

May 2019 Firmly Rooted in God's

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LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ELCA

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# Lifeline



He  
HAS  
Risen





## St John Evangelical Lutheran Church Mission Statement

*St. John is a Christian family of disciples alive in a Scripture-based, Spirit-led mission of ministry, worship and play. Disciples at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church are expected to pray often, worship regularly, learn from the Scriptures, participate in the serving groups if physically able, offer their time and talent as the spirit calls them, and regularly contribute monetarily to support the mission and ministry of the church.*

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### Building and Grounds Update April 2019

1. A new roof is being installed on Trinity Hall with added insulation to bring it up to State Code.
2. During the past few weeks we had to use just one furnace in Trinity Hall to keep the other working. A week later that unit also failed. Both furnaces were installed in 1991, twenty-eight years ago, Wow! These units were previously located on the roof of Trinity Hall. The 2 units were removed April 16, 2019, and will be replaced by one unit, but, NOT on the roof.
3. I apologize for the dust and dirt you may have encountered during this work time. We can't control it, so thank you for bearing with us.
4. As in the past, it goes without saying how generous our congregation has been in supporting not only the day to day operations of this church community, but also in stepping up and going above and beyond your normal giving, to help rebuild, restore, refurbish, and make new again to the best of our ability, the Lord's House.

As with all of the projects we are involved with at St. John, we are always in need of plumbing, electrical, painting and general construction labor. If you are able to help out, please feel free to contact me or the Church Office at 507-833-1703.

I would ask you to continue praying for the Time, Talents and Financial support above and beyond our normal giving to complete our on-going and future 2019 projects.

God Bless,

Bill Erdman, Building and Grounds  
507-461-1359





It was time to clean out the gutters on the parsonage. As my wife held the ladder, I yelled down to her, “You should see the view up here, it’s great!” Later, she climbed up on the roof and helped clean gutters.

There’s a different view from above. We call it, ‘a sense of perspective.’ When you look out the window of an airplane, you see how things fit together, how the hills and valleys interlock, how the fields form a painting, of sorts, and the towns have some shape and definition.

The Apostle Paul, reflecting on the resurrection of Jesus writes, “*So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.*” (Colossians 3:1) If we want to get a sense of how our lives fit into the bigger picture, we need to get the view from above.

I think there are at least two truths that we can see from the vantage point of Christ risen.

The first is this: **we see Jesus enthroned as the king and ruler of all creation.** We say in the Apostle’s Creed, “*On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*” It doesn’t mean that God is right handed. Rather, it means that Jesus has authority, that he is king and Lord of all.

But sometimes, that kind of hard to believe isn’t it? We read the news and it’s hard to believe that Jesus is Lord of all. Just the opposite seems to be true.

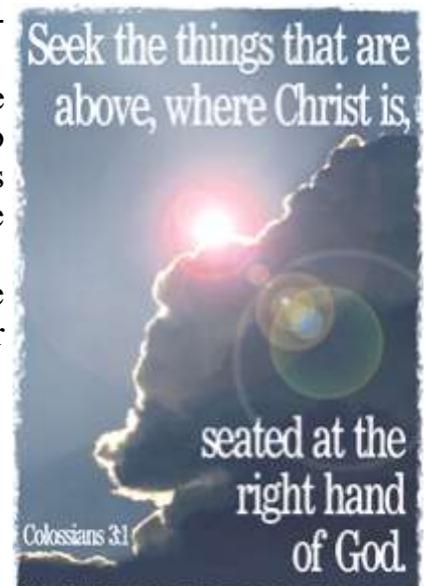
We’ve all been there, at one time or another. We say, “Where’s God in all this?” And Jesus comes and says, “I’m right here, where I’ve always been.” And he says, “I am with you. I will never leave you. I still have plans for you. I will walk with you through this valley.” God’s ways are sometimes a mystery to us, but it doesn’t mean that he’s not there with us, or that he no longer cares for us.

And then, the second truth to see: **our Lord Jesus is working something new in our lives.** When Jesus is seated at the right hand of God, he’s not just watching the world go by. No, rather Jesus, the King of creation, is also Jesus, the Savior of our Souls. Our Lord is putting to death the old and raising the new...in us! This is the work of the risen Jesus. We are being raised, with Christ, to a new way of life: compassion, kindness, humility, patience, forgiveness, love, thanksgiving and gratitude.

Let us remember, that in Christ, we have a new perspective from which to see our lives. Jesus is Lord over all, we belong to him, and nothing can separate us from his love. And he has given us his Holy Spirit to help to have his new creation come alive in us.

I look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks, as we gather with our risen Jesus, and seek his perspective on our lives!

Peace, Pastor John Omans





March 2019

Monthly

Income \$ 18,860

Expense — 24,247

**Diff (5,387)**

Year to Date

Income \$ 51,216

Expense — 67,773

**Diff (16,557)**

**NOISY OFFERINGS**

\$175.89 in coins were collected on April 7 for hunger. The next offering will be May 5



Prayers for Our Military



***MILITARY SERVICE***

Jacob Kuhns, Matt Wantoch, Dana Elias, Darren Peterson, Savanna Grunzke, Madyson Murphy, Jacob Lemmen and Nathan Lonneman.



**LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION**

Men in Mission will serve a Pancake Breakfast with maple rope sausages, fruit, toppings, and beverages on Sun. May 5, 10:15am honoring 6th Graders

**Welca Bible Study**

of the **WOMEN ELCA**

**Mary Bible Study**

Monday, May 13 at 1:30 pm  
in Trinity Hall Leader— Jean Miller

**Ruth Bible Study**

Tuesday, May 21 at 7:00 pm  
at Latham Place  
Leader— Nadine O Host— Marie T

**Sarah Bible Study**

Wednesday, May 15 at 9:30 a.m.  
Bonnie Lewer's



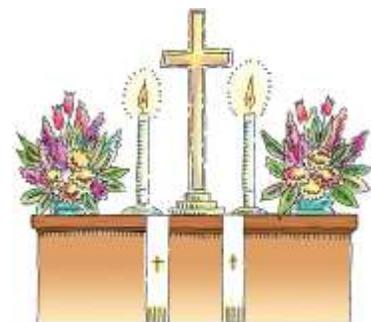
Video voice of St John

Each Sunday morning the worship service at St. John is videotaped and broadcast on Media Comm Channel 8 Consolidated Comm 107 Sundays at 5:00 p.m. and Mondays at 10:30 am.



Lutheran World Relief

“Fair Trade Coffee” or “Fair Trade Tea” may be purchased the first Sunday of each month before or after services.



Worship Schedule

***Sundays at 9:00 am***

**Traditional Worship**  
on the first and third Sundays

**Contemporary Worship**  
on the second and fourth Sundays

**Holy Communion**

Sundays May 12 and  
May 19 at 9:00am



**Third Sunday in Easter May 5, 9:00 am**  
**Traditional Worship**

***Ushers: Polly Dill, Diane Blowers, Wayne Johnson***  
***Reader: Kimberly Possehl***  
***Acolyte: Jenessa Baumgarten***  
***Church Council: Gary Conrath***  
***Videographer: Dennis and Marcia Bartz***  
***Fellowship: Men in Mission Pancake Breakfast***

**Fourth Sunday in Easter May 12, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Contemporary Worship Service with Communion**

***Ushers: Myra Battenfeld, Neil Dickie***  
***Kevin and Cindy Dickie***  
***Prepare Communion: Darwin and Julie Spies***  
***Reader: Julie Spies***  
***Prayer Ministers: Sue Erdman, Shirley Raetz***  
***Acolyte: Susie Kuhns***  
***Church Council: Bill Erdman***  
***Videographer: Marcia and Dennis Bartz***  
***Fellowship:***

**Fifth Sunday in Easter May 19, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Traditional Worship with Communion**

***Ushers: Jeff and Ann Ruedy***  
***Rod and Vickie Kolpin***  
***Prepare Communion:***  
***Ann Ruedy, Marsha Vollbrecht***  
***Acolyte: Payton Garza***  
***Reader: Rod Kolpin***  
***Council: Merril Schultz***  
***Videographer: Gyles Randall***  
***Fellowship: Debbie Bartelt and Cella Southwick***

**Sixth Sunday in Easter May 26, 9:00 a.m.**

***Ushers: Gyles and Carol Randall***  
***Mary Conway, Shirley Raetz***  
***Acolyte: Peyton Haack***  
***Reader: Sam Macklay***  
***Council: Gary Conrath***  
***Videographer: Jackie Krause***  
***Fellowship: Women of the ELCA***  
***Graduate Reception***

**MEN IN MISSION**  
**Assembling College Care Packages**



**Sermon Series:**  
**Mission Possible**

*The risen Jesus sends us in mission, but we are not alone. Jesus promises, "I will be with you always." This series will look at how Jesus calls us and strengthens us.*

5/05/19 Acts 10:1-17, 34-36

5/12/19 Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-18

5/19/10 Romans 1:1-17

5/26/19 Isaiah 6:1-8, Matthew 9:35-38



### Attention Women of St. John-

There is an opportunity for service available. The WELCA Board is in need of more members. This group meets about four times a year for about an hour to plan for the Women of St. John ministry, activities and events. The Women of St. John are an integral part of St. John's mission to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ and your assistance is needed to plan and promote the ministry and action. Please contact any of the current Board members if you are interested and if you have questions. No experience is necessary other than your faith in Jesus Christ and commitment to assist with St. John Women's Ministry.

- In God's love, the current Board Members,
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|-----------------|--------------|
| Shirley Raetz   | 835-3912     |
| Marie Tesch     | 835-3843     |
| Myra Battenfeld | 952-240-3754 |
| Janet Priebe    | 835-3685     |
| Loraine Menke   | 835-2185     |
| Linda Sandborg  | 835-2881     |



Men in Mission will be meeting Tuesday, May 28 at 7:00p.m. in Trinity Hall. Host- Jody Wilker Devotions Pastor John Program- **"Fully Alive" by Ken Davis**

Sunday June 9 You are invited to join the Men in Mission as they serve at First **Nation's Kitchen. Contact the church office** if you are interested in helping serve meals to the homeless in Minneapolis.

\*Looking Ahead- Monday, August 5th Minnesota Twins Game



### DISCERNMENT CONVERSATIONS

#### For a new bishop

As a result of conference assemblies voting on March 24, seven potential bishop nominees will be invited to participate in the May discernment conversations (May 13, 14 and 16, 2019). These seven are Emily Carson, Heather Culuris, Sean Forde, Regina Hassanally, Glenn Monson, Kristen Venne, and John Weisenburger. To all whose prayer and participation have led to this milestone on the path to calling this synod's next bishop,

**Monday, May 13 6:30 pm-8:30 pm at St. John Church in Waseca**

Tuesday, May 14 6:30 pm-8:30 pm at United Redeemer Lutheran Church in Zumbrota

Thursday, May 16 6:30 pm-8:30 pm Zion Lutheran Church in Stewartville

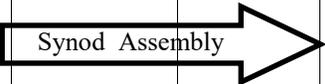
Each step in this process relies heavily on the involvement of YOU- the people of the synod!

THANK YOU!



**Senior Dinner** Wednesday, May 8 at 11:30 a.m. in Trinity Hall. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, May 6 at 12 noon to reserve your meal at 833-1703. Our Guest, Jan Macklay, will be "Singing Us Into Spring"



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
			1 5:00 pm Pizza 5:30 pm Confirmation	2 National Day of Prayer 6pm WELCA potluck and speaker	3	4
5 <b>9am Traditional Worship</b> Noisy Offerings SCRIP 10:15 am Men in Mission Pancake Breakfast 6th gr/ Cross Gen Faith 5 WELCA personal Care kits for LWR 5pm Video Voice	6 10am Quilters 10:30am Video Voice	7 7:00 pm Commissions	8 11:30 am Senior Dinner 5:00 pm Pizza 5:30 pm Confirmation	9 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Pine Ridge/ Red Shirt School</div> 	10	11
12 <b>Mother's Day 9am Contemporary Worship with Communion</b> 10:15am Fellowship 5 pm Video Voice	13 10am Quilters 10:30 am Video Voice 1:30 pm Mary Bible Study TH 6:30 pm-8:30 pm Synod Discernment Meeting	14 5:30 pm Exec Council 6:00 pm Council Meet	15 9:30 am Sarah Bible Study at Bonnie Lewer's 12 noon Ministerial Soup Lunch at St John	16 <b>Joint Communion 11:15 am at Lakeshore</b> 1pm Colony Court 5pm ICE	17	18
19 <b>9am Traditional Worship with Communion</b> 10:15am Fellowship 5pm Video Voice	20 10am Quilters 10:30 am Video Voice	21 7pm Ruth Bible Study at Latham Place	22	23	24	25
26 <b>9am Contemp Worship Graduate Recognition</b> 10:15 am WELCA reception for grads 5pm Video Voice 7pm Baccalaureate Waseca H.S.	27 <b>Memorial Day</b> 	28 7 pm Men in Mission "Fully Alive" by Ken Davis	29	30	31	 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-top: 10px;">Synod Assembly</div> 




We purchase gift cards to use for our every day needs such as gas and groceries. There is no additional cost to the members of our church! A percentage of each purchase will be donated to the church. The more we buy, the more we make. It's that simple. Gift cards are purchased at face value and the merchants give scrip a percentage discount on the cards. **Scrip can be purchased before or after worship on the first Sunday of the month. Every scrip purchase you make will help the youth of St John. We need volunteers to help sell SCRIP to keep this program going, please contact: Kari Priebe 507-521-4723 or Pam Grunzke 612-910-7230, Scrip Co-Coordinator, if you are willing to help.**




**Diane Caspers, MS, LP**  
**Licensed Psychologist**  
 Individual, Couple, Family and Child Therapy

Diane provides individual, couple and family therapy for children, adolescents and adults.

Diane is available for counseling on Thursdays in Waseca at St. John Ev. Lutheran Church. To schedule an appointment, call the Mankato office at 507.625.7660

# 2019 Graduates

We want to recognize you on Sunday, May 26 at the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service and reception following hosted by the Women of the ELCA. Please bring your cap and gown to church that day.



Baccalaureate Service will be held for all 2019 graduates and their families and friends at the Waseca High School Sunday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m.




**Simply Giving®**  
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 is a convenient,  
 consistent way to help our  
 church grow.

Consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution. It's easy! You will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes every week. Even when circumstances prevent you from attending services, your electronic contributions will continue to be received on an uninterrupted basis. Your consistent support is vital to our church.

**Get started today!**  
 There is information on our church website, or ask for an authorization form in the church office.

**Our stewardship theme for 2019 is  
“Saints Alive! Living Generously.”**

Saints Alive! Living Generously



*"He will give you...your grain, your wine, and your oil; and he will give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you will eat your fill."*  
(Deuteronomy 11:14)

Spring is a time of the year when flowers blossom, fields and gardens grow, and trees bloom – and all that gets me thinking about God’s many blessings to us. In what ways have we been blessed? And how can those blessings be used in ways that bless others?

I think these are good first questions in growing in lives that serve God’s purposes.

I want to share a couple gifts of mine—not to boast or brag, but simply to give thanks to God and begin considering how I can use these, among other, gifts in faithful service to the Lord. First and foremost, I give thanks to God for my family. My wife, our son and daughter, my siblings, our extended relatives—all of these people, and more than I can list out, are daily blessings for me. The love and support, the compassion

and forgiveness, the guidance and examples – all these things have helped to shape me into the person that I am—all of these are blessings without compare. How might I bless others in ways that I have been blessed?

Second, I give thanks to God for relationships in the church. Martin Luther talked about “*the mutual conversation and consolation of brothers and sisters*” as being one way in which the gospel is shared. I have been comforted, encouraged, and uplifted by people in this church. How might I bless others in ways that I have been blessed?

So now it’s your turn, what are a few (to begin with) blessings in your life? More than just material blessings (because giving is more than just money), what are the relationships and gifts and callings you have been given which deserve thanks and praise to God? Giving is a response to our blessings. All of us have been given blessings by God. You probably have blessings you’ve either never considered as such or overlooked for one reason or another. Consider your blessings, acknowledge them, and from there start thinking creatively about how to share them in service to the Lord.

Hospitalized or ILL?

Pastor John would like to visit you if you have any mental or physical health issues. Therefore if you or a loved one is sick, or if you are in the hospital for a planned surgery or any other reason do contact us! Call 833-1703



**Church Office Hours**

Monday — Friday  
7:30 am — 11:30 am  
12:30 pm — 4:30 pm

**Email-**  
[stjohn@hickorytech.net](mailto:stjohn@hickorytech.net)  
**Call-507-833-1703**  
[www.stjohnwaseca.org](http://www.stjohnwaseca.org)  
**Facebook-**  
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**Prayer Ministers**

Prayer teams will be available in the narthex for prayer during all Sunday Communion services. **While communion is being served** you are invited to go to the narthex and a member will be there to hear your request and to pray with you. Please make use of this opportunity to pray!



If you would like to adorn our altar with fresh flowers please call Debbie Bartelt at 461-4874 or the church office at 833-1703 at least a week ahead of time. Two vases of flowers can be purchased at \$40 paid to WELCA. This may be brought to the church office or put in the offering plate and labeled. Individuals whom belong to the church may have this donation listed on their financial statements. You may request a color and/or flower preference. A written announcement can be put in the weekly bulletin specifying if they are “in honor of” or “in memory of”.

**Available in the back of church and Trinity Hall**



*Large print and regular size copies of .....*

“Portals of Prayer”, “Christ in our Home”, and “The Upper Room” quarterly devotion books.

Extra Copies of our Lifeline Monthly Newsletter

Prayer Ventures Monthly from ELCA

“Pockets” learning about God for children

“Gather” women’s magazine for faith and action

“The Lutheran Prayer Book”-a collection of prayers and inspirations for every Lutheran.

Anyone that wants to be included on our current Homebound Communion list please call the church office at **833-1703**.



Pastor John and trained members of the congregation make regular visits. You may also request a copy of the weekly bulletin, announcements, and/or prayer concerns to be sent to your residence. Remember we are broadcast on the local television station Sundays at 5:00 pm and Mondays at 10:30 am .

**Sunday Bus (Smart Bus)**



Complimentary bus tokens are available for St. John members riding the bus to church. Call the church office at 833-1703. You must call DISPATCH 1-855-762-7821 before 3pm Saturday to schedule your pickup and drop-off.



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