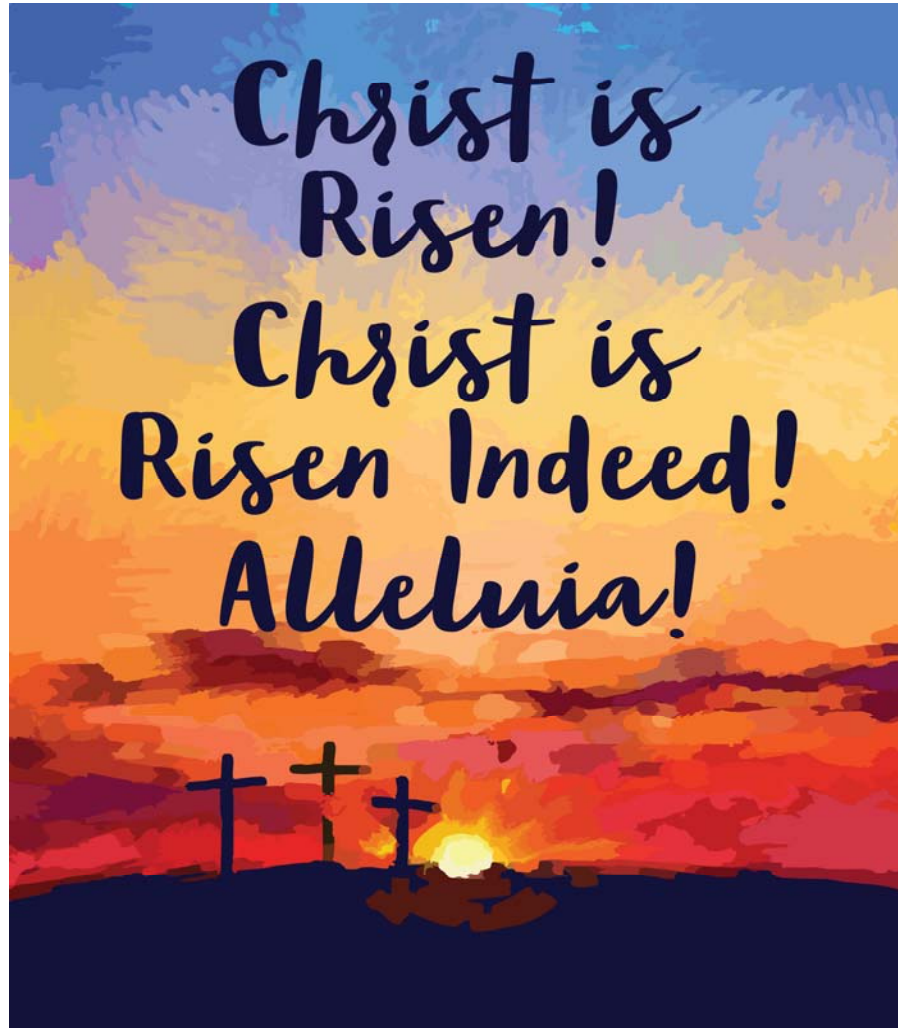


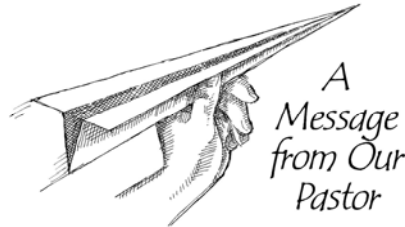
St. John's Epistle

April 2020

A Newsletter of
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The Lord's Work Continues

The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: What can man do to me? (Psalm 118:6)

It's only been a week and I miss you already. It's crazy. Just a few weeks ago we were eating Wednesday Lenten suppers and worshipping together. We were joining together on Sundays and enjoying fellowship. We were planning the Lenten fair, Easter breakfast, and the Fish Fry Frenzy. We were ordering palms, Easter lilies, and the choir was practicing for upcoming worship services. We were enjoying Bible studies in the church and at the local restaurants. There was Sunday school with plans of the preschool singing in church. Then social distancing, no worship, and it was over. Or is it?

Can a virus stop the Lord? Can a virus stop the Lord's work? The psalmist wrote, "**The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?**" We all know it can certainly change things, but the Lord is still with us. In fact, our current situation allows us to do the Lord's work by "**loving our neighbor.**" By not meeting together, we have not stopped doing the Lord's work. We are doing everything we possibly can to make sure that our neighbors are safe in their physical body.

Until the time when we can all come together again, we are going to worship in a different way. Our worship services are being recorded and placed on our church website (www.stjohnladysmith.org). By ourselves, or with our family, we can still pray, read our Bibles, do devotions, and sing hymns. Our walk with the Lord hasn't ended at all. In fact, during this time, if we use it to the glory of God, we can be strengthened.

The apostle Paul wrote, "**Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword. No in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved**

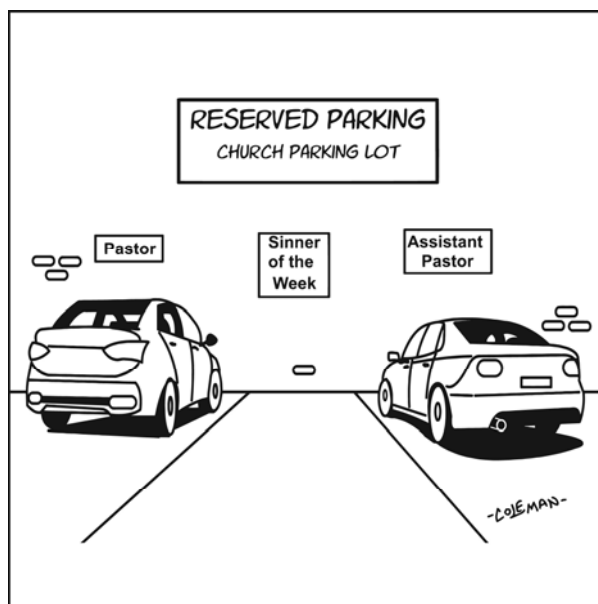
us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
” (Romans 8:35-39)

In His Service,

Pastor Craig S Zandi

Weekly Offering

A number of people have asked about their weekly offering. Please send your offering to the church. St. John’s Lutheran Church; 515 College Avenue West; Ladysmith WI, 54848. Any questions please call the church office. 715-532-5780



ASSISTING FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

Acolytes: *Ushers*

Altar Guild: *Jan MacLachlan & Kim Grabowski*

Finance: *Karen Kmosena & Judy Bishop*

Fellowship: *Youth Group and Youth Ministry Board*

Worship Assistants for April – Sunday Services at 9AM

- Wednesday, Apr 1** **Elder:** noon– Mark Grabowski
6PM-Ray Tousey
- Sunday, Apr 5** **Elder:** Ray Tousey
Palm Sunday **Greeters:** Sam & Shelley Barg
Ushers: **Team 5**: Jim Kuchta, Captain,
Gary Drohman, Don Josi, Dave Thompson,
Russ Thompson
- Thursday, Apr 9** **Elder:** noon– Ray Tousey
Maundy Thursday 6PM– Randy Scott
Ushers: **Team 1**: Dave Scott, Captain,
Dave Kuchta, Tom Rosolowski,
Vic Plockelman, Stu Pask
- Friday, Apr 10** **Elder:** noon– Mark Grabowski
Good Friday 6PM-Ray Tousey
- Sunday, Apr 12** **Elder:** Sam Barg
Easter Sunday **Greeters:** Duane & Joanne Phetteplace
Caring & Sharing **Ushers:** **Team 2**: Gary Hahn,
Dave Kmosena, Mike Kuchta, Jim Rodd
- Sunday, Apr 19** **Elder:** Ray Tousey
LWML **Greeters:** Kim Grabowski
Mites In & Dana Woebeking
Gathering **Ushers:** **Team 3**: Dennis Flater, Captain,
Bob Hauser, Alden Hook, Bill Myers,
Ray Tousey

Sunday, Apr 26
Stewardship
Sunday

Elder: Randy Scott
Greeters: Chuck & Marie Perenchio
Ushers: Team 4: Sam Barg,
 Dave Werner, John Monnier,
 Chuck Perenchio, Gene Zillmer

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
 FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS
 AND CAMP LUTHER KIDS -
 DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION
 IS MAY 1ST.



Submit Your Information!

ITEMS FOR BULLETINS are due on **Tuesday** by close of day each week (unless indicated otherwise in bulletins due to holidays). **Newsletter items are due** in the office no later than close of day on the **Tuesday** preceding the last Sunday of the month.

E-mail to:
 stjohndsmith@centurylink.net
 (preferred method).

Don't forget that **LARGE PRINT** bulletins and **newsletters** are available for those who need them.
Contact the office to get your name on the list!

**Respect the
 Deadline!**





What Luther says;

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But only the Word will assure us of it. Our only salvation consists in clinging to God in and through the Word. When a mother acts as though she were about to drop her child, the little one throws its arms about her neck and holds on all the tighter. And so should we. But it is the Word that gives us the strength to cling to our God, especially the Psalms, Luther found. He loved all of them, Psalm 118 and a few others in particular. The following is taken from his pithy comments of Psalm 118:6

Of comfort he speaks thus: “The Lord is on my side” (v 6), as if to say: My calling is heard in this way that although the trouble does not lessen, I nonetheless get a mighty, powerful, strong Supporter, who is at my side and assists me. Therefore the task of bearing this burden actually becomes pleasant and light to me (Matthew 11). Who is He? Ah, it is the Lord Himself. He to whom I cried, He fills my heart through His eternal Word and Spirit in the midst of trouble so that I hardly feel it. For we must not suppose, as do the sectarian spirits, that God comforts us without means and without His Word in our hearts. This does not happen without the external Word. The Holy Spirit well knows how to remind us of this Word in our hearts and how to stir it up, although we may have heard it fully ten years ago. (WLS, p. 22)



Preschool has remained open for as long as we are allowed.

We had a fun day celebrating our 100th day of school on March 18th.

When we return from Spring Break, our Bible lessons will focus on the first Easter, the Resurrection, and Jesus' appearance to the Emmaus Disciples.

We will review letters A-W before we finish up learning X, Y, & Z.

Unfortunately, we will be unable to sing in Church at this time. We are hoping to have the opportunity to reschedule.

Please note that all visits to our Classroom have also been suspended.

In regards to the butter braids, the company will contact us when they can deliver. Thank you again for supporting your Preschool.

Stay home and God bless!

*Evangelism/Stewardship
Charity of the quarter*

*2nd quarter (April-June)**
Camp Luther Scholarship*

*Camp Luther Scholarship provides faith
filled experiences for campers from
Kindergarten through High School.*

*I can do all things through him who
strengthens me. Philippians 4:13*

Continue to use your designated offering and write the name
of the charity and amount so your donation will be allocated
correctly.

**Please note that quarterly charity donations can be given
anytime throughout the year, not just during those given
months

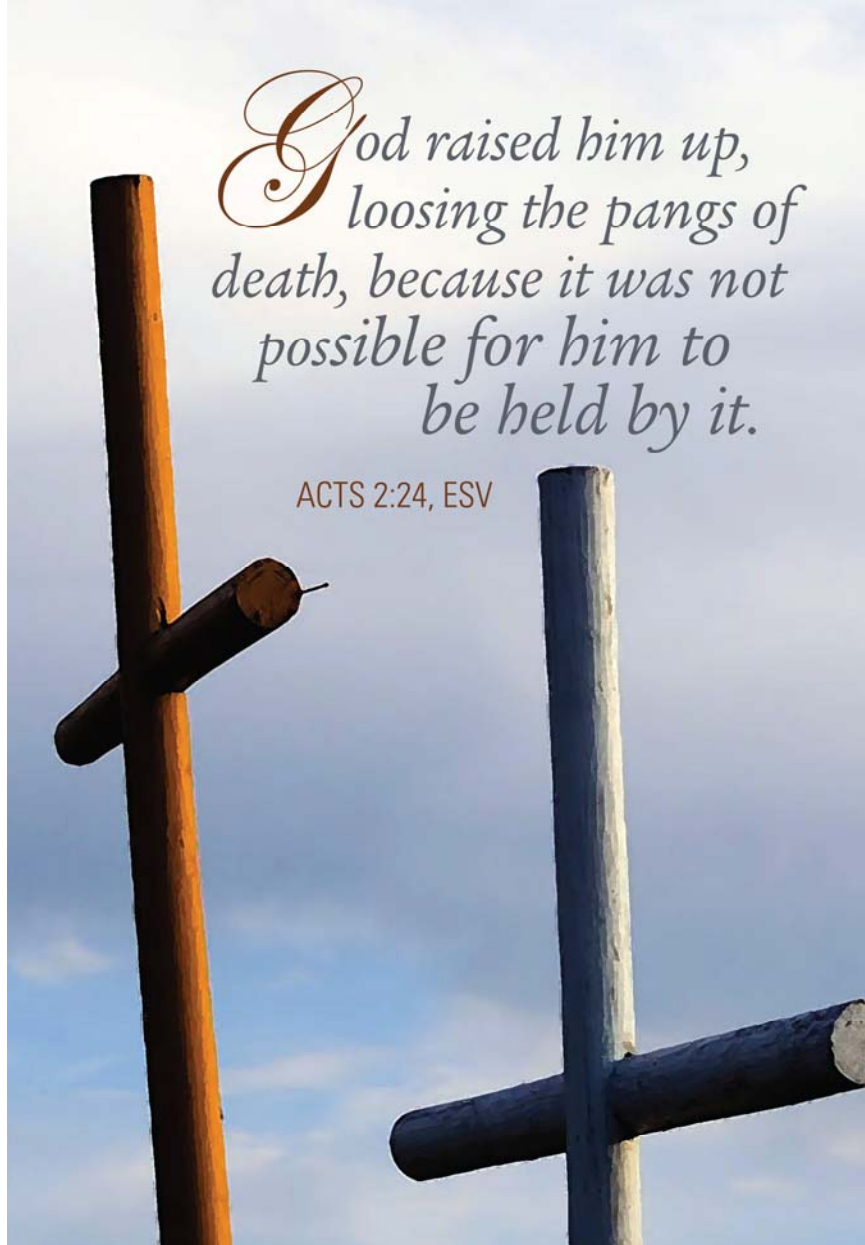
**The Next Caring and Sharing Sunday
is April 9th**



**This is your opportunity to show you care
for the hungry in our community by making a
donation to the Hope Food Pantry or show your
concern
for the hungry children in our community by
making
a donation to the
Back Pack Program.**

*God raised him up,
loosing the pangs of
death, because it was not
possible for him to
be held by it.*

ACTS 2:24, ESV



April 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Everything is subject to change. Please check our website (www.stjohnsladysmith.org) and/or phone the Church office 715-532-5780.</p>			<p>1 8:30-11:30AM Preschool 1:00PM Worship RSVP 6:00PM Worship RSVP 7:00PM Choir</p>	<p>2 8:30-11:30AM Preschool 10:00AM Thrift Store – Rice Lake</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 LWML meeting Fish Fry Postponed</p>
<p>5 Palm Sunday 8:15AM Finance Meeting 9:00AM Worship 10:15-11:15 Sunday School 10:30-11:30AM Bible Study 11:30AM Elder Meeting</p>	<p>6 8:30-11:30AM Preschool</p>	<p>7 8:30-11:30AM Preschool 11:30AM Birthday Tuesday 6:00PM BOCE/YM (youth to attend)</p>	<p>8 8:30-11:30AM Preschool 1:30PM Ladies Aid</p>	<p>9 Maundy Thursday 8:30-11:30AM Preschool 12:00PM Worship 6:00PM Worship 7:00PM Choir</p>	<p>10 Good Friday 12:00PM Worship 6:00PM Worship</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 Easter <i>Caring & Sharing</i> 9:00AM Worship + HC 10:00AM Fellowship 10:30-11:30AM Bible Study</p>	<p>13 No Preschool 10:00AM Evangelism- Stewardship</p>	<p>14 8:30-11:30AM Preschool Spring Rally at Phillips, WI</p>	<p>15 8:30-11:30AM Preschool 1:00PM Rachel Circle</p>	<p>16 8:30-11:30AM Preschool 10:00AM Thrift Store – Rice Lake 1:30PM Deborah Circle</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Spring Retreat Camp Luther</p>
<p>19 LWML Mites Ingathering 8:45AM Hymn Sing 9:00AM Worship 10:00AM Fellowship 10:15-11:15 Sunday School 10:30-11:30AM Bible Study</p>	<p>20 8:30-11:30AM Preschool</p>	<p>21 8:30-11:30AM Preschool 6:00PM Council NEWS LETTER ITEMS ARE DUE TODAY</p>	<p>22 8:30-11:30AM Preschool</p>	<p>23 8:30-11:30AM Preschool</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 Stewardship Sunday 9:00AM Worship + HC 10:00AM Fellowship 10:15-11:15 Sunday School 10:30-11:30AM Bible Study 10:30 Quarterly Voter's meeting</p>	<p>27 8:30-11:30AM Preschool</p>	<p>28 8:30-11:30AM Preschool</p>	<p>29 8:30-11:30AM Preschool</p>	<p>30 8:30-11:30AM Preschool</p>		



Spring 2020 North Wisconsin District LWML
"Connecting Cultures and Generations"

Retreat: Camp Luther, Three Lakes, WI

Friday, April 17, 2020 6:00 P.M.

Registration SPECIAL - 6:30 P.M.

Food, Fun, Fellowship Devotion: Heart to Heart Sisters –
Multicultural Community Meal Sampling Saturday,
April 18, 2020

Registration begins: 8:00 am Retreat: 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Back again this year! Optional overnight at Camp Luther
on Friday, April 17!

For more information contact Paula at 715-931-9146

**NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT LUTHERAN WOMEN'S
MISSIONARY LEAGUE**

38th Biennial Convention

Sunday, June 14 - Tuesday, June 16,

2020 Radisson Hotel and Conference Center

2040 Airport Drive,

Green Bay

"Walk by faith, not by sight" 2 Cor. 5:7

Any member of the LCMS can attend, to find out more
information contact Paula at 715-931-9146

At the convention the LWML will be collecting Gifts from
the Heart for Golden House.

Golden House exists to provide help and healing to victims of domestic abuse. We help hundreds of people every year with counseling, advocacy, shelter and other services as our clients begin their journey of healing. Our outreach and education programs reach thousands of students and adults, helping them understand the cycle of violence and the warning signs of domestic abuse. Some would say, " why not support the local abuse shelter"; so the LWML here at St. John's is going to collect items for the abuse shelter and will split the donations between Embrace (the local abuse shelter) and Golden House. [Below are the suggested donation items and the dates they will be collected.](#)

April 1-15, 2020	sugar; coffee; coffee creamer (non-refrigerated)
April 16-30, 2020	laundry soap; dish soap; dishwasher soap/tabs
May 1-15, 2020	body wash, shampoo, deodorant
May 16-31, 2020	paper towels; disposable silverware; toilet paper
June 1-14, 2020	new women's underwear; new twin size bedding

There will be a collection box below the LWML bulletin board.



Calendar of Events

Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 10 am Bible Study Beauty Marks
Please take time to read the Bible Study “Beauty Marks!”
before the meeting. It is found in the Winter 2019 Lutheran
Women’s Quarterly. If you need a copy of the Bible Study
there are some in Paula’s mailbox.

Saturday, April 11, 2020,
LWML Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 2020,
Spring Rally at Phillips, WI

Friday, April 17, optional overnight and Saturday, April 18,
2020 Spring Retreat Camp Luther

June 14 – 16, 2020, 38th Biennial Convention, Radisson Inn and
Convention Center, Green Bay, WI

August 11-14, 2020, Mission trip to Orphan Grain Train and
Mission Central



2019–2021 LWML MISSION GRANT #8
Mission Grant Story

LIGHTS FOR CHRIST SCHOLARSHIPS
Divine Savior Lutheran Church, Zacapa, Guatemala — \$95,000

but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14). When members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Wichita, Kansas, served on a mission trip to Guatemala in 2014, they observed the devastating poverty of people living in the Zacapa landfill. They also saw how Divine Savior, the local Lutheran Church, was reaching out with Christ’s love to the families. Working cooperatively, a scholarship program, Lights for Christ (Luces de Cristo), was developed to enable the children in the garbage dump to attend Divine Savior Lutheran School. The two churches are enthusiastic about this program and are eager to expand in order to provide more children with the opportunity to receive a Christian education and to share Christ’s love with their families. The Lights for Christ Program offers Christian education to children whose parents have been economically dependent on collecting garbage in the municipal landfill. The children come to this program with many needs. They are provided with spiritual and physical support, as well as receiving a Christian education. LWML Mission Grant funds will enable Lights for Christ to expand the children’s education beyond grade six by providing them an academic education in grades seven through twelve at the Lutheran School. It will cover a portion of their tuition fee and a school supply bag, books, task materials, and a tutor. It will also cover the cost of a Christian education teacher, transportation, food, clothing, medicine, and other personal care items. The Lights for Christ Program is bringing the life-saving Gospel of Christ to children and families in the Zacapa landfill. It has provided essential theological, financial, medical, and people resources, as well as being a valuable mission opportunity for Holy Cross members as they support Divine Savior Lutheran School’s Gospel outreach in Zacapa. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light (Psalm 36:9).



**PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS
LIGHTS FOR CHRIST SCHOLARSHIPS**

Divine Savior Lutheran Church, Zacapa, Guatemala — \$95,000

PRAYER #1 Gracious Lord, You are the Light of the World. The life-saving Gospel of Christ, along with food and clothing, sanitation and health care, and school transportation has been brought to the young children of Zacapa, Guatemala. We pray that mite offerings for this grant will be blessed and used to Your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER #2 Lord, God, we thank You for the children of Zacapa, Guatemala, who have entered our lives through this mission grant. We pray for each one as they are being cared for through scholarships offered by the Lights for Christ Program. Increase their knowledge of You and let them feel the love You have for all. May they go into the world telling of Your saving grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

PRAYER #3 Heavenly Father, You give us the gift of life. Thank You for mission eyes and hearts to reach out to the children, their families, and workers of the Lights for Christ Program in Guatemala. We pray that the funds for this grant, as they are used to care for the children in the landfill, will encourage them to reach out and share Your love with others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER #4 Gracious Lord, we thank You for the Lights for Christ Program and its faithful workers who share the blessed Word of God. As the children learn of You, we ask that You bless and strengthen each child with renewed faith. Thank You for enabling us to share Your Word with families in Guatemala. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.

Mites are collected on the third Sunday of each month!

Simply deposit your donation in the large mite box when you come to worship. These mites continue to fund district and national mission projects. Check the LWML bulletin board for details on some of those projects. Please let Amy Tousey or Paula Hook know if you have any questions.



Ladies please join us for
Bible Study on Saturday,
April 4th at 10:00AM.

**"Come and See, Go and Tell! "**

Please take time to read the Bible Study "Come and See, Go and Tell!" before the meeting. It is found in the Spring 2020 Lutheran Women's Quarterly. If you need a copy of the Bible Study there are some in Paula's mailbox.

Birthday Tuesdays and Men's Breakfast and Study are cancelled until further notice. Please check our web page for any updates. Remember, this too shall pass with the help of God!

Web page: <http://www.stjohnsladysmith.org>


Rada Knives

If you are interested in purchasing Rada Knives, please contact Lorraine Flohr at 715-532-5095
All proceeds go to the St. John's Ladies Aid.
Orders are processed quickly!

Dish Cloths

If you are interested in purchasing Dish Cloths, please contact one of the Ladies Aid.
All proceeds go to the St. John's Ladies Aid.
They are on hand!

Please, leave only aluminum cans! We cannot take aluminum foil, plates, etc.; aluminum cans only! Thanks for your assistance.

<p>ONGOING COLLECTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Aluminum cans for Preschool◆ Canceled Stamps (LWML)◆ Greeting cards◆ Used eye glasses	 <p><u>RECYCLING PAPER</u> Effective April 10th, the Deborah Circle will no longer be collecting paper. Thank you for your support!</p>
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APRIL

Birthdays

- 3 Sam Barg, Martha Basham, Jackie Dolan, Rob Schrader
- 6 Duane Phetteplace, Harold Thummel
- 10 Thomas Silvernale, Carolin Roelse
- 11 Rebecca Abbiehl, Tracy Kopacz, Aaron Lee
- 12 Claire Harbes, Darlene Otto
- 13 Mark VanWey
- 14 Chuck Mogensen
- 15 Dustyn Holman, Kathy Shimko
- 18 Nicole Pahl
- 20 Iris Kroening, Trent Lodahl, Lisa Moreau, Connie Solsrud
- 21 Rachel Hauser, Lexi Zunker,
- 22 Mitchell Morgan
- 23 Nancy Rosolowski
- 24 Roberta Baye
- 30 Jason Balko


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Anniversaries

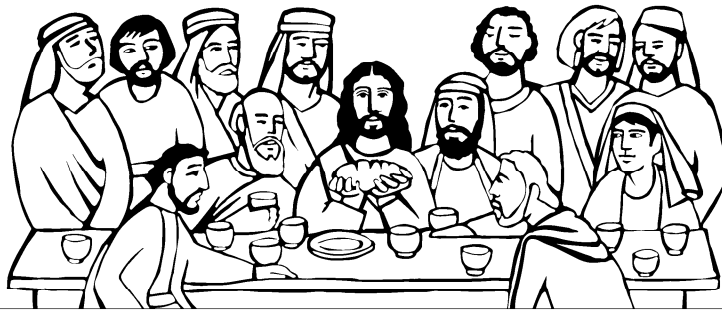
- 17 Donald & Suzanne Ptacek
- 19 Arvid & Livija Held
- 25 Karl & Lisa Howe
- 30 Tom & Nancy Rosolowski



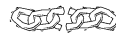
PUZZLE

Picturing the Lord's Supper

Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples as a symbol of the new covenant.



Directions: Use the picture clues to fill in key words from Luke 22:19-20, NIV.



And he took _____, gave _____ and _____ it, and gave



it to them, saying, "This is my _____ given for you; do this in



_____ of me." In the same way, after the supper he



took the cup, saying, "This _____ is the new _____ in my



blood, which is _____ out for you."

LUKE 22:19-20, NIV

Answer: bread, thanks, broke, body, remembrance, cup, covenant, poured