



THE VINE

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church & School Newsletter
April 2019

“Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ, His followers, and His world.”

Easter: A Celebration of Hope

The mention of Easter conjures up many images: Spring, flowers, bunnies, Easter eggs and candy to name a few. We have several traditions here at St. John's that enhance our Easter celebration, including the Easter breakfast put on by the youth, the Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday between the services, and the Easter flower cross.

But central to it all is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus and what it means for the world: Hope.

Christian hope is never just wishful thinking or optimism. The resurrection is much more than merely life after death. It is the good news that no matter what life may throw at us, no matter how the fallen creation shows its brokenness in our lives, God's good gift of new creation is still the last word. Resurrection does not mean that there will not be suffering in life, but rather that the suffering will ultimately give way to life eternally. All will be set right by our resurrected Lord.

By God's grace, I have had the privilege to proclaim this message for years. This past year, having stood beside the graves of both of my parents, it has taken on new depths of meaning and comfort. I have seen the comfort that this hope brought them as they faced their own mortality. I have felt the comfort of knowing that a resurrection reunion lies in my future.

This is Easter Hope, Resurrection Hope. Jesus gets that last word always. And that word is life!

Pastor Mike

Lent Midweek Series

Sermon on the Mount

Our Wednesday Lent series takes us through some of the most familiar teachings of Jesus from His Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7 and relates them to the events surrounding Christ's life, death and resurrection. In the process, we will see that the cross itself is the ultimate sermon on the mount for our journey of faith in this sacred season.

Each service will be at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. There will be a light soup supper in the gym at 6:00 pm.

April 3 • Judge Not • Matthew 7:1-5

We live in a very judgmental world, so Jesus' advice not to judge sounds radical to our modern ears. When we leave all judgment up to God, we free ourselves to look at one another through fresh and forgiving eyes.

April 10 • Build on Rock • Matthew 7:24-27

We build our lives on very shaky foundations, and then we are surprised when things start collapsing. Jesus reminds us in His teachings that the only solid foundation is Himself, the Rock of our salvation. On Him alone we build.

Confirmation

On April 28, eight young people will participate in the Rite of Confirmation. This service provides them with the opportunity to confess their faith, commit their lives, and to be blessed and prayed over that they might continue in that confession and commitment. Please keep them in your prayers!



Confirmation Sunday

Kaleb Anderson, Hunter Bledsoe, Jack Carey, Raquel Howle, Flynn Irwin, Grant Menzel, Carson Mooers, Isabella Munoz



Palm Sunday, April 14

We begin with celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, but then our attention shifts to the cross and the passion of our Lord. (*Worship will begin in the Faith Chapel if weather permits*)

Maundy Thursday, April 18

We commemorate the Lord's Last Supper and His gift to us in Holy Communion. Communion Services will be at 1:00 and 7:00 PM. The evening service will also be first Communion for those who have recently completed the Communion preparation classes.

Good Friday, April 19

We commemorate our Lord's love for us in laying down His life for us on the cross. Worship at 1:00 and 7:00 PM. The 7:00 service will be a Tenebrae service, with a gradual darkening of the church as we meditate on the saving work of Christ.

Easter Vigil, April 20

Liturgically, Easter begins at sundown on Easter Eve, following the Jewish custom of beginning the new day at sundown. We begin our Easter celebration with this beautiful service of Light at 8:00 PM on Saturday. We re-affirm our new birth in Baptism, receiving the sign of the cross in water upon our foreheads, a forgiving counterpart to the ashes of repentance on Ash Wednesday. (*Worship may begin in the Faith Chapel if weather permits*)

Easter Sunday, April 21

The holy people of God are a joyful people because resurrection is the final word. No matter what troubles may confront us, Christ has overcome, and in him we rejoice. There will be communion on this Sunday at both the 8:30 and 10:15 services.

SHOPPING ON AMAZON?

Please consider using “Amazon Smile” when you place your orders, designating St. John’s Lutheran Church fund. (There is no additional cost to you!) Just go directly to:

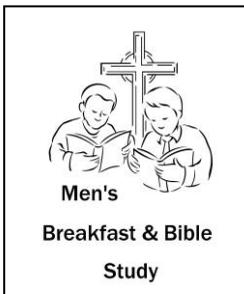
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-6001864>



If you wish to donate toward our Easter flowers, please use the envelope provided in the back flap of the sanctuary chairs.

Join us in singing the Hallelujah Chorus on Easter Sunday at the 8:30 AM service.

Join us for a quick run through rehearsal on Palm Sunday following the first service.



MEN, JOIN US EVERY SATURDAY MORNING FOR FELLOWSHIP AT 7:30 AM AND BIBLE STUDY AT 8:00 - 9:00 AM IN ROOM 10. WE ARE STUDYING PROVERBS. CALL RON JOHNSON FOR INFORMATION.

OFFERING UPDATE

Actual Offering Income for Feb:

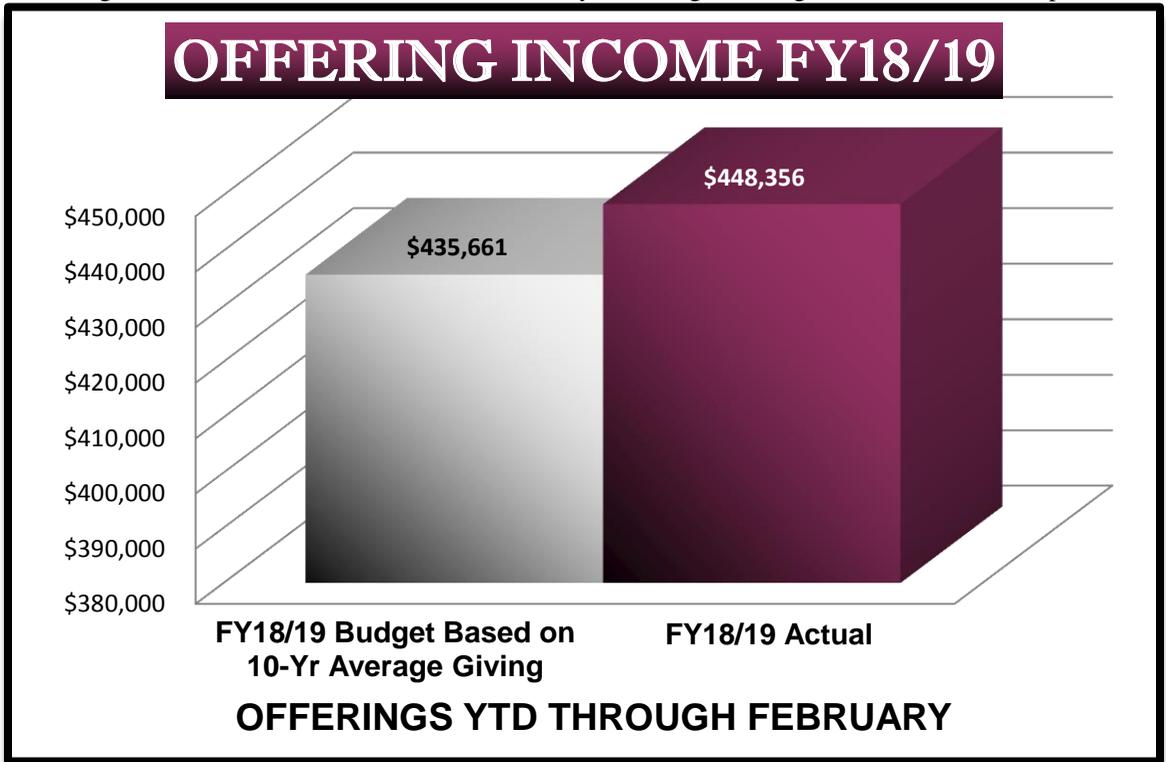
\$56,761.

Total Offerings for FY18/19 (as of 28 Feb 19):

\$448,356 which is **2.87%** or **\$12,695** above our budgeted offering income.

Total expenses remain in line with our budget and we have paid all bills received thus far.

*The budget amount shown below is based on the ten-year average offering received for that time period.



Meditation:

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.” (John 15:12-14) (ESV)

Easter Love

On Easter Sunday, we celebrate and rejoice in the resurrection from the dead of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. On our behalf, Jesus willingly went to the cross to redeem us from sin and death. *“Greater love has no one than this shown that*

He lay down His life for His friends” (John 15:13). With the suffering and agony of the crucifixion, Jesus has *“destroyed the devil’s work”* (1 John 3:8). In His resurrection, He has given us victory over sin and death. Alleluia, He is Risen!

As we consider all that the Lord Jesus Christ did for us on the cross of Calvary and in His resurrection, we are compelled to love, honor, and serve Him. The Apostle Paul wrote, *“And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him Who died for them and was raised again”* (2 Corinthians 5:15). In the words of Martin Luther, “Christ has redeemed me from sin, death, and the power of the devil in order that I might be His own and serve Him.” As stewards, we respond to the love shown on Calvary because “love so amazing, so divine—demands my soul, my life, my all.”

When we give faithfully of our time, talents, and treasures, we demonstrate our love for our Heavenly Father. *“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”* (Romans 5:8).

Through our generosity and service towards our neighbors, let us praise Jesus for our salvation. Alleluia, He is risen indeed!

Prayer:

Dear Lord, You have taken away the sting of death through Your death and resurrection. You have given me new victorious life to live in You each day. Keep me steadfast in faith until the end and use me to spread the Good News of victory in Jesus. In His name I pray. Amen.

Adapted from *“12 Months of Congregational Stewardship”* by Ronald J. and Phyllis J. Chewning, Stewardship Advisors, Inc., 2007.

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CREW 34 will meet on April 25th from 6-7:30pm at SJL. This is our 3rd and 4th grade youth group. Come learn more about God's special CREW and have fun with us!

CLUB 56 & ABLAZE SPRING KICK-OFF! April 9th from 6-7:30pm we will have an event full of fun! Come on out and hang out with all of us! This is an event you don't want to miss out on!

CLUB 56 will meet on April 16th from 6-7:30pm at SJL. Come see what the CLUB is all about!

ABLAZE will meet on April 23rd from 6-7:30pm at SJL. Come out and hang with us as we learn more about our Savior!

ABIDE meets every Thursday night from 7-9pm at the Hoff's house! We will not meet over Spring break (April 18th). Join us for Maundy Thursday worship that evening. We have great food and fellowship as we grow deeper with Christ. Come join us!

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS! We are heading on a rafting trip July 9-13th! Contact Kevin Mathison if you are interested in going.

GIVE+

New mobile phone application makes supporting ministry even more convenient.

Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus Church" to download for free. Then enter St. John's Lutheran Church or tap "Find Churches Near Me" to start your search. Enter your desired contribution amount, card or bank information, review and select "Complete Donation." It's that easy! Please call the church office if you have questions.

Stephen Ministers: The After People

People often ask, “What exactly is a Stephen Minister?” One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the **After People**.

Stephen Ministers are there:

- ...**after** the phone call you hoped you’d never get.
- ...**after** the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you’ve held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ...**after** the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ...**after** the doctor says, “I’m sorry, but there’s nothing more we can do.”
- ...**after** the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.”
- ...**after** the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ...**after** the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ...**after** the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ...**after** you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ...**after** your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are ready to come alongside you – or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives – and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

If you would like to find out more about Stephen Ministry, or to refer someone, please contact Pastor Mark, Penni Cremen, or Pam Barker.

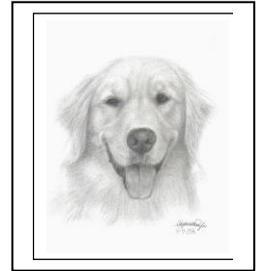


LCC K-9 COMFORT DOG MINISTRY UPDATE

“Walking Together / Serving as One”

To God be the Glory!

I arrived at St. John’s in March 2015. Wow - I can hardly believe it has been four years! Back then, I don’t think I could have ever imagined how God would use me to grow this ministry. When I first arrived, I was greeted with a sea of new, smiling faces and introduced to many new places. I feel so blessed that so many of those “faces” have become friends, and the places have become a treasured part of my routine.



My school ministry began here at St. John’s. Over the years, it has grown to include Napa court schools and the Napa Unified School District. I am currently visiting elementary, middle, and high schools throughout Napa and St. Helena on a regular basis. Additionally, I have had the opportunity to visit schools throughout California and recently spent time with Maeson Lovie at the school where she teaches in Arizona.

Being the first LCC Comfort Dog on the west coast has given me the opportunity to show other teams “the ropes” and help them to prepare for the arrival of their Comfort Dogs. Reuben and I (and our humans) have been able to shepherd the teams in Stockton, Turlock, and Elk Grove who are expecting their comfort dogs to arrive soon. We have also had the pleasure of having many of them “shadow” us on recent deployments.

Looking back, I am amazed at all God has accomplished and the lives He continues to touch through our team. Four years ago, I was being introduced to this community. Today I am frequently recognized wherever I go. Technically, I am classified as a “working” dog. But what really stands out to me from the past four years, is that my true “business” is developing relationships.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support. I feel so blessed to be a part of this congregation! Looking forward, I cannot wait to see what God has in store for me and the LCC Comfort Dog Ministry.

Have a blessed Easter!

Thanks for your support and prayers! Please check out Facebook, Instagram, and my website for all the latest news. napavalleycomfortdogs.org

Aaron Comfort Dog



Remember, it is LCC’s and our policy to only go where invited. So if you would like Aaron to visit, please contact Tim or Christy Kramer at the church office. We would be happy to schedule a visit! 707.255.0119

Daily Bible Readings for April

	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
1	Psalm 42	Job 1,2	Romans 11:7-18
2	Psalm 43	Job 3,4	Romans 11:19-32
3	Psalm 44:1-8	Job 5,6	Romans 11:33-12:8
4	Psalm 44:9-16	Job 5,6	Romans 12:9-21
5	Psalm 44:17-26	Job 8	Romans 13
6	Psalm 45:1-9	Job 9	Romans 14:1-12
7	Psalm 126	Isaiah 43:16-21	Phil.3:4b-14 John 12:1-8
8	Psalm 45:10-17	Job 10	Romans 14:13-15:2
9	Psalm 46	Job 11:1-12:12	Romans 15:3-16
10	Psalm 47	Job 12:13-13:19	Romans 15:17-29
11	Psalm 48	Job 13:20-14:22	Romans 15:30-16:7
12	Psalm 49:1-12	Job 15-16	Romans 16:8-20
13	Psalm 49:13-20	Job 17, 18	Romans 16:21-1 1 Cor. 1:1-9
14	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Phil. 2:5-11 Luke 19:28-40
15	Psalm 50:1-6	Job 19	1 Corinthians 1:10-20
16	Psalm 50:7-15	Job 20	1 Cor. 1:21-2:2
17	Psalm 50:16-23	Job 21	1 Cor. 2:3-16
18	Psalm 51:1-6	Job 22, 23	1 Cor. 3:1-11
19	Psalm 51:7-12	Job 24	1 Cor. 3:12-23
20	Psalm 51:13-19	Job 25-27	1 Cor. 4:1-15
21	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24		Acts 10:34-43 1 Cor. 15:19-26 Luke 24:1-12
22	Psalm 52	Job 28	1 Cor. 4:16-5:8
23	Psalm 53	Job 29	1 Cor. 5:9-6:8
24	Psalm 54	Job 30	1 Cor. 6:9-20
25	Psalm 55:1-8	Job 31	1 Cor. 7:1-16
26	Psalm 55:9-15	Job 32, 33	1 Cor. 7:17-24
27	Psalm 55:16-19	Job 34:1-28	1 Cor. 7:25-40
28	Psalm 150		Acts 5:27-32 Rev. 1:4-8 John 20:19-31
29	Psalm 55:20-23	Job 34:29-35:16	1 Cor. 8
30	Psalm 56:1-8	Job 36:1-26	1 Cor. 9:1-12a

Serving in Worship April 2019

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SOUND TECHS</u>	<u>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
3 April Lent Midweek	7:00 PM	Bryce Powers		The Kampton Family
7 April Lent 5	8:30 AM HC Traditional	Kaleb Anderson	Bill Clark, Bob Klein Gary Virkus, Ron Johnson	Ruth Peterson
	10:15 AM Blended	Rachael Fitzgerald		The Bresee Family
10 April Lent Midweek	7:00 PM	Chris Newman		
14 April Palm Sunday	8:30 AM HC Traditional	Michael Fitzgerald	Bill Clark, Tim Kramer Mike Newton Ben Wilson	Dean & Nancy Ehlen
	10:15 AM HC	Laney Irwin	Team Leader: Tim Huss Anne Heine	The Bouchet Family
	Blended		Joel Wahlers, Dove Bain CarlJohn Meissenhalter	
18 April Maundy Thursday	1:00 PM		Gary Virkus	
	7:00 PM	Rachael Fitzgerald	Ron Johnson, Gerry Schneider, Joel Wahlers Bob Perna	Bill & Susan Clark
19 April Good Friday	1:00 PM			
	7:00 PM Tenebrae	Jack Carey		The Meissenhalter Family
20 April Easter Vigil	8:00 PM Traditional	Kyle Ebeling		Sharon Mitchell
21 April Easter Sunday	8:30 AM Traditional	Bill Clark	Tim Kramer, Mike Newton, Gerry Schneider, Ben Wilson	The Wayne Miller Family
	10:15 AM HC Blended	Wyatt Irwin	Team Leader: Tim Huss Pam Barker, The Yoder Family	The Hammond & De Young Families
28 April Easter 2	8:30 AM Traditional	Kyle Ebeling		Nancy Gressinger
	10:15 AM HC Blended	Whitney Powers	Team Leader: Andy Schweiger The Schweiger Family Tim Bouchet, Todd Yoder	The Mason Family

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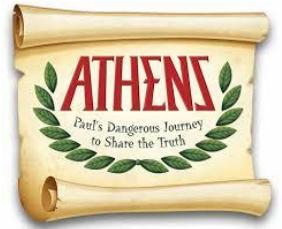
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3 April Lent Midweek	7:00 PM	Clint & Bev Holdsworth	Cassandra Richardson	
7 April Lent 5	8:30 AM HC Traditional	George Fleishmann Gary & Marlen Virkus	Susan Clark	Mike Newton
	10:15 AM Blended	Suzzette and Matthew Heathcote Missy Loban, Tyler Koen, Ron Irwin	Ella Powers	Abigail Munoz Isabella Munoz
10 April Lent Midweek	7:00 PM	Bob Klein, Gerry Schneider, Bill Clark, Ben & Amy Wilson	Gabi Richardson	
14 April Palm Sunday	8:30 AM HC Traditional	The Santora Family	Gail Vandeburgt	Gary Virkus
	10:15 AM HC Blended	The Hammond & De Young Families	Katya Kampton	Soren De Young Grant Menzel
18 April Maundy Thursday	1:00 PM	The Virkus Family	Tim Kramer	
	7:00 PM	Curtis Schoenfeld The Ehlen Family	Kristi Carey	
19 April Good Friday	1:00 PM	The Santora Family		
	7:00 PM Tenebrae	Suzzette and Matthew Heathcote Missy Loban, Tyler Koen, Ron Irwin		
20 April Easter Vigil	8:00 PM Traditional	The Virkus Family	Sarah Kramer, CarlJohn Meissenhalter Lois Johnson Samantha Yoder	
21 April Easter Sunday	8:30 AM Traditional	Curtis Schoenfeld The Ehlen Family	Caitlin Newton	Sam Schneider
	10:15 AM HC Blended	The Cremen & Perna Families	Gunnar De Young	Eva Winkler Samantha Carey
28 April Easter 2	8:30 AM Traditional	Clint & Bev Holdsworth	Ruth Peterson	Tim Kramer
	10:15 AM HC Blended	The Hammond & De Young Families	Jennie Lovie	Aidan Cushing Grayson Cushing

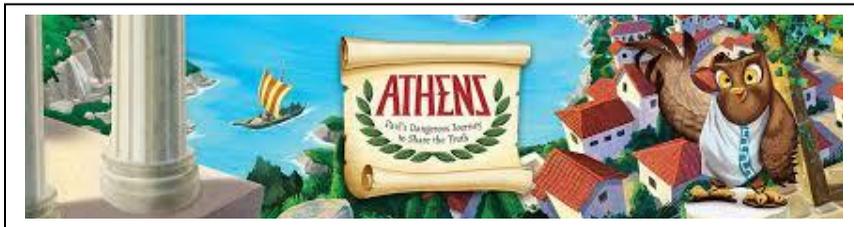


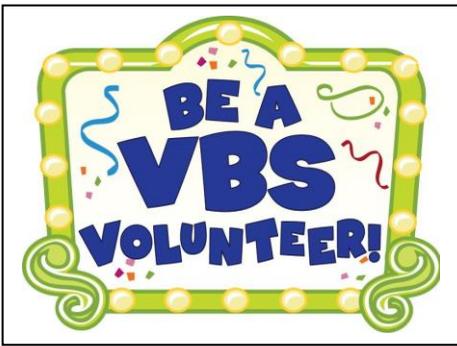
**VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL**
June 17-21, 2019
9:00am – 12:00 noon



ESCAPE TO ATHENS WITH PAUL!

IMAGINE LEAVING A LIFE OF PRIVILEGE AND POWER TO FACE ANGRY MOBS, PAINFUL IMPRISONMENT, AND CHAIN-BREAKING EARTHQUAKES- ALL TO SPREAD THE LIFE-CHANGING TRUTH OF GOD'S LOVE. LEARN THE JAW-DROPPING STORY OF THE APOSTLE PAUL.....STRAIGHT FROM PAUL HIMSELF. IN AN ANCIENT "ANYTHING GOES" CULTURE, PAUL WILL INSPIRE KIDS TO SHARE THE TRUTH OF GOD'S IMMEASURABLE LOVE TODAY!





*Please start thinking about how you can help with VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THIS YEAR! Please don't think someone else will do it! St. John's Lutheran Church offers an amazing experience for kids in Napa to come and hear about the love of Jesus!
It takes almost 75 volunteers to make this happen!*

**WE NEED YOUR HELP! ALL AGES OF VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!
HERE'S A LIST OF POSITIONS WE NEED TO FILL:**

**REGISTRATION TEAM
BIBLE STORY TEAM
DECORATION TEAM
DANCE TEAM
DANCERS
SET UP AND TAKE DOWN
TEAMS
TECHNICAL SUPPORT TEAM
PHOTOGRAHPER**

**GROUP LEADERS (over 18)
GROUP ASSISTANTS (under 18)
GAMES & SPORTS TEAM
DRAMA TEAM
CRAFT TEAM
T-SHIRT COORDINATOR
EATS & TREATS TEAM**

So, think about it, pray about it and then go to this link to sign up to be a volunteer!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d4faaaa2bab9-gotta>

Please don't wait to sign up! We need to know asap that we have plenty of volunteers! Thank you so much!

Questions? Call Janis King 226.7970 ext. 107 or email jking@stjohnsnapa.org



Please join us on Easter Sunday in between the two services for a fun, traditional egg hunt! We will meet in the center of Faith Chapel, and the hunt will begin at 9:45am. Don't forget to bring your basket to collect the Easter eggs! This event is for young children up to 4th grade.

DONATIONS OF STUFFED EASTER EGGS will be greatly appreciated in April! They can be dropped off in the Preschool Office. Thank you!

Any questions?

Please contact Janis King: jking@stjohnsnapa.org



We would be happy to display the flower cross this year for Easter Sunday. Thank you to Penni Cremen who is willing to coordinate the efforts!

What a beautiful way to add to the decorations in the sanctuary!! Please bring cut flowers with you on Easter morning to add to the cross. The cross will be out in front of the Parish Hall on Easter morning for you to place the flowers on it. We would like to have this activity completed before we start the Egg Hunt at 9:45am. This is a fun activity for children AND adults!

Would you like to join our team? We would love to have additional help for our monthly day at **“The Table.”** We serve the second Friday of each month.

Specific needs are:

- Someone to shop for food one day a month
- Someone to oversee cooking and serving on our day

Janet Peterson and Michele Arnold are leading the team, but they need a third person to help lead. If you can help, please contact Janet Peterson or the Church Office.



We also ask for **dessert treats** to be donated on our Friday at “The Table.” Please drop them off at the Church Office by 9:00 AM on **April 12th.**

Our food needs are:

- Canned chicken
- Large Velveeta
- 32 oz. boxes of chicken broth
- Creamed soups,
- 10 pound bags of rice

Please note: All donations for “The Table” and the Napa Food Bank need to be unopened and not beyond their “best by” date.

(The Food Bank does not accept expired food.)

DATE	Pre-1st	2-4 th
April 7	Diane Barbosa Lisa Thornton	Jenny Gass
April 14	Janet Gates Ramona Kaufmann	Kristi Carey Danielle Irwin
April 21 Easter	No Children's Church	No Children's Church
April 28	Joy Dahl Lindsey Engelbracht	Sarah Santora Scott Zimmerman



So what's new at the Farm?

Submitted by Ted Zimmerman



On her morning walks a woman passed a roadside restaurant in a spectacular garden setting. For years she had stopped to gaze at it—more than an acre of color changing with the seasons. Who couldn't have a beautiful garden, she thought, with the gardening staff they must have!

But she had always gone by too early to see any of them at work. One day, she didn't get out for her walk until the afternoon. As she passed, she saw a man come from the basement carrying a tray of begonias. Seeing her stopped, he invited her in. She asked him if he was the head gardener.

“Just the assistant,” he replied.

He explained that he had come from Hungary 27 years ago and went to work at the restaurant as a cleaning man. In his free time, he tended the potted geraniums—at that time the only flowers in the garden. Seeing the geraniums thrive, the owner had let him plant some rose bushes out back.

Her puzzlement grew as he told her how year after year he had planted a lilac here, a marigold border there, until the garden became the showplace it is today. She then asked, “If you have done all this, then what does the head gardener do?”

He pointed a finger skyward. “He makes the flowers grow.”

From time to time school and church people stop by to admire the Mission Farm. We are blessed with many faithful volunteers in the fields. However, we are only assistants of the Master Gardener. He makes the plants grow to feed hungry people. He does all things well!



Disability Ministry: Feeling Comfortable With People Who Have Disabilities

Submitted by Pastor Ted Zimmerman

A video of UCLA gymnast Katelyn Ohashi has gone viral recently after the 21-year-old scored a perfect 10 for her floor routine. That video has been followed by several more as again she racked up perfect scores.

In the videos we see Ohashi performing two minutes of powerful gymnastic moves, energetic dances, and jaw-dropping feats of athleticism—all with a smile on her face. Her routine is flawless and she seems to be having the time of her life.

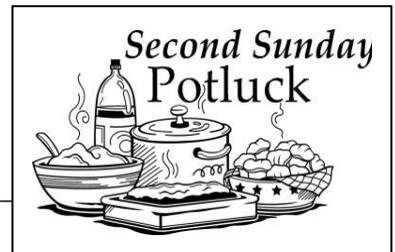
What we don't see in the video, however, is that Ohashi lives with two chronic illnesses, ulcerative colitis and granuloma annulare. The latter disease leaves strange circles on her skin, and is readily visible. The first is more hidden, but certainly has some inconvenient, even embarrassing manifestations that can intrude on one's public life.

She certainly "looks well" in the videos as she goes about her amazing routine. In an interview recently Ohashi shared she continues to experience flare-ups of the colitis that affect her ability to keep food down and cause her weight to fluctuate.

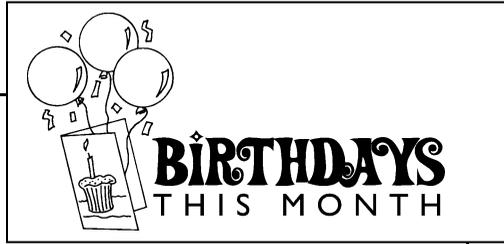
Whether a person is performing breathtaking gymnastic moves in front of an audience or going for a quiet walk in their neighborhood, Ohashi's experiences are a reminder that illness isn't always "visible". We are all experiencing something. It's just a matter of looking beneath the surface.

Nor are all disabilities massively incapacitating. They may make life more challenging, but given a chance people can rise above those challenges to achieve high levels of performance.

We will not be having an April Potluck. Please join your church family for our Easter Breakfast.



April Birthdays



1	Neill Barker
2	Clint Mason
5	Kaden Kennedy
6	J.T. Mason
8	Emily Peterson
9	Rachel Carey, Travis Goodrich, Alma Skillings
10	Karen Wall, Christopher Newman, Elizabeth Robertis
11	Adleigh Koen, Eva Winkler, Danielle Irwin, Michael Thomas
12	Courtnee Cootey
13	Christine Commander
18	Robert De Young
19	Grace Walter
20	Pamela Watkins, Gina Brady
21	Rex Schluter, Michael Edmeyer
22	Peter Santora, Yvette Morgenlaender, Karol Bruechert
23	Hailey Regan
25	Trent Mooers, Gerald Schweiger
26	Daniel Bunnell, Ella Eisberg
27	Grace Morales

April Anniversaries

DATE COUPLE YEARS

8	Jason & Diedre Newton	2
8	Kyle & Rebecca McAhren	30
21	Michael & Lori Hardin	40
27	Robert & Marie Mueller	73
28	Francisco & Kereena Morales	35
29	William & Marilyn Lemin	2





“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” *Galatians 6:9-10*

Come join us! No matter what our situation or season in life, we all need discipleship, fellowship, encouragement, and opportunities to serve. St. John's has many options in all of those areas, and we are always open to new ideas!

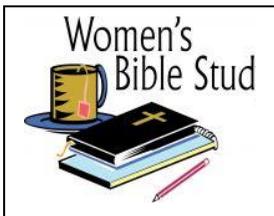
“The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.”

LWML MITES

The big blue wooden LWML box is in the Narthex (church entryway) for you to drop in your loose change (or checks designated “Mites”).

Goal: Help fund LWML projects in the U.S. and around the world.

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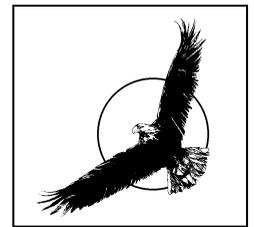


WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

*Join us on Thursday afternoons from 1-2:30 PM in the Sanctuary.
Contact Lauren Huss with questions.*

SCHOOL NEWS

By Joel Wahlers



As always, St. John's has a wonderful faculty and staff that stay very busy these days guiding students in their Christian faith and the wonders of God's creation as they learn and grow.

This past month (March 9), our Association of Parents and Teachers (APT) ran the Main Event Dinner and Auction at Silverado Country Club. This is our school's biggest fundraiser of the year. This year, the event grossed over \$95,000. I want to thank our APT Board (Dean Bledsoe, Jenny Gass, Lori Hunt, Jennifer Anderson) for their leadership of this event. I also thank our many parent volunteers and our church members who helped as well. This event requires a large number of people and many hours of work. The funds raised will help support our many enrichment activities, events, and school materials. Our APT also ran the first ever Dessert Auction and Art Show on March 21. This was a chance for parents and others to purchase student art and class projects as another way to raise funds and highlight our students' gifts and abilities.

As always, please keep St. John's Lutheran School in your prayers! For ongoing information on what is happening at St. John's, please pick up our weekly newsletter in the narthex or visit our website at www.stjohnsnapa.org.



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