

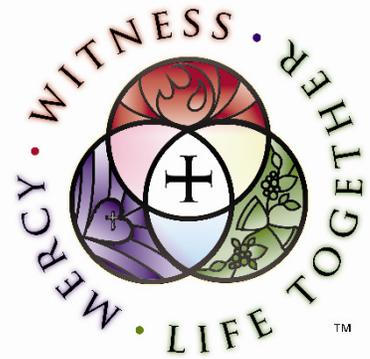
ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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News & Notes

April 12, 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.



Christ
is
Risen!

HE IS RISEN INDEED! – Easter dawn is here as the sun rises to signal the beginning of this new day. On the first Easter, the real dawning happened inside Mary, Peter, and John, and eventually all the disciples, as they realized what had happened: Jesus had conquered death and returned to resurrected life, unbound by time and space. Moreover, as Job had prophesied and Paul confidently wrote, one day we shall see God with our own eyes as He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Our

Easter worship is an opportunity to let the Son rise to break through the mists of our minds and the heaviness of our hearts. By the grace of God, we rejoice with the psalmist, *“The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us”* (Psalm 118:27).

ONLINE SERVICES FROM ST. JOHN

- Online services will be made available on **Sundays by 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 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 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*
- ❖ *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 Badenhop*, now residing at Vancrest Assisted Living – Holgate
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, residing at the Ohio Veteran’s Home, Sandusky
- ❖ Armed Services: *Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Schroeder, Connor Gerken, Seth Handy, Nathan Nemoyer*
- ❖ *Dale VonDeylen*, brother of Deb Durham and Dave VonDeylen, who is currently undergoing cancer treatments
- ❖ *Dorothy Gerken*, who is suddenly and seriously ailing in the hospital

DOUBLE DUTY: Congratulations to *Adam & Chelsea (Kirkum) Von Deylen* on the “safe and healthy” arrival of twins, a daughter, **Aubrie Jean**, and a son, **Bryson Kyle**, on Wed., March 25th at Toledo Hospital. They are all home, doing well, and maybe a little exhausted. Grandparents, *Denny & Diane Von Deylen*, are so happy for their safe arrival and look forward to lots and lots of hugs from these two little ones. Congrats to the Von Deylens!

THANK YOU: *Willie Joost* would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and well wishes during his recent accident. His healing continues, and each day gets better and better. Thank you to Pastor Niermann for his nice visit. Willie’s nurses at home will be taking good care of him.

OFFERING DESIGNATIONS: Maundy Thursday designation is to Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty; Good Friday and Easter designations are to Home Fund.

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec’d 04/05/20	\$9,820.00	\$135.00	\$1,245.00

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

MEMORIALS for Delora Winkelman: \$1,610.00 – St. John Lutheran Memorial Fund
\$99.00 – St. John Lutheran Endowment Fund

MEMORIALS for Eldor Gruenhagen: \$1,874.00 – St. John Lutheran Endowment Fund

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.



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 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.**



SCRIP ORDERS are discontinued until quarantine is lifted. Thank you!



CHRIST THE LORD
IS RISEN TODAY!