



**THE EPISTLE**

**Christ the Lord is Risen today, Alleluia!**



May you all have a blessed Easter! Since in this month we celebrate Christ’s resurrection, let us focus on what Dr. Martin Luther speaks on this subject as he speaks truthfully and eloquently about the glorious working of Christ’s resurrection—both a future hope and present power.

***And what is more than that, by calling Christ "the Firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep" Paul wishes to signify that the resurrection is to be viewed and understood as having already begun in Christ.*** Indeed, as being more than half finished, and that this remnant of death is to be regarded as no more than a deep sleep, and that the future resurrection of our body will not differ from suddenly awaking from such a sleep. For the main and best part of this has already come to pass, namely, that Christ, our Head, has arisen. But now that the Head is seated on high and lives, there is no longer any reason for concern. We who cling to Him must also follow after Him as His body and His members. For where the head goes and abides, there the body with all the members must necessarily follow and abide. As in the birth of man and of all animals, the head naturally appears first, and after this is born, the whole body follows easily. Now since Christ has passed over and reigns above in heaven over sin, death, devil, and everything, and since He did this for our sake to draw us after Him, we need no longer worry about our resurrection and life, though we depart and rot in the ground. For now this is no more than a sleep. And for Christ it is but a night before He rouses us from the sleep.

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**- CHURCH SERVICE TIMES -**

Traditional Services: 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday and Contemporary Service at 11:00 a.m. Sunday

655 Wayne Ave., Defiance, OH 43512

• [www.stjohndefiance.com](http://www.stjohndefiance.com)

Church 419.782.5766

• email: [sjl@defnet.com](mailto:sjl@defnet.com)

**- LIVE STREAMING -**

5:30 p.m. Saturday and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Bible Study, Sunday, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

School 419.782.1751

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## SERMONS FOR APRIL

- April 1, "The Parable of the Great Banquet" by Pastor Mews**  
 Text: Luke 14
- April 2, "The Parable of the Landowner and Tenants" by Pastor Mews**  
 Text: Matthew 21:33-35
- April 4, "The Parable of the Mustard Seed" by Pastor Mews**  
 Text: Matthew 13:31-32
- April 11, "Tests—A Good Thing!" by Pastor Mews**  
 Text: 1 John 1:1-2:2
- April 18, "Eternal Currency!" by Pastor Mews**  
 Text: Acts 3:1-11
- April 25, "Flock or Flocked?" by Pastor Mews**  
 Text: John 10:10-18



### PASTOR'S OFFICIAL ACTS

#### Funeral

Chad Wiseman died on March 1;  
 Christian memorial on March 7.

#### Released

Alan & Faith Smith to St. Paul  
 Lutheran Church, Defiance, Ohio.

### Membership Changes

#### Death

John Oelke died on February 28.  
 LaVon Speiser died on March 2.  
 Joyce Meyer died on March 17.

#### Gain By Transfer

Greg & Susan Becker

### LIFE WITH GOD

The spring class starts Monday, May 17 through August 16. Classes are held Monday evenings in the Adult Bible Study Room from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This class is for all interested in renewing their faith, learning the basics of Christianity and Lutheranism, or just exploring what our church believes and why we do what we do. Sign up by May 16. Blue forms are attached or see Pastor Mews or the Church office.

### PRIVATE COMMUNION

The Pastor continues to offer private Communion for anyone who wishes to have Communion. Please call the church office for an appointment.

### SHUT-IN CALLS

We have around 30 people who are designated as shut-ins in our congregation. The Pastor, Walt Smith, and George Kaiser are keeping in contact with our members. If the shut-in person is comfortable having a home visit, arrangements will be made for this visit.

### The Parables of Lent

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Easter Weekend w/ Communion

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8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. w/Communion

Now if I know this and believe it, my heart or conscience and soul have already passed through death and grave and are in heaven with Christ, dwell there and rejoice over it. And in that way we have the two best parts, much more than half, of the resurrection behind us. And because Christ animates and renews the heart by faith, He will also surely drag the decomposed rascal after Him and clothe him again, so that we can behold Him and live with Him. For that is His Word and work on which we are baptized and live and die. Therefore, this will surely not fail us, as little as it failed Him. No matter when or how God ordains that we die, whether in bed or in the fire, in the water, by rope or by sword, the devil, death's master and butcher, will surely see to killing us and carrying out his trade, so that we will not be able to choose or select a mode of death. But no matter how he executes us, it shall not harm us. He may give us a bitter potion, such as is administered to put people to sleep and make them insensitive, but we will wake up again and come forth on that Day, when the trumpet will sound. That the devil shall not prevent, because even now we are more than halfway out of death in Christ, and he will not be able to hold back this poor belly and bag of maggots either. ("Commentary on 1 Corinthians 15," in *Luther's Works*, 28:110–111)

Come what may of our earthly tents, whatever the devil aims to do to destroy us, the resurrection of Christ is already at work in the world and at work in his saints (2 Corinthians 4:1–11). Let us take heart in that, and with the power of Christ's resurrection, put to death the deeds in the body by means of the Spirit which seals our own future resurrection (cf. Romans 8:11–13).

May these words bring you peace and hope this month as we celebrate Christ's death and resurrection for us!

Pastor Kurt Mews



## Cross Training

April is a big month for our program as we look ahead to wrapping up the 2020-21 Cross Training year on April 28, the final class! Our 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> grade students and families are preparing for Confirmation Day on May 2 on which they will take a huge step forward in their faith. Before this date, all 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> grade families in our program must submit their youth confession of faith, parent promises, presentation of papers date, payment of \$48 for Confirmation robes, and 6 photos of their Confirmand to put into a slideshow. Please send any information or questions to DCE Intern Cassidy at [holeso-sjl@defnet.com](mailto:holeso-sjl@defnet.com). See below for April schedule/important dates:

April 7 – Regular Class

April 14 – Regular Class

April 21 – Regular Class

**April 25 – Youth Sunday! Students serving during the 11:00am worship service.**

April 28– Final Cross Training Class! Wrap-Up

**April 30<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Rehearsal: 7:00-8:15pm at St. John (8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> graders)**

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Private Confirmation service for 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> grade students and families @12:15pm**

**Confirmation Rehearsal: Friday  
April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at St. John**

All 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> grade students and families in our Cross Training program will be required to attend a Confirmation Day rehearsal on Friday, April 30, from 7:00pm-8:15pm. We will begin by trying on robes, practicing through the steps of the ceremony, and going over details for Confirmation Day. Rita Bergman will then take group pictures of the students in their robes. After the rehearsal, an ice cream reception will be held in the cafeteria for our 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> grade families.

**Confirmation Day: Sunday, May 2, 2021 at St. John. More details on pg 8.**



As Meijer continued deep-rooted hunger relief efforts, they launched an additional fourth campaign in 2021 to help feed hungry families.

The *Simply Give* Campaign will run a total of eight weeks from the dates of **Sunday, February 14, 2021, through Saturday, April 10, 2021.**

Your partnering Meijer store for this campaign will be the following location:

189 – DEFIANCE, 137 Elliott Rd.  
Defiance, OH 43512-8626

Pick up \$10 *Simply Give* donation cards from the church office or at the Meijer store in Defiance.

#### Double Match Days Will Continue

Meijer began offering Double Match Days in 2021 to highlight our commitment to feeding hungry families in the communities we serve across the Midwest. As a result, an increasing number of generous customers, team members and food pantry partners have joined our efforts.

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During the winter campaign, a Double Match Day was held on Saturday, March 13, 2021, and another will be on **Saturday, April 3, 2021.**

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For every \$10 Simply Give card purchased on these dates, Meijer will provide an additional contribution of \$20, bringing the total to \$30 for a single customer purchase. Purchases up to \$5,000 between the two Double Match Days will be matched by Meijer up to a maximum donation of \$10,000 per pantry/campaign.

The sole purpose of the *Simply Give* program is to help our food pantry partners feed the growing number of hungry families in the communities we serve. Meijer is working diligently to be good stewards of these generous contributions by ensuring they are only used to purchase food items to stock your shelves.

## Scouting News



April will finally bring an opportunity for Cubs to begin in-person meetings. These meetings will be held in an outdoor venue with CDC guidelines in place. The Cub Pack will also be hosting virtually the Chinquapin District (5 counties in Northwest Ohio) Pinewood Derby this month. An Easter Egg Hunt was held outside in late March with Cubs and their families thoroughly enjoying the activity.

The Pack extends a thank you to all who have dropped off pop can tabs in the barrel located in the St. John School cafeteria. The tabs are recycled to support the Ronald McDonald House, which enriches the lives of children by providing comfort, care and support to families. An additional service project involved the Pack's Bear Den in, with the help of adult leadership, constructing a flag retirement box. This box is now located in the south lobby outside the church office. Flags will be disposed in an honorable and dignified ceremony.

The Troop is currently working on cooking skills, planning for the spring camporee and planning some service projects.

Together, the Cub Scout Pack and the Boy Scout Troop participated in the annual Scouting for Food event in March. A total of over 1200 items were added to the St. John Food Pantry as a result of this campaign.

The Boy Scout Troop has for many years recycled newspapers as a conservation project and last month delivered a load of newspapers for recycling. Anyone wishing to recycle newspapers can place them in the garage on the east side of the south parking lot. Money made from their sale is used to help pay for Scouts to attend summer camp.

Youth and adults are always welcome to attend pack and troop events to learn more about the program. Questions at any time can be addressed to Mike Saxton, Chartered Organization Representative, at 419.439.2079.



# RETIREMENT

## Biography for Janice Miessler McGhee

I grew up in Addison, Illinois, which is a western suburb of Chicago. My parents, Howard and Helen Miessler, raised us in a happy, Christian environment. My three siblings and I attended St. Paul Lutheran School, then Addison Trail High School. I graduated from Concordia (Teacher's) College in 1981 with a BS in Education.

A BIG HEART  
FOR  
33 YEARS!

I taught fifth grade for 16 years, then first grade for the next 17 years. I've served as a sixth grade confirmation class instructor, Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School Director, Athletic Boosters, Fund Raiser Auction Coordinator, Handbell Choir Director, and Honors Academy Instructor. Over the years I have also served as a supervising teacher for five student teachers and a mentor for the State of Ohio RESA program.

One of my favorite Bible verses comes from John 14:26, which is also my Confirmation verse. It was the pastor who confirmed me, Rev. Walther, who encouraged me to pursue becoming a teacher. I'm also from an ancestry of church workers, both Pastors and Synodical Teachers. It's been an honor to carry on this family legacy.



Teaching in a faith-based school has given me the privilege of sharing the Lord's love, not only with the students and staff, but also with so many of the school families. What a joy it has been having students return to share memories of their school days and how their faith has brought them through the years following their elementary education. Quite a few former students have had their own children enrolled in our school.

In 1982 God blessed my life with my husband, Mike. We have three grown sons, a daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren, Davis and Jaleen. We all enjoy traveling and the outdoors. I enjoy spending time working on a variety of craft projects and working in our yard. Interest in gardening extended into the classroom where seed trays and plants lined the hallway. I'm looking forward to spending more time with my family both near and far.



## FROM THE DESK OF PRINCIPAL JOHN MARCH:

This past Sunday we celebrated Palm Sunday – the day when Jesus fulfilled the prophecy from Zechariah 9: 9. In Jesus' time, in Palestine, the donkey was a noble beast that represented peace. When a king went to war he rode on a horse; when he came in peace he rode on a donkey. Jesus came as a king, but meek and lowly. He came in peace and for peace. They greeted him as the son of David, but they did not understand Jesus' purpose. They were looking for a king who would shatter and smash and break the Roman rule. His action was a contradiction of everything that men had hoped for and expected.



Jesus knew what would happen to him in Jerusalem, yet he rode in triumph with heroic courage. Every eye was focused on him. People shouted, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" as Jesus passed by. Pilgrims greeted each other when they reached the temple with these words on the occasions of great feasts. "He who comes" was another name for "the Messiah." Jews always spoke of the "One who is coming." "Hosanna" means "save now." It was a cry to God to break in and save his people now that the Messiah had come.

A few days later, on what we now call Maundy Thursday, Jesus presented "The New Covenant" to his disciples during the Last Supper. After the meal ended the remainder of the unleavened bread was broken and eaten. Jesus said, "Take it, this is my body." Then he took the cup of thanksgiving containing the petition for the coming of Elijah to herald the Messiah and said, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many."

God's relationship with Israel was entirely dependent on obedience and upholding God's laws. However, man kept failing to keep God's laws. Jesus was making a new covenant between God and man, one that was not dependent on the law, but on the blood of Jesus, a relationship dependent solely on love.

Jesus could see into the heart of Judas. The other disciples seemed to have no idea or suspicions. If they had they most certainly would have stopped Judas, even by violence. During the last supper, Jesus was appealing to Judas by saying that he knew what he was going to do and that there was still time to stop himself. Jesus gave him a last warning: "Woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born." It is important to remember that Jesus most certainly could have stopped Judas, but he didn't.

God deals with us in much the same way. God does not compel us to do or not to do the things we do. God has given us a free will. His truth warns us of the consequences of our actions, but it is our choice to listen or to disregard his warnings. In the end, there is no one but us responsible for our sins. God does help us if we ask. His loving voice calling us to Him is stronger and more loving than the voice of Satan that calls us away from Him. It is because Jesus did not come down from the cross that we believe in him. (If he had come down there would be a limit to God's love.) His death was absolutely necessary. He came to tell of and show the love of God. There is no limit to God's love, even death on a cross. He will bear every suffering earth has to offer.

As this Holy Week continues, I pray that you will focus on the fact that Jesus loved you so much that He paid the penalty for your sins. Don't let this Easter season end without making Jesus your Lord and Savior.

-John March, Principal



HE IS RISEN  
*alleluia*



## Financial Update

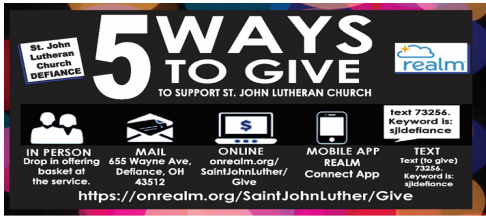
As of March 29, 2021

Mar. revenue: Mar. expenses:

\$91,209.00

\$85,675.00

\*These are approximate numbers.



## The Food Pantry

Continues on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. In March we served 38 families or 101 people with 191 bags of food with a value of \$1910.00.

Thank you to our congregation for supporting this ministry and to all our volunteers who help with their time and talents to continue operating.



## Ladies Aid

**He is risen!! He has risen indeed!!**

With everything that is going on in the world today, let us remember **Hebrews 13:8** "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and forever."

Thank you to everyone who purchased noodles. We hope you are enjoying them.

Our next meeting is April 29, with chair hostess Judie Zachrich. The item for the food pantry is detergent.

Hope to see you at the meeting. Remember, we will be social distancing.



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### 40+ Anniversaries

Jim & Janet Seymour (44 yrs) April 17

Paul & Dorothy Bockelman (59 yrs) April 28

Phil & Roza Shasteen (42 yrs) April 28

Don & Angela Parrish (42 yrs) April 29

### 80+ Birthdays

Jack Clark (80 yrs) April 2

Phyllis Nicely (81 yrs) April 10

DiAnn Wichman (82 yrs) April 16

Virginia Mast (96 yrs) April 21

Joyce Stork (88 yrs) April 24

Paul Bockelman (93 yrs) April 28





Church doesn't always happen at church. Get the Realm Connect mobile app and connect with our church.

### **Connect like never before.**

Messages makes it easy for you to get in touch with people in your church. You can quickly communicate with members of a group or start conversations with one person or multiple people – just by searching for them by name. When you send a message, people will be notified by the app and can respond right away.

### **Share life together.**

Life happens between Sundays. The newsfeed contains a personalized feed of posts, photos, and events from the groups you're in. People in your church will see messages from their group leaders and other group members. They can respond with comments or show their support by tapping on the heart. People can share something with their group by posting a message, uploading a photo, or inviting people to an event.

### **Keep people in the loop.**

Communicate what's happening across your church—anytime. People can browse through the app to read churchwide posts, check out upcoming church events, and more. They can double-check their group meeting schedule or find another opportunity to participate in a new church event. Whatever is going on, it's all right there in the palm of their hand.

### **Look people up.**

Good news! Everyone can recycle their outdated directory now. The next time you need to look someone up, you can pull out your phone and search for them in the Realm® Connect app. You can also browse through the list of your entire church and look up someone's family members. And similar rules apply from your printed directory—people can opt out of being listed if that's their preference or choose what information is available for others to see. It's a great way to put names to faces and learn more about the people in your church.

*Call the church office to receive an invite to join our church's Realm directory. This is a closed group.*

### **Consistent personal giving.**

Give people the tools they need to make their giving more consistent. Anyone who has given can open the app to review their total giving year-to-date or check if a recent gift has been processed. People can also set up recurring gifts or make progress toward any pledge goals. It's a new way for your church family to manage their giving from the convenience of their mobile phone.

### **Capture RSVPs to events.**

Know who will be there (and what they'll bring). Open up the app to get details about an upcoming event and see who has RSVP-ed. As part of their response, they can note any number of guests or items they have signed up to bring. People can also register for events that require payment, such as a youth camp or adult retreat. Your church family can see who else is coming and post comments about the event.

### **Allow self-maintained profiles.**

Can we get an "Amen?" Yay, no more bottlenecks! Give people the ability to keep their own family information and photos current. It's super simple and a great way to start people off using the app. (It also means you don't have to struggle to read someone's handwriting on those contact cards.) People can set their own preferences about who else—besides staff—can see their information. They can make contact information visible to anyone in the church or restrict it to people in their groups, their group leaders, or just the church staff.

### **Contact people.**

Connect with those who need it most. Realm's mobile app makes it possible to go one step beyond looking information up. When you find the person you want to contact, you can simply tap on his or her contact information to initiate contact immediately.

### **Confirmation Day: Sunday May 2, 2021 at St. John**

Our 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> grade students will be confirmed on May 2 with their families attending. This ceremony will be held **privately** at St. John starting at 12:15pm. Students should arrive at 12:00 p.m. to get dressed in their robes and stoles. Each Confirmand is allowed to invite 5 individuals to attend this service. If your family would like to invite more, please talk with DCE Intern Cassidy.



**7th Annual**

**St. John Lutheran School  
PRESENTS  
an evening at the**

**KENTUCKY DERBY**

Tickets: \$25.00 per person  
Reserve a table (8 tickets ) \$200  
Tickets available at  
St. John Lutheran School  
419-782-1751

May 1, 2021 - 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.  
Defiance, Eagles

*run for the roses*

Net proceeds  
benefit St. John  
Scholarship Fund



Dear Friends of St. John Lutheran School,

For over 150 years, St. John Lutheran School has been providing an exceptional education experience for students in Defiance. This is an incredible ministry of St. John Lutheran Church, and we are so thankful for the generous support we have received from the church over the years. As we look forward to the future, we recognize that we need to continue raising funds in order to cover the costs of supporting student scholarships (Care Grants), enhance the technology, and continue to support student activities and materials.

We are excited to announce that our 7<sup>th</sup> annual fund event, **"An Evening at the Kentucky Derby"** will be held on **Saturday, May 1, 2021** at the Eagles, Defiance. The event is the primary fundraiser for St. John Lutheran School, and we invite you to come and partner with us for this incredible event to help raise the necessary funds we need. Our goal is to raise \$30,000. Our evening will include a delicious meal, games, silent and live auctions, and dancing. Since our theme is the Kentucky Derby, we are encouraging people to dress the part for the evening! Let's see those gorgeous hats and bow ties! As an attendee you will have the wonderful opportunity to bid on items to help raise the funds we need for a successful 2021-22 school year. Tickets are \$25 each. Contact the school office to purchase tickets – 419.782.1751. We hope to see you there!

We also are seeking financial partnerships with people and companies. We ask you to prayerfully consider joining with us, knowing that you will be impacting the lives of our students for JESUS. There are two specific ways you can help. The first is by giving the school a monetary donation. Please mark these donations with *Annual Fund*. The second is to donate an item that we can use in our silent or live auctions on the night of the banquet. Please drop off donations at the school office.

St. John Lutheran School cannot express how important your generosity is to this event and to the future of St. John Lutheran School and its children. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact St. John Lutheran School at 419.782.1751.

Again, thank you for your consideration! Your support enables students and families to attend this incredible Christian School where the message of Jesus' love and salvation is told. Can you think of a better legacy than impacting the lives of the youth of Defiance for Christ?

May God richly bless you.

Dani Figley and Lorrie March  
Annual Fund Co-Chairs



## Tigers' Den Summer Camp

Our Summer Child Care Program registration will open up for current St. John Lutheran students on Thursday, April 15. St. John families will pay a one-time registration fee of \$25 per family. Registration for all other families will open on Friday, April 30. Non-St. John families will pay a one-time registration fee of \$50 per family. To be considered a current St. John family for Summer Camp, your child must be registered for the 2021-22 school year before you register your child for our Summer Child Care Program. Pending COVID Child Care Licensing Guidelines for Ohio, spots may be limited for our Summer Camp Program, so please register early!

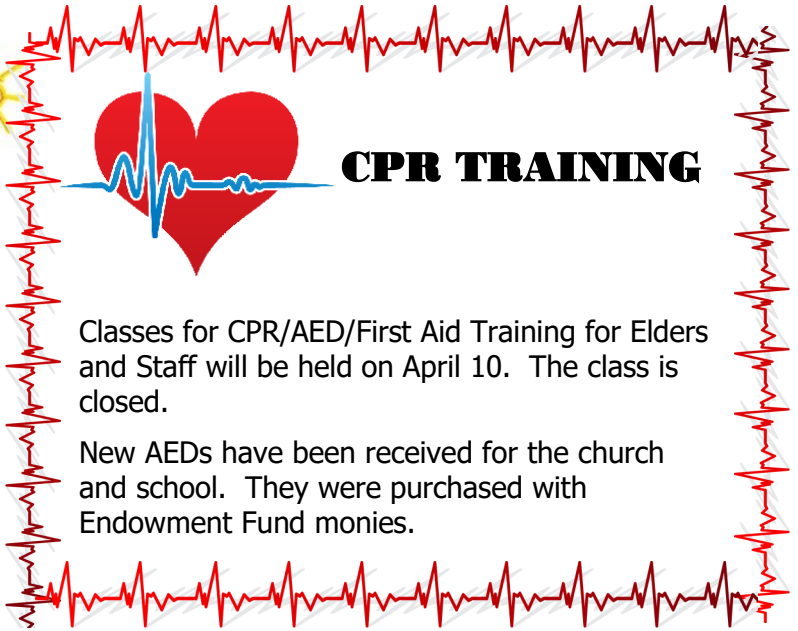


### DEBORAH S. MAXEY SCHOLARSHIP

The Maxey family has created a memorial scholarship to support a high school senior preferably entering the field of education. The applicant must be accepted into college this fall. To be eligible for the scholarship, the applicant must have attended St. John Lutheran School at least 4 years from kindergarten through eighth grade. Please stop by the church or school office to pick up an application for the scholarship. The application is also available for download on the church website or your high school website. The application deadline for the scholarship is April 6.

### CAROL FONT SCHOLARSHIP

Applicants for this scholarship must be a communicant member of St. John Lutheran Church, Defiance, and a freshman student enrolled and accepted into a college undergraduate program. Applications are available in the church office. The deadline is May 3.



## CPR TRAINING

Classes for CPR/AED/First Aid Training for Elders and Staff will be held on April 10. The class is closed.

New AEDs have been received for the church and school. They were purchased with Endowment Fund monies.

## SPRING FLING DRIVE THROUGH

St. John Lutheran Church, 655 Wayne Avenue

Tuesday, April 20, 4:30-6:30 p.m.



### RAVENS CARE FUNDRAISER

Ticket required – Free Will Donation



Food prepared by Jacobs Meats

Adult menu: pulled pork, baked potato, coleslaw, brownie

Kid's meal: hot dog, potato chips, cookie

Tickets with a free will donation are available until April 15. Tickets are available at St. John Lutheran Church, 655 Wayne Avenue or from a member of the Tuesdays at 10 Bible Study. Checks may be written to St. John Lutheran Church.

Ravens Care is a Christian ministry based on 1 Kings 17:4-6 "...and I have commanded the Ravens to feed you there...". Ravens is a cooperative care ministry of Defiance County churches, serving to assist people in emergency need situations in the county.

Help us by helping people in an emergency need- utility shut off, impending loss of place to live, emergency food and medication, etc.

**God loves a cheerful giver.**

# April Youth Scoop 2021

## Jr./Sr. High Youth Nights:

Meet weekly on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm at St. John.

**\*NO YOUTH NIGHT—Sunday April 4th (Easter)**

**Easter Flowers:** Thank you to all who purchased Easter flowers to help support the youth program here at St. John! We appreciate everyone's generosity. The sanctuary looked beautifully decorated as well. Don't forget to pick up your flower order after the Easter services!



## Youth Events:

### Clean Up Defiance Parks Day—Saturday April 10th @9:00am

All parents and youth are invited to join us at various parks in Defiance to clean up and brighten our community. This event starts at 9:30am on Saturday April 10th. We will meet at St. John at 9:00am to send groups to go to various parks in our area. We will then gather at Diehl Park at 11:30am for FREE lunch and t-shirts provided by the Parks and Rec. department of Defiance. Please contact DCE Intern Cassidy if you would like to attend this fun event!

#### DCE Intern Cassidy—Contact Information

Phone: 419.782.5766 ext. 106 / Email: holesosjl@defnet.com

### “You’ve Been Flocked!” Youth Fundraiser

Want to flock a friend or family member for any occasion or just for fun? Fill out this short form below, tear off, and return to the church office. **Price to flock someone: Minimum of \$20** . \*Travel distance limited to a max. of **20 miles** from St. John in Defiance, OH.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Who the flocking is for: \_\_\_\_\_ Their Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date to flock: \_\_\_\_\_ Time frame that works best to flock: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Occasion? \_\_\_\_\_

Yard Signs needed (Please check all that apply):

Honk It's My Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Congrats \_\_\_\_\_ Happy Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_ It's a Boy/Girl! \_\_\_\_\_



## April 2021 Youth Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  Maundy thursday	2  Good Friday	3
4  Easter <b>No Youth Night</b>	5	6	7 Cross Training	8	9	10 <b>Clean Up the Parks Day! 9:30-11:30am</b> 
11 Youth Night	12	13	14 Cross Training	15	16	17
18 Youth Night	19	20	21 Cross Training	22	23	24
25 Youth Night	26	27	28 Cross Training <b>Final Class!</b>	29	30 <b>Confirmation Rehearsal 7:00pm</b>	



**St John Lutheran Youth Group Spring Plant Sale**  
**Pick-up Date May 9th in the church parking lot**  
**Please submit forms and payment by April 26, 2021**

Purchaser's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Purchaser's Phone & or Cell No. \_\_\_\_\_

<b>FLATS OF FLOWERS</b> (Flats contain 48 individual plants) <b>Half Flats can be purchased</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Alyssum</b> Easter Bonnet deep pink
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Begonia</b> Night Life Pink Night Life Red
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Cosmos</b> Cutesy Mix
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Coleus</b> Fairway Mix
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Dahlia</b> Harlequin Mix
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Dusty Miller</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Impatiens</b> Salmon Splash Mix Pink Red Punch White
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Lobelia</b> Regatta Midnight
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Marigold</b> Inca yellow II Inca orange II Bonanza Mix Disco Yellow Yellow Bonanza
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Petunia</b> Pink Madness Midnight Madness Total Mix Madness Red Dreams Yellow Madness White Madness
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Pourtulaca</b> Happy Hour Mix
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Salvia</b> Red Hot Sally II
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Snapdragon Snapshot</b> Mix Rocket Mix
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Vinca Lilac Pacifica</b> polka dot pacifica apricot pacificia
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Pepper</b> Revolution
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Tomato</b> Better Boy Patio
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>total@</b> 16.00 =

**Make checks payable to:**  
**St. John Lutheran Youth**  
**Group**

<b>3" POTS</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spikes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spider plant
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vinca Vine
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>total@</b> 2.25 =

<b>4" POTS</b>	
<b>Wave Petunias</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Burgundy Star Easy Wave
<input type="checkbox"/>	Blue Easy Wave
<input type="checkbox"/>	Red Easy Wave
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pink Passion Easy Wave
<input type="checkbox"/>	Plum Vein Easy Wave
<input type="checkbox"/>	White Easy Wave
<input type="checkbox"/>	Purple Wave

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Lantana</b> Rose Bloomify
<input type="checkbox"/>	Red Bloomify
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lavender Lucky

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Purslane</b> Magenta RioGrande
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yellow RioGrande
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Sweet Potato Vine</b> Green Purple
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>total@</b> 3.25 =

<b>4.5" POTS</b>	
<b>Coleus</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Geranium</b> Scarlet Allure
<input type="checkbox"/>	Salmon
<input type="checkbox"/>	Violet
<input type="checkbox"/>	Orange
<input type="checkbox"/>	White

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Hybrid Sunpatien</b> Fire Red
<input type="checkbox"/>	White
<input type="checkbox"/>	Purple

<b>Verbena</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Burgandy Lascar
<input type="checkbox"/>	Salmon Lascar
<input type="checkbox"/>	Violet Lascar

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Datura</b> Purple Ballerina
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yellow Ballerina
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>total@</b> 3.50 =



<b>10"HANGING BASKETS</b>	
<b>Impatiens</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pink
<input type="checkbox"/>	Red
<input type="checkbox"/>	Orange
<input type="checkbox"/>	Salmon Splash
<input type="checkbox"/>	Punch
<b>Ivy Geranium</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Focus Red Ice
<input type="checkbox"/>	Focus Burgandy
<input type="checkbox"/>	FocusRed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Focus Hot Pink
<b>Fuschia</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Blue Eyes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dark Eyes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Swingtime
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Purslane</b> Magenta RioGrande
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yellow RioGrande
<input type="checkbox"/>	Orange Rio Grande
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>total@</b> 20.00

<b>12" Hanging Basket</b>	
<b>Wave Petunia Basket</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Purple Wave
<input type="checkbox"/>	Blue Easy Wave
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pink Passion Easy Wave
<input type="checkbox"/>	Red Easy Wave
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lavender Wave
<input type="checkbox"/>	White Easy Wave
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Boston Ferns (10" Basket)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>total@</b> 22.00

<b>Combination Planters</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>8" Pot</b> @ 14.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>10" Pot</b> @ 20.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>12" Garden Bowl</b> @ 22.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Total</b>

<b>Totals:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Flats</b> @ \$ 16.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>3" Pots</b> @ \$ 2.25
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>4" Pots</b> @ \$ 3.25
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>4.5" Pots</b> @ \$ 3.50
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Combos</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>10" Hanging Baskets</b> @ \$ 20.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>12" Hanging Baskets</b> @ \$ 22.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Total:</b>

**Plants grown by Kircher's Flowers**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AE= Adult Education FR= Fellowship Room LR= Lunch Room YR= Youth Room CH=Church GM=Gym LB= Library CB=Church Balcony CO Church Office				<b>1 Maundy Thurs.</b> 9:30-11:30a Food Pantry 10:00 Genesis FR 7:30p Maundy Thursday/Communion	<b>2 Good Friday</b> <b>NO SCHOOL/TIGERS' DEN CLOSED/CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> 1:00p Good Friday/Communion 7:30p Good Friday/Tenebrae	<b>3</b> 5:30p Worship
<b>4 EASTER</b> 8:00a Worship/Communion 9:00-9:30a Egg Hunt 9:30a Worship/Communion 10:30-11a Egg Hunt 11:00a Worshi/Communion	<b>5 NO SCHOOL/TIGERS' DEN CLOSED</b> 3:30p Worship Team Meeting FR 6:30p Telecare CO 5:30p Finance 2 6:30p Life with God AE	<b>6</b> 9:30-11:30a Food Pantry 10:00a Tuesdays @ 10 Bible Study FR 2:00p Spirituality of the Cross Bible Study FR 2:00-4:00p Tuesday @ 2 FR 3:15p Zoom Spirituality of the Cross	<b>7</b> 9:00a Mom's in Touch 9:15a Early Childhood Chapel 6:30p Cross Training 6:30p Adult Cross Training Lent Small Group (ACT) LR 6:30 Senior Choir LB	<b>8</b> 8:55a Chapel- Mews 9:30-11:30a Food Pantry 10:00 Genesis FR 7:00p School Board meeting AE 7:00p Elders Meeting FR	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:00a AED/CPR FR 5:30p Worship
<b>11</b> 8:00a Worship 9:30a Worship 11:00a Worship 6:30-8:00p Jr/Sr Hi Youth YR 6:30p 4H	<b>12</b> 9:30a Finance 1 1:00p ADM Meeting FR 5:30p Trustees LR 6:30 Cub Scouts LR 6:30p Boy Scouts LR 6:30p Life with God AE	<b>13</b> 9:30-11:30a Food Pantry 10:00a Tuesdays @ 10 Bible Study FR 1:00-3:00p Knit & Study Bible Study FR 2:00p Spirituality of the Cross Bible Study FR 3:15p Zoom Spirituality of the Cross 6:30p Krystle's Small Group FR	<b>14</b> 11:30a Endowment Mtg @ SS 6:30p Cross Training 6:30p Adult Cross Training Lent Small Group (ACT) LR 6:30 Senior Choir LB	<b>15 Tax Day (Taxes Due)</b> 8:55a Chapel 9:30-11:30a Food Pantry 10:00 Genesis FR 7:00p Parish Planning FR	<b>16</b> <b>4p until 4/17 at 8p GY Cubscouts</b>	<b>17</b> 8:00a Chinquapin Virtual Pinewood Derby GY until 8pm 8:00-5:00p National Youth Leadership Training LR 5:30p Worship
<b>18</b> 8:00a Worship/Communion 9:30a Worship/Communion 11:00a Worship/Communion 2:00p Congregational Meeting 6:30-8:00p Jr/Sr Hi Youth YR	<b>19</b> 1:00p ADM Meeting FR 6:30 Cub Scouts LR 6:30p Boy Scouts 5:30p Finance 2 6:30p Life with God AE	<b>20</b> 9:30-11:30a Food Pantry 10:00a Tuesdays @ 10 Bible Study 2:00p Spirituality of the Cross Bible Study 2:00-4:00p Tuesday @ 2 FR 3-7:00p Drive Thru Dinner FR 3:15p Zoom Spirituality of the Cross 6:30p Youth Board Meeting 6:30p Krystle's Small Group AE	<b>21</b> 9:00a Moms In Touch 6:30p Cross Training 6:30p Adult Cross Training Lent Small Group (ACT) 6:30 Senior Choir LB	<b>22</b> 8:55a Chapel-1 <sup>st</sup> Grade 9:30-11:30a Food Pantry 10:00 Genesis FR	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 5:30p Worship
<b>25</b> 8:00a Worship 9:30a Worship 11:00a Worship 6:30-8:00p Jr/Sr Hi Youth YR	<b>26</b> 9:30a Finance 1 1:00p ADM Meeting FR 6:30 Cub Scouts LR 6:30p Boy Scouts	<b>27</b> 9:30-11:30a Food Pantry 10:00a Tuesdays @ 10 Bible Study 1:00-3:00p Knit & Study Bible Study 2:00p Spirituality of the Cross Bible Study 3:15p Zoom Spirituality of the Cross 6:30p Krystle's Small Group FR	<b>28</b> 6:30p Cross Training 6:30p Adult Cross Training Lent Small Group (ACT) 6:30 Senior Choir LB	<b>29</b> 8:55a Chapel-Cassidy 9:30-11:30a Food Pantry 10:00 Genesis FR 10:00-11:30a Bible Study FR 2:00p Ladies Aid	<b>30</b> 7:00p Confirmation Rehearsal LR	

**SPRING 2021 St. John Lutheran church, Defiance, Ohio**  
**LIFE WITH GOD: (LWG) Starting, Monday, May 17, 2021**

Does God exist? What happens after death? Why are there so many different religions? Can the Bible be trusted? Why do bad things happen to me? I want to learn more about Lutheranism and become a member of a Christian Church. St. John's "Life with God," explores and answers these questions and more in an informal, enjoyable, yet beneficial way through a 12 session/week course called "**Life with God.**" (LWG) Sign up below, we ask that participants attend 10/12 classes and there are videos over each class that can be viewed for missed classes. For those who complete this course they can become communicant members if they desire. **Life with God** will be offered each Winter, Spring and Fall. **St. John members are asked to attend a "Life with God," class once every five years to renew and refresh their faith!**

**TOPICS:** Evidence for God's existence, Saving Faith, Baptism, The Lord's Supper, The Bible, Law and Gospel, Living a Christian Life, Being a part of the Body of Believers at St. John, Good Works, The Ten Commandments, Worship, Christian Stewardship. Come to learn and grow together.

**DATES:** Monday, May 17, 2021 to Monday, August 16, 2021. Classes are held on Monday Evenings in the Adult Bible Study room from 6:30-8:30 P.M.. A calendar will be shared then. Bring nothing, on the last class we will bring refreshments to share. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> class, no new class members are to join.

**TEACHERS:** Pastor Mews, who has been teaching and leading this for 18 years.

**FOR:** Adults or High School students desiring to be members of St. John Lutheran Church, or those who want to support those attending. This is also for those who simply desire to renew their faith or explore the basic teachings of Christianity and Lutheranism.

**REGISTRATION:** To be turned in to the church office by **Sunday, May 16, 2021** or hand to a pastor.

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**SPRING/SUMMER 2021 St. John Lutheran Church "Life with God" (LWG) Registration Form:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized: Circle; Yes No Current Church Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

***Check those which apply;***

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to attend Life with God and my desire is to become a communicant member of St. John.

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to attend Life with God to renew my faith and/or to support a friend attending.

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to attend Life with God to simply explore and learn about Christianity and Lutheranism.

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to attend Life with God and will decide later about possible membership.

Other thoughts or concerns;