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His Mercy Monthly

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Our Mission

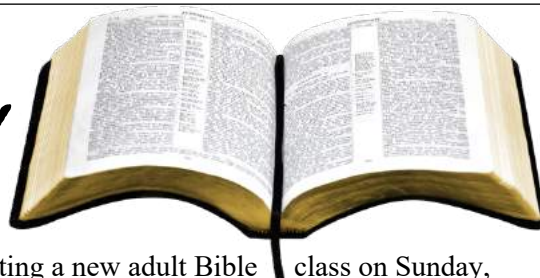
*To celebrate the Gospel in Word and Sacrament
which challenges us to cultivate ourselves and our
community for Christ.*

**Deadline for the
May Newsletter is 8:00 pm on Monday, April 22nd.**

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

BIBLE STUDY



Good News! We are starting a new adult Bible class on Sunday, April 7 at 8:45. The class will go for one hour prior to worship service. Yes, coffee will be provided, but you will have to BYOB – Bring Your Own Bible. Our study will be called Foundations of Faith. We will begin by affirming our confidence in God's inspired word. We will not just study about God's word, but we will actually study God's word. Topics will cover the basics of the Christian Faith! Some of the study will be new and some review. We hope to provide answers to the questions you have always had about the Bible but were afraid to ask. There are no "dumb" questions. Hopefully as you grow in your knowledge of God and His word you can confidently speak to others about your faith. Looking forward to seeing you in class.

In Service to our Lord

Elders: James Johnson, David Marr,
Jim Cesar and Alan Pagel

**Communion Set Up,
Greet and Usher:**

*Please consider volunteering for any of
the above positions for services by
contacting Betty Daberkow at
(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.



♥ **Heart Warmers**

Shout
for joy!

The Savior
reigns.



April Birthdays

April Anniversaries

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| 4/2 | Kelly Bacon | 4/10 | George Waggoner |
| 4/4 | Jesse Mahon | 4/12 | Carly Beulen |
| 4/6 | Josh Lehman | 4/16 | Cherie Hennes |
| 4/7 | Russel Carey | 4/22 | Gary Rast |
| 4/8 | Oakley Omernik | 4/25 | Allan Erdman |
| 4/9 | Joan Kenowski | | |

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| 4/2 | Jackie and Leroy Cayce |
| 4/12 | Diane and William Fabich |
| 4/28 | Mickie and Alan Pagel |
| 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.



We're Hiring!

CUSTODIAN:

We are looking to fill the paid position of custodian for the church.

You will earn extra pay for funerals and weddings. Flexible hours.

For more information send an email to the church with CUSTODIAN in the subject box or contact any council member.

CHURCH SECRETARY:

Job description: provide administrative support to Pastor and St. John's Lutheran Church as a whole. Duties include but are not limited to general clerical, management of church membership, care of items in sanctuary and project-based work. Basic reading, writing and arithmetic skills are required.

Basic knowledge of computer use, proficient with Microsoft Office software and PowerChurch software. Duties require proficient typing ability. Part time with flexible hours.

For a more detailed description of duties send an email to the church with SECRETARY in the subject box or contact any council member.

church email address: stjohnsalmond@gmail.com



Please continue to save your post-marked stamps for the LWML Stamps for Missions. Trim the stamp at least ¼ inch around. The perforation on the stamp must be intact to be accepted by our buyer. There is a collection bin on the fellowship hall table to put your used stamps.

EASTER LILIES

Thanks to everyone that donated towards the Easter Lily and spring plants for Easter Sunday.



THERE WILL BE A COLLECTION BASKET IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL FOR NWD DISASTER RESPONSE SUNDAY – APRIL 28, 2024

April 28th is North Wisconsin District Disaster Response Sunday. Building awareness of this critical ministry is our priority. The NWD has a Disaster Response Coordinator, Pastor Andy Weden, who serves at Peace Campus Center. Pastor Andy serves as our liaison to LCMS National Disaster Response. This role provides him a deep understanding of the support and services the LCMS can provide to disaster areas and to those looking to serve. His role is to help our NWD congregations with training, networking and support, when possible. What can you do?



- Pray for people suffering through disaster.
- Consider your congregation's plan to serve those in need, then contact Pastor Andy to provide training, support and networking. (715)345-6510
- Donate to NWD Disaster Response, Donate online on the "GIVE NOW" tab at nwdlcms.org or mail to NWD LCMS, 3103 Seymour Lane, Wausau, WI 54401
- Review the Bible studies and LCMS links at www.nwdlcms.org/disaster-response.html

Whose Is It Anyway?

If you have every bought or sold a house, you are acquainted with the concept of a “title search.” Before you can sell your house, and before anyone else will feel comfortable putting down the money to buy it, you have to prove that you really own it. So, a title company looks through the public records to ensure that you bought it from the person who really owned it, who bought it from the person who really owned it before that, all the way back to the earliest records of your state, including when your state was only a territory or colony of England.

Peak into a preschool classroom during playtime and you’ll see a simplified version of this. A child starts playing with a ball, but another child says, “That’s mine: I had it first.”

You can’t understand the Seventh Commandment without understanding this concept of ownership or title. As the Small Catechism puts it:

You shall not steal. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

Your neighbor’s possessions are his: you don’t have a right to take them. And likewise, your possessions are yours. Ownership and property rights are foundational to any functioning society.

But there is something deeper to know about ownership, and that is the question of who has the title and ownership to you? Paul says, “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price” (1 Cor. 6:19–20).

If you yourself are owned by God, then of course everything that you own, you really only possess by God’s leave: all of it, at bottom, belongs to Him since you belong to Him. For you were bought with the blood of Christ.

This notion is the foundation of all Christian stewardship. It all belongs to God. It should all be used for things that bring honor to His name, blessings to our neighbors and the extension of His kingdom.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship



Ladies Aid Tidbits :



THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the preparation, serving, and clean-up during the Lenten Meals. Each meal was a delicious taste of the *Journey Toward the Cross* with Jesus. The free-will offerings total of \$1330 were deposited into a special account at The Portage County Bank for Jon Turzinski’s medical needs. Thrivent Action Team funds also provided seed money.

LWML SPRING RALLY

The Zone 17 Spring LWML Rally Will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wisconsin Rapids

On Saturday, April 13.

Registration begins at 8:00 am, the fee is \$5 per person.

The society has chosen the First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center for our “Gifts from the Heart.”

A list of items needed is posted on LWML bulletin board at church. All are invited to attend.



HAVE YOU STARTED SPRING CLEANING?

Consider donating your gently used bed sheets to our Ladies Aid quilting group. We use flat and fitted sheets for our quilts, either as inside filler or outside backing, depending on the condition of the fabric. All sizes or lightly stained sheets are accepted.



“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:

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| Allan Erdman | Isabel Urban | Bonnie Wellens | Matt Weiss | Eileen Schwanke |
| Bob Kollock | Tony Sibble | Pam Bertotto | Sara | Eric Martinson |
| Randy Kalata | Dennis Footit | Jon Turzinski | Ed | Gene Bula |
| Scott Boelter | | | | |

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

Ashley Lehr in Puerto Rico
 David and Rachel Baker in Central Asia



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

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

Dorothy Caves **Silver Lake Manor**
 N2641 17th Lane
 Wautoma, WI 54982

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

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

Scott Boelter **Bethany Home**
 1226 Berlin Street, #317
 Waupaca, WI 54981

Bonnie Wellens **Country Terrace**
 8730 Packing Plant Road, #8
 Minocqua, WI 54548

FOR PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a request for the prayer chain team please e-mail or call Bonnie Warzynski. She may be reached at 715-966-3995 or mike-bonnie@hotmail.com.



Putting the "Ha" in Hallelujah!

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

The projected yearly expenses for 2024 is \$93,311.75. This figure has been adjusted for our current pastoral expenses as well as church operational expenses.



YEARLY GIVINGS THERMOMETER PROGRESS

- As of March 24th, our balance is \$20,421.81.
- Our givings need to average \$1,794.46 per week.
- This budget was projected to include our current pastor as well as operational expenses.

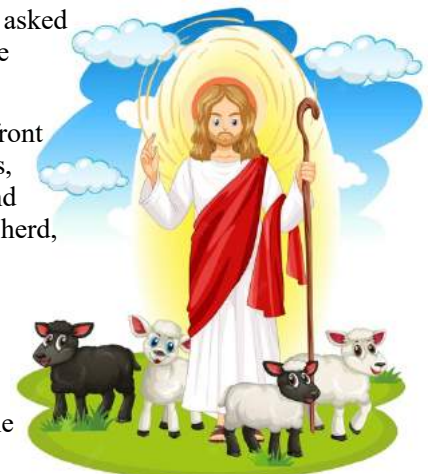
In his beautiful book “I Shall Not Want” Robert Ketchum tells of a Sunday school teacher who asked her group of children if anyone could quote the entire 23rd Psalm. A golden-haired, four-and-a-half-year-old girl was among those who raised their hands.

A bit skeptical, the teacher asked if she could really quote the entire psalm.

The little girl came to the front of the room, faced the class, made a perky little bow, and said, “The Lord is my shepherd, that’s all I want.”

She bowed again and went and sat down.

That may well be the greatest interpretation of the 23rd Psalm ever heard.



April 2024

Sunday **Monday** **Tuesday** **Wednesday** **Thursday** **Friday** **Saturday**

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| <p>7 Bible Study 8:45 am</p> <p>Divine Communion Worship 10:00 am</p> <p>Fellowship following Service</p> | 8 | <p>9 Golden Needle Quilters 9:00 am to 3:00 pm</p> | 10 | <p>11 Elders Meeting 7:00 pm</p> | 12 | <p>13 LWML Rally Immanuel Lutheran WI Rapids 8:30 am</p> |
| <p>14 Bible Study 8:45 am</p> <p>Divine Worship 10:00 am</p> <p>Fellowship following Service</p> | 15 | <p>16 Stewardship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm</p> | <p>17 Council Meeting 7:00 pm</p> | <p>18 Ladies Aid Meeting 7:00 pm</p> | 19 | 20 |
| <p>21 Bible Study 8:45 am</p> <p>Divine Communion Worship 10:00 am</p> <p>Fellowship following Service</p> | 22 | <p>23 Quilting 9:00 am</p> | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| <p>28 Bible Study 8:45 am</p> <p>Divine Worship 10:00 am</p> <p>Fellowship following Service</p> | 29 | <p>30 Quilting 9:00 am</p> | | | | |
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