

St. John's Epistle

February 2025

A Newsletter of

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Personal or Ministry

“And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil.” (Luke 4:1-2)

When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, were the temptations only personal? At quick glance we would probably say öyesö! However, when we look at His temptations in a broader sense we would have to say önoö! While they were certainly personal, they were also a temptation on His ministry.

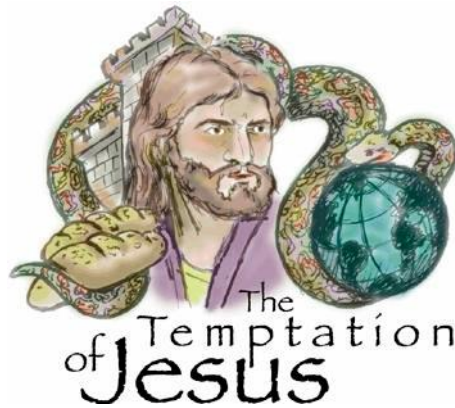
Jesusøtemptations stand between His baptism, where He was anointed into His office and the beginning of His public ministry. This ministry was so important! If Jesus would have failed, His ministry would have never taken place. Therefore, His whole mission would have been uprooted. He couldnø be the Savior of the world, because He would have fallen victim to Satanøö evil plan.

Likewise, when Satan tempts us, are those temptations only personal? Again, at quick glance we would probably say öyesö because our salvation is at stake. If we fall away from Jesus we are in big trouble. But in a broader view, are not our temptations also ministry temptations? Godøö plan for the world in Christ works through us. Each of us has a part to play! Jesusø ministry is our ministry. When we are defeated by Satanøö temptations, ministry damage is done.

So why do we need to hear Godøö Word and receive the sacraments? Itøö through the Word, Lordøö Supper, and Holy Baptism the Holy Spirit works to give and strengthen our faith.

The more we hear the Word and receive His sacraments, the stronger we become to stand strong against all temptation not only for us, but for all fellow Christians! The more we hear the good news of Jesus Christ the more we understand that Jesus stands at our side to give us victory over temptation and encouragement for the love of ministry. It is through His victory that we also have victory, not only for us, but for the ministry we support. Amen.

Blessings,
Pastor Craig S. Zandi



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 FEBRUARY

Acolytes: *Ushers/Youth*

Altar Guild: *Kim Grabowski & Debbie Flater*

Finance: *Tom Rosolowski & Jim Kuchta*

Worship Assistants for February

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| Sunday, Feb 2 | Elder: Tom Rosolowski |
| | Greeters: |
| | Ushers: <u>Team 2</u>: Dave Kmosena- Captain,
Terry Schar, Mike Kuchta, Jim Rodd,
Lee Purdy |
| Sunday, Feb 9
<i>Caring & Sharing</i> | Elder: Tim Dolan |
| | Greeters: Scarlett & Peggy Hysell |
| | Ushers: <u>Team 3</u>: Dennis Flater-Captain,
Bob Hauser, Alden Hook, Kurt Harris,
Tom Rosolowski |
| Sunday, Feb 16
<i>LWML</i>
<i>Mites In</i>
<i>Gathering</i> | Elder: Tom Rosolowski |
| | Greeters: Terry & Sally Schar |
| | Ushers: <u>Team 4</u>: Chuck Perenchio-Captain,
Sam Barg, Dave Werner, John Monnier,
Gene Zillmer |
| Sunday, Feb 23
<i>Stewardship Sunday</i> | Elder: Tim Dolan |
| | Greeters: |
| | Ushers: <u>Team 1</u>: Dave Scott-Captain,
Dave Kuchta, Jim Kuchta, Dave Thompson,,
Stu Pask |



We have a full fun-filled month coming up!

Our themes for February include: Outer space, Valentine's Day, Presidents, and Birds. We have lots of fun projects planned.

Our Bible lessons will be about Jesus picking His disciples, Jesus blessing the children, Jesus teaching about birds and flowers, and Jesus stopping the storm.

The letters for the month will be R, S, T, & U.

We started learning how to write names and will continue until the end of the school year.

We practice colors, shapes, and numbers daily.

We are excited to be able to use our new indoor play area!

Are you

Over 70 ½ years of age?

Receiving a distribution from an IRA?

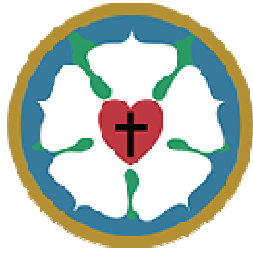
If you answered yes to both of these questions

Congratulations as you are eligible to make a tax free contribution to the church.

What you need to do

1. Contact the payer of your IRA and have them send the amount you request directly to the church.
2. Keep the quarterly statement provided by the church showing the donation.
3. Report both the IRA distribution and the donation on your Federal Tax Return as follows:
 - a. Report the amount shown on the 1099-R on line 4a of your Form 1040.
 - b. Subtract the amount contributed to the church from the amount on line 4a and enter the remaining in line 4b of you Form 1040

For more details, see IRS Publication 526, Charitable Contributions, and Publication 590-B, Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs).



What Luther says:

In a sermon he delivered at Smalcald on Matthew 4:1-11 (February 18, 1537) Luther had occasion to refer to the trick commonly used by false teachers. Satan, he declared, employs the same strategy in the story related in this text.

This is the course matters are wont (accustom) to take with all heretics: first they get an idea that pleases them, that seems good and right to them. After they have conceived their idea, they go to Scripture, there to seek and to accept whatever may give it a good coloring. This is a very dangerous undertaking! In a word, they undertake to produce something special, to devise a faith of their own, without God's Word, and to shape or form a special god for themselves, not as Scripture pictures Him but according to their own notions. (WLS p 641)



**summer
camp**

Summer 2025 Registration is OPENING!

The 2025 Camp Luther theme is Handiwork, from Ephesians 2:10

Jan 26 @ 1:00pm - Registration is open for all summer programs at Camp Luther!! Check out information about all of our programs at camp.luther.com/summer. There are programs for all aged kids and families!

**The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Stewardship
Newsletter Article – February 2025**

“Christ’s Life, and Love, and Light”

Open our eyes Lord to see Your love’s intent,
To know with minds and hearts its depth and height
May thankfulness be days in service spent
Reflection of Christ’s life, and love, and light. (*LSB 788*)

As stewards enter the month of February, it is fitting that we look at the last stanza of the stewardship hymn, “Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness” (*LSB 788*). It is in these words that we see that the heart of stewardship is indeed love. Love has flowed from our Lord to us in the person and work of Jesus Christ. This love is then to flow from us to others. Being a conduit of love is really the central task of what it means to be a steward. The Lord entrusts us with His love that reconciles us to Himself, so that we might be stewards of the Gospel reconciliation that is freely given through us to those around us.

If we don’t see this love from God to us, then through us, to others, our eyes will be closed not just to the needs of those around us. They will also be closed to the very heart of the Gospel itself. This is why the hymnist prays that the Lord would “Open our eyes, Lord, to see Your love’s intent, To know with minds and hearts its depth and height.”

Only when we are immersed in God’s Holy Word, washed in Holy Baptism’s life-giving water and fed on the holy, precious, body and blood of Jesus in the Holy Supper, will the Spirit be able to open our eyes to see the Lord’s loving intent for us, and those we know and love. Sin blinds us. It makes us think that we are the center of our world, and our pleasure is the key.

In the Word, the Lord shows us the depth and height of His love. The depth of that love is what moved Him from His throne in heaven into our world. There He would don our human flesh, walk the dusty roads of Palestine, and set His face toward Jerusalem. Once there we get to see the height of His love, as He is elevated on a Roman cross to die a death that we deserve. But that would not be the end. He would be lowered into a tomb for three days. On that third day we then see the heights of love ascended to in His resurrection. This resurrection is already ours too!

The depth and height of this love poured out on us by the Holy Spirit then is distributed through us to others. Christ's servant love is shown in our servant love. The hymn utters the prayer of every Christian steward:

May thankfulness be days in service spent
Reflection of Christ's life, and love, and light.

This is the task for which stewards were originally created. Bearing the image of creation and redemption, we reflect Christ's love to those around us. The light of Christ shining through us to others is the true stewardship to which we are called. It takes place in our homes. It is lived out in our workplaces and classrooms. As we bear the life, love and light received in Word and Sacrament, we carry it out in service to our neighbor and for the glory of God!

Forgive us, Lord, when our stewardship of thankfulness is shallow or lacking! Fill us with Your life, love and light! Not just for us, but through us to those we know and love, that they may know Your life, love and light for them!



PRAISE GOD! The final numbers for 2024 are in. After running a deficit for most of the year, our December receipts covered the shortfall. Thank you to all for your contributions toward carrying out the mission of St. Johns.

1 Peter 4:10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

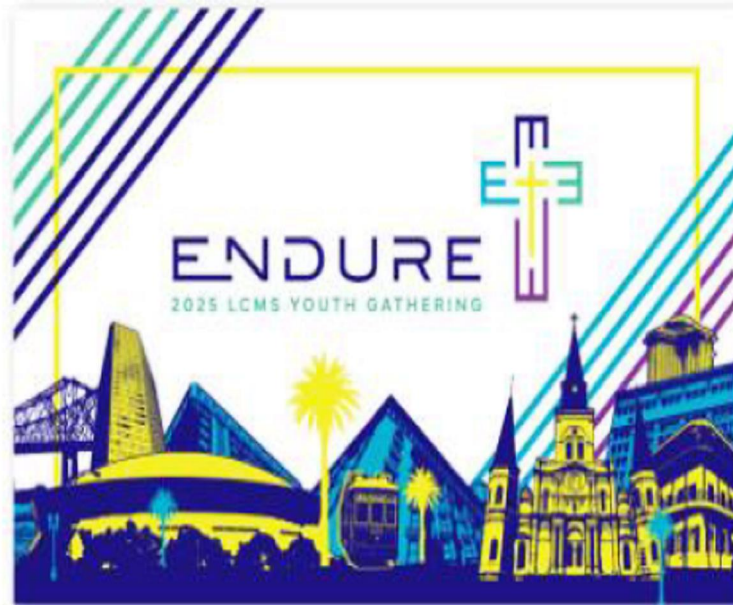




This year the Sunday School has selected the Evergreen Lutheran School as its Hearts for Jesus Mission Project. Our students will connect with students from Evergreen Lutheran, creating pen-pal friendships, seeing how their school is the same or different from their schools and sharing the love of Jesus with all of the students. All funds raised will be given to support this important mission.



Evergreen Lutheran Church is a small, inner-city church in Detroit, MI. Evergreen Lutheran Church operates the last LCMS Lutheran School within the city limits of Detroit, and both the church and the school operate on a "shoe-string" budget, just trying to keep their doors open. Evergreen Lutheran is a Beacon of Hope and a Light to the community – Evergreen Lutheran Church and School are a source of stability in the lives of many of the inner-city youth that they serve.

~THE SUNDAY SCHOOL THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT of their HEART for Jesus Mission Project~



 Dana Hauser will be attending the 2025 LCMS National Youth Gathering 
in New Orleans July 19-23, 2025

Held every 3 years, the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to be encouraged in their walk with Jesus Christ and learn about the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity.

To help raise funds to support her during this awesome opportunity, Dana and her family will be serving Sunday Morning Fellowship on February 2nd, 9th and 23rd.

Thank you for supporting Dana during her 2025 National Youth Gathering Fundraising Events



St. John's Christian Preschool Fundraiser



On **Sunday, February 16**, the Board of Christian Education will be serving a delicious breakfast immediately following the Sunday morning Worship Service

Biscuits and Gravy

Orange Juice

Fresh Fruit

Coffee

We are taking a free will donation with all monies going to help support this mission of St. John's Christian Preschool.

St. John's CPH Resource Center



is
OPEN

The Board of Christian Education has worked with Concordia Publishing House and a Resource Center has been set up in the fellowship hall for our members.

- *Every book is marked with the purchase price, which reflects a 20% discount from the original price*
- *If you see something you'd like to purchase, place your money in the envelope and drop it in the slot on the box – make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church*
- *Additional information is located at the Resource Center*
- *Question? Please reach out to a member of our Board of Christian Education*

There is no money being made by our Resource Center, the Board of Christian Education is simply providing access to exceptional Christian resources at a discounted rate.



February 2025

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<p>Everything is subject to change. Please check our website (www.stjohnsladysmith.org), Facebook, and/or phone the Church office 715-532-5780.</p>						1
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<p>St John's Volunteers serve meals at the Senior Center Meal Site this week</p>						



202362025 MISSION GRANT NO. 20 SHARING CHRIST WITH WOMEN & CHILDREN IN KAZAKHSTAN LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES | \$100,000

Kazakh Women and Children Hear the Gospel of Jesus

Kazakhstan is a large landlocked country in central Asia and a former member of the USSR. The population of 20,086,000 is 70% Muslim and about 26% Christian. Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is working with local churches to serve women and children and uses digital outreach and printed Christian resources to reach the unchurched.

Government restrictions allow spreading the Gospel only through local churches or house churches in small towns. Traditionally the people come from nomadic populations where extreme poverty in remote villages is very common. Women face many challenges due to the economic situation, unemployment, alcoholism, rising food prices, and general religious apathy among the male population.

Gospel proclamation is difficult due to harassment from non-Christian religious authorities and unbelieving family members. LHM-Kazakhstan is one of few Christian organizations that is allowed by the government to share the Gospel throughout the whole country. The outreach is done primarily through training programs for youth and women church leaders, children's programs and youth programs, holistic ministry, publishing Christian materials in the Kazakh and Russian languages, and digital outreach and online Bible courses. LHM-Kazakhstan broadcasts its Christian radio and television programming on the internet where it is even more widely viewed.

The LHM staff and other Christian women meet with non-Christian women in special classes at churches to study the Bible, pray, share faith, and receive quality Christian materials that are published at the ministry center. The children receive Bible story and activity booklets, and they attend vacation Bible school and Sunday school.

Thred.asia, LHM's digital outreach platform for youth, deepens relationships with non-Christians and is a safe place to share the hope in Jesus. LHM-Kazakhstan will expand their Gospel outreach to share the hope and love of Jesus to a country of spiritual and physical poverty

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PRAYER #1 Dear heavenly Father, creator of all mankind, we thank You for Lutheran Hour Ministries-Kazakhstan and its staff who are faithfully working to share the Gospel message of the love of Jesus to the Kazakh people. Please grant them the ability to enter the churches and share Bible stories with women and children. Please keep them safe from those who do not want the Gospel spread. Please give them the words to speak so that the people learn that Jesus died and rose from the grave for them. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen .

PRAYER #2 Most holy Father, we come before You with thanksgiving for all the different people and cultures of the world. There are so many people who have not heard of Your love for them. One place is Kazakhstan where the government makes it difficult to share the Gospel. Please help Lutheran Hour Ministries wisely use the grant money from LWML so that digital media and Christian printed resources are produced and then used in the far reaches of Kazakhstan. In the holy name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER #3 Dear Jesus, our brother and our Savior, thank You for coming to earth to live with us, teach us, and show us how to love our neighbor. Thank You for the opportunity to share our monetary treasure in the form of mite offerings given in our Mite Boxes. Help us to use them wisely so that Your Word is spread around the world. Be with the LHM-Kazakhstan staff as they use the money given to them through this grant. Guide them as they reach the women and children who need to hear the Gospel. Through Your name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER #4 Dear most gracious God, thank You for all people who share the true Gospel around the world, whether close to home or far away. Thank You for the people who share their time and treasures to spread Your Word. Please guard and protect Christians from those who don't want others to learn about Jesus and His love. Especially we pray for LHM-Kazakhstan. Please give them steadfastness and courage so that they may boldly proclaim Your Word to women and children in home churches and across the country through Thred.asia media. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Crafty Stitchers



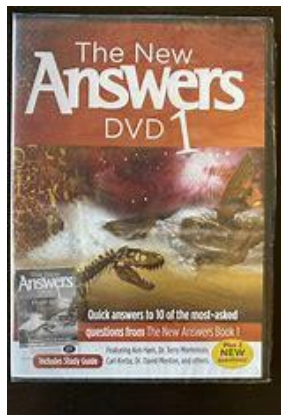
Thank you to everyone who donated things for our winter tree! We donated items to local schools: Ladysmith, Flambeau, Bruce, OLS and Imago Dei.

Movie Night-February 28, 2025-7:00 PM

Answers in Genesis-The New Answers DVD 1

What do you really believe-and why does it matter to your life, your family, and your faith? We live in a culture with more questions than ever-questions that affect one's acceptance of the Bible as authoritative and trustworthy. This DVD features easy to understand answers to some of the most important apologetics (defending the Christian faith) quandaries of today. You'll love these highly stylized mini-interviews featuring authors from best selling books. This DVD contains twelve answers, each about 4 minutes in length.

1. Is there really a God? (Ham)
2. Cain's Wife-Who Was She? (Ham)
3. Does Distant Starlight prove the universe is old? (Lisle)
4. Is natural selection the same thing as evolution?
(Purdom)
5. Doesn't carbon-14 dating disprove the Bible? (Snelling)
6. Why shouldn't Christians accept millions of years?
(Mortenson)
7. Did Dinosaurs turn into birds? (Menton)
8. Genesis: Today's answer to racism (Kerby)
9. Was there really a Noah's Ark and flood? (Ham)
10. What really happened to the dinosaurs? (Ham)
11. How did Defense Attack structures come about? (Hodge)
12. How to survive a secular college (Lisle)





MIDWEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE for LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY (MARCH 5)

In Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, He says, "Do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing" (Matthew 6:3). Jesus is emphasizing that our good works need not receive special recognition within ourselves, let alone the accolades of others. Jesus cuts right to the heart of our sin, knowing that our condition is so entrenched in us that we will manipulate even that which is good for our own pride. We ought to rend not simply our garments but also our hearts when confronted with this truth (Joel 2:12-13). But, like a master surgeon, Christ takes us in His hands, makes our hearts clean, and renews our spirits (Psalm 51). His hands were stretched out upon the cross, purely out of His divine love for us.

MIDWEEK OF LENT 1 (MARCH 12)

When Peter walked out onto the water, he began to sink as he took his eyes off Jesus. But the Lord was quick to reach His hand down to save him. When Christ walked on the water, He demonstrated that He is God in the flesh, through whom all things were created. It is all the work of His hands. In saving Peter, He also showed that He is compassionate. In our helpless state, Christ has reached down to pull us from the pit of despair.

MIDWEEK OF LENT 2 (MARCH 19)

Adam and Eve took the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil into their hands after listening to the deception of the crafty serpent. Since that time, the devil has attempted to hold humanity in his clutches like a strong man. No mere human being can escape the thralls of this bondage—that is, until one stronger than the strong man comes, binds him, and plunders his possessions. By the ðfinger of Godö (Luke 11:20), Christ has bound the devil in order to bring us into His loving care. Jesus overcame the devil's temptation in the desert and cast out demons, and He was faithful to go all the way to the cross to defeat the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh. Though the devil still prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour, his days are numbered; thus, we humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God that protects His church until Christ's return (1 Peter 5:6-11).

MIDWEEK OF LENT 3 (MARCH 26)

The outstretched hand of Jesus is willing to reach out to the lives of the untouchable. The leper asking if the Lord willed that he be clean is greeted not only with a yes but also with the hand that touches the unclean. No one is out of the reach of Jesus. In Jesus, the unclean become clean. In Christ's cross, He took our illnesses and bore our diseases (Matthew 8:17; see also Isaiah 53:4). He who did not know sin even became sin for us in order to make us righteous (2 Corinthians 5:21). In reaching out to us, touching the unclean, our Lord has taken our infirmities to the cross and given us His perfect forgiveness and life.

MIDWEEK OF LENT 4 (APRIL 2)

When Jesus reached out and touched the bier of the widow's dead son, the funeral procession was stopped dead in its tracks. Like the prophets Elijah and Elisha before Him, Jesus raised the only child of a woman in need. When Jesus touches death, it can only mean life. Above all, in Christ's cross, He destroyed death

by His death (2 Timothy 1:10). Christ touched death, and death was overcome by His resurrection life. When our sin and its deadly consequences are touched by Jesus in Baptism, we are united to His death and resurrection. So we are now *dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus* (Romans 6:11).

MIDWEEK OF LENT 5 (APRIL 9)

All things are in the hands of Jesus. There is no authority that is above Him, and He will continue to exercise that authority for us until the end of the age. Salvation itself is in the hands of Jesus. As we have seen throughout this series, Jesus continues to use those hands for our good and, above all, for our salvation. He has given that authority to the church for the sake of making disciples by baptizing and teaching. As we prepare to enter into Holy Week, we see the specific ways that those hands, into which the Father has given all things, have worked forgiveness, life, and salvation.



Preparing for Easter

Hello! My name is Kenzie Scott, and I grew up going to St. John's. Since going to college, my faith has grown even more.

After going on a Summer Mission to Alaska last year with a campus ministry called Cru, I realized how much I love outreach. This coming year, I will be working for Cru, doing outreach at UW-Eau Claire. Because Cru is a nonprofit, every staff member builds a support team. I would love it if you would prayerfully consider partnering with me, either financially, prayerfully, or both! For more info on what that looks like, ask Pastor Zandi or reach out to me at 715-403-2745. I also have some really fun stories that I would love to share with you about how God is already working at UW-Eau Claire!

Saint John's will be helping at the Rusk County Senior Center the week of Monday February 24th thru Friday February 28th.

You would need to arrive at the center around 11:20am. Duties include: Passing out the silverware, pouring water into glasses, & handing out cartons of milk After serving everyone, you get to eat for free! When everyone is done eating yo need to wipe down the tables. This all takes between 45 minutes to one hour.

The sign up sheet will be in the fellowship hall



JOYFUL RESPONSE

JOYFUL Response (e-giving program) is run through VANCO and LCEF. It is now available for use by St. John's members, free of charge to you, as long as the money is taken out of your bank account (no credit cards). This account is for General Operating offerings only, no designated funds. The information and application to enroll are on St. John's website (www.stjohnsladysmith.org). As the Financial Secretary of St. John's, Nancy is the contact person for this program. An account has been set up at LCEF for your offerings to be deposited. Nancy will receive a statement when your offering is received at LCEF so she can enter it on your St. John's offering account. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy.



Submit Your Information!

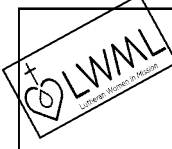
ITEMS FOR BULLETINS are due on Tuesday by close of day each week (unless indicated otherwise in bulletins due to holidays). *Newsletter items are due* in the office no later than close of day on the Tuesday preceding the last Sunday of the month.

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

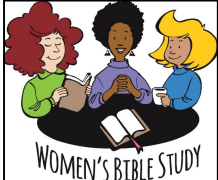

Don't forget that **LARGE PRINT** bulletins and newsletters are available for those who need them. *Contact the office to get your name on the list!*

Respect the Deadline!

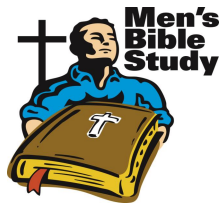




Saturday, February 8, 2025; Ladies Bible study, "God Sees Our Story - Therefore Rejoice" All the women of the congregation are invited to attend. If you wish a copy of the Bible study they are found in the LWML mailbox.

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.



Men's Bible Study will be on Thursday, February 13th & 27th at 7:00AM at the Ladysmith Family Restaurant.

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!



Birthday Mondays!
Monday, February 3rd at 11:30 a.m. at the Ladysmith Family Restaurant.
All are welcome!



**The Next Caring and Sharing Sunday
is February 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.**

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
 - ◆ Nonprescription sunglasses
 - ◆ Soft eyeglass cases

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





1	Cali Miller
2	Andrew Cleaves
5	Tyler Holman, CeeJae Miller
8	Stu Pask
9	Lynnea Holman, Jackson Rodd
10	Lane Firari
13	Susan Monnier
15	Katie Canfield, Miles Witt, Joe Zandi
16	John S Kmosena
17	Asher Hampton
18	Camren Miller, Diane Rodd, Brandon Rosolowski
20	Russell Thompson
21	Cierra Basham
22	Rochelle Boss, Mabel Glessing
23	Andrea Balko
24	Kathryn Flohr
28	Cody Miller



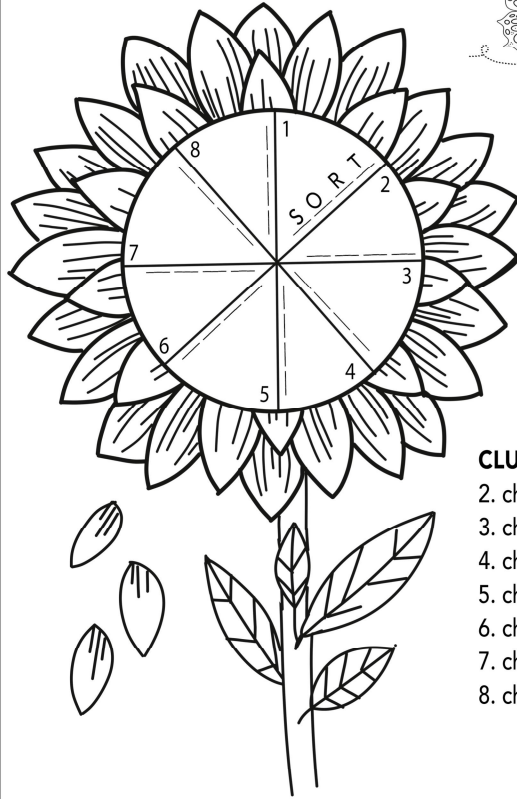
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THE LOVE CYCLE

In 1 John 4, God instructs us to love other people. Where does our love come from?

Directions: Starting at #1 and going clockwise, solve each clue to create a new four-letter word.
Then write the eighth word in both blanks below to complete 1 John 4:19, NIV.



We _____
because [God] first
_____d us.

1 John 4:19, NIV

CLUES

- 2. change 1 letter: a tent to play in
- 3. change 2 letters: a crease in paper
- 4. change 1 letter: a precious metal
- 5. change 2 letters: a beautiful dress
- 6. change 1 letter: opposite of up
- 7. change 2 letters: a type of bird
- 8. change 1 letter: God is this
(see 1 John 4:16).