

St. John's Journal

Living The Resurrection Life

Many days I arrive at work to a **list** that I made out a day or two before so that I know, and am reminded, of what tasks are to be accomplished before that day ends. Each list is made in anticipation of the arrival of that new morning. If, the morning, I draw breath again, then, there is work to do. When I wake up to those tasks, I have reason to rejoice that my Lord has seen fit to grant me another day. If I have the strength and the intelligence to do what must be done, that again is a gift of God. Food and drink, house and home, money and possessions, family and friends ("daily bread") are all heavenly benefits too!

Easter dawn means an *early* service and usually a packed house. Even, nominal Christians know that that day is a special day. But that day, reflecting history that took place 1980 years ago, establishes for all of us a new understanding, a new attitude, and it is the foundation of a whole new way of life.

First, we sinners, are awakened with the *alleluias* of Easter triumph — *alleluias* previously silenced for a somber Lenten season, while penitential hearts could barely be directed heavenward on account of that tremendous burden our guilt has become. Those *alleluias* now flow forth from hearts made alive again by Him who "was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification." In the pardon Jesus wrought for every man, woman, and child there is the foretaste granted to each believer that death has given place to life, and life will **not** be conquered ever again. We've had our dark day in the grave, and now we bask in the light shining forth from an empty tomb and a risen Jesus.

There's that new attitude. Our Master was dead, and now He is alive. We die, but we will not perish, if we look to and trust in the One who is the "firstborn of the dead," and the Guarantee of the resurrection.

The new understanding we gain by Easter daylight is that the night does not, because it cannot, last forever, not when darkness is tackled head on by Him who is God of God, Very God of Very God, Light of Light! We live by the Word so that the eyes of faith

see more clearly than even our physical eyes can. We walk by the promise of God rather than the false and empty promise of the devil and this world he rules.

So then, we are called to live the resurrection life. "Should sin abound that grace might abound even more?" St. Paul asks this question and answers it in the same breath. "God forbid; it must never be!"

Have we been raised to a new life that we might have that much more freedom and independence from our Creator? Are we only living for here and now, or are we living for both here and now and there and then to God's glory in Christ? If our hope is in this life only, we are to be pitied!

We are saved by the sacrifice and rising of Jesus, so that, as we share in His blood-bought benefits made ours in holy Baptism, "we, too, should walk in newness of life!" "We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before hand, that we should walk in them." "If anyone is in Christ, He is a new creation." "You were bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." "You are His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His own marvelous light."

You were not rescued from icy cold grip of death and given life just to take the futile step to return to death again. You were not grasped out of the grave to crawl back in. You were not delivered from the hand of the devil just to succumb again to the temptation of becoming your own god.

Bask in the forgiveness that is yours by faith in the completed atonement of Jesus. Live in the peace that He alone can and does give. And remember that the real and physical resurrection of the body of Jesus means that you now have more than enough reason to live life beyond just breathing and occupying space. You're headed for heaven and that, now, has to change your earthly perspective and existence.

Pastor Mark A. Miller



**Christian Education
Sunday School**

Perfect Attendance

February 2011

Pre-School

Tristen Norman
Zachary Webb

Second Grade

Emma Norman
Sydney Webb

Fourth Grade

Augie Fuelberth

Seventh Grade

Garret Kesselmayer

Eighth Grade

Dylan Kesselmayer
Noah Kesselmayer
Victoria Tilton
Joseph Woodruff

High School

Zach Fuelberth
Emilie Kesselmayer



**APRIL
BIRTHDAYS**

April 01

Randall Couch
Daniel Rees
Melissa Sloter

April 02

Brittany Allen
Randi Becker
Edward Gaitros

April 03

David Drockelman
Iris Gaitros
Gregory Hall
Tristen Norman
Mary Wiker

April 04

Lindsey Dixon
Jay Emery
Carter Stevenson

April 05

Erik Freeman

April 07

Lillian Daniels
Florence Griffin
Florence McClure
James Spelbring

April 08

Darrell Hansen
Daniel Watson

April 09

Jackie Allen
Edyn Kammeyer
Alicia Turner

April 10

Christal Dagit
Mary Hall
Julie Hauter
Jason Urish

April 11

Debra Bresnahan
Dane Watson

April 13

Jeffery Norman

April 15

Mark Scott
Bennett Urish
Michael Wagner

April 16

Dawn Bohannon
William Rees

April 17

Alex Schmidgall
Christina Wagner

April 18

Linda Norman

April 19

Kelen McDaniels
Mildred Pitchford
Mark Reeder

April 20

Cathryn Ashbaker
Rebecca Miller

April 21

David Becker
Kevin Dupent
William Long III

April 22

James Buster

Samuel Frederick
Michelle Gregory

April 23

Daniel Dobbelaire
Lois Jarvis
Bethany Miller

April 24

Lucille Benker
Peg Booe
Drew Jackson
Shirley McCoige
Maxine Oliverius
Paul Tackmann

April 25

Joshua Donovan
Kathryn Heisel
Robert Kohtz

April 26

Nancy Gardner
James Prosser
William Wiker III

April 27

Christopher Ashbaker

April 28

Elaine Hapke
Gertrude Hellmers
Earl King
Angela Mills

April 29

Christopher Bitner
Mikayla Wilson

April 30

Jonathan Becker
Diane Fornoff
Amy Swibold
Eric Thompson



February 20101 Treasurer's Report

CDs & Common Stock

Educational Grant Fund CD #1	94,690.49
Educational Grant Fund CD #2	74,570.29
East Bluff Property Fund CD	102,950.51
Caterpillar Stock at FMV	<u>19,247.91</u>
Total CDs & Common Stock	<u>291,457.20</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	325,087.66

Checking Account Balance:	13,800.92
Link Account—Cash Portion Only	<u>19,827.84</u>
	33,628.46

FUND BALANCE

Funds to pay Note Payable	-133,285.40
Net Income (Loss)	<u>- 1,855.04</u>
Capital Accounts	<u>400,873.56</u>

TOTAL FUND BALANCE: 269,443.20

TOTAL LIABILITIES &

FUND BALANCE 325,087.66

APRIL LIBRARY CORNER *By Eileen Tiona*



"You are not your own;
you were bought at a price.
Therefore honor God with

your body."

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Pastor Neimann has donated 3 new books to the library. The books are listed below.

- In Christ: The Collected Works Of David P. Scaer, Lutheran Confessor, Volume II: Popular Articles--Christ Is All In All, Bibliography
- Starck's Prayer-Book, Concordia Edition From The German Edition Of Dr. F. Pieper
- Revelation – Concordia Popular Commentary by Louis A. Brighton.

Thank you Pastor Neimann, for your donation.

I encourage the members of the congregation to come in and look over all the books available in the library. I'm sure you can find something that will interest you.



*Happy
Easter*

ORGANIZATIONS



FELLOWSHIP CLUB *By Veva Martin*

St. John's Fellowship Club will be meeting

April 9th at 10:00 A. M.

We will be having a brunch at the home of Darrell and Donna Hansen, 100 Santa Maria.

A box will be available for donations to the House of Hope. Needed items include: toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, sturdy garbage bags, paper goods (Kleenex), summer pajamas for women and children, C,D, & 9 volt batteries, 8 1/2 x 11 copy paper, used cell phones.

WOMEN'S GUILD *By Deb Lakamp*

St. John's Ladies Guild will meet on
Thursday, April 28th at 7:00 P. M.

The serving committee for that evening will be Joyce Lonergan (chairman), Elaine Hapke, and Linda Turney. Please remember to bring a donation (such as dryer sheets, bathroom cleaner, bleach, floor cleaner) for House of Hope. All ladies of the congregation are encouraged and welcome to attend.

BETHLEHEM SOCIETY *By Addie Weyhrich*

Bethlehem Society meeting will be held on
Tuesday, April 26th, at 1:30 P. M.

The hostess will be Addie Weyhrich. There will be a program.

There will be no Fun(d) Day Potluck in April due to Lent.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH VOTERS ASSEMBLY MINUTES

March 14, 2011

President Ray Barnes called the meeting to order. A quorum was present. Pastor Niemann opened with the devotions. The March Parish Report was presented by Pastor Niemann, upon motion by Joseph Schiavone, seconded by Ron Garber, the Parish Report was approved. The minutes for the February 14, 2011 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Ron Reising discussed the treasurer's report. Joseph Schiavone made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Dave Woodruff, motion carried.

Board of Trustees - Bob Watson stated that they met last week and discussed the gathering of the church keys. Tucker Plumbing fixed the men's bathroom. The Trustees are continuing to replace the baseboards around the church. The Trustees received \$1000.00 from the estate of Craig Hellmers and they are discussing how to utilize the money. They also discussed the cable TV lease on the East Bluff property and they signed the continuation of the \$10,000 line of credit at Herget Bank.

Board of Elders - Ross Gould stated that the Elders Charity Fund will be giving money to a church family whose home burned. There will be a church collection at the door Sunday, March 20, 2011. \$373 has already been collected.

Board of Finance - Nothing to report

Board of Christian Education - Rod Bollinger stated that they met last Monday. The Sunday School will be singing on Palm Sunday, which is also Confirmation Sunday and a communion day. Confirmation questioning will occur on April 15th, 2011. The High School Basketball team won the Sportsmanship Award at the Peoria Trinity tournament. National Lutheran Schools Week concluded this week with an ad in the Pekin paper. Good Shepherd is looking for a third grade teacher as well as a computer teacher. There are 23 students registered for kindergarten next year and the pre-school registration is looking good. The Board of Christian Education approved \$250 fees for the softball team. Finally, the Board of Christian Education has recommended a joint VBS this year which will be held at Good Shepherd from June 5-9, 2011. Penny Bollinger will be heading up St John's component.

Board of Worship - Dan Rees stated that they met last Thursday. They discussed long range planning as well as how to recruit ushers for the second service on Sunday. A suggestion was made to have the head usher ask members individually to serve as ushers.

Board of Evangelism - Pastor Kesselmayr stated that the church pictorial directory has been passed out to those in attendance. Roughly 130 out of 280 church families participated in the directory.

Board of Stewardship - Nothing to report.

Long Range Planning - John Fuelberth stated that there will be a meeting after the Voter's Meeting tonight.

Unfinished Business - No unfinished business.

New Business - No new business.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL APRIL 2011 NEWSLETTER

Basketball Team: Congratulations to our 7/8 basketball team that won their play-in game and represented our school for the first time at the Lutheran State Basketball Tournament. The boys played well but were not able to come home with a victory.

GSLs Auction: The auction committee wishes to express a sincere thank you to all who attended, donated, sponsored, or prayed for this year's efforts to be successful. Money raised at the auction that night was over \$82,600. Watch the bulletin for a more detailed account once all money has been collected and bills have been paid.

Enrollment: We have 23 students enrolled in our kindergarten class and preschool classes are filling up quickly. For enrollment information for preschool through the eighth grade, contact the school office.



*Our family would like to
thank
Pastor Miller,
Pastor Niemann,
the Fellowship Club and our loving church
family for all your prayers, cards, flowers,
memorial donations
and special hugs during Louise's illness and
passing.*

*God's Blessings to all of you,
The family of Louise Norma Woolsey.*



Ewe's Treasures Changeover to Spring will take place on **Saturday, April 2nd.**

We will begin at **9:00 A. M.**

Many hands are needed to complete this task.

We especially need young teens from **9:00 to 10:30 A.M.** to help carry the merchandise down the stairs.

We were able to complete the last changeover by noon, thanks to many, many volunteers.



THANK YOU SO MUCH to everyone who participated in Good Shepherd Lutheran School's **5th ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION, "Celebrating With Ewe!"** on March 19th!



The Auction committee truly appreciates everyone who attended, bid, donated an item, or sponsored a table! Your generosity helped to make this year's auction a tremendous success! We again had a wonderful evening of true support for our building fund and the "Fund-An-Item" for a new sound system. We continue to be humbled and amazed by the blessings that our Heavenly Father pours out on GSLS!

Continue to watch your church bulletins and newsletters for the details on the amounts raised. The Auction Committee hopes to see everyone again next year and we always welcome new supporters!



Pastoral Matters and Concerns



If anyone is in need of visits from your pastor, please let us know. Leave a message with the secretary and a pastor will return your call.

If someone needs to be placed on the Shut-In List because of chronic debilitation or severe or terminal illness, contact the office. A visit to shut-ins should take place every 4-6 weeks. If that is not occurring, please let us know that you are in need of a visit.

Pekin Hospital does not keep a census of St. John's members. They have chosen to follow the Privacy Act, resulting in their not sharing any patient information with anyone. If you are going to be hospitalized there, you must **let us know** before or during your stay.

The Peoria Hospitals, if informed at the time of admission that you are affiliated with St. John's, will usually place your name on our list which the secretary will access every **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.**

Help your pastors to serve you better! Keep them informed as to your needs.

"Ask and you shall receive!"



We, the family of Shirlie Jackson, want to thank Pastor Niemann for all of the nursing home visits and for communing Mom when she could no longer make it to church, and Pastor Miller for the hospital visits and pastoral care at her passing. She loved both of you very much and looked forward to your visits.

In addition, we want to thank all those from our church family who visited her, sent cards, prayed for her and us, and did different acts of kindness. We would also like to thank the Fellowship Club for helping arrange the funeral dinner and for setting it up and serving it, as well as providing pies, drinks and table service. God bless you all. We are so thankful for your thoughtfulness, prayers and love.

The Shirlie Jackson family



Transferred to the Church Triumphant

Shirlie B. Jackson
03/15/22 – 03/01/11

Louise N. Woolsey
12/27/21 – 03/16/11



EASTER BREAKFAST

Chorizo & eggs
Scrambled eggs
Biscuits & Sausage Gravy
Bacon, link sausage, ham
Pancakes
French toast sticks
Coffee cakes.
Pickled herring
Shrimp cocktail
Corned beef hash



Twin Chocolate Fountains!

7:00 A. M.

Cereal
Sliced peaches
Hash browns
Mixed tropical fruit
Homemade orange & apple syrups
Maple syrup & homemade jelly
Orange & Apple juice
Chocolate & white milk
Coffee

April 24th

We want to have a record crowd for Easter Breakfast this year.
 Invite a visitor to Easter Sunrise Service and to Breakfast.
 We again have the twin chocolate fountains!

April 24th

Hope to see you on Easter!

Easter Breakfast Committee

Bible Wordsearch

Hebrews 12:18-24

P	N	E	T	T	I	R	W	T	E	G	D	U	J	H
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R	A	A	P	G	E	U	R	T	P	R	N	U	I	E
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E	N	G	U	D	R	A	Y	R	T	E	T	E	H	U
C	U	E	R	O	N	T	E	L	T	A	S	J	E	S
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The Two Mountains

ANGELS	MOSES
BEGGED	NAMES
BLOOD	PERFECT
BURNING	SIGHT
CHURCH	SPIRITS
GLOOM	SPOKEN
GOD	STONED
HEAVEN	STORM
JESUS	TOUCHES
JOYFUL	TRUMPET
JUDGE	WRITTEN
LIVING	ZION
ASSEMBLY	
TERRIFYING	
TREMBLING	
RIGHTEOUS	
MOUNTAIN	
MEDIATOR	
JERUSALEM	
COVENANT	
DARKNESS	
FIRSTBORN	

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

Hoppy Easter

