

St. John's Messenger

Our Monthly Newsletter



Sharing the good news of forgiveness and eternal life through Jesus Christ.

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From the Pastor's Study

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Dear Friends,

Our Easter celebration is early this year—April 1st. We hope that you can join us for both our Easter celebration and also our observance of Holy Week. Our schedule for this year is as follows:

Palm Sunday—Sunday, March 25th: **9:00 am**—Divine Service in English and **6:00 pm** Divine Service in Spanish. These services will include the distribution of palms, as we remember our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday—Thursday, March 29th, 6:30 pm— Divine Service. On this holy night, we will recall our Lord's final meal with His disciples in which He instituted the Holy Communion in which you and I share His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. This service has "fallen on hard times" in our churches in recent years, but it is one of the most sacred and meaningful gatherings of worshipers during the Church Year. Please consider gathering with your Church family for this special service.

Good Friday—Friday, March 30th, 12 Noon through 3:00 pm—Tre Ore Service. This annual service observed together with our LCMS sisters and brothers throughout the Stateline area will be held at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Rockton (511 W Rockton Rd, Rockton, IL). As the Church keeps vigil at the foot of the Cross during the hours of darkness in our Lord's Passion, we will hear sermons from the pastors of our churches and experience wonderful anthems presented by our choirs.

Easter Sunday—Sunday, April 1st

7:45 am: Easter Breakfast Potluck—members whose last names begin with "M" through "Z" are asked to bring a breakfast main course item to share, while members whose last names begin with "A" through "L" are asked to bring a breakfast dessert or fruit dish.

9:00 am: Divine Service for Easter

10:30 am: Easter Egg Hunt in the Gym. All children (including high school students) are invited to participate. In the coming weeks, members are invited to bring in wrapped candies which will be placed in the plastic eggs that we have retained from previous years. We are grateful for everyone's generosity!

6:00 pm: Divine Service for Easter in Spanish.



Treasurer's Report

February 2018 Expenses

Charter Internet	\$38.99	Concordia Plan Svc.	\$2,623.00
Concordia Pub.	\$140.63	TDS Phone Service	\$96.63
Beloit Utilities	\$209.43	Alliant Energy	\$2,494.00
Beloit Daily News	\$22.00	Father & Son Cleaners	\$800.00
S. Wis. District	\$984.00	Badgerland Disposal	\$60.00
Don. to Fire Dept.	\$60.00	Toner for the Printer	\$89.66

Birthdays

3/1 Bob Burns
 3/8 Katrina Roser
 3/9 Rachael Mears
 3/10 Kevin Rindfleisch
 and Tim Drager
 3/14 Christi Bickford
 3/21 Chris Peterson
 3/22 Trey Griinke
 3/24 Paul Weber
 3/25 José Rosales
 3/29 Cindy Mitchell

Anniversaries

3/22 Ed & Linda
 Spychalski



Eleanor Backhaus, Home

Dan Burrows, Alden Meadow Park

Connie Fast, Home

Donna Hall, Rock Bay Harbor Apts.

John Marquardt, Home

Joyce Nelson, Sun Valley Terrace

Christine Ruckert, Premier Skilled Nursing

Ed Spychalski, Home

Elinor Swain, Alden Meadow Park

Oscar & Mildred Wedel, Home

Kay Wells, Cedar Crest Apartments

Beverly Bingham, Rock Bay Harbor Apts.

Ivan Drake, Home

Peter Fast, Pioneer Court

Joanne Hildebrandt, Azura Memory Care

Ray & Shirley Mathewson, Beloit Sr. Living

Ione Reetz, Home

Anna Rumery, Willowick Assisted Living

Betty Steuck, Riverside Terrace

Marilyn Treder, Rock Bay Harbor Apts.

Audrey Weiss, Riverside Terrace

In our thoughts and prayers . . .

the family & friends of Larry Melton, Nancy Nohr, Dee Scharff, Mildred Wedel, Jennifer Ramsey, Pastor Novelli, Ione Reetz, Joaquin, Elisabeth Kassal, Becky Potter, Joyce Monroe, Sandy Smith, Ruth Peterson, Marcie Moore, Colleen Begonia, Jean Bickford, Rev. Roy Jacob, Donna Hall, Bruce Mielke, Laura Jo Pearson, Cayden Krueger, Janice Hemerley, Hope Ann Block, and all of our members who are homebound. Additionally, please pray for the protection of those who serve in the military (particularly Kyle Summers and Pastor Keith GeRue), emergency services, and all who work for the common good.

Church Day Camp @ St. John's

Mon, July 23 through Fri, July 27

7:30 am to 3:00 pm each day

The camp is free and includes lunch and snacks



St. John's Lutheran Church—Iglesia Luterana San Juan

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Open to all children ages 3 (potty-trained) through 5th grade

There will be games, stories, crafts, and other fun activities as we learn about Jesus and His love for us!

Our counselors are from Camp LuWiSoMo, Wild Rose, WI

Registration information will be available soon!

Our February Women's Guild meeting opened with a devotion by Betty Pearson. After that we got down to business by deciding to have our Mite Box collection in June this year when we usually have a good turnout. We all received the *Mission Lamp* publications from Pastor Roser. These pamphlets are full of information and pictures from the South Wisconsin District. Next, with a successful fund raiser at Applebee's behind us we discussed the upcoming dates for Culvers and another session at Applebee's. We voted to sign up for two additional dates for the CD Ministry beside the one we had already sponsored. A sign-up sheet was passed to furnish food for the Lenten Supper on Wednesday, March 7th. Next were surprises when Heart Sisters were revealed. With that and other business taken care of we were ready to adjourn with the Lord's Prayer and enjoy refreshments served by Garnet and Beulah.

Our Weakness Can Be Our Strength

A 10-year-old boy decided to study judo despite the fact that he had lost his left arm in a devastating car accident. The boy began lessons with an old Japanese judo master. The boy was doing well, so he couldn't understand why, after three months of training, the master had taught him only one move. "Sensei," the boy finally said, "Shouldn't I be learning more moves?"

"This is the only move you know, but this is the only move you'll ever need to know," the sensei replied. Not quite understanding, but believing in his teacher, the boy kept training.

Several months later, the sensei took the boy to his first tournament. Surprising himself, the boy easily won his first two matches. The third match proved to be more difficult, but after some time, his opponent became impatient and charged; the boy deftly used his one move to win the match. Still amazed by his success, the boy was now in the finals.

This time, his opponent was bigger, stronger, and more experienced. For a while, the boy appeared to be over-matched. Concerned that the boy might get hurt, the referee called a time-out. He was about to stop the match when the sensei intervened. "No," the sensei insisted, "Let him continue."

Soon after the match resumed, his opponent made a critical mistake: He dropped his guard. Instantly, the boy used his move to pin him. The boy had won the match and the tournament. He was the champion.

On the way home, the boy and the sensei reviewed every move in each and every match. Then the boy summoned the courage to ask what was really on his mind. "Sensei, how did I win the tournament with only one move?"

"You won for two reasons," the sensei answered. "First, you've almost mastered one of the most difficult throws in all of judo. And second, the only known defense for that move is for your opponent to grab your left arm."

The boy's biggest weakness had become his biggest strength.

2 Corinthians 12:10 ESV For the sake of Christ then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1:00p Women's Guild mtg.	2	3 10:30a Choir Rehearsal
4 9:00a Worship 10:15a Fellowship 10:30a Sun. Schl. 6:00p Worship (Sp)	5 1:00p Women's Bible Class 6:30p Board of Evangelism mtg.	6 9:30a Women's Bible Study 7:00p Dartball	7 5:30p Lenten Supper, 6:30p Service	8	9	10 10:30a Choir Rehearsal
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**We gather for worship every Sunday morning at 9 am,
and everyone is welcome!**

You have a savior who is Christ the Lord, and we invite you to join us in receiving the gifts which God delights in giving you through His Son.

God loves all people. His Son died in the place of everyone and answered for all of our sins - including yours. Everyone who trusts in his death for the forgiveness of their sins will receive the free gift of eternal life with God. We would love to have the opportunity to tell you more about this good news.

Where everyone is invited and Jesus is Lord!

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