



# THE VINE

St. John's Lutheran Church & School Newsletter  
*March 2019*

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

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## LENT WORSHIP SERIES

### **Behold the Man**

Pilate's command to the crowd at Jesus' crucifixion speaks an incredible truth—Jesus was indeed man. More specifically, He was God and man, an eternal being inhabiting a human body.

Jesus had a body. He had a nose. Knees. Toes. Bones. Fingerprints. He hungered, prayed, and bled. He had a mother, He drank wine, He was baptized.

This Lenten season, behold the man—the man who suffered, died, and rose again. The man who lived a perfect life and defeated death. The man whose death led to your life.

We will also have available a Lenten Devotion Booklet “Behold the Man” that complements this worship series. The devotionals will be available in the church entryway and the church office.

March 10 – A God Who Prays (John 17:1-26)

March 17 – A God Beaten (John 18:19-24)

March 24 – A God Exposed (John 19:1-5, 23-24)

March 31 – A God with a Mother (John 19:25-27)

April 7 – A God who Thirsts (John 19:28-30)

# 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 Parish Hall/gym at 6:00 pm.

## **Ash Wednesday (March 6) • Blessed Are You • Matthew 5:1-11**

We who are poor in spirit, who mourn, and who hunger and thirst for righteousness are called blessed by our Savior in His Sermon on the Mount. Ash Wednesday reminds us that, though we have been brought low by sin, our Lord will bless us with new life in Him through the cross. (Service at 1:00 and 7:00 PM)

## **March 13 • Salt and Light • Matthew 5:13-16**

Christ calls us to be salt and light in this world of sin. We who have tasted and seen His great love for us on the cross can spend our Lent savoring His salvation and shining with His glory and grace in the places where He has put us.

## **March 20 • Prayer and Fasting • Matthew 6:5-18**

Lent is a season of prayer and fasting. We grow in our relationship with Christ by communicating with Him, and we learn more about Him and ourselves by giving up those things that can distract us from our connection to Him.

## **March 27 • Do Not Worry • Matthew 6:25-34**

So much of our lives, even in Lent, is spent worrying about what might happen or what has happened. Christ teaches us to stop being anxious, but simply to trust that He knows what is best and will take care of us to the very end.

**(see page 3)**

**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.

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## When We Need God's Love Most

When do we need God's love most? Of course we need that love every second of our lives. But at times, God's love is especially precious to us, times when: we lose a loved one; life becomes so confusing that we do not know where to turn; we are dealing with a chronic illness; or life just becomes meaningless and depression sets in. At times like these, it is very important to have someone who cares. Our congregation has trained seven lay people, Stephen Ministers, who offer a ministry of Christian caring for those in need. To request the ministry of a Stephen Minister, contact Pastor Mark. [pastormark@stjohnslutheran.net](mailto:pastormark@stjohnslutheran.net)



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## 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>



## OFFERING UPDATE

Actual Offering Income for Jan:

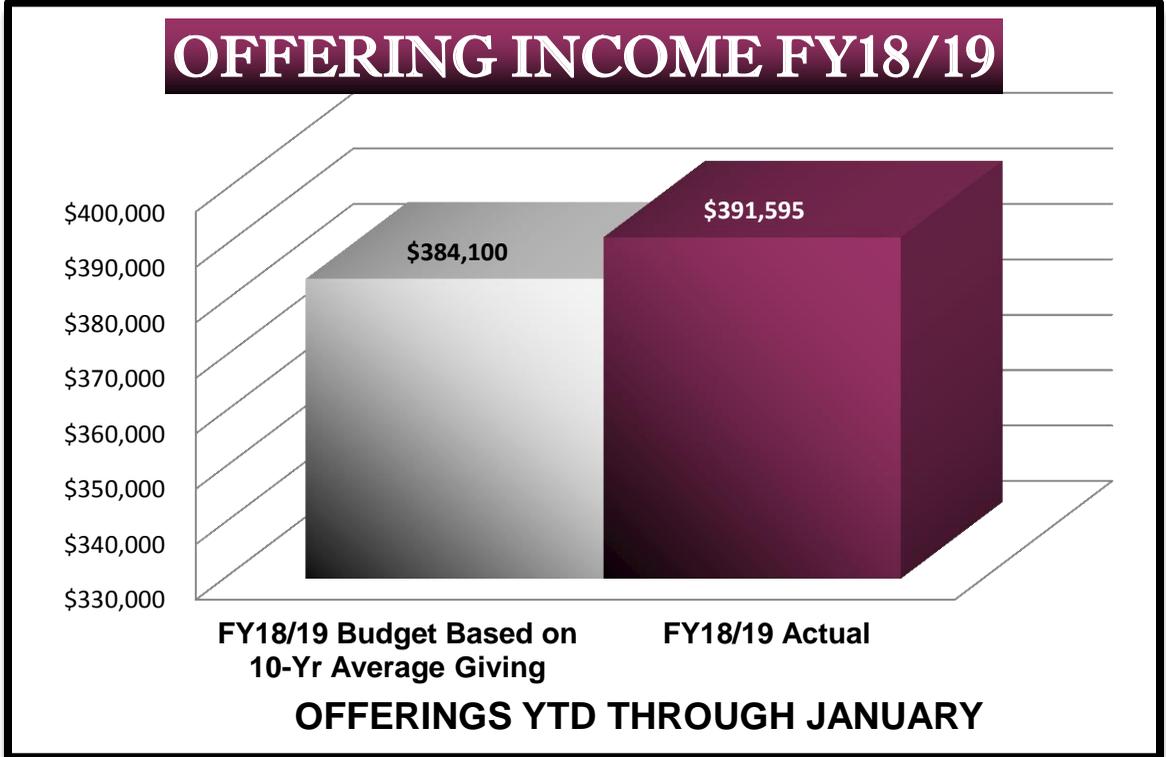
**\$46,601.**

Total Offerings for FY18/19 (as of 31 Jan 19):

**\$391,595** which is **1.95%** or **\$7,495** 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:

*“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:19-21) (ESV)*

# Becoming Rich

Through the working of the Holy Spirit, Christians understand that riches do not consist of money. In fact, riches have nothing to do with money. We can have very little money and be very rich or be very wealthy and be impoverished. True riches have to do with a right relationship with Jesus Who brings us happiness, satisfaction, joy, love and peace. Material possessions do not constitute real riches.

Material things are transitory. What we possess materially is subject to loss in a variety of ways. Our wealth can be lost in the stock market or through rust, obsolescence, and thievery. No matter how much money we may have, we have no way of guaranteeing that it can be kept safe and secure. Money can be lost, stolen, or its purchasing power lost through inflation. Investments can decline in value and businesses can fail. Our property can be burned or robbed. All material things can be gone quickly. Even if our material things stay with us, we will eventually leave them, because, at the end, we can take nothing with us.

So, if we want to be rich, it cannot be on the basis of material things. Things of this world are much too precarious a foundation on which to build a life. If we are to be rich, we have to turn away from material things and turn toward Christ. In our Scripture reading, Jesus tells us to “*store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.*” If we want to get really rich, we have to start storing up riches in heaven.

In order for us to store up treasures in heaven, we first need to love God with all of our heart, soul, and strength and love our neighbors as ourselves. To store up treasures in heaven, we need to loosen our grip on things of this world. We need to learn to be content with what we have rather than always wanting more worldly things.

Through faith, we are rich. As Christians, we receive the riches of eternal life with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

## **Discussion Thoughts:**

1. Why do people worry so much about not having enough money?
2. Why don't material things provide lasting happiness?
3. Why is it important to remember that the only thing that we take to heaven is ourselves?

## **Prayer:**

Lord, You are the provider and controller of all things. Help me to put my trust and faith in You rather than in worldly things. I thank You for Your wonderful love that was shown through Your Son, Jesus. In Your precious name, I pray. Amen.

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## ***Our Congregation's Current Mortgage Information:***

Lender – Lutheran Church Extension Fund

Principal Balance Payable to Lender (as of 31 Dec 18) - \$763,290.22

Original Loan Amount (1 July, 2003) - \$1,500,000

Maturity Date – 1 March, 2029

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## DONOR-PREFERENCED GIFTS

We, the congregation of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, recognize that, from time to time, heart-felt and personal passion motivates some donors to give to specific ministries, projects or purposes. We respect and appreciate donor suggestions and desires as to the use of these gifts. As a matter of course, and to the extent that we are able, we use such donations exclusively for the intended charitable purpose(s). In the event that the intended ministries, projects or purposes are canceled, oversubscribed or are no longer relevant to the mission of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, we may use these gifts for purposes *"as similar as possible to the original intent of the donor, as determined by the Board of Directors."* (ref. Bylaws, Article III, Section 2, Paragraph k)

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# GIVE+

**New mobile phone application makes supporting ministry even more convenient.**

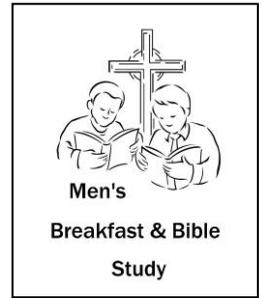
Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus Church" to download for free. Then enter St. John's Lutheran Church or tap "Find Churches Near Me" to start your search. Enter your desired contribution amount, card or bank information, review and select "Complete Donation." It's that easy!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

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Mark your calendars folks! We're having a Chili Cook-off! **On March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00pm**, the SJL Youth will host a Chili Cook-off as a fundraiser for their summer trip. We hope to have everybody come on out and enjoy the great food and fellowship! If you would like to bring a chili, please contact Kevin Mathison.

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.



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## ATTENTION ALL CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS!!

The congregation will now accept applications for student grants for the 2019-2020 academic year. All members of St. John's, who plan to attend any of our ten synodical universities or our two seminaries, are eligible to apply. All you have to do is send a brief note to St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, ATTN: Tim Kramer, or an e-mail to

[tkramer@stjohnslutheran.net](mailto:tkramer@stjohnslutheran.net), announcing your intent to enroll in the 2019-2020 academic year. All applications must include the following information:

- a) Your Name
- b) School Name
- c) Student ID or Account # (if returning student)
- d) Degree you are pursuing
- e) Year and Level of study (e.g. Junior year, Undergrad; 5<sup>th</sup> year, teacher certification, or student teaching; Graduate studies)
- f) Attending Fall Term or Spring Term (or both)
- g) Briefly explain why you're attending Concordia and how you plan to use your studies/future vocation to shine the light of Christ and to witness for Jesus as His kingdom representative in the world.

**Deadline for applications is March 31, 2019.** Actual grant amount to each student is undetermined but will be based, in part, upon the number of students requesting assistance. So, if you are considering attending a synodical university--**even if you have not made a final decision**--please send a brief note informing us of where you are in your decision process so that we can plan accordingly.

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**CREW 34** will meet on March 28th 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** will meet on March 5th & 19th from 6-7:30pm at SJL. Come see what the CLUB is all about!

**ABLAZE** will meet on March 12th & 26th 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 Hoffs' house! We have great food and fellowship as we grow deeper with Christ. Come join us!

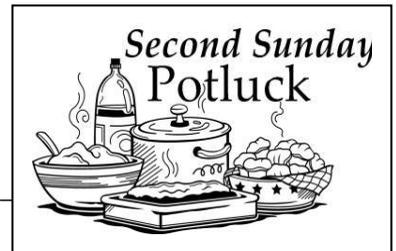
**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!** We are heading on a rafting trip July 9th-13th! Contact Kevin Mathison if you are interested in going.



## *Soup Supper Volunteers*

It will soon be time to enjoy the fellowship of our Lenten soup suppers. We are looking for groups / couples / families to volunteer to host one of the six Wednesday suppers. (March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10) Please contact Teresa Schmid or the church office if you are willing to help.

**We will not be having a March Potluck. Please join your church family for our Lenten suppers on Wednesday nights at 6 PM.**



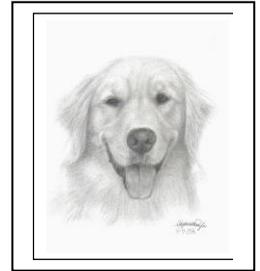
# LCC K-9 COMFORT DOG MINISTRY UPDATE

“Walking Together / Serving as One”

To God be the Glory!

## Valentine’s Day 2019

Praise God for how our lives are woven together.



I left the church office on what seemed like a routine Thursday visit to Camille Creek Court Schools when my handler’s cell phone rang. It was my Top Dog saying she had a Napa police officer on the line and asked if we could pull over. Now, I didn’t think that is how it works, but pull over we did. His voice was familiar from earlier this week when I was at the police department comforting our awesome first responders and 911 dispatchers. I was being asked to divert to the Juvenile Courthouse. He had a very distraught young lady there who didn’t want to testify.

The officer asked if she would like him to see if I was available, like right now! Through her tears, she said, “Yes, that would be great! I know Aaron from my high school.” Her mom also enthusiastically agreed, as she had seen me working with her patients at the post-acute hospital in Napa. After a little detour to pick up our Ministry Partner, off we went to Juvenile Court.

After passing through security, looking very stylish in my Valentine heart scarf, I worked my way onto the young lady’s lap. Her tears began to subside as she clung to me. Soon, the officer joined us. It was time to go inside the courtroom. The judge said I could come too, right up to the witness stand, and they got a chair for my handler. I didn’t even begin to understand all they were talking about, but I do know that when she had trouble speaking I was right there at her feet, and when she reached down and touched my soft golden fur, she was able to continue. Meanwhile, in the back of the courtroom, my Ministry Partner was sitting prayerfully with her mom.

I am so grateful to be God’s creation and stand on all four paws in awe of the work He does through me and my team.

Thanks for your support and prayers! Please check out Facebook, Instagram, and my website for all the latest news. [napavalleycomfortdogs.org](http://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 March

	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
1	Psalm 31:21-24	Ezra 1,2	Acts 27:21-38
2	Psalm 32	Ezra 3	Acts 27:39-28:6
3	Psalm 99	Exodus 34:29-35	2 Cor. 3:12-4:2    Luke 9:28-36,(37-43)
4	Psalm 33:1-5	Ezra 4	Acts 28:7-16
5	Psalm 33:6-11	Ezra 5:1-6:12	Acts 28:17-31
6	Psalm 33:12-22	Ezra 6:13-7:28	Romans 1:1-12
7	Psalm 34:1-7	Ezra 8:1-20	Romans 1:13-25
8	Psalm 34:8-18	Ezra 8:21-10:6	Romans 1:26-2:4
9	Psalm 34:19-22	Ezra 10:7-44	Romans 2:5-16
10	Psalm 91:1-2,9-16	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Romans 10:8b-13    Luke 4:1-13
11	Psalm 35:1-10	Nehemiah 1:1-2:10	Romans 2:17-3:2
12	Psalm 35:11-18	Nehemiah 2:11-3:32	Romans 3:3-18
13	Psalm 35:19-28	Nehemiah 4	Romans 3:19-31
14	Psalm 36	Nehemiah 5:1-6:14	Romans 4:1-12
15	Psalm 37:1-6	Nehemiah 6:15-7:73a	Romans 4:13-25
16	Psalm 37:7-15	Nehemiah 7:73b-8:18	Romans 5:1-11
17	Psalm 27	Genesis 15:1-12,17-18	Philippians 3:17-4:1    Luke 13:31-35
18	Psalm 37:16-22	Nehemiah 9:1-10:27	Romans 5:12-6:4
19	Psalm 37:23-26	Nehemiah 10:28-11:36	Romans 6:5-16
20	Psalm 37:27-33	Nehemiah 12:1-43	Romans 6:17-7:6
21	Psalm 37:34-40	Nehemiah 12:44-13:14	Romans 7:7-20
22	Psalm 38:1-8	Nehemiah 13:15-31	Romans 7:21-8:8
23	Psalm 38:9-16	Esther 1	Romans 8:9-19
24	Psalm 63:1-8	Isaiah 55:1-9	1 Corinthians 10:1-13    Luke 13:1-9
25	Psalm 38:17-22	Esther 2:1-18	Romans 8:20-33
26	Psalm 39:1-6	Esther 2:19-3:15	Romans 8:34-9:7
27	Psalm 39:7-13	Esther 4,5	Romans 9:8-21
28	Psalm 40:1-8	Esther 6,7	Romans 9:22-33
29	Psalm 40:9-17	Esther 8:1-9:17	Romans 10:1-13
30	Psalm 41	Esther 9:18-10:3	Romans 10:14-11:6
31	Psalm 32	Joshua 5:9-12	2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

# Serving in Worship March 2019

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SOUND TECHS</u>	<u>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
March 3 Transfiguration	8:30 AM HC Traditional	Kaleb Anderson	Ron Johnson, Tim Kramer Mike Newton, Gary Virkus	Ruth Peterson
	10:15 AM HC Blended	Wyatt Irwin	<b>Team Leader:</b> <b>Andy Schweiger</b> Cove Bain, Anne Goodrich Paula & Megan Schweiger	The Hammond & De Young Families
March 6 Ash Wednesday	1:00 PM 7:00 PM	Laney Irwin	Tim Kramer Ron Johnson, Mike Newton, Joel Wahlers, Todd Yoder	
	8:30 AM Traditional HC	Flynn Irwin	<b>Liturgist: Gerry Schneider</b>	The Miller Family
March 10 Lent 1	10:15 AM HC Blended	Rachael Fitzgerald	<b>Team Leader:</b> <b>Tim Huss</b> Pam Barker, Bob & Kari Perna Paula & Megan Schweiger	The Bouchet Family
	March 13 Midweek 2	7:00 PM	Kyle Ebeling	
March 17 Lent 2	8:30 AM HC Traditional	Michael Fitzgerald	<b>Liturgist: Tim Kramer</b> Bill Clark, Gary Virkus Gerry Schneider, Ben Wilson	The Ehlen Family
	10:15 AM Blended	Whitney Powers		The Meissenhalter Family
March 20 Midweek 3	7:00 PM	Wyatt Irwin		
March 24 Lent 3	8:30 AM Traditional	Kyle Ebeling		Nancy Gressinger
	10:15 AM HC Blended	Laney Irwin	<b>Team Leader:</b> <b>Joel Wahlers</b> Tim Bouchet, Anne Goodrich, Natalie & Samantha Yoder	Ron & Lois Johnson
March 27 Midweek 4	7:00 PM	Whitney Powers		
March 31 Lent 4	8:30 AM HC Traditional	Jack Carey	Bill Clark, Mike Newton Gerry Schneider, Ben Wilson	Sharon Mitchell
	10:15 AM HC Blended	Bryce Powers	<b>Team Leader:</b> <b>Tim Huss</b> Anne Goodrich, Bob & Kari Perna, CJ Meissenhalter	The Mason Family

## CALENDAR

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>LAY READERS</u>	<u>ACOLYTES</u>
March 3 Transfiguration	8:30 AM HC Traditional	George Fleischmann, Gary & Marlen Virkus	Caitlin Newton	
	10:15 AM HC Blended	The Hammond & DeYoung Families	Gunnar De Young	Aidan Cushing Grayson Cushing
March 6 Ash Wednesday	1:00 PM	Gary & Marlen Virkus	Tim Kramer	
	7:00 PM	Bev & Clint Holdsworth	Lois Johnson	
March 10 Lent 1	8:30 AM Traditional HC	The Santora Family	Ruth Peterson	
	10:15 AM HC Blended	The Cremen & Perna Families	Kristi Carey	Abigail Munoz Isabella Munoz
March 13 Midweek 2	7:00 PM	Curtis Schoenfeld & The Ehlen Family	Katya Kampton	
March 17 Lent 2	8:30 AM HC Traditional	Bev & Clint Holdsworth	Sarah Kramer	
	10:15 AM Blended	Suzzette & Matthew Heathcote, Ron Irwin, Missy Loban, & Tyler Koen	Andy Schweiger	Soren De Young Grant Menzel
March 20 Midweek 3	7:00 PM	Bill Clark, Gerry Schneider Ben & Amy Wilson, Bob Klein	Ella Powers	
March 24 Lent 3	8:30 AM Traditional	Curtis Schoenfeld & The Ehlen Family	Gail Vandeburgt	
	10:15 AM HC Blended	The Hammond & DeYoung Families	CarlJohn Meissenhalter	Samantha Carey Eva Winkler
March 27 Midweek 4	7:00 PM	Suzzette & Matthew Heathcote, Ron Irwin, Missy Loban, & Tyler Koen	Gunnar De Young	
March 31 Lent 4	8:30 AM HC Traditional	Bill Clark, Gerry Schneider Ben & Amy Wilson, Bob Klein	Susan Clark	
	10:15 AM HC Blended	The Cremen & Perna Families	Samantha Yoder	Aidan Cushing Grayson Cushing



# 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!



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**June 17-21, 2019**

**9:00am – 12:00 noon**

***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**

**PHOTOGRAPHER**

**GROUP LEADERS(over 18 years)**

**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 let Janis King know how you are going to be able to help out! Watch for the Volunteer Website to sign up! Thank you so much!***



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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jking@stjohnsnapa.org)

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We would be happy to display the flower cross this year for Easter Sunday if somebody 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.

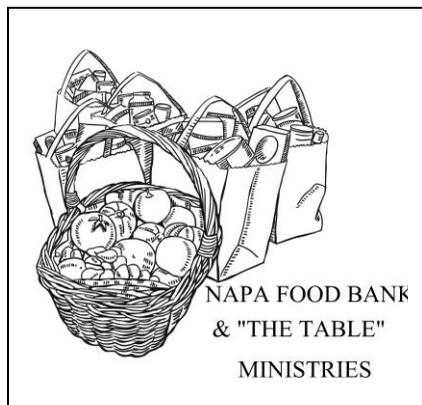
This is a fun activity for children AND adults! Please contact Penni Cremen if you can help!

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 **March 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**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 <sup>th</sup>
March 3	Diane Barbosa Lisa Thornton	Kristi Carey Danielle Irwin
March 10	Erika Boudreaux Teresa Schmid	Sarah Santora Scott Zimmerman
March 17	Janet Gates Ramona Kaufmann	Jenny Gass
March 24	Joy Dahl Lindsey Engelbracht	Kristi Carey Danielle Irwin
March 31	Erika Boudreaux Teresa Schmid	Sarah Santora Scott Zimmerman

# So what's new at the Farm?

Submitted by Ted Zimmerman



The volunteers at the Mission Farm have been receiving a well-deserved rest while the Master Gardener takes care of the watering for us. We did take advantage of a brief dry spell to rescue the onions, cabbages, broccoli and Brussels sprouts from the weeds. The fruit trees have been given their haircuts, fertilized, and had dormant sprays applied.

This month, as we are able, we will plant beets, carrots, and radish by seed, as well as start pepper, cucumbers, zucchini, and summer squash seedlings for transplanting after the soil begins to warm. A bit later, around mid-April when we are past frost threat, we'll plant beans, the first of several corn sections, and set out the tomato plants.

Mr. Kubota has enjoyed having a new roof over his head during the cold and wet weather. He is currently being kept in the storage container on the south end of the parking lot. It formerly had stored some of the contractor's equipment during the earthquake repairs. It will likely be repositioned toward the back of the property after the soil gets dry. The soft-sided shelter Mr. Kubota occupied will continue to protect his assortment of implements. Meanwhile, he and Dick Lemin continue to be in the "chips", resurfacing our farm roadways.

The volunteers' blood quickens as spring draws near. We hear the soil calling us. We encourage you to come out and join us on any sunny (and sometimes not so sunny) Monday, Wednesday, or Saturday morning. Don't worry if you don't know a lot about gardening. We will be happy to teach you.

## March Anniversaries

DATE	COUPLE	YEARS
8	Steven & Christi Jeffery	33
11	Debby & Steve Sutton	30
11	Richard & Karen Dalen	62
21	David & Kristen Goller	21
31	Joshua & Roxana Wright	7
31	Derek & Danielle Irwin	23





# Disability Ministry: Feeling Comfortable With People Who Have Disabilities

Submitted by Pastor Ted Zimmerman

Recently, I saw online an article about an Ohio father who built a wheelchair-accessible snow fort for his kids with special needs. He has always been looking for ways to make life easier for his nine children, who all have special needs.

So one weekend, when the snow rolled into the area, Gregg Eichhorn and his sister, Sarah Brantley, spent nearly five hours building a snow fort. While they were at it, they made it wheelchair-accessible so that two of his children who are confined to wheelchairs and could not participate in the construction could join their siblings playing in the fort. They even put a slide on the top of it so that all of them could slide off of it.

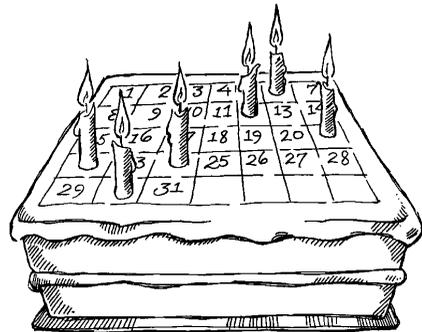
Eichhorn: “The kids really loved it. They had a blast.” This was not the first strenuous project Eichhorn engaged in in order that his family could all play together and have fun. Eichhorn says he and his wife, Katie, have dedicated their lives to care for their children with special needs. So, they never expected the accessible snow fort to garner so much attention (the video of the family playing in the snow fort went viral!).

“My life is so much better having special needs kids. I don’t know what I would have done in life, but I would not be the person I am today. I would not have the compassion, the love. All the things I have learned that I get to experience that other people don’t. People don’t know what they’re missing out on by not having people that are special around them.”

It struck me that this is what the Church is called to be—a family that works and plays together, and is sensitive to every one’s needs so they can participate in the fellowship too. We should build our worship and fellowship spaces, as well as design our activities and culture, so that enables and values participation by all. And it isn’t just so that they won’t miss out on all the fun. It’s because we will miss out on something, too, when they can’t fully participate with us.

# March Birthdays

- 1 Soren De Young, Elora Stepp
- 2 Kenneth Reed, Beckett Koen
- 5 Cindy Powers
- 6 Colin Nicholson
- 7 Aven Kampton
- 8 Christian Craft
- 9 Vicky Bartelt, Pastor Ted Zimmerman
- 10 Sophie Alexander, Matthew Wahlers
- 11 Paula Schweiger
- 12 Gail Vandeburgt, Debbie Kirkpatrick, Kari Perna
- 13 Anne Goodrich, Isaac Anderson, Mac Engelbracht
- 14 Jacob Cremen, George Fleishmann
- 15 Judy Biggs, Ron Irwin
- 16 Linda Hammond
- 17 Linda Reed, Caitlin Newton
- 18 Tony Nicholson, Amelia Arnold
- 19 Teresa Yeh, Janelle Mason
- 20 Colette Hjerpe
- 21 Brad Seiter, Sarah Kramer
- 22 Judie Arnett
- 23 Nancy Ehlen
- 25 Linda Harvey
- 27 Douglas Messner
- 28 Sandra Mehrens
- 29 John Foottit, Caroline Zaia, Cathi Hartwig
- 31 Patrick Yoder, Sophia Frey



Birthdays  
This Month



## 2019 Church Directories are available in the Narthex!



### *Women's Ministry*

“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 your loose change (or checks designated “Mites”) in.

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

**Info:** [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).

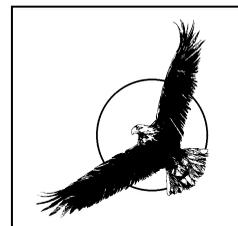


## ***WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY***

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

# SCHOOL NEWS

By Joel Wahlers



This is a busy time at St. John's Lutheran School. We are in the middle of reenrollment, and we have a number of activities going on.

Over Presidents' Day weekend (February 14-16), our 5-8<sup>th</sup> graders, teachers, and families traveled to Portland for the Lutheran Elementary School Tournament (LEST) at Concordia University. This annual tournament invites twenty Lutheran schools from around the Northwest and Northern California. Students participated and competed in basketball, swimming, dance, cheer, academic events (math, knowledge bowl, science, chess, spelling), choir events (Choraliers, handbells, tone chimes), music events (vocal, vocal ensemble, piano, violin), drama, robotics, art, writing, and technology (video production). This is a great experience for our kids, and it is one that allows our students to showcase their gifts and talents and enjoy fellowship with other Lutheran school students. Our students brought home many trophies and awards. For a complete list of those awards, there is a link on the school website home page ([stjohnsnapa.org](http://stjohnsnapa.org)).

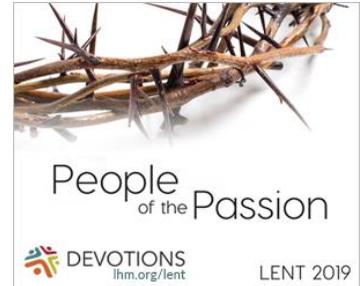
I am pleased to announce that we have a new 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Jessica Koen will begin teaching in our middle school next year. Jessica is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and attended St. John's Lutheran School from Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Mrs. Koen has been teaching 8<sup>th</sup> grade and middle school classes at St. Apollinaris Catholic School for the past six years. Jessica is married to Brent Koen and has a 2-year-old son (Becket), a 12-year-old stepson (Tyler), and an 8-year-old stepdaughter (Adleigh). Jessica's mother, Cindy Zeller, is our School Office Manager.

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](http://www.stjohnsnapa.org).



Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. The Lenten Devotional book, **People of the Passion** from Lutheran Hour Ministries, is available at St. John's in the entry area and is also available online at [www.lhm.org/lent](http://www.lhm.org/lent)

Centuries before Christ, God was preparing the way for His Son's arrival. From mankind's original sin through the children of Israel's on-again, off-again obedience, God was faithful, honoring His promise to Eve (Genesis 3:15), which first pointed to Jesus. In *People of the Passion*, you will see God working through the lives of ordinary people to achieve His ultimate aim; our salvation. There are prophets, priests, and kings, servants, soldiers, and civilians -- each with a role in the high drama of Christ's passion. You may see yourself in some of these people -- ordinary individuals who, like us, need a Savior.



**The Lutheran Hour airs on nearly 1,800 stations throughout North America and reaches more than one million listeners each week.** The Lutheran Hour can be heard locally on KCBC, AM 770, at 7:30 pm on Saturday, 7:30 am and 4:30 pm on Sunday, or 3:00 am on Monday. It is also available on KAWZ, FM 88.1 at 7:00 am on Sunday or on the internet anytime at [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org). Upcoming topics are available online at [www.lutheranhour.org/programguide.asp](http://www.lutheranhour.org/programguide.asp)

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