**2nd Sunday of Easter\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ April 16, 2023**

 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:** “Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense” ~ ***LSB*** **#741**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Divine Service, *Setting 1”* ***LSB* pp.151ff.** *Introit* (See first white inserts**;** read responsively by half Verse.)

 “Growing as One” (See second white insert.)

 Readings (See back of first white inserts.)

 Gradual (See front of same inserts; read responsively by half Verse.)

 **Hymn of the Day:** “O Sons and Daughters of the King”~ ***LSB* #470 (memory)**

**Sermon**: “The Sure & Living Hope” *1 Peter 1:3-9*

**Offertory Hymn:** “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” ~ ***LSB #*955**

**Distribution Hymns:** “These Things Did Thomas Count as Real” ~ ***LSB* #472** “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” ~ ***LSB* #474**

 “This Joyful Eastertide” ~ ***LSB* #482**

**Closing Hymn:** “Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing” ~ ***LSB* #737**

Postlude

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**Flowers are placed on the Altar** by Larry and Kathie Reinke in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary (April 14).

 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 4-6: *Maundy* Thursday | 64 | 61 |
| 4-7: Good Friday Chief Service | 65 |  |
| 4-7: Good Friday *Tenebrae* | 18 |  |
| 4-9: Easter Sunrise  | 83 | 78 |
| 4-9: Easter Day  | 107 | 78 |
| 4-9: Total |  190 | 156 |
| 4-12: 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 / Les Weiss

**Acolyte** **(8/10):** Jett Zimmerman / Logan Iseler

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

**NEXT SUNDAY
Organist:** Kristen Weiss

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

**Elder(s) (8/10):** Rick Finkel / Gary Eggert

**Acolyte** **(8/10):** Maddix Thoms / Brady Iseler

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

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

**Psalm**: 116:1-14 538
**1st:** Acts 2:14a,36-41 483

**Epistle:** 1 Peter 1:17-25 580, 475, 633

**Gospel:** Luke 24:13-35 477

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

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

 **April newsletters** are in your mailboxes.

**The new Church Directory is in your mailbox**. Please give any updates to the church secretary.

**2023** **Offering envelopes** are now available in the entryway.

**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 (9:00am) before the Sunday to be published in writing.

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

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| Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.151 |
|  | 9:00 | Sun. School & Bible Class |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.151 |
|  | **11:15** | **Voters Assembly** |
|  | 4:00 | 7th Grade Confirmation |
| Mon: | 7:00 | Ladies Aid, “Big Room,” school building |
| Tues: | 10:00 | “Winkel” @ Fairgrove |
|  | 7:00 | Elders |
|  | 7:00 | Trustees |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study  |
|  | 1:00 | LWML, “Big Room,” school building |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.151 |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.151 |

Monday *(Pastor)*: **9am – 1pm; 2pm – 3pm**Tuesday *(Pastor & Becky)*: **9am – 12pm**Wednesday *(Pastor)*: **9am – 12pm**Thursday *(Pastor & Becky):* **9am – 12pm**Friday *(Pastor & Becky):* **9am – 12pm**Please call ahead to ensure that someone is in at (989) 428-4140.

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

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| **January - December 31, 2023** |
| Needed per count Received (4-10-23) Needed year to date Received year to date  |  $ 8,540.00 $11,610.00 $59,780.00 $54,050.00  |

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**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**
Ruth Leese; Joyce Koglin

**SHUT-INS**

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| Arnold Brown | Jack Noble (Meadow Lane, B.A.) | Sandy Struble(Meadow Lane, B.A.) |
| Yvonne Fuhrman   | Jeanette Piotter(Lakeview E.C., H.B.) |  Jeannie Woodke (Huron Co. Medical) |
| Charlie Koglin  | Gary Schave(Meadow Lane, B.A.) | Arlene Zelz (Lakeview E.C., H.B.) |
| Elmer/Ruth Leese  |  Jeffrey Schave |  |

**FRIENDS**

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

Reecilyn Joy (daughter of Michael and Julie Joy)

Gordon Summers

Karen Kreh (daughter of Joyce Koglin)

Daryl Sengstock

Lori Pedrotte (daughter of Rodney & Janet Weiss)

Suzi Smith (daughter of Linda & Darwin Krueger)

Natalie Morgan (2-year-old daughter of Shannon Popour’s co-worker)

Kurt Reinke (son of Ramona Reinke)

David Sias (7-year-old grandson of Elmer & Ruth Leese)

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

Debbie Schave (sister-in-law of Larry Schave)

Jackson Batef (newborn great-grandson of Elmer & Ruth Leese)

Shirley Jahn (mother of Vicki Koglin)

Betty Burkhard (friend of Becky Dodge and Jen Kelley)

**In Memory of Michael Schave, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Trustees Fund:** Yvonne Fuhrman

**In Memory of Mason Soper, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Trustees Fund:** Yvonne Fuhrman

**In Memory of Oren Emerick, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Alan & Judy McTaggart

**In Memory of Pat Insana, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Alan & Judy McTaggart

**2023 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.**

**Church Vases:** Over the past several months I am missing vases for church flowers. If you have taken flowers home and have forgotten to return vases, please do so. Thank you. Vicki Koglin

**St. John Ladies Aid** will meet Monday, April 17, at 7pm, in the “Big Room.” Hope to see you there!

**St. John Ladies Aid** would like to thank the following for making our Soup Suppers a success: those who worked, those who attended, those who made desserts, Kathy Mausolf for donating soup bones, Carol Young for helping prepare the soup each week, and especially Suellen Emerick, for without her these suppers would not be possible. THANK YOU ALL!!!

**LWML** will meet Wednesday, April 19, at 1pm, in the “Big Room.”

**LWML Spring Rally** is on Tuesday, April 25, at Our Savior, Bad Axe. The Rally starts at 6pm, with desserts and fellowship beginning at 5:30pm.

**Two Pro-life Apologetics 101 training sessions** will be held in April presented by Haili Gusa, Training Coordinator for Protect Life Michigan:

 The first is Sunday, April 23rd, from 11:45am - 1:15pm at St. Columbkille Church located at the corner of M-53 and Atwater Rd. The second is Monday, April 24th, from 6:30 - 8:00pm at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic School, located at 413 S. First St., Harbor Beach.

 You will learn how to defend your beliefs on abortion, how to have loving and truthful conversations, and will increase your confidence when discussing abortion.  All are welcome. Recommended for ages 12 and up. Contact Haili at haili@protectlifemi.org with any questions.

**FISH FRY:** Grindstone Port Hope Sportsmen’s Club, 6101 Huron City Rd., **Friday, April 21**, **3:30-7:00pm**, $14 per meal. Dine-In preferred, take-out available.

**A Quote from Martin Luther:** “Peace if possible; Truth at all costs.”