

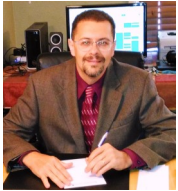
St. John's Messenger

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,

This year's Holy Week and Easter Schedule 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.

In Christ Jesus, Pastor



Treasurer's Report

March 2018 Expenses

Church Mutual Ins.	\$2,636.92	Charter Internet	\$38.99
Concordia Pub.	\$552.91	TDS Phone Service	\$91.72
Beloit Utilities	\$156.05	Alliant Energy	\$1974.65
Beloit Daily News	\$22.00	Father & Son Cleaners	\$800.00
S. Wis. District	\$984.00	Badgerland Disposal	\$60.00
Concordia Plan Svc.	\$2,623.00	So. WI. Dist. Convention	\$166.50
Quill Office Supplies	\$120.46	Par Mar Security	\$697.56
TH Stemper	\$83.41	Fleming Heating	\$142.88

In our thoughts and prayers . . .

Frank Voss, Ralph Voss, Family & Friends of Peter Fast, Mark Urbonya, Dee Scharff, Mildred Wedel, Jennifer Ramsey, Pastor Novelli, Ione Reetz, Joaquin, Elisabeth Kassal, Becky Potter, Joyce Monroe, Sandy Smith, Ruth Peterson, Marcie Moore, 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.

Birthdays

4/4 Aaron Bartz
John Kannengeiser
4/5 Chuck Gruber
4/6 Jack Fiedler
4/9 Beth Schmuck
4/11 Lee Fassett
Ruth Peterson
4/13 Betty Steuck
4/15 Nathaniel Beilharz
4/17 Kathy Prins
4/18 Jonathan Giannone
4/20 Lori Dotson
4/21 Pat Weber
4/22 Marilyn Rogers
4/23 Doris Rindfleisch
4/27 Rev. Micah Wildauer

Anniversaries

4/4 Larry & Marlene Nolta



Beverly Bingham, Rock Bay Harbor Apts.
Dan Burrows, Alden Meadow Park
Connie Fast, Home
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

Sandy Buresh, Fair Oaks Health Care Center
Ivan Drake, Home
Donna Hall, Rock Bay Harbor Apts. **Joanne**
John Marquardt, Home
Joyce Nelson, Sun Valley Terrace
Christine Ruckert, Premier Skilled Nursing
Ed Spsychalski, Home
Elinor Swain, Alden Meadow Park
Oscar & Mildred Wedel, Home
Kay Wells, Cedar Crest Apartments

St. John's Women's Guild meeting on March 1st was called to order by Pastor Roser in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He then gave a very interesting devotion about prayer, based on Martin Luther's Series of Sermons.

The women are scheduled to host The Lenten Supper on March 7th and reminded of who was bringing soup, sandwiches, dessert and more.

Kathy Carter, chairman of the Sewing Guild, reported on a thank you note from the Lutheran World Relief. They thanked us for our generous gift of 20 baby kits (layettes) and 14 quilts that we sent out in October of 2017. They were shipped to our neighbors around the world in Georgia, Angola, Thailand, Pakistan, Mali and Burkina Faso. They were then distributed to villages, schools, hospitals and refugee camps. In addition to being practical, these items provided a source of comfort, security and hope to those who receive them.

Everyone is looking forward to the Spring Rally on April 25th at Holy Cross in Delevan. A sign-up sheet was passed around and more information on the in-gathering will be available as it gets closer. Following the meeting desserts were served by Judy Niedermeier and Betty Pearson.

*Our Sewing Guild is collecting dark hand towels, baby shirts 6 months & up, baby socks, large pieces of flannel & cotton fabric for quilts, and monetary gifts to purchase needed items and fabric.

CHOOSE GRATITUDE

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." Ps 103:2

He sat on the park bench so depressed-looking that a policeman tried to console him. "Something the matter?" "Yeah," he replied. "A few months ago my grandfather left me \$500,000 and some oil wells." The policeman responded, "That doesn't sound like something to be upset over." "Yeah, but you haven't heard the whole story. Last month my uncle left me \$1,000,000." The policeman shook his head. "I don't get it. Why are you so unhappy?" He replied, "So far this month, nobody's left me anything."

Seriously, he's part of a group of people who are unhappy no matter what they have. The Psalmist shows us how to overcome an ungrateful attitude by cultivating a spirit of thanksgiving. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." Thinking and thanking go hand-in-hand. Memory is a catalyst for worship. An old hymn declares, "Count your blessings, name them one by one...see what God has done."

The Psalmist encourages us to do three things: First, think about what God has given us—His forgiveness, healing, protection, redemption, love, and compassion (See vv. 1-5). Second, think about what God has not given us—the punishment our sins deserve (See vv. 8-12). Third, think about what God is yet going to give us.

"From everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him..." (v. 17 ESV). God accepts you when you trust in Christ's performance, not your own. So each morning look in the mirror and say, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."



The family of Hope Ann Black greatly appreciate your prayers for her over the last six and a half years.

at birth Hope weight 11 lb. 1 oz., she now weight 45 lbs. Last fall she started 4K school half day Monday through Thursday in the afternoon and has adjusted to the new routine.

Hope has mastered puzzles matching games and having books read to her.

Some of Hope's favorite are early reader's that she has memorized and will read to us.

We thank God for our faithful Church family.

Don & Nancy Nohr Richard & Doris Rindfleisch

April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7:45a Breakfast 9:00a Worship 10:30a Egg Hunt 6:00p Worship (Sp)	2 1:00p Women's Bible Class	3 9:30a Women's Bible Study	4 5:30p Bible Class	5 1:00p Women's Guild mtg.	6	7 10:30a Choir Rehearsal
8 9:00a Worship 10:15a Fellowship 10:30a Sun. Schl. 6:00p Worship (Sp)	9 1:00p Women's Bible Class 6:00p Catechism Class (Messiah)	10 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:00p Trustees	11 9:00a Sewing Guild, 5:30p Bible Class, 6:30p Board of Evangelism mtg.	12	13	14 10:30a Choir Rehearsal
15 9:00a Worship 10:15a Fellowship 10:30a Sun. Schl. 6:00p Worship (Sp)	16 10:00a Board of Finance Mtg., 1:00p Women's Bible Class 6:00p Elders' Mtg.	17 9:30a Women's Bible Study 5:00p Personnel	18 5:30p Bible Class	19	20	21 10:30a Choir Rehearsal
22 9:00a Worship 10:15a Fellowship 10:30a Sun. Schl. 6:00p Worship (Sp)	23 1:00p Women's Bible Class 6:00p Catechism Class	24 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:00p Council Mtg	25 9:00a Sewing Guild 5:30p Bible Class	26 10a Women's Guild Board Mtg.	27	28 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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