

# April 2023 Newsletter

## *St. John's Lutheran Church*

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<http://www.stjohnsalmond.com>



### *Our Mission*

*To celebrate the Gospel in Word and Sacrament which challenges us to cultivate ourselves and our community for Christ.*

**Deadline for the  
May Newsletter is 8:00 pm on Monday, April 24th.**

#### **Do you have something for the May edition of the Newsletter?**

If so, there is a box located on the bookcase by the church office door. Simply place your announcement in the file folder labeled "Bulletin/Newsletter Announcements" or send an email to the church with NEWSLETTER in the subject box. [stjohnsalmond@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsalmond@gmail.com)



### *Pastor Dave Ficken*

from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Plover is our Circuit Counselor. If you need pastoral guidance while we await a new pastor to come to St. John's, please feel free to contact him.

715-498-0093 or email  
[pastor@bsavior.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:pastor@bsavior.onmicrosoft.com)

### **In Service to our Lord**

**Elders:** James Cesar and Alan Pagel

**Communion Set-up, Greeter  
And Ushers:**

James and Irene Cesar

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."  
1 Peter 4: 10*

**Please consider volunteering for any of the above positions for the May services by contacting Betty Daberkow (715) 335-4176. Thank you!**

### **Altar Flowers**

If you have flowers to donate or wish to purchase flowers for the altar, please notify Dianne Schultz by phone (715) 366-8077 or drop a note in the church mailbox located in the fellowship hall.



## *Holy Week Services*

Palm Sunday - April 2 with  
Pastor Andrew Weden  
Fellowship following the service.

Maundy Thursday - April 6 with  
Pastor Andrew Weden

Good Friday - April 7 with  
NWD President Dwayne Lueck

Easter Sunday - April 9 with  
NWD President Dwayne Lueck  
Continental Breakfast  
following the service.



### **Heart Warmers**

Feel the power of living in hope, for it is that place in the heart that lies between dreaming and doing.

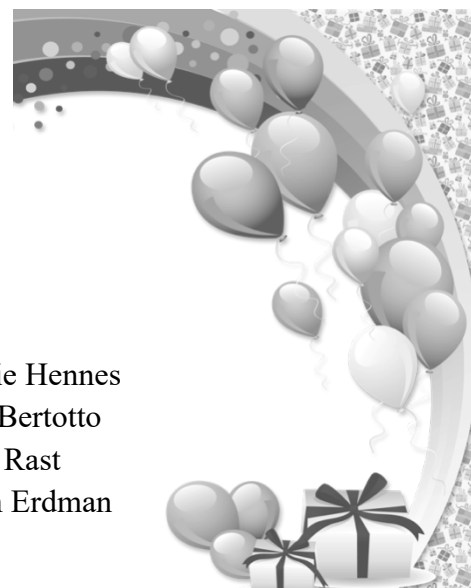


*On your birthday, remember that you were wonderfully made by God and rejoice in his love.*

*Blessings on Your Birthday.*

## *April Birthdays*

4/2 Kelly Bacon	4/9 Joan Kenowski	4/16 Cherie Hennes
4/4 Jesse Mahon	4/10 George Waggoner	4/18 Mae Bertotto
4/6 Josh Lehman	4/12 Carly Beulen	4/22 Gary Rast
4/7 Russell Carey	4/15 Kaia Johnson	4/25 Allan Erdman



*Your love and devotion to God are the reason why you are so blessed in life.  
Keep inspiring others, stay devoted and happy together.*

*Happy Anniversary!*

## *April Anniversaries*

4/2 Jackie and Leroy Cayce	4/28 Mickie and Alan Pagel
4/12 Diane and Bill Fabich	4/29 Kristy and Daniel Pleet

*If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed or is printed wrong please let us know. Put a note in the folder labeled, "Bulletin/Newsletter Announcements" outside the Church office.*

## *Memory Verse Challenge*

The church is encouraged to "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ..." (Col. 3:16).

Psalm 1 teaches us to meditate on God's Word day and night. It is our great opportunity and joy to read and study God's Word.

Week of April 2	<b>Ephesians 2:4-5</b>	God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved.
Week of April 9	<b>Romans 5:1</b>	Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Week of April 16	<b>Romans 8:1</b>	There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
Week of April 23	<b>Ephesians 2:13-14</b>	Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.
Week of April 30	<b>Mark 12:29-31</b>	Jesus answered, "The most important {commandment} is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength,' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."



# Newsletter Changes

In an effort to reduce postage and copy paper costs, we are

no longer going to mail out the newsletter unless we hear from you.

If you still want the newsletter to be mailed to you via USPS contact Mickie or Alan Pagel at 715-366-2001 or send an email to the church

[stjohnsalmond@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsalmond@gmail.com)

The newsletter will also be offered as an email delivered to your inbox. Just make sure we know this is what you want and provide us with your email address. If this is the case, it would be best to email the church, so we get the correct address.

If we do not hear from you for either of the above options, you will have access to it on the church website [www.stjohnsalmond.com](http://www.stjohnsalmond.com)

Please respond by April 24th. These changes will take effect for the May Newsletter.



## Communion

Communion Services will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month as well as the 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays in April, July and October.

See the calendar in the monthly newsletters for specific dates (subject to change due to pastor availability).

### NWD DISASTER RESPONSE

April 30<sup>th</sup> is North WI District Disaster Response Sunday. NWD congregations have been represented by hundreds of volunteers called to serve after such devastation. Pastor Andy Weden serves as our liaison to LCMS National Disaster Response as Disaster Response Coordinator. His role includes training, networking,



support, and hands-on experience with the impacts from natural disasters throughout the state of WI and the country. During the month of April, St. John's will be accepting donations to support the LCMS Disaster Response. Your gifts of financial support to this NWD mercy ministry can be placed in the designated basket on the back table of the church. Please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church OR donate to NWD Disaster Response online on the "GIVE NOW" tab at [nwdicms.org](http://nwdicms.org) or mail to: NWD LCMS 3103 Seymour Lane, Wausau, WI 54401.

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### RECYCLED CARDS

Browse through our assorted supply of Easter cards and find the right one for that special person. Free-will donation for all recycled cards.



### LENTEN MEALS / EASTER

Give thanks for the good food and fellowship that was had prior to the mid-week Lenten services! A big THANK YOU to the Ladies Aid for planning the six meals. We appreciate everyone who participated, signed up, attended, served, cleaned up, or helped in other ways. The free-will offering went towards the new Ladies Aid Local Evangelism fund.

## Ladies Aid Tidbits :

### EASTER FLOWERS

Order your Easter flowers now for \$10.

Forms are on the sanctuary back table and can be given to Dianne Schultz or Diane Fabich by April 2nd.

If paying by check, please make out to St. John's Lutheran Ladies Aid.



### LWML SPRING ZONE RALLY

The LWML Spring Zone Rally is scheduled for Saturday, April 25 at 9:00 am (8:30 registration) at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Stevens Point. Anyone can attend for \$5 fee, which covers lunch and materials.

Contact Lynne Johnson for ride share or more information. See LWML bulletin board for ingathering items Gifts from the Heart to support Ethiopian Community Development Center, refugee pantry in Stevens Point.



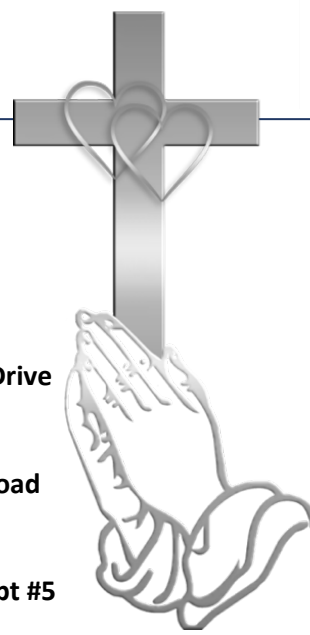
“Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”  
 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. Acts 4:30-31 (NIV)

*Heavenly Father, we come to you in praise and prayer for courage, grace, faith, and healing within your will for:*

Mae & Brian Bertotto	Allan Erdman	Bob & Jane Edmonds	Pat & Stan Hall	Lisa
Bernie Falk	Shawn	Kathy Schulist	Jason Martin	Amy Shaw
Don & Tom Evertson	Darrell Potts	Family of Patrick Hoffmann	Isabel Urban	Bonnie Wellens

We also pray for the leadership of St. John’s as they pursue options for our future,  
 a secretary for our church, and  
 for the missionaries serving God’s Kingdom thru the LCMS:

Ashley Lehr in Puerto Rico - - - Cindy Zirbel Wrucke in the Czech Republic



**Please remember our shut-ins throughout the year  
 with a card, note of cheer, or prayers.**

**Verna Yonke** 3450 Bridlewood Drive  
 Whispering Pines - #108  
 Plover, WI 54467

**Allan Erdman** 9576 County Road P  
 Plainfield, WI 54966

**Harland Newby** 3380 Bridlewood Drive  
 Whispering Pines - #10  
 Plover, WI. 54467

**Bonnie Wellens** 10599 Big Arbor Vitae Drive  
 Arbor Vitae, WI 54568

**Isabel Urban** N5480 Mount Morris Road  
 Wild Rose, WI 54984

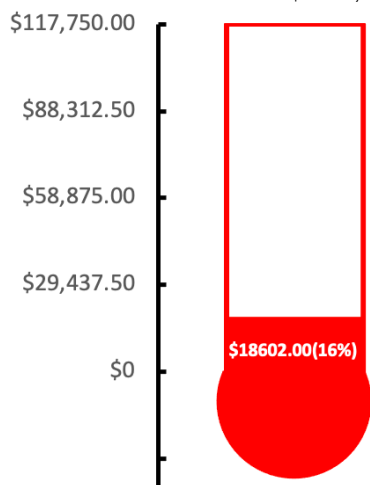
**Mae Bertotto** Bethany Nursing Home  
 1226 Berlin Street, Rm 218  
 Waupaca, WI 54481

**Scott Boelter** 1180 County Road D, Apt #5  
 Almond, WI 54909

**FOR PRAYER REQUESTS:** If you have a request for the prayer chain team please e-mail Bonnie Warzynski or call her. She may be reached at 715-967-3995 or mike-bonnie@hotmail.com.

Thank you to all who continue to support St. John’s!


THE NEW BUDGET NUMBER FOR 2023 IS  
 \$117,750.00



- As of March 22nd, our balance is \$186,602.09.
- Our givings need to average \$2,264.32 per week.
- This budget was projected to include the cost of a full-time pastor as well as operational expenses.

**CAMP LUTHER HAPPENINGS:**

Check out their website to see more information about the *Golf Classic*, *Village Glamping*, and the




## Putting the “Ha” in Hallelujah!

There was an atheist living next door to an old woman who was a Christian. Every day he could hear her praying and praising God for all of the things He had done for her. One day the old woman fell on hard times, and she had no food in her house.

The atheist overheard her praying to God to please send her some food. So, off the atheist goes to the grocery store, thinking he was gonna fix the old gal once and for all. He bought two bags of groceries and, after placing them on her porch, he rang her bell and then hid in some nearby bushes. When the old woman came out of her house, she saw the bags of groceries and started giving thanks to the Lord for sending her the food.

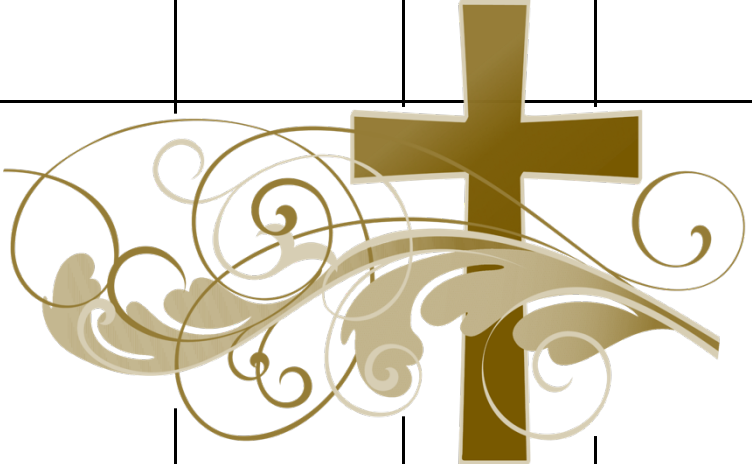
At that point, the happy atheist jumped from the bushes and shouted, “Ah-ha! The Lord didn't send you those groceries! It was I who put them there!” Without a pause, the old woman shot back, “PRAISE YOU, DEAR LORD. NOT ONLY DID YOU SEND THE GROCERIES, BUT YOU MADE THE DEVIL PAY FOR THEM!”





## April 2023

**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

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2 <b>Palm Sunday Communion Worship</b> 8:30 am with Pastor Weden  Fellowship following Service	3	4	5 Confirmation Class 6:30 – 8:00 pm	6 <b>Maundy Thursday Worship</b> 7:00 pm with Pastor Weden	7 <b>Good Friday Worship</b> 7:00 pm with Pastor Lueck	8
9 <b>Easter Communion Worship</b> 8:30 am with Pastor Lueck  Fellowship following Service	10 Golden Needle Quilters 7:00 pm	11	12 Confirmation Class 6:30 – 8:30 pm	13 Golden Needle Quilters 9:00 am - 3:00 pm	14	15 LWML Rally at St. Paul's Stevens Point 8:30 am
16 <b>Divine Communion Worship</b> 8:30 am with Pastor Lueck  Fellowship following Service	17	18 Quilting 9:00 am	19 Council Meeting 7:00 pm	20 Ladies Aid Meeting 7:00 pm	21	22
23 Divine Worship 8:30 am with Pastor Weden  Fellowship following Service	24	25 Quilting 9:00 am	26	27	28	29
30 <b>Divine Communion Worship</b> 8:30 am with Pastor Schwanke  Fellowship following Service						

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Return Service Requested



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