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**We will welcome New Members** to St. John's Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 24th during the 9am worship service. A reception will be held following worship. Please plan to stay and introduce yourself to our newest members.

**Find us on Facebook!**  
Search for "St. John's Lutheran Church" and join our page.



April Birthdays, Anniversaries, Special Days, Upcoming Events

God's continued blessings to the following members of our congregation...

75th+ Birthday

Apr. 1 Darlene Meisel  
Apr. 14 Duane Fassig  
Apr. 15 Patricia Bieser  
Sandra Eich  
Apr. 19 Marjorie Nance  
Apr. 21 Patricia Despain  
Apr. 27 Frank Etheridge

*Congratulations*

Happy 50+ Anniversary!

Richard & Leslie Althaus  
April 19th — 52 years

Upcoming Events

**April**

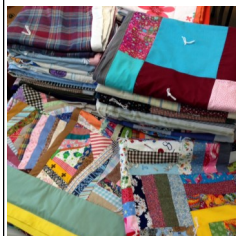
2 Highway Pickup at 9am  
5 Youth Huddle meeting at 6pm  
6 Confirmation class meets at 6pm  
7 All Teams, Memorial & Finance meeting at 7pm  
7 Executive Team at 8pm  
9 Synod "Safe Church" event hosted here  
10 Sunday School students sing at 9am  
13 Staff Planning meeting at 5pm  
17 New Member meeting at 10:15am  
17 Mission Trip meeting at 11:30am  
21 Church Council meeting at 6:30pm  
24 New Member reception  
26 Mission Quilt Day at 9am  
27 Newsletter Assembly at 10:30am  
27 Confirmation class meets at 6pm

**May**

5 All Teams meeting at 7pm  
15 Confirmation Day at 9am worship  
15 Baccalaureate service at 3pm  
19 Church Council meeting at 6:30pm  
22 Last day of Sunday School

April 26th is Mission Quilt Day

You are invited to join St. John's quilting group on the fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at 9am. You do not need to know how to quilt or sew in order to help create these beautiful and versatile quilts that are sent worldwide through Lutheran World Relief. Volunteers are needed to cut fabric, assemble the three layers of the quilt, sew the edges, and tie the quilts. If you are unable to attend the work day, you may take a Quilt Top Kit (found in the Information Booth in the Fellowship Hall) home with you and return it when you are finished.



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Special items of interest:

- **We hope you will join us for worship!**  
Saturday worship 5pm  
Sunday worship 9am  
Fellowship 10am  
Sunday School 10:15am
- St. John's offers **Electronic Giving**. If you are interested please contact Susan in the office.
- Our professional sound technician, Marc Hayes, will be with us for worship on **Sunday, April 10th**. He will hold a training session following worship for all of our **sound system volunteers**. Please put this date on your calendar and make every effort to attend. Thank you!
- **Thank you** to everyone who provided a blooming plant to beautify our Sanctuary on Easter morning! You may take your plant home with you if you haven't done so already.



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**The Gospel of Luke**

The author of the Gospel of Luke is a great storyteller and emphasizes in his writings that salvation through Jesus Christ is intended for everyone, even those considered unworthy or outcast. We believe that God speaks to us through the words of Holy Scripture, and so we read passages from the Bible during Bible Studies, our daily devotions, and whenever we gather for worship.

Throughout this church year, we have been hearing passages from Luke almost every Sunday.

This Spring, members of the Education Ministry Team, members of the Youth Huddle, Youth Director Maria Bonine, and I have a challenge.

**This is our challenge – that each person of St. John's read all of Luke.**

There will be a chart that each of us may sign when we have completed reading all of Luke.

**Please highlight Sunday, May 22nd at 10:15am on your calendars.** On that day we are planning a fun-filled Intergenerational Luke Event; complete with food, special guests, and even a Trivia competition!

I believe God will reveal amazing insights to us when we open our Bibles and begin reading. I also predict that our lives will become more hopeful and faithful and focused upon Jesus Christ.

Blessings to all,  
Pastor Janet Lepp

*P.S. Available in this weekend's bulletin — A Bible Reading Challenge Chart to help us complete the Book of Luke in 49 days!*

**Inquiry Class**

Pastor Lepp will be holding an "Inquiry Class" on Sunday April 17th at 10:15am during the Education Hour. This class is for anyone interested in learning more about the ministry of St. John's. We will also be talking about what it means to be Lutheran. Please grab a snack and a cup of coffee, and then join her in the north side of the Fellowship Hall. This class promises to be really interesting, particularly for those who are considering membership. Everyone is welcome!



A Study of the Book of Revelation

Few books have affected people more dramatically than the Book of Revelation. This book, the very last one in the Bible, has been an inspiration for thousands of years to people who are seeking to know God's plans for the earth. However, there are conflicting theories about what the Book of Revelation is revealing.

Some take the symbolic language used in Revelation and use it as a basis for spectacular false prophecies about how God intends to destroy the earth and everything on it, except for a selected chosen few. Others tend to see within the pages of Revelation the gracious power of God which stands over and against the forces of sin and

evil that seek to dominate our world. In this interpretation, God doesn't single out a selected few to save, but instead comes to earth through Jesus Christ in order to save the world and to rescue those who are perishing.

It would seem that we can anticipate some lively and faith-filled discussions! Please join me in the Disciples' Den:

A Study of the Book of Revelation  
Wednesday evenings from 7-8pm  
April 20 will be the Introductory Session  
Classes on May 4, 11, 18, 25

New Office Hours (beginning April 8th)

Monday through Thursday 8:30am to 4pm  
Friday 8:30am to noon  
Saturday and Sunday Office Closed

Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center Visit

Russ Senti, Director of the Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center, will visit St. John's on Saturday April 2nd and Sunday April 3rd. Mr. Senti will be offering the sermon during worship, and then will be available for conversations following worship. Please come to greet our guest!

2016 Highway Clean-up Dates



The Saturday pick-up dates for 2016 are as follows: April 2nd, June 4th, August 6th, and October 1st. We will meet in the church courtyard at 9am to issue safety vests, litter bags and to organize into groups. Our route begins at the US 251 South viaduct and travels 2 miles south on both sides of the road. This is a great volunteer/service project for kids, too. We require that students be at least Confirmation age in order to participate. We are usually done in an hour with 8-10 volunteers — hope to see you on April 2nd!



St. John's has a Scholarship program to help the youth of our congregation finance their education at a school of higher learning. College Scholarship Applications are now available in the church office and on the Information Booth. Completed forms must be returned to the office no later than April 30, 2016. For further information, please contact Bill Garthe, Chair of the Scholarship Team.



The Easter Bunny and his helpers just before the Easter Egg Hunt for our younger children.



Be sure to check out the new artwork at the top of the stairs leading to our Sunday School classrooms. Many thanks to Doug Ultch for creating this painting as a visual reminder for all of us! Thanks also to Aimee Holland for helping get the display space ready.



St. John's Youth News  
"Growing Together in our Faith as we Serve Others"



~ Current 5th through 7th Graders ~  
Junior High Mission Trip  
Friday, June 3rd - Sunday, June 5th



Have you been praying about joining us for "Poured Out 2016", the junior high mission trip to Belvidere planned for this summer? Information and registration forms are available in the mailbox outside of Maria's office. Your registration form and \$25.00 deposit payable to "St. John's" is due by Sunday, April 24th. If you have any questions, please speak with Maria.

High School Students...

Thank you for helping to fill all of the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt and also for helping hide the eggs on Easter morning.

Join us in The Upper Room on Sunday mornings at 10:15am for "breakfast" and a laid-back time of conversation, reflection and prayer.

Cincinnati Mission Trip Team



The 2016 Mission Trip Team will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 17th at 11:30am for a planning time and lunch. Please plan to attend.



If you are graduating from High School or College this spring, we will be honoring you on May 15th at the 9am worship service. Please submit a photo and information regarding your future plans to the office by Monday, May 2nd.

2016 Community Baccalaureate Service

All 2016 high school graduates, regardless of church affiliation, are invited to a Baccalaureate Service at First United Methodist Church on Sunday, May 15th at 3pm. A planning meeting will be held on Sunday, April 17th at 3pm at First United Methodist Church.

Confirmation Class News...

Thank you to the Confirmation class for assisting with Stripping the Altar on Maundy Thursday, for playing chimes, and also helping with the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning.



Mark your calendars now for Confirmation get-togethers on Wednesdays, April 6th and 27th. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 6pm to 8pm for a time of food, fun, fellowship and service.

Confirmation Class will join the High Schoolers for Sunday School class on Sunday, April 10th. Please meet in the HS classroom. (Breakfast snacks will be provided.)

Plans are being made for an outing for the class on Sunday, April 24th. The activity and time will be shared soon.



Confirmation Day for our 8th grade students is set for Sunday, May 15th during 9am worship. We will hold a rehearsal and take a group picture on Wednesday, May 11th from 6pm to 8pm. (7th graders should also plan to attend.) Please keep our 8th graders - Aaron, Emily, Gavin, Haleigh, Hannah, Paige, and Tim - in your prayers as they prepare for their special day.