***“Quinquagesima” (*Pre-Lent 1) February 14, 2021**

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.

Today – the **“Sunday before Lent”** – is referred to as **“*Quinquagesima*,”** Latin for “fiftieth” – that is, “[about] *50 days* before Easter. It is part of the three Sunday “Pre-Lent” season on the historic “One-Year Series” Church Year Calendar.

**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 are in doubt, please see Pastor or an Elder.

Prelude

**Opening Hymn:**   ***LSB* #841** ~ “O Son of God, in Galilee”

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** “Divine Service, *Setting 2”* ***LSB* pp.167ff.**

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

 “Growing as One” (see green insert)

 Readings (see back of white insert)

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

**Hymn of the Day: *LSB* #849**~ “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” **(memory)**

**Sermon:** “Have Mercy On Me” *Luke 18:31-43*

 **Closing Hymn: *LSB* #660** ~“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

Postlude

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We welcome today the Rev. Larry Wright, of Midland. Rev. Wright (who was also here on Dec.27th) serves in the Development and Recruitment office of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN.

 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 2-7-21: 8:00 | 56 | 50 |
| 2-7-21: 9:30 | 29 | 22 |
| 2-7-21: Total | 85 | 72 |

 **STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers** (8/9:30): Terry Emerick, Alan McTaggart, Don Finkel/ Albert Bender, Scott Iseler, Max Iseler

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30): Galen Young / Gary Eggert

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Logan Iseler / Whitaker Bender

**Altar Guild**: Vicki Koglin

**NEXT SUNDAY
Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers** (8/9:30): Terry Emerick, Alan McTaggart, Don Finkel/ Albert Bender, Scott Iseler, Max Iseler

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30) Joe Landenberg / Larry Reinke

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Wyatt Hoody / Whitaker Galen Bender

**Altar Guild**: Vicki Koglin

 **LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

**Psalm**: 32 or 118:1-13 424
**O.T.:** 1 Genesis 3:1-21 or

1 Samuel 17:40-51 657
**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 or
 Hebrews 4:14-16 422

**Gospel:** Matthew 4:1-11 600

 Jan. – March ***Portals of Prayer*** are available in the entryway.

 The **February** ***Lutheran Witness*** (with ***Michigan In Touch***) are available on the entryway table.

 **February newsletters** are in your church boxes.

 **A friendly reminder…**newsletter submissions are due to the church office by the 15th of the month preceding the month to publish. Bulletin announcements are due to the church office by Wednesday (9:00 am) before the Sunday to be published in writing.

 **Barnabas Fund:** This fund is for the purpose of providing financial help for those in emergency need. Please consider donating toward this endeavor.

 **2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are now available for pick up in the entryway. Please sign up on the numbered clip-board sheet on the bulletin table and take the corresponding numbered envelope box.

 **2021 Flower Chart** is up on the wall in the entryway. Please sign up on your special occasion dates to provide flowers to beautify our Chancel. Or call Vicki Koglin 989-225-7060.

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

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| Sun:  |  8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 167 |
|  |  9:00 | Sunday School |
|  |  9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 167 |
| Tues: | 7:00 | Trustees |
|  | 7:00 | Elders |
| Wed  | 10:30  | Bible Study |
|  | Noon  | Worship w/Communion Page 184: no ashes |
|  | 6:00 | Worship w/Communion Page 184: no ashes |
| Next Sun:  | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 184 |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 184 |

**Office Hours:**Monday: (*Pastor*): **Office Closed**Tuesday: (*Kathy)*: **9am – 11:30am; 1-2pm**Wednesday: (*Pastor*): **9am – 11:30am**Thursday: (Pastor*)*: **9am – 11:30am; 1-2pm**Friday: (*Pastor):* **9am – 11:30am; 1-2pm**Please call ahead to ensure that someone is in at 989-428-4140.

**Stained Glass Window Fund**

Total Needed: $124,000.00

Received so far $ 97,195.00 Finance Board (2-8-21) $40.00

Amount Still Needed: $ 26,805.00

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

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| **January - December 31, 2021** |
| Needed per count Received (2-8-21) Needed year to date Received year to date  |  $ 8,150.00 $ 9,197.00  $24,450.00 $26,975.00  |

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***Faith Alone***

The seeing are blind, while the one who is blind can see (Luke 18:31–43). Jesus tells the Twelve that He is going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die and Rise again, but they cannot understand or grasp what He is saying. The meaning of His Words is hidden from their sight. However, as Jesus makes His way up to Jerusalem, a blind man calls out to Him for Mercy. This blind man sees that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior, for he calls Him “Son of David.” Indeed, Jesus is the Lord’s Anointed, the Keeper of sheep (1 Sam. 16:1–13) who goes to lay down His Life for the sheep. He is the Incarnate Love of the Father who suffers long and is Kind, who is not puffed up, who never fails us (1 Cor. 13:1–13). Jesus Opens the eyes of the blind (Is. 35:3–7) to see Him not according to outward appearances of lowliness, but according to His Heart of Mercy and Compassion. Those who behold Him thus by faith follow Him to the Cross through death into Life.

**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**

Those with COVID-19

**SHUT-INS**

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| Ivan/Betty Adkins | Yvonne Fuhrman  | Jeffrey Schave |
| Arnold Brown | Hugh Harwood(Courtney Manor)  | Wally Schave |
| Elaine Eggert(Lakeview E.C.) | Charlie Koglin(Courtney Manor)  | Arlene Zelz(Lakeview E.C.) |
| Nelson Erbisch | Elmer/Ruth Leese  |  |
| Della Finkel  (Courtney Manor)  | Willard/Ramona Reinke |  |

**FRIENDS**

Brendan Durkee (grandson of Merle & Patsy Eggert)

Riley Durkee (granddaughter of Merle & Patsy Eggert)

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

Reecilyn Joy (daughter of Michael and Julie Joy)

Gordon Summers

Kathi Jahn (sister of Vicki Koglin)

Emmitt Gaffke (Frank & Irma Gaffke’s infant grandson)

Deborah Schubring (Ann’s daughter-in-law) (recovering from brain aneurism surgery)

Kenny Shepard (grandson of Joyce Koglin)

All those affected by COVID-19.

Kay McTaggart is celebrating her 90th Birthday, February 19. If you could send a card, she would love that. Her address is 4306 Third St. Port Hope, MI 48468.

**In Memory of Howard Finkel, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass fund:** Erwin Schave

**In Memory of Shirley May, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass fund:** Erwin Schave

**Happy 60th Anniversary,** on Feb. 11th to Keith & Theresa Kautz.

**Smile for You:**A friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside. The Pastor said to him, “You need to join the Army of the Lord!”
My friend replied, “I’m already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor.”
The Pastor questioned, “How come I don’t see you except at Christmas and Easter?”
He whispered back, “I’m in the secret service.”

 2021 Easter Flowers

Plants can be ordered today through March 3, 2021.

$16.50 each:

Please circle one type: Lilies Tulips Hyacinth

In the lines below please list the name(s) of your loved one(s) being: (Circle one of the following)

Honored Celebrated Remembered Other

Given by:

Please include your phone number in case I have any questions. You can mail your check to me at:
 Vicki Koglin

 4009 Main

 Port Hope, MI 48468 OR

You can put order form and check in my church mailbox.

Please make your check payable to: St. John Flower Fund.

**Reminder: Orders are due by March 3, 2021**

**Payment must be made at time of order.**

Any questions, call Vicki at (989) 225-7060