

# St. John's Journal

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## DO YOU HAVE TIME?

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"I just don't have time." How many times have you found yourself saying that? It's a common complaint. Most of us are very busy people. We have so much work or home work or so many other important (or *seemingly* important) activities to attend to that it often seems there just aren't enough hours in the day to fit it all in. If only we had more time!

When we think about it more carefully, however, we come to the realization that *all of us have exactly the same amount of time!* It's true, of course, that different people have different responsibilities and commitments that make a claim on their time. But we all have the same twenty-four hours each day in which to accomplish whatever it is we choose to do.

And that's the key word, isn't it? *Choose*. Having enough time for what is important is a matter of our choosing – a matter of setting priorities. And the fact that our time here on earth is limited ought to help us choose our priorities wisely.

For none of us knows the time of his or her death. We only know it could come at *any* time. "Lord, remember how short my time is," we pray in Psalm 89:47. Through His servant James, our Lord also reminds us that we do not even know what will happen tomorrow. "What is your life?" he asks. "You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." *James 4:14* Jesus' story of the Rich Fool likewise reminds us that our time on earth could expire at any moment. (Luke 12:16-21)

Therefore we must take the time now to be prepared! We learn from Moses to pray: "Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." *Psalm 90:12* When the Lord gives us a heart of wisdom – a heart that recognizes our mortality, we **take care that we don't spend so much time on the many activities that have value only for *this* life, that we neglect those activities that prepare us for the life of the world to come.**

The person with a heart of wisdom therefore sets aside ample time to be in the Word of God, to receive Holy Absolution, and to partake in the Lord's Supper. Such a person sets aside time for regular daily prayer to the Lord. The wise person *does have time* for these things, because he or she sets them as priorities.

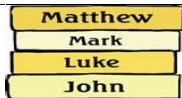
Furthermore, we don't know the time of Jesus' return. Paul wrote, "What I mean brothers, is that the time is short. For this world in its present form is passing away." *1 Corinthians 7:29,31* Judgment Day could be upon us at any time.

Therefore we must do the work of God's kingdom now, proclaiming the good news of Jesus to whomever we can, before it's too late! Jesus told His disciples, "As long as it is day, we must do the work of Him who sent Me. Night is coming, when no one can work." *John 9:4* Knowing that the time of grace could be over any day, we attend to the Lord's mission work today.

The person with a heart of wisdom therefore takes time to teach his or her children or grandchildren about Jesus, to speak of Him to friends, coworkers, and relatives, to invite and bring them to church, and to pray for pastors and missionaries. The wise person *does have time* for these things, because such a person sets them as priorities.

Thank God we can spend our time here on earth in confidence and security, knowing that all our days are under His forgiving grace in Christ. The child of God who has this certainty boldly prays, "I trust in You, O Lord; my times are in Your hands." *Psalm 31:14-15* Yes, our times are in the loving hands of Him who redeemed us for the glorious life of time without end! To Him we gladly commend all our time.

- Pastor Bishop



## Christian Education

### Sunday School

### *Perfect Attendance*

January 2021

None

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



### March 01

Robert & Marilee Gregory

### March 02

William & Theresa Isenberg

### March 03

Danny & Patricia Sego

### March 04

Tom & Megan Etter

### March 05

Gary & Lisa Pool

### March 09

Robert & Debra Dant  
Monroe & Dorothy Sheckler

### March 20

Keith & Terry Gleason

### Mar 29

Mike & Deana Thompson

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS



### March 1

Gerold Bohannan  
Mary Depew

### March 02

Penny Bollinger  
Terry Gleason  
Elizabeth Kammeyer  
Emilie Kesselmayer

### March 03

Amy Ashbaker  
Darla Schorr  
James Widby

### March 04

Benjamin Donovan  
Jeffrey Hillman  
Gary Pool

### March 05

Matthew Gudzinskas  
Matthew Ruder  
Cooper Theleritis

### March 06

Heath Norman

### March 07

Donna Hansen  
Karen Nafziger  
Dorothy Sheckler

### March 08

Melinda DeHoog  
Melissa Turney

### March 09

Gerald Norman  
Jacob Norman  
Robert Scott

### March 11

Douglas Tiona

### March 13

Adam Becker  
Justin Emery  
Kaitlyn Gudzinskas

### March 14

Nicholas Kesselmayer  
Samantha Whitlatch

### March 15

Marilyn Liescheidt

### March 17

Merle Wiseman

### March 18

Jennifer Kesselmayer

### March 19

Waltraud Hupke  
Blair Ivey

### March 20

Rev. Darwood Kesselmayer

### March 21

Henry Lappie

### March 23

Robert (Joey) Bishop  
James Heidbreder  
Stephanie Whitlatch

### March 24

Ruth Negley  
Shirley Schott

### March 25

Roy Dagit  
Laura Dobbelaire  
Patty Gardner  
Diane Gould

### March 27

Kennedy Britton  
Katie Dougherty  
Isabella Watson

### March 29

Macey Dalton  
Ryan Lappie  
Donald Schoedel

### March 30

Tyler Ruder  
Julie Widby

### March 31

Kevin Wieland

## PARISH NOTES

### Church Attendance

	Attend.	# of Serv
Jan 2021	457	15
Jan 2020	524	12
Jan 2019	497	12

### January Sunday School Attendance

2021:	163
2020:	180
2019:	181

### March Videographer

Jim Lonergan

### March Worship Committee

Jim Lonergan

### March Acolytes

<b>Mar 03</b>	7:00	Ava Friedinger
<b>Mar 07</b>	8:00	Carter Miller
	10:30	Ava Friedinger
<b>Mar 10</b>	7:00	Carter Miller
<b>Mar 14</b>	8:00	Ella Friedinger
	10:30	Lilly Daniels
<b>Mar 17</b>	7:00	Ella Friedinger
<b>Mar 21</b>	8:00	Ava Friedinger
	10:30	Carter Miller
<b>Mar 24</b>	7:00	Carter Miller
<b>Mar 28</b>	8:00	Lilly Daniels
	10:30	Ella Friedinger

### March Communion Assistance

#### Mar 07

8:00 a.m.	Aaron Miller
10:30 a.m.	Del Beideck

#### Mar 21

8:00 a.m.	Joe Szadkowski
10:30 a.m.	Jon Bolt

### March Ushers

#### 8:00

Ray Barnes  
Daryl Dagit  
David Kesselmayr  
Garret Kesselmayr  
Daniel Rees

#### 10:30

Brian Lundeen  
Mike Nauth  
Dan Watson  
Mike Wilson

### PRIVATE COMMUNION SERVICES AVAILABLE

If you have been uncomfortable coming to church during the pandemic, you may still receive the Lord's Supper. Pastor Bishop is happy to come to your home, or to have you come here to church, to conduct a short and simple service of Holy Communion for you.

We are able to do this in a safe and sanitary manner, with masks and proper distancing. So if you have gone without the Lord's Supper for quite a while, please feel free to contact Pastor to make arrangements. You may simply call the church at 347-2136, and mornings are usually the best time to reach him there.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

January 2021

	January	Y-T-D
<b>INCOME</b>	31,246.83	31,246.83
<b>EXPENSES</b>	55,618.63	55,618.63
<b>INCOME-EXPENSES</b>	(24,371.80)	(24,371.80)

General Fund	1,146.92
<b>General Fund Total</b>	<b>1,146.92</b>

Ed Grant Fund Checking	4,727.56
Ed Grant CD LCMS 12/21	51,928.87
Ed Grant CD LCMS 12/22	51,982.86
Ed Grant Fund #2-Vanguard	71,359.61
<b>Educational Fund Total</b>	<b>179,936.90</b>

East Bluff Property-Vanguard	43,462.16
East Bluff CD LCMS 12/21	53,837.70
East Bluff CD LCMS 12/22	53,837.70
Cat Stock at FMV	67,468.96
<b>East Bluff Property Fund</b>	<b>218,606.52</b>

Building Fund Checking	39,804.19
S S Fund Checking	11,200.78
Memorial Fund Checking	33,900.60

<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>484,595.01</b>
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Checking Account Balance	90,780.05
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>90,780.05</b>

<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Payroll Liabilities	1,470.95
Misc LCMS Orgs Fund	5.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,475.95</b>

<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	
Building Improvements	-299,680.34
Net Income (Loss)	(24,371.80)
Capital Accounts	807,172.09
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>483,119.95</b>

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$484,595.90</b>
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**CHURCH DOORS:** If you unlock one of the doors to the church, please check to see if it is locked before you leave. Thank you.

## HI-LITES OF ST. JOHN'S VOTERS ASSEMBLY

February 8, 2021

Mike Nauth called the meeting to order. A quorum was present. Pastor Bishop opened with devotions.

The January Parish report was reviewed. A motion was made by Randy Couch, seconded by Tom Ivey, to accept the report. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tom Ivey, seconded by Cheryl Ivey, to approve the January meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Daryl Dagit presented the treasurer's report.

A motion was made by Nancy Drockelman, seconded by Cheryl Ivey, to accept the January report. Motion passed.

Board of Trustees – Gary Pool reported that the Trustees met on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have agreed to accept the insurance proposal from Church Mutual Insurance for the property and liability coverage on the church. Church Mutual has a rating of A with AM Best. This will end our agreement with State Farm. Gary thanked Dean Cooper for his past help with our insurance coverage. The new coverage starts on March 1, 2021. Gary also thanked Ross Gould for his work on reviewing our coverage.

Gary indicated that we have approved a bi-annual maintenance agreement with GP Systems in the amount of \$2,687.00 annually. This agreement will provide twice-yearly inspections and service for the heating and cooling systems. The agreement includes 24/7 emergency service without overtime fees and 10% off parts and labor for repairs. Hopefully with the agreement we can do a better job of maintaining the equipment. GP Systems also repaired one of the five rooftop units in January. A draft motor was replaced at a cost of \$977.97. Gary also noted that the rooftop units are old and will need to be replaced at some point. The unit that was recently serviced will need to be replaced soon. Mike Nauth asked if we would use this company to replace the units. Gary indicated that we are not obligated with the agreement to use GP Systems for replacement units and we would probably get bids for the work.

Gary updated the progress on the masonry work. He noted that the work is estimated to be about 70% completed. We have issued payments totaling \$27,750.00 to Midwestern Specialties leaving a balance of \$32,500.00 from the original agreement to be paid. Gary also stated that the work may run into the spring.

In addition, Gary reported that we have accepted the proposal from Comcast for a 5-year extension to the lease agreement for the property on Veterans Drive. This 5-year agreement will begin on August 1, 2021 and continue through July 31, 2026. The annual rent payment for the year 21-22 is \$10,176.40 and will increase 3% annually. The proposal also includes an option for an additional 5-year extension, which would also include the 3%

annual increase.

We recently also replaced 6 emergency light fixtures and the timer for the flagpole light.

The trustees are still seeking a 6<sup>th</sup> trustee. Gary indicated that if anyone was interested, they should contact one of the trustees.

Board of Elders – Del Beideck reported that the Elders have determined the roles of the committee members. Del is Chairman, with Aaron Miller acting as Vice Chairman, and Brian Umbach as Secretary. The Elders continue to progress with their work of contacting members who have not attended church for some time. They are currently contacting members that are 75 and over to reassure them and encourage them to come back to church when they can.

Board of Finance – No report.

Board of Christian Education – Ross Gould reported that Good Shepherd School attendance is up to 139 students, which is an increase of 8 students since the beginning of the school year. Ross also issued a reminder about the Good Shepherd auction and fundraisers that have been printed in the bulletin. In addition, it was noted that interviewing is taking place for several positions.

Board of Worship – Valerie Ferguson reported that they met last week. There will be a quartet from Pekin High that will perform at the 10:30 service on Easter. Ron Reising and Allison Harley are coordinating with the group. Allison is also going to hold a practice of Easter hymns on March 21<sup>st</sup> between services. Currently a school banner is being displayed in the new addition. In the near future this will be changed to a banner commemorating the dedication of the church.

Board of Evangelism – No report.

Board of Stewardship – Sandy Ferguson reported that the board met this evening. They will be sending out a mailing to a certain demographic of people but have not made that decision yet.

Long Range Planning Committee – No report.

Educational Grant Fund Committee – No report.

East Bluff Property Committee – No report.

Constitution By-laws Committee – No report.

Unfinished business – Mike Nauth indicated that the results of the vote from last month's meeting regarding adding a year to the current triennium have been forwarded to the LCMS.

New business – No new business was reported.

A motion was made by Ross Gould, seconded by Julie Wagner, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wagner  
Secretary



## Reminder to Designate Your Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31st

Thrivent Financial members have until March 31 to direct their Choice Dollars for charity. **Don't let them expire!** Designate your Choice Dollars and **put God's Word in the hands of someone who does not have the Bible** in their own language.

Just log in to your Thrivent account today to direct your Choice Dollars. If you need help with the Thrivent site, contact your Thrivent representative.

**Put God's Word in someone's hands.** Designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Lutheran Bible Translators today!

### PHOTOS FOR OUR ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE –

If you have photos from church activities suitable to post on our congregation's Facebook page, please send them to Joyce Lonergan. Her email address is [jjhaa@hotmail.com](mailto:jjhaa@hotmail.com)

**CORRECTIONS** Please notify Sandy Ferguson, our church secretary, of any corrections that need to be made in addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, birthday or wedding anniversary lists, etc. If a date or something else is wrong, or if anybody has been omitted from something, we want to get it right. Also, if you are not in the rotation of Greeters, but would like to be, please let us know that, too. We want to have all our information fully accurate and as up to date as possible. Thank you for your help. You may phone the church office with your information at 347-2136, send a note in the mail, or e-mail Sandy at: [stjohnsec@grics.net](mailto:stjohnsec@grics.net).

### EASTER LILLIES



Start thinking about placing an order for your Easter Lily. Watch future bulletins regarding when order needs to be in and cost.

### IN OUR PRAYERS

*If you know of anyone who needs to be added, please let the church office know.*

All our shut-ins

Adam Jackson - member of Armed Services  
(grand-nephew of Lila Lisenbee)

Pastor Niemann	Pastor Kesselmayr
Vince "Buzz" Oltman	Lois Becker
Bob Watson	Cheryl Williams
Bernice Mack	Robert Scott
Stacie Kendall	Donna Corso
Deanna Oltman	Billie Jackson
Flo McClure	Joe Goodin
Darlene Meyer	Sandy Morgan
Rick Jarvis	Peggy Patten
Wilmadean Habberfield	Larry Turner
Bob Gregory	Pam Nutter
Marian McDaniels Allen	Marcille Frevert
Priscilla Aderholtz	Jerry Guengerich
Anna Knussman	Michelle Watson
Brittany Allen	Rosetta Turner
Joyce Long	Robert Rilea
Tracy Lundeen	Karen Hall
Joe Schiavone	Tom Ivey
Mary Hall	Stanley Ehmke
Bob Funk	Vernice Funk

And all those who have been affected by COVID – 19.

### 2021 CID LLL District Annual Meeting:

As more people are spending time at home and with their households due to the pandemic, the Lutheran Hour® is touching families using the newest technologies connecting with them on their preferred media source. Along with the Households of Faith materials, LHM is still sharing the Gospel and equipping the laity to strengthen the spiritual vibrancy of their homes as they reach out in the community in spiritual conversations. This is the last chance to register for the Central Illinois LLL District Annual Convention held at the St. John Lutheran Church, 901 W Jefferson Ave in Effingham on Saturday, March 6. Our guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of the Lutheran Hour®, will provide us with updates in a virtual presentation along with representatives from the CID LCMS and LWML and Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty.

Registration is \$15 per person, with students and children free. Included in your registration cost is a catered lunch and refreshments.

Register today – check the church office for a registration information or contact Deloris Blessman, by phone (309)361-1461 or by email [delorisblessman@yahoo.com](mailto:delorisblessman@yahoo.com). For more information you can contact <church ambassador/CID LLL VP Dale Wetherall by phone 217-259-4728 or by email [dalewet51@gmail.com](mailto:dalewet51@gmail.com).

## MARCH LIBRARY CORNER

By Eileen Tiona



"Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." *Ephesians 6-17*

I haven't any new books to report on this month, but would like to invite everyone to come into the library and check out all the wonderful books that are available.

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**GSLS:** The board of directors would like to share with you an new and exciting opportunity to help your support of our school go even further!

Beginning Jan 1st, 2021 the Caterpillar Foundation has expanded their matching gifts program to now include private schools such as Good Shepherd!

**If you are a retired or current Caterpillar employee, please request this match for any donations to the school.**

For retired and current Caterpillar employees, the Caterpillar Foundation will match your donation up to \$10,000 per employee for 2021.

Your donation could be for the Capital Campaign or your general support of the school's building or operating expenses; it can even come from IRA disbursements! More information is on the bulletin board in the gym.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Eric Walker, Board Treasurer or Angie Evans, Secretary at GSLS.

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### **GSLS's 15th BENEFIT AUCTION — ONLINE!**

Continue to check the school's website: <http://www.goodshepherdpekin.com/auction.html> for pictures of items, sponsorships, etc.!

### **Fund-An-Item — Goal is \$38,000 for Preschool Furniture, Centers, Etc.!**

Much of the furniture and centers in our Preschool rooms was moved from our old school building in 2010; it is time to update these rooms for our littlest lambs!

Mail or drop off the form to the school by 3/20/21; please mark as "Auction Fund-An-Item".

Please take advantage of any "Matching" programs offered by your employer if applicable!

### **"On-Line Auction Week"**

On-Line Silent Auction — 3/12 - 3/20 — LINK: <http://cmauction.co/GoodShepherd2021silent>

On-Line Live Simulcast — March 20 — LINK: <http://cmauction.co/GoodShepherd2021live>

Fund-An-Item — Forms are available for mailing directly to GSLS

Item Pick-Up — Saturday, March 27, 9am - 12pm — GSLS's Warehouse

## **LENTEN VESPERS AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

### **Lenten Vespers Services, Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.**

This year our sermon series is  
"Jesus' Passion: In Fulfillment of All Things"

March 3 — "In the Dividing of Jesus' Garments" John 19:23-24

March 10 — "In His Thirst" John 28-29

March 17 — "In His Unbroken Bones" John 19:33,36

March 24 — "In Being Pierced" John 19:37

### **Holy Week Services**

April 1 - 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion

April 2 - 12:00 N & 7 pm Good Friday Service

April 4 - **7:00 a.m.** Easter Sunrise Service with Holy Communion  
10:30 a.m. Easter Service with Holy Communion

*Note: Due to Covid-19 the **Easter Breakfast** will not be served this year.*

*There will be no Sunday School or Adult Bible Class on Easter, and no 7:00 p.m. service.*

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## **GOOD SHEPHERD NEWS**

March 4: P/T Conferences 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

March 5: Early dismissal @ 12:30 p.m. -  
P/T Conferences continue from 1 to 4 p.m.

March 9: Preschool-Kindergarten Roundup from 6:to 7:30 p.m.

March 12: End of Third Quarter

March 16: School Board Meeting

March 19: Awards Assembly @ 2:45 p.m. Report Card Day

March 20: GSLS Auction

March 22: Spring Book Fair (Mar. 22 to Mar. 26)

March 28: GSLS sing at Trinity, Manito @ 9:00 a.m.



LUTHERANS FOR LIFE  
2021 ILLINOIS ESSAY CONTEST  
Sponsored by the Council of Federation Presidents  
For students in Grades 6 through 12

Contest Guidelines: Students will write a life-affirming essay based on the theme: **God Chose You** with the bible verse” *“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit”*. (John 15:16)

1. Not incorporating the them and verse in the essay will disqualify the entry.
2. Examples of topics the essay could deal with are, but not limited to: abortion, the handicapped, adoption or foster care, infanticide, cloning, stem cell research, physician assisted suicide or euthanasia, etc.
3. Essays should include student’s name, grade (identify school or church) and email address. All entries submitted by teacher or pastor, should include their name and email address. This information should be submitted on the rubric page used in grading the essay. Teachers are encouraged to consult the rubric and submit qualified entries.
4. All sources for references, statistics and quotes should be incorporated within the essay and then included in a bibliography at the end. Grades 6 to 8 should submit essays up to 400 words & Grades 9 to 12 should submit essays up to 750 words.

Entries should be submitted digitally using Microsoft Word or Google Docs to [cathy.benning.os@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.benning.os@gmail.com) by April 1, 2021.

More information on this can be found on the bulletin board in the gym.

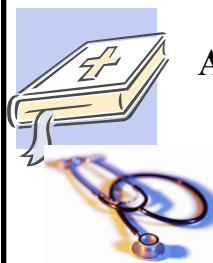
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Camp CILCA  
Annual Banquet: Sunday, March 21  
5 to 8 p.m.  
Great food, friends & entertainment  
Guest Speaker: Rev. Chris Thoma on  
“Why Christians Should be Involved in Politics”

Tickets are \$40. Contact the office to reserve

This year’s banquet will be held at the newly expanded Dining Hall, Lord willing. If the expansion is not complete then it will be at Our Savior’s Lutheran in Springfield.

Find out more on-line at [222.cilca.org](http://222.cilca.org)  
Email: [camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org)  
Call 217-487-7497



## HOSPITALIZATIONS AND HOME COMMUNION VISITS

If you or someone from your family is hospitalized or scheduled to go into the hospital, please contact the church office, so that Pastor Bishop knows about it and can visit you in the hospital. The hospitals do not contact us. Sandy calls the hospitals on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to find out if there are any St. John’s members there. If you tell them when you are admitted that you are a St. John’s member, you will likely be on their list. So please help us stay informed so Pastor can serve you.

If you or someone else you know in the congregation has difficulty getting to church and needs to be on the Home Communion list, even if just for a while, please contact the church office, so that Pastor Bishop can visit you. This is an important part of his pastoral work, and he wants to do his best to serve everyone in need.

Thank you for your help with this.

**THE SHARE PROGRAM** would like to thank all who have donated food and funds to supply items to those individuals who need some help. We ask that you do not purchase Lemon or Lemon Line Gatorade as it does not agree with the individual’s stomach.

We are in need of canned Beef Stew, Pasta Sauce, Spam or similar product.

Thank you again to all who have donated in the past.

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Remember to change your clocks  
on Saturday, March 13th.

*Spring ahead one hour*



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HAPPY ST. PATRICK’S DAY

## ORGANIZATIONS

### St. John's Women in Faith LWML

At this time we are collecting needed items until Sunday, March 7, for the Christian nonprofit organization, Phil's Friends. Phil's Friends was founded by two-time cancer survivor Phil Zielke. This organization provides faith-based practical, emotional, and spiritual support and hope through the distribution of hand-assembled care packages to those affected by cancer, and consistent ongoing support through their Cards of Hope program and prayer. They are in need of the following items:

- lotion (fragrance-free; 5 oz. or smaller)
- hats (knitted, crocheted, baseball, etc.)
- fuzzy socks (women's only)
- Biotene (6 oz. or smaller)
- decks of playing cards
- puzzle books
- single toothbrushes and toothpaste (5 oz. or less)
- tissue packs
- journals (size 5x7; not spiral bound)

All items are for adults only and need to be new and unused because of compromised immune systems. Thank you for your help in supplying items for such a worthy organization. Boxes will be in the Narthex, Annex Addition and in the gym for drop off.

Women in Faith will be meeting on Saturday, March 6, at 10:00 in the church basement. All women in the congregation are invited to come. Questions? Contact Deanna Bishop at 382-1106 or [mamabish-op13@yahoo.com](mailto:mamabish-op13@yahoo.com). Hope to see you there!

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St. John's., Your gift is helping to bring the Light to the nations. R. Rohn, Founder of Lutheran Heritage Foundation .

Thank you very much, St. John's Lutheran and Pr. Bishop, for bringing God's Word to the children of Indonesia. Pr. Heise, Lutheran Heritage Foundation.

These are funds that the Sunday School donated for Bible Storybooks for Indonesia.



Lutherans for Life sent a thank you letter for our donation to them.

Our Sincere thanks! You help the Seminary stay strong in the mission of our Lord Jesus. We are grateful to you. Vicki Biggs, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

## FELLOWSHIP CLUB

*By Veva Martin*

Fellowship Club is not meeting at this time. Watch future Journals for meeting dates.

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## LADIES' GUILD

*By Leslie Hauk*

**ST. JOHN'S LADIES GUILD** will meet on Thursday, March 25, at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement for a business meeting. The White Elephant Auction is postponed.

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## YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth Group will meet on Sunday, March 15, at 4:00 p.m. to enjoy a film, discussion and an ice cream sundae bar.

**Spring  
Cleaning**

In May the Youth Group will help senior members of the congregation with spring cleanup and other helpful chores. So watch for the date and contact us if you would like help with yard work, etc.

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**SHUT-INS of the MONTH:** Even though some of our members cannot attend church, we want to keep them in our thoughts and prayers and let them know they are not forgotten. Please send a card or pay a visit to these shut-ins this month.

Shut-ins for March are: Elaine Hapke, 1517 Highwood, Pekin; Ruth Hillman, 204 E. Franklin, Tremont 61568; Billie Jackson, 315 Lincoln Rd., Marquette Heights and Rick & Jean Jarvis, 1101 N. 15th St., Pekin.

Thank you from your St. John's Ladies Guild.

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We received an email from Lifetouch letting us know the Lifetouch Church Photography has permanently stopped their operations. This means that the photography program we had planned to hold in your church this year is cancelled.

They will continue to photograph in schools and pre-schools.



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## Bible Wordsearch

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Matt.21:31-46

## Parables

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R	E	N	T	E	D	T	L	S	L	A	F	E	C	
A	V	I	D	A	R	S	T	N	A	N	E	T	N	A
H	E	R	R	E	W	R	I	E	H	T	U	R	T	P
S	I	B	A	P	V	I	N	E	Y	A	R	D	S	S
S	L	T	E	E	A	E	N	R	F	H	S	R	M	T
E	E	F	H	R	V	R	E	E	A	A	E	E	S	O
D	B	O	T	I	M	P	A	R	P	M	T	T	Y	N
P	S	T	G	E	E	O	V	B	R	R	N	H	T	E
I	E	C	R	N	H	E	D	A	L	A	E	S	E	C
E	I	E	T	E	S	P	F	G	V	E	E	S	S	R
C	Z	P	D	T	N	P	O	R	N	R	L	H	S	O
E	E	S	M	R	O	W	E	R	R	I	O	A	M	W
S	D	E	Y	R	O	S	O	A	P	W	K	S	S	D
I	N	R	C	O	L	L	E	C	T	F	R	U	I	T

BRING	ARREST
CROP	BELIEVE
EVEN	CAPSTONE
EYES	CROWD
FALLS	COLLECT
FRUIT	FATHER
GIVEN	FARMERS
HEARD	HARVEST
HEIR	JOURNEY
LAST	KINGDOM
LORD	PARABLE
OWNER	PROPHET
PIECES	RENTED
REPENT	RESPECT
SEIZED	SERVANTS
SENT	TENANTS
SHARE	TREATED
SHOW	VINEYARD
TRUTH	WINEPRESS

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

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