**3rd Sunday of Easter April 14, 2024**

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)

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**WELCOME**! It’s our privilege to have you join us in being in the Presence of our Lord and Savior! At St. John, we follow the historic Liturgy of the Christian Church, which highlights the Biblical understanding of the True worship of God: *first and foremost*, that He Comes into our presence to give us His Saving Gifts (“Divine Service”) in His Word and Sacraments; and then, in *response,* we thank and praise Him in word and song, and pray for His continued Blessings.

**Who should receive Holy Communion at St. John?:** *All Confirmed members* are invited to Commune, who are sorry for their sins and wish to be Forgiven and Strengthened. Also, *visitors from other L.C.-M.S. and T.A.A.L.C. churches*, who fit the same description, are welcome. So that no one else might eat and drink in Judgment of their sins (1 Cor. 11:29), *all others are asked to refrain* from Communing. If you’re in doubt, please see Pastor or an Elder.

Prelude

**Opening Hymn:**  “Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus” ~ ***LSB* #531**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** “Divine Service, *Setting 1” ~* ***LSB* pp.151ff.**

*Introit* (see 1st white insert**;** read responsively by half Verse)

“Growing as One” (second white insert)

Readings (see first white insert)

Gradual (see front of same insert; read responsively by half Verse)

(The Gospel is read from the center of the Nave to represent Christ’s Risen Presence *among* us.)

**Hymn of the Day**: “With High Delight Let Us Unite” ~ ***LSB* #483 (memory)**

**Sermon**: “More Amazing Than a Miracle” *Acts 3:11-21*

**Distribution Hymns:**

“We Are Called to Stand Together” ~ ***LSB* #828**

“Children of the Heavenly Father” ~ ***LSB* #725**

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” ~ ***LSB* #633**

**Closing Hymn:** “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It” ~ ***LSB* #594**

Postlude

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 4-7: 8:00 | 46 | 41 |
| 4-7: 10:00 | 37 | 35 |
| 4-7: Total | 83 | 76 |
| 4-7: SS / Bible Class | 0 / 3 |  |
| 4-10 Bible Study | 7 |  |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers (8/10):** Randy Smaglinski, Cody Siemen, Marv Koglin, Bryce Schave / Les Weiss, Steven Weiss Joe Weiss

**Elder(s) (8/10):** Greg Woodke / Harold Collings

**Acolyte** **(8/10):** Maddix Thoms / Sophia Koglin

**Altar Guild**: Ann Reinke, Darla Pankow

**NEXT SUNDAY****Organist:** Janeane Wilson

**Ushers (****8/10):** Randy Smaglinski, Cody Siemen, Marv Koglin, Bryce Schave / Les Weiss, Steven Weiss, Joe Weiss

**Elder(s) (8/10):** Rick Finkel / Les Weiss

**Acolyte** **(8/10):** Jensen Zimmerman / Brady Iseler

**Altar Guild**: Ann Reinke, Darla Pankow

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY (“Good Shepherd Sunday”)**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

**Psalm:** 23 686  
**1st**: Acts 4:1-12 **709**

**Epistle:** 1 John 3:16-24537; 711; 710

**Gospel:** **John 10:11-18** 809

**WANTED**: Flower Fund volunteer. We thankVicki Koglin for her years of service in helping to beautify our Sanctuary. The primary responsibility of this position is to facilitate flower arrangements with those who have signed up on the Flower Chart, as well as Christmas poinsettias and Easter flowers. If interested, please contact the church office.

**It's time for a new Pictorial Directory!**  Our dates of photography are **May 30 & 31 and June 1**.  Just for participating you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a church directory.  You will view your images right away and have the chance to purchase family portraits for your own memories and to give as gifts. You can make an appointment starting next week after church services.  Stay tuned!

**Ladies Aid** will be meeting on **Monday, April 15th at 7:00pm**. All ladies invited to attend.

**April Newsletters** are in your mailboxes.

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

|  |  |  |
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| Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, pp.151ff. |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School / Bible Class |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, pp.151ff. |
|  | 11:15 | 6th Grade Confirmation Class |
| Mon: | 7:00 | Ladies Aid |
| Tues: | 7:00 | Elders |
|  | 7:00 | Trustees |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
| Next Sun: |  | **“Good Shepherd Sunday”** |
|  | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, pp.151ff. |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School / Bible Class |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, pp.151ff. |
|  | 11:15 | Voters Assembly |
|  | Noon | 6th Grade Confirmation Class |

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday: *(Pastor & Sally):* **9am – 1pm; 2-3pm**

Tuesday: *(Pastor):* **9am – 12pm**

Wednesday *(Pastor &* *Sally*): **9am – 12pm**

Thursday: *(Pastor):* **9am – 12pm**

Friday: *(Pastor & Sally):* **9am – 12pm**

Please call ahead to ensure that someone is in at (989) 428-4140

**2022 Debt Fund**

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| --- | --- |
| **January 1- December 31, 2024** | |
| Total Needed  Received (4-8-24)  Received year to date  Amount Still Needed | $ 27,000.00  $ 200.00   $ 1,200.00  $ 19,550,00 |

**BUDGETED FINANCE REPORT - *Not Including Special Accounts***

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| --- | --- |
| **January 1- December 31, 2024** | |
| Needed per count  Received (4-8-24)  Needed year to date  Received year to date | $ 7,550.00  $ 8,225.00  $ 54,470.00   $ 52,430.00 |

Bulletins provided by Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach, MI Phone 800-251-8695

**PRAYER LISTS** The following members and friends areknown to be in the hospital, ailing or recovering and are in need of our prayers, cards, and visits.

**MEMBER PRAYERS:**   
Rosemary Koglin; Logan Phillips; Lavern & Brenda Friedland; Lyle Schave;

Stephanie VerEllen; Elmer Leese

**SHUT-INS:**

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| Roger Friedland  (Huron Co Medical, B.A.) | Yvonne Fuhrman | Norma Johnson  (Lakeview E.C., H.B.) |
| Joyce Koglin  (Meadow Lane, B.A.) | Elmer/Ruth Leese | Jack Noble  (Bay View Gardens, Sebewaing) |
| Jeanette Piotter  (Lakeview E.C., H.B.) | Gary Schave (Meadow Lane, B.A.) | Jeffrey Schave |
| Sandy Struble  (Meadow Lane, B.A.) | Jeannie Woodke  (Huron Co. Medical, B.A.) |  |

**FRIENDS:**

Isabel Mix (great-granddaughter of Elmer & Ruth Leese)

Reecilyn Joy (daughter of Michael & Julie Joy)

Gordon Summers

Karen Kreh (daughter of Joyce Koglin)

Daryl Sengstock

Natalie Morgan (daughter of Shannon Popour’s co-worker)

David Sias (great-grandson of Elmer & Ruth Leese)

Debbie Pokora (sister-in-law of Mary Eggert)

Jaxon Bates (infant great-grandson of Elmer & Ruth Leese)

Ryder Finkel (grandson of Don & Linda Finkel)

Daniel Polega

Duane Schave

Chris Verellen (husband of Kari Verellen)

Leroy Pleiness

Julie Kreh (daughter of Joyce Koglin)

David Leese (son of Elmer & Ruth Leese)

**In Memory of Michael Schave**, **Marty Sharrard, and Judith Wicker**,who passed away last year, a monetary donation has been given to the Barnabas Fund: Carol Schave & John Wicker

**Church Services** are again available on our church website. Just log in to [www.stjohnporthope.org](http://www.stjohnporthope.org), then click “Church,” and next “Sermons.” The videos starting with the “Holy Week” Services are posted, and will continue to be posted each week going forward.

The **LWML** District Convention will take place June 28-30.  At last count, our Mission Goal for Grants was short $27,000.  This is the last "push" for the Mite boxes for the last quarter before Convention takes place.  Please see if you have some extra change stashed somewhere that you might be able to donate to this worthy endeavor.  If not, please pray that LWML will reach their goal for grants.  Thank you to all who have already contributed.

**2024 Flower Chart** is up on the window in the entryway, Please sign up on your special occasion dates to provide flowers to beautify our Chancel; or call Vicki Koglin at **989-225-7060.**

**April – June *Portals of Prayer*** are available in the entryway basket.

**2024 Offering Envelopes** are available in the entryway.

**A friendly reminder: Newsletter submissions** are due to the church office by the 15th of the month preceding the month for publishing. **Bulletin announcements** are due to the church office by Thursday (9:00am) before the Sunday to be published, in writing.

The **April *Lutheran Witness*** (with ***Michigan in Touch***)is available on the entryway table.

**Attention High School Seniors.  A local $500 Scholarship is available.**

Students submit a 400-500 word essay on the prompt: *reflect on areas where you believe your character has grown throughout your journey as a young pro-life advocate and how this influences your future goals.* The local winner will receive $500 and advance to the state-level round where one $500 scholarship will be awarded. Contestants must submit their application and essay to [huronrtl@gmail.com](mailto:HURONRTL@GMAIL.COM) by 11:59pm on April 19, 2024. The application can be found at [huronrtl.org](http://HURONRTL.ORG).

**A Smile from Sally:**

