

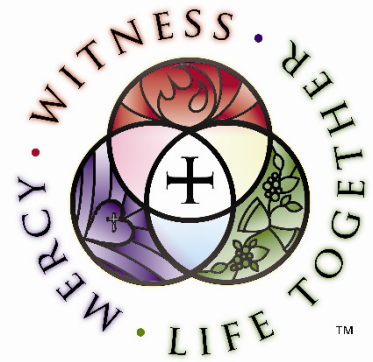
# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## News & Notes

April 5, 2020

During these unusual days of pandemic, we will not be preparing the regular church bulletin, but will instead make this 'News & Notes' page available weekly on the website. In addition, paper copies of this page will be available on Tuesdays outside the church office for anyone coming in to drop off an offering.



### Holy Week

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**HOLY WEEK** – This will be a Holy Week like no other, as the church of Christ remains “in exile” because of the corona-virus, and cannot gather together for public worship or for the Sacrament of the Altar. Yet God is with His people even when they cannot be in His sanctuary. **Together, as His congregation, let us commit ourselves to following**

**Jesus from His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, to the upper room, to the cross, and to the open tomb!** Be sure to make use of the following resources to assist in your Holy Week devotional life.

#### ONLINE SERVICES FROM ST. JOHN

- Online services will be made available on ~ **Maundy Thursday** at 7:00 p.m. ~ **Good Friday** at 7:00 p.m. ~ **Easter Sunday** ~ 9:00 a.m.
- Be sure to access the order of service PDF files so that you can follow along with each service
- Links for all these worship resources will be made available on [sjl.org](http://sjl.org) and on our Facebook page.

#### PORTALS OF PRAYER BOOKLETS

- Booklets for the second quarter (April-June) are available for you to pick up outside the church office.
- OR, on Facebook, search 'Portals of Prayer' and head to their page for each day's devotion.

#### CPH DEVOTION RESOURCES

- For many fantastic materials that *Concordia Publishing House* is making freely available during this time, go to [cph.org](http://cph.org) and click the purple “**For Home, Browse Resources**” link. You will find links for many resources that are normally available by subscription only:
  - ‘**My Devotions**’ devotions for teens
  - ‘**Happy Times**’ magazine for children, the April/May issue
  - ‘**Family Time**’ devotions for families with children
  - ‘**Today’s Light**’ (April issue) for a more in-depth consideration of daily Scripture readings
  - ‘**Lutheran Life**’ online flip book (Spring issue) with many wonderful, articles for spiritual growth
  - ‘**Lutheran Witness**’ (special issue) with exceptional articles for expanding your mind
  - ‘**CPH Music**’ links on either Spotify or Amazon Music



**MATTERS FOR PRAYER** – Please keep these people in your prayers:

- ❖ Shut-Ins: *Norma Damman, Renetta Homan, and Lester Rabe*
- ❖ *Dorothy Gerken, Melba Elling, and Lorna Von Deylen*, at Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Evelyn Rohrs and Arlene Gerken*, at Assisted Living – Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Harold Behrmann*, at Fulton Manor – Wauseon
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, residing at the Ohio Veteran’s Home, Sandusky
- ❖ Armed Services: *Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Schroeder, Connor Gerken, Seth Handy*
- ❖ *Willie Joost*, recovering well from skin graft surgery for burns on his leg
- ❖ *Dale VonDeylen*, brother of Deb Durham and Dave VonDeylen, who is undergoing tests for cancer at the OSU hospital
- ❖ *Donald Badenhop*, now residing at Vancrest Assisted Living – Holgate

<b><u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u></b>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec’d 03/29/20	\$19,490.00	\$25.00	\$170.00

**ATTENDANCE:** All services live-streamed due to Covid-19 pandemic

**5<sup>TH</sup> LENTEN SERVICE:** \$305.00 – Lutheran Hour Broadcasts

**6<sup>TH</sup> LENTEN SERVICE:** \$305.00 – Fort Wayne Seminary

**OFFERINGS DURING THIS TIME** – The gifts of God’s people are essential to the continuation of ministry. There are three ways we suggest giving your gifts during this time especially...

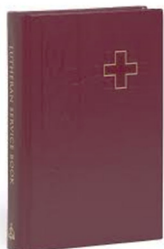
- Use our new ‘**Give Now**’ online giving page – a link is on our website
- Mail your offerings to the church
- Drop off your offerings on Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to noon, outside the church office

**More detailed information is available on the “Sustaining Ministry” document online.**

**ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES** – Videos of our online services will be made available whenever we would have gathered for worship – Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and Holy Week services (Thursday & Friday) at 7:00 p.m.

**CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS** – Be sure to stay up to date by watching our webpage, SJL.ORG, and our Facebook Page. These will be a primary means by which we will provide information to the congregation. On the webpage there will be links to connect you to our live-streamed and archived worship services, as well as other information.

A document is available on our website titled, “**Sustaining Ministry During COVID-19,**” with all the information you need to follow everything we’re trying to do at St. John.



**CPH SALE – THE LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK (LSB)** – This may be the time to purchase a copy of the hymnal for home use, so that you can use it in your household for following our online services, as well as all of its wonderful devotional resources. **They are on sale right now at CPH.org for \$20.** Just Google ‘**cph lsb**’ and click the first link.

If you’re really thrifty, you can sometimes find used copies of LSB, like the one on [thriftbooks.com](http://thriftbooks.com) for \$15.



**WORSHIP DVD's FOR THOSE WITHOUT INTERNET** – Is there a member of your family who does not have internet access to our worship service? For our members in this situation, we are considering how to make DVD copies of our service videos available. If you have a loved one for whom you would like these DVD's, please email Joyce Wiechers at [jwiechers@sjl.org](mailto:jwiechers@sjl.org) with the person's name. Then, if we can get production of these DVD's ramped up and going, pastor or Joyce will notify you when they become available. **For the most part, it will be the responsibility of the individual requesting the DVD, or their family member to pick up the DVD's at church on Tuesdays between 9am -noon.**

