Don Boyer	10 Mary Ellen Swim	19 Amos Lewis	25 Gus Prauner
3 Vicki Flanagan	12 Kaleb Baumgartel	20 Dylan Volk	26 Joshua Schnitzler
3 Amy Walz	12 Skye Aldag	20 Lainey Knapp	26 Sydney Reitz
4 Calla Wolf	13 Andee Klug	20 Curt Wragge	27 Jamie Ablner
4 Kitanna Klug	13 Garrett Koopman	20 Krista Snodgrass	27 Sawyer Schnitzler
4 Shelley Borchers	13 Gretchen Sandall	21 Renee McNeal	27 Branson Uecker
4 Righteous Albers	13 Tom Ziehmer	21 Kelli Boyer	28 McKailey Holecek
5 Allen Korth	13 Hannah Fouts	21 Olivia Eckert	29 Memphis Parker
6 Carol Herbert	14 Matthew Henery	21 Pat French	29 Kristen Sindelar
6 Lyle Hofmann	16 Boden Obst	21 Dave Meyer	30 Barb Preusker
7 Makenzi Eckert	16 Vincent Hoehne	22 Allison Frank	
7 Jean Schmeckpeper	17 Laura Long	22 Drew Lutt	
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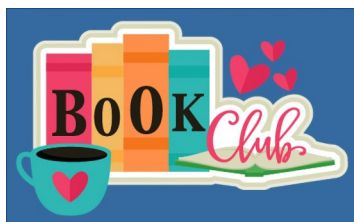
Join us!

April Book of the Month Club

This month we will be reading *A Skeleton in God's Closet* by Paul L. Maier. We will meet for the book discussion Sunday, April 24 at 11:30 am in the parish hall. Copies are available at the Battle Creek Library.

When an ancient skeleton is discovered in Israel, will it shed new light on the life of Jesus or plunge the world into chaos?

Carefully researched and compellingly written, *A Skeleton in God's Closet* explores the tension between faith and doubt when science and religion collide. In the end, it's a thought-provoking page-turner, driven by one man's determination to find the truth—no matter the cost.



St. John Lutheran Cemetery Board would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to Elaine Murphy for taking care of the memorial at the Lutheran Cemetery for many years. Elaine is hanging up her gardening gloves and would like to pass them along to someone else. The cemetery board is looking for a volunteer(s) who would be interested in taking over watering and weeding around the memorial.

If you are interested please call Rex Volk at 402-675-8505.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Can We Pray for You?

Prayer is an act of worship where we bring our petitions before God with our hearts and lips and offer up praise and thanksgiving to Him.

It would be our privilege to lift you up in prayer. If you have a special need or just would like us to pray for you or a loved one, call or email the church office.

All prayers are confidential. 402-675-3155 or churchsecretary@stjohnbc.net



On March 15, 2022, St John Lutheran School in Battle Creek, Nebraska hosted its annual spring musical. This year's musical was titled "Mission Possible: sharing God's gospel through our love." Presley Wolf, Sherridan Kirby, Mazzy Kuchar, Asher Carter, and Isaiah Bleich participated as actors, while the rest of the school, grades Kindergarten-8, stood on the risers, singing and sharing the good news all at the same time.



The purpose of the play was to tell others that they don't have to travel all across the world to share God's love. There are plenty of things we can do right where we are, sharing the gospel with people we see every day, or just by showing kindness. Verses that the musical was based around include: John 3:16, Ephesians 2:10, and 1 Peter 4:10-11.



The director, Mr. Steven Whitney, tied everything together, inserted solos into certain songs (performed by Presley Wolf and Mazzy Kuchar) and added actions to the songs to make them lively and fun to watch. A packed gym was present the night of the 15 to watch.

Written by Mazzy Kuchar, 7th Grade

On March 16, 2022, the St. John Lutheran School children in 3rd-8th grade were fortunate enough to attend the annual spelling bee at Lutheran High Northeast. Of the 12 students that attended, six of them placed in 1st-3rd, these students include: Presley Wolf (3rd place, 8th grade), Sherridan Kirby (1st place, 7th grade), Mazzy Kuchar (3rd place, 7th grade), Taylor Hall (1st place, 6th grade), Ali Schmidt (1st place, 5th grade), and Jay Schmidt (2nd place, 5th grade). The spelling bee was an excellent experience for practicing skills they have learned in class and applying them to their life.

-Written by Sherridan Kirby, 7th Grade



Lady Hawks Basketball

St. John Lady Hawks lone regular-season loss, was by 1 point to Lincoln Lutheran, which the Hawks avenged in the state tournament winning 29-9, on their way to the Nebraska Lutheran State Title.

St. John was invited to the Lutheran National Basketball Tournament so the team, coaches and parents traveled to Fort Wayne, Indiana where the St. John Lady Hawks finished the season with a 20-3 record with a 3-point loss to the Concordia Cardinals of Texas in the Nationals. St. John's prior loss in the tournament was to the Concordia Prep Saints of Maryland. The Hawks made it to Championship Sunday where they lost by 3 points. Congratulations on a great season ladies!



Devotion by Mrs. Kollbaum

When disaster struck Ukraine and the United States announced its plan to withhold trade and imports from Russia because of its choices, I couldn't help but think of the people who I met and worked with when I went on mission trips in Russia and the Baltic States about ten years ago. I remember stepping into a country that was obviously hurting and missing something (or rather, someone,) that had taken so much hurt and confusion from my own life, and that was Jesus. Since the time of the Soviet Union, religious practices have been minimized in Russia, and the effects of living in a nation where God is not remembered or recognized are visible almost from the moment one steps foot into that great land. Even after only being overseas for two weeks, I remember coming home and feeling a sense of peace again, especially increased the first time I was able to go back to my home church to worship. It's easy to forget what is truly needed when we see people hurting each other with words and actions, when wars take over, or when we ourselves are facing battles of our own that measure all over the scales. But those moments when we come back to God, seek His peace, presence, and forgiveness, and are reminded of His love for us are so sweet and needed in moments of hurt and pain. I pray that, as you read this, you are able to turn any of your current struggles (big or small) over to a God who loves you so deeply that He gave His beloved Son so that one day, you can experience eternal joy, peace, and rest with Him.



"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

St John PTL

Parent Teacher League

Thursday, April 7 @ 6:30 pm ~ In His Arms Childcare

*If you have a child enrolled in St. John School or
In His Arms Childcare, you are a part of PTL.
Please join us in serving our children and ministry staff
by planning fun events, fundraising efforts, and much
more.*



We are excited to have you join us!



St. John School & In His Arms Childcare Plant Card Sale runs March 21 thru May 2

Purchase a gift card to Johansen Nursey for \$25 and the PTL receives \$5.00

Contact the School or Childcare to purchase

St. John School Scholarship Information

St. John church pays for approximately 80% of the cost to educate a child at St. John School. This leaves a little over 20% of the costs for the families. We never want finances to be an obstacle between families and a Christ-centered education and have the following resources to help:

FACTS Management Plan

St. John offers an optional automatic payment plan. FACTS Management is a company that will automatically withdraw the specified amount from your bank account monthly to make payments to St. John. FACTS Management charges an annual fee of \$45.00.

Children's Scholarship Fund of Omaha

St. John families have been awarded \$13,900 in Scholarships from the Children's Scholarship Fund (CSF) of Omaha in the last year. CSF is funded from a source outside of St. John. Scholarships are based on the cost to educate, not the cost of tuition, making it possible for your scholarship to bring in more for the school than your tuition fees would!

St. John Fund Scholarship

St. John Scholarship Fund was established to help families with the additional need for assistance who may not qualify for the CSF. Apply by going to www.stjohnbc.net/scholarship The St. John Scholarship Fund awarded \$13,800 dollars toward tuition assistance to 25 students for the 2021-2022 school year. Praise God for His provision!

Lawson Walz Scholarship Fund

St. John School has been the beneficiary of ongoing memorial funds given in memory of Lawson Walz. These funds work in conjunction with the St. John Scholarship Fund to assist those who demonstrate additional financial need.

Future Awards

If you would like to contribute to one of our scholarship funds to help provide financial assistance to families demonstrating need, please contact Mr. Onnen.





Youth and Family Ministry



SR. HIGH—LIGHT (9th-12th Grade)

Where we Learn, Invite, Give of ourselves, and Honor God Together -LIGHT meets every Sunday @ 10:30 am for Bible study with Mrs. Kollbaum

JR. HIGH (7th-8th Grade) Where we Fully Rely On Gods Salvation.

Important April dates:

- April 10 @ 4:30-6pm LIGHT & FROGS NIGHT
- April 17 - Easter Sunrise Worship & Breakfast @ 6:30 & 7:30am
- April 24 - National Youth Gathering Circuit Wide gathering @ Skyview 4-6pm

Fill 'er up & Send 'em to Texas



The Envelope Challenge

We are 2 weeks into our envelope fundraiser to help cover our hotel and transportation costs for 32 Youth going to the LCMS Youth Gathering. So far, 59 of the 200 envelopes have been taken-- meaning there are 141 that still remain. Our goal is to have all 200 envelopes filled and returned by Easter. Stop by the church and pick up your envelope!



Easter Resources

Check out these Easter coloring pages and activities for you to use at home to teach and reinforce what Easter is all about: that Jesus, our Lord and Savior, died on the cross to pay for our sins, and came back to life!

www.ministry-to-children.com

Check out the Lutheran Hour Ministries tree in the parish hall entryway for resources and helpful booklets for children and adults



Note: There will be no Sunday School or Education Hour on Easter Sunday.



Scholarships for 2022-23 APPLY TODAY!!

Will you have a student attending LHNE in the 2022-23 school year? St. John would love to assist you with tuition costs. The application to apply for a LHNE scholarship is now open through May 15.

Apply at stjohnbc.net/church or call the church office at 402-675-3155.

Reading / Prayer Calendar - April 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
March 28, 2022	March 29, 2022	March 30, 2022	March 31, 2022	April 1, 2022
Exodus 11	Exodus 12	Exodus 13	Exodus 14	Exodus 15
Pray for Schools	Pray for the Armed Forces	Pray for your children or nieces/nephews	Pray for your Pastor	Pray for blessings in worship

April 4, 2022	April 5, 2022	April 6, 2022	April 7, 2022	April 8, 2022
Exodus 16	Exodus 17	Exodus 18	Exodus 19	Exodus 20
Pray for Teachers	Pray for the Government	Pray for your friends	Pray for Church staff	Pray for outreach in our community

April 11, 2022	April 12, 2022	April 13, 2022	April 14, 2022	April 15, 2022
Exodus 21	Exodus 22	Exodus 23	Exodus 24	Exodus 25
Pray for school support staff	Pray for judges and jurors	Pray for broken relationships	Pray Psalm 51	Pray Psalm 22

April 18, 2022	April 19, 2022	April 20, 2022	April 21, 2022	April 22, 2022
Exodus 26	Exodus 27	Exodus 28	Exodus 29	Exodus 30
Pray for School Administrators	Pray for the President	Pray for the Family	Pray for the lay leaders of the church	Pray for missionaries

April 25, 2022	April 26, 2022	April 27, 2022	April 28, 2022	April 29, 2022
Exodus 31	Exodus 32	Exodus 33	Exodus 34	Exodus 35
Pray for Students	Pray for Congress	Pray for your spouse or parent	Pray for the Church	Pray for the lost

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BATTLE CREEK COMMUNITY GARAGE SALES



April 29 & 30

**Battle Creek Lions Club
Pancake Feed**

Saturday, April 30—8:00 am– 12:00 pm

Battle Creek City Park

Benefiting the Battle Creek Food Pantry




Connecting people in the heart of Jesus. Serving the Lord's House in April 2022

If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute and call the church office (675-3155) to correct the bulletin

Date	Time	Elders	Ushers	Sound Booth
Sat. April 2	6:00 pm	Sunderman/Nicolay	Acklie/Volk	Volk
Sunday April 3	9:00 am	Praeuner/Ehrisman	Borchers/Wolf	Borchers
Wed. April 6	7:00 pm	M Baumgartel	Zohner	Fouts
Sat. April 9	6:00 pm	J Baumgartel/Anderson	Acklie/Volk	Zohner
Sun. April 10	9:00 am	Sunderman/Nicolay	Fleer/Werner	Tillmans
MT April 14	7:00 pm	Sunderman/Freudenburg	Borchers/Ridder	Fouts
GF April 15	7:00 pm	Praeuner/Ehrisman	Fleer/Volk	Volk
Easter Sun. April 17	6:30 am	J & M Baumgartel	Werner/Acklie	Borchers
Easter Sun.	9:00 am	Freudenburg /Ehrisman	Fleer/Werner	Brauers
Sat April 23	6:00 pm	M Baumgartel/Anderson	Acklie/Volk	Volk
Sun. April 24	9:00 am	Freudenburg/Praeuner	Ridder/Zohner	Zohner/Lutt
Sat. April 30	6:00 pm	Nicolay/Anderson	Acklie/Volk	Volk

Acolytes:

Saturday 6:00 ~ Sunday 9:00 Xander Larson-Wyatt Wedekind

Lent- Sherridan Kirby & Halle Borchers

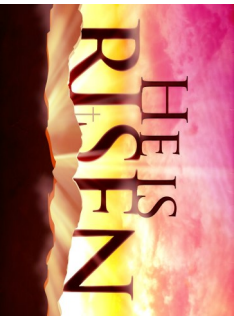


Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

April is National Volunteer Month.

To all those who volunteer at St. John Ministries, we are very grateful for your dedication to fulfilling the call to serve and being an amazing example of Christ to others across the world. Your willingness to serve Christ, and serve others with the talents and time He has given you, is a vital component in how our Church furthers its mission. We thank you all because ***Volunteers make a difference.***





April 2022

Join us!

Weekly Service times:

Saturday 6:00 pm
 Sunday 9:00am

School Chapel

Wednesday 8:30 am

**Education Hour/
 Sunday School**

Sunday 10:15 am

Bible Studies:

Tuesday 7:00 pm
 Wednesday 9:30 am
 Women & Men's
 Parish Hall Classroom
 & Parish Hall

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 6:00 Adult Sports Fellowship	4 6:00 Meal 6:30 Jews for Jesus Presenta-	5 1:00 Sr Fun Day	6 3:45 Leadership Meeting 6:00 Meal	7 3:45 Leadership Meeting	8 6:30 PTL	9 9:00 MOMSAMOMS
10 Palm Sunday 6:00 Adult Sports Fellowship	11	12	13	14 Maundy Thursday 7:00 Worship	15 Good Friday 7:00 Worship	16 No Church Service
17 6:30 Sunrise Service 7:00 Breakfast 9:00 Worship	18 Council Meeting	19 1:00 Sr. Fun Day	20 12:00 Leadership Staff meeting 6:00 Altar Guild	21 1:30 WINGS Meeting	22	23 5:00 Prayer Group
24 6:00 Adult Sports Fellowship	25	26	27	28	29	30

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BEAUTY AND THE BEAST – the Musical

It is with deepest pride and greatest pleasure that Lutheran High Northeast welcomes you to their spring production of "Beauty and the Beast." Join the cast and crew on Friday, April 1st and Saturday, April 2nd at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 3rd at 2:00 p.m. No tickets will be sold in advance - admission is \$5 for ages 5 & up. Belle would also like to extend a special invitation to princesses 12 and under for Belle's Princess Party prior to the show on Sunday at 1:00 p.m.! Information for the princess party can be found on LHNE's Facebook page.

FBLA & FFA EVENTS IN APRIL

April is a busy month for FBLA and FFA. Both organizations are having in-person state conventions/conferences which is a wonderful opportunity for our students since the last two years have been virtual. Between the two organizations a total of 30 students will be attending!

SPRING SPORTS HAVE SPRUNG

LHNE students are staying active through several sports. We have students participating in track, soccer, golf, power lifting, shooting sports, and boys baseball through the LHNE Co-op with NPBS. If you are interested in attending any of these events, check out our LHNE website which has a link to our Spring Sports Calendar.

SPRING MUSIC CONCERT

The LHNE Music Contest concert featuring soloists and large and small ensembles will be held on April 10th at 2pm. Students will be performing the pieces they will be competing with at District Music Contest.

~Educating for Life † Proclaiming the Faith~

Upcoming Events

- Apr 1 – Track @ Plainview
- Apr 1-3 – School Musical
- Apr 4 – Boys/Girls Soccer @ Lakeview
- Apr 5 – Track @ Battle Creek
- Apr 5 – BB Banquet
- Apr 6-8 – State FFA
- Apr 7 – Boys/Girls Soccer vs Scotus @ Home
- Apr 9 – Power Lifting Meet
- Apr 9 – Track @ Wisner
- Apr 10 – Spring Concert
- Apr 11 – Golf @ Crofton
- Apr 12 – Girls Soccer @ Plattsmouth
- Apr 12 – Track @ Wayne
- Apr 11-13 - State FBLA
- Apr 13 – Golf @ Leigh
- Apr 13 – Passion Play at CLC
- Apr 13 – Boys Soccer @ Ralston
- Apr 14-15, 18 – No School
- Apr 17 – Happy Easter!
- Apr 19 – LHNE Music Grade School Tour
- Apr 19 – Track LCC
- Apr 21 – LHNE Golf Invite
- Apr 21 – Track @ Twin River
- Apr 23 – Prom
- Apr 25 – FFA Banquet
- Apr 26 – Boys Soccer vs Madison @ Home
- Apr 26 – Boys Soccer vs Madison @ Home
- Apr 26 – Girls Soccer vs Concordia Omaha @ Home
- Apr 26 – Track @ Wisner
- Apr 28 – B/G Soccer @ Schuyler
- Apr 28 - Golf @ Humphrey
- Apr 28 – Track – Norfolk Classic

Be our guest!
You are cordially invited to
Belle's Princess Party!



Date: Sunday, April 3, 2022
Time: 1:00 p.m. (show at 2:00 p.m.)
Location: Lutheran High Northeast

Prior to the Sunday matinee of LHNE's production "Beauty and the Beast", Belle is inviting children ages 12 and under to attend a princess party!

This registration package grants early admission into the show. Wear your favorite gown and prepare yourselves for activities, snacks, and a photo opportunity with Belle! Then watch the performance - the registration fee covers the cost of the party AND show!

**When registering, the ticket cost is \$20 per princess and one princess chaperone (adult). If the princess chaperone is bringing more than one princess, each additional princess is \$10. (Example: One adult and two children would equal \$30, one adult and three children would equal \$40, and so on...). Pay with cash or check at the door.

***All princesses must attend with an adult - please no unsupervised princesses!

Reserve your seats by Wednesday, March 30!

Scan QR Code to Register:



Further questions?

Contact Mrs. Heather Whitney at (402) 883-0083 or
Mrs. Megan Bryant at (402) 992-7703.