

# St. John's Epistle

March 2022

*A Newsletter of*  
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**Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of your charges against Him. Neither did Herod, for He sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by Him. I will therefore punish and release Him.” (Luke 23:13-15)**

Pilate and Herod were two men that were very instrumental in the crucifixion of Jesus. What is very interesting is they both declared Jesus innocent of the charges brought against Him. Pilate declared Jesus innocent two times while Herod found Him innocent once. Innocent of the charges brought against Him, yet He was still crucified.

Pilate and Herod were like some people in the world today. They were curious about Jesus. Herod had **“long desired to see him, because he heard about him, and was hoping to see some sign done by him.”** (Luke 23:8) Herod had heard many stories about Jesus (Luke 9:9) and hoped that he would see a miracle from Jesus. Pilate was astonished at some of the answers that Jesus gave him and really didn't know what to think. Both Pilate and Herod were pretty neutral in the conviction of Jesus. They both said that He was innocent of any crime. Yet, they didn't really see any importance for Jesus in their lives or for the world.

Why is that? They didn't believe in Jesus. Sure, they knew who He was, but they didn't really believe that He was the Savior of the world. They saw Him. They heard about His miracles. They probably even heard about many other things, but as long as those things didn't overly affect them, they really

didn't see any reason to defend Him. They just said He was innocent and passed Him on to the next guy. What they both lacked was faith to believe in Jesus.

Here lies our mission in the church. The apostle Paul wrote, "**So faith comes from hearing and hearing through the Word of Christ.**" (Romans 10:17) It's very true, the work was done and the forgiveness of sins was secured by the cross [John 19; 30], but it cannot come to us in any other way than through the Word. It is God's will that His Word be heard and that people's ears should not be closed (Psalm 95:8). With the Word, the Holy Spirit is present and opens hearts, so that people (like Lydia in Acts 16:14) pay attention to it and are converted only through the Holy Spirit's grace and power, who alone does the work converting a person. The truth is the spoken Word of the Gospel with the content being Christ, is the means by which God creates faith in people to believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Being neutral and knowing about Jesus is not enough. People need to know that Jesus was crucified, died, and resurrected so they could be forgiven and have everlasting life. Don't just expect that people know the truth about Jesus! To know Jesus as your Lord and Savior is a blessing and it's something that we should want to share with everyone. Amen.

In His Service,

Pastor Craig S. Zandi

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**Notification of Pastor When in the Hospital**

There has been some confusion when people check in or go to the hospital. The hospital will **not automatically** inform your church, or pastor, that you are there unless it is specifically stated in your records. Furthermore, inform your family members to call your pastor. They can also contact the chaplain's office at the hospital and give them the information. Again, don't assume the hospital will do it, because they won't. You must be proactive to make sure your pastor is informed if you want him to come see you. Many times people are in the hospital and he has no idea they are there.

**ASSISTING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH****Acolytes:** *Ushers***Altar Guild:** *Tom & Nancy Rosolowski***Finance:** *Tammy Busse & Jackie Dolan***Worship Assistants for March****Wednesday, Mar 2**   **Elder:** *Tim Dolan**Ash Wednesday***Ushers:** Team 1: *Dave Scott-Captain,**Dave Kuchta, Tom Rosolowski,**Vic Plockelman, Stu Pask***Sunday, Mar 6****Elder:** *Tim Dolan***Greeters:** *Janice Zandi***Ushers:** Team 2:*Dave Kmosenoá Captain, Gary Hahn,**Mike Kuchta, Jim Rodd***Wednesday, Mar 9**   **Elder:** *Ray Tousey***Sunday, Mar 13***Caring & Sharing***Elder:** *Randy Scott***Greeters:** *Ray & Eunice Yurko***Ushers:** Team 3:*Dennis Flaterô Captain, Bob Hauser,**Alden Hook, Bill Myers, Ray Tousey***Wednesday, Mar 16**   **Elder:** *Ray Tousey***Sunday, Mar 20***LWML**Mites In**Gathering***Elder:** *Sam Barg***Greeters:** *Jim Kuchta***Ushers:** Team 4: *Sam Barg,**Dave Werner, John Monnier,**Chuck Perenchio, Gene Zillmer***Wednesday, Mar 23**   **Elder:** *Ray Tousey*

**Sunday, Mar 27**

*Stewardship*

*Sunday*

**Elder: Sam Barg**

**Greeters:** Neal & Jan MacLachlan

**Ushers:** Team 5: Jim Kuchta<sup>o</sup> Captain,  
Gary Drohman, Don Josi, Dave Thompson,  
Russ Thompson

**Wednesday, Mar 30 Elder: Ray Tousey**

**Sunday, Apr 3**

**Elder: Tim Dolan**

**Greeters:** Kim Grabowski

**Ushers:** Team 1: Dave Scott-Captain,  
Dave Kuchta, Tom Rosolowski,  
Vic Plockelman, Stu Pask



## Evangelism/Stewardship

- 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (Jan-March)*  
Love Thy Neighbor
- 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter (April-June)*  
Camp Luther Scholarship
- 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (July-Sept)*  
Back Pack Program
- 4<sup>th</sup> quarter (Oct-Dec)*  
Care Net Pregnancy Resource Center

A food drive will be held twice a year in Spring and Fall for the Hope Food Pantry. Watch for details! The caring/sharing food basket will be available throughout the year for any items you wish to donate to the pantry.

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

*"Jesus Said, "You shall Love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:31a)*

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Evangelism/Stewardship</b></p> <p>The food pantry is in need of dry goods. Please donate: Kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper, laundry soap, soap, personal care items, etc.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"Love your Neighbor as Yourself." <small>Mark 12:31</small></i></p>
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**It's hard to believe that March is here already! Where has the time gone?**

**We have been busy learning a lot! We just finished with celebrating the Olympics. Our themes for March will include: Dinosaurs (a favorite wait!), St. Patrick's Day, and Birds. Our letters for the month will be T-W. Our writing is improving every day. As always, we continue to work on colors, shapes, numbers, and our names.**

**Our Bible lessons for March will focus on events leading up to Jesus' death on the cross.**

**March is also the time of year when we hold our biggest fundraiser - the butter braid sale. Delivery of these delectable pastries will be on March 30th - which also happens to be our 100th day of school.**

**If you haven't already done so, please check out our Preschool Facebook page: St. John's Christian Preschool Ladysmith. We try to post about everyday.**

## *WITNESSES TO CHRIST: PEOPLE FROM HIS PASSION*

John tells us why he wrote his Gospel: “**Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name**” (John 20:30ó31). Life! When we believe that Jesus is the Christ, God gives us lifeó abundant life, forgiven life, and eternal life.

Historically, the Fourth Gospel is likened to an eagleó an image that suggests John soars to heights of glory and grandeur. Thatøs because the evangelist paints a stunning portrait of Jesus, who is the bread of life, the resurrection and the life, and the way, the truth, and the life. Life in Jesus; thatøs Godøs gift to you!

This Lent, our life in Christ will be strengthened as we hear the witness of those in Johnøs Gospel who journeyed to the cross. Along the way, weøl meet villains, such as Barabbas and Pontius Pilate, as well as sinners, such as Peter (who denied Jesus *three* times), and Judas Iscariot (who betrayed Jesus for *thirty* pieces of silver).

**Please join us for worship as we hear the witness of these people in John’s Gospel:**

**March 2, 2022: Ash Wednesday:**

*John the Baptist*, John 1:29ó34

**March 9, 2022: Midweek of Lent 1:**

*Mary, the Sister of Lazarus and Martha*, John 12:1ó11

**March 16, 2022: Midweek of Lent 2:**

*Malchus*, John 18:1ó11

**March 23, 2022: Midweek of Lent 3:**

*Peter*, John 18:12ó27

**March 30, 2022: Midweek of Lent 4:**

*Barabbas*, John 18:33ó40

**April 6, 2022: Midweek of Lent 5:**

*Pontius Pilate, John 19:1616*

**April 14, 2022: Maundy (Holy) Thursday:**

*Judas Iscariot, John 13:21630*

**April 15, 2022: Good Friday:**

*John, the Gospel Writer, John 19:25637*

- 1 Also read, “the bread of life” (John 6:35); “the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25); and “the way, and the truth, and the life” (John 14:6).

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*He is Risen.....He is Risen Indeed*

## Easter Breakfast





## What Luther says:

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It is true; Luther continues in His sermon, there are those who advance the argument that since children cannot reflectively use their reason, they cannot believe. What are we to reply?

Let us look at reason why they hold that children do not believe. They say: Since they have as yet not come to use their reason, they cannot hear God's Word: but where God's Word cannot be heard, there can be no faith: Romans 10:17: öFaith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God,ö etc. Tell me, is one who judges God's Works in this way, according to our ideas, speaking like a Christian? Children have not come to the use of their reason, you say, therefore they cannot believe? What if you have already fallen from faith through this reason and the children had come to faith through their unreason? My friend, what good does reason do when faith and God's Word are concerned? Is it not a fact that reason most violently resists faith and the Word of God so that because of it, no one can come to faith or put up with God's Word unless reason is blinded and put to shame? A man must die to reason and become a fool, so to speak, yes, and must become more unreasoning and irrational than any young child if he is to come to faith and accept God's grace, as Christ says in Matthew 18:3: öExcept ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.ö How often Christ points out to us that we must become children and fools and how often He condemns reasoning!

Again tell me, what sort of reason did the little children have whom Christ caressed and blessed and assigned to heaven? Surely they, too, were as yet without reasoning. Why then does He order that they be brought to Him, and why does He bless them? Where did they get the faith that made them children of the kingdom of heaven? The fact is that just because they are

unreasoning and foolish, they are better fitted to come to faith than the old and reasoning people whose way is always blocked by reason, which does not want to force its big head through the narrow door!

But since their reason so besets men, we must attack them with their own wisdom. Tell me, why do you Baptize a man after he has come to use of his reason: You reply: He hears the Word of God and believes. I ask: How do you know? You say: He confesses as much with His mouth. Should I say: What if he is lying and deceiving? After all, you cannot see his heart. Well then, if in this instance you Baptize only because a man had outwardly professed faith but are uncertain of his faith and must wonder whether he has more within his heart than you can observe, than neither his hearing nor confessing nor faith is of any avail; for it may be mere delusion and not real faith. Who, then, are you to say that outward hearing and confessing are necessary for Baptism, that where these are not present we should not Baptize and that where they are present we should?...Is it not true that you must admit: You have no right to do or to know more than the person to be Baptized be brought to you and that you are asked to administer Baptism; and you must believe, or rather, simply commit to God whether or not he really believes in His heart. Thereby you are excused, and you Baptize correctly!

Besides tell me, where is the reason of the Christian believer while he is asleep, since his faith and God's grace admittedly never leave him? If, then, faith can continue without co-operation and awareness of reason, why should it not also begin in children before reason is aware of it?

Commit the faith to Him who commands them to be brought and Baptize them at His command, saying: Lord, Thou dost bring them here and dost command them to be Baptized. Therefore Thou wilt surely answer for them: on this I depend. I dare not drive them away or forbid them. (WLS p 51-52)

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In 1525 appeared the lectures on Deuteronomy which since 1523, Luther had been delivering to his fellow Augustinians in the monastery. In connection with his exposition of Deuteronomy

18:19, the Reformer traces the course spiritual life generally takes.

First and above all that Prophet is to be heard of whom Moses here speaks; that is our salvation does not begin with any work of ours but with hearing the Word of Life; for the Law preceded the Gospel in order to humiliate and reveal sin and to teach us that we can do nothing by our own powersí But when we hear the Word, the Holy Spirit is given, who purifies the heart of faith. öFaith cometh by hearing.ö (Romans 10:17) It does, it is true, not come to all who hear, but to those for whom God has intended it for the öwind bloweth where it listeth,ö (John 3:8) not where we list. But when we have received the Holy Spirit through faith, we are immediately justified by this very faith, apart from any work of our own, by the gift of God alone; and we feel peace and a good conscience toward God (Romans 5:1) and exclaim in joy and security: Abba, Father! There is no more fear or wrath of God or servile flight from it, but a filial access to God through the grace in which we stand and glory (Romans 5:2).

After the heart has in this way been justified and set at rest within through faith in the soul, outside activities are at once begun in various ways. First, the confession of the lips is made to salvation, and the Word is preached without, through which we are saved through us, just as we were saved through those who were before us, so that the kingdom of Christ may be increased. Here persecution, the cross, and tribulation arise because of the Word in the world, which hates the light and life because it loves darkness. Through this trouble faith is tried and led onward to the goal of a perfect hope, which makes us sure of our salvation. In the second place, our old man is attacked, in whom the remnants of sin are still to be found. These through the law in our members fight against the Spirit so that we fail to do what the Spirit desires. Here the mortification of the flesh is undertaken. In the third place, the fruits of good works are born, witnesses of faith and the spirit. In our relation to our neighbor they are love, friendship, peace, goodness, etc. (Galatians 5:22) This is a summary and the true order of Christian life, which is dependent on the Word and begins with it and extends outward to works of love toward our neighbor. (WLS p. 213)

**2022**

# **Fish Fry Frenzy**



The youth of St. Johns invite you to relax and enjoy a delicious fish fry dinner with all of the fixings (beverage and dessert included)

~ All fish deliciously prepared by the men of St. John's ~

**St. John's Lutheran Church**

**Saturday, April 9, 2022**

**5:00pm – 7:00pm**

**Suggested donation: \$10.00**



*Proceeds support our youth on their trip to the 2022 National Youth Gathering*

# March

SUN	MON	TUE
<b>Everything is subject to change. Please check our website and/or phone the Church office 715-532-5780.</b>		
		<b>1</b> 8:30-11:30 Preschool
<b>6</b> 9:00AM Worship <i>Bible Study after worship</i> 10:15-11:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Elder meeting	<b>7</b> 8:30-11:30 Preschool  11:30AM Ladies Birthday lunches	<b>8</b> 8:30-11:30 Preschool
<b>13</b> <i>Caring and Sharing</i> 8:00AM Finance 9:00AM Worship +HC <i>Bible Study after worship</i> 10:15-11:15AM Sunday School	<b>14</b> 8:30-11:30 Preschool	<b>15</b> 8:30-11:30 Preschool  1:00PM Flambeau Area Piecemakers Quilt Guild  6:00PM Council
<b>20</b> <i>LWML Mites Ingathering</i> 9:00AM Worship <i>Bible Study after worship</i> 10:15-11:15AM Sunday School 10:30-11:15AM Youth Group	<b>21</b> 8:30-11:30 Preschool	<b>22</b> 8:30-11:30 Preschool  <b>NEWSLETTER ITEMS ARE DUE TODAY</b>
<b>27</b> <i>Stewardship Sunday</i> 9:00AM Worship +HC <i>Bible Study after worship</i> 10:15-11:15AM Sunday School	<b>28</b> 8:30-11:30 Preschool	<b>29</b> 8:30-11:30 Preschool



## Mission Grant Story



## *Spreading the Word of God to Russian People*

### **Training Pastors to Serve the Church in Russia Lutheran Theological Seminary, Novosibirsk, Siberia — \$100,000**

2021–2023 Biennium  
Mission Goal:  
**\$2,150,000**

Mission Grant #7  
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Prior to the 1917 Russian revolution, the Lutheran Church was the second largest group of Christians living in Russia — the first Lutherans having arrived there shortly after the Protestant Reformation. Atheistic communists were especially brutal to Lutherans, killing or imprisoning virtually all of the church's pastors and destroying or confiscating Lutheran churches.

Today the Lutheran Church is making a comeback. Nowhere is that more apparent than in eastern Russia, in Siberia, where many Lutherans were deported in the communist purges of the 1920's and 1930's. Through the efforts of the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church, which is in full altar and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS, and through the pastoral training provided by the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, Siberia, the Word and Sacraments are again making their way to the long-repressed Russian people.

While the academic training at the Novosibirsk seminary is second to none, the seminary's ability to survive financially is at risk. Because of changing financial circumstances within the seminary's largest supporting organization, the U.S. foundation has reduced its contribution to the seminary's operations. If the seminary were to close, it could take years, if ever, for it to reopen, given the politics in Russia. It is difficult to know what impact the closing of the Novosibirsk seminary would have on the future of the Lutheran Church in Russia.

The Novosibirsk seminary's goal is to prepare workers to spread the true Word of God to the Russian people. To do so, pastors must be well educated and prepared to provide intelligent, compassionate pastoral care to everyone. The grant will help keep the seminary in operation for the next two years, as the Siberian Lutheran Mission, an LCMS Recognized Service Organization (RSO), continues its "Save the Seminary Campaign" to raise funds to endow the seminary's operations long-term.

Learn more about this mission grant at [lwml.org/mission-grants](http://lwml.org/mission-grants)





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### Prayer #1

Heavenly Father, You are our hope and salvation. You have called workers to serve in Your harvest fields. The seminary in Novosibirsk is preparing these workers to take the true Word to the people of Russia. Grant that these mite offerings may enable the seminary to continue its operations as additional long-term funding is sought. In Jesus' precious name, Amen.

### Prayer #2

Lord Jesus, You are our help and our Redeemer. We implore You to bless our giving, that our mite offerings will be plentiful, to provide operating funds for the seminary as it prepares workers to serve You and Your church in Russia. In Your name we pray. Amen.

### Prayer #3

Lord Jesus, bless the mite offerings we give in support of Your work throughout the world. Bless the work of the seminary in Novosibirsk as it prepares workers to bring Your Word to the people of Russia. Further, bless the efforts of the Siberian Lutheran Mission in raising funds to provide for the long-term expenses of the seminary. In Jesus' precious name, Amen.

### Prayer #4

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, You are the only hope of mankind. Graciously grant our petition that this grant be fully funded. As Jesus told His disciples in Luke 10:2, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." Bless the efforts of the seminary in Novosibirsk as they prepare workers for Your harvest fields. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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LWML is 80 years old  
in 2022. In honor of  
this anniversary  
the ladies of St. Johnøs

LWML, with help of all the members of St. Johnøs, would like to donate 80 school kits to the Lutheran World Relief. We will be collecting items for these kits each month. Then sewing backpacks on a workday to be announced. We will have a second workday to pack the bags. If we collect items that cannot be used in the LWR School Kit, they will be donated to local schools.

#### **Items to be included IN EACH SCHOOL KIT**

**FOUR** 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8+<sup>x</sup> 10 ½"; no loose leaf paper

**ONE** 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

**ONE** pencil sharpener

**ONE** pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

**FIVE** unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band

**FIVE** black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band

**ONE** box of 16 or 24 crayons

**ONE** 2 ½+eraser

**ONE** sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14+<sup>x</sup> 17+with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

~ Please give new items only.

~ Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your groupøs name.

~ Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

Lutheran World Relief  
School Supply Project  
Requested donation for March



$2\frac{1}{2}$ +eraser

and



pencil sharpener



Looking ahead...

LWML is sponsoring a card coloring activity! We will be coloring cards to be sent to Phil's Friends. Phil's Friends is a 501c3 nonprofit organization founded by a two-time stage 4 cancer survivor. "We are committed to bringing hope and support to those affected by cancer. We provide practical, emotional and spiritual support through hospital visits, care packages, prayer, and ongoing encouragement through our Cards of Hope program." Remind those you know affected by cancer that they are not alone.

Our activity will be on Saturday, April 9, 11:00a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

More details later!

## Quilting News



Quilts are being made and then brought to church to be tied. This is being done as needed. Tying quilts are Kathy Boehmer, Linda Gustafson and Roberta Baye.



## CRAFTY STITCHERS

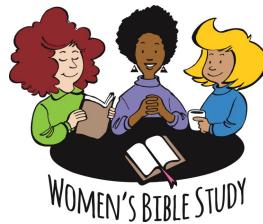
We are again meeting on the third Saturday morning of the month at 10:00 a.m. We have been asked to make a few capes for resident ladies of the local nursing home. So a new project to think about! Below is a picture of Jan and Dede working on their projects and enjoying visiting! Our next meeting is Saturday, March 19, at 10:00a.m. Come join us!





March 12, 2022 at 10:00AM, Bible Study found on page 20 of the Lutheran Women's Quarterly, Winter 2021 edition. The study is "Setting Our Focus" The Bible study is open

to all the women of St. John's. If you want a copy of the Bible Study before the meeting contact Paula or Amy. We meet for approximately one hour. Hope to see you all there.



Ladies! Birthday lunches aren't just for birthdays; of course birthdays for the month are celebrated, but also it gives us an informal excuse to get together with our sisters in Christ to form bonds and friendships.

No invitation needed!  
See bulletin.

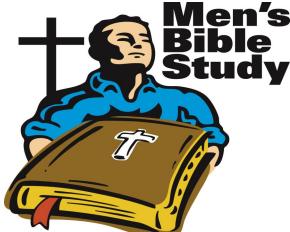
#### Birthday Mondays!

Monday, **March 7th** at 11:30 a.m. at the Ladysmith Family Restaurant.

All are welcome!



Men's Bible Study will be on Thursday, March 3rd , 17th , & 31st; 7:00AM at the Ladysmith Family Restaurant.



#### It's time for "Greeter" Sign-up

There will be a sign-up calendar for greeters in the fellowship hall. This is your chance to pick your dates. The sign-up sheet will only be available for a couple weeks, after that time, Sundays will be assigned.

## Attention Ladies!!!

The Ladies Aid and Circles have decided to join together as one, more efficient functioning group.

We will meet once a month, the second Wednesday at 1:00PM. Our meetings will consist of a devotion or bible study, and to continue projects we are already involved with, and look for new opportunities to serve.

We have changed our name to 'St. John's Ladies Society'. All ladies are welcome and can be as involved only as much as you are comfortable. New thoughts and ideas are always welcome.

We look forward to this new adventure!



"Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

Matthew 18:20



**The members of St. John's Youth Group are selling Seroogy Candy Bars to fundraise for their trip to the 2022 National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas.**

**These delicious candy bars are a favorite by many and can be purchased in the fellowship hall for only \$1.50.**

**Thank you for your continued support of St. John's Youth Group**



**The Next Caring and Sharing Sunday  
is March 13th**

**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.**

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**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.

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## 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! *They make great Christmas and wedding gifts.*

### ONGOING COLLECTIONS

- ◆ Aluminum cans for Preschool
- ◆ Canceled Stamps (LWML)
- ◆ Greeting cards
- ◆ Used eye glasses



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

## 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: [stjohnladysmith@centurylink.net](mailto:stjohnladysmith@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!**





- 6 Kimberly Hakes, Donna Howard, Rhett Stout
- 10 Marj Scott
- 13 Eunice Yurko
- 14 Kasey Skabroud, Lauren Wilson
- 15 Barbara Mogensen
- 18 Harold Elton, Tony Tousey
- 19 Judy Bishop, Mary Ann Riegel
- 20 Nick Wilson
- 22 Helga Engelbrecht
- 23 Brent Bernard, Baylee Doud
- 25 Carol Carlstrom, Kathryn Kibellus, Kathleen Reeves
- 27 Ryan Monnier, Bridgit Zehner
- 29 Bailee Hahn, John Monnier, Mark Riegel,  
Rev. Craig Zandi
- 31 Betty Balz, Dennis Flater



- 1 Shane & Sandi Bishop
- 31 Kelley & Josh Stout



# PUZZLE

## *A wonderous washing*

David's prayer of repentance reveals a desire to be cleansed of his sin.

*Directions: Unscramble the words on the left. Then match them with the correct phrases from Psalm 51 (NIV) on the right.*

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|---------------|---|
| ETRCAE _____  | _____ out my transgressions (v. 1)                  |
| HSAW _____    | _____ away all my iniquity (v. 2)                   |
| RSEEROT _____ | _____ me with hyssop, and I will<br>be clean (v. 7) |
| WNERE _____   | _____ me, and I will be whiter<br>than snow (v. 7)  |
| TLBO _____    | _____ your face from my sins (v. 9)                 |
| DIHE _____    | _____ out all my iniquity (v. 9)                    |
| NATRG _____   | _____ in me a pure heart (v. 10)                    |
| LNSECAE _____ | _____ a steadfast spirit within<br>me (v. 10)       |
| LBTO _____    | _____ to me the joy of your<br>salvation (v. 12)    |
| WHSA _____    | _____ me a willing spirit, to<br>sustain me (v. 12) |

Answer: blot, wash, cleanse, wash, hide, blot, create, renew, restore, grant