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JOIN US!

- ASH WEDNESDAY: March 2nd, 7:30 PM**
- LENT WEEK 2: March 9th, 7:30 PM**
- LENT WEEK 3: March 16th, 7:30 PM**
- LENT WEEK 4: March 23rd, 7:30 PM**
- LENT WEEK 5: March 30th, 7:30 PM**
- LENT WEEK 6: April 6th, 7:30 PM**
- PALM SUNDAY: April 10th, 8 AM, 10:45 AM**
- MAUNDAY THURSDAY: April 14th, 7:30 PM**
- GOOD FRIDAY: April 15th, 8:00 PM**
- SUNRISE SERVICE: April 17th, 7:00 AM**
- EASTER SERVICE: April 17th, 10:45 AM**

OUR MISSION:

St. John Lutheran Church, a fellowship of chosen and redeemed children of God, seeks to make disciples through the love of God in Jesus Christ. Through proclaiming God's Word and Sacraments, teaching and sharing our faith, and caring for those in need, we serve the spiritual and physical needs of each other, the community, and the world.

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From The Pastor's Study

Author Christine Caine makes this comment in her book, *Unexpected*. "The enemy wants to derail our lives from the plans and purposes of God—if not for lifetime, then for a season. He wants to pull our focus away from God's promises and divert it to our crisis. He wants to paralyze us in the present and to veil our vision and hope for our future."

Satan is a master at discouragement. Jesus tells us that Satan's mission is to steal, kill and destroy. That's why it's so important to lean into Jesus moment by moment. One way we can do this is through prayer.

Simply put, prayer is a communication with God. Most of us probably have some notions about prayer, but it is often still shrouded in mystery. As a church, I believe that we should never move forward faster than we can move on our knees in prayer. The more our church family leans into prayer, the more powerful our church will become. On Palm Sunday from 1-5 this year we will have a prayer vigil and you will be hearing more about it in the weeks to come. Please consider coming to church that afternoon for 15 minutes and pray.

I am so grateful for what God is doing in our midst today and for the thriving church we will become in the days ahead through prayer and hard work. Praying earnestly for your church leaders is one of the greatest gifts you can give them!

Pastor Thierfelder

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February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 Youth Quake 8:00am Worship w/C 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Adult Bible Class 10:45am Worship w/C 5:30 pm - Ladies Bible Study	7	8 Pastors Winkel	9 6:30 pm LIGHT 8:00 pm Council Mtg	10 9 AMEAC Meeting 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Women's Bible Study	11 Youth Quake	12
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Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful, it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth.

1 Cor. 13:4-6

A Message from Pastor Kenton

February 14th, a day that love is expressed to others through cards, candy, and flowers. A time when couples have a romantic evening, a time of refreshing and coming together after a busy holiday season and the beginning of a new year. It is also a day that the church remembers Saint Valentine, a physician, and priest living in Rome during the rule of Emperor Claudius. He was a Martyr for his Christian faith and tradition suggests that on the day of his execution, he left a note of encouragement for a child of his jailer, written on an irregularly-shaped piece of paper. This greeting became a pattern for millions of written expressions of love and caring that now are the highlight of Valentine's Day in many nations.

Valentine's Day, a day that is marked with a heart as a reminder of love. On February 14th this year, it is also Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season. A beginning of a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. A time of reflection upon your baptism, a time for rebirth and renewal as you look forward to Good Friday and Easter.

In the Ash Wednesday service, you receive an Ash Cross upon your forehead, a gesture of repentance and a reminder of our need to be cleansed and purified from our sin. It is a mark of love, not like the hearts that we find in Valentine's Day greeting cards, but the ultimate mark of love, the Cross of Christ.

In our world, love is defined by how one feels about something or someone. You may love another person, or you may love the outdoors, play a game or about how you feel. This is seen by all the hearts that are shared on decorations and cards. Yet, God's love is different, for God's love shown to us through the Cross, is a sacrificial, steadfast, personal and unmovable love for us. "But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." (Romans 5:8) As we also read about love in 1 Corinthians chapter 13, "Love never ends," "Love bears all things," and we see that love is giving up of oneself. That is what Jesus did for us, He gave all for us including His life.

On this Ash Wednesday, when you receive the Ash Cross upon your forehead, be reminded that it is a mark of God's ultimate love for you. Peace of God be with you,
Pastor Kenton

SERVING THE LORD IN FEB.

FEB. 6TH

ORGANIST: DARLA ABBOTT

LECTORS: 8:00 AM - STEVE & JANENE SOEKEN
10:45 AM - SAM GORDIN

ACOLYTES: 8:00 AM - LAUREN RINGWALD
10:45 AM - ----

FEB. 13TH

ORGANIST: JONELL NILES

LECTORS: 8:00 AM - MARVIN & KAREN SESSLER
10:45 AM - ALAN & KARA BRAUER

ACOLYTES: 8:00 AM - LAUREN RINGWALD
10:45 AM - ----

FEB. 20TH

ORGANIST: JONELL NILES

LECTORS: 8:00 AM - PAT & CINDIE STRECK
10:45 AM - STACY & TONYA PIKE

ACOLYTES: 8:00 AM - LAUREN RINGWALD
10:45 AM - ----

FEB. 27TH

ORGANIST: DARLA ABBOTT

LECTORS: 8:00 AM - AMANDA PROFFITT
10:45 AM - JACKIE COOK

ACOLYTES: 8:00 AM - LAUREN RINGWALD
10:45 AM - -----

USHERS

JEFF TROYER, EARLY SERVICE CAPTAIN

RON RICKER, LATE SERVICE CAPTAIN

KURT RUGAN

SPENCER PROFFITT

RYAN WITT

JOHN RICKER

STEVE SOEKEN

TROY MOORE

IAN GOERING

COUNTERS

FEB. 6TH: MARLA ISERN, LYLAS SCHULTZ,

TERESA SIEKER

FEB. 13TH: ALAN & KARA BRAUER,

HEATHER RUGAN

FEB. 20TH: LUKE ABBOTT, DONNA LONG,

KAREN SESSLER

FEB. 27TH: BILL & JACKIE COOK,

AMANDA PROFFITT

ALTAR GUILD

ROSE KNOP, STEPHANIE MOOS,

LORENE RAJEWSKY, CAROL LEBBIN



Quake 2022 is February 4th-6th

Quake events are weekend retreats created specifically for youth in grades 6-12.

Quake partners with youth leaders to encourage teens to become established in their faith, empowered for Christian living and enabled to live a life of ministry and leadership. The 2022 Quake theme is COURAGEOUS.

The 2022 Quake theme is Courageous. We have been saved by a loving Lord who courageously battled the forces of earth and hell and was victorious. We who have the Crucified, Resurrected and Living Christ living in us are empowered to live courageously as the Holy Spirit leads us in our journey of life. Our God will be with us wherever we go and we will be more than conquerors even in the scary and disheartening events and situations we encounter.

This is for 6th, 7th and 8th graders, any questions please contact Pastor Kenton.

Upcoming Events!!

Make plans to join us for the upcoming Lasagna Dinner on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd!

More info to come!



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The sidewalk and steps leading up to the parsonage have become worn and damaged overtime. Therefore, we are having a new sidewalk/ramp installed. The cost of this project is \$4,700. This falls outside of the normal maintenance and upkeep that is in our budget. If you would like to donate to this project, contact one of the trustees or make a donation to the church via check with Parsonage Sidewalk in the Memo line.

ELDER ASSIGNMENTS

With a new year upon us, we have switched elders around. Below is a list of Elders attached to the first letter of your last name. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please always feel free to contact your Elder at any time. If you need their contact info, please don't hesitate to contact the office!

- A-E: JIM MILLER
- F-Kn: JOE RAJEWSKY
- Ko-Pe: MARVIN SESSLER
- Pi-Si: JOHN RICKER
- Sj-Z: DIRK RICKER

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS 

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| Danny Soeken - 3 Feb | Tessa Hardcastle - 22 Feb |
| Kathie Stroh - 3 Feb | Nancy Kizzar - 22 Feb |
| Gavin Kubick - 8 Feb | Keith Miller - 22 Feb |
| Jennifer Long - 8 Feb | June Ringwald - 22 Feb |
| Cynthia Lockwood - 11 Feb | Amber Rugan - 22 Feb |
| Marvin Sessler - 11 Feb | John Knop - 23 Feb |
| Jennifer Kirkpatrick - 12 Feb | Saul Miller - 24 Feb |
| Julia Schlessiger - 13 Feb | Douglas Panning - 26 Feb |
| Bowen Sieker - 16 Feb | Emma Ringwald - 26 Feb |
| Steven Webster - 21 Feb | Tricia Schlessiger - 27 Feb |

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES 

Troy & Elissa Moore - 22 Feb

NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY



A library worker will be available the last Sunday of the month in the adult library for anyone needing assistance. A computerized card catalog is available in the adult library on Sunday mornings between services and upstairs in the children's library at all times. If you need help in locating items, please ask Paula or a member of the library staff for assistance.

Children's Fiction:

Birds of the Air

Children's Non-Fiction:

Deborah and the Very Big Battle

Jesus Loves Everybody

The Inventions of God (and Eva)

Love You, Little Lady

Alive Before You Were Born

Juvenile Fiction:

Tomo. Child of Destiny (graphic novel)

Tomo. The Argon Deception (graphic novel)

Tomo. Betrayal of Trust (graphic novel)

Adult and Teen Fiction:

Dreams of Savannah by White

Keeping Kyla by Crombie

The Librarian of Saint-Malo by Escobar

Chasing Shadows by Austin

Jewel of the Nile by Afshar

All That Really Matters by Deese

When Twilight Breaks by Sundin

Adult and Teen Non-Fiction:

101 Amazing Things About Christmas



ST. JOHN'S CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEWS

Feb. Bible Stories

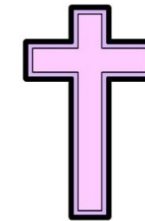
JESUS BLESSES THE CHILDREN
ZACCHAEUS
THE GOOD SAMARITAN
THE 10 LEPERS



CDC kiddos made some crafts to give to the United Way to hand out for Valentine's Day.



It's time for me to learn my ABC's and 123's. I will learn to say thank you and please. I will learn to write my name and match numbers that are the same. I will know my phone number and where I live and how to share and know how to give! I'm ready for school, yes I am. It is off to preschool so I can learn.



PRE-SCHOOL



St. John's Child Development Center is pre-enrolling for 3 and 4 year old preschool.

3 year old preschool class meets on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. 4 year old preschool class meets on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The morning class is from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and the afternoon class meets from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. The cost for the 3 year old class is \$90.00 per month and the 4 year old class is \$120.00 per month. There is a \$25 registration fee to hold a child's spot when pre-enrolling.

Children must be 3 or 4 years old by September 1st and they must be fully potty trained.

Scholarships are available to those who qualify.

To pre-enroll your 3 year old child please call Jodi at 564-2885.
To pre-enroll your 4 year old child call Megan at 564-3024.

St. John's Child Development Center, LLC admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.



Did you know that ALL women in our congregation are considered members of LWML/Lutheran Women in Mission. THANKS for all you do, whether it's making a funeral dinner dish, adding "mighty mites" to the mite box for worldwide missions, bringing items for the Orphan Grain Train Hygiene Kits, preparing a meeting devotion, or performing anonymous kind acts.

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And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17.



Upcoming activities for Lutheran Women in Mission/ LWML include:

February - LWML Prayer Breakfast in the Adult Sunday School Room on Saturday, February 19th @ 9 a.m. All church women are invited, aged teen to 102.



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ST JOHN LWML - ELLINWOOD, KS

MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE IS TO ASSEST EACH WOMAN OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH -- MISSOURI SYNOD IN AFFIRMING HER RELATINSHIP WITH THE TRIUNE GOD SO THAT SHE IS ENABLED TO USE HER GIFTS IN MINISTRY TO THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD.



FEBRUARY KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

Bible Story: Jesus Calls Matthew
Bible Passage: Matthew 9:9-13

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

Bible Story: Jesus Walks on Water
Bible Passage: Matthew 14:22-33

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

Bible Story: Peter Confesses Christ
Bible Passage: Matthew 16:13-23

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

Bible Story: Jesus' Transfiguration
Bible Passage: Luke 9:28-36

BIBLE STUDIES:

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday at 6:30 AM

February 3rd

David Returns to Jerusalem

(2 Samuel 19:9-43)

February 10th

Sheba Rebels against David

(2 Samuel 20:1-26)

February 17th

The Gibeonites Avenged

(2 Samuel 21:1-22)

February 24th

David's Song of Praise

(2 Samuel 22:1-51)

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday at 9:30 AM

Every Sunday at 5:30 PM

God of All Comfort

Women's Bible Study

in the Youth Center



"But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way" (1 Cor. 12:31).

Higher gifts. More excellent way. These sound like comparatives. They are, if you are talking about us. But these words that the Holy Spirit gives to Paul are not about us. They are only and always about what He desires us to have!

The Lord wants you to know that your simple gifts are in no way simplistic. They are glory! But not your glory. They are His glory. If you read the entire chapter of 1 Corinthians 12 you see some fantastic gifts being called lower gifts. Healing. Tongues. Interpretation. These are all fantastic if you were to have them. It is hard to see any way in which these are lesser gifts.

That is until you read what the Lord desires as a higher gift. 1 Corinthians 13 talks about it. The higher gift is love! There is no greater gift than love. Jesus talks about that in John 15:13 when He says that "greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friend." This is the kind of love that we have been given. God loved the world so much that He gave us Jesus. Jesus loved us so much that He died and rose. There is no greater gift of love. Jesus says so!

And this greater love that God has given us in Jesus is an active love! It is given so that we can give it away. That is what our stewardship is all about. Giving freely of the greater love that we have been given!

The financial gifts we render are indeed lesser gifts. It doesn't mean that they aren't important or valuable.

But they are lesser if they are not connected to love. The love they are connected to by the Holy Spirit is a love that comes from the Lord, through us, to others. We become a conduit of love that flows out to those who need it. This involves service. This involves activity. It also involves financial resources. When taken together, packaged in love, these simple gifts do amazing things! Let's see together what the Lord will do with these simple gifts!

Prayer

Blessed Lord, we give You but Your own in all these gifts we bring to You this day and throughout this year. Fill our heart with a love of the Lord, a love of the Gospel and a love for our neighbors that will lead us to give of all of ourselves so that they may know the extravagant, radical love of God that comes in Jesus Christ! Amen.



"And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy" (Matt. 2:9b-10).

Did you know that stewardship can lead you to know true joy? For those who have been in the Church for any length of time, this might sound really surprising. But the Wise Men show us this joy.

The Wise Men did not know joy because of what they had done. They knew the joy of receiving the gift of God! The creation, through the star, had caused them to set out on a journey. It brought them to an unwitting and unwilling Herod. But what finally pointed them to their ultimate goal, the King of the Jews? It was the Word. The Word of God that the scribes had quoted to Herod proved to be true. They had found the palace of the king!

But it was no palace. It was a place. It was a simple home. The Lord had come to dwell among His people in the simplest of ways. Through stewardship of creation and Word, they were led to find this place. Pointed to the truth by the management of Word and world, the Wise Men found joy. This joy is more than a feeling. It is a person. The joy comes from meeting Jesus.

Your stewardship of God's simple gifts is used by Him to guide others to Jesus. Most times that is your faithful financial support of our work together in the Church. Other times it is found in the simple acts of

generosity that show the people around you that you have the joy of knowing Jesus. This takes money, time and a willingness to be in the Word and at the Lord's Table. You can only steward the joy of God's presence when you are present with Him. That is where you find the joy the Wise Men know. It is that joy, as steward, that you are called to give to others!

Yes, you too can be a steward of the Wise Men's joy. The simple gift of God's Word will show this to you. In the coming year, make it a priority to be in God's house and at His Table weekly. Then you will know the contagious joy of being a steward of God's simple gifts!

Prayer

Lord God, You led the Wise Men by a star, first to Jerusalem and then to Jesus. You have also led us to Jesus through the leading of faithful stewards of the Gospel and Your creation. This gives us the same joy that the Wise Men knew so long ago in Bethlehem. Grant us Your grace to be radically generous with the joy You have given us in Jesus so that we might give that joy away as well! Amen.